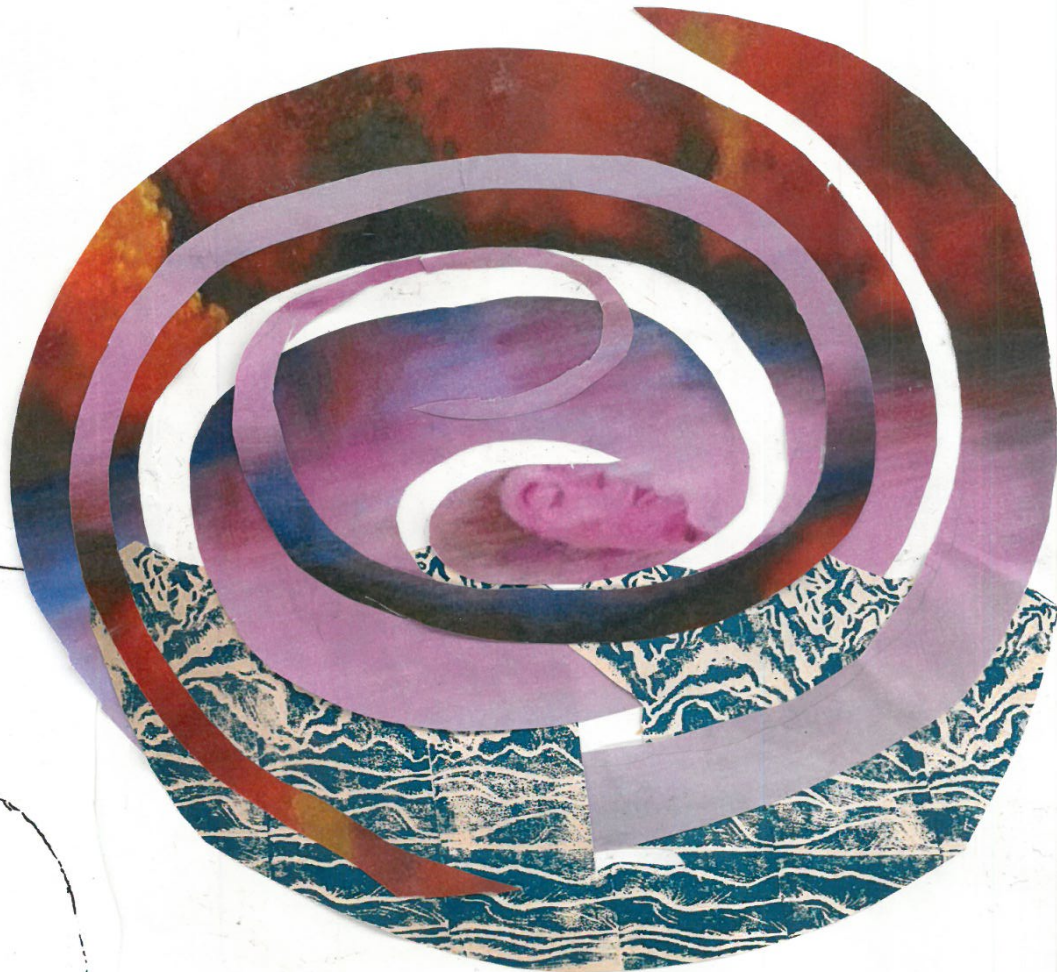
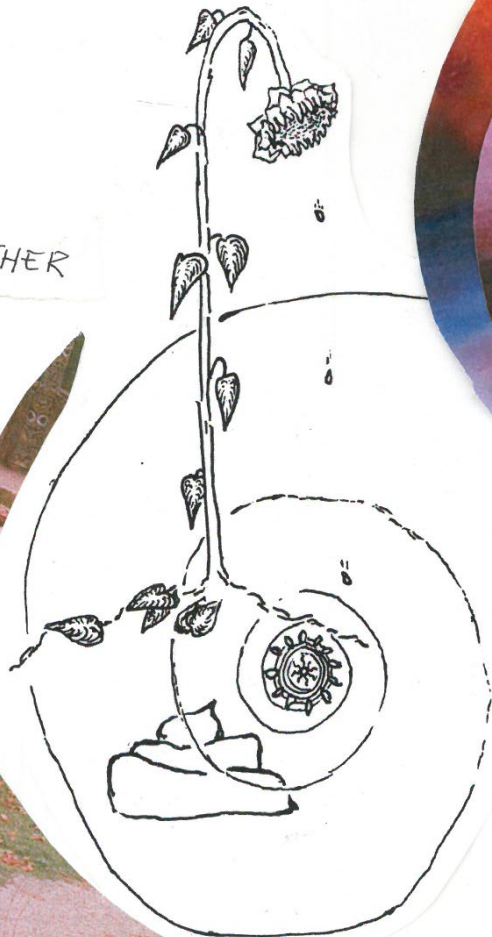


WE CANNOT
NOT BE TOGETHER



unbecoming
MODERNITY

Land acknowledgement

This gathering takes place on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the Coast Salish peoples - the skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), selílwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh), and xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) Nations.

The creators of this zine live, learn and love on the lands known as "Vancouver, British Columbia". The University we attend occupies the lands of Hən̓q̓əmin̓əm speaking xʷməθkʷəy̓əm people- People of the River Grass.

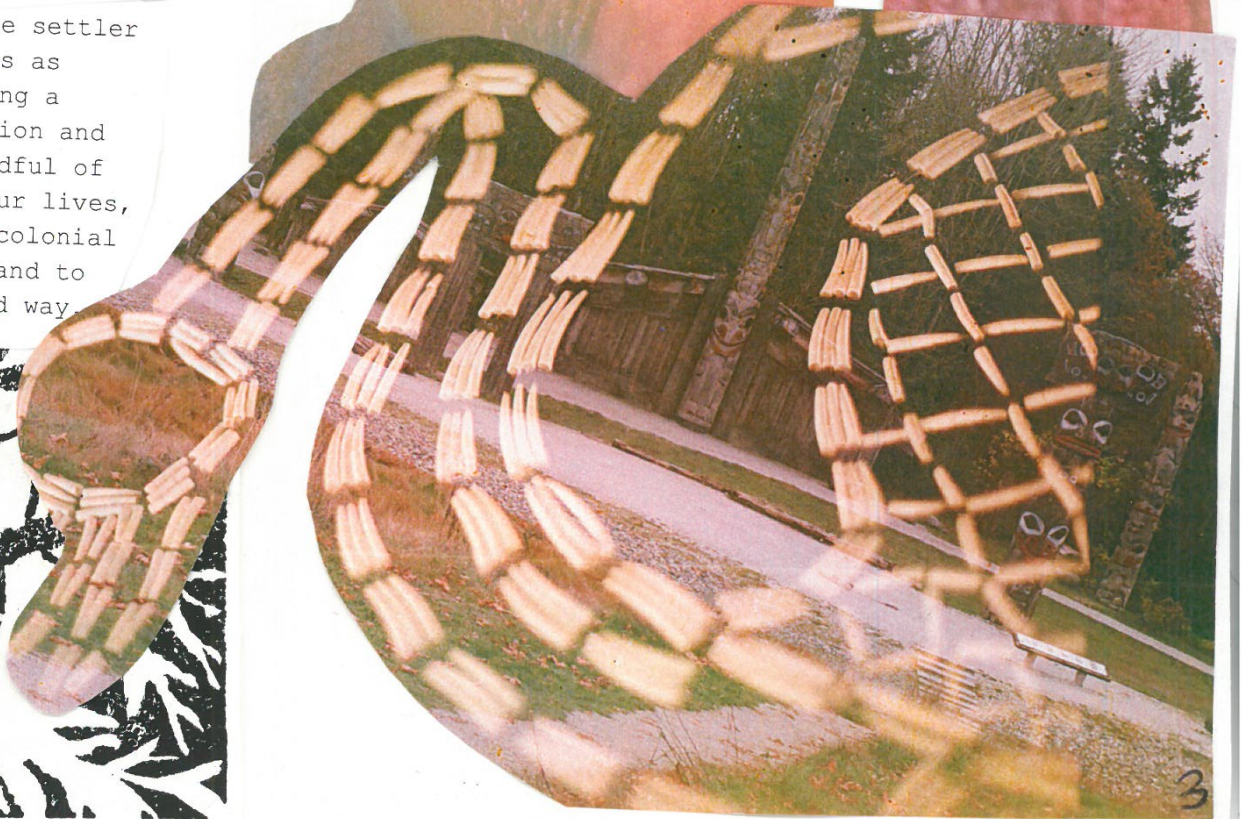
We humbly acknowledge ourselves as extensions of the lands that grow (with)-us, and are immensely grateful to the more-than-human and the ancestral stewards of these lands present since time immemorial, and to the medicines they carry.

We also recognize our complicity in the settler colonial project, and situate ourselves as uninvited guests on this land, attending a university that is a colonial institution and imposition. We aspire to be deeply mindful of these implications in every facet of our lives, to interrupt and unsettle patterns of colonial separability that permeate our lives, and to walk with these lands gently, in a good way.



This zine is a visual processing of manifestos and cartographies created by the collective, *Gesturing Towards Decolonial Futures*. It draws from the *Global Citizenship Education- OTHERWISE study guide*. The open spaces within the zine are in encouragement of each reader to co-create with the representations printed here!

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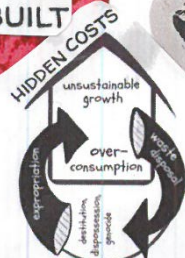


THE HOUSE MODERNITY BUILT



house exceeds limits of planet

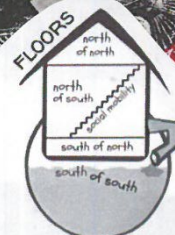
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GRAMMAR OF REASONING

dialectical, utility maximizing
I THINK, THEREFORE I AM!
CERTAINTY
COHERENCE
CONSUMPTION
CONTROL
Cartesian teleological

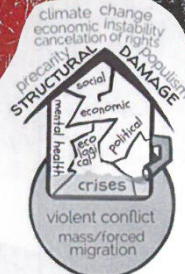
(erotic, aesthetic, intuitive, ludic, divine, hilarious, other-than-human)
BEING REDUCED to KNOWING



ARCHETYPES OF AGENCY

THE JUDGE
THE RIGHTEOUS
THE LEADER
THE PROBLEM SOLVER
THE CHANGE MAKER

JUSTICE ARBITRATION & MORAL AUTHORITY



ARCHETYPES OF BENEVOLENCE

THE HERO
THE SAVIOR
THE GURU
THE CARER
THE CHOSEN
THE MARTYR

DUTY & SACRIFICE

THE INNOCENT THE VIRTUOUS THE DESERVING

IN EARTH'S CARE V.4

metabolic
intelligence

metabolic
Wellbeing

ECOLOGICAL
justice

ECONOMIC
justice

mushrooms

mycelium

COGNITIVE
justice

AFFECTIVE
justice

RELATIONAL
justice

RECALIBRATING

RELATIONSHIPS

with
knowledge

with traumas,
attachments, fears
and insecurities

with self,
(as) land,
and each
other



Wanna be an ally?

take a step back from the center, the frontline from visibility
relinquish the authority of your interpretations, your choice,
your entitlements, surrender that which you are most praised
and rewarded for

don't do it for charity, for feeling good, for looking good, or for
showing others that you are doing good don't put it on your CV,
or on Facebook, or in your thesis, don't use it for self-
promotion

don't try to "mould" me, or to "help" me, or to make me say and do
what is convenient for you

do it only if you feel that our pasts, presents and futures are
intertwined, and our bodies and spirits entangled, do it only
if you sense that we are one metabolism that is sick, and what
happens to me also happens to you

and expect it to be, at times, messy, uncomfortable, difficult,
frustrating, infuriating, boring and painful and prepare for
your heart to break and to be stretched

do you still want to do it?

then share the burdens placed on my back, the unique medicines
you bring, and the benefits you have earned from this violent
and lethal disease

don't try to teach, to lead, to organize, to mentor, to
control, to theorize, or to determine where we should go,
how to get there and why

offer your energy to peel potatoes, to wash the dishes, to
scrub the toilets, to drive the truck, to care for the
babies, to separate the trash, to do the laundry, to feed the
elders, to clean the mess, to buy the food, to fill the tank,
to write the grant proposal, to pay the tab and the bail

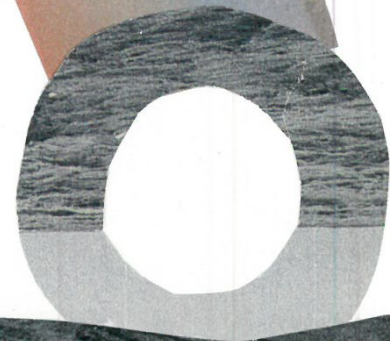
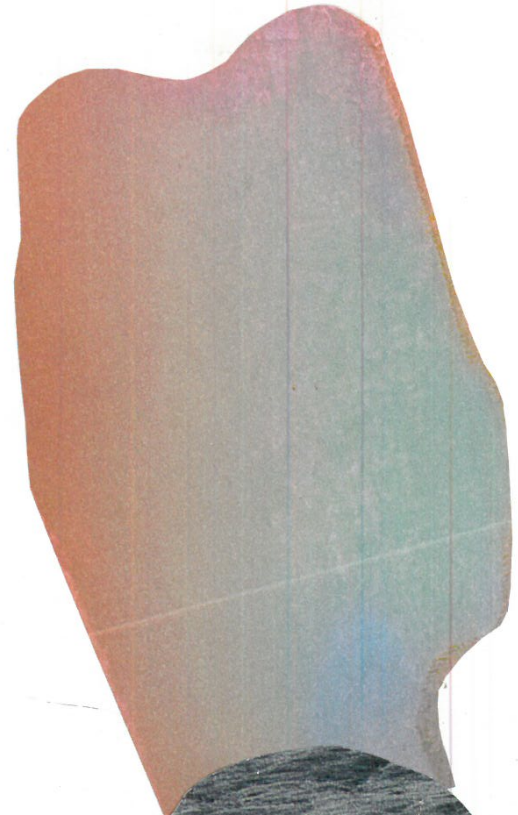
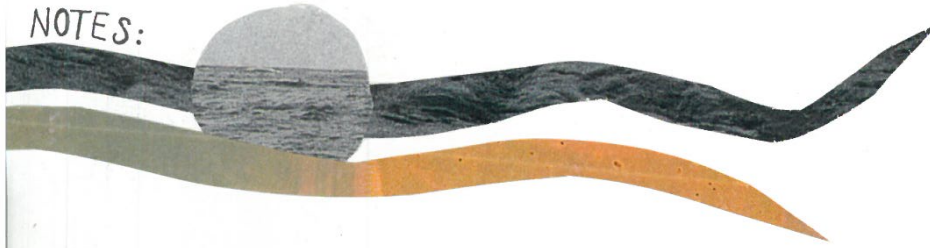
to do and support things you can't and won't understand,
and do what is needed, instead of what you want to do,
without judgment, or sense of martyrdom or expectation
for gratitude, or for any kind of recognition

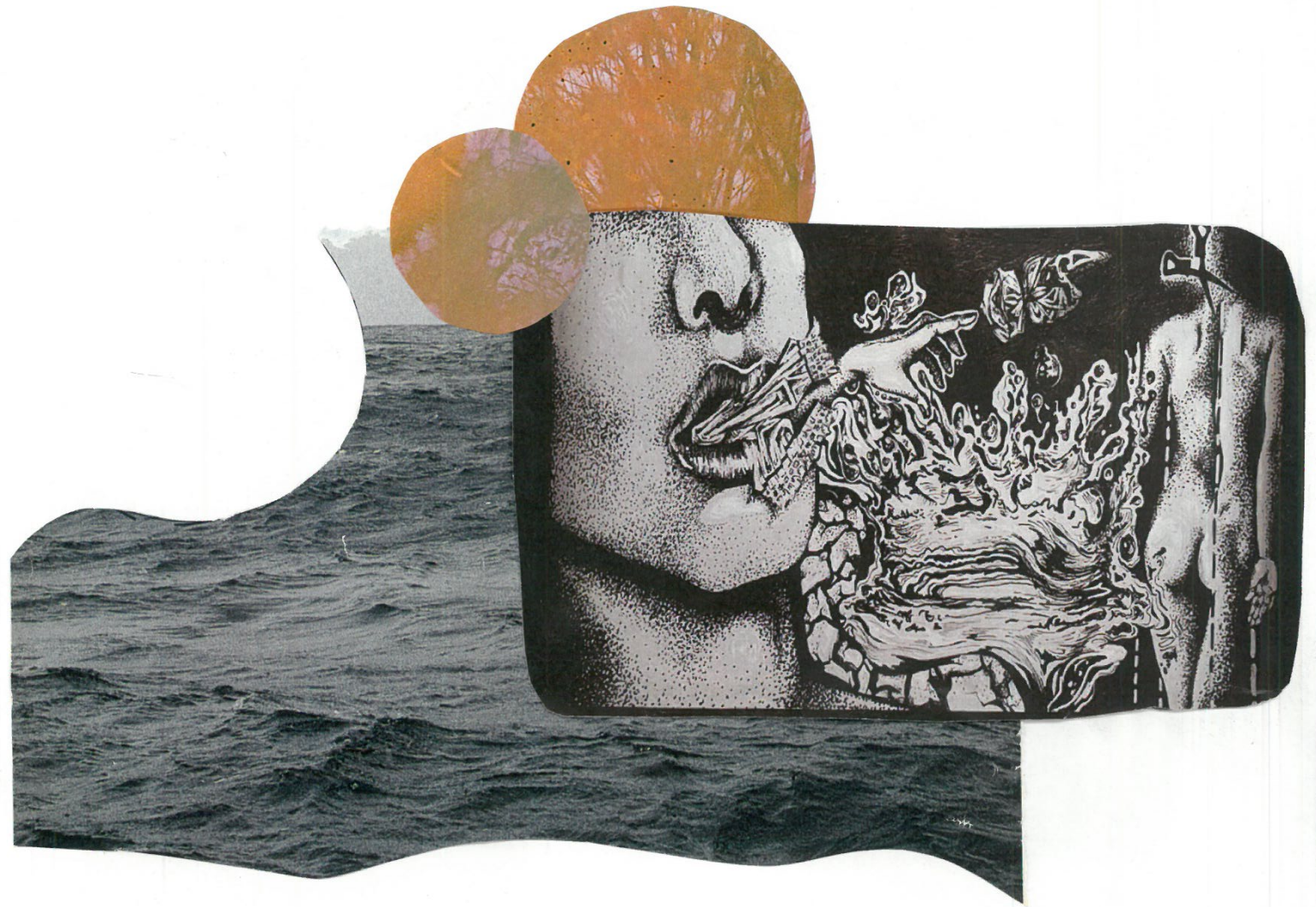
then you will be ready to sit with me through the storm
with the anger, the pain, the frustration, the losses, the
fears
and the longing for better times with each other

and you will be able to cry with me, to mourn with me, to
laugh with me, to "heart" with me, as we face our shadows
and find other joys, in earthing, breathing, growing,
cooking and eating, sharing, healing, and thriving

side by side.

NOTES:





Wake up

Intellectual accountability: engage with the three forms of sanctioned ignorance/denial – of violence/complicity, unsustainability and entanglement; learn about how you are implicated/complicit in harm both historically and systemically; learn about how you benefit from unfair and exploitative structures that impoverish and hurt communities elsewhere; take responsibility without seeking redemption, innocence or political purity.

Grow up

Existential accountability: activate your sense of connection with the collective pain and joy of the whole world; find the cooking pot for your unique medicine and make time to cook it; offer it with humility; integrate it with other medicines.

Un-numb

Existential surrender: interrupt business as usual, face fragilities, difficulties and insecurities, release back to the land your personal shit: traumas, entitlements, addictions; your resentments, vanity, arrogance, aversions, obsessions, and attachments to certainty and control.

intellectual
accountability
WAKE UP

PALLIATIVE CARE

ASSISTANCE WITH
GESTATION

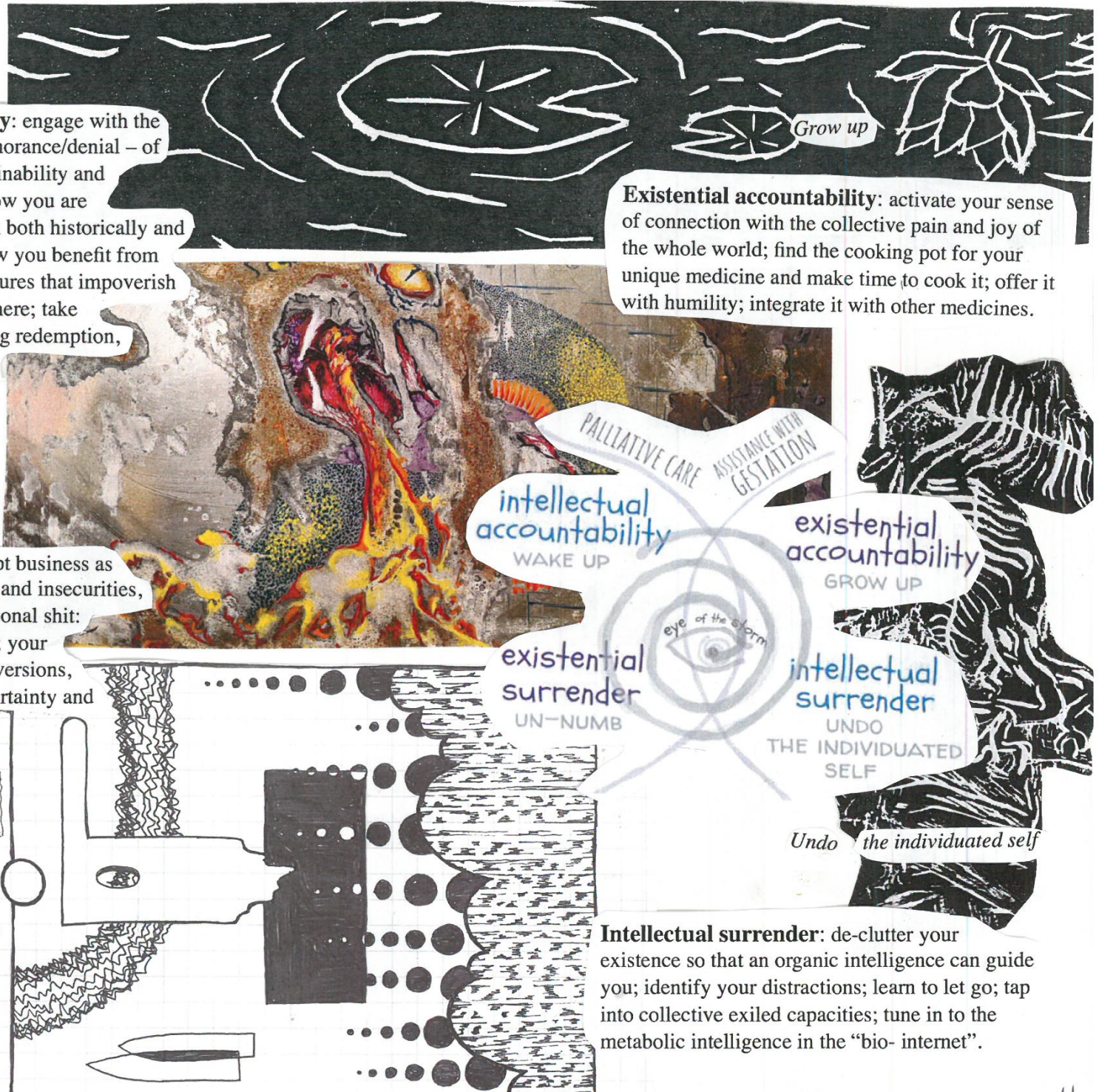
existential
accountability
GROW UP

existential
surrender
UN-NUMB

intellectual
surrender
UNDO
THE INDIVIDUATED
SELF

Undo the individuated self

Intellectual surrender: de-clutter your existence so that an organic intelligence can guide you; identify your distractions; learn to let go; tap into collective exiled capacities; tune in to the metabolic intelligence in the "bio- internet".



Radical Tenderness Manifesto “Me in You”

RADICAL TENDERNESS is engendering new forms of co-existence

It is respecting different medicines, cooking them together and integrating them

It is witnessing ourselves and each other moving between our comfort, stretch and panic zones

It is relating beyond identity, knowledge and understanding

It is dissolving the limits and weight of our bodies by allowing other beings to move through, with and for us It is neither me nor you, it is me and you, me in you

It is not either or, but both and more

RADICAL TENDERNESS is being receptive to the teachings of our shadows

It is fermenting ourselves, mourning illusions, composting our shit and being courageously vulnerable It is looking in the mirror and confronting what is not beautiful without turning the gaze

RADICAL TENDERNESS is being critical and loving, at the same time

It is disinvesting in arrogance, superiority, and status

It is to embrace oneself as both cute and pathetic

It is not being afraid of fear, disappointability, or nothingness

It is discovering a whole bus of people inside oneself

RADICAL TENDERNESS is practicing resonance and attunement

It is engaging with each other beyond desires for consensus, coherence and control

It is letting go of possessions, of possessiveness

It is feeling part of a wider metabolism with a much longer temporality

It is interrupting patterns of consumption and narcissism

It is being present to what we don't know yet and what is unknowable (in ourselves and in others) It is not casting upon everything a blanket of interpretation

RADICAL TENDERNESS es el dolor de traspasar el corazón (or the pain of piercing the heart) It is not about belonging, it is about being whole with the whole shebang

It is looking at painful and difficult things with the love of really wanting to see

It is learning from repeated mistakes in order to only make new ones in the future

It is listening to the non-human authority, and caring about our relationship to it It is about being open to what we can't and may never understand

It is learning to breathe water together

Radical Tenderness is to practice engaged detachment as we hospice a dystopic world ...while respecting the teachings it offers // Radical Tenderness is assisting with the birth of something new, which is potentially, but not necessarily, wiser...without suffocating it with projections



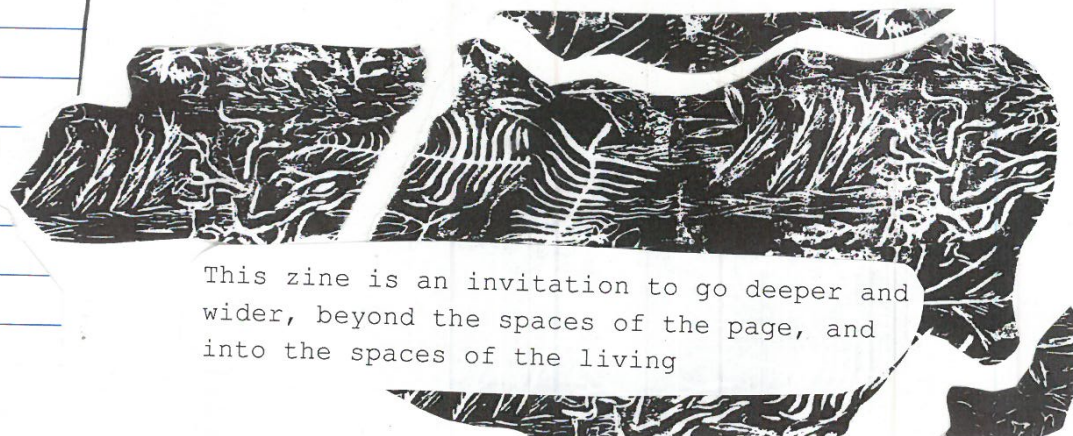
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awaken
to return to a song that heals
a song composed of many songs
and none
remember dismembered bodies
weighted heavy minds
forgetting entanglement in greater time
in the greater metabolism
which is now sick
Can we listen ourselves back into radical tenderness?

because listening truly is to cultivate the capacity
to turn the heart into a verb
to do the work with the voices unheard
to Expand our imagination and sensibilities
to touch a We composed by neither me nor you
vulnerability brings strength and with this strength
we'll be able to defeat the isolation of the pain and fear
let us pause for a second
see the flight of a feathered serpent
and wonder
Can we learn to become related again?

Adapted from Po-ethic inquiry #3: a song of quetzal



This zine is an invitation to go deeper and
wider, beyond the spaces of the page, and
into the spaces of the living