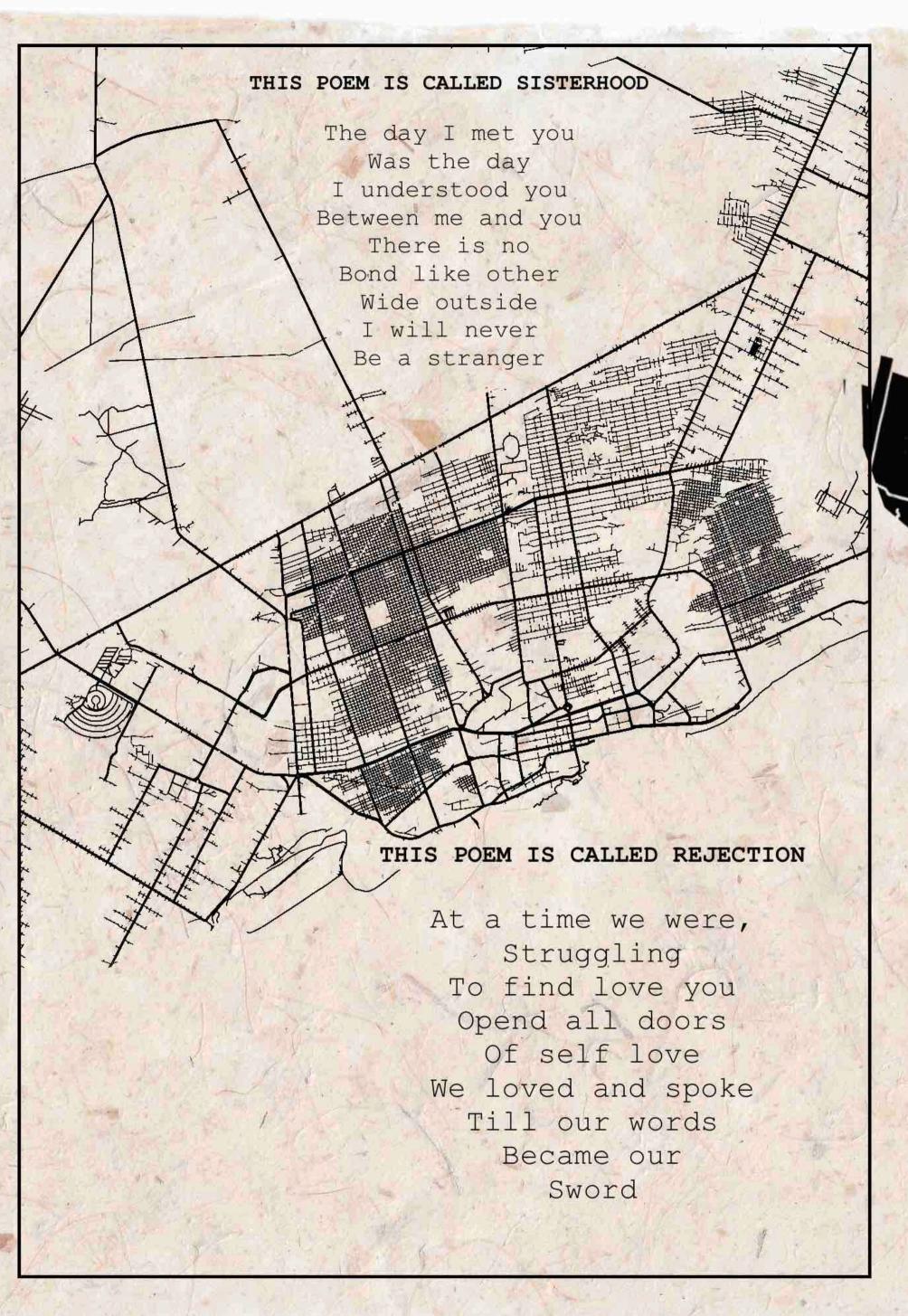


This project outlines many of the issues immigrants face when moving from country to country. I as a Somali immigrant I found it extremely difficult to love and understand my culture I was ashamed and embarrassed of who I am and where I came from. I moved to London in 2006 which was probably the hottest thing I've ever done. many Londoners Will remember those is fun and positive days but for me and my siblings we struggled a lot because we were not excepted by any communities the constant hate and slurs towards me and my culture is the reason why I hated where I came from, we were told that our forehead is too big, we are not black enough, we are not African enough and the list goes on. I lost a big part of me and lost interest in getting to know my culture a lot more, Not only was I shamed as an immigrant but as a Somali, it was seen as an embarrassment and humiliation to say you look Somali. I love it this project to shine a light on the beauty and the powerful women of Somalia, I want this to show the strength of the people of Somalia for always sticking together through hard times, I want people to know the beauty in my language, the beauty within our oral culture and finally the beauty in our version of modesty which will re-define and challenge existing stereotypes of modest fashion. Somali also known as the land of poetry inspired me to write my own poems to mirror my Journey. I believe poetry is luxury as it can be perceived differently based on life experiences. I'll be using poetry to create meaningful garments that will resonate with those who have similar experiences or feel left out, unheard and unseen. The second part of this concept is about my second home which taught me a lot about fashion, love and gender roles in society. Yemen now a war torn country facing the worst humanitarian crisis was once my homeland and I want the world to know and see the strength of the people of Yemen and it's historical architecture and it's rich history. My love for tailoring came from Yemen as I saw many of the men and women wearing blazers with everything and they looked powerful, strong and unreachable. My collection has a lot of tailoring influence as I associate power with suiting to feel protected.







## THIS POEM IS CALLED SILK CHIFFON

When I wear you
I feel empowered
With you on my body
I feel protected
When I feel you
I feel the pain
But when I see you
I see myself





## THIS POEM IS CALLED RUNAWAY

The land of Paradise,

Is the land

I'm escaping

For my offspring

To experience

A breezy spring

I didn't want

To leave but

Corruption

Ended my Peace

Each of these poems talk
about my Journey and
struggles as a black Somali
Muslim. My journey with his
off my journey as an
immigrant and why join you as
someone who has been rejected
from society, I want people
to feel my garments and
connect to it with a deeper
understanding of others.





