WHISKERY SQUID (MEMOIRS)
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24EBROADWAY IS PROUD TO PRESENT “WHISKERY SQUID”, A COLLABORATION BETWEEN NIGERIAN WRITER/CURATOR ADÉOLÁ ỌLÁKÌÍTÁN AND ARTIST ALEXANDER SI, PRODUCED AND PUBLISHED ENTIRELY IN HOUSE.

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EVEN THE BODY CAN TAKE OVER LANGUAGE WHEN YOU ARE REFUSING TO SEE...

THROUGH A SELF-PRESCRIBED SPLITLECTIC, “WHISKERY SQUID” SPEAKS AS MEMOIRS IN MEMORIES. THE POEMS AND LYRIC ESSAYS IN THIS COLLECTION DISSOCIATE FROM THE MANTLE OF SILENCE: WHEN CAN TOO MUCH BE VIOLENCE? IS BROKENNESS SUCH A THREAT? “WHISKERY SQUID” IS A RECEIPT OF ACCEPTANCE; SUBTERRANEAN DRILLS INTO HUMAN HOURS; TENTACLES BEYOND A SINGLE SELF; SURREAL ECHOES. IT EMBODIES AN EXPANDED SENSE OF WHAT IT MEANS TO MEMOIR: TO BREATHE, NEVER EXCLUDING THOSE DANK MINUTES; TO HEAL AD INFINITUM; COMMINGLING TIMESCAPES; TO FAIL FORWARD; TO PRESS BODY TO ANOTHER; BE IN OCEANIC CONVERSATION.

AS AN ART BOOK MADE IN COLLABORATION WITH ALEXANDER SI, THE FRAGMENTS TRANSCEND MERE TEXT INTO A PERFORMATIVE-INTERACTIVE EXPERIENCE. TWO HANDS MAKING THIS ONE THING BLURS CONVENTIONAL UNDERSTANDINGS OF THE MEMOIR. IN CRACKS AND COOL CUTS, “WHISKERY SQUID” RAISES SALUTATIONS TO HEARTS WELL PULPED, WELL ALIVE.

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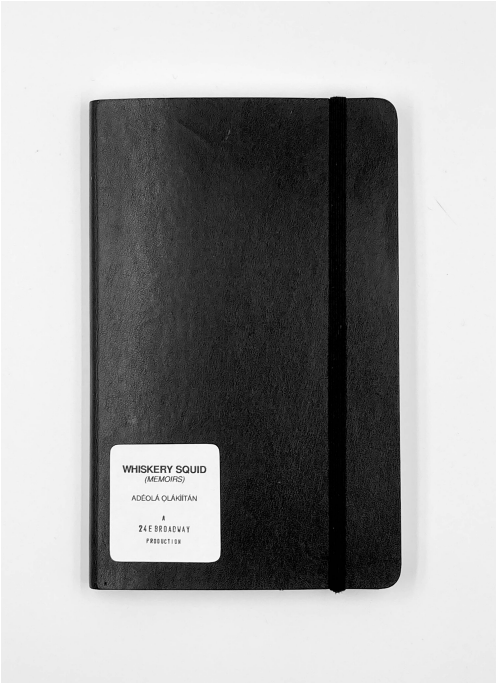

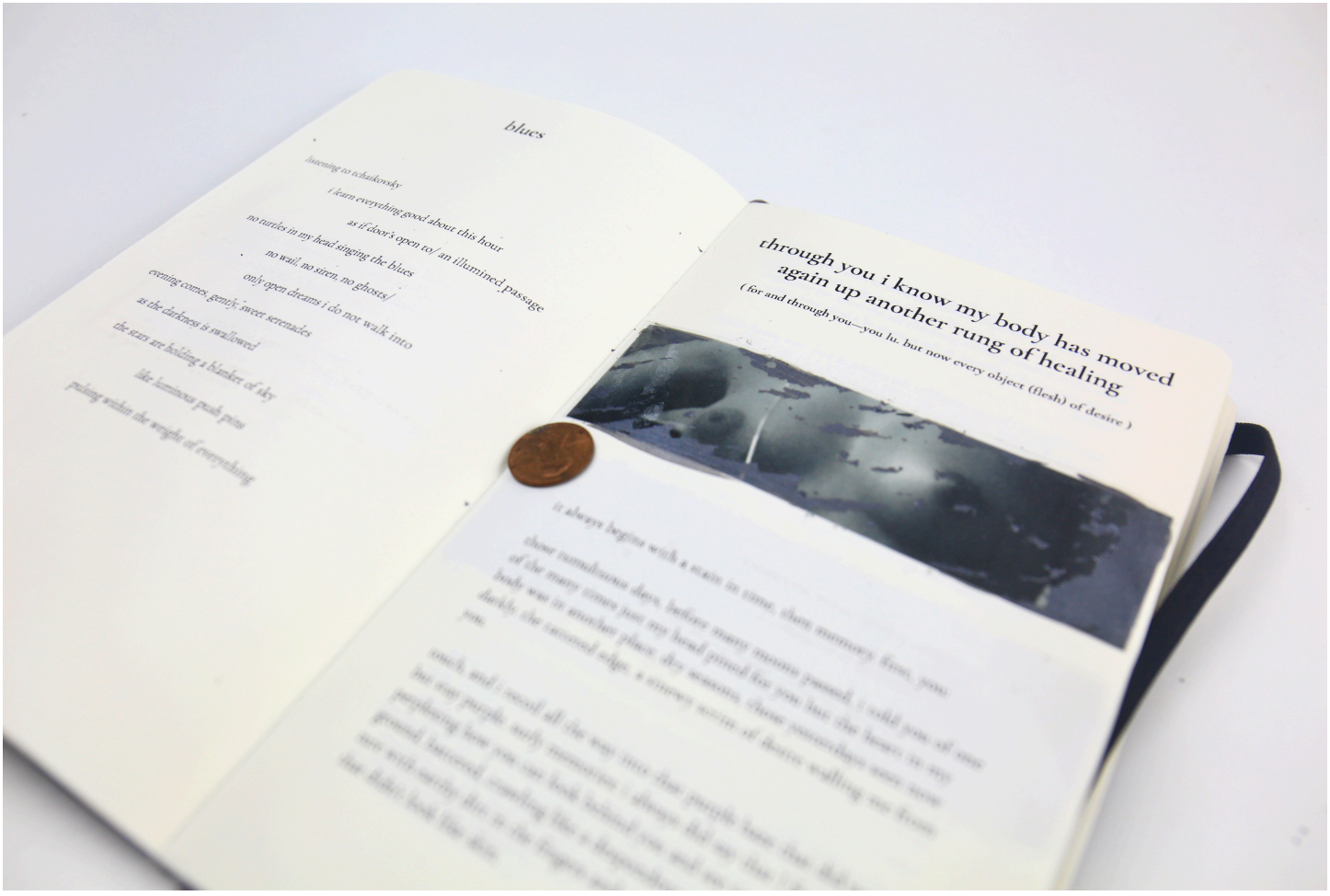

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