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Abstract: This was made during a time I was greatly insecure about my life and my impact on the people around me. My bearded dragon died of impaction during the creation of this art piece; his death was most likely caused by me feeding him dried food at his old age. The passing made me think of how I took care of and treated everything in my life; I would blame myself for every shortcoming that would happen to my loved ones, no manner how minor, and would take it personally. It wouldn’t be until recently with the help of my brother, that I would realize that those I love and take care of remain loved even if it’s not perfect. This piece is what I would think of from a past of grief and insecurity, the whirlwind-like patterns in a void of black and white, perfection and imperfection, without a shade of gray.