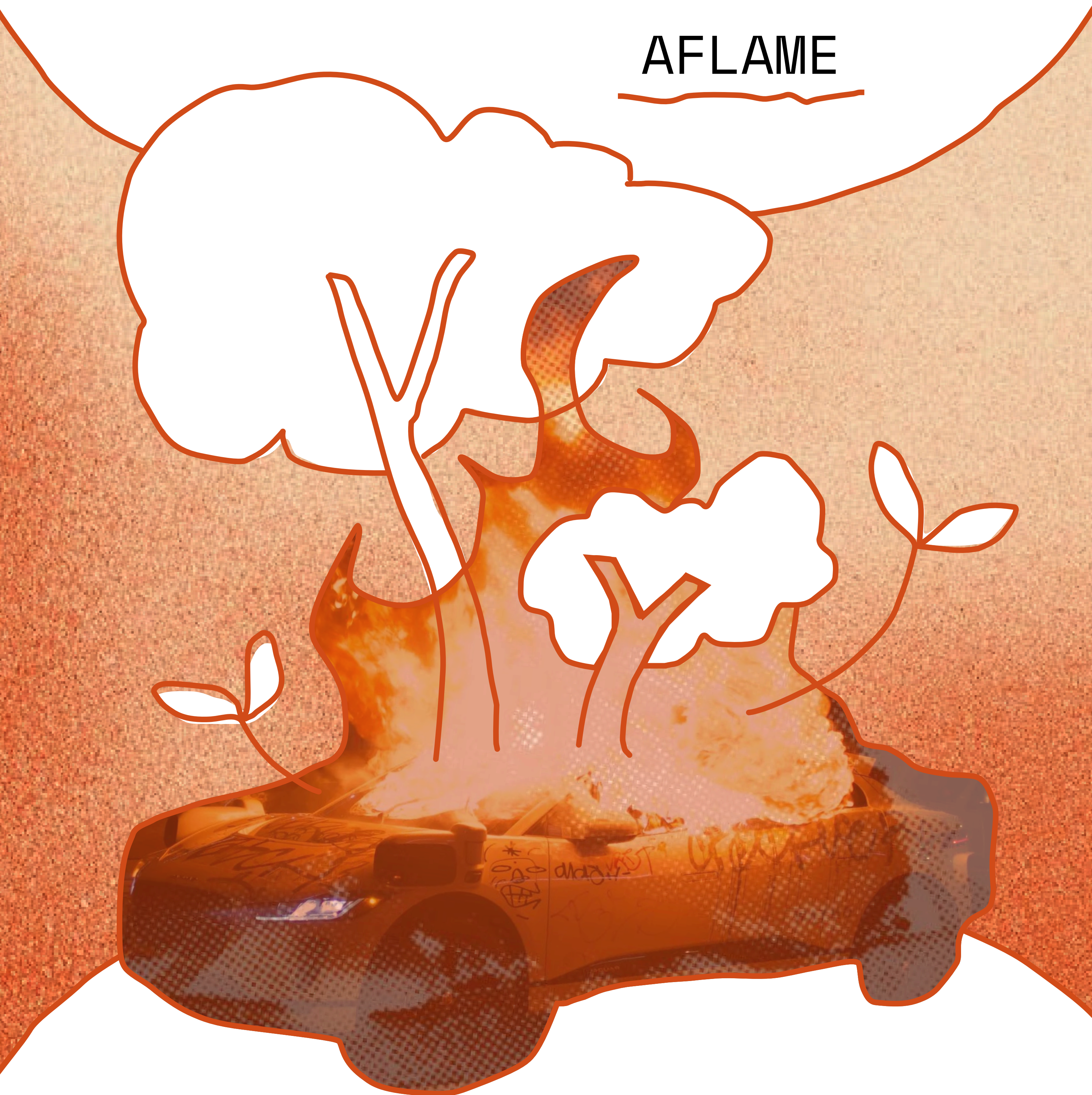


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Everything is on fire.

But what happens in the aftermath of the burn?
Can we imagine a better future in the place of what was destroyed?

The Possible Futures Series is a blog and workshop series by the Distributed AI Research Institute. Each blog explores what the world can look like when we design and deploy technology that centers the needs of our communities. These broad, near-future speculative pieces are designed to de-center dominant narratives and help us realize that things can be different. They are not alternative realities. They are **possible futures**.

Through our workshop series, we invite our audience to do the same. In this second iteration of the workshop held on June 20, 2025. Imagine with us:

Pick something you’ve interacted with recently in your everyday world. **Imagine it all burns down.** What’s the best thing you can imagine growing in its place? What could replace it that would make the world unrecognizable?

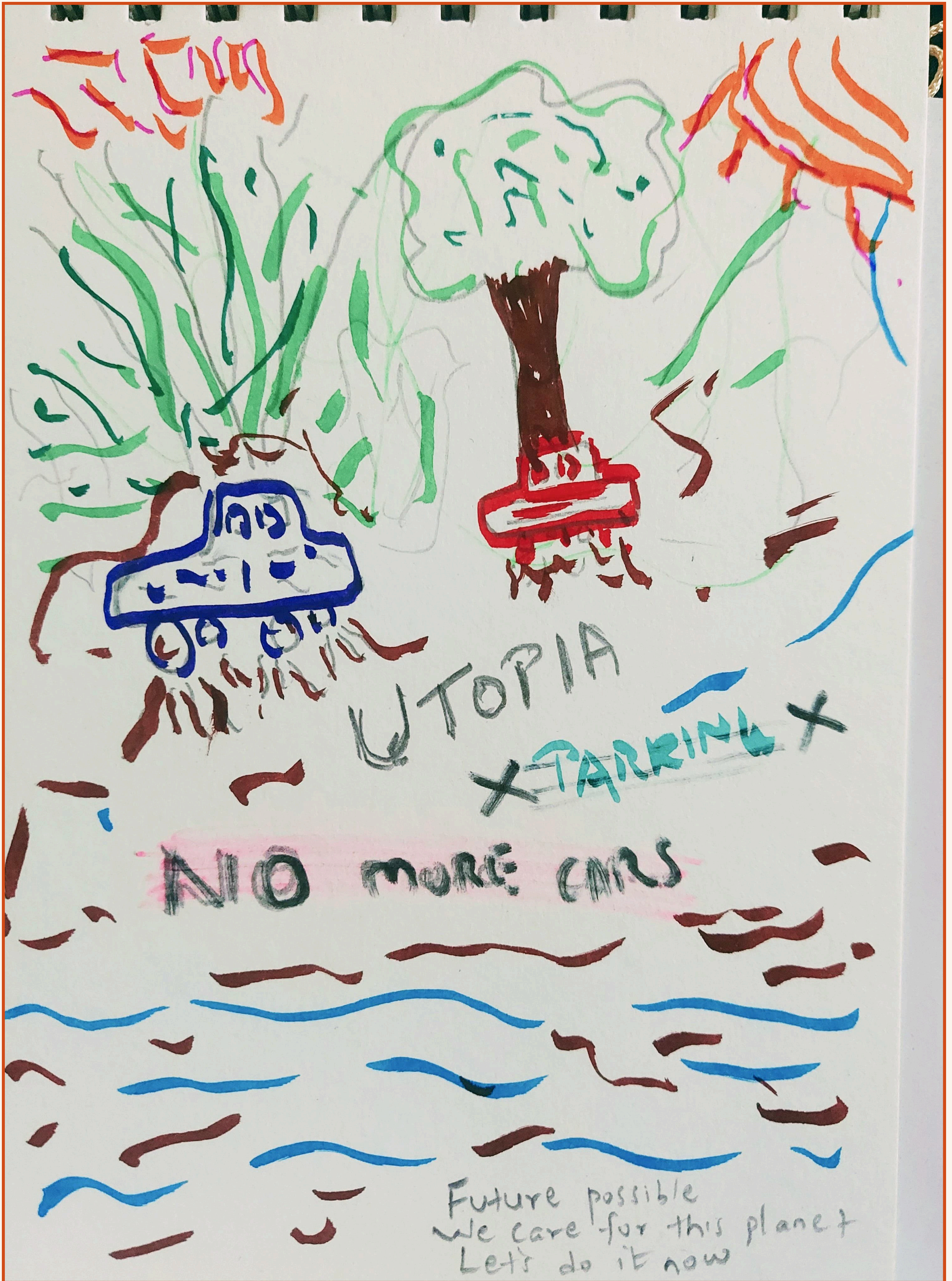
Building off these exercises, our participants created and submitted the following pieces. They center themes of imagination, hope, and abundance amid times of destruction and despair. Thank you for imagining with us! Enjoy the zine!



Social Media
That's not based in oppression
How cool would that be?

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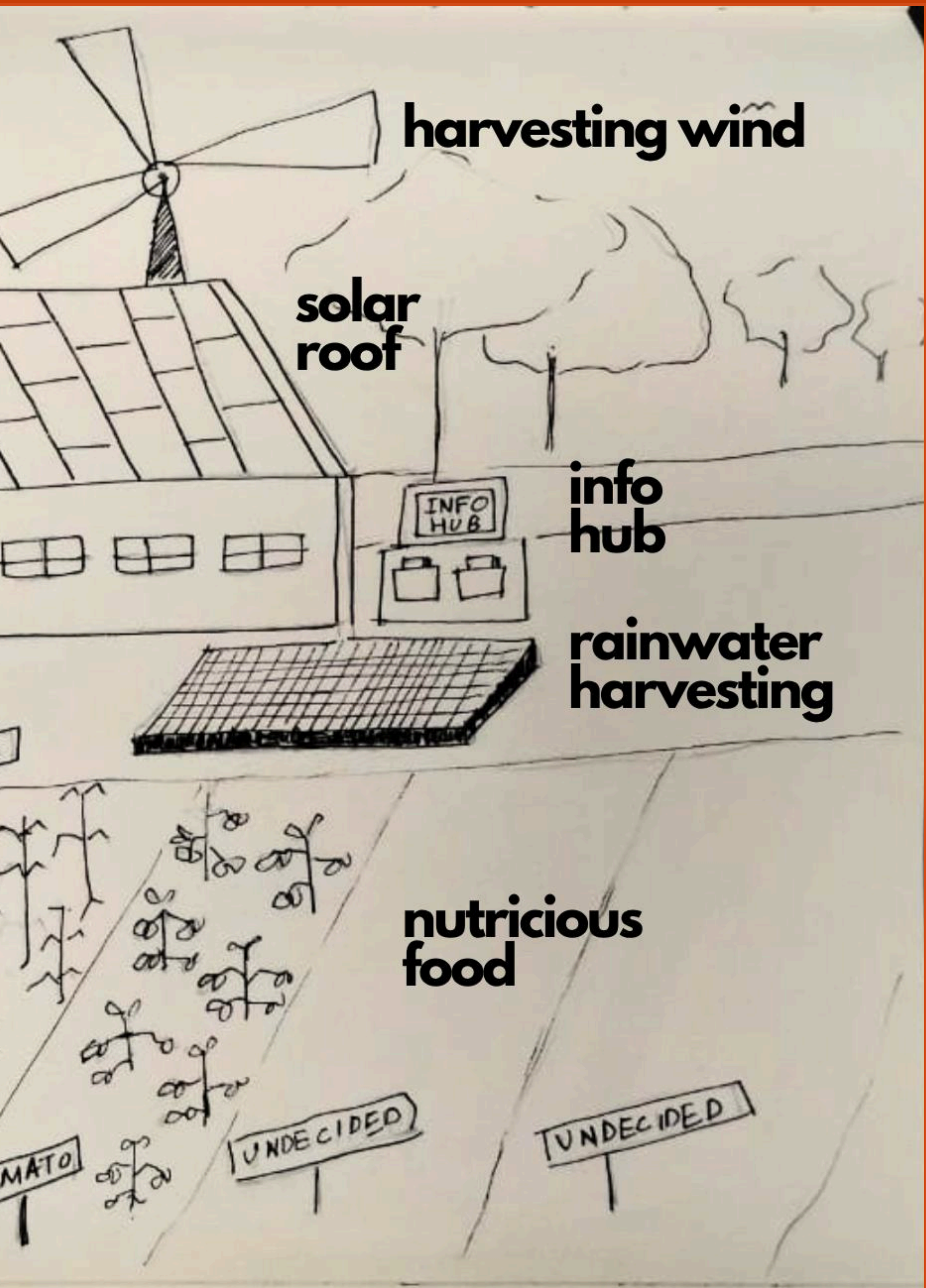
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Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers [REDACTED]

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their lives abruptly uprooted as they are transported [REDACTED]

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