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Thank you Nancy for encouraging my art and its creation. Gracias por darme fe en mi arte y en mi capacidad como artista. Thank you for allowing me to share my art with people I can identify with. I find this more and more important as I seem to find it less often people I can identify with. Similarly, it is hard finding art I can identify with. This is vital for an artist or any person. But as we realize its rarity we realize its importance. Not just for art that describes our lives but for our lives as well. In a space that denies our existence, we must make our existence undeniable. When creating the art for this journal I kept this in mind. I hope you are reminded of your home and your family. I hope you are reminded of your childhood and memories that bring you comfort. I hope you are reminded of the countless sacrifices made by your people in order for you to be where you are now and where you will go. I hope this reminder stays because I know I forget often times too when I am up here. Gracias Ma y Pa. Los amo con todo mi ser y más. Todo lo que soy y todo lo que hago es por ustedes.