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“Refugees are mothers, fathers,  
sisters, brothers, children, with the

same hopes and ambitions as

are  
us—except that a twist of fate has  
bound their lives to a global refugee

crisis on an unprecedented scale.”

people  
-Khaled Hosseini

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**Artist Statement:**

My name is Karinganire Umutesi, but I go by Umutesi. Growing up, I have always been interested in storytelling and business. I am a graphic designer, an illustrator, and a storyteller, and an entrepreneur who's also passionate about African Cultures. Growing up, I always found myself buying hundreds of sketchbooks and exploring my surroundings through drawing and illustration. What I love about graphic design is the power you get from it, for design can communicate to a large mass even if there are cultural, linguistic, or geographic differences. My goal is to use design as a gateway for people without a voice, to show their stories and their truth.

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Figure 1: Languages of Trees	Illustrator, 6 in x 9 in
Figure 2: Remember	Illustrator, 8 in x 11 in
Figure 3: Africa	Illustrator, 8 in x 9.7 in
4: We are not Numbers	Illustrator, 8 in x 11 in
Figure 5: Mental Health	Illustrator, 8 in x 11 in

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**Figure 1: Languages of Trees**



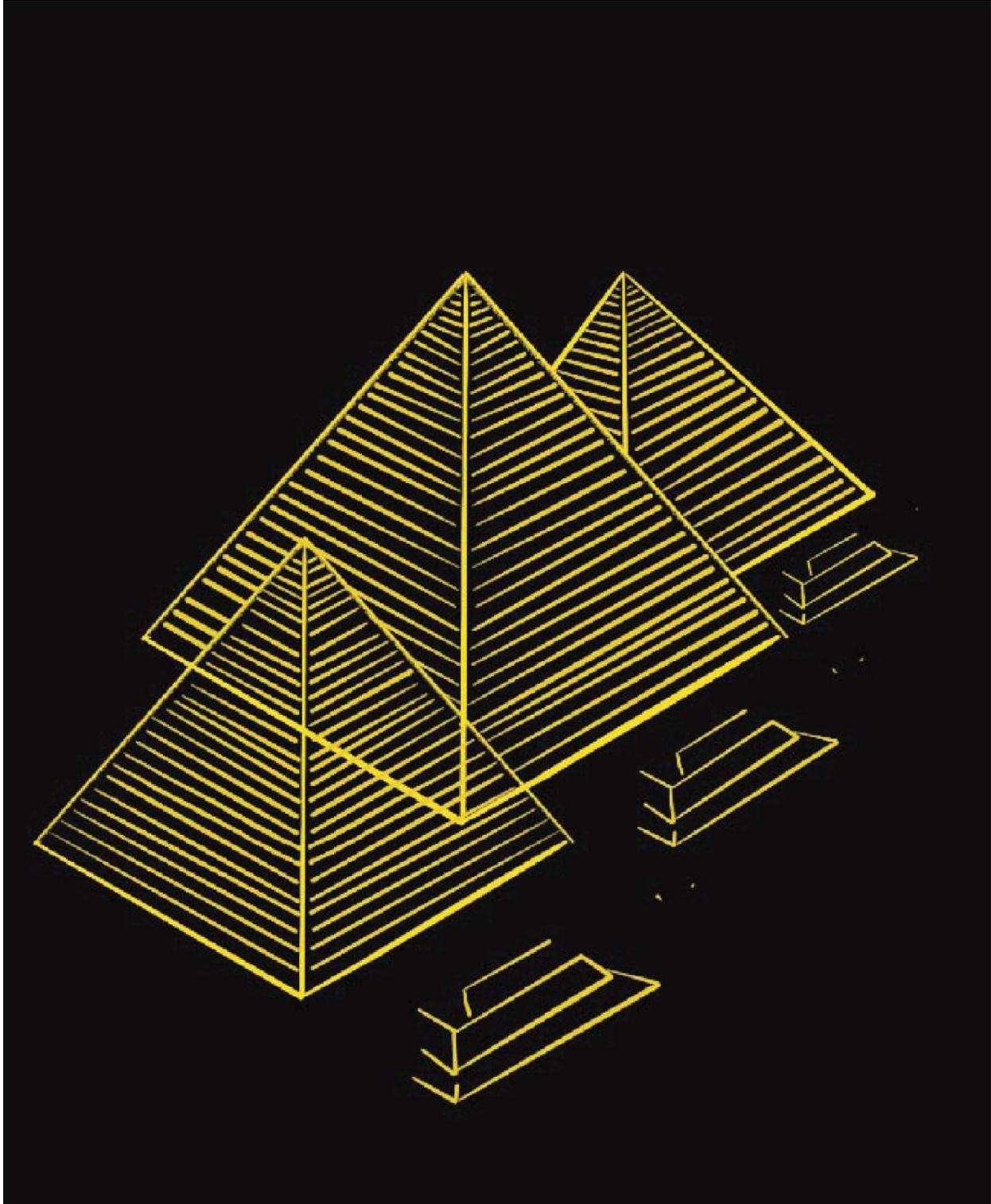
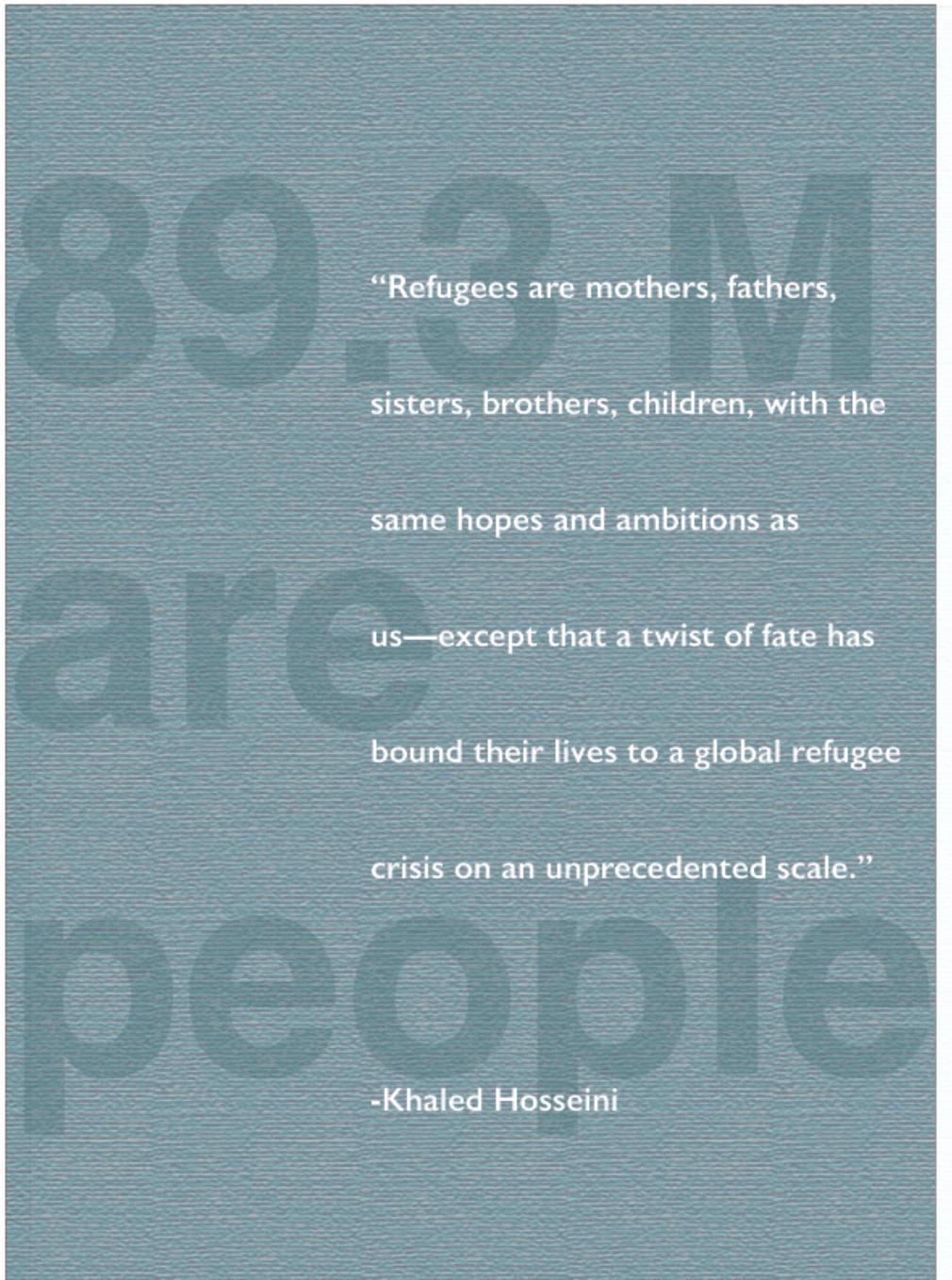
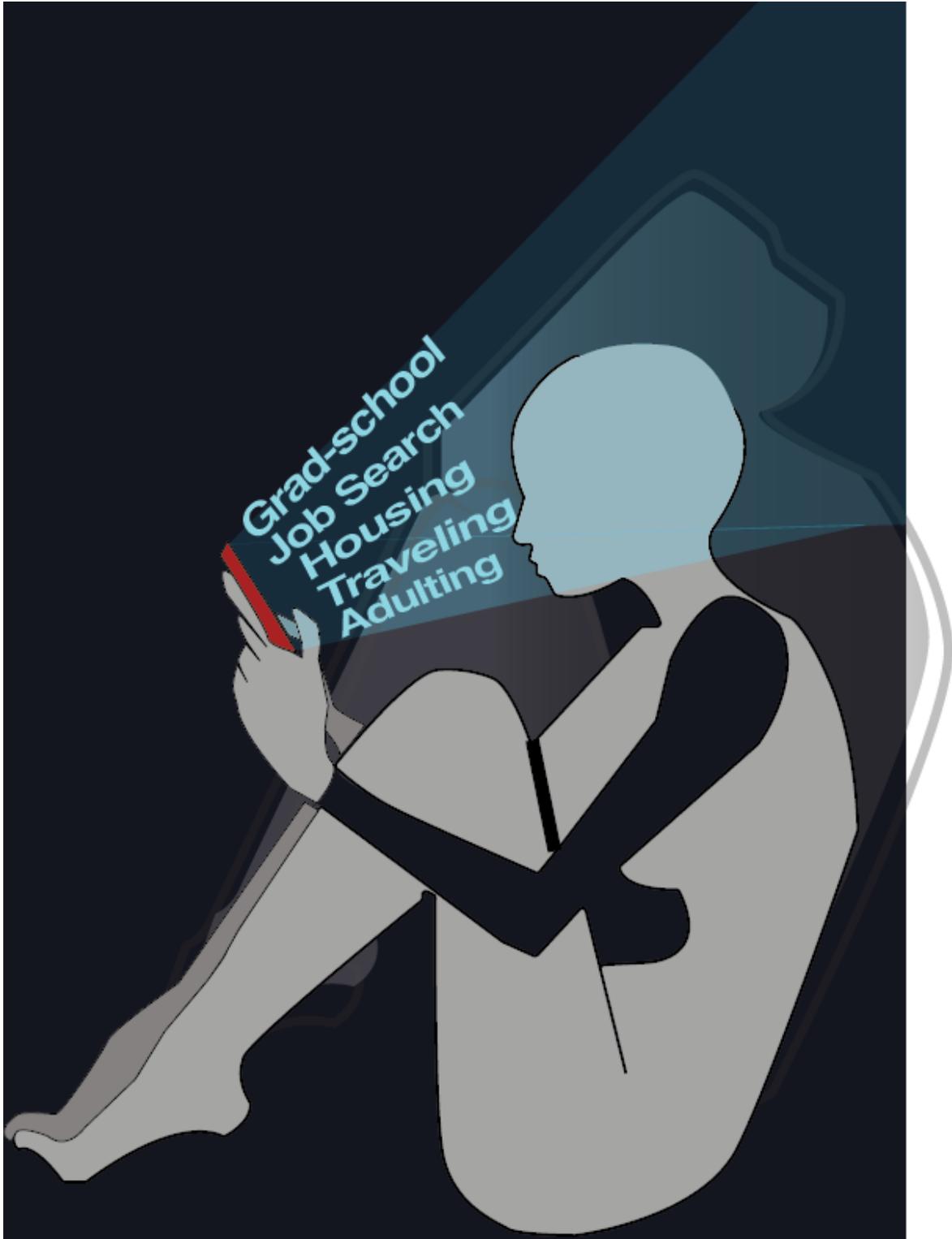


Figure 3: Africa



**Figure 4: We are not Numbers**



**Figure 5: Mental Health**