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queer veins.

New research has shown that significant events can leave chemical mark on persons's genes which then is passed down to subsequent generations. I'd like to think that that tunmer afternoon had left a mark somewhere in his blood and now runs deep in my

Years passed and all I have now are these photographs of dead men staring back at me from the memories not my own.

When they climbed up the grassy bank to dry out in the late afternoon sun, the friend got really really close to my grandfather. He put his hand on his neek, leaned towards him and tried to kiss him. My grandfather punched him in the face in response, well, at least that's what he told me.

It was august of another summer, long time ago. My grandfather went down to the river with a friend whose name I cannot recall. Or maybe he didn't mention it. They swam in a cold refreshing water as





even thrive.

It is impossible to think about "home" and "belonging" without thinking about performing. I think of Jamasica Kincaid's words in her infamous poem "citit", and am reminded of how it – the show never stops, not even at the intersection of queemess. Being a descendent of a people who were once colonized will do that for ya, Hotel industry workers, teachers, nurses, packing boys, receptionists, artists, journalists, me, you, my Bahamian people dem, we are all performers in the play of racial capitalism just are all performers in the play of racial capitalism just trying to survive, and if some of us a re lucky enough.

survive? Just be myself?

She makes me feel loved in all of my complex simplicities and I love her for it. In her, I am my freest. In her, I am my queerest. In her, I am reminded I belong to myself before any one, thing, place else.

Queerness, as a Black Caribbean person, is a performance. As a non-monosexual person, I am constantly having to "prove" and contort myself for everyone's palate, Where can I go? Where is a safe place back "home" that I run to, to reclaim my time? Take off the many masks I wear to acclimate and

ne else can.

A haven for my anxiety, Keeper of all my deepest pinkest secrets, Colorful toys. The only place where I Bathtub is the only place where I can play slow Jams. As long or loud as I want. Bathtub holds me when no

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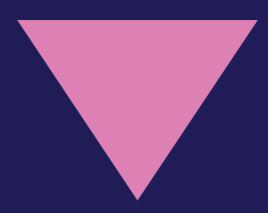
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**QUEER JOURNEYS** 



We covered our home with a thick veil, inhabiting silence as a survival strategy. All the words that sustained our delicate balance ended up at the bonfire: house, country, corner, the wrinkle in your eye, your saliva, my hair. We improvise, colliding these tongues that are not ours, digging a nook in the skin that now becomes a flag, insignia, passport, even if we make the effort to remain silent. We make a temporary refuge out of the remaining caresses, a new way of pronouncing our burns, a way of carrying our home in place of our wounds.





in Latin(o)america virgin Mary is a queer woman of colour

she is open flesh

sensual, not sexy

she won't hold your white Jesús

she holds her tit\_teta\_

and the nightmares of queer children

her crown is rotten bark, burnt bark, warm bark

she smells like orange peels burning on a petrol heater

and bright yellow sopaipillas she's Mapuche and quechua and

she's Mapuche and quechua and two spirits

her eyes are crossing she isn't looking at you

she looks at the protests at the raped at the tortured

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heterosexuality. The bravest of us are still fighting they are not. Many of Algeria's gay population discreetly and having to pretend to be som changed, Algerian gay people are still living prosecution. Of course, I was wrong! Nothing better, so we can live our sexuality freely and without because I was hoping that things might change for the earlier but I think I was giving it a second chance I left Algeria when I was 30 years old, I could've left

pane deen always very close to us! amous and influential people until we realise they We always tend to look for a role model among

CIVIL WAT (THE BIACK DECADE). ntimidation - especially during the 1990s Algerian conservatism and sexism despite threats and stood strong and tearless against Islamist She was pretty, ambitious, bold and a fair woman who WINCH I DID MANY YEARS IAICE, FICE NAME WAS FALIMA. her to encourage me and my brother to come out about it now, it was actually an implicit message from was a predictable reaction from Dad. When I think the presence of Dad?! "On s'en fout! - Who cares!" she saying this while we were having dinner - and in to go to jail just for that". I wondered to myself, why is nomosexual young man", she said "He didn't deserve alking about "dismissing a case of a beautiful she knew this article very well, I remember her Article 555 Acts against nature... As a judge herself, as she was terrified of the idea to see one of her sons prother and I used to call out mother. We're both gay, Ym wod si sidt - "MamaM", "Easizead emuy", "emaM



IS ALL THIS LOVE GONE FOR NOTHING? I AM NOT A THREAT TO YOU, NO MORE THAN I AM TO MYSELF AND YES, I AM YOU WANT ME OUTSIDE YOUR COUNTRY, BUT YOU WANT ME INSIDE YOUR BED YOU GA KNOW ME BY SOUND, NO, I AM NOT I DON'T BELONG WHERE YOU THINK I DO, I LOST MY SENSE OF BELONGING A LONG TIME AGO YOU GA KNOW ME BY NAME

NO, I AM NOT

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AND YES. I AM

TANNED GAY ATHEIST, NOT WHAT YOU ASSUME, DIRTY MUSLIM TERRORIST I COME HERA TA TAKE UP SPACE! AND YES, I AM YOU GA KNOW ME BY SOUND, YOU GA KNOW ME BY NAME I AM NOT A THREAT TO YOU, NO MORE THAN I AM TO MYSELF YOU GA KNOW ME BY NAME I DON'T BELONG WHERE YOU THINK I DO, I LOST MY SENSE OF BELONGING A LONG TIME AGO TANNED GAY ATHEIST, NOT WHAT YOU ASSUME, DIRTY MUSLIM TERRORIST I COME HERA TA TAKE UP SPACE! NO, I AM NOT