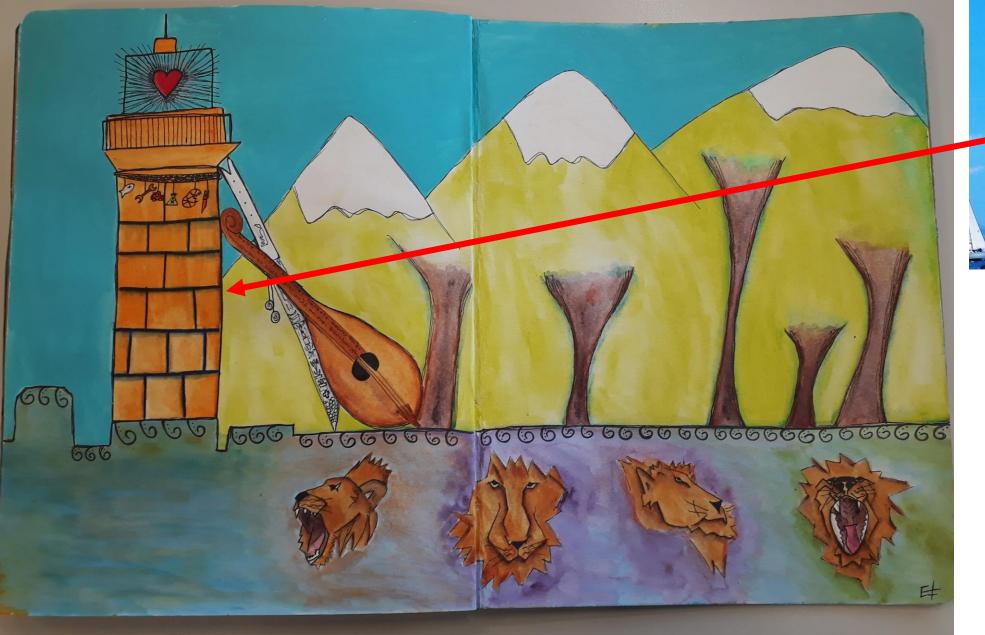




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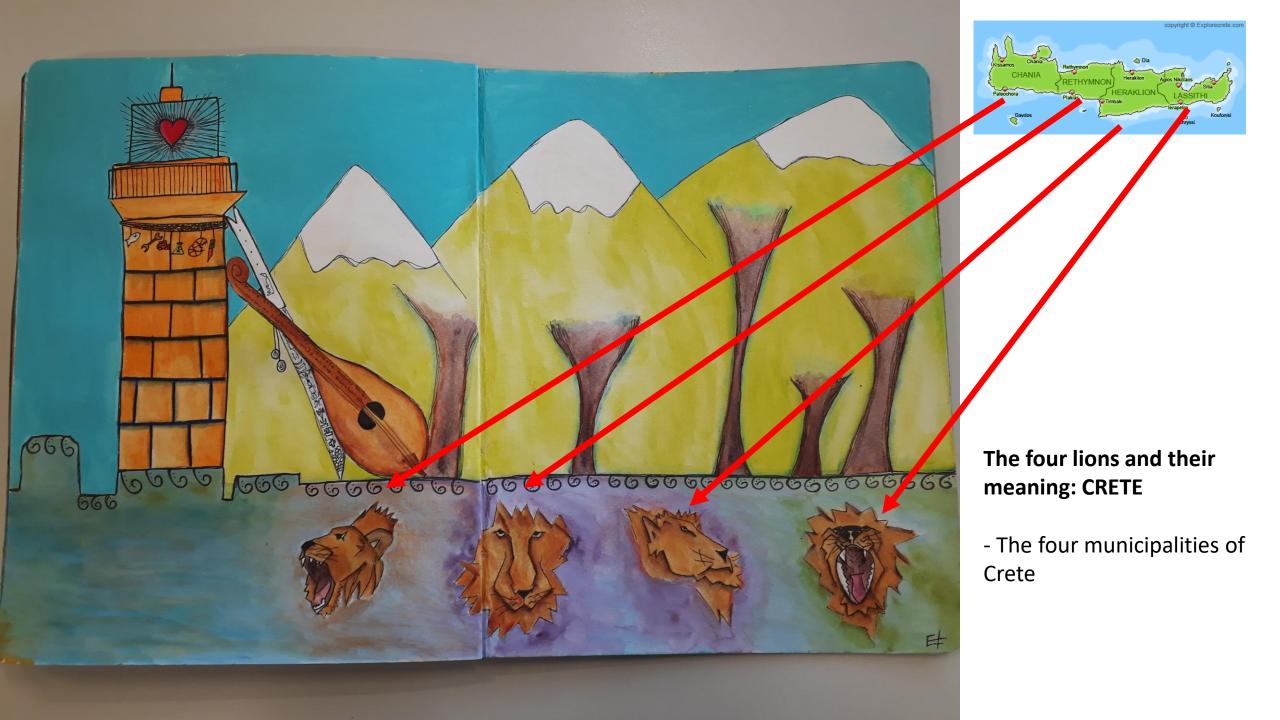


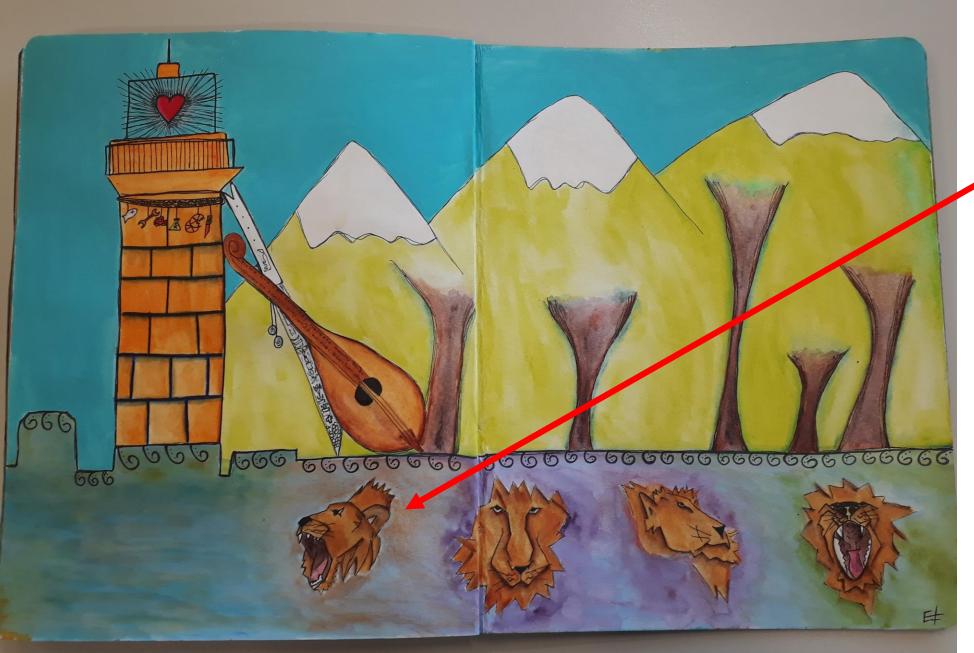


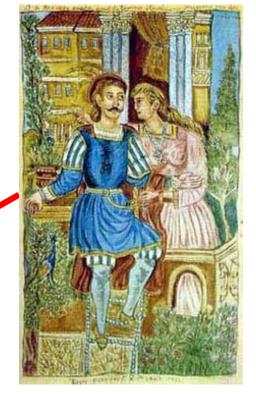


The pharos of Chania

My favorite place in my home town and the dominant item in my map

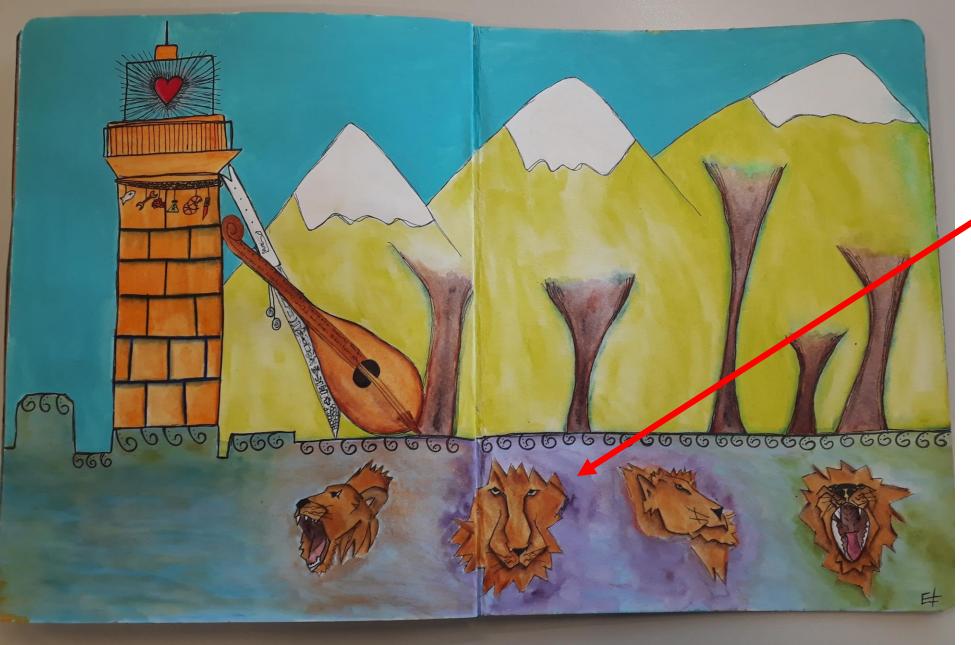






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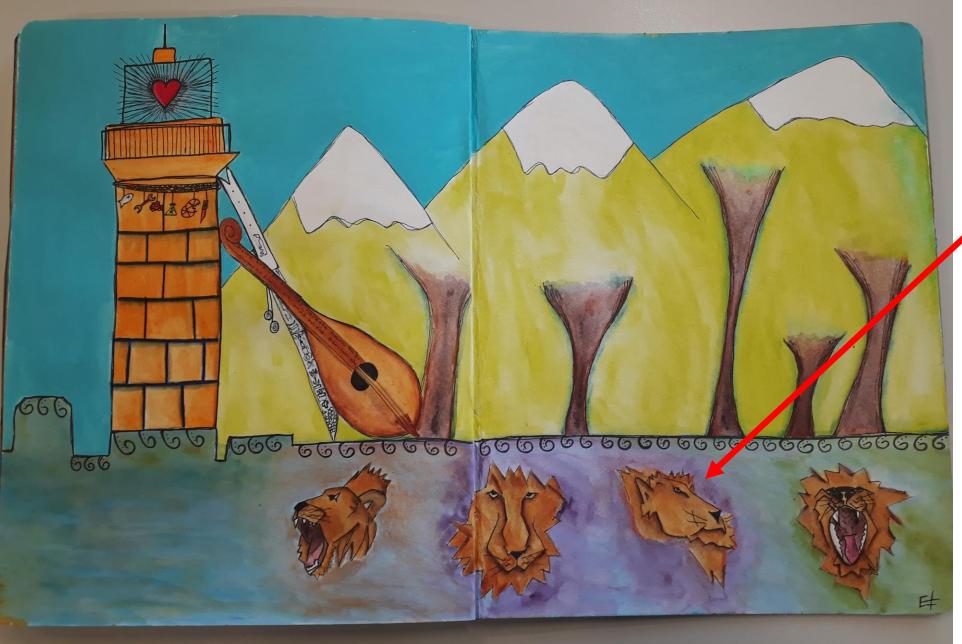
-**Spitholiontas**: A hero from the famous Cretan poem "Erotokritos" and a nickname my dad had given me when I was little.





The four lions and their meaning: PLACES OF CRETE AND PLACES I'VE LIVED IN

-Heraklion: Where I lived for 5 years as a student. We used to spend a lot of time on that square!





The four lions and their meaning: CRETANS

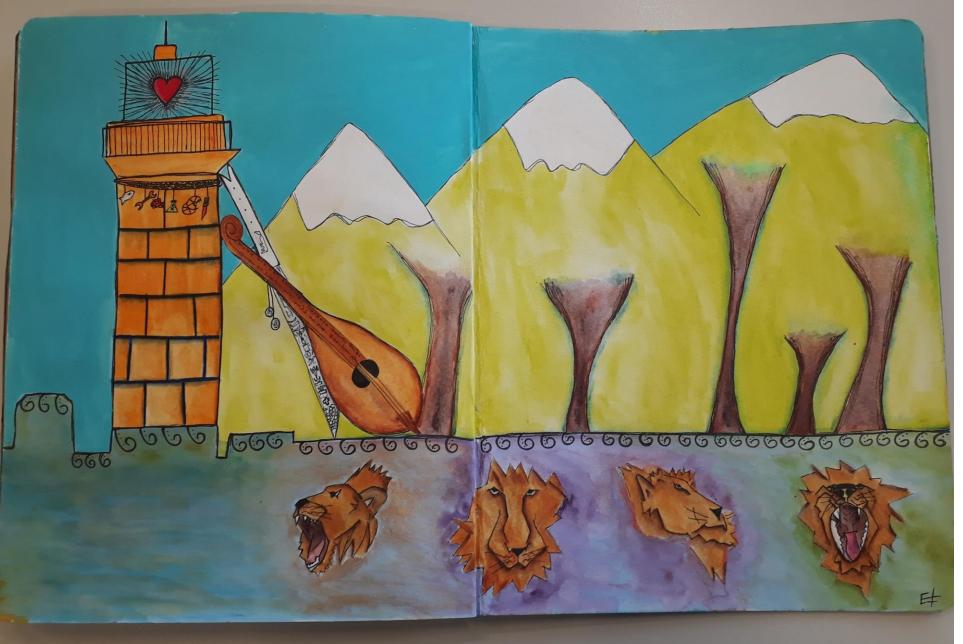
-The brave and proud Cretans. Spiros Kagiales is a famous example.





The four lions and their meaning: PLACES OF CRETE AND MEMORIES

-The lions at the square of the village 'Spili'. My family and I always stopped for launch there on our way to summer vacation.





Lefka Ori

The dominant mountains of Lefka Ori (also the view from our kitchen window)





Cretan Gorges

Crete has hundreds of gorges. They are everywhere and they are great opportunities for hicking which I love. I bungy jumped from Aradaina gorge twice!

My gorges also look like trees without leaves because in Crete, mountains don't have many trees. They are bare often because of fires and goats.

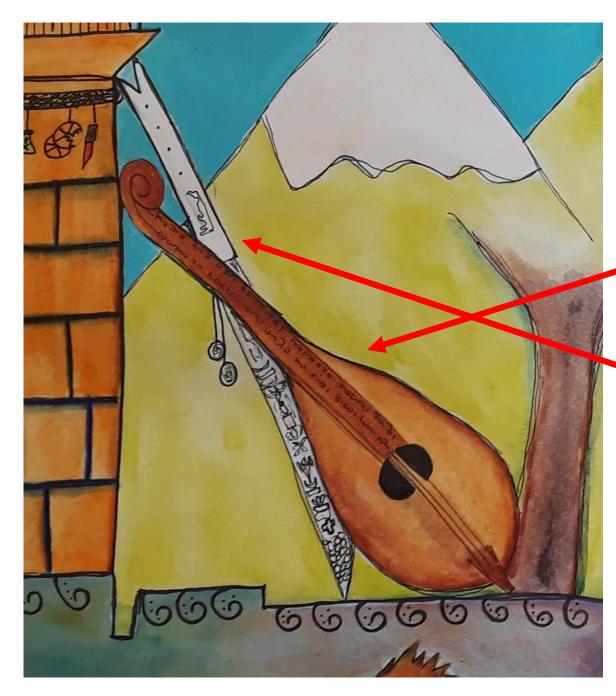


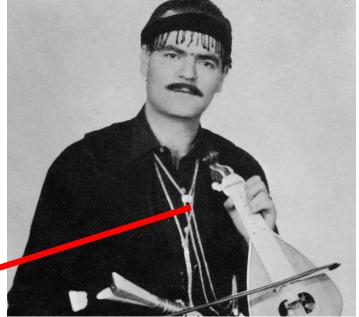




Sariki:

Sariki is part of the Cretan traditional costume. According to tradition, the fringes are 'tears' for Crete and all that it has endured. A sariki is wrapped around my pharos. My 'tears' for Crete are the things I believe are now plaguing my island: Champions in cars accidents, extensive use of guns, extensive use of pesticides, bad infrastructures and more.







Cretan Lyra

Crete has a rich tradition, including songs, dances and 'mantinades' (short rimes that singers make up on the spot). Lyra is the most famous local music instrument. My lyra's strings are a short rime.

Cretan knife

I replaced my lyra's bow with a Cretan knife which represents the Cretans fighting for their freedom over the centuries. The two of them represent the strong bond between Cretan tradition and Crete's history of wars.

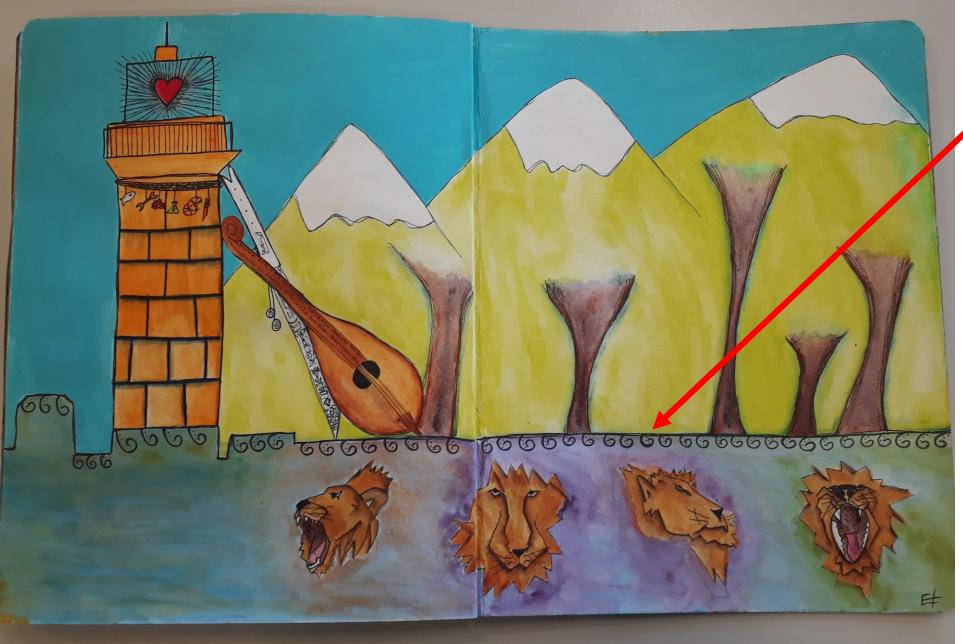
I'd rather live on the mountains as king than on the plains as a servant.... I look at the world from above and it all belongs to me.





Cretan Hospitality

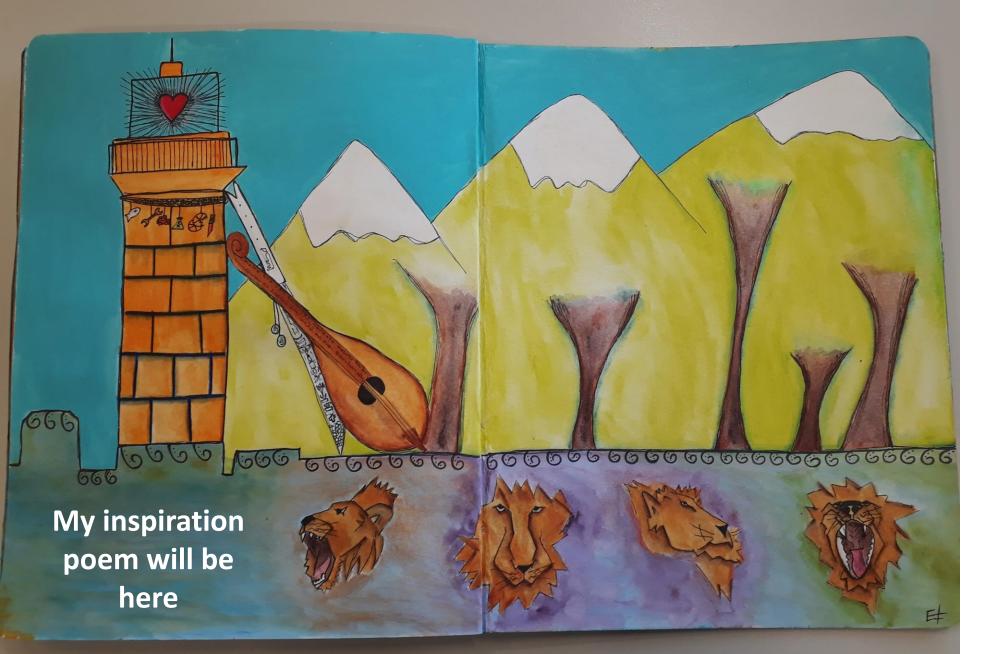
Cretan's are famous for their hospitality (sometimes to the point of being notorious!) This is the beacon of old and contemporary Crete.





Minoan Crete

The swirls and the dominant blue color are a reference to Minoan Crete.



Adding to my map

Pharos Bricks

The bricks come together to build the Pharos. Likewise, my ideas will help me build a better future for my island.

Thus, I've kept the Pharos' bricks big as during the activities I plan to add ideas there for tackling the problems of the island.

Gorges

Gorges are hard to walk. There I will add stories of experiences/situations that were hard to go through but helped us be better.