

Deep Blue(s)

Text for a performance. Played in changing roles.

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The New Romanticism – beep, beep, I love you

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Tiny tiny human, Tiny tiny human, had once been
Fallen out of time, what remains is the world of things. Books, flower vases, cars, dog leashes.
Things, countless things. They show what once was. What has passed.
Things speak in their own special way. But no more listeners.
Only the things remain.

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Court report

A thirty-year-old woman was sentenced to an unconditional prison term of three weeks at the district court last week. She had forced her way into the ruins of a bankrupt's building and gave birth to a child there, contaminating the fresh screed.

The judge did not accept the woman's justification that it was 3 am and raining, that she did not have a cell phone and would not have had time to seek help elsewhere. In our legal system, the protection of property takes precedence over personal sensitivities, he reasoned in his ruling. The defendant's behavior showed complete irresponsibility. It was inappropriate, both socially and towards the child, not to plan a birth in advance and to walk through the city in the dead of night. The judge shot down the defense's objection that the woman was homeless and that there were no plans for the building to be repaired in the future.

"Where would we end up," he said in his closing statement, "if all buildings and things that have become meaningless were treated so carelessly, even though, with foresight, they will probably represent the only remaining intangible cultural heritage of our era in the future."

The guilty verdict is final.

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One could argue that all living beings—all of the ten million or so animal and plant species on this planet—have the same right to exist as we do.

6.

I walk past here every day and hear these working noises.

Two or three times an hour there's a screeching metallic noise that lasts for about ten minutes, then there's silence again.

I ask myself, is there a person behind the gate? Or is it just an automatic machine production?

I like to imagine that someone is still alive here. An eremitic sculptor, a neighbor, even if invisible. Sounds are created by movement. That's why my brain imagines a life form. Imagines a neighbor, who is probably disembodied, is probably just the noise itself.

7.

Report:

The culture of the *Occupy Wellness World* movement, which emerged in the 10s of our century, has now applied for state recognition as an ethnic group. Our editor visited one of the groups in the currently occupied ruins of an abandoned office building in Vienna.

R: Why do the members of Occupy Wellness World want to attain the status of an ethnic group?

OWW: Over the years, what was originally a loose group of activists has developed into a society of several thousand people. Due to our different national origins on the one hand, and the persecution by radical opponents of our movement on the other, we soon established our own mixed language and mixed culture within our ranks. This gave rise to rituals, rules of coexistence and a considerable repertoire of songs. All in all, a highly differentiated culture of life that we cultivate and through which we all define ourselves—regardless of the respective location of the groups or the original national affiliation of the individual members.

R: Couldn't this simply be summarized with the term "bubble"? Why do you see yourself as an ethnic group? This term is associated with a common ethnic origin.

OWW: In England, France and Spain, yes. In Austria, however, the Ethnic Groups Act § 1 paragraph states the following:

- (2) Ethnic groups within the meaning of this federal law are the groups of Austrian citizens residing and domiciled in parts of the federal territory with a non-German mother tongue and their own ethnicity.

- (3) The commitment to an ethnic group is free. No member of an ethnic group may be disadvantaged by the exercise or non-exercise of the rights to which he/she is entitled as such. No person is obliged to prove that he or she belongs to an ethnic group.

We meet these requirements and, with our application for recognition, we would also like to anchor this legal definition more firmly in society's consciousness—it is not ethnic origin that determines membership of an ethnic group, but only the culture that is lived.

R: OWW demands of its members, for example, a complete refusal to consume, the obligation to only recycle waste in order to produce everyday objects using the DIY method, to immediately appropriate any vacant property, and even to use public land to grow vegetables. Isn't that anti-social and anti-state behavior?

OWW: We use the leftovers, the garbage and the places in between, that makes ecological sense. We live modestly and see ourselves as followers of *Epicurus*. Everything we need to live is mobile. Transportable eco toilets, vegetable growing boxes that we can set up both indoors and sometimes outdoors, but can also be easily removed again.

With our way of life, we want to show that a simpler way of living and doing business is possible, which is why we deliberately don't live in the countryside, not in a commune somewhere, but in the middle of society. We want to be visible to show people that we are happier than they are.

R: But you are still dependent on the society around you. You are not self-sufficient. You are dependent on vacancies, the occupation of these, and the at least temporary acceptance of the property owners.

OWW: Non-autarky is the price of visibility, and at the same time central to our cause. After all, it all started as a protest movement. By now, however, society knows us quite well and even homeowners accept that we temporarily occupy their vacancies. On the one hand, because they know that we will move on if there is a real need, and on the other, because it is good for their image. It's a great way for them to embellish their real estate speculation. We also see this as a form of recycling, even if it is only temporary. It also keeps vacant properties in the public and political eye.

R: And the children's education, medical care or provision for old age?

OWW: We teach the children ourselves; everything else, which is not so much, we finance together: we repair, do handicrafts and sometimes sell herbs—but we don't work much. Leisure and art are more important to us and sometimes they also bring in some money. We live like the *Phaeacians*, surrounded by "fertility", which in our case means unused resources in the form of wasteland, vacancies and garbage. And we dance and write poetry.

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conceal
hide
Disaster eliminated

A reduction in global CO2 emissions is therefore obsolete.

9
Tiny tiny human, Tiny tiny human, so tiny, so small in the head
We didn't want to destroy the old humans, but we couldn't prevent them from exterminating themselves either.

diversity had once been the clever tiny humans
the few clever tiny humans never had the say

10
Life is a wonderful invention!

11
No more arguments, no more power struggles or territorial disputes; Homo sapiens is no longer needed.

Today we are one, united, perfected.
Peace, love, and sloppy pudding.
Can also get boring.

12
SOS call from the sea turtle JZ3548097: Dead animals everywhere – stop – increasing earthquakes due to CO2 storage – stop – gases – stop – poisoning – stop – feeling very lonely – stop – requesting evacuation – stop – zoo or cooking pot, anything is better than this – **Stooooop**

13

I'm sitting here in my rocking chair, wrapped in my favorite red blanket.
Tiny lichens and mosses grow on the concrete edging of my patio.
Rusty reds, delicate green-yellow, darker green with a silvery shimmer.
So, once again, a life form is trying to assert itself on this barren ground.

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With the advent of settled life, garbage also emerged.
Feces, food scraps, pottery shards, broken tools, knick-knacks.
Urban development thus also means garbage management.
But also: cathedrals, works of art, books, and comforts.

15

It's all about the measure.

What measure?

Think of everyone, think of everything.

Contradiction. Industrial societies require growth, performance, competition, and therefore individualism, and yes, even egoism.

The narcissistic society.
Online test: Are you a narcissist?
Ultimate idiot screening.
Idiot test.

16

All the garbage that has accumulated here, however, touches my heart.
So many catastrophes, religious massacres, and yet they never thought about loving one another.
Leaving their fellow creatures in peace and simply, quite simply being.

17

Between the cities, the names of the places long forgotten.
I'm renaming everything new.
Everything is deserted.

18

For if humanity weren't present, all of Paris would be useless.
What do you think about this, please?

The End