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I make this statement sincerely and with full responsibility. If in the future a discrepancy is found with this statement, then I am willing to accept academic sanctions in accordance with the provisions in force at Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta.

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MOTTO

فَإِنَّ مَعَ الْعُسْرِ يُسْرًا (٥) إِنَّ مَعَ الْعُسْرِ يُسْرًا (٦)

“So, surely with hardship comes ease. Surely with ‘that’ hardship comes ‘more’ ease”
[94:5–6].

“Allah does not require of any soul more than what it can afford” [2:286].

Be realistic in everything except in prayer, ask the impossible.

I can solve any problem in my life, but I have to cry first.

“Your progress doesn’t always need to be seen or validated”.

“Allow yourself to be proud of yourself and all the progress you’ve made. Especially the progress that no one else has seen”.

I felt proud of how I survived those days I thought I couldn’t.

One day we’re gonna sit down together and say “it was hard, but we made it”

“Never regret anything because at one time it was exactly what I wanted”.

“Tidak peduli ombak besar, sebab pada akhirnya, perahuku hanya memiliki dua pilihan; melewati atau tenggelam”.

Nggak gampang, tapi kemarin bisa melewatinya. Nggak mudah, tapi kemarin selesai juga.

This too shall pass.

PREFACE

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Taiwan, July 5th, 2024

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