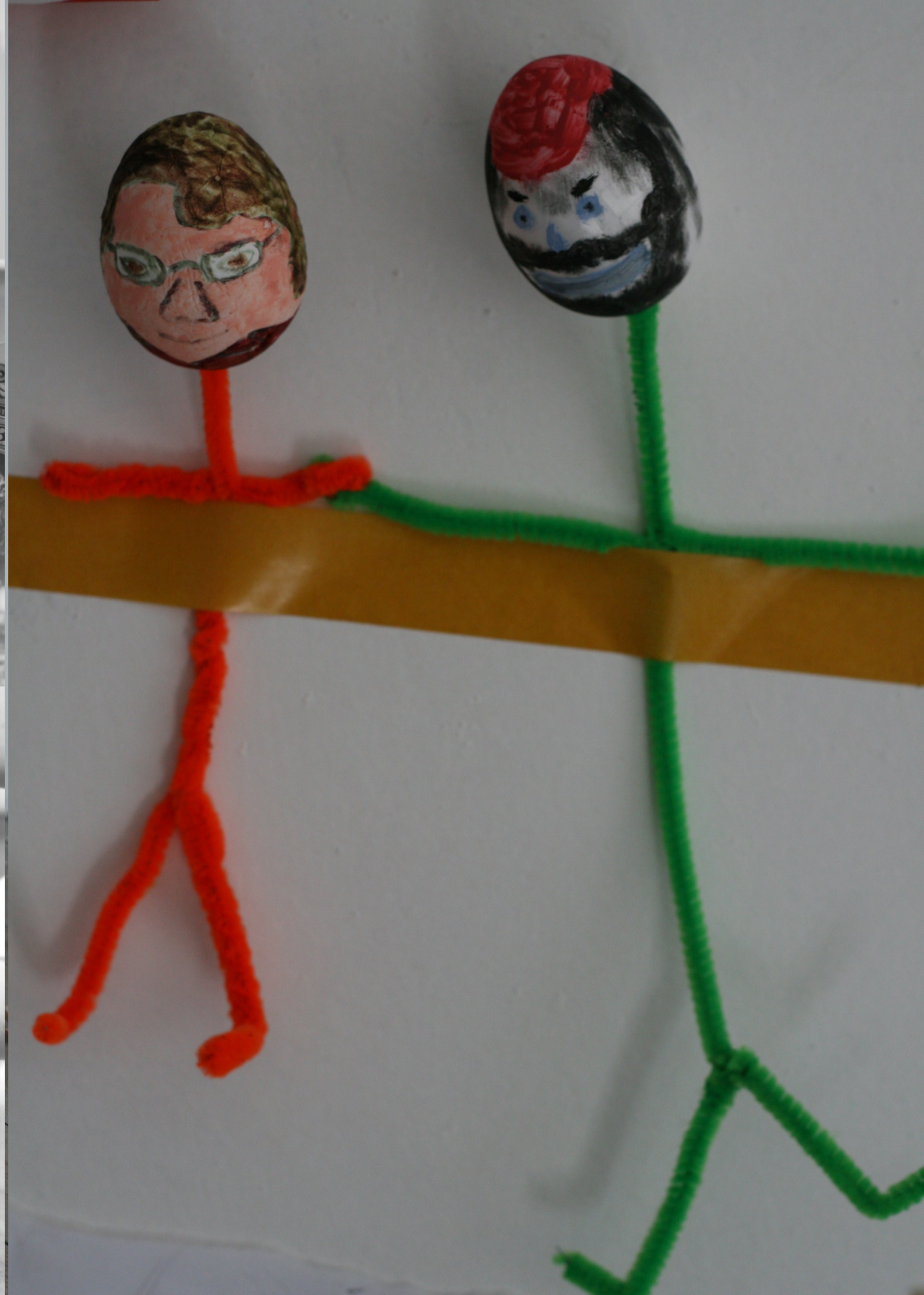
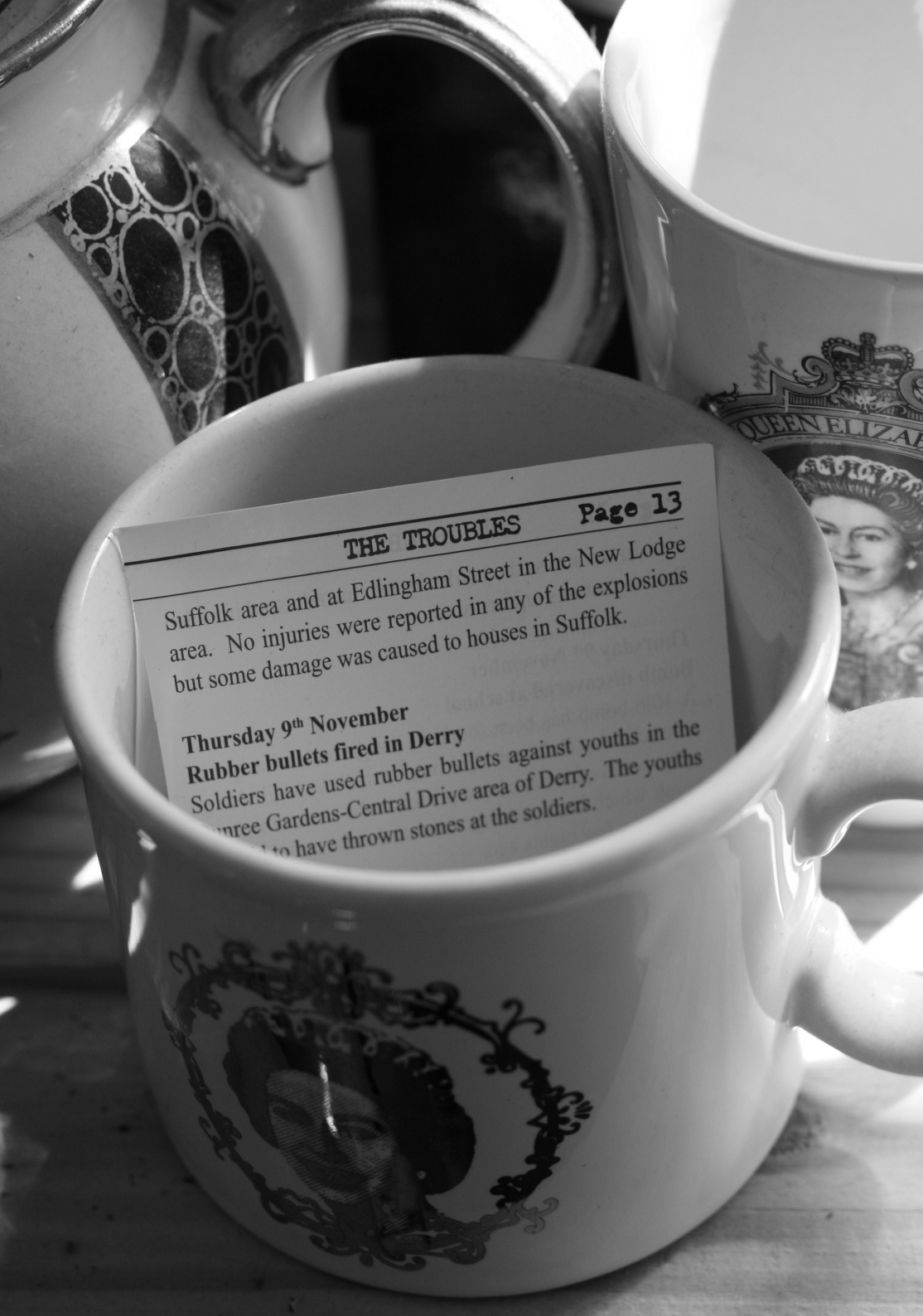
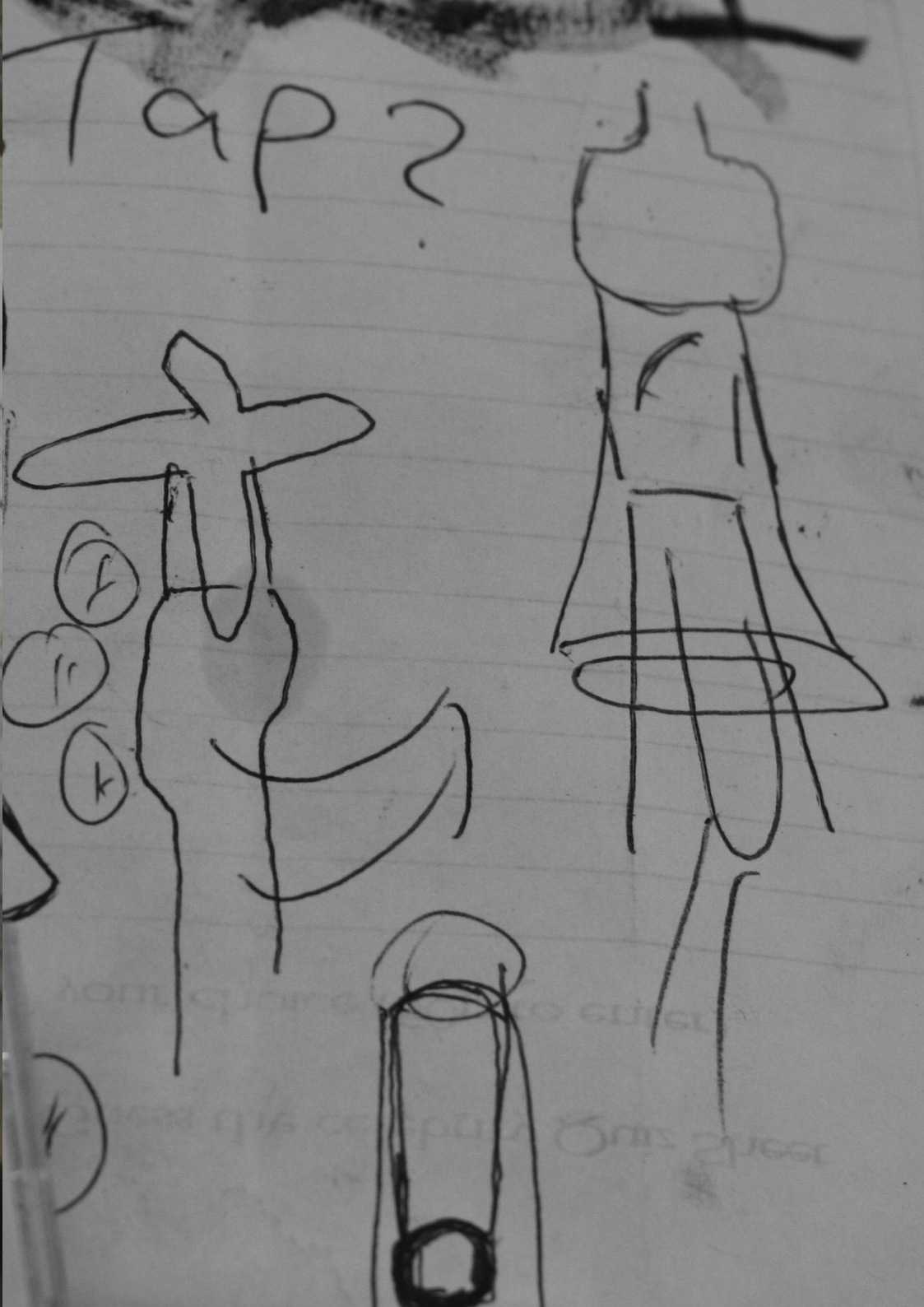
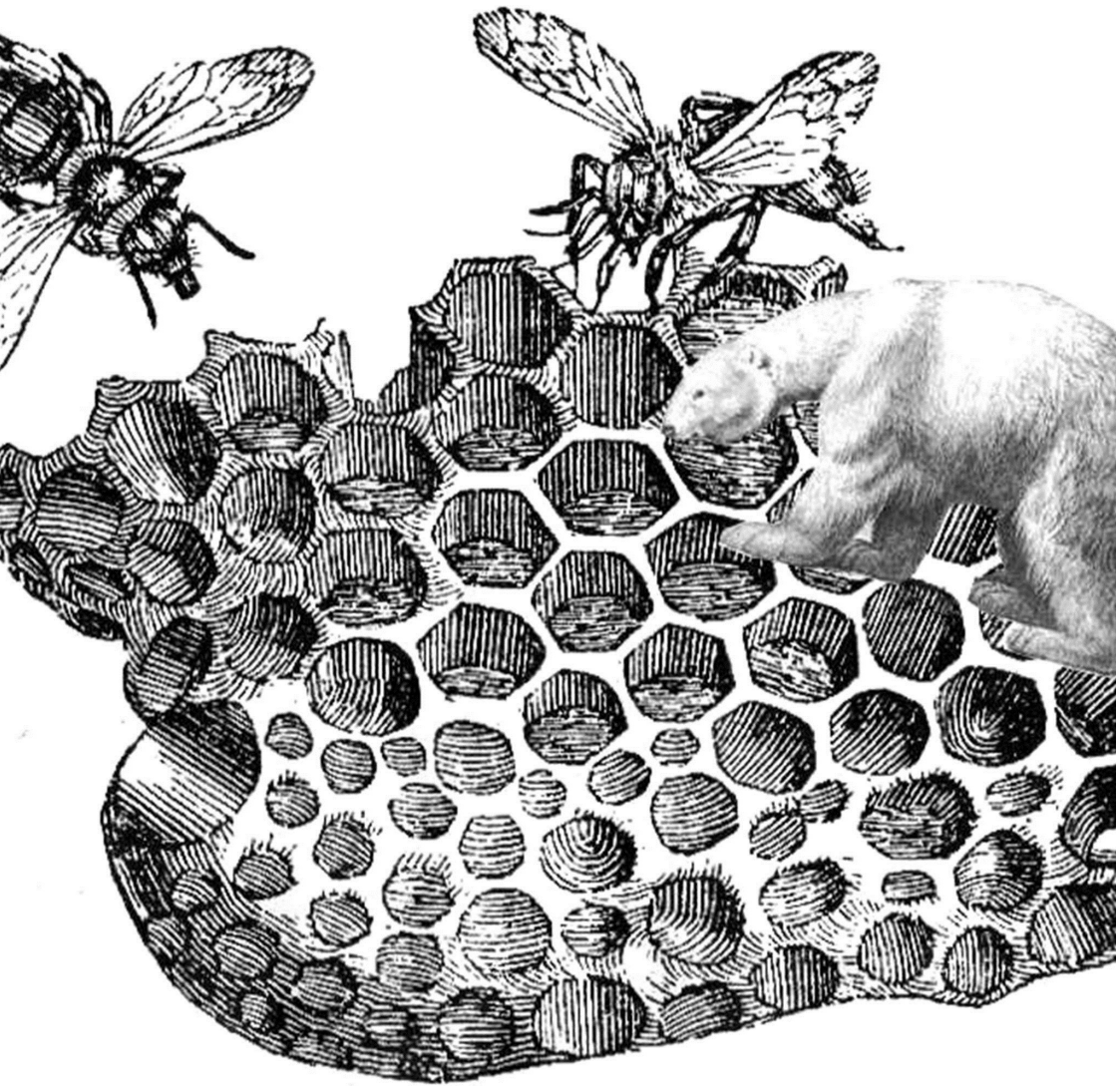


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Ballad of Claudy

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The Sperrins surround it, the Faughan flows by
At each end of Main Street the hills and the sky
The small town of Claudy at ease in the sun
Last July in the morning, a new day began

How peaceful and pretty, if the moment could stop
McIlhenny is straightening things in his shop
His wife is outside serving petrol and then
A child takes a cloth to a big window-pane

And McCloskey is taking the weight off his feet
McClelland and Miller are sweeping the street
Delivering milk at the Beaufort Hotel
Young Temple's enjoying his first job as a well

And Mrs. McLaughlin is scrubbing her door
While Hone's crossing the street to a door
Mrs. Brown, looking around for her car
Goes out up an aisle, what's strange about that

Not a word, but before she comes back to the road
The orange car parked outside her house will explode
And all of the people I've mentioned outside
Will be waiting to die or already have died

An explosion too loud for your eardrums to bear
Young children squealing like pigs in the square
All faces chalk-white or streaked with bright red
And the glass, and the dust, and the terrible dead

For an old lady's legs are blown off, and the head
Of a man's hanging open, and still he can't stand
He's shrieking for mercy while his wife, mother and son
And starts, and they suddenly - quiet - disappear.

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