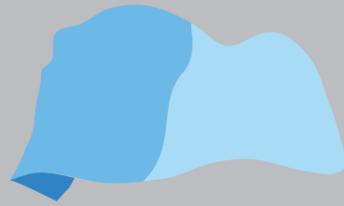


BLOSSOM



hello,

thank you for your invitation to the food fest 2017.

I received it last month, actually, sorry for taking so much time to respond.

you wouldn't believe it, but my mother has started a tv cooking show career (she is so good at it) so she has been talking about this food fest nonstop...

I guess because of our still unresolved (sorry but that's what I think) relationship, and my mother's new hobby merging together, I was hesitant to respond to you...

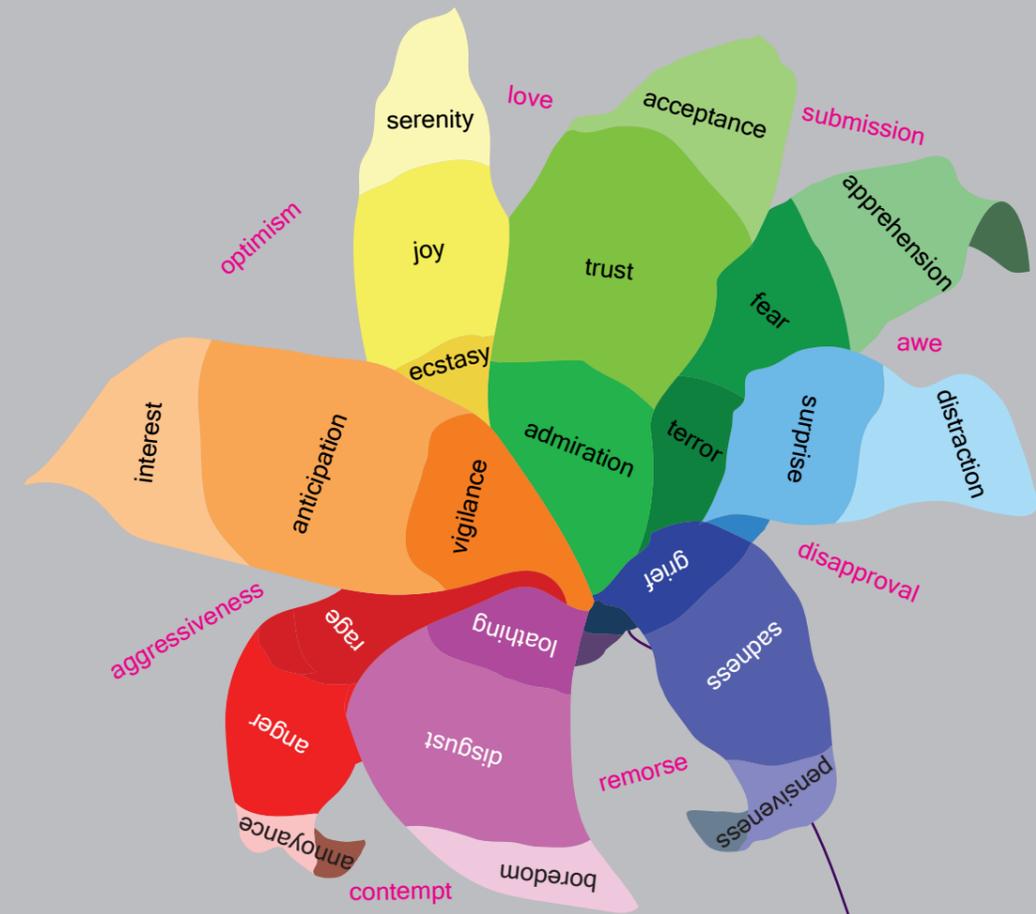
you know, it becomes so metaphorical so fast... and I have been visiting my mother quite often lately.

also, I have found this beautiful flower of emotions that I would like to share with you.

It is called *Robert Plutchik's Wheel of Emotions 1980'*

i am counting the petals

distraction + dissapoval + remorse = unbelief



unbelief - surprise + fear = shame

joy + surprise = delight

delight - 1 = distraction



I was strangely inspired by A. B. Mayloveheal Androgynes. I wanted to show his creations to you. A. B. talks to me about nature in an intimidating way.

A. B. talks about sex as practicing to sample each other's bacteria

A. B. doesn't give statements, but only suggests  
wants to become a multispecies being...

"If we would switch to vegan style, we could save so much animals, so much lives, from having pain...we could save so much pain. And, actually, that's what it is about, no... The whole journey of humanity: from being a pain to Earth, to become a pleasure for Earth"

(continues to sing)

*"I hope humanity can suck the tits of themselves, and feel nurtured  
Sucking each others' tits, and feeling nurtured by the juices"*<sup>2</sup>



I cannot part from you. especially from the worst parts of comparing.

If I imagined you gardening, I would see you picking up ripe fruits.

I have thought about the traits of geniuses and I didn't think about our creative mutual union.



did you know that it is mostly European languages that compare things using the word "than"?  
for example: "mine is better than yours"

this might be a geopolitical love

every book is a history book



would you rather abuse someone psychologically many times repeatedly, and receive the same abuse, or feel deep sense of depersonalisation from your own loneliness 4 times a week?

shame + trust = submission

ecstasy

I have found a way of Earthly survival...  
And I do not have any shame anymore

That is to mean;  
First step is to lean on you on one foot and  
then;  
Second step is to hide under another foot;  
pull it up.

I would like to overfeed you; show that you  
shine; show your shine; show you kindness;  
show shine; may you feet always be dry

“Jenn is living in a constant hypocrisy!”

Let me go through, I'm with the kid

Is Britney...?  
Is Britney still alive?



joy + love + trust + submission + fear = guilt

I would like to show you kindness  
Show that you shine  
Because are my angel  
And they can not  
Not love

So they can not  
Not be  
A guardian angel

Which I chose to be  
You

Which you can not  
Not be



The ultimate love may be the love  
of the natural world, which can be  
found within yourself.

it is not hard to love nature...  
N has never been so hot

quote taken from<sup>3</sup>  
*In psychology, WEIRD is an acronym for 'Western, educated, industrialized, rich and democratic'—referring to the most widely used subject that psychology researchers have access to, and whose behaviour might be interesting but not particularly representative of human behaviour across cultures.*

submission - fear = trust

trust + anger = dominance





did you know that we are more closely related to fungi than we are to any other kingdom? we share the same pathogens with fungi.

but I think they are much stronger...

mushrooms growing can break through asphalt.

they differ in ploidy levels, breeding systems, levels of sexual versus asexual reproductions

the spores make love to you

“...after germination, the haploid individual starts again with its asexual phase...”<sup>5</sup>

and

they use radiation to thrive instead of light and can feed on stone and even debris. mushrooms create anywhere, involving every organism that are found around them

some people believe Earth was covered in giant net-like mushrooms a millions years ago

mushrooms can save the world

Heitman reviewed evidence bearing on the evolution of sexual reproduction in the fungi and concluded that the earliest mode of sexual reproduction among eukaryotes was likely homothallism, that is, self-fertile unisexual reproduction.<sup>6</sup>



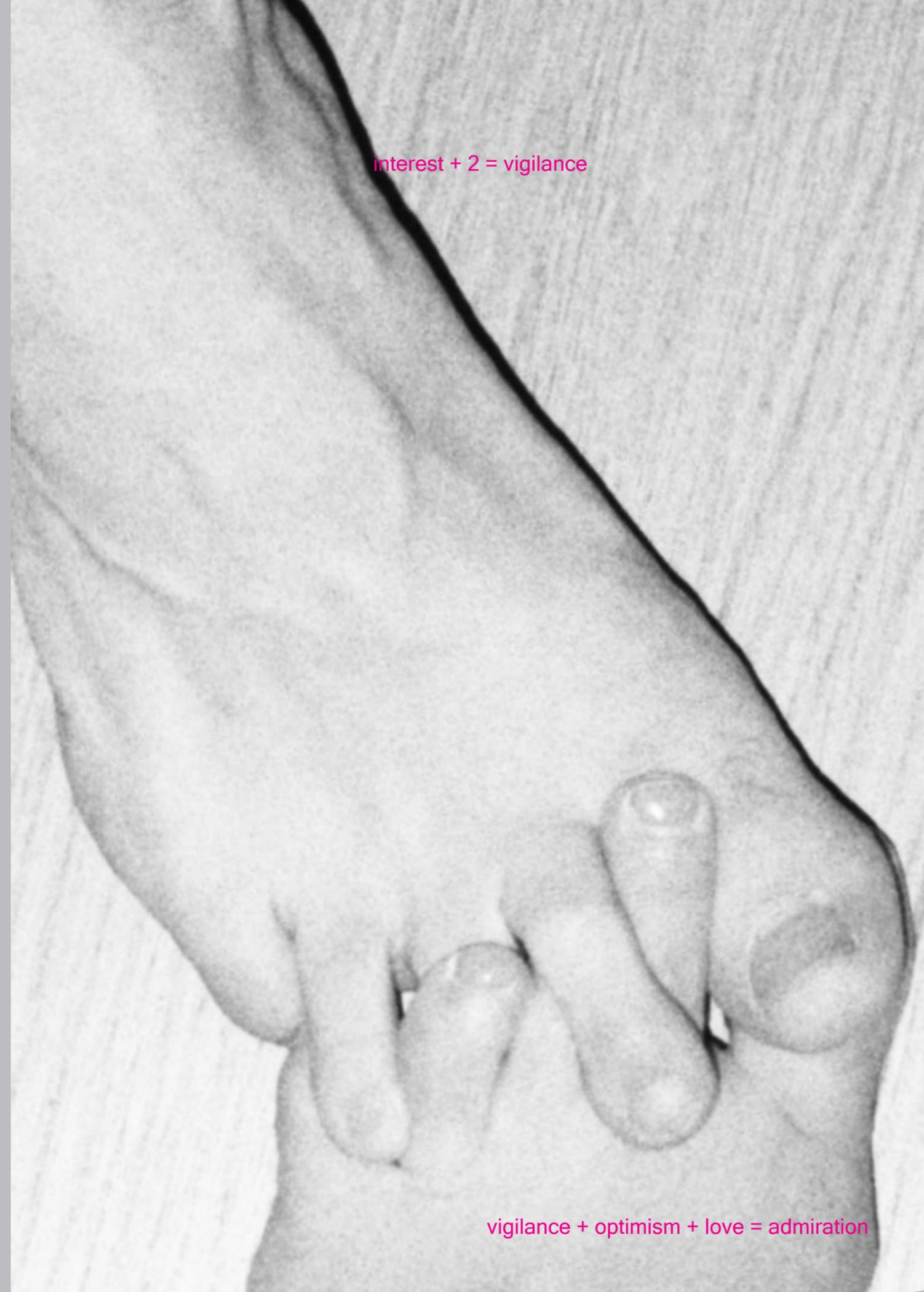
why  
are people so afraid of penises  
and see it immediately as porn

the mushroom of the body grows

dominance - trust + agressiveness + optimism = interest

interest + 2 = vigilance

vigilance + optimism + love = admiration





“I crouched down and ran a finger beneath the cap, then pulled it from the pine-needle bed above the creek. <...> this had a spongy layer of yellow-white, as if were fashioned from foam. <...>I hadn’t imagined they could inspire passion. But we were thrilled by our find. It amazed me to discover after the caution of a suburban childhood that the world might provide such pleasures.

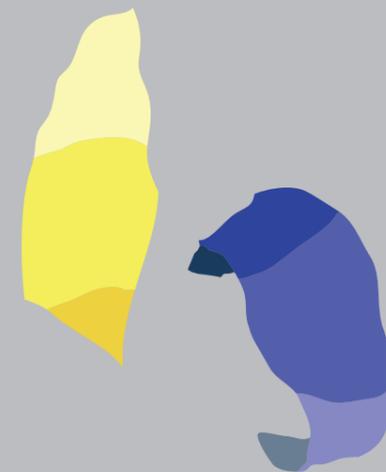
And that too became a pleasure, learning to look, to see what had not been visible before.

For years afterwards the taste of boletes evoked for me the particular longing and anticipatory delight - close kin to nostalgia and unrequited love - that I ‘ d first felt on hunting mushrooms <...>”<sup>7</sup>



If we make love, do all of our bacteria and parasites also make love?  
if they do  
their sex-less sex  
may heal

If I was a parasite that is parasiting inside your body, I would choose to be  
a parasite of



admiration + amazement = terror



apprehension



I remembered you sometimes used to attend these gardeners' club meetings whenever they provided you with spare tickets, right?

I have picked some of the petals

the flower reproduces and plants its seeds into the soil. then, the whole garden of emotions grows that I will harvest in three years

I hope this flower of emotions will be eaten by wild animals

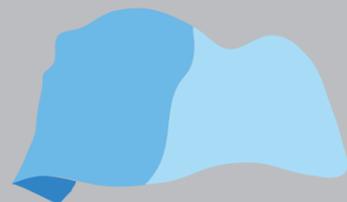
to seek nature's love is to be fulfilled with it

thanks again for thinking of me.

well, I am going to stop writing here

i am sorry for typos!!!

bye



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