

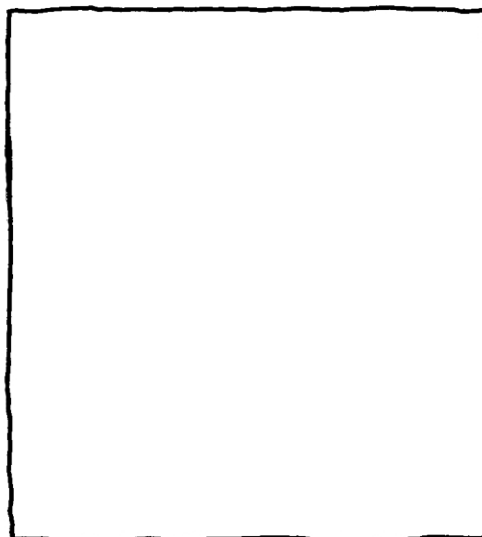
"Negative space takes an ability to 'see' something that is not there - and to provide a new form for what is there." - LEITH NANCE

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Drawing Exercise #8

NOTICE NEGATIVE SHAPES



Negative shapes or spaces are the areas *between and around* a subject. (In the case of the image above, the "sky" makes up the negative shapes.) Paying more attention to negative shapes is a valuable tool to help you draw things accurately. Redraw the branches in the box, right, paying close attention to the negative shapes!

CRACK THE CODE

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B - 2	K - 11	T - 20
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— Dyan Law