INKTOBER

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UNCOVERED (WRITTEN FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF AN ARTIFACT)

I've been sitting here

for awhile

used for something

different

than they

think.

If I had a voice

I'd give it away

tell them

what I am

why I am

but I don't.

Hopefully one day

they'll happen

on the

truth.

Otherwise

no one will ever know

the truth

my truth.

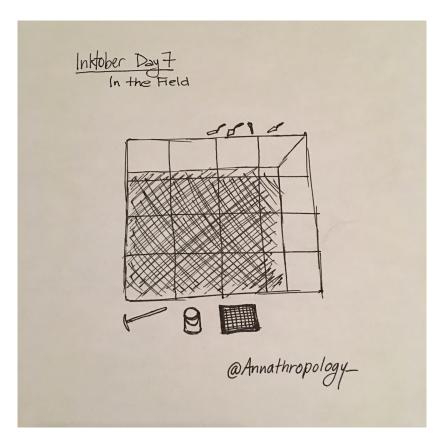


Figure 1: In the Field



Figure 2: In the Lab

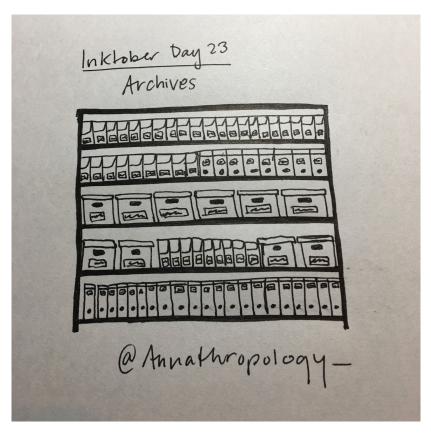


Figure 3: In the Archives

TROWEL

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Trowel
                short
               handle
               to hold
               have to
               get this
              right. Do
              not mess
               up. Be
               careful
               not to
               disturb
               what is
             there with
                your
                tool
                 we
                 do
                 not
                want
             to mess up
        the past. Be careful
with what you are doing. Slow and
steady. Yet fast enough to utilize the
  limited amount of time we have
    been given. Everywhere we
        use these tools to the
        best of our abilities.
         To find cool stuff.
            Cool objects.
             Cool shit.
                Cool.
                Shit.
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Figure 4: This is my drawing of the Venus of Willendorf. The figurine was found near Willendorf in Lower Austria in 1908 by archaeologist Josef Szombathy and is believed to have come from 22,000 to 24,000 BCE. Although generally thought to be quite large, it is actually only about eleven centimeters tall. It is made from oolithic limestone and is tinted with red ochre. It is considered to be a work of art and it is thought to have a function related to fertility.



Figure 5: This drawing of a camera represents the fact that archaeology and anthropology are increasingly becoming more digital fields. Visual anthropology, the study of ethnographic film, is on the rise and archaeologists are increasingly using more and more digital tools to study sites and help with preservation.