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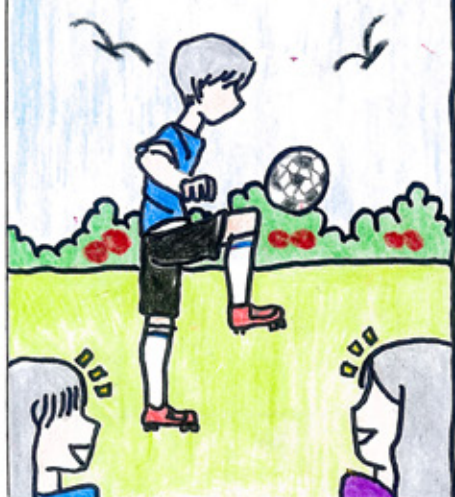
# ONLY YOU

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Girls in general will talk about boys.



Dress up, or wear make up.



Take selfies



and so on.

But there is one girl.

Different from the others.



who taught me many unexpected things.



My name is Vira.

I am a kid who has always been quite easily influenced.



When others do something.

I try to do it, too.

So I don't feel left behind.

Trying to dress up like them, take selfies,

or try to have the same interest as them

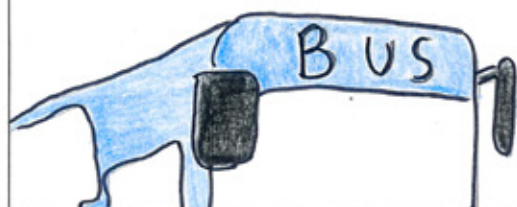
But,

Somehow

It feels suffocating



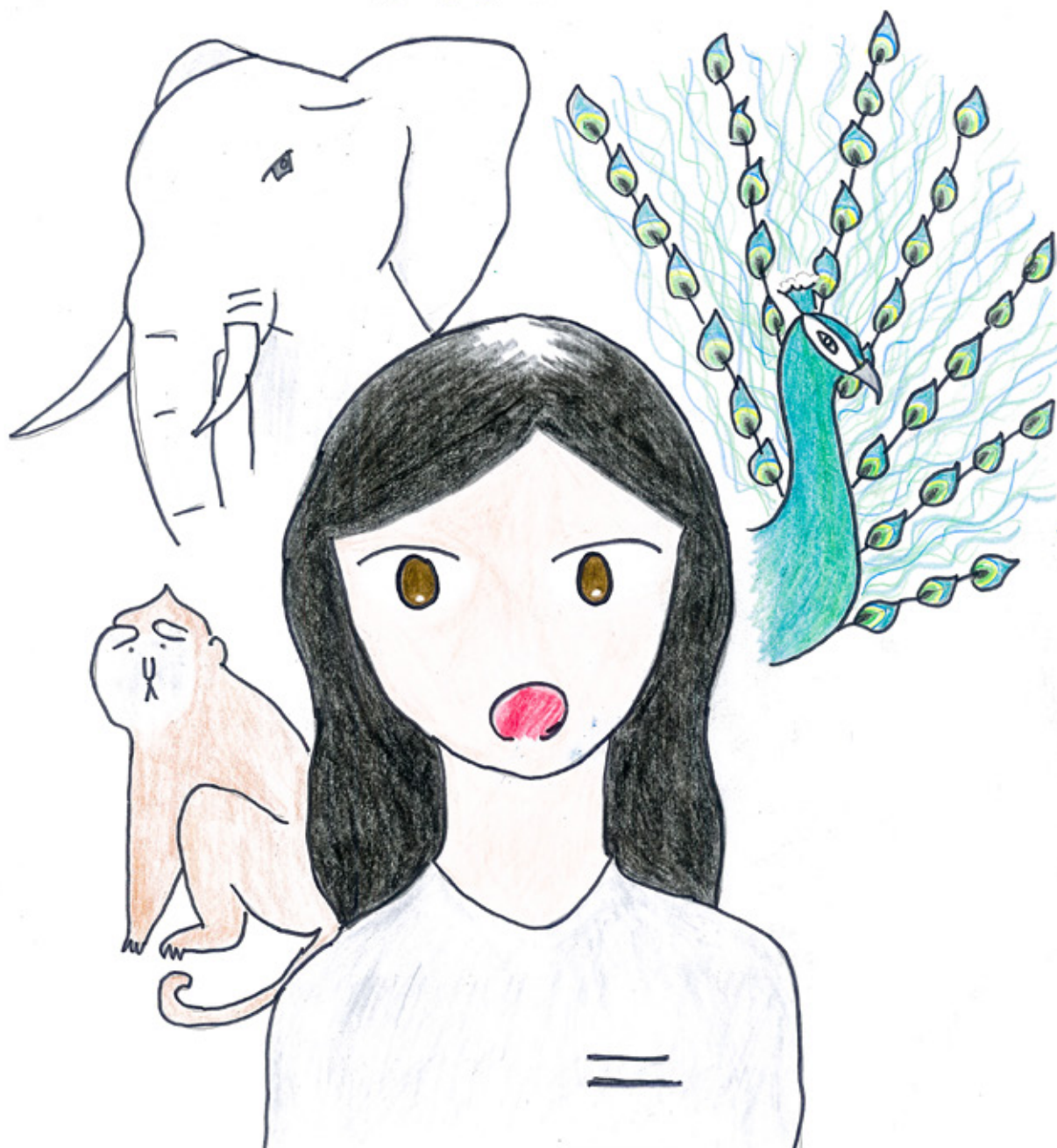
One day...



Our school held a field trip.



To the Zoo

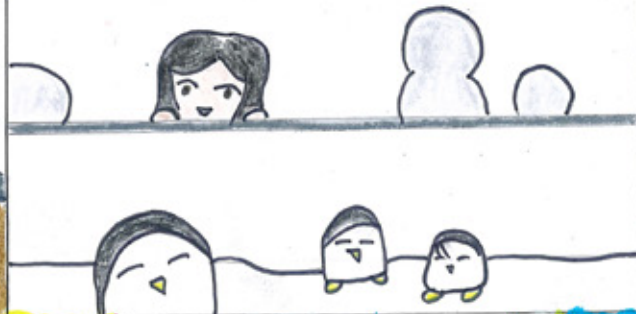




I enjoyed my time studying animals.



I had so much fun looking at the different types of animals,



their habitat,



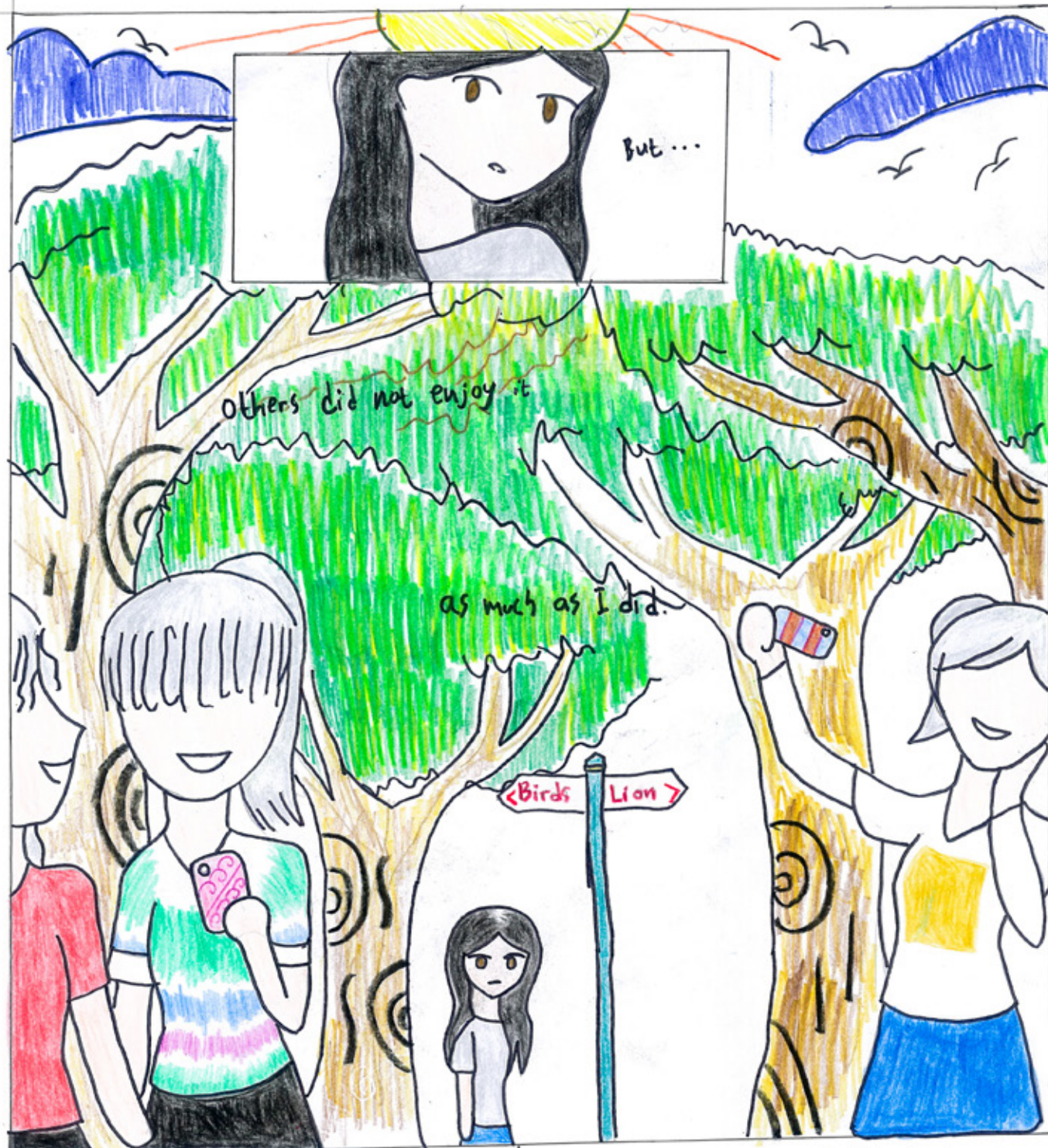
and discovering some animals,



that you won't see in your daily life.







They just walked by and searched for nice spots to take selfies.





When the other kids were having fun  
in their own world,



I saw her taking pictures of other animals



I felt



like



She's

different



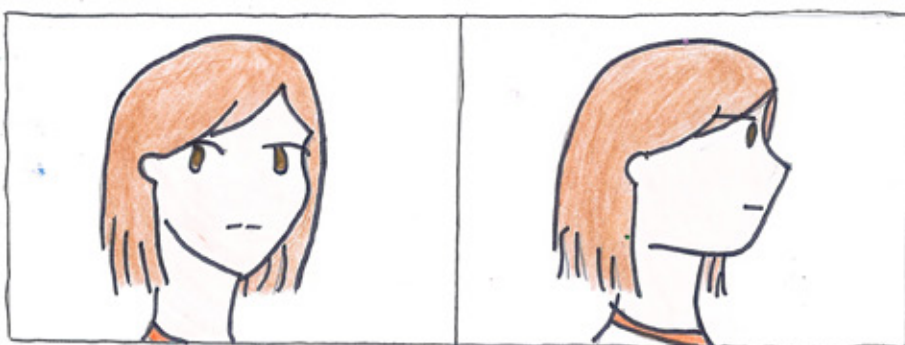




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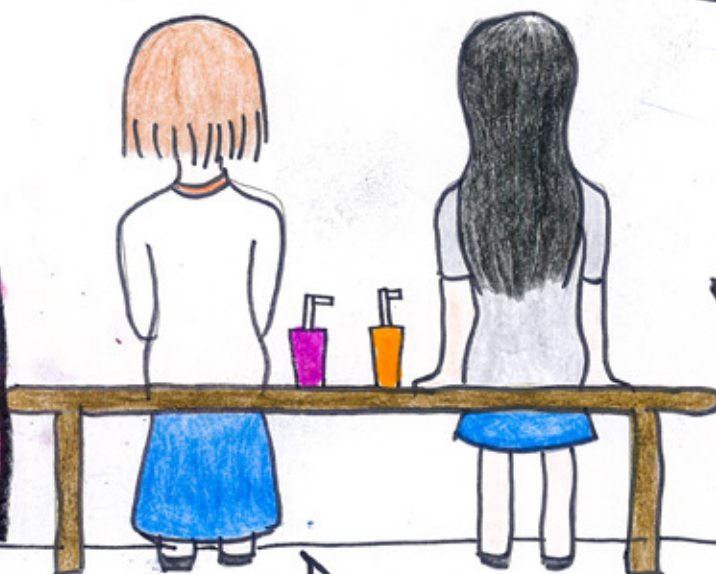
why don't you take selfies  
like others do?



For what?

wouldn't selfies  
take too much memory  
on your cell phone?

why should I save  
lots of photos of  
my face?

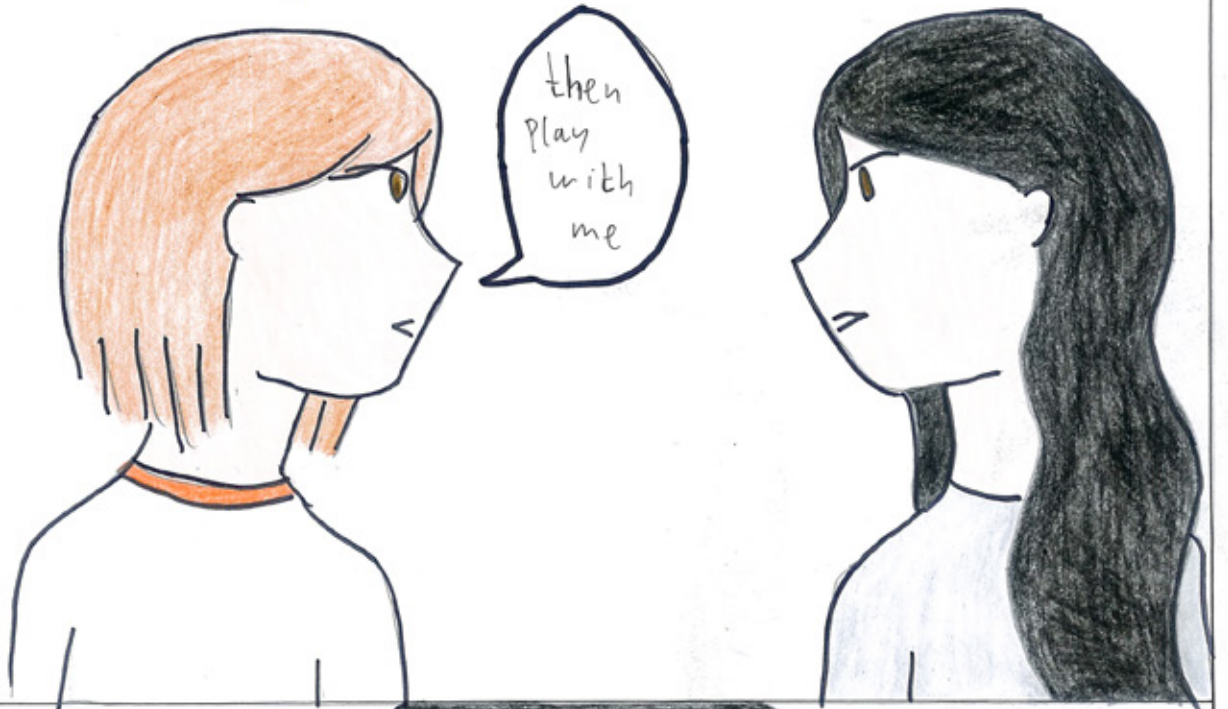


Isn't there anything more  
interesting to photograph  
than my face?





If you're tired  
Pretending to be  
someone else



you don't have  
to be

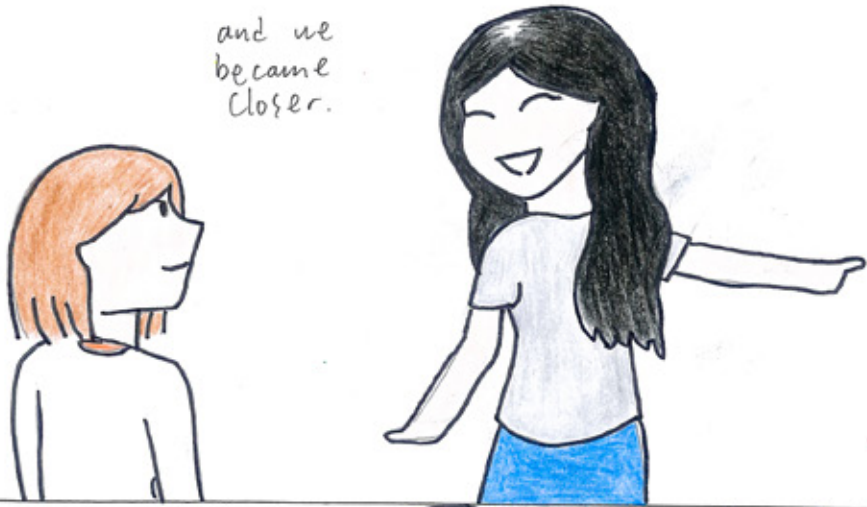


Someone you  
don't want to be.



Her name is Dilla

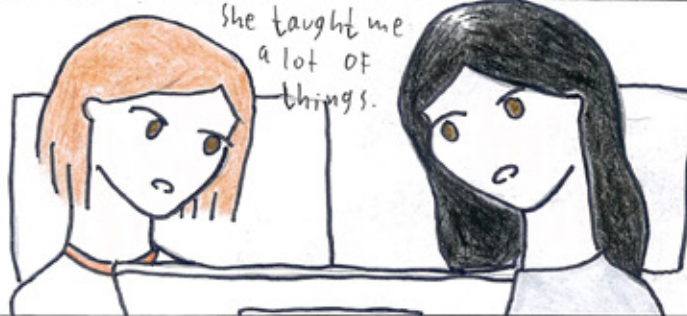
and we  
became  
closer.



crocodile



She taught me  
a lot of  
things.



reptile

snake



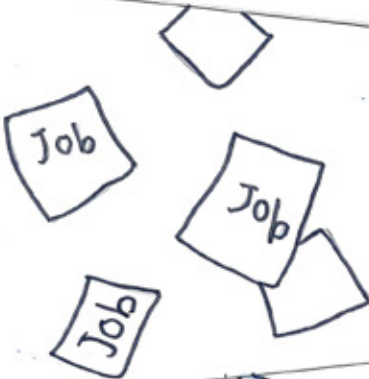
She showed me that I  
didn't need to worry about  
what others thought of me.



She taught me to save  
money for tuition.



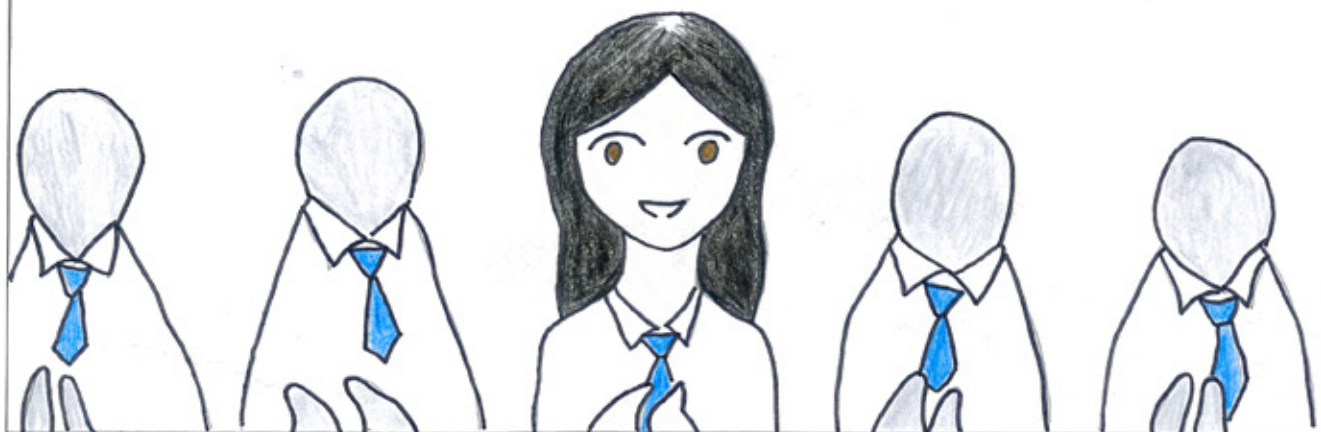
what kind of  
work she would do if  
she did not go  
to college.



We even shared the same  
interests like reading books,  
watching movies and animes,  
and drawing.







I admire her a lot.







Her  
thoughts

made me  
realize.



That I don't need  
to be afraid of being  
different.

Being different can mean  
standing up to those who  
have wrong ideas

or who follow what everyone else is  
doing just because it's the easy thing to do

We were together for 3 years  
before I moved to another town

we can't see each other much now,  
but we still keep in touch.

For me,  
Dilla is my hero.



a hero who makes me realize  
that being different  
is fun.

~o~



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My name is Virdaus Nurul Ramadhany, you can call me Vira. I was born in Gresik, but moved to Tuban for 15 years, and moved back again to Gresik because of my father's job. My hobbies are drawing, reading, watching some movies, and sometimes dancing. I'm really looking forward to meeting new friends at the WORDS competition.



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