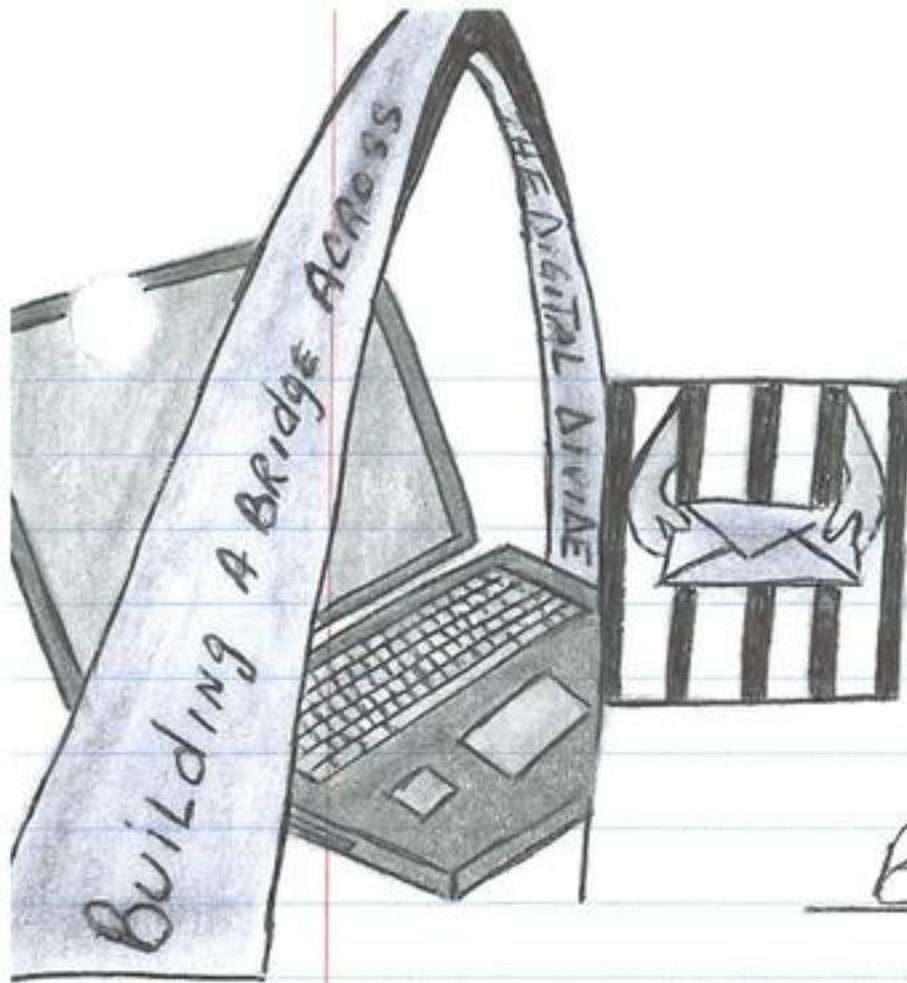


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Between The Bars

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BROKEN CHAINS

TODAY YOU'VE EARNED SOMETHING MUCH, MUCH MORE,
THAN THE DIPLOMA YOU'LL RECEIVE FOR YOUR SHEET.
YOU'VE BROKEN SOME CHAINS, AND OPENED A DOOR,
SIMPLY BECAUSE - YOU BELIEVED IN YOUR SELF.

YOU'VE PROVEN THAT YOU WERE SMART ENOUGH,
TO SET A GOAL AND THEN WORK TO REACH IT.
YOU DID NOT QUIT WHEN THE GOING GOT TOUGH,
THAT WAS YOUR STRENGTH - NO ONE COULD TEACH IT.

THAT STRENGTH WAS ALWAYS INSIDE OF YOU,
BUT IN THE PAST, PERHAPS MISDIRECTED.
I PRAY FROM NOW ON IT WILL CARRY YOU,
BEYOND THOSE WALLS THAT WERE ONCE ERECTED.

THROUGH THAT OPEN DOOR, BEYOND THE 'RAZOR WIRE'
THAT ONCE LIMITED YOUR MOBILITY.
DARE TO KEEP DREAMING, AND REACHING HIGHER,
ONLY YOU CAN LIMIT YOUR ~~ability~~ **ability**.

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