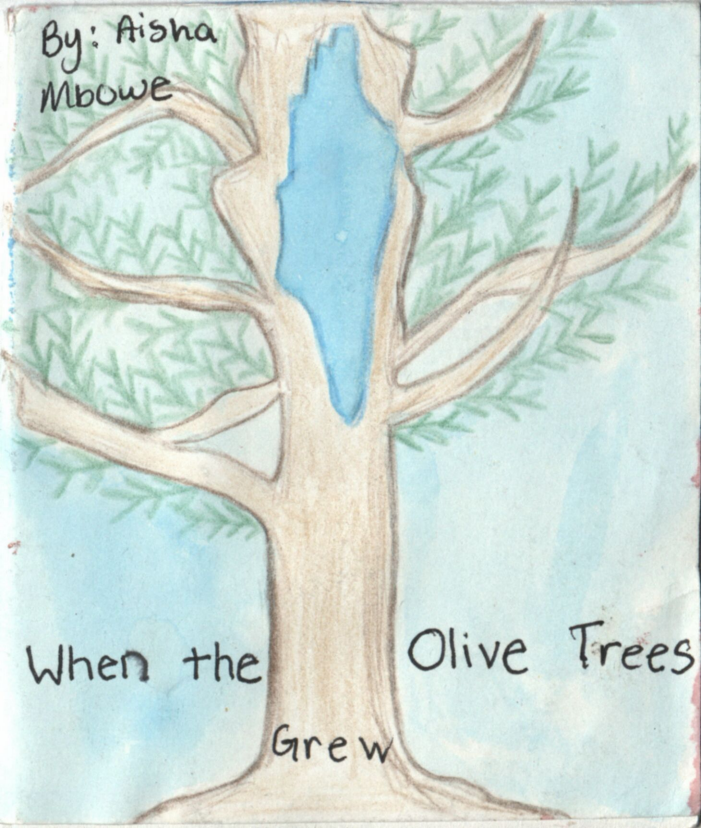


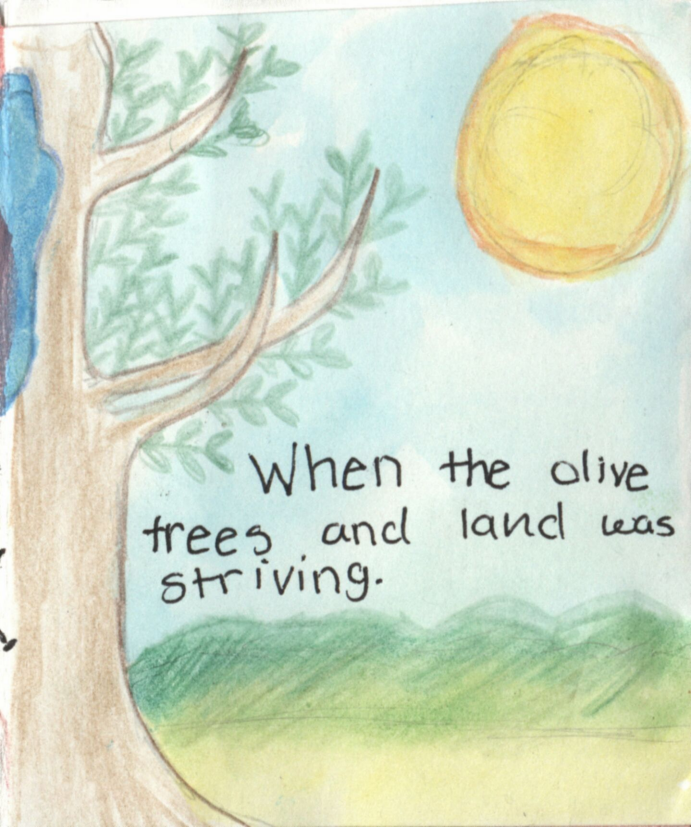
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When the Olive Trees
Grew

My Grandma would
tell me stories of
Palestine before the
occupation and NAKBA.





When the olive
trees and land was
striving.

When there was the
tastiest fruit being
enjoyed by family and
friends.



When the land wasn't
seperated making it
hard to see relatives.



Where my loved ones
and I weren't separated
by Life and Death.



Most of all she'd
tell me about when
the olive trees grew.



My zine is about a 7 year old girl named Sahar expressing her grandmas perspective before the occupation and genocide. Sahar, never being able to see what her homeland truly was like without the ongoing horrors living in an occupation that's been there since 1948. Sahar was raised by her grandmother since her parents passing, dreams of a Free Palestine. Sahars perspective is unfortunately the reality of many Palestinians. This zine is to bring attention to the ongoing Genocide in Palestine and 75 years under the white colonial state of Isreal. If you turn a blind eye to Genocide than it goes to show just how privileged you are. Unfortunately, the Palestinians don't have the luxury of not being forcefully starved, of not seeing their homes being taking over, of their cities not being bombed right before their eyes, their hospitals, churches, mosques, libraries, not being bombed, You don't have to be Palestinian to fight for the cause of equal rights, you just have to be human. Over 13,000 kids have died in Gaza all in horrible ways such as Sidra Hassouna. Many have risked their lives and are currently fighting for the Palestinian cause such as Aaron Bushnell, Bison Owda, Lamo Abu Jamous, and many more. You also have the power to help in many ways such as 1. Boycotting from the official BDS movement. 2. For teens/ Adults calling your representatives for a permanent ceasefire. 3. Using your social media platforms to educate others. 4. Protesting. 5. Educating yourself more, your library being the perfect place to start. Never again means Never again. From the River to the Sea Palestine will be Free.