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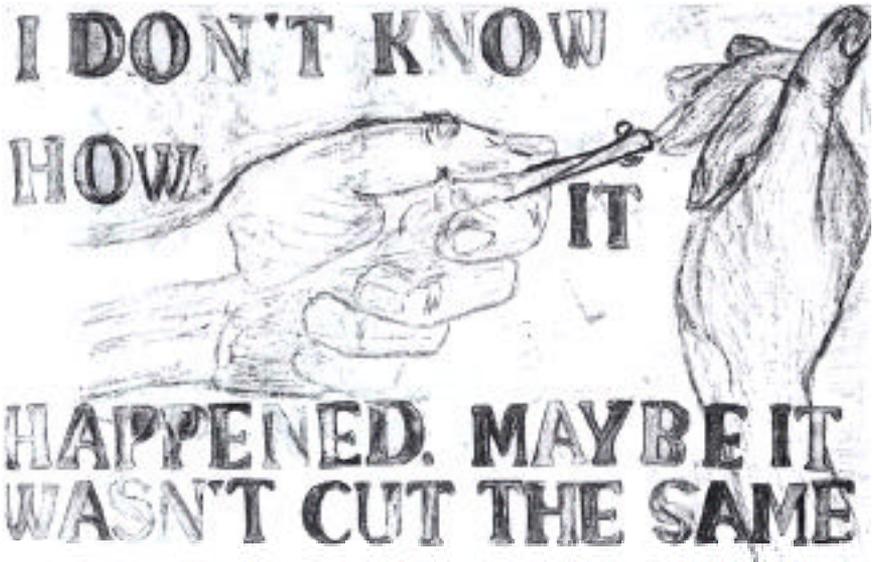
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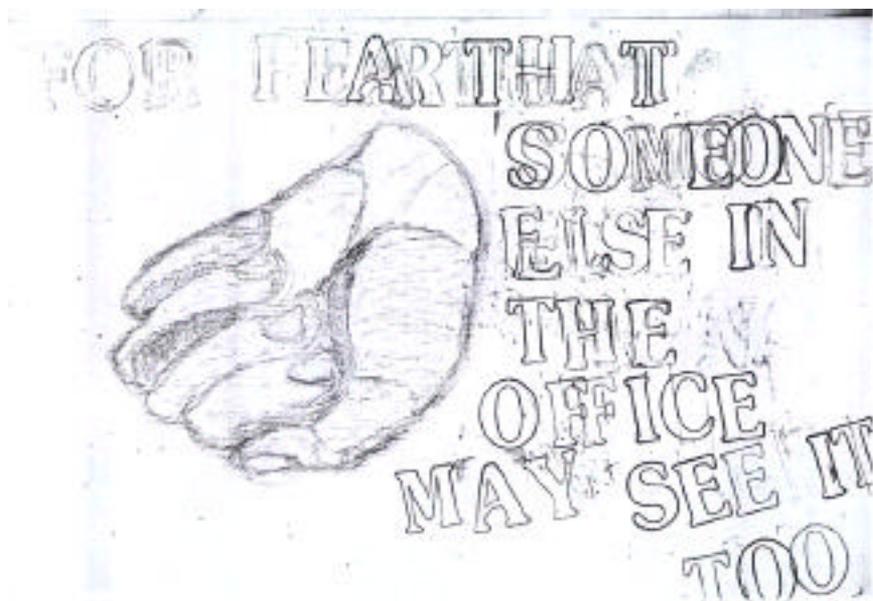
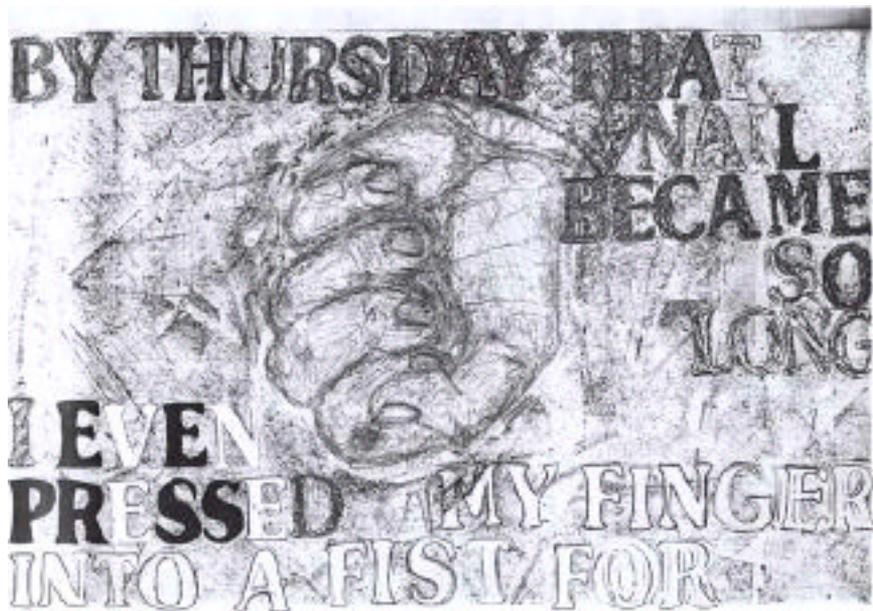
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I don't know how it happened
perhaps it wasn't cut the same
length as the others
I first noticed it Monday morning
driving to work
By Thursday it became so long
I pressed it into the fist
for fear that someone else may see it
there are no nail clippers at the office
at home I
always forgot about my nail
Then Sunday
I reached into the drawer
click
with scissors and
it fell on the carpet
bouncing off
somewhere
Later
I thought of it again
standing by the window
staring into the night



FOR A WHILE ALL OF
THEM WERE SHORT







FINALLY ON SATUR
DAY I REACHED
INTO THE BED
STAND
DRAWER

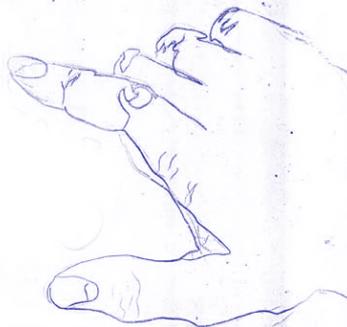


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In the window
that hairdresser
his scissors
like a sign of
benediction



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