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# WHAT IS A PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT?



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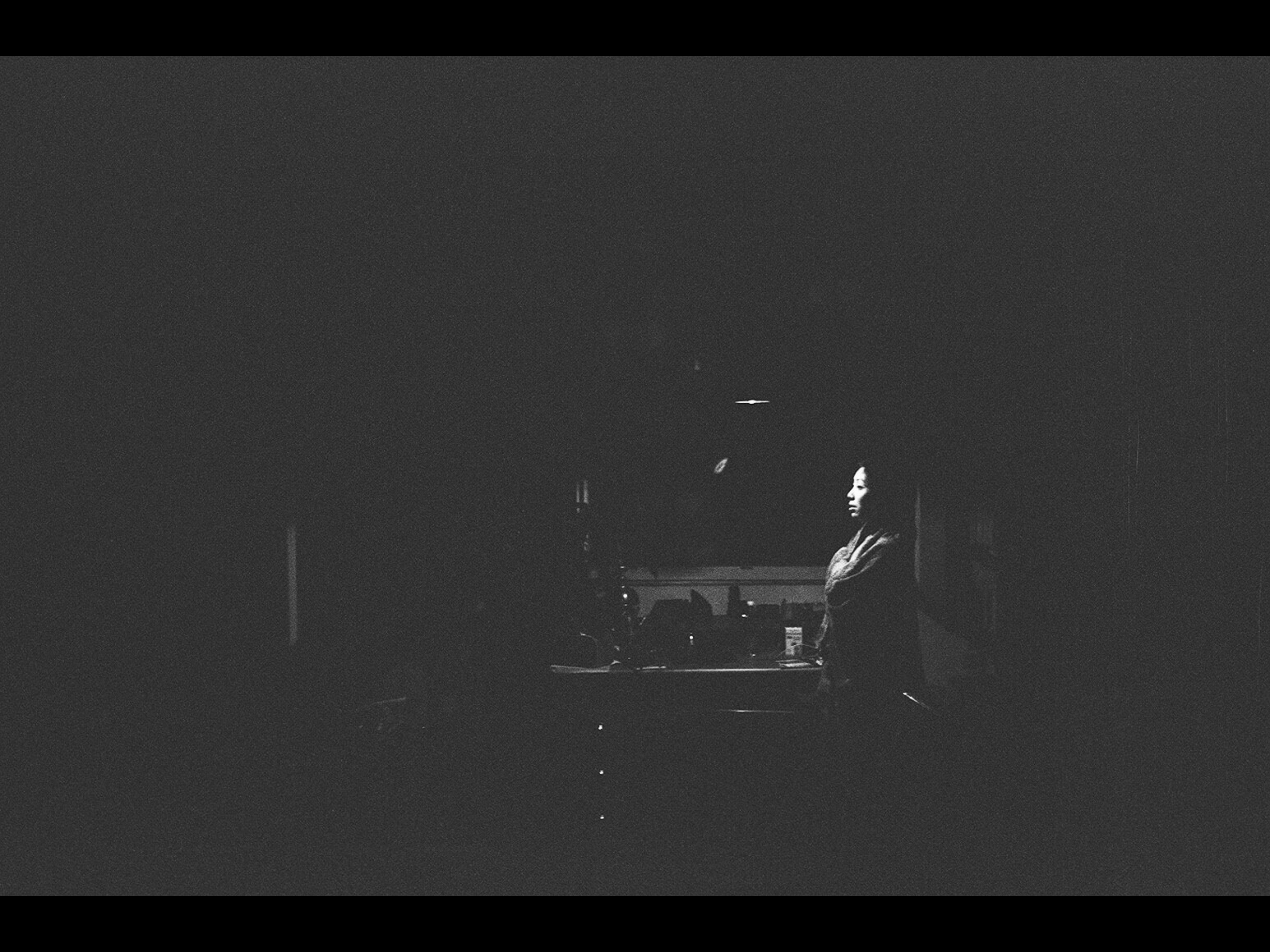






































My mom speaks a particular linguistic formula of Vietnamese:

Take two generations of refugees,

Multiply it by memory, nostalgia, and fierce loyalty,

Subtract contemporary Vietnamese *đổi mới* economic changes and Internet slang,

Add some Catholic guilt, supermarket advertisements, and renditions of American English.

And as a result, we have the language of 1990's Little Saigon, California:

We just moved here. = Tôi mới 'mu' (move) đây

You have a duty to your family. = Con có 'bổn phận' (obligation, citizen's official liabilities) với gia đình.

The market has a sale. 5 pounds of apples for 1 buck. = "Chợ đang có 'seo.' Năm 'paon' táo cho một 'bức.'

It's a familial language of living history.

It's a parental language to instill morality.

It's a mother's language of survival.

And it was the language that I was raised on. Words of sacrifice, duty, and reputation were words that guided my everyday.

But then I started to learn a new language at school. Other rules, speech patterns, and ideals.

New authority figures that did not look like my parents.

"Good job!"

"You can be whoever you want to be."

"Everyone is different, Cindy has a flat nose."

"You plagiarized, your English essay is too good."

And classmates who were supposed to be something called

"You are a Communist."

And I would say, "No I'm not. I came to America on a boat."

And then everyone would laugh.

A different set of pronouns and names governed existence.

My chosen name 'Cindy.' At home I was a child with affection.

Often than not, you would find me in trouble. I was sent to my

thinking about my sins. At that time I was named Kim.

I never questioned if I was 'fluent' in English until that grade parent-teacher conference, when

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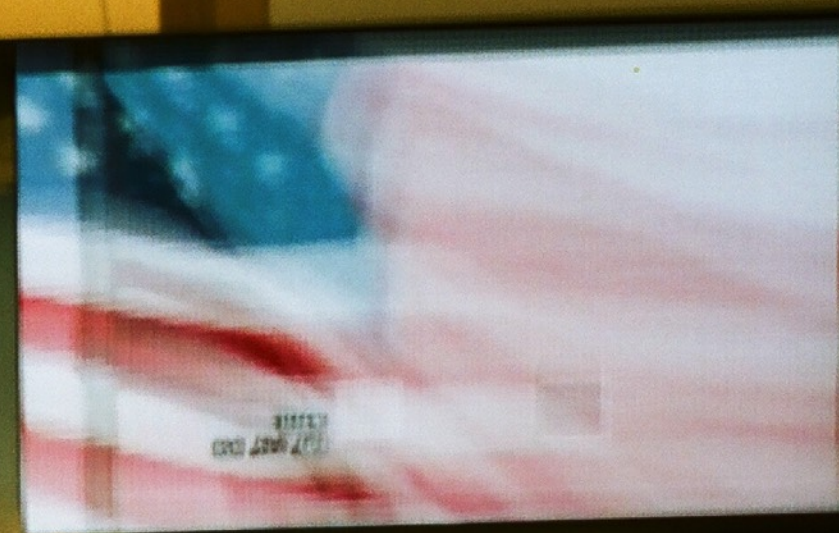






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