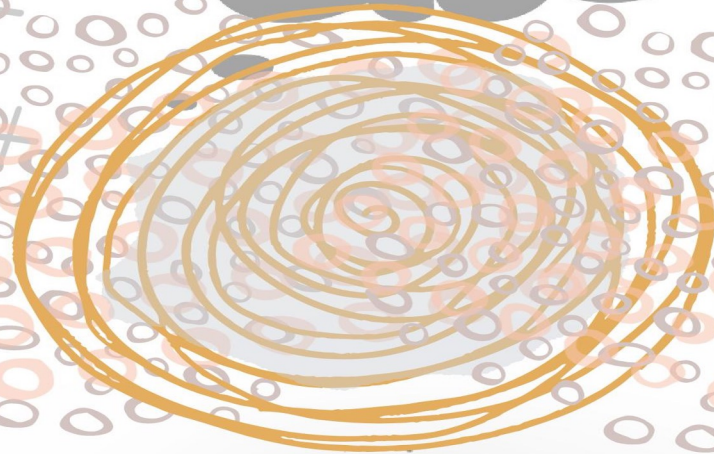


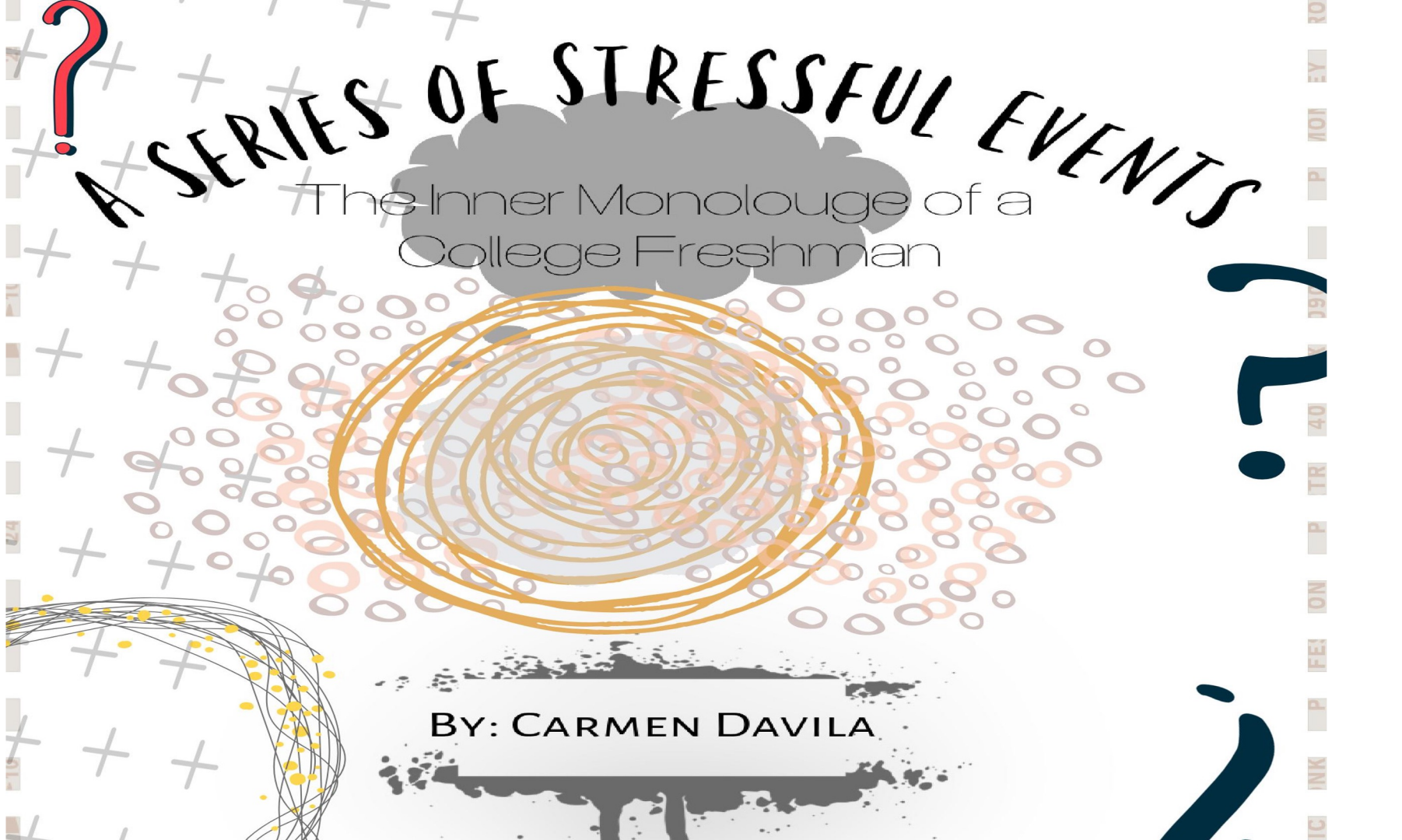
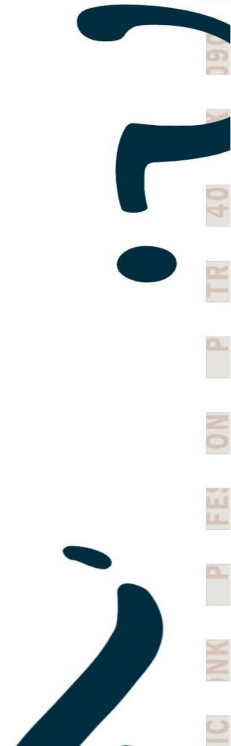
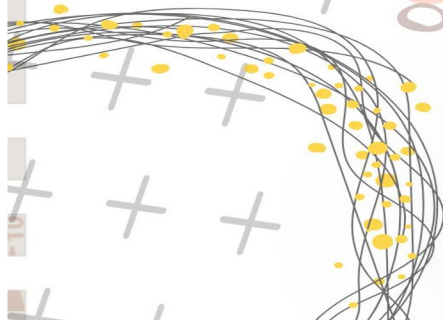


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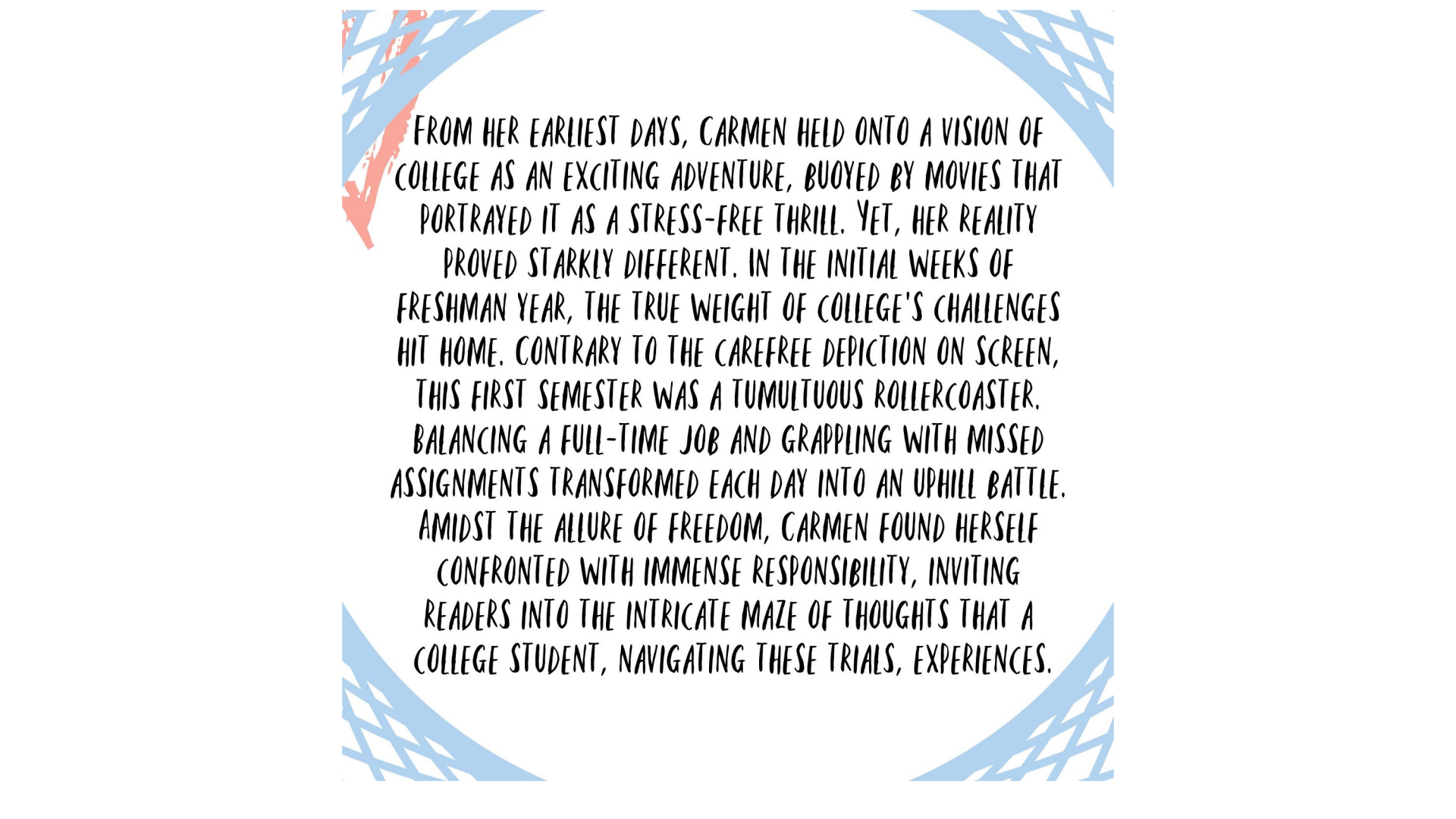


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FROM HER EARLIEST DAYS, CARMEN HELD ONTO A VISION OF COLLEGE AS AN EXCITING ADVENTURE, BUOYED BY MOVIES THAT PORTRAYED IT AS A STRESS-FREE THRILL. YET, HER REALITY PROVED STARKLY DIFFERENT. IN THE INITIAL WEEKS OF FRESHMAN YEAR, THE TRUE WEIGHT OF COLLEGE'S CHALLENGES HIT HOME. CONTRARY TO THE CAREFREE DEPICTION ON SCREEN, THIS FIRST SEMESTER WAS A TUMULTUOUS ROLLERCOASTER. BALANCING A FULL-TIME JOB AND GRAPPLING WITH MISSED ASSIGNMENTS TRANSFORMED EACH DAY INTO AN UPHILL BATTLE. AMIDST THE ALLURE OF FREEDOM, CARMEN FOUND HERSELF CONFRONTED WITH IMMENSE RESPONSIBILITY, INVITING READERS INTO THE INTRICATE MAZE OF THOUGHTS THAT A COLLEGE STUDENT, NAVIGATING THESE TRIALS, EXPERIENCES.