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**"We are all indigenous people on this planet,
and we have to reorganize to get along."
-- Rebecca Adamson**

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"Since the beginning, Native Peoples lived a life of being in harmony with all that surrounds us. It is a belief that all humankind are related to each other. Each has a purpose, spirit and sacredness. It is an understanding with the Great Spirit or Creator that we will follow these ways. And in this understanding we believe we are related to all other living species..."

-- Dennis Banks

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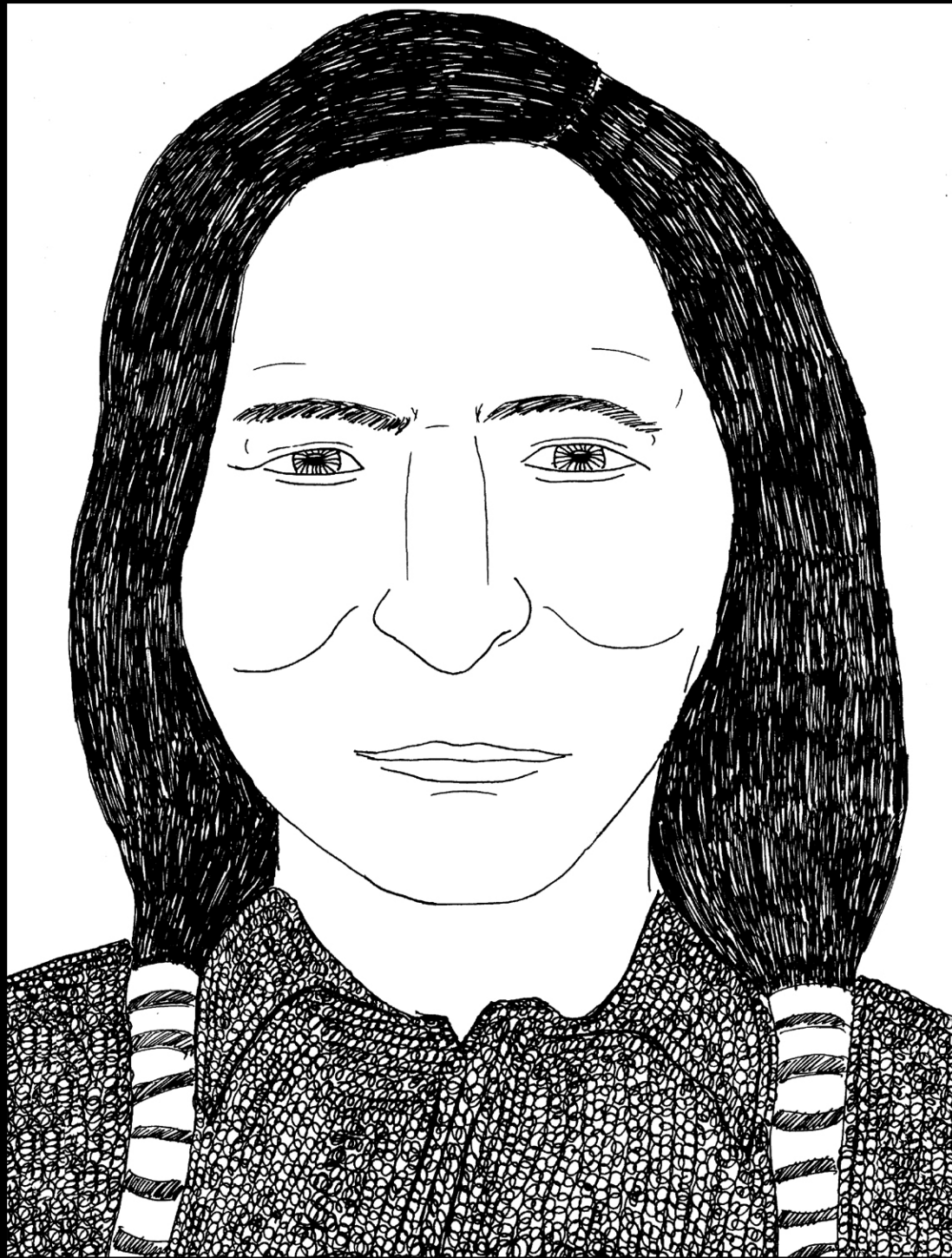
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**"Although wrongs have been done me I live in hope...
Now we are together again to make peace..."
-- Chief Black Kettle**

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"The native American has been generally despised by his white conquerors for his poverty and simplicity. They forget, perhaps, that his religion forbade the accumulation of wealth and the enjoyment of luxury... Furthermore, it was the rule of his life to share the fruits of his skill and success with his less fortunate brothers. Thus he kept his spirit free from the clog of pride, cupidity, or envy, and carried out, as he believed, the divine decree—a matter profoundly important to him." -- Charles Eastman (Ohiyesa)

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**"If people lose their land, they have nothing.
You lose your land -- you lose your culture, you lose self."
-- Richard Gere**

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"Most governments in Latin America have failed to recognize the rights of indigenous people and their right to their own traditional territories."

-- Bianca Jagger

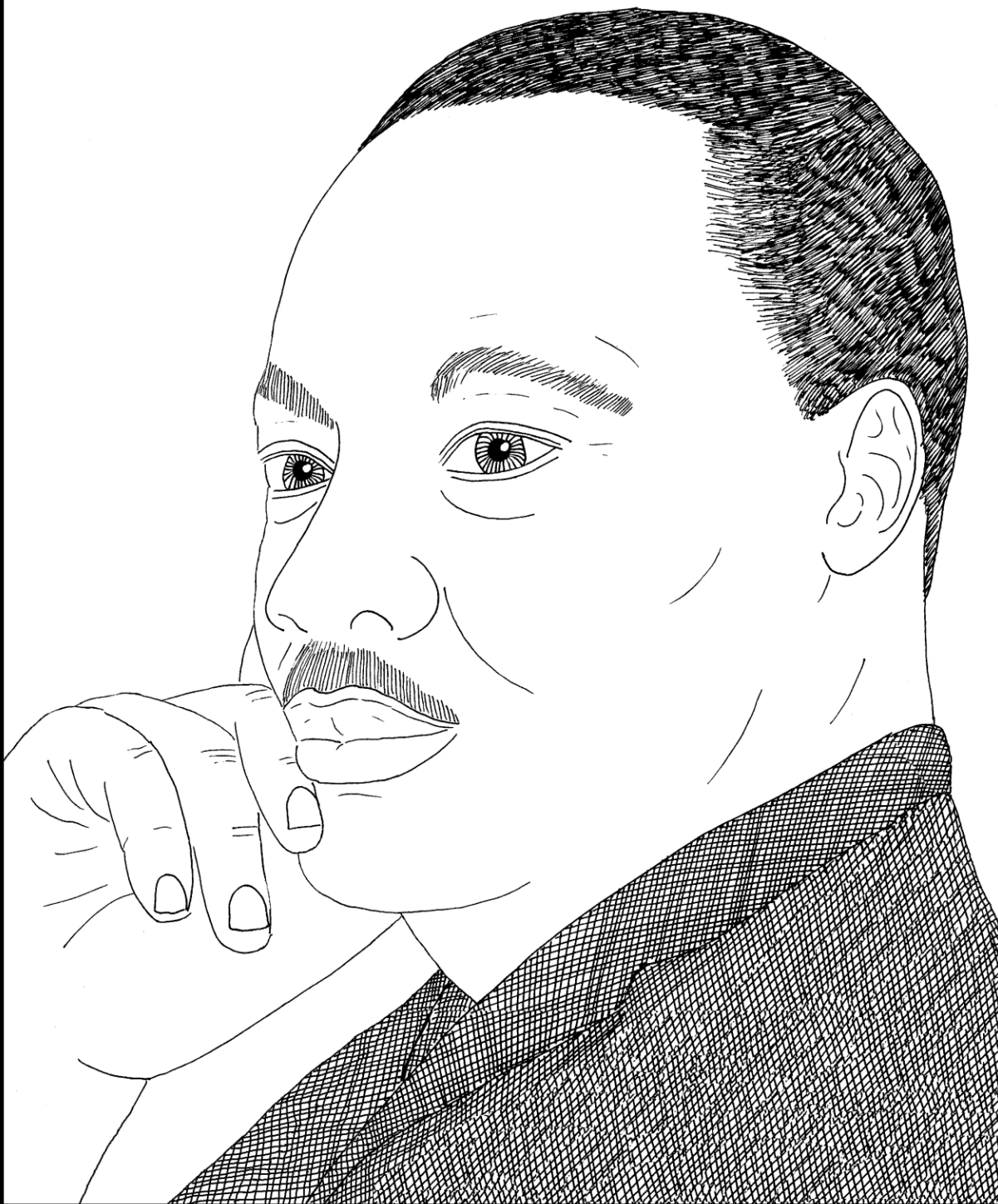
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"Our nation was born in genocide when it embraced the doctrine that the original American, the Indian, was an inferior race...We are perhaps the only nation which tried as a matter of national policy to wipe out its indigenous population. Moreover, we elevated that tragic experience into a noble crusade. Indeed, even today we have not permitted ourselves to reject or to feel remorse for this shameful episode." -- Martin Luther King, Jr

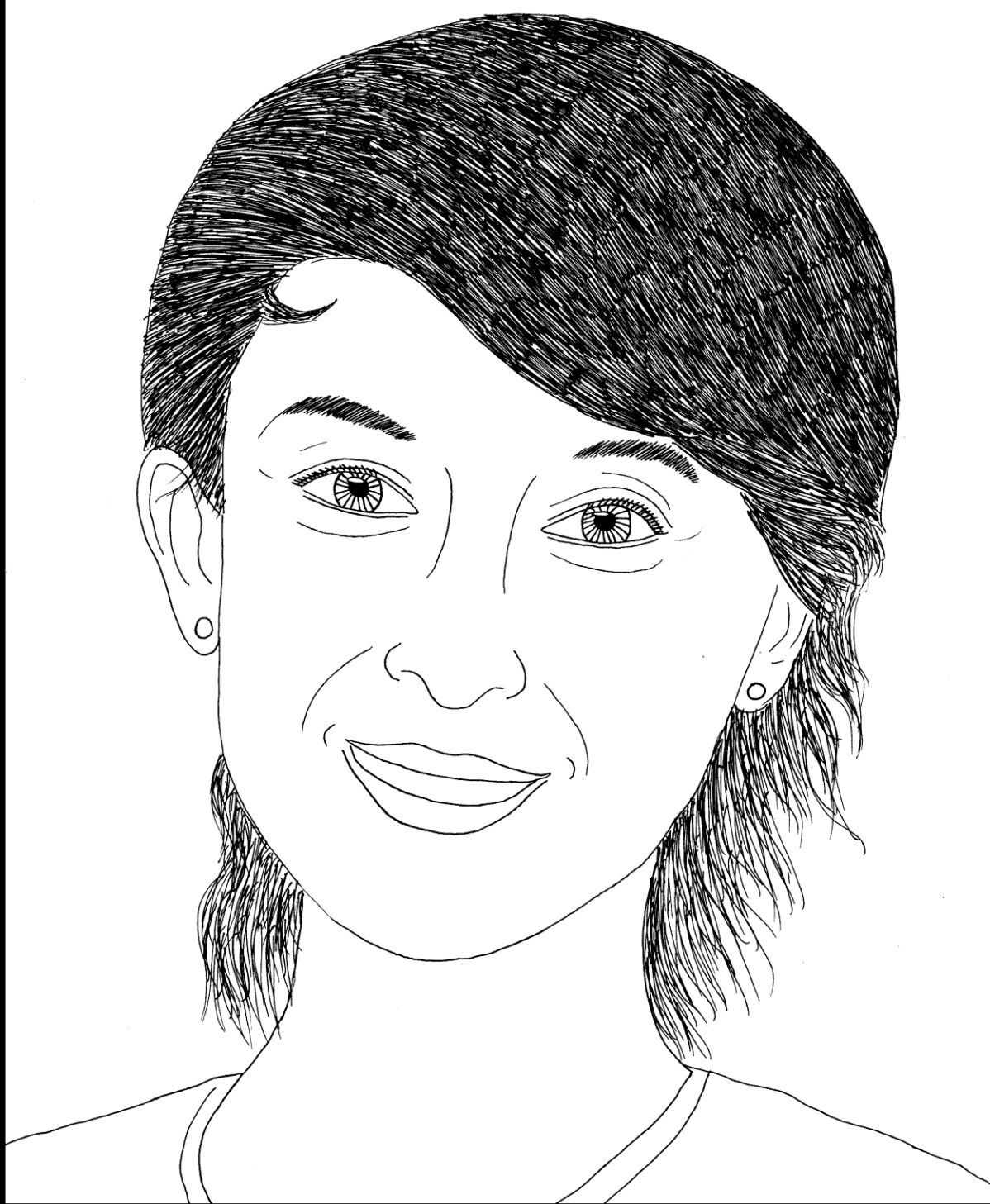
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"The provision of basic material needs is not sufficient to make minority groups and indigenous peoples feel they are truly part of the greater national entity. For that they have to be confident that they too have an active role to play in shaping the destiny of the state that demands their allegiance."

-- Aung San Suu Kyi

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"Drawing from the tragic lessons of nuclear atrocities experienced by the Indigenous Peoples we recognize that the testing, development and use of nuclear weapons is a crime against all humanitarian law..."

-- Hilda Lini

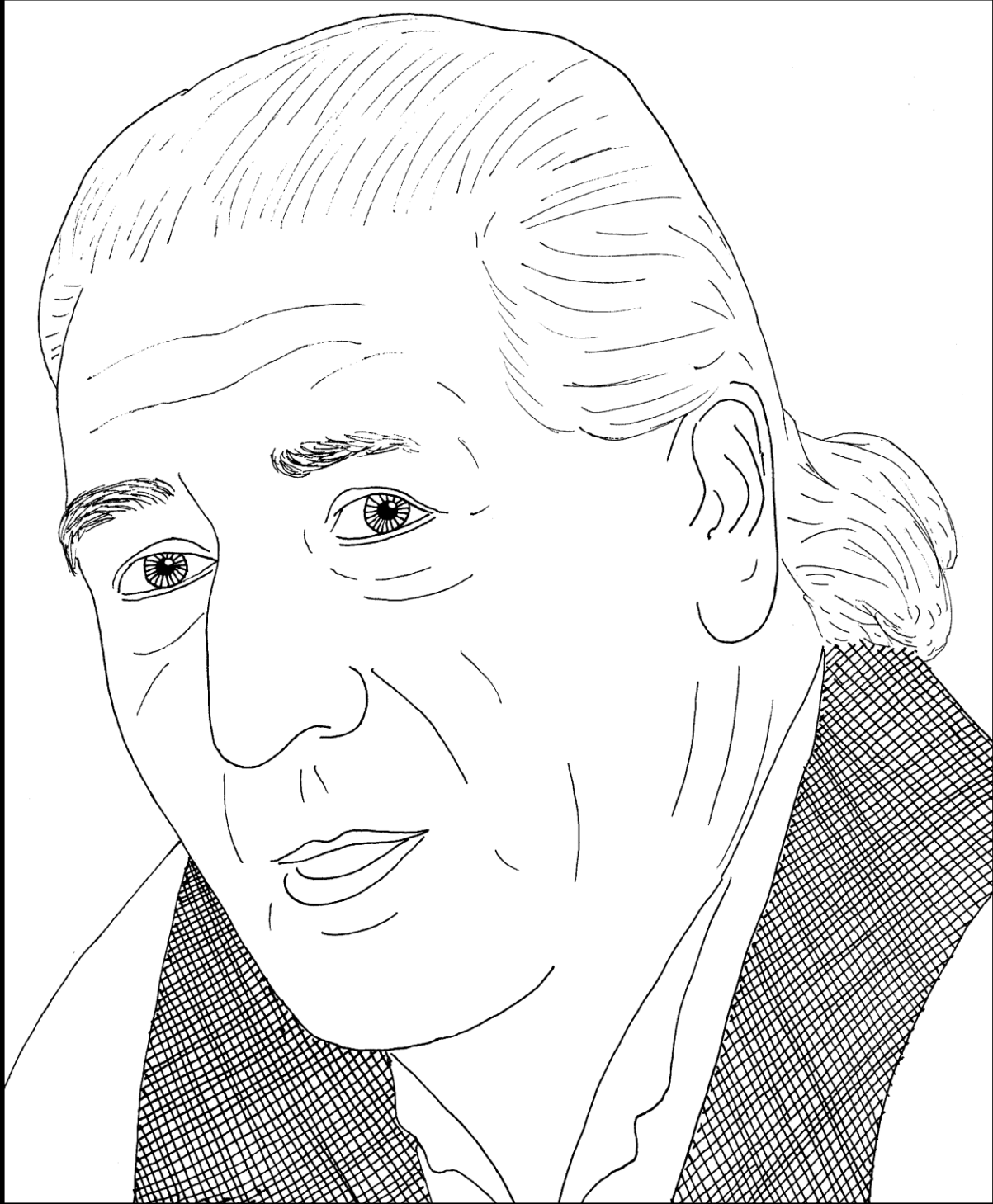
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"Although we are in different boats you in your boat
and we in our canoe we share the same river of life."

-- Chief Oren Lyons

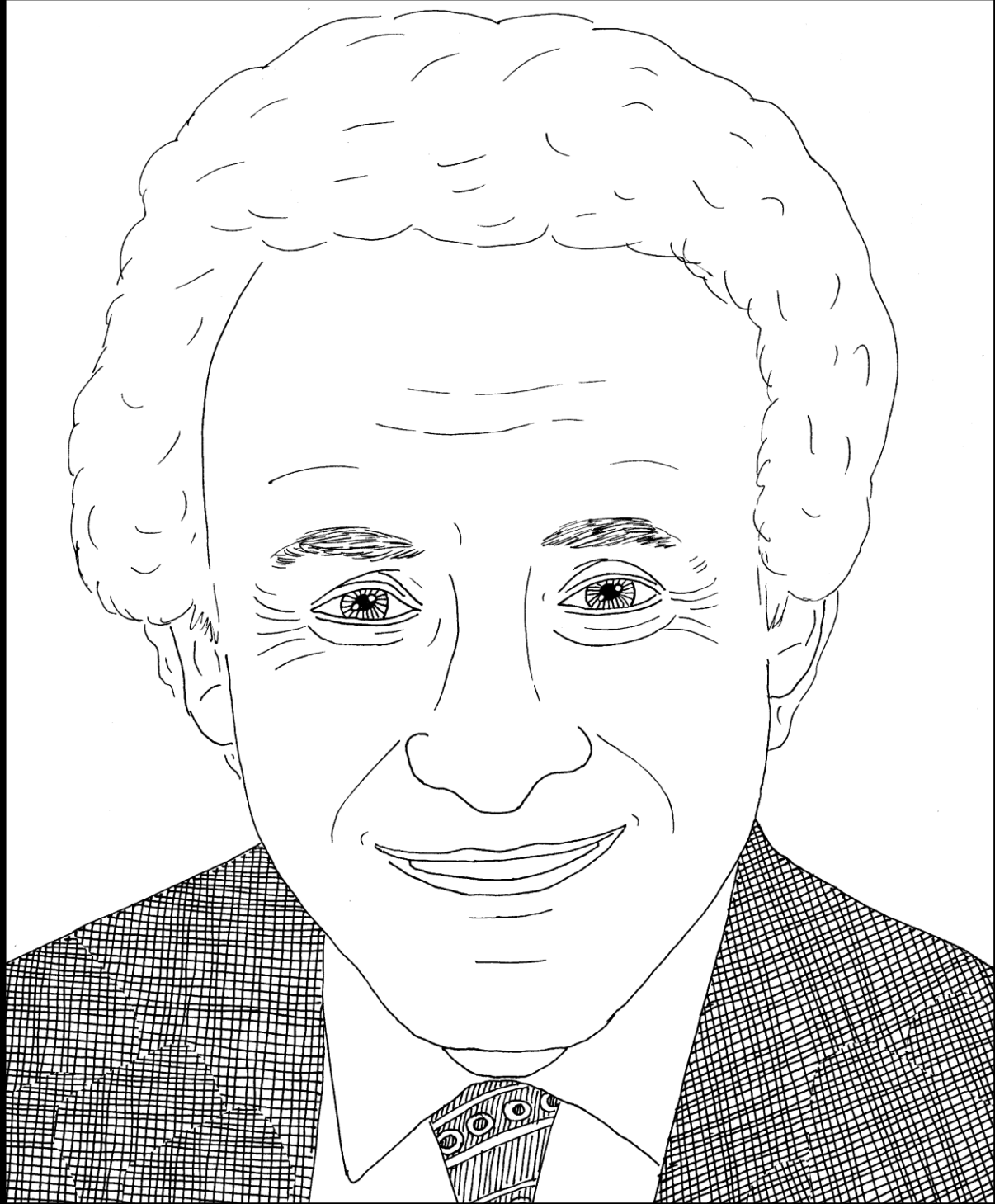
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"The role of globalization is to homogenize all cultures, and to turn them into commodified markets, and therefore, to make them easier for global corporations to control. Global corporations are even now trying to commodify all remaining aspects of national cultures, not to mention indigenous cultures."

-- Jerry Mander

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"I think the most important issue we have as a people is what we started, and that is to begin to trust our own thinking again and believe in ourselves enough to think that we can articulate our own vision of the future and then work to make sure that that vision becomes a reality."

-- Wilma Mankiller

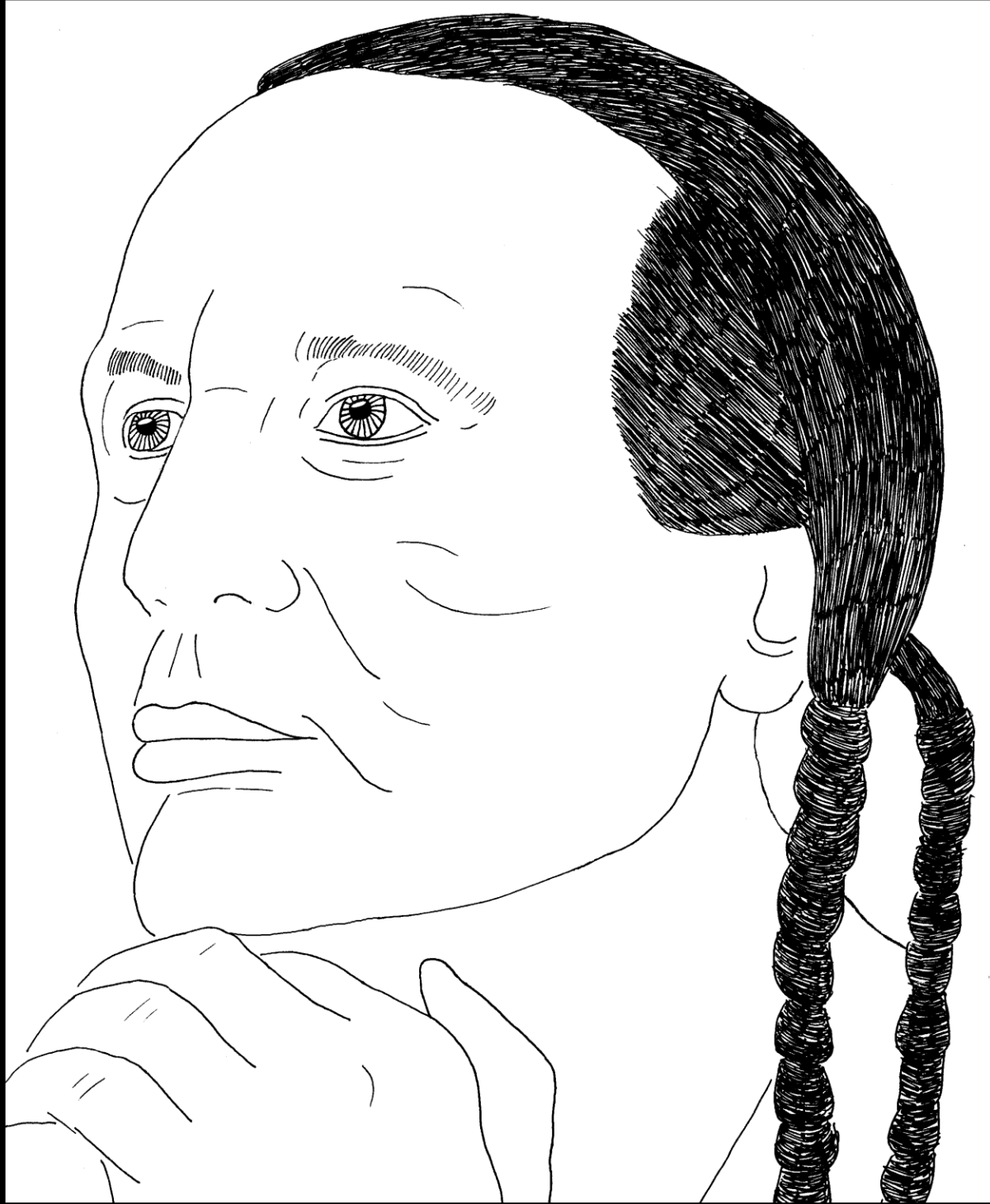
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"Information in the computer age is the last genuine free market left on earth except those free markets where indigenous people are still surviving. And that's basically becoming limited."

-- Russell Means

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**"We are not myths of the past, ruins in the jungle, or zoos.
We are people and we want to be respected,
not to be victims of intolerance and racism."**

-- Rigoberta Menchu

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"Indigenous peoples living on their ancestral lands can help industrialized countries by living in a sustainable manner (not the contrary). If we destroy their environments and communities, we will lose the answers they have to solving our problems, and to the protection of our common futures."

-- Raúl Montenegro

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**"The forest is not a resource for us, it is life itself.
It is the only place for us to live."
-- Evaristo Nugkuag Ikanan**

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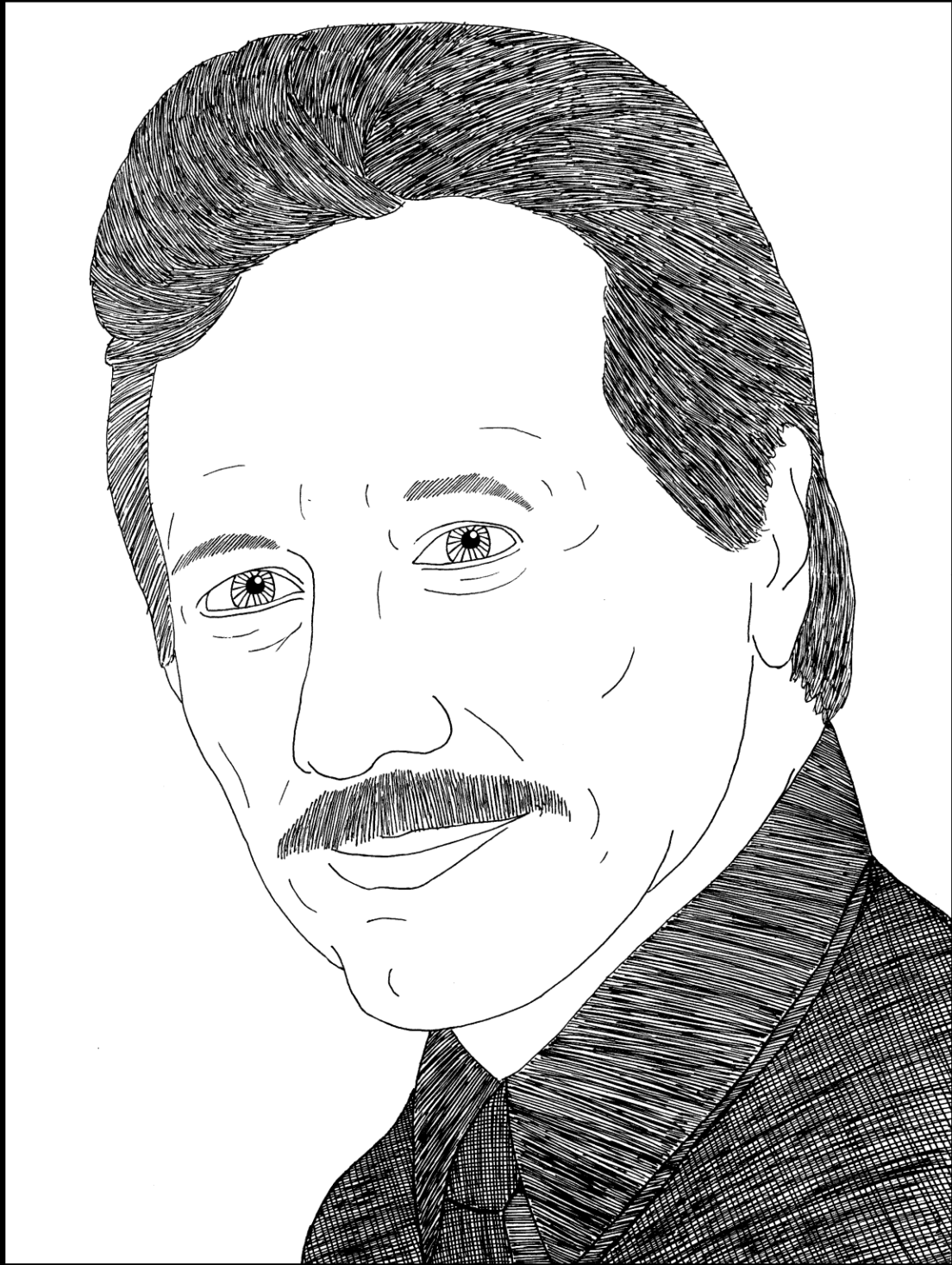
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**"I support the indigenous people anywhere in the planet."
-- Edward James Olmos**

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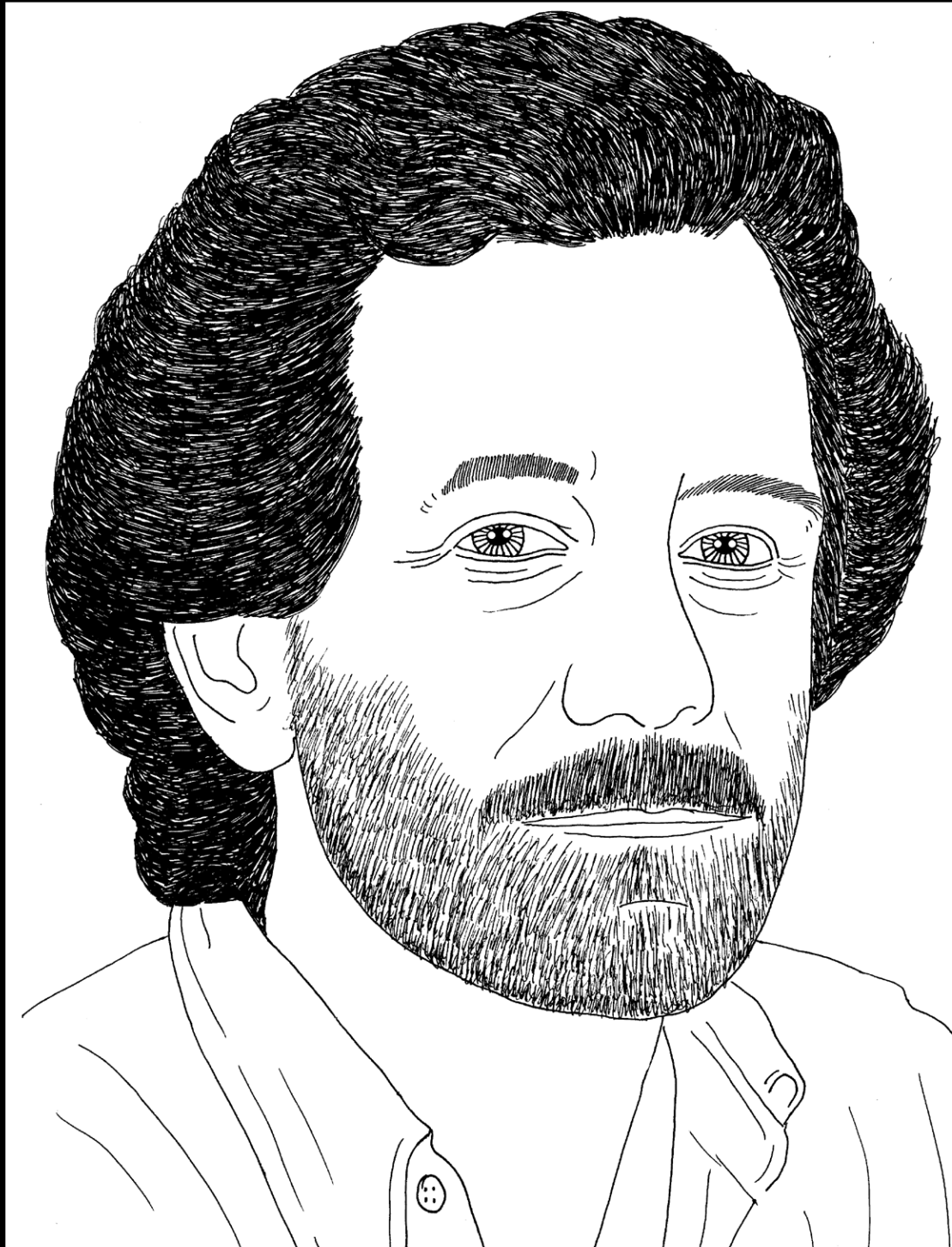
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"My experience in living and working with indigenous people has given me the hope that I have - they have taught me concretely that humans have the capacity to be marvelous, and not destructive."

--Juan Pablo Orrego

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"All the issues that we face are connected. Worldwide, ecosystems are being destroyed, and indigenous peoples are losing their homelands and their entire way of life."

~ Ocean Robbins

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"All things are connected like the blood that unites us.
We did not weave the web of life. We are merely a strand
in it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves."

-- Chief Seattle

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"When European explorers 'discovered' lands on the other continents, there were already people living there. All too often the explorers took the land away from the native or indigenous peoples and either killed them or suppressed them. In many cases, the native languages and cultures were suppressed and the natives were forced to adopt Western ways. Unfortunately, this isn't just a thing of the past -- many indigenous peoples and their cultures are still threatened today." -- Robert Alan Silverstein

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"I guess you could say that we indigenous peoples
are on the verge of turning it all upside down."

-- Pauline Tangiora

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