



The Scrapbook

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**A collage collection from the tourism
archives of photography artist, Folu
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**Available as canvas prints
Editions of 3**

**Dedicated to my family and friends that
have become family.**

You Are A Creation Story



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This piece is a reminder to everyone that they are a creation story. As much as we are part of the greater cosmic dance, orchestrated by supreme beings, is the same way we play an active role in weaving our own realities. Themes of the Yoruba creation story are present in the chain and the chickens and spiral symbols at the center, the rose and the snail shell talk about the infinite knowledge and capabilities we possess as grounded and divine beings.

Element Key

Basket weaver from [Lekki Arts Market](#), Lagos

Tree roots from [Olumo Rock](#), Abeokuta

Vibrancy in Youth



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Sometimes I get flashbacks of a much simpler time. A time when the only worries I had were where to play football and which tree to climb. These flashbacks, carried with me everywhere, provide the fuel for today's efforts and I pray we never forget the things that make life so vibrant.

Element Key

Feris Wheel from Trans Amusement Park, Ibadan
Boys on the beach, Ilashe, Lagos

Beauty In The Mundane



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A small reminder to take pleasure and observe the beauty in the simple and mundane things in our lives. Being able to slow down and be fully present open our eyes up to the things we possess rather than the things we lack, a very important trait for building a gratitude mindset.

Element Key

Girls and shack from Irefin Palace, Ibadan

Ceramic pots from Dada Pottery Village, Ilorin

Ode to Osun



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In honor of the Yoruba Orisha of femininity, abundance and nurturing, this collage depicts my idea of the different ways Osun impacts our daily lives. By being a conduit of vitality, she flows through our rivers, trees and animals, and passes that vitality to us for nourishment of our body and souls.

Element Key

Mother and child from Ojude Oba Festival, Ijebu Ode
Osun River from Emerald Forest Reserve, Oyo-Osun boarder
Birds from Greenfingers Conservatory, Sangotedo, Lagos
Fish from Tarkwa Bay, Lagos
Osun Statue from Osun-Osogbo Sacred Grove

Barka De Sallah



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To celebrate one of our Muslim holidays, this collage was assembled to display the piety and discipline the Islamic faith has taught me. Though not a Muslim, I've learned a lot through Muslim friends and family and there is a special sense of reverence about the faith which I apply to my daily life.

Element Key

Kobiti Mosque from Abeokuta

Central floating man from Eid prayer ground, Offa

Men prepping ram for slaughter from K-AIR residency, Ibadan

Girl praying the Quran from Pinterest

The Christian Path



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Growing up Christian, I had always struggled with the version of the religion I had experienced here in Nigeria. Perhaps I am/was too critical, but it opened my eyes to the corruption of human beings that sully the religion. I am learning now to separate the man from the God, and rediscovering the bright, beautiful and lessons the faith handed to me.

Element Key

Priest from the Dominican Chapel, Ibadan

Building is the CSS Bookshop, Obafemi Awolowo Way, Ibadan

To Love Is To Set Free



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My experience with love has taught me many things but the most important is that if you love something you set it free. Like a bird, you do not cage it, like a flower, you do not cut it from its stems, and like a woman, just do what she says.

Element Key

Woman frying puff puff from Offa, Kwara State

Flowers from the Botanical Garden, Ibadan

Bird silhouette from The Hinderer House, Ibadan

Nature Is The Brightest Idea



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In my times of unease and confusion, spending time in nature has been a vital activity for providing clarity. A short walk, a picnic, a hike or a camping trip, can be the key to much needed illumination in our lives and will always be my brightest idea in times of haze.

Element Key

Light bulb from Bolivar, Lagos

Flower from Botanical Garden, UI, Ibadan

Everything Is Connected



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We often forget that the metaphysical segment of reality, the one that reminds us about our deep connection to all things in the universe and I like to depict that in the abstract shape of the ___ flower and the different animals i have met on my journey.

Element Key

flower - The Botanical Garden, UI, Ibadan

Animals - UI Zoo, Dominican Chapel, Greenfingers

Conservatory, Polo Club, Python Temple, Yatch Club

Protest For The Ocean



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It begets constant reminding, that our actions as human beings affect every other life on the planet, and in this one I'm speaking to the human habits and situations that affect ocean life. Waste products especially plastic, oil ventures, overfishing, we need to pay attention to.

Element Key

Fisherman and Lighthouse from Lighthouse beach/ Tarkwa Bay, Lagos

Turtle from Lagos Yacht Club

Oil Ship from Lighthouse beach

Do Uncomfortable Things



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Nothing good comes from staying in our comfort zones. Have those hard but healthy conversations, tackle your biggest fears and climb your steepest obstacles!

Element Key

Woman hugging from Egungun Festival 2023, Ibadan

Let Me Help You Fix That



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Not at a detriment to yourself, but whenever you are able to lend a hand to someone in need, you should. That ‘insignificant’ act of kindness causes ripple effects that could supercharge someone else’s day.

Element Key

Mechanic from Lagos-Ibadan expressway

Flower from Our Home Studio, Ibadan

Drummers from Ijakadi Festival, Offa

Olumo Rock, Abeokuta

Iyan Cosmic



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With every pound of the mortar, ancient ripples from daily rituals (such as making food) ripple through time. We mirror the hands of our ancestors, stirring cosmic wavelengths that shape both past and future. These traditions are like our stars, guiding us, flowing into the rhythm of the modern world, reminding us that the pulse of heritage is forever woven into our lives.

Element Key

Women pounding yam from Shooting Stars Buka, Ibadan
Rocks from Emerald Forest Reserve, Osun/Ibadan Border
Coconut trees from IITA, Ibadan

Time Doesn't Wait



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Using the petals of the ___ flower as a natural clock, I emphasize the value of hard work. The slow and steady daily grind that is involved in building solid foundations is often more rewarding than shortcuts so everyday counts. No matter how small, do it everyday.

Element Key

Flower from Lakowe Lakes Golf Resort, Lagos
Clocktower at Trenchard Hall, UI, Ibadan

Sun, Clay and Nostalgia



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Distant but familiar, near but out of reach, sometimes it's there like nostalgia, sometimes "oh what was he trying to preach"?

Element Key

Girl looking left from Olojo Festival, Ile-Ife

Architecture from Salami Agbaje property, Beere, Ibadan

Flowers from K-AIR, Ibadan

Words With Friends



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We celebrate the moments that root us. Through the laughter, the shared stories, the timeless games, we build bonds as strong as the trees that stand tall behind us. We find pockets of joy in our friendships, the simple interactions creating avenues for the deepest memories.

Element Key

Men playing Ayo from Osun Festival, Osogbo
Tree from Idere hills, Oyo State

A Celebration Of Music



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Music is my bridge to different realms and states of consciousness. Every beat, every note, takes me on a journey beyond the ordinary, and connects me with depths buried in my tradition and the infinite possibilities of my soul.

Element key

Men drumming and dancing from Osun Festival, Osogbo

Bridge from Osun Grove, Osogbo

Drums from Ijakadi Festival in Offa, Kwara State

Goats Playing Chess



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Goats playing chess is inspired by the beautiful game and the lovely chess stories being shared by organizations such as chess in slums. Thanks to chess.com, a simple chess app, I've picked up the game again and I play with my friends. Goats because along with their stubbornness required for the game, they seem to have deeper wisdom than we can understand.

Element Key

Goats from all over South West Nigeria
Landscape is Agbele hill, Igbeti, Oyo State

Feeding The Machine



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A reflection on how we consume and exploit both natural and man-made resources without thought for tomorrow. In this piece, I explore the consequences of this cycle, where the actions of today create cracks that future generations fall through. We must reconsider what we're feeding and the impact it leaves behind.

Element Key

Oba Akenzua Cultural Centre, Benin City

Woodcutter is a member of the Bronze guild, Benin City

Buldozer, Benin City

Small Boy Big Quest



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Element Key

Goats from all over SW Nigeria

Landscape is Wonderland Twin Peaks, Abuja, FCT

For Beatrice, Florence and Matriarchs Unseen



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It's getting harder to remember their faces, so every time I can, I immortalize a little bit more of them. They were the strongest women I've known but I find it problematic when we equate strength to how much one can endure. Strength is not just about what we bear, but also in our tenderness, our care, and our ability to create. I want to honor them not for what they survived, but for how they lived, loved, and shaped the world around them in ways that often go unnoticed.

Element Key

Ransome Kuti Heritage Museum, Abeokuta

Woman is an Osun devotee from Osun Sacred Grove

The Kids Will Be Fine



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