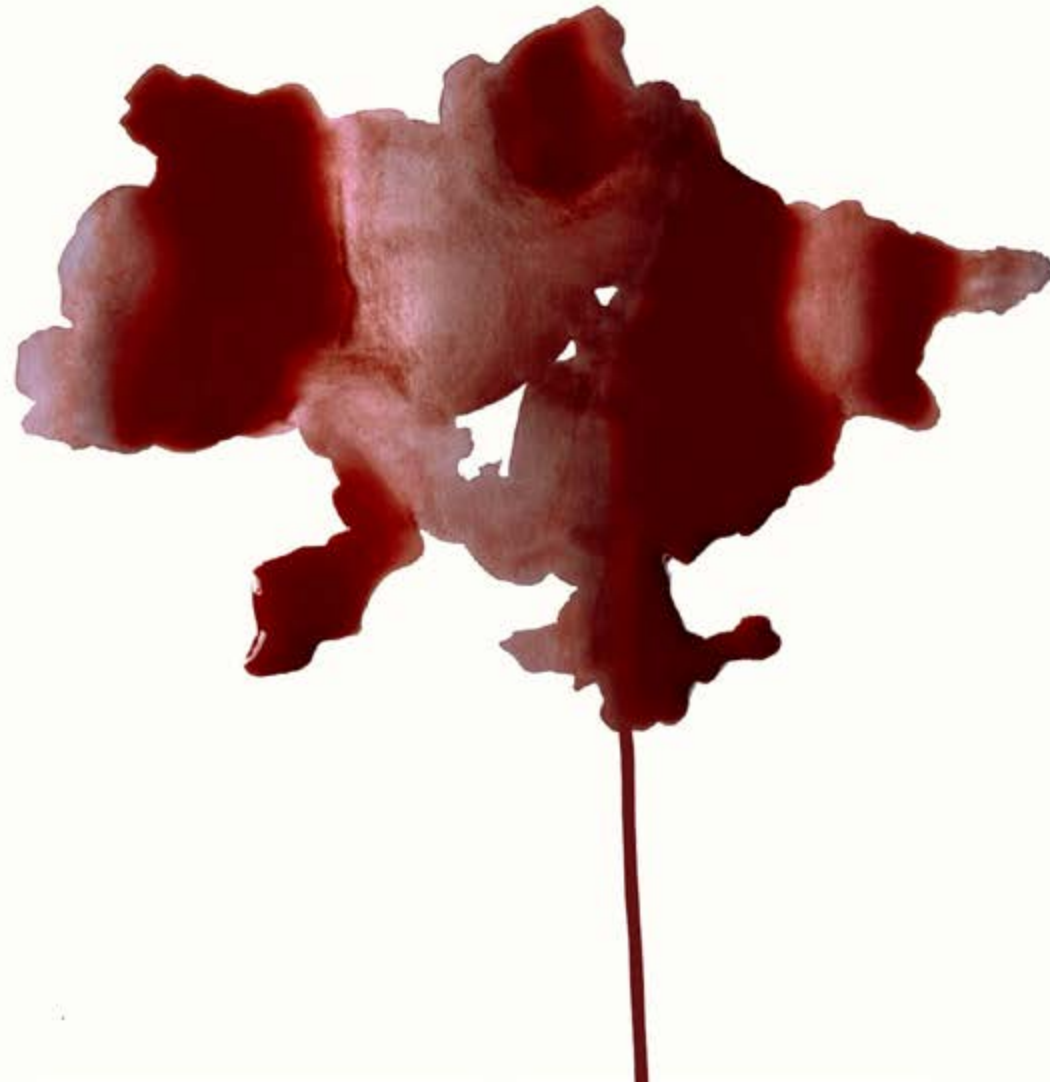


Stop the War In Ukraine



The war in Ukraine erupted in early 2014 following Russia's annexation of Crimea, a beautiful peninsula at the Black sea coast. Two months later, pro-Russian separatists in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions of eastern Ukraine held a so-called referendum to declare independence from Ukraine attempting to mirror the Crimean scenario. That never happened though. Instead, the Donbas, Ukraine's industrial heartland, has been kept in fear and under regular shelling by Russia-backed forces for another 8 years. This was the beginning of darkness that first captured the lives of nearly 3 million people with a clear ambition to move further.



On February 24, 2022, the history of Ukraine and the lives of all Ukrainians have changed forever. People all over the country woke up in panic in the middle of the night, at the sound of air strikes. Most of us heard that sound for the first time in our life.

Kyiv, our beautiful and peaceful capital, was shelled as well. And though half of Kyiv's population have now fled the city looking for safety.

Angela Kushchuk, Ukrainian artist, is one of those who have stayed. She was just about to get on a flight to get to her husband and son in Germany when the first explosions in Kyiv started. Now, just like many other Kyiv inhabitants, she is hiding out in Kyiv shelters during air raids, looking after other people's children, helping and supporting those whose homes have been already turned into ruins.

And Angela continues to paint. She is painting the horror of war in her native city and in the country.

We, the group of volunteers from Ukraine, helped Angela to create this album to show the world about what is happening in Ukraine now, through the eyes of those who stayed and experience this war every moment, daily. The album tells the story of war, but it is also a story of hope, a story of courage and belief in the inevitable victory of light over darkness.

We do not want anyone to ever experience the horror and pain that we feel in Ukraine today.

We do not want any woman to give birth in a bomb shelter which is what's happening in Ukraine now.

We do not want any child, anywhere, to know the sound of an air raid siren.

We do not want you to know how scary it is when you can't protect your child. When you don't have anywhere to hide from the bombs and shootings. When your very simple, very normal life changes forever in a second. When you have to choose whose life to save — your mom's or your child's...

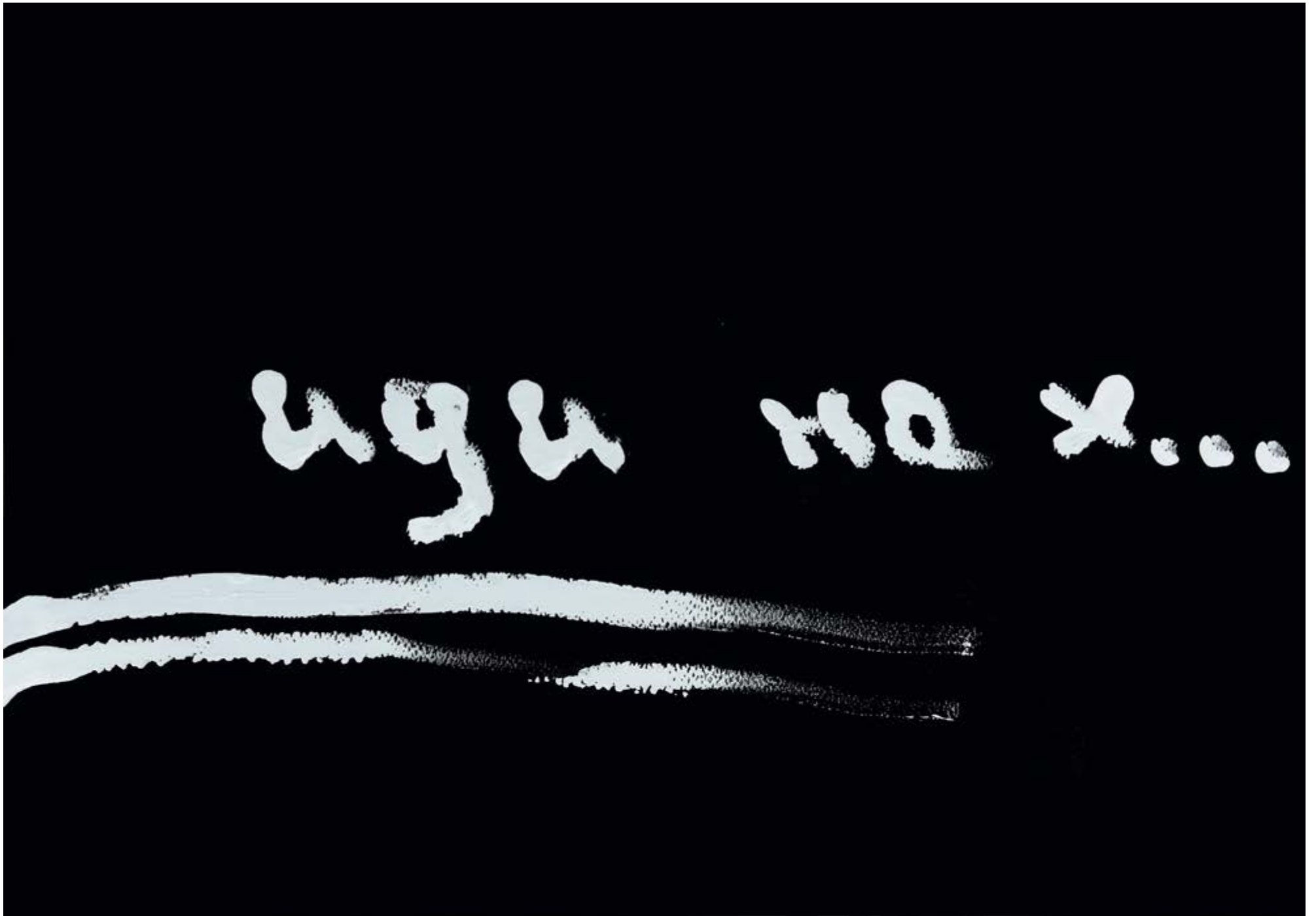
Today many people in Ukraine are injured, wounded and traumatized. They urgently need medical help. Millions have become refugees, having no homes and no food.

We need your support!

Thank you!



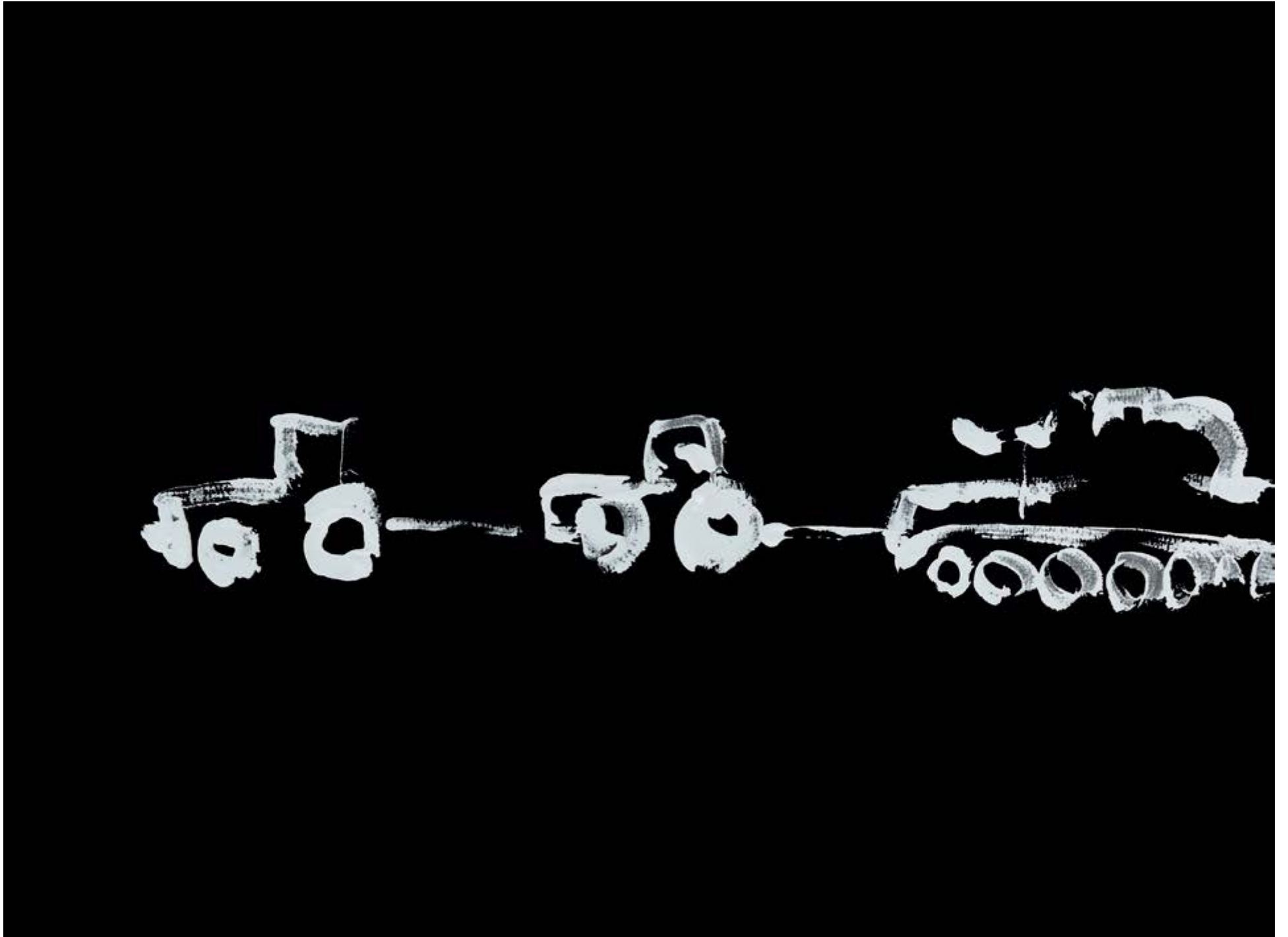
Air siren in Kyiv



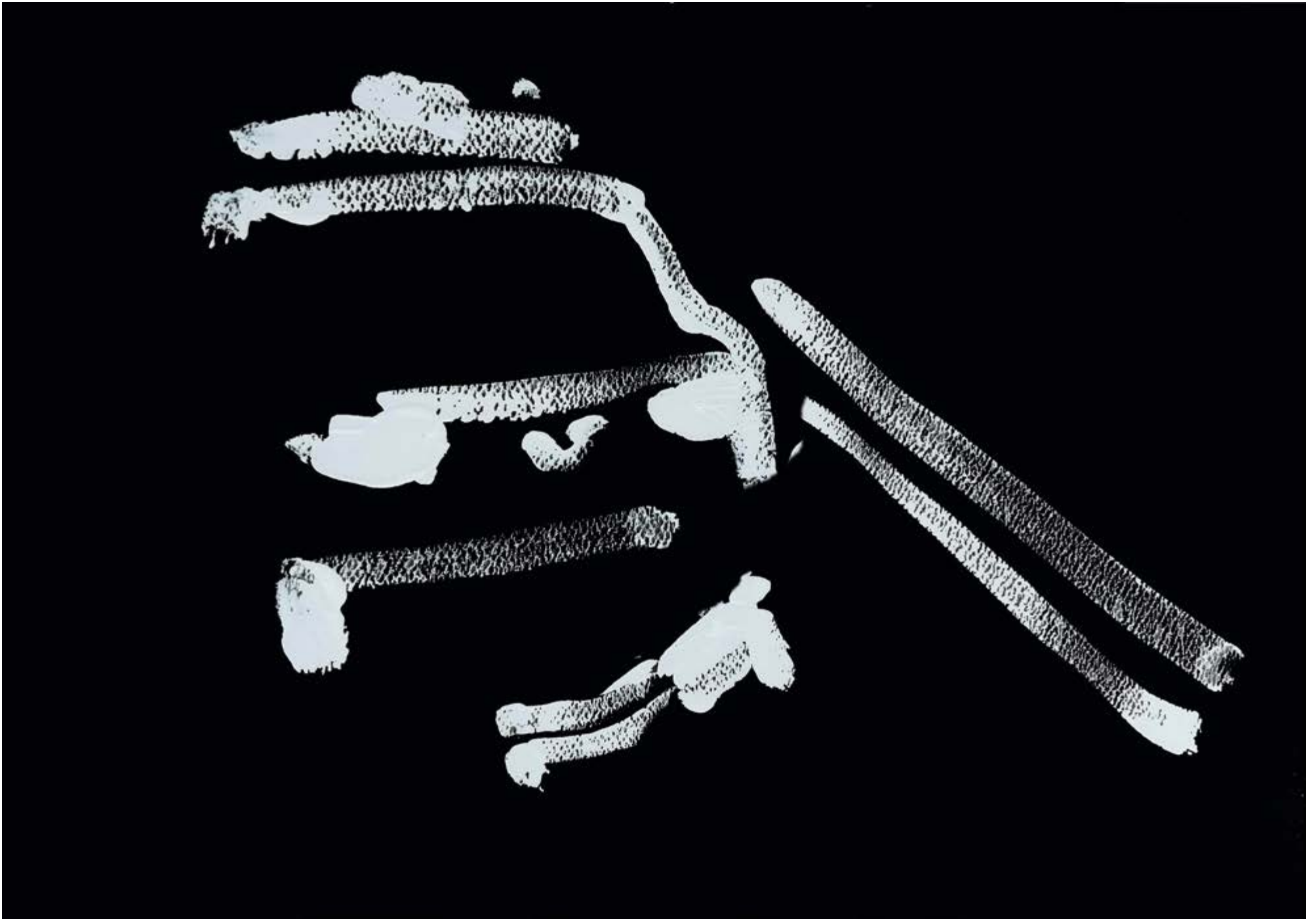
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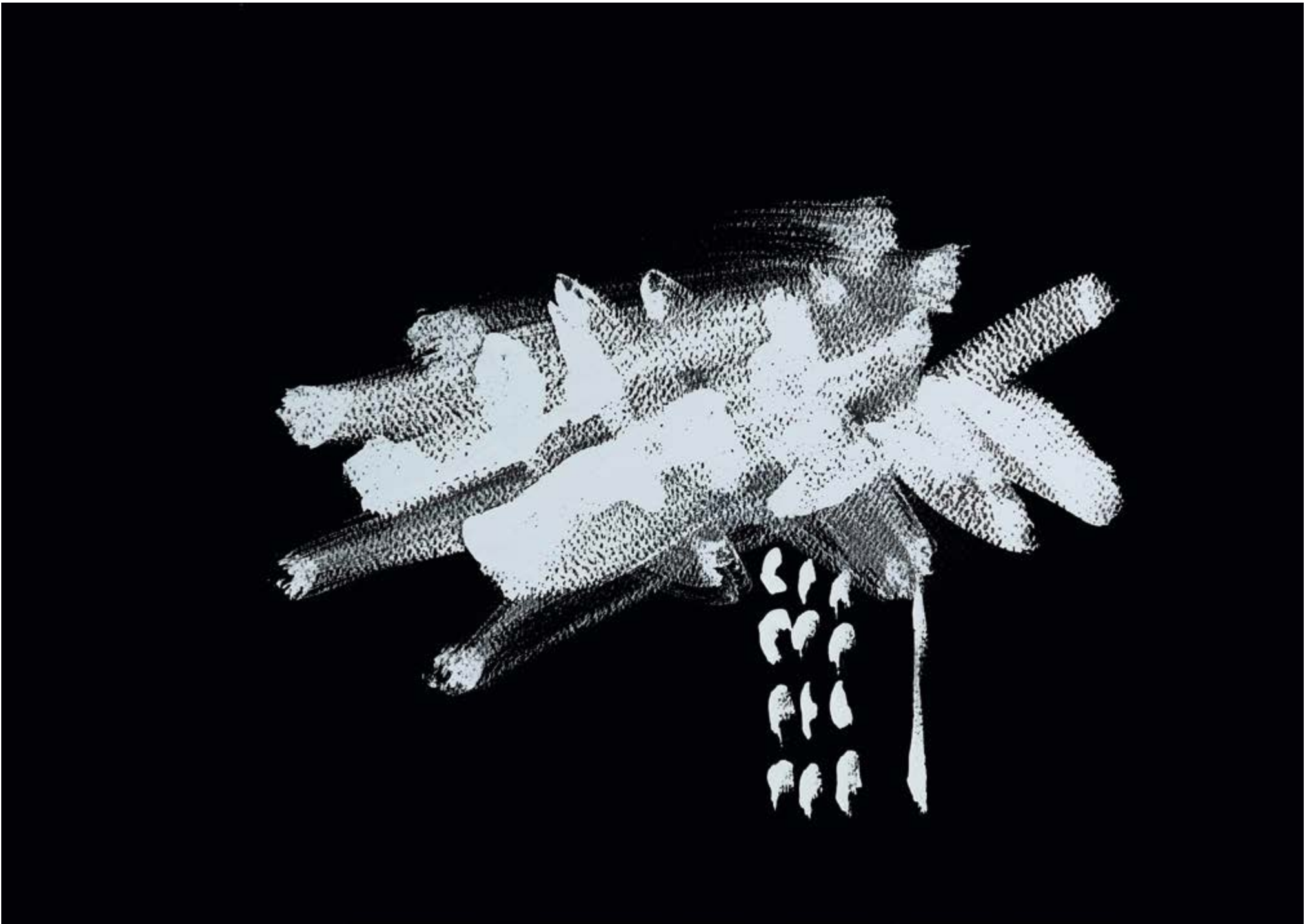
The city of Bucha embroiled in flames with swans fleeing their homes



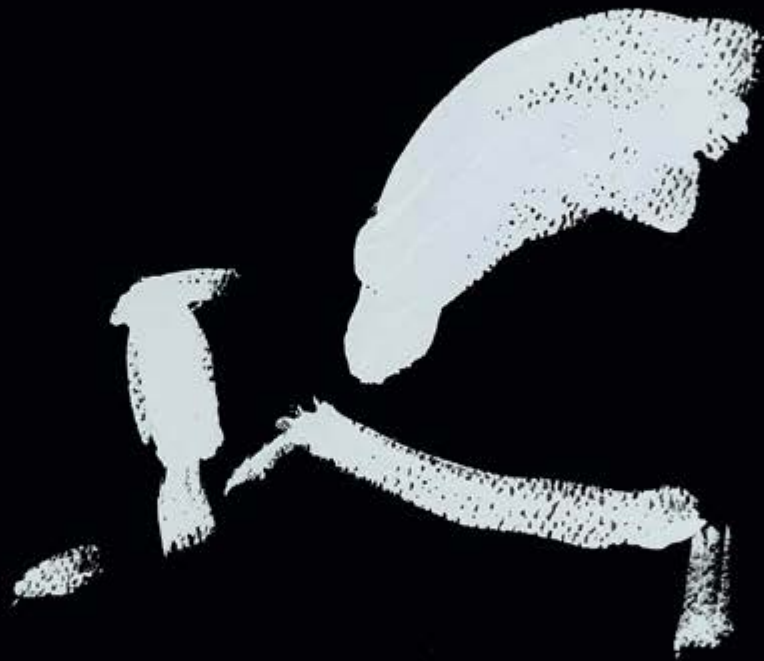
Could do with the farming



My tears and prayers go to Melitopol, the city of bravest people



Bombing in Kyiv



We are grateful to our defenders



Death to enemies



Close the sky



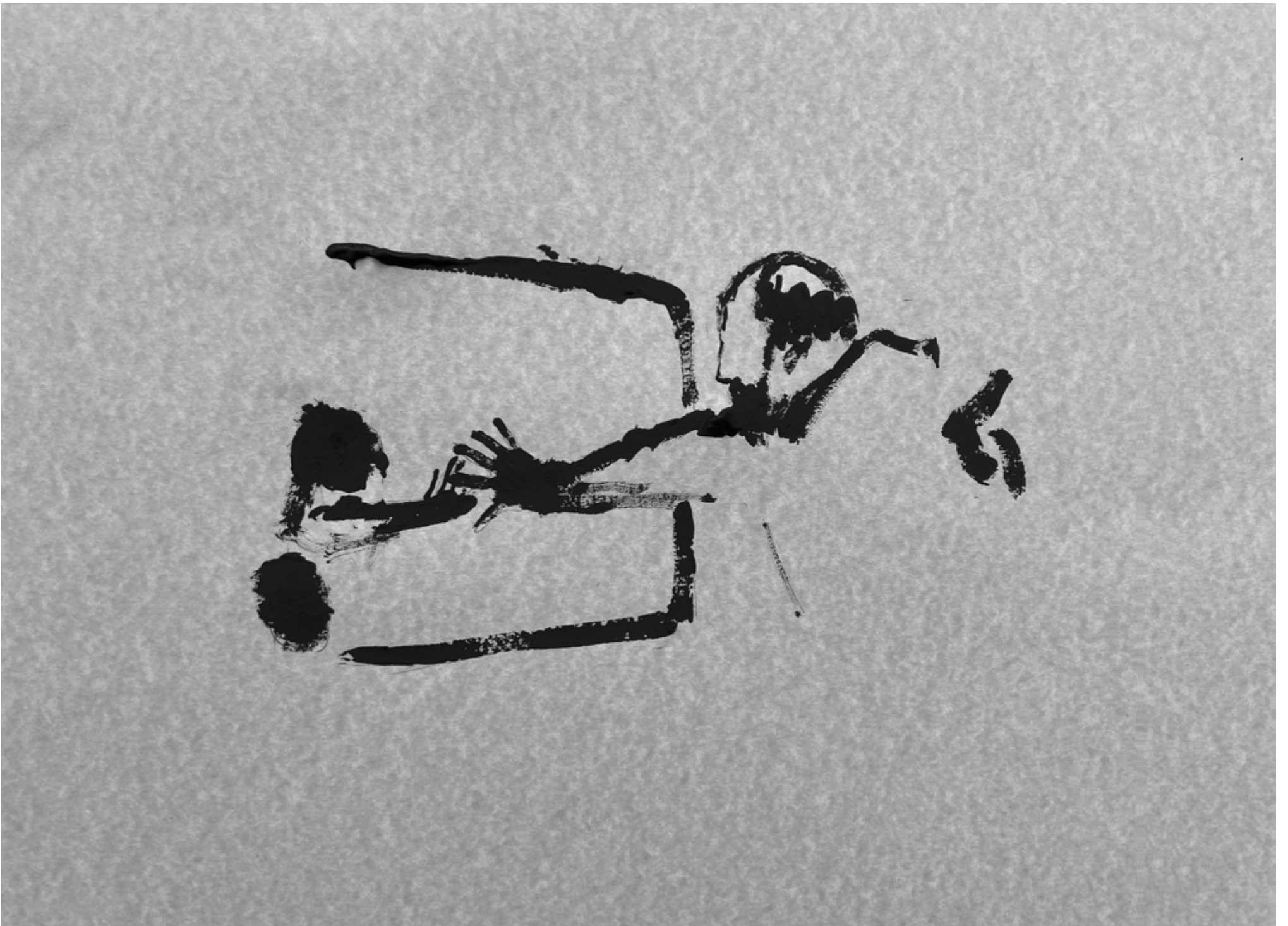
Churches, schools, hospitals and residential building can't but fall under shelling



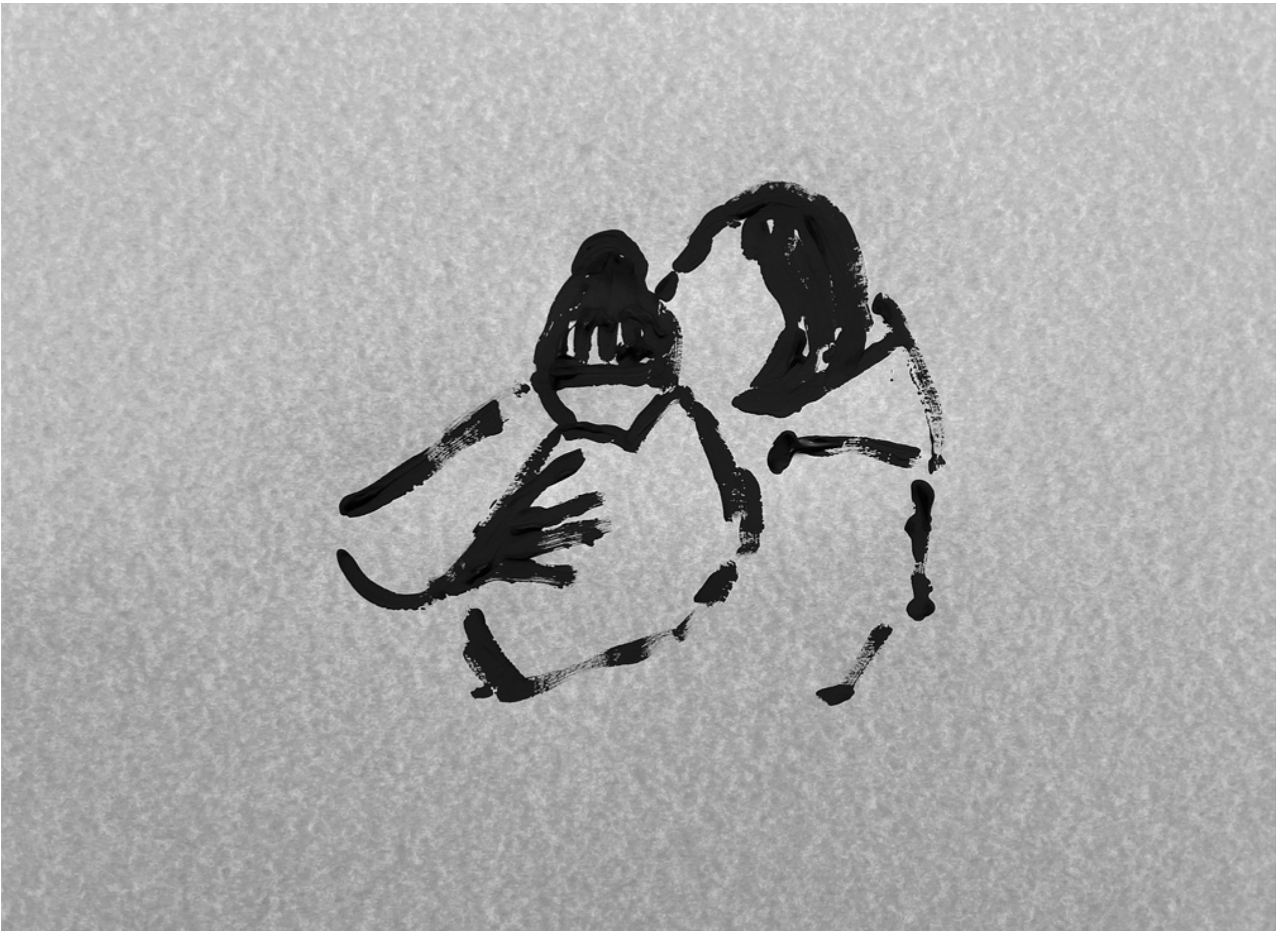
Fleeing Irpin (Ukraine). Close our sky!



Keeping beloved close during evacuation



Dad will come back soon



Fleeing Irpin (Ukraine). Close our sky!



Cloudy humanitarian pass



Russia severely damaged the drama theater that sheltered thousands of people from air rockets. Casualties and injured made Ukraine's Mariupol fall apart from pain.

«Awoken in the total darkness at midnight. No intention to turn on the light as my kid was slipping. I went to the window out of habit and was stopped by a wall. I felt it with the entire body. There was a wall everywhere. My dog has covered me from the blow of the darkness. There were me, my kid, and the dog. Three lost souls flee the war that conquered our home.»

Katia