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make it real**

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i remember
- Noah

i remember going hunting for a week.
it was a good time, having fun, good laughing.
i remember going hunting for beluga in winter.
seeing beluga was so good, every time.

i remember the first time i caught a seal with my grandpa.
it was good.
and i remember the first time i caught a goose and a snow goose.
it was good.

i remember the first time meeting my friends, my family and
cousins.
i remember the first time driving ATV and car, canoe and scooter.

i remember going to Montreal for the first time.
it was good and kinda fresh.

even i remember growing up with my friends and family.
i remember my grandpa teaching me everything.
it was good stuff.

I remember
- Alec

I remember my first catch
a wolf
in the long island by ski-doo.

don't know
don't care
dk
dc

sorry not sorry

I remember
- Johnny

I remember the first time I killed a seal.

I remember the first time I fought in school.

I remember nothing.

I remember first time I played hockey.

Everyday I remember my old friends playing hockey and smoking weed.

I remember
- Andrew (with Marley, who wrote it out)

I remember not knowing what to say
I remember feeling normal
I remember I got on the plane
and I saw family
I remember I felt good
I remember I don't know when I will see them again
I remember I was given 10 years
Even sometimes I don't know how to feel
I remember here I am.

I remember
- Jay-Z / Jord-Z

I remember when I was hunting with my friends
I remember when we were stuck in the middle out of nowhere
I remember sleeping in an igloo
and it was so cold out
I remember when our ski-doo broke
I remember when we had to walk all the way home
I remember when I was hunting alone
even I had to walk all the way back to the tent
I remember killing geese

I remember
- Tom

I remember being a child, running around
with other children and cousins.

I remember the first time I shot caribou.
I was on the canoe.
Caribou were on the lake.
I was so happy because it meant people
were gonna eat.
I remember the elders were there and we
ate my first caribou together.

I remember my first time hunting in the
winter with my grandfather.
I remember the old ski-doo.
I remember the geese and snow geese and
fishing on the ice.

I remember everything.
Even the first time I got drunk and passed
out and I woke up in the hospital.

HOT FOX TOP

Happy in life
Oh yes
Top in home

Friend in love
Old lady
X-exists

Time with Moe
Oh my god
Peter on car

WOLF COLD

Warm
Odious
Love is good
Family is love

Cool in no life
Occasionally in packs
Little
Dreamer

- Johnny A

POLAR BEAR

Placid movements

Original killer

Lingering around the ice

Acting crazy

Running after prey animals

Bear gangster

Eat fast

Always looking for food

Rare

- Jordan

LION KING

Live in Africa
Interesting Lion
On the prowl
Night hunter

- A.N

EAGLE

Eats rodents
Angel of the sky
Gangsta of birds
Lustrous beak
Enemy of small birds

BELUGA

Big whale
Eating fish
Loving ocean
Under the ice
Gangsta of fish
Away from humans

MOSQUITO

Monster of human
Original bloodsucker
Stay away from winter
Quick to attack
Unbearable
I like human blood
They like blood too much
Opponent

- Noah

CARIBOU

Crazy
Action
Rich
Ice
Boring
Ocean
Useful

- T.T

BRAVERY
WOLF
FAST
KILL
PACK

- Sam

POWER

I want to hunt polar bears.

POWER is hunting polar bears.

Fun. Kill still.

They get fat when eat human and seal

They walk slow climbing mountains

They're moving slow.

- Johnny

FREEDOM

Rabbit runs when wolf runs after them.
They run for the freedom they want.
Read it in mind.
Finished.

- Jordan

Wolves
are FEARLESSNESS
and POWER

Packs
are fast
and hunters

They eat
meat a lot

- Alec

ACCEPTANCE

acceptance is a pack of fish moving together in the river

FREEDOM

I really want freedom,
get out of this unit that means freedom.
I am walking outside, quite smooth.

Wisdom? I don't know what that means but I want to learn it.

- Andrew

RESPECT

c'mon bro, respect
can't push one another around
can't talk bad
think before speaking

SURVIVAL

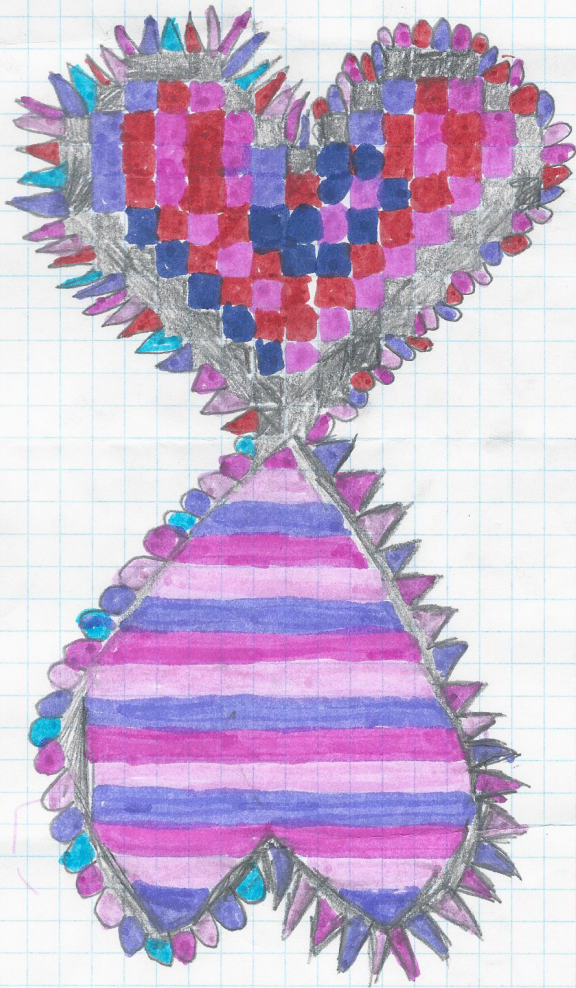
survival is a grey and white beluga swimming away fast when they hear footsteps and gun shots. they are very fast. they watch everything.

- Noah

Geese flying in the air, power, survival, fast.
POWER is geese flying in the air fast, shifting leadership.

- Tom





Basketball

I like to play ball
I shoot nothing but baskets
It was a good game!

All Star NBA

I was an all-star
player of the boys unit
I was MVP

- Andrew

Music

When I heard my favourite song my heart was touched.
Sometimes I cry, it really helps when I'm in a sad mood.
When I don't feel good, I listen to songs.
My favourite rapper is TYGA.
His lyrics are the truth:

“Wake up every day stronger than yesterday.”

- Noah

Basketball

Swish, dribble, pivot
jumping, dunking, shooting, score!
runners point, winning!

- Jordan

SPORTS

I like to play ball

I miss playing Hockey on ice

I do up and down

- Johnny

I am from basketball and cards
from baseball and basketball
from tic tac toe and cribbage

I am from fried caribou
from people smoking and Honda rides
I am from hunting caribou
and hunting anything

I am from riding Hondas and riding bikes
where people are alright
I am from nunavik
I miss nunavik
feeling good in a big place is where I'm from

- Andrew

i am from

nunavik

no name

no case

sorry not sorry

life good

whatever

I don't want to be on the list

- unknown

I am from hunting and more hunting
from basketball and kinda hockey
from crazy eights and Nintendo

I am from beluga, geese, arctic char, seal, goose eggs, caribou, nikku
from Honda, cars, skidoos and people smoking

I am from hunting with family
and geese, fish, beluga, seal, goose eggs, even fish net

I am from Inuit people and Hondas
from driving home and walking to CO-OP

I am from my grandpa, elders, hunting, fishing

I am from feeling happy, excited, good to feel home again

- Noah

I am from Nunavik and I go hunting in my town.

I don't really play sports or video games.

My favourite country food is caribou.

If I go out I see people smoking, drinking alcohol, driving around
and kids playing outside.

I will go hunting with my uncle for caribou, geese.

- Tom

I am from nunavik and hockey
from basketball

- Jordan

I am from PS4 and basketball
from hockey and baseball
from Mario Kart Nintendo and game cube

I am from beluga, caribou, fish
I mostly eat country food

I feel lost because I don't remember my mom and I need and miss my
father
I remember hunting with my family when we went out on the land
and I would love to hunt beluga and wolf

Where I'm from I see people smoking pot everywhere and drinking
where birds fly around up in the sky

I am from hanging out with my brother in his place
feeling I would clear my mind if I was out on the land
is where I'm from

- Robert

I am from hockey and basketball
from 2KLA NBA and NHL19

I am from eating seal
from seeing people smoke weed and fighting

I am from going hunting with my family and friends
and I go hunt for seal

I am from seeing kids play hockey
where they are fighting

I am from eating on the outing
feeling happy on the ice is where I'm from

-JA



arctic fox

white.

Long

tur

I

have

To

to kill
not st

rt them
real exp

HYPE

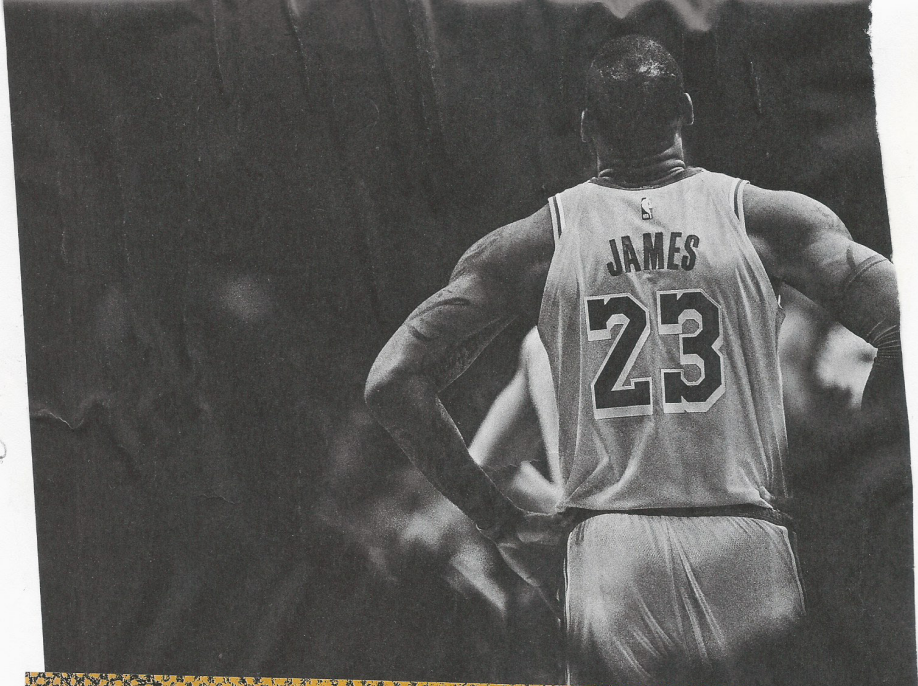


Alec

OPENING TIP

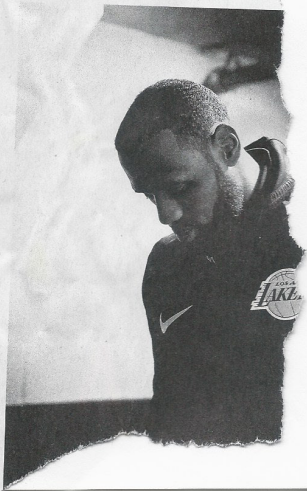
When James Harden has been in the league for some time now, you can't help but notice how he's nearly as unstoppable as Stephen Curry. But how do you defend him? St. Michael's basketball coach says the answer is simple: "Opposing fans boo the Twitter name [Harden] on the court. The crowd boos the point guard. Harden finishes a game with a crazy offensive stat line that looks like a German phone number. **Concise, not that loud, just the guy.**"

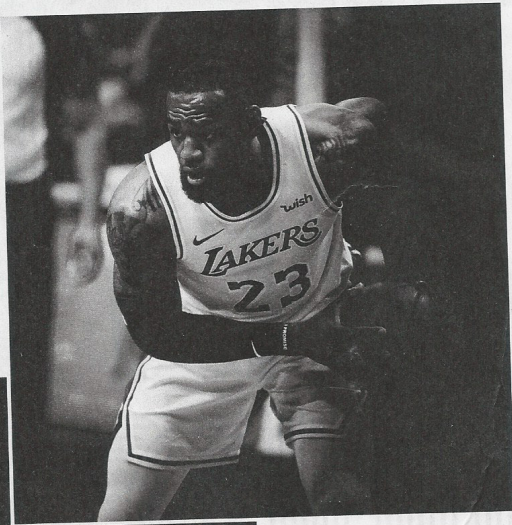
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HIS GAME

~~has been a portrait of a masterpiece, the~~
~~generational work of an artist striving for~~
~~something that transcends the game; a spiritual~~
declaration; an ethereal awakening, a love
~~supreme, a celestial journey.~~





both history and its true existence is and remains one that over the course of time will be the one that all other careers will be compared to. There's a commitment there that not even Jordan or Kobe can claim. Not that either his or theirs is more impressive just that LeBron's has been so, so dense over the first 15 years we remain mesmerized. Yes, the game has changed. And he changed it. The same way Bird (Charlie, not Larry), Mico, Art (Blakey and Tatum), Dizzy, Oscar, Fran, changed what Duke and Louis created. LeBron existentially rewrote LeBron's game in different football parts Julius Erving and Roger Brown parts Earl Monroe and Magic Johnson parts Oscar Robertson and Derrick Rose, and orchestrated a mammoth opus that will remain relevant long after he decides to never play again. And that's the key. For us to fully understand, comprehend and recognize what this all means is to continue to play. His career, this life of his. As we look into the kaleidoscope of his basketball journey, his personal pilgrimage and pull out moments of both brilliance and incompleteness, paradise and pain, we learn to accept and to truly appreciate what it is for his ability to compete without judging, against the odds of age. He's given us work that

can stand alone and on its own. Separated from the crowd. Where merit and magnificence aren't always judged just by outcome and supremacy, where they are judged by influence, impact and the importance that art adds up having on more than just the game. In other words, LeBron's career is as much about why he plays as it is about why he plays. There's so much more to gain from it than that. But it's someone who must never forget that because we shall not be who suffer during a travesty proves that. Begging and achieving seemed to be the Finals annually giving a entire city (and state) a resurrection identity and economic sustainability, being possibly the only child athlete deemed prodigy of the last four generations to overcome and live beyond every expectation that was designed to set him up to fail, building a complete built-in friendship. The Callwood piece, the "Callwood" piece, the "EQUATIVITY" piece, the "Averett Miller" piece, the "Averett Miller" piece, and advanced state while never over the length of a career being totally out of both MVP and C.O.A.T. connections, the unequalled cerebral nature of how he approaches and sees the game, his eminent and everybody. Future history facts.

He's mastered the art of dream, and has a great quality of game, and in virtuosity, command and craftsmanship. All time greatness displayed on the downbeat, improvisational in nature, unpredictable in proficiency, so accurate in execution, perfection is not mistake-free. Greatness should always be dissected, examined, re-examined, analyzed, scrutinized, challenged. The debates over years, debates on placement. Through this lens, LeBron's game became the definition of what the love of the game should look like when the hands and heart of a master are in charge. If we must, it's never for artists, only chosen. We can put them there for us to judge, and only hope to one day understand in all of its beauty and complexity in its haunting mystery, its "introducing humanity to the radiant language of light" in its liberating altruism. If Jordan's King of Blue, Bronk of Love Supreme, a career Supreme. A spiritual achievement in a worldly context that "A seeking, A search for Basketball." Thank you to God.

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sonic clap of rifle

pow pow

geese call

snow geese call

dogs yip

wolves howl

pow pow

animal sounds silence

one by one

each dies out with rifle shot

... adventures in looping

Life Hunting

- Tom

I wanna go hunt

I want to shoot caribou

Hunting on the land with my friends

I would like to go to the cabin far from home

I would like to eat lots of country food

- Noah

oh yeah I wake up everyday in [REDACTED], [REDACTED]
c'mon people let's learn together in this [REDACTED]

- Andrew

I go riding ski-doo in the community.

I go hunting using the ski-doo.

- Sam

I like to play hockey at the arena up town.

I play defense, 46 is me.

Favourite move is a reshot.

- Shannon

Walking softly in the snow
Oh my gawd, where did spring go?

Nakurmiik Nina,

qailauravii!

...to share your stories about your family, your son and daughters...and your parents. Thank you for sharing about throat singing and drum song.

You are a friendly and strong person.

We hope you stay strong.

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Johnny, Alec, Tom, Andrew, Jordan, Noah

** Inuvialuit, Dene artist, mother, throat singer, sixties-scoop survivor and public speaker Nina Segalowitz visited the boys and shared stories about her life. She reminded us all to be strong, to remember our lives are important and to know who we are. She also sang drum songs and shared some of her throat singing. The boys shared some goose calls.*

