

Warrego Valles . BOTOX

»... he led them to a fountain, wherein when they had washed, they found their flesh all glossy and sleek, as if they had bathed in oil - and a scent came from the spring like that of violets. The water was so weak, they said, that nothing would float in it, neither wood, nor any lighter substance, but all went to the bottom ...«¹

The water with rejuvenation properties is »weak«, sparse, dispersed, so much that nothing floats in it. Warrego Valles seem to suggest in one of their tracks that life [today] is nothing but a passing of images that flash by. Life seems dispersed, it is so light that it just passes us by. It passes through bodies without anyone noticing. It whooshes by with all the chatter and twitter and noise. Perhaps the information overload is to blame, perhaps it's the digitalization of everything, the transformation of so many aspects of life into zeros and ones, tiny bleeps through optic fiber. The democratization of taste, opinion and non-facts, transformed the freedom of speech into a freedom *to bitch*.

The philosopher's stone is a legendary alchemical substance capable of turning base metals, such as mercury, into gold or silver. It is also called the elixir of life, useful for rejuvenation and for achieving immortality or eternal youth. Alchemists in various ages and cultures sought the means to formulate the elixir.

How else can the drive for immortality be manifest than as an unstoppable exploitation, an endless extraction of resources, a seemingly limitless growth on a finite planet? In a dystopian post-apocalyptic vision called forth into the present in these abstract sounds with words buried in sombre electronic beats and glitches, there's no sign of mankind after we've lost the red sun, our land and sky. We are loosing and destroying our environment. We are fostering more slavery than ever by refusing immigrants, stuffing them in camps and treating them like animals. In these relationships, humanity is lost while feelings of abandonment, defeat and solitude grow within the personal realm.

Underpinning these tracks is a grim vision of the world ruled by psychopaths, driven by a will to overpower and dominate. Only through submission of one's own body (and mind) will it be possible to find »success«. The greed, the insensitivity, the lust for profit and power, the ability to kneel and to kill.

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Eternal youth. Immortality. No sign of mankind.

— Luka Prinčič

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¹ Herodotus