

*Never Alone* (May 2016)

Acrylic and found papers on canvas

11" x 14"

I created this artwork because I had a desire to portray a theme that I see commonly, and that was recently revealed to me through a personal project conducted in my English class, and that is the theme of the power support from family and friends can bring to a fallen and hurt individual. The painting depicts a pack of wolves crowded around a wolf of the pack who has been crushed under a fallen tree, set in the woods and during a sunset.

I first created a collage of dictionary and magazine pages to set a theme for the background, then applied acrylic paint diluted with matte medium to create the setting of a nice sunset in the woods. I took inspiration from an album cover, specifically that of Acid Rap by Chance the Rapper, to create the pink and purple sunset. Afterwards, I applied the modeling paste to the canvas to create texture for the trees and painted them once they dried. I then printed images of wolves and pasted them onto the canvas, later detailing and highlighting them with paint.

This artwork means and depicts an important concept in my life, which is the struggle through adversity and the means by which anyone can achieve success or reestablish control of their situations, which is through help and supports from others. This artwork goes to show that we are never alone, and should not seek solitude, for it is friends and family that get us through the difficult times and share our most memorable moments with us.