MISS PEREGRINE'S

HOME FOR

PECULIAR CHILDREN

BY RANSOM RIGGS

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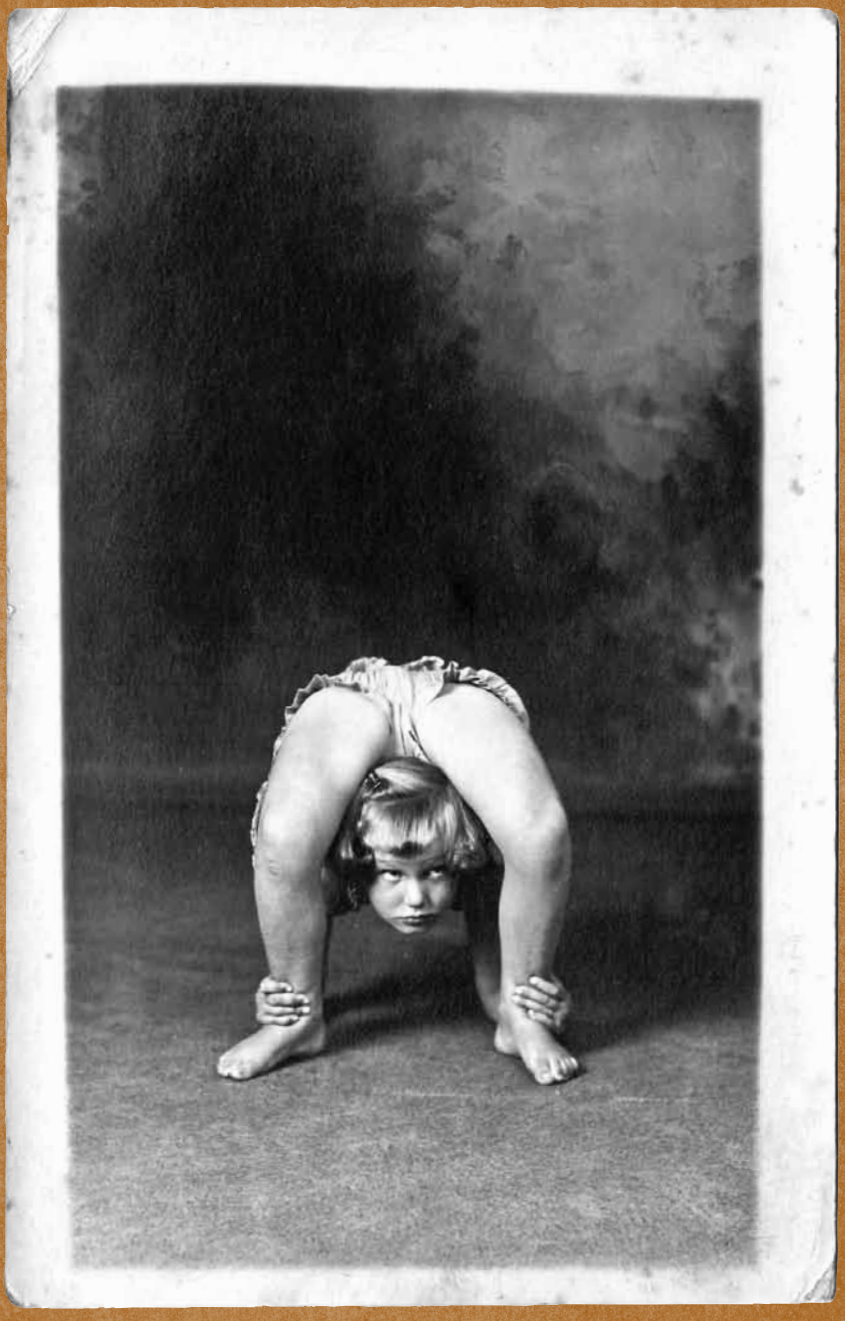

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To Jacob Magellan Portman,
and the worlds he has
yet to discover—

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GRANDPA PORTMAN'S INSCRIPTION TO JACOB

Dearest Abe,

I hope this note finds you safe & in the best of health. It's been such a long time since we last received word from you! But I write not to admonish, only to let you know that we still think of you often & pray for your well-being. Our brave, handsome Abe!

As for life on the island, little has changed. But quiet & orderly is the way we prefer things! I wonder if we would recognize you after so many years, though I'm certain you'd recognize us—those few who remain, that is. It would mean a great deal to have a recent picture of you, if you've one to send. I've included a positively ancient snap of myself.

Emma misses you terribly. Won't you write to her?

With respect & admiration,

Headmistress Alma LeFay Peregrine

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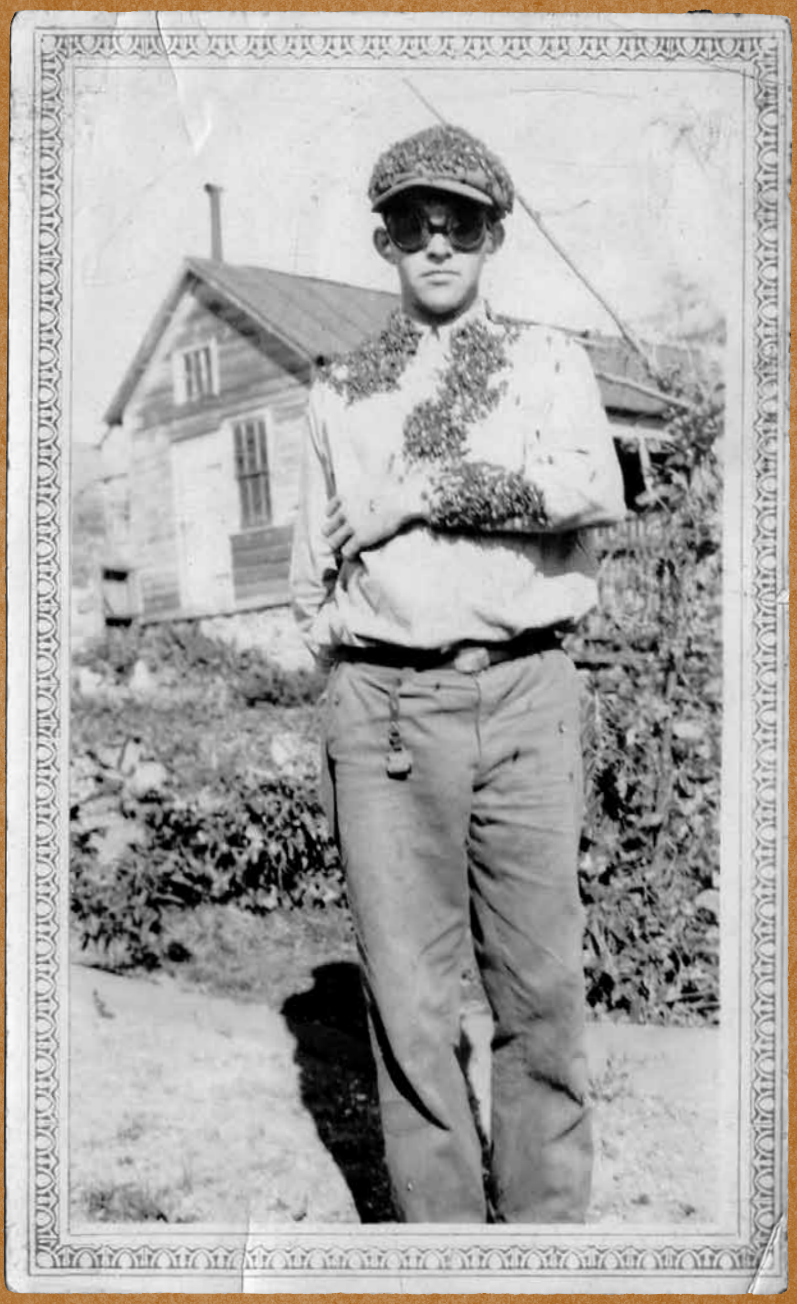

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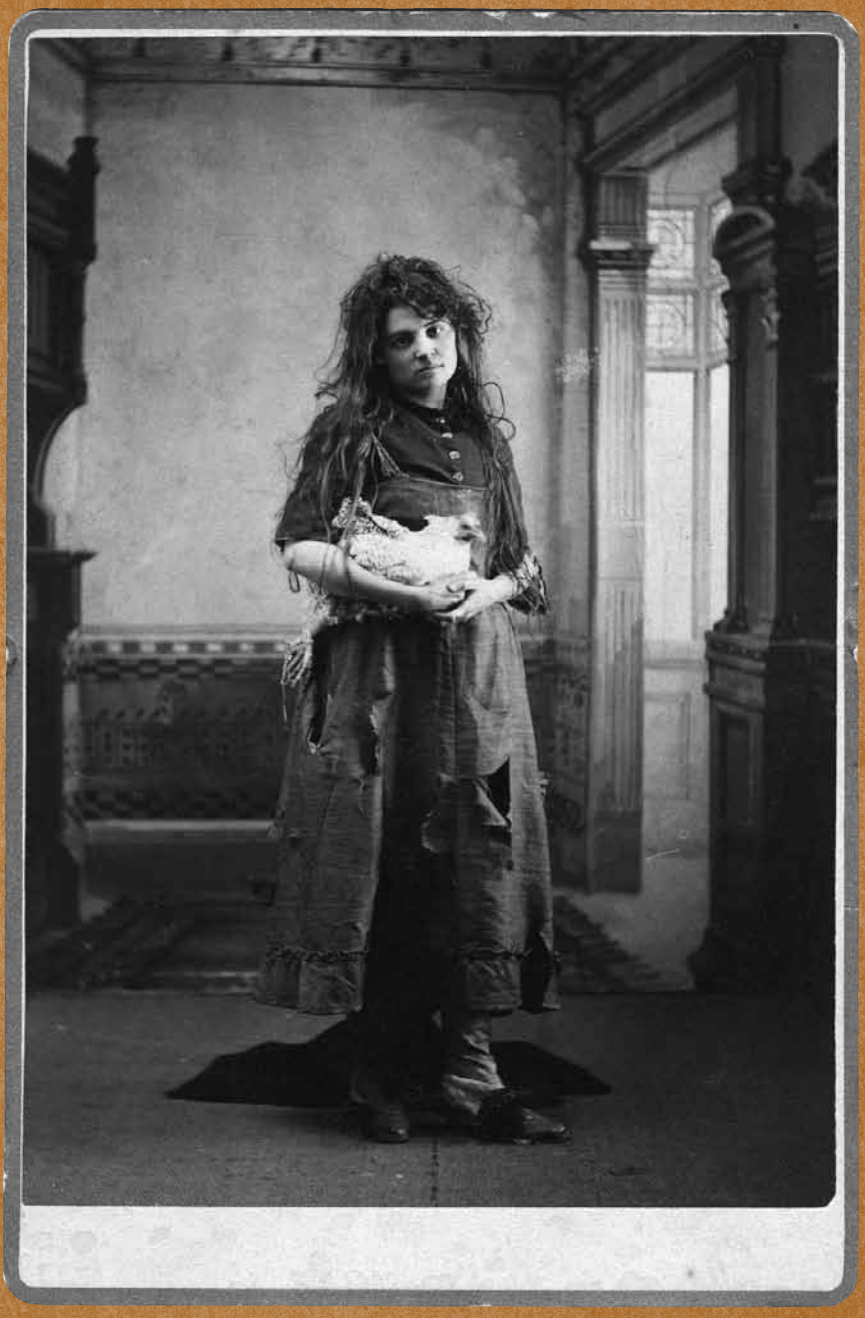

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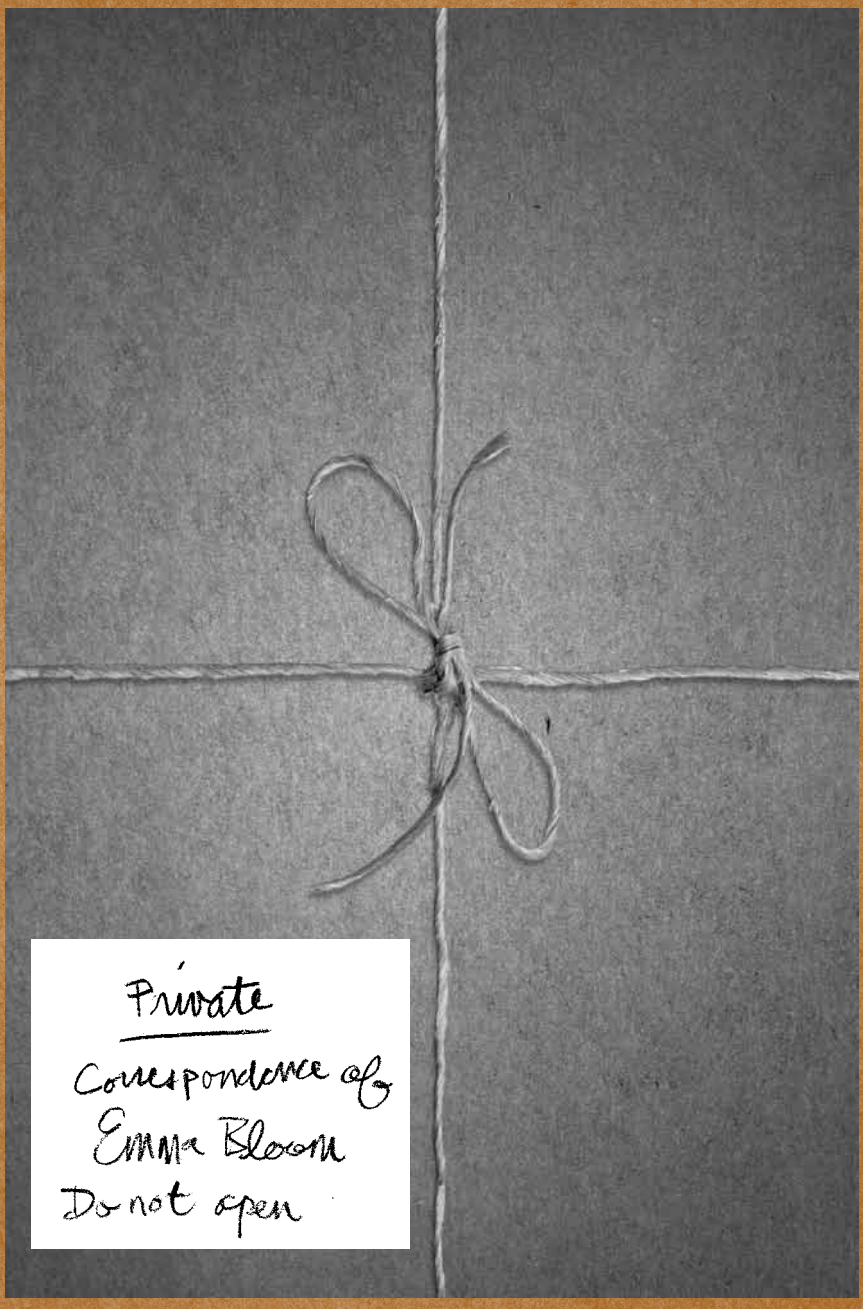

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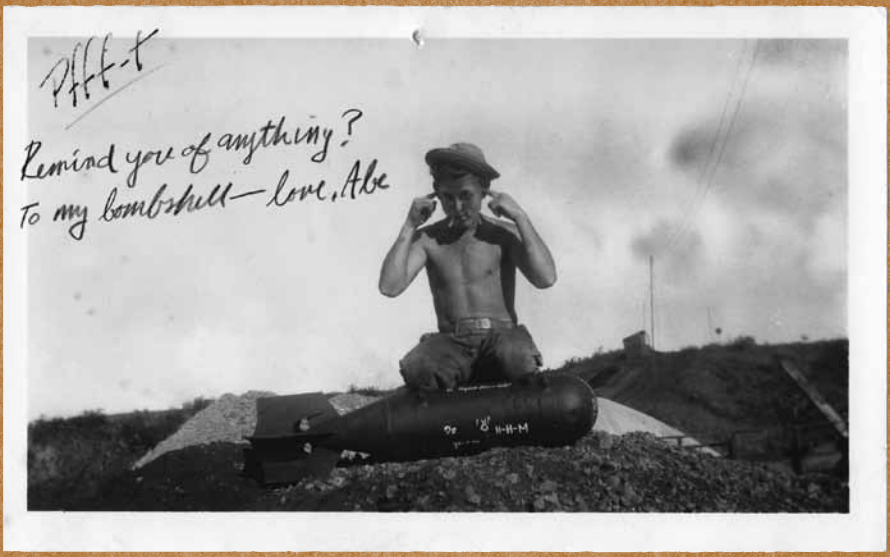

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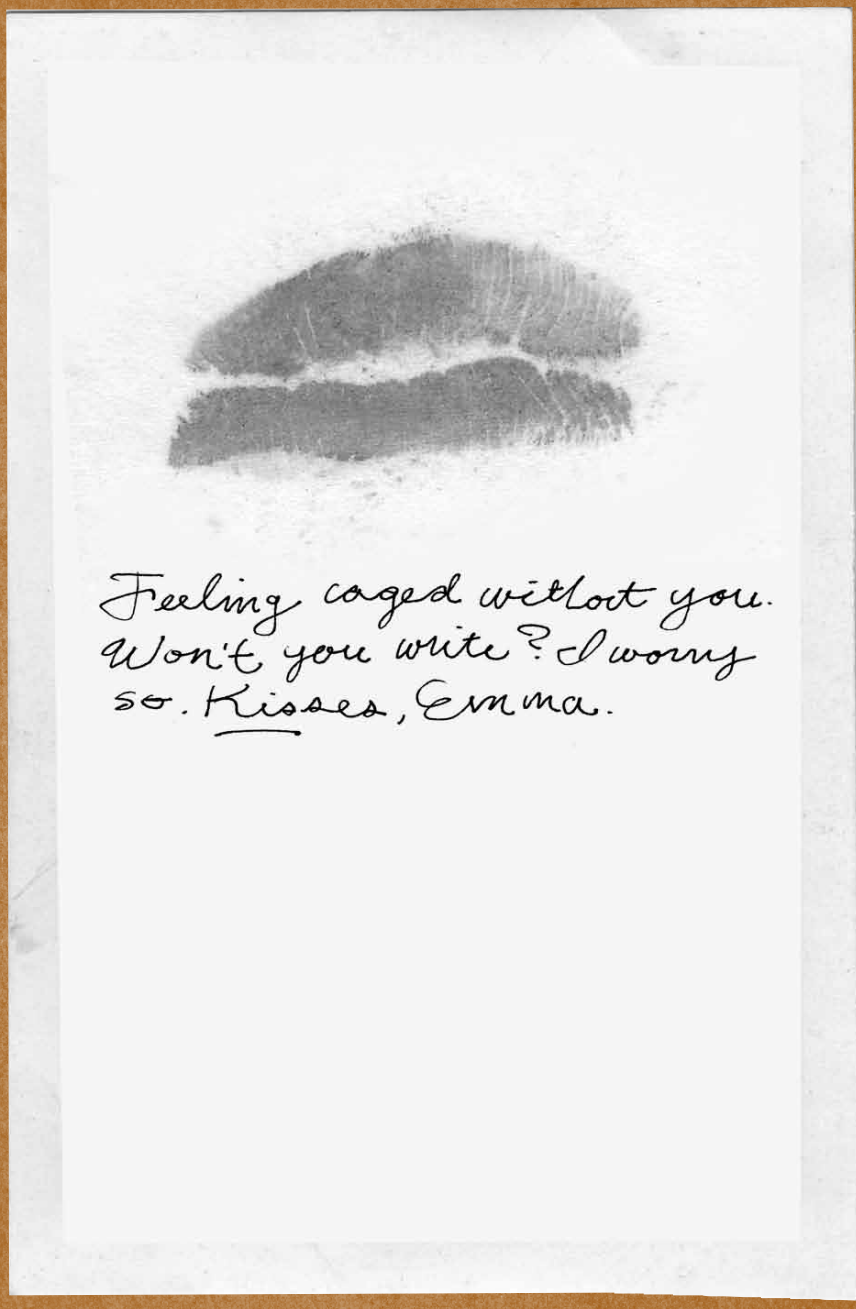
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Won't you write? I worry
so. Kisses, Emma.

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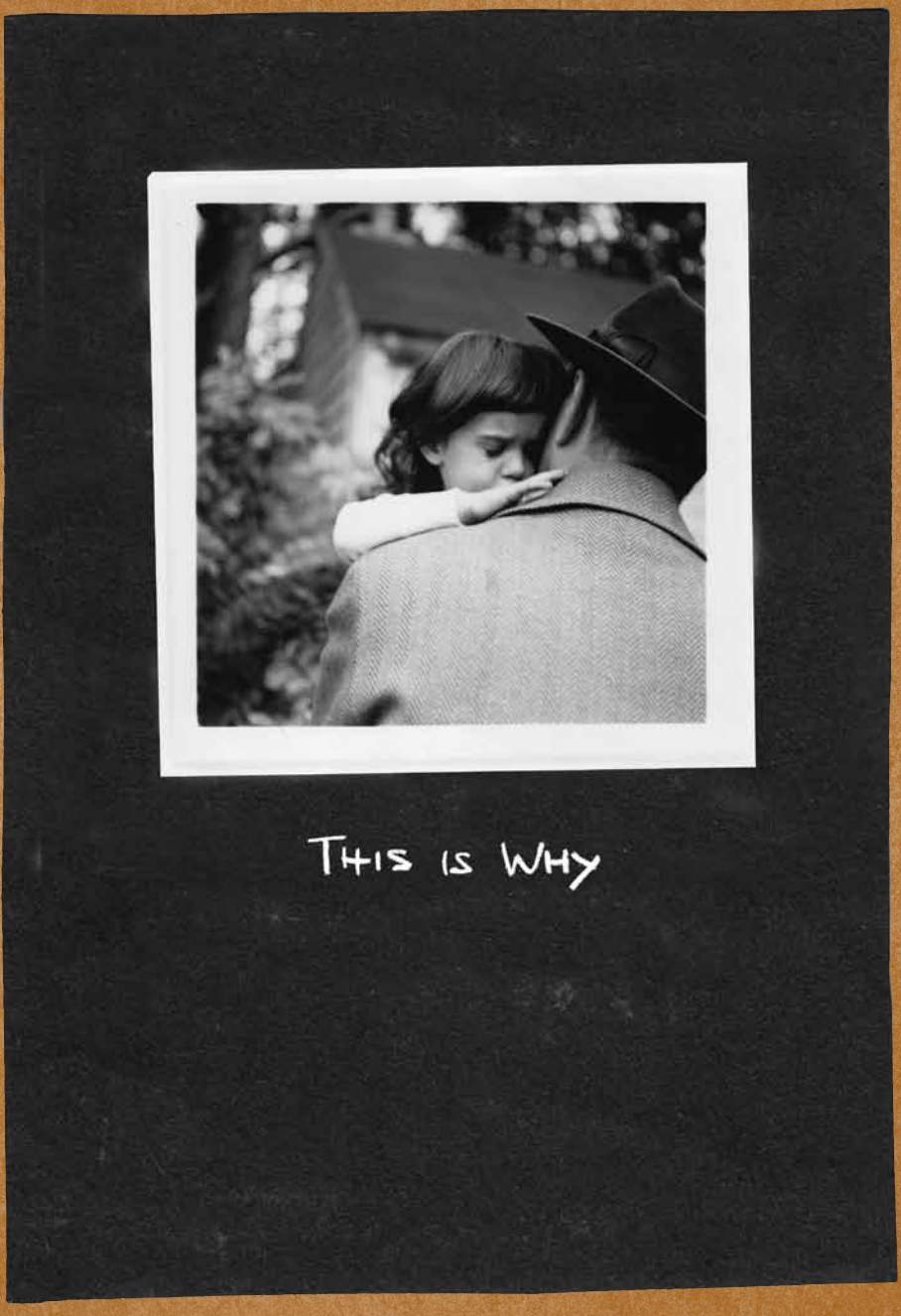
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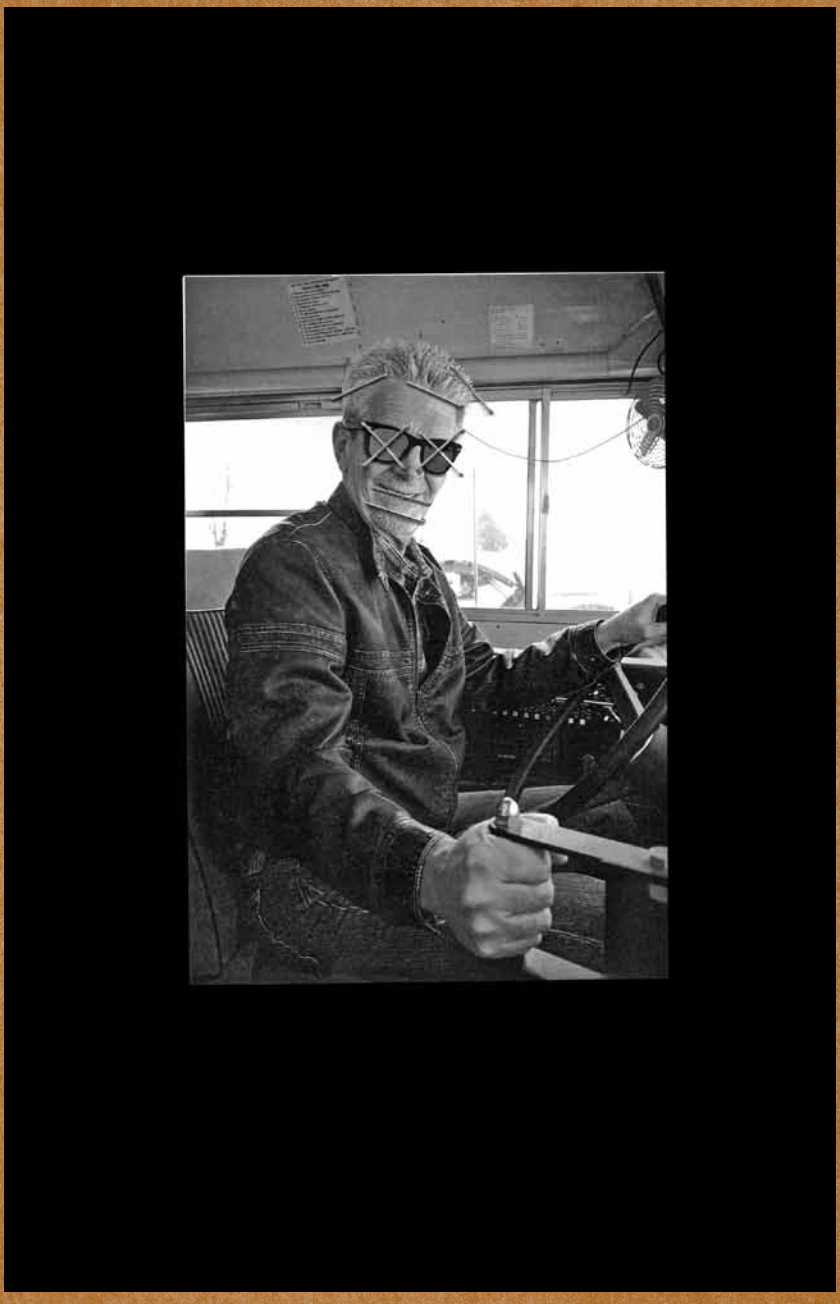

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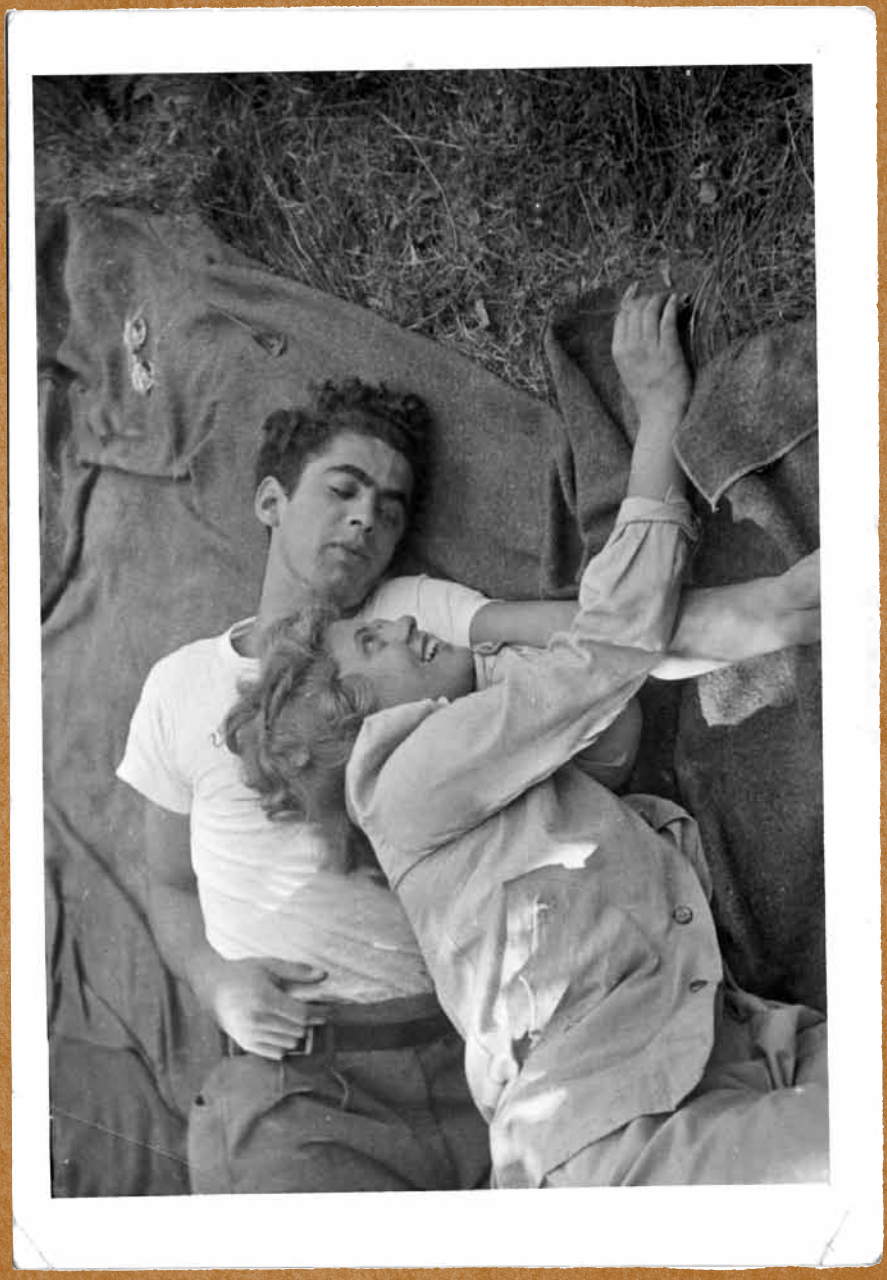


ABE AND EMMA

Dear Franklin,

It was a great pleasure meeting you. This is a photograph of your father and me taken when he lived here. I hope it will be sufficient to convince you that I am still among the living, and that Jacob's stories are no fantasy.

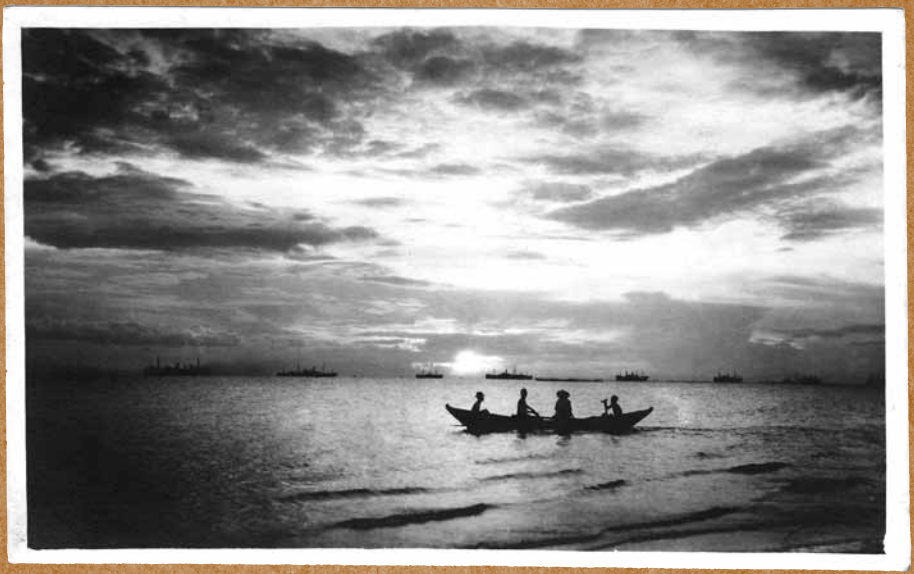
Jacob will be traveling with my friends and me for a time. We will keep one another as safe as anyone like us can be. One day, when the danger has passed, he will come back to you. You have my word.

Very sincerely yours,

Emma Bloom

P.S. I understand you may have discovered a letter I sent your father many years ago. It was inappropriate, and I assure you, unsolicited; he did not respond in kind. He was one of the most honorable men I have ever known.

EMMA'S LETTER TO JACOB'S DAD



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