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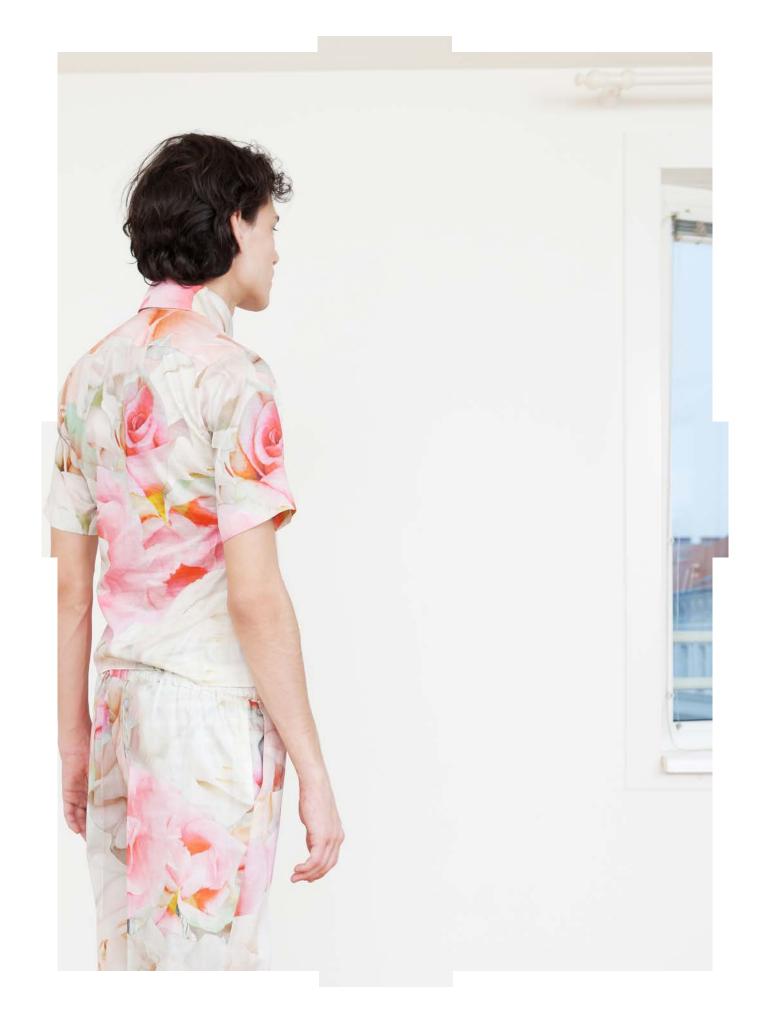




Flower from the Projects 泥泞中绽放的花朵

Austrian born designer Ilija is emerging into the fashion industry with dreamy collections inspired by the streets of Vienna. His subtle symbolism and modernistic aesthetic previse the future of sartorial conception. Elsewhere spoke to the visionary designer about his creative process, life at university, and the genesis of Hvala Ilija.

奥地利土生土长的设计师Ilija以家乡维也纳为灵感而创作出如梦似幻般的collection,近来在时装界中脱颖而出。他委婉含蓄的象征含义和摩登现代的美学概念,仿佛预知了缝纫工艺的未来。本期Elsewhere将与你一起对话这位超前的设计师,探讨他创意的心路旅程,学院生活以及Hvala Ilija的起源。



I'm very good, thank you.

I wouldn't say that I was interested in fashion design, but in clothes and how people wear them individually. The first time I learned the actual meaning behind the word design was when I worked on my first collection. I spent more time thinking about clothes than about the people who wear them. I got more into the actual design process and experienced 大于思考穿我衣服的人。于 that there is a lot of time and work behind 是 很 自 然 的 我 开 始 热 爱 上 了 a piece. That was when I became really 时装的设计层面,而不仅仅是制 interested in designing fashion and not just 造。我上高中的时候对学校完全没 creating it. I went to a high school that didn't 有激情, 于是我就每天每夜的在画 interest me at all, so I would draw all day long. I started to create these characters, and of course they needed clothes so I gave all of them individual outfits to form the character so that everyone could get the big picture by just looking at them. When I finished high school I found out about the universities 解到Schloss Hetzendorf大学和 Schloss Hetzendorf and Die Angewandte, the Die Aangewandte, 一个应用艺 university of applied arts, and handed in my 术的学校,并向他们递交了我的作品 portfolio. Schloss Hetzendorf gave me a shot and I have had three years of time to figure out what I want while listening, observing and learning.

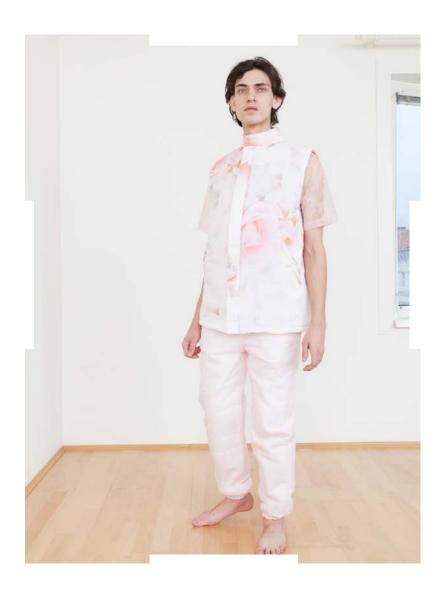
It is. I don't want it to just look good, you have to feel comfortable in it too. If it isn't comfortable or doesn't make you feel good about yourself, nobody is going to want to wear it.

我很好,谢谢。

我以前不算是很钟 。我第一次了解 到"设计"这个词的背后含义是当 我在做我第一季的collection的 时候。我考量衣服的时 服,让人们一看到他们就可以揣摩出 他们的特点。高中毕业后,我得以了 集。Schloss Hetzendorf给了我 一个机会, 于是我用了三年的时间, 通过聆听,观察和学习,探索我自己 真正想要的是什么。

的确。我不仅仅想要它看起来是美的, 穿戴者还要感觉非常的舒适和自然。如 果一件衣服不能让穿的人感到自信, 舒服和自由,这就不是一个好设计。





first time I got in touch with other people who thought differently than those I used to be around, and I had the chance to share my thoughs on things I wouldn't necessarily talk about with my friends outside of school. That helped me to evolve. It's kind of and you begin to look at your work from a 新的角度去看待自己的作品。 new angle.

I did have a good time at Schloss Hetzendorf 我在Schloss Hetzendorf and I met a lot of great people. That was the 过得很开心,并且遇到了很多善 良、有才华的人。在那里,我第 一次能遇到和我以前接触的人想 享许多和我校外朋友无法沟通的 想法。这一点让我成长,升华。 deconstructive if you keep all of your ideas 当你将自己的灵感和想法私藏在to yourself, because the moment you share 心的时候,往往只会让你越来越 them could lead to a conversation which 自我分裂。因为当你打开心扉和 then leads to different kinds of reactions, 别人沟通之后,你可以找到一个



My plan after finishing studies is to survive! (laughs) Jokes aside, right now the plan is to see what's out there for me, and make small but smart steps. Besides fashion design I'm really interested in trend research and I'd like to test my trend intuition in styling. As a stylist you get to create your own characters but not just on paper. I need that alternation. As a designer you work a lot on your own and spend a lot of time by yourself 计师,大多时候我们都是自己的世界里的困 and with yourself which can fuck you up at 兽,于是这时常会让我们崩裂。有时转变一 times. Sometimes it's good to work on other projects too because you get to interact 有肉的人合作、互动,而不是每天面对着你 with real people and not just characters that you made up. Designing will always be my number one I think, but I want to try things out that feel right and make sense to me and not limit myself or my capabilities.

each five to eight outfits before I released the current one. The difference with this collection is that it felt right to let go. To me it always felt more like a big project than a brand, but that's just because me what I would name my label if I had one. I said Hvala Ilija, and my friend was like, "Now that makes sense." The weird thing is that the moment the words "Hvala Ilija" left my mouth, everything about the aesthetics that I am drawn to, from picture to sound, made sense to me.

我毕业后的打算很简单,能活下去就好了!

(笑)正经点说,现在这个时候我要寻找 外面世界的可能性,然后一步步理智的往前 走。除了时装设计,我还对潮流研究非常感 兴趣,并且我想用我的造型直觉试水一下 造型师这条路。造型师可以创造属于你自己 的角色和性格,并且不局限于纸上谈兵。而 我认为我需要那种新鲜空气。作为一个设 下注意力去做做别的项目,和更多其他有血 自己创造出来的角色,只能是有益无害。然 而设计一定是我的首选,但是同时我想要做 一些自我感觉良好的事情,而不是局限于我 自己现有的能力范围内。

I have made three mini collections, 在我做出如今这套完整的collection 之前,我创作过三个迷你的,每个包含 5-8套衣服的collection。而目前这 一个collection最大的不同点就是当 我放手释然的时候,感觉很对。对于我 来说,比起一个品牌,它更像一个很大 it began during university three or 的项目。不过也许是因为它在三四年前 four years ago. I like the brand thing 的大学校园里就已经开始了。不过我比 though, it sounds very professional. 较喜欢品牌这个概念,因为听起来比较 The idea started when a friend asked 专业。这个想法的起源,是因为当时有 个朋友问我,如果有一天我拥有自己的 一个品牌,会如何命名?当时我就说了 Hvala Ilija。我朋友说道: 说还就合理了。"奇怪的是,打Hvala llija这个词从我口中溜出的那一刻起, 所有一切关于我着迷的美学概念,从图 像到声音,都变得合理了。



Thanks. Unofficial is the perfect word to describe it. Sometimes it feels weird being interviewed about the collection or 计出现在杂志里,或者看到自己的采 seeing my clothes in editorials, knowing that someone gave the outfits a grade at 校里打过分,就觉得非常奇妙。你懂 university, you know what I mean?

I would say that the aesthetics I refer to 可以说我的美学比较主观, are personal because it's always a real 是在尝试着去重新塑造我生活中某一 life person or moment I experience that 个人,或我经历过的某一个时刻。 I want to recreate. I grew up around people wearing sportswear trying to make it look expensive or special, like the Balkan/Turkish/Arabian/African way in 1120 Vienna. I think that's the basis of Hvala Ilija - the rest depends on what I am experiencing at the moment mixed with 看我自己目前在经历的事情,结合 memories or music I listen to; whatever 一些回忆,和我听的音乐等所带给我 reaches me. I'm very inspired by bootleg 的影响。我特别受那些假货,冒牌 stuff like cheap replicas, whether it be 货之类的东西感染。不管是一件超 designer-wear like Versace t-shirts in extra large or mixtapes I used to get on the streets. The mixtape covers back then had something really special about them. Just think of the Mysticals' ghettofabulous, epic album cover!

"非正式的 形容词。有些时候当我看到自己的设 访, 同时在想这个设计还被老师在学 这种感觉吗?

我成长的过程中,身边都是一群试图 想将运动服穿得高大上的人。例如那 些在维也纳的巴尔干,土耳其,阿 拉伯和非洲人。依我看来,这一切都 是Hvala Ilija的核心。剩下的就是 大号的VersarceT恤, 前在街上会买的Mixtape。那时候 混音磁带的封面都非常酷!就好像 Mysticals的Ghetto-fabulous 那样! 封面都很屌!



I just let it happen without forcing anything. The real maintaining, I think, kicks in when you start working on the comfortability while including design and patterns of the clothes. But during the creative process - drawing, getting 所产生的。然而在创作的过程中, in the mood, and researching - there's 绘画 no room for thinking.

The mixing of soft and hard, masculine 何划分和定义的不刻意, 不理会。 and feminine comes from never paying attention to any kind of categorization. I like a stable basis with a softer edge. Those are the characteristics I tend to go by no matter if it's with color, shape, fabric, sound or person. That doesn't 遵守的原则。这并不代表这个设 mean that it has to look a special way; if 计需要以某种具 it feels right, it is right. I use my intuition 出来; 但如果感觉对了,那就准 when it comes to aesthetics most of the 没错。当涉及到美学方面,大部 time, and I definitely try to maintain a humor about it. The slightly kitsch you mentioned comes from being from the Balkan and being overexposed to colors and everything that was glistening, I think. As long as you embrace your perceptions of things and follow your 西。我认为只要你坚持自己的直 instincts, most of the maintenance 觉和感官, 绝大多数的平衡就会 happens by itself.

I can't really tell you a formula or a 我没办法明确的告诉你我保持平衡 master plan for the maintenance of it 的一个公式或者一个绝技,但它顺 all, because it just happens. To a point, 其自然的就诞生了。某种程度上来 说,我就放手让他们自我成型,而 不强迫什么。我认为真正的平衡, 是在当你开始为了将设计感,印花 和舒适度三者结合于一身而创作时 感情投射和研究等方面都没 有让你过度思考的空间。而软硬, 阳刚和阴柔的混合,则来自于对任

> 这些是我在处理颜色 ,而我一定要坚持我的幽默在 是来自于巴尔干人们喜欢过度 曝光的色彩和一切闪闪发光的东 油然而生。



wants to progress but is still experiencing a "kinderzimmer" situation, or the room that belongs to a child in a household, during a time where they aren't allowed to be a child anymore. I tried to create a pure look that captured this moment of being ready for a change but still holding on to the usual. That's why I 时又不愿放开现有的一切的转 chose to combine colors like baby blue 折点。这就是为什么我叠加了 and pink, rose and lavender, to me they 像婴儿蓝,嫩粉色和薰衣草紫 stand for a childlike naivety. Then I chose 等颜色来象征孩童般的幼稚和天 colors like white, grey, and iridescent white that stand for being an adult 光白等来象征成年后 and the adjustability and neutrality an adult has. The adult is also seen in the fitting collars and sleeves or the button down front. The bedtime-ready textures and the pillow like details mixed with 而我是用的几乎 sporty elements and brighter colors has 上床睡 a sarcasm about it that growing up has. 料 , 混 合 着 运 动 元 素 和 It has this "everything is gonna be fine" feeling to it, if you know what I mean. It's hard for me to put everything in a sentence when it comes to describing my work. How would you describe the collection?

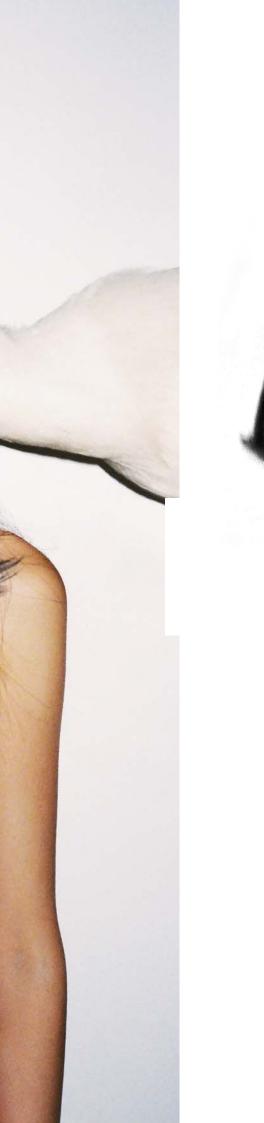
The collection is about a person who 这一个系列是关于一个在经历 "kinderzimmer (儿童 房)",也就是不愿摆脱童年 出一个纯净的造型来捕捉当一 个人做好改变的准备 桥头自然直 一句话来描述我的设计是 在太难了。你会如何描述呢?



It feels good to know that there are people 能看到世界上有out there like you who get the work. Most 的人真是难能可 of the time it's just people looking at the 人看到我的设计 clothes and asking me "So Ilija... can you tell 的问我: "Ilija, me who is going to wear this?" (laughs) It's 谁会穿这些衣服?" aus dem Gemeindebau" was kind of like a 制作相比较。 mixtape I produced just to give people a dem production wise because this time around I 似混合磁带的东 had helping hands and the overall look and 的制作会类似EP一 feel of the collection feels more grown up 这一次我的帮手比较多 than the previous one. I didn't spend as much 这套设计的外观 time thinking as I did making the previous 趋纯熟。非常奇妙的是 which was very weird but good, good, good. 这将会是我在 This will be my first collection outside of collection, university and it feels very good. The collection 夏末的时候推出 should be out by the end of the summer. 让一帮喜欢在穿着 love with Hvala Ilija.

funny that you mentioned the word practice 前提到"练习"这个词,的确, earlier, because that's the same way I see 因为我就是这么看待这一个系列 it. I compare my collections to mixtapes, 的。我会将我的collection EP's and albums production wise. "Blume 与 m i x t a p e , EP和 专 辑 的 Gemeindebau"就 taste of Hvala Ilija and what it's about. The 是我为了让大家感受Hvala I upcoming collection feels more like an EP IIIi a 的 氛 围 和 理 念 所 做 的 类 collection. Everything went hand in hand, 个步骤现在都已经环环相扣。 The goal is to reach an audience that has fun 样 , 并 且 不 那 么 认 真 在 意 自 己 with clothes and doesn't take themselves too 的人们了解Hvala Ilija。因 seriously, because it takes a muscle to fall in 为要学会接受它,爱上它,你需 要用掉一抹灵魂。







The Purest Form of Naked Human Beings 任航一最纯粹的赤裸人性



Flesh, corpses, souls and bland flashlights, all composite into seconds or milliseconds of lights and shadows, projecting onto the film that never knows how to lie. Focus gathering and the shutter releasing, connecting his unpretentious, rebellious, wild and free perspectives towards the naked human body. The images look so natural, yet fun and unexpected. One soul after another all blossom like a newborn baby, urging to crawl out of his mother's womb, dying to be redefined.

In this era that we live in, being censored by the Chinese government has almost become a stamp of approval for contemporary artists. Ren Hang, a young man with a mature look and tanned skin, hair as short as a Chinese soldiers', always carrying an irresistibly cute and innocent smile on his cheeks. He is, perhaps, the sole artist and photographer with the most edgy outlook towards the naked human body.

肉体, 灵魂, 直射的闪光灯, 复合成快门内的几秒或几百之一秒, 投射到无比真实的胶卷。聚焦的眼神, 收放的快门,联系着他不循规蹈矩,不羁的叛逆,以野性和自由的角度对焦赤裸的人体。照片看来如此的自然,充斥着意料之外的乐趣。像是生命生生的不息,又像是花的盛开如同新生的婴儿,急促的爬出母亲的子宫,死亡在此重新被定义。

这个年代,在我们身处的环境中,被中国政府的封杀似乎已经成为对一个现代艺术家能成功的走向世界的证明。任航,老成的外表,黝黑的皮肤,一头短发短得像是军人,总是带着一脸令人无法抗拒天真可爱的笑容,任航,就是这个时代,对赤裸的人体最有前卫见解地中国摄影艺术师。





Who are you, without the label of a photographer?

I think I am quite a boring person without 我是 any interesting hobbies. Unless there is something worth doing, I would rather stay 地方不然 at home. But I do like a lot of things. Often, 我喜欢有时候出去跳after doing things I love, like dancing, eating酒,跳完喝完了也不 and drinking, at the end of the night nothing changes and it all feels empty in the end.

How do you see nudity?

What do you think about the limitations of the Chinese government towards contemporary artists like you?

I always work in China, and yes, I have been arrested, I have had exhibitions being forced to close, our website getting banned, etc. It happens too often that I do not even care any more. I am being more cautious nowadays, for example, not posting full frontal nudity online. But sometimes, foreign media misunderstands me, and they love asking questions like this, but I really don't mind it too much. Overall, it is not that somebody is constantly monitoring my behaviors, so it does not affect me a lot. Perhaps I get mad in the moment, but what has past is past. At the end of the day I still love China.

么 特 别 很多东西但很多到最后 也觉得没有什么意思。

你是怎么看待裸体这件事的?

Nudity is nudity. We see it every single 裸体就是裸体,每个人每天都会day. To be honest I do not have any special 见到,我其实并没有什么想法。 opinions about it. I do intend to only shoot 我也并不是专门要拍裸体,我只nudity.

像你这种当代艺术家 的限制?

到 我 已 经 痲 , 我其实不太在乎他 们封杀我,并不是每时每刻都 响不是很大。也许有时候当下 我是气愤的,但是过去就过去 了 , 到 底 我 还 是 爱 中 国 的 。



Ren Hang continues to stress the fact that he is "boring". Especially when asked about those basic questions of his inspirational origins and meanings behind the photos, he always just smiles naively, shakes his shoulders and says, "I don't really know. I never really thought about it." Perhaps he is such a paver, heading towards the direction of happiness and creative freedom without realizing the pathways he has left behind. You might find him confusing and puzzling, but he has the ambience of such kindness that you would always trust that no evil can come out from him. He is merely a pure form of naked human beings.

任航不断的在强调自己是一个很无聊的人。问及到创作理念和灵感来源时,常常双肩一耸,"不 也许他就只是朝着幸福的方向,自由地进行创作 不带任何羁绊。你也许会对他感到困惑,但他就是有着善 ,你会相信,没有邪恶可以从他身上撷取出,而 他仅仅是体现赤裸裸的人类性罢了。

differently?

am shooting, it is just a body part. But 样,都是身体的一部分。但是我to me if a penis is not erected, it is as 觉得男性的性器官不勃起的话就 if it does not exist. A shrinking penis is 如同不存在一般。阴茎萎缩时就 ugly in my opinion.

How do you get your inspirations each time 每次拍摄 before or during your shoots?

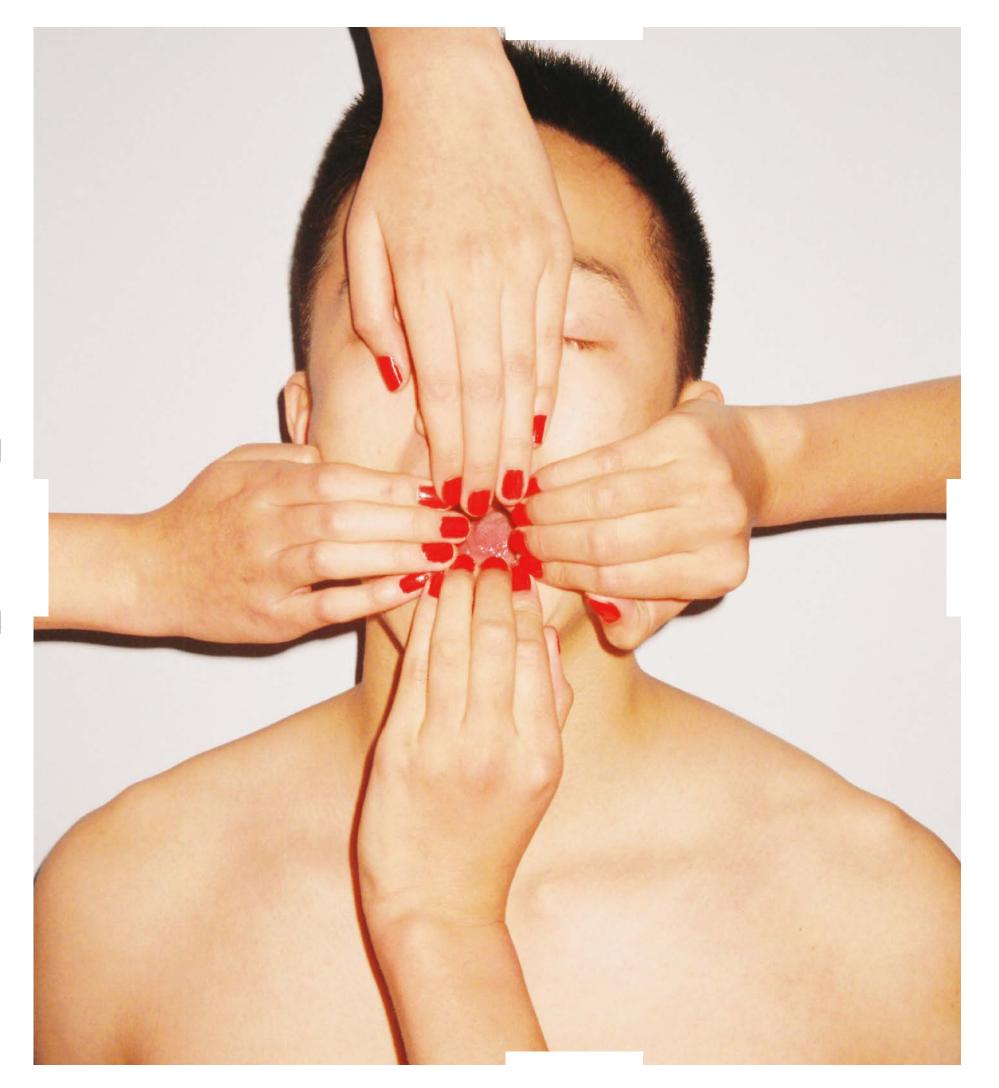
Talways just think randomly. A lot of the times - 我都是随意 the team I work with think that my ideas or 我跟一组人合作的时候我的想 the things I need to find are unpractical and 法都被认为是不可行的。但我 undoable. But I always insist it for a while, 会坚持一下,我会说为什么我and the truth is, often it works out fine 们不尝试一下呢?往往最后出 in the end. Because normally in people's 来的结果都是可能的。因为在preconsciousness, anything that we do not 人们固有的观念里,任何事我see, use or are not in contact with regularly 们不常见,不常用或不常接触 would be easily defined as impossible to 的东西的时候人们就觉得它太 find or too far to reach. But once you put 遥不可及。但是如果你真的去your hands on it, you would realize that it 做的话没那么难。比如我接下 is actually not that difficult. For example, for 来想要拍大象或狮子,找了一 the next project I want to shoot elephants 圈发现还是找得到的。有时候 or lions, and after looking out to some 只要有钱就能行。所以我觉得 people it has been proven to be do-able. 只要是存在的东西都能拍得到 And sometimes it is simply the question of 的。所以跟我合作过的人都知 money. In my opinion, I should be able to 道只要我想拍什么他们都会努 shoot anything that exists in the world.

Do you view male and female genitals 你对男女性器的差异有何不同 的看法吗?

To me they are both the same. When I - 男女的性器官对我来说都一 等同于丑陋。

灵感的?

力去帮我一起尝试。



Do you normally prefer to use friends of 拍 yours to shoot? Many people who have worked with you know that you are quite picky with choosing the right model. Why is that?

Yes, I mostly shoot people I know. But recently I am shooting more and more 多 strangers or models. And my only standard 生 is that he or she has to be good looking to me, which is very straightforward and, of course, really subjective as well. It is a feeling that people give me and I cannot put it into words. But no matter what I always insist on using models I like. Once before a photo shoot, the stylist gave me nearly 50 models 5 0 个 模 to choose from and I rejected them all. Eventually I tried my best and chose two. He kept asking what exactly I am looking for but 什 I could not explain it to him, so I just told him to continue searching for me. Eventually he was a bit angry with me, haha.

Could you tell us how you developed your career?

I started shooting in 2008 and I basically shot every sort of topic and style at the beginning. But since most people paid attention to my 拍 nude series, I got more and more into that. 是 Even though there is a strong resistance in Mainland China, there are still a lot of people who are willing to exhibit for me.

Why do you insist on shooting with film cameras?

Because I do not know how to do post 因为我不会后 productions! Just kidding, haha. I just think (开玩笑)。 that the outcome of film photography 质量 is much nicer in terms of quality, texture 比较好,此外我觉得 and color. Plus I think the best state of a 最好的时刻 photo should be the moment you shot it. It 候。它是一个 should be a very direct and straightforward 动作,如果拍完之后你还要做behavior. If you add a lot of post-production 很多后期的话它可能就不叫照 into it, it should be called a picture or a 片了,而应该叫图片,或者综 mixed-materials artwork, instead of a photo. 合 艺 术 品 。

欢 用 自 己 的 朋 友 吗你 合 作 过 都 的 人 都 你 选 模 特 时 很 挑 剔 什么?

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Do you intend to convey any sort of messages to the public with your photos?

Not really. I just want to make myself happy. 并 Perhaps sometimes the photos might not 是 come out well, but at least I enjoyed the 时 process of creating it, and that is guite enough. I do not think that my photos shall be put underneath a cultural mass or a theme to be put to use for something. Taking photos is just one of my interests that makes me happy, like dancing, eating or drinking. Many times people do things, like posting images on social media, simply as an act to get appreciated and complimented by others. This sort of superficiality is universal; it is selfish in the sense that it makes us happy and comfortable.

What is your favorite place?

China. I am most familiar with my home 中国 country. Even though other countries are 也许很好,任何 period of time, but at the end of the day it 是感觉还是不一样。 still doesn't feel the same.

How does your family view the art you make?

My family is very average middle class workers and my parents are not divorced. I always thought they had no idea what I do for a living. But last time when I wanted to shoot with my mother back home, she naturally accepted and asked me directly if she needs to be naked. On the day of the shoot, she was very cooperative and exhausted herself out. "If it is not for you, I would never do this," she said. It was a very comfortable and natural shoot, but we still never talk about my work.

你拍的照片想要传达给人们 个什么样的信息?

荣感都是一样的,它是自私 ,因为它让我们感到开心 和舒服。

你最喜欢什么地方?

nice, and I could live in any of them for a 家 我 都 可 以 去 住 一 段 时 间 , 可

做的艺术?

我一直认为他们都不了解 吧?"她那天拍的时候很配一天下来很累,最后她说" 就是因为是你我才会做这些动 作。"我们那次合作很自然,但是我们还是从来没有谈论过我的 工作。





How do you find nude models to work with you?

A lot of people write emails to me, or some of 很多人会给我写邮 on a project right now that I shoot every 在在做一个项目,就是我会 single person I encounter in my life, and 由下每一个我遇见的人,最 eventually composing a multi-dimensional 后做成一个有几万张脸的立 space with hundreds of thousands of faces.

For now, what are your future plans?

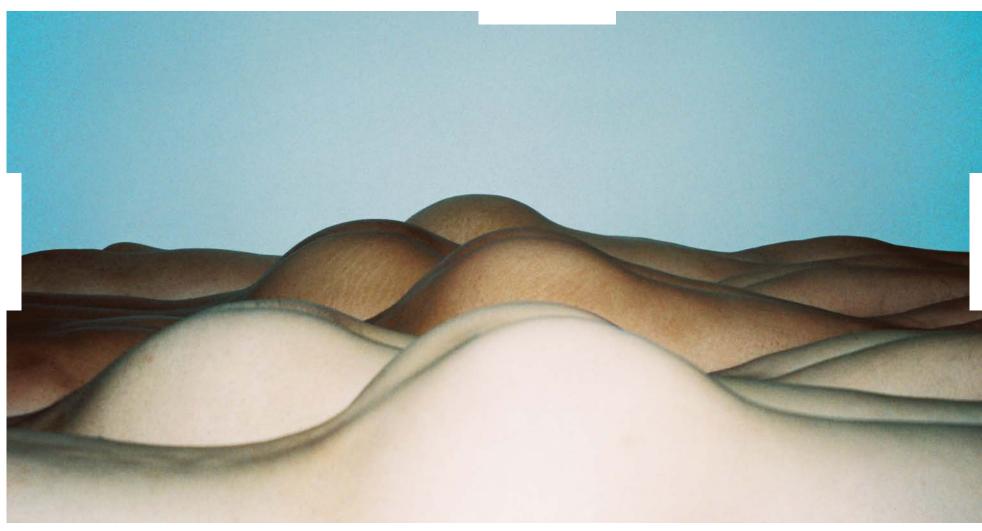
I want to create a magazine called "Gongji", 我想 literally translated as cock, the animal. But it does not have an English name. The first issue, I would like to have all images of one face and one genital per page. The second 成是磁带的形式,跟正常人issue would probably be in the form of a tape, 做采访,像是很放松的聊天 with casual interviews that feels like a daily 最终涉及到性经验的部分。 conversation and eventually touch up on 我打算明年年末出第一本, their sexual experiences. I plan on releasing 一年一期。 the first issue by the end of next year.

你是怎么找到这些裸体的 模特?

my friends ask me directly. But I am working 直接有朋友问我。不过我现 体空间。

你接下来有什么计划吗?





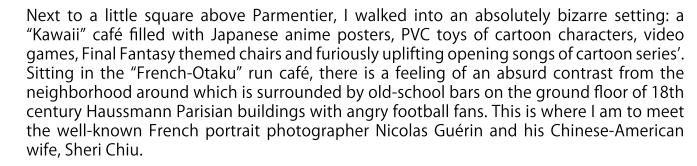


The Breaking Down of Cultural and Societal Barriers with Nicolas Guérin and Sheri Chiu

胆敢解放赤裸的超脱 对话拆除文化和社会隔阂的 Nicolas Guérin和 Sheri Chiu







Sheri, twenty-three years old, has an adorable smile with minimalistic facial features, a school-girl looking bob cut that spells out innocence and a very soft and gentle voice that leaves the impression of a shy character. But she, a girl that does not look that much different than others her age, has been modeling nude since the age of eighteen, married a forty-year-old French photographer and moved to Paris for love, while working at one of the hippest fashion/art magazines as a journalist and creating unimaginable erotic photography with her husband.

Nicolas, walking next to Sheri, is almost as if looking into a mirror that shows one's complete contradictory. He, in a pair of nonchalant jeans, represents "le French chic" on the end of artistic intellectuals. His careless beard with the occasional white hair sticking out of the picture speaks maturity and his pair of dark-colored eyes hide most of the deep thoughts and skepticism towards common society. The external juxtaposition between the married couple truly sticks out in a crowd. But once you get to know them, all the confusion and questions will be untied.

巴黎。

在离Parmentier不远处的一个小广场旁,我犹豫地走进一个诡异的场景。这是一家墙壁贴满了五彩斑斓的漫画海报,摆满模型手办,电子游戏和最终幻想主题的桌椅,大声放着激动到不合常理的动漫开场主题曲的"kawaii"咖啡厅。我推开一把椅子,坐在几个法国"宅男"面前,感受着这与周围环境毫不沾边,仿佛踏入纳尼亚一般的不解。这个被一圈18世纪奥斯曼世的建筑下闹哄哄的在酒吧喝酒的球迷围绕着的咖啡厅,就是著名法国人像摄影师Nicolas Guérin和美籍华人兼自称"暴露狂"的Sheri Chiu,这对绝对够奇葩的夫妇,约我访谈的地方。

Sheri,一个23岁的华裔女孩,带有东方简约美的脸上总是挂着一个天真烂漫的含羞笑意,梳着乖乖女的Bob头,讲话的时候温文儒雅。从表面上看,她和同龄人几乎没有什么差别。但也就是她,自18岁开始了她当裸模的生涯。嫁给了一个40岁的已婚法国摄影师之后,为爱远走巴黎。而同时她给时下最潮的时装艺术杂志之一写稿,并且还在和丈夫合作拍摄各种情色摄影艺术。够酷了吧?

Nicolas,走在Sheri的旁边,几乎就像一面能找出一个人完完全全相反特征的镜子。 穿着法式轻雅随性的牛仔裤,走路时透漏着一副新派艺术家的风范。他不经打理的胡 渣,几根若隐若现的白色毛发,一对似乎隐藏了对频繁社会充满怀疑的深邃的暗色双 眸,都散发着浓烈的成熟和性感的味道。这一对外在天差地别的夫妇极其容易的就能从 人群中跳出来,而只有在和他们真正深入对话之后,才能解开这一切的疑惑。



How did you two meet?

Sheri: I was born in New York, lived Sheri: 我出生长大于纽约 there for ten years and moved to Hong Kong where I lived for eight years. Later on, I moved back to New York to study journalism at NYU. I met Nicolas through Model Mayhem, which is a model profession website connecting freelance models and photographers. to happen between us. So on New Year's Eve, I flew to New York to fuck 个借口勉强拍了一组。 her. Therefore my primary purpose was not really to shoot her, although we did eventually, but only because we felt like we needed it as an excuse. **Sheri:** We fell in love first, then we met, and then we shot together. The first 你们在对方身上找到最能互相连 photo shoot was just in the moment.

What is the one strongest connection Nicolas: 刚接触她的时候, you found in each other?

Nicolas: I first stopped flirting with her a bit because she was nineteen and I was thirty-nine, and she was 6,000 kilometers away from me; there were a lot of reasons and it was not the easiest situation. But after meeting her, she was simply so spontaneous, odd and 和不稳定的女孩子。 unstable; and I, on the contrary, was 一个忧伤,无聊又稳定的老男 so sad and stable and boring. When we are together we can have a kind of balance so it was a really good match. I was unfortunately and completely trapped. But things weren't easy since I just escaped a relationship myself and I had a family, a kid, my work, etc. Plus I did not expect myself to fall so deeply in love at the age of forty. I felt 岁之年还能为一个女子如此疯 like I had a second chance to be happy 狂 , 就 像 是 人 生 给 了 我 第 二 次 with someone else.

你们是如何相遇的?

和香港,之后我在纽约大学上 的新闻系。而我们相遇是通过 Model Mayhem这个连接自 由职业的模特和摄影师的网站。 Nicolas: 是的。我们先是在 网上暧昧调情了三个星期,一切 Nicolas: Yes. We met and we flirted 都很显然会发生。于是我干脆在 through the website for three weeks. 跨年之夜飞到纽约去上她。所以 It was clear that "things" were going 当初我就没有想要真的拍她的意 思。但是最后还是为了给自己一

Sheri: 我们是先相爱,再相 遇。他第一次拍我只是因为当下 时机的需要。

接住的特质是什么?

我试图想停止这种关系。不仅 因为她当时才19而我当时39 岁,她还住在离我6000公里 之外的纽约。种种因素都告诉 我这不是一个理智的决定 是认识他之后,我发现Sheri 是一个及其突发,随机,奇特 人。但是当我们在一起时 个人的性格很完美的相互平衡 和补足了。于是我很不幸的完 全陷入了爱河。但是介于我那 时刚离婚,还拖着一个家庭, 个孩子,事实还是不大允 许。而且我从未想过在自己40 爱的机会一般难以置信。





Did you ever think that you would end up with a guy like Nicolas?

Sheri: Before I dated guys mostly my Sheri: 以前我大部分都和同龄男 own age, and I always fell for the wrong guy because I was really interested in bad guys who would treat me poorly.

And why do you think that is?

Sheri: I was always drawn to the Sheri: 我 一 向 都 很 崇 拜 那 些 popular kids in school. I was obsessed with the leadership quality and I tried hard to fit in. Then I met Nicolas and he was stable, with a lot of love and nurturing to give. So I think this was what I needed.

Nicolas: This sounds better in words but not so much in reality.

Why would such a progressiveminded couple like you two need to get married?

issues. I always fought to not get 文件上的问题。我一直是抗拒婚姻 married. But it was necessary for her 的而我真心不需要。但是这件事对 family, or even as a commitment to 于她的父母很重要,并且也算是我 her since she was about to move from 对她衷心的一个诺言,毕竟她已经 New York to Paris for me. My daughter and my whole family attended the ceremony in our studio/apartment. The wedding turned into an amazing "hippie" party after the family left. Everyone lost their minds and clothes and were dancing naked.

model?

Sheri: When I moved back to New York, I wanted to try out some school fashion shows and one of some pictures on Model Mayhem. I started off with some boring and ugly commercial photo shoots, then one day I met a photographer, and my clothes came off.

(问Sheri)你以前有想过最后会 和Nicolas这样的人在一起吗?

生交往,而且我特别偏好坏男孩。 于是常常受到伤害。

为什么你会专门喜欢坏男孩呢?

受欢迎的同学。我对领袖精神 几近着迷并且我很想被认同。 但是当我遇到Nicolas的时 候, 我非常有安全感, 非常的 自信、自在。

Nicolas: 她这么一解释听起 来比真正的现实好听多了哈哈。

为什么向你们想法这么超前的情侣会

Nicolas: First of all it is the paper Nicolas : 第一, 我们存在身份 为了我搬来巴黎。我全家人包括女 儿都参加了在我们工作室兼公寓里 举办的婚礼。家属一走,就马上变 成了十足"嬉皮趴体"。到最后所 有奖金60个朋友都疯狂的宽衣解 带,全裸热舞。

Sheri, how did you start being a nude 你是怎么开始做裸模的,Sheri?

Sheri: 当我搬回纽约上大学的时 候, 我很想要尝试一下学校的时装 秀和挡一下模特。于是我朋友建议 我把照片传到Model Mayhem这 my friends suggested that I put 个网站上。刚开始的时候我拍了一 堆又丑又没意思的商业 有一天我遇到了一个摄影师,然后 不知不觉的,我的衣服就一件一件 脱了下来。

Was it natural when you got naked the first time in front of a camera?

Sheri: It was natural because it was new and exciting even though it was dangerous and, more importantly, against my educational background. I had my first nude shoot when I was eighteen and it truly opened up the 并不紧张。第一次拍摄的时候 gate of liberation for me. I think this 我才18岁, behavior back then was a response to 生自我解放的大门的 a need that I had at the time, eager to 事件。我觉得当时之所以会想 be acknowledged and recognized by society. I needed to feel like I existed. Realistically, it was a chain that led to this mentality. First I broke up with my college boyfriend. So this was a sort of game of seduction to validate myself that even after this break up, I was still beautiful, sexy and men 己还是美的 still desired me. During each photo 渴望的挑逗性游 shoot, I would feel like there is a 的时候, goal and I am often not very focused, so it became easier for me as time went by. And I think a lot of nude models do it to help them with their own self-confidence as well.

when I realized that she is a true exhibitionist back then, haha. A few 狂 years ago we shot with the famous Jim Goldberg, Martin photographers Jim Goldberg, Martin Parr和Bruce Parr and Bruce Gilden in the streets. Sheri was naked in public with about one-hundred people queuing to take pictures of her. She was so happy!

Sheri: It was fun!

Nicolas: She is less like that today but back then, she was not a nude model. **Nicolas**: 她那时候与其说是一个 She was a girl who needed to be naked 裸体模特,不如说她是个需要在男 in front of men to feel good.

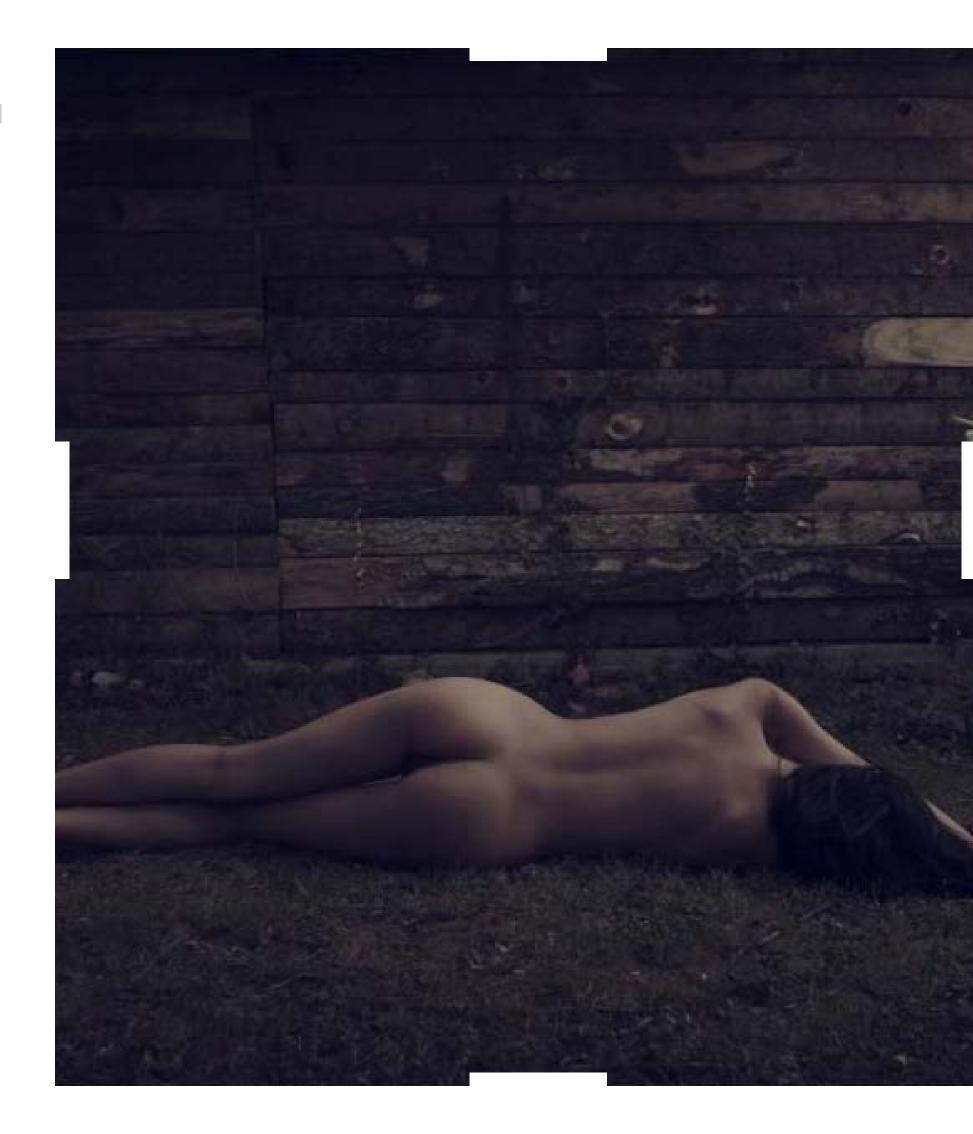
你第一次在镜头面前全裸的时候有什 么奇怪或不自然的感觉吗?

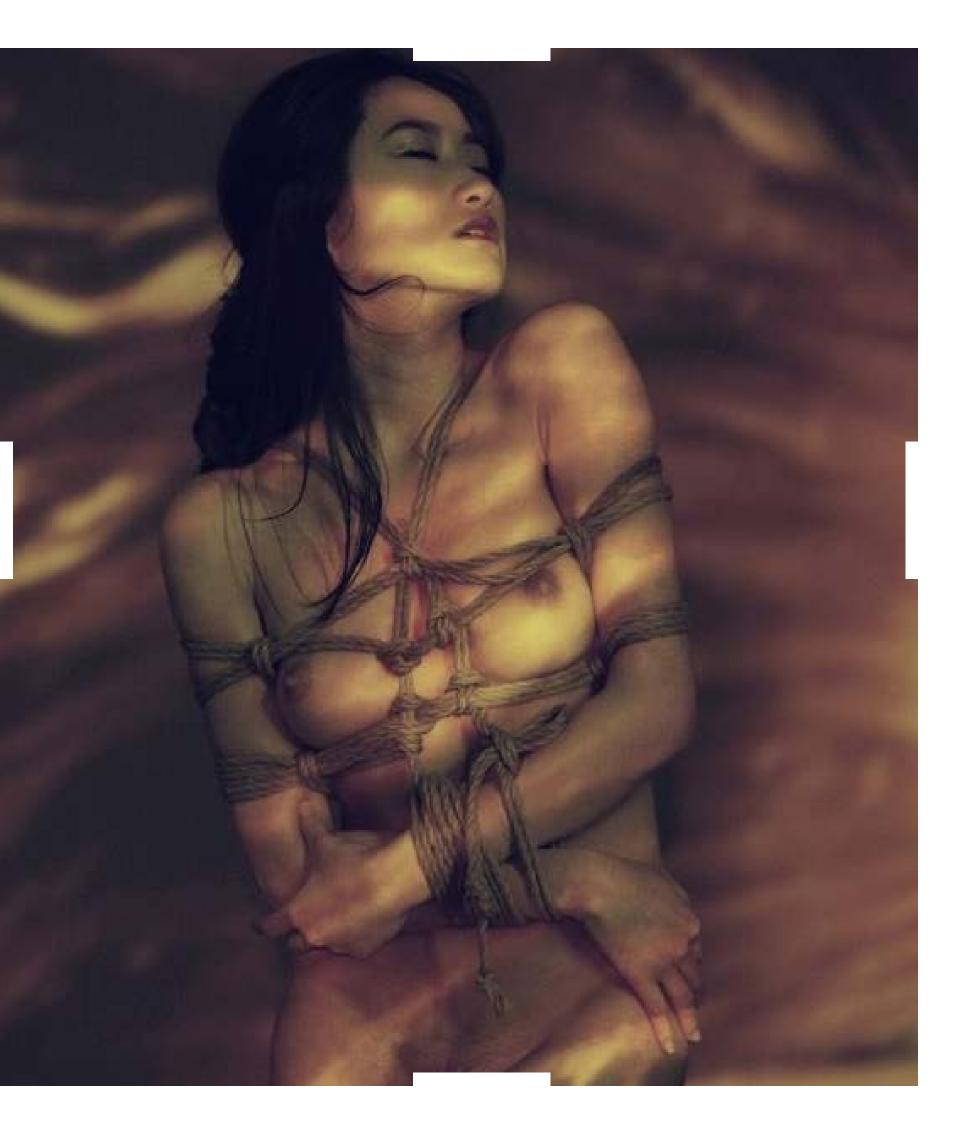
来说虽然有点危险和与我的教 育背景相冲突的事 这 也 是 被认同的 需要感受自 的男朋友分手,于是 性感的和被男人 个目标,并且比较涣散 就都进展的很顺利 得很多裸模之所以会拍上瘾, 都是因为她们缺乏自信

Nicolas: Plus that was the time Nicolas: 况且那也是我 发现其实Sheri是 "的时候。几年前,我们和 三 位 世 界 知 名 的 摄 影 Sheri就直接在街头宽 衣解带,引来现场一百多人围 观拍照。她自己享受的很!

Sheri: 太好玩了那一次!

人面前裸体才能开心的女孩儿。





And how do you see the contradiction in yourself since you said you are interested in fashion and you work for a fashion magazine as a journalist, while on the other hand you pose naked, which is a bit "anti-fashion" as some might say?

Sheri: I am a fashion journalist but I Sheri: 我虽然是时尚写手,但是 like to analyze fashion from a distance, especially as a form of art. And I see nude modeling the same way as a form of art. So I do not see that fashion has to necessarily do with clothing. It can be an atmosphere, an attitude. It can be a lot of things.

Do you, Nicolas, think you were influenced by Sheri and changed later on as well?

much more conservative and bourgeois. 地覆的变化。从前的我更保守, When we first met, she was very 更乏味。当我们刚认识的时候, and shooting nude. But at least she dared something, even though it was forbidden and dangerous for her. Me, I was not so brave. I was a very well known photographer for portraiture, and a director, so it was hard for me to get out of my comfort zone and do love, and proud to be in love with her, I moved passed the barriers in my heart and started shooting things with more of a sexual atmosphere.

The first erotic series I shot was a long series of around thirty different people making love and girls having orgasms, which I published in my book. The inspiration of this project was from last spring, when we knew that we would not meet for three months and I would be all alone.

Sheri你 总是拍裸 算不算带点"逆-时尚 的讽刺味道?

我喜欢从一个距离,尤其是以一种艺 术形态去分析和看待时装。而我看待 裸体也是一样的观点。所以我不认为 时尚一定要有实体的衣物。它可以是 一个氛围,一种态度,或者很多其他 的东西。

Nicolas,你认为自己有因为 Sheri而改变吗?

Nicolas: My life totally changed. I was Nicolas: 我的人生发生了天翻 neurotic about meeting photographers 她近乎神经质一般地不停和摄影 敢于去做一件有风险的,被禁忌 的事情。相反,我做不到。我一 贯都是以人像摄影和导演出名, 所以要让我甩开自己的束缚去拍 情色摄影是一件非常挑战的事。 erotic photography. I was shooting very 刚开始的时候,我拍的都是带着 academic nudes with no sexual meaning 弄弄学术味的,没有太多性暗示 at the time. And it was because I was in 的裸体摄影。但是正是由于我奋 不顾身地爱上了她,并且为此感 到自豪,我才迈出了那一步并开 始拍摄真正的情色艺术摄影。

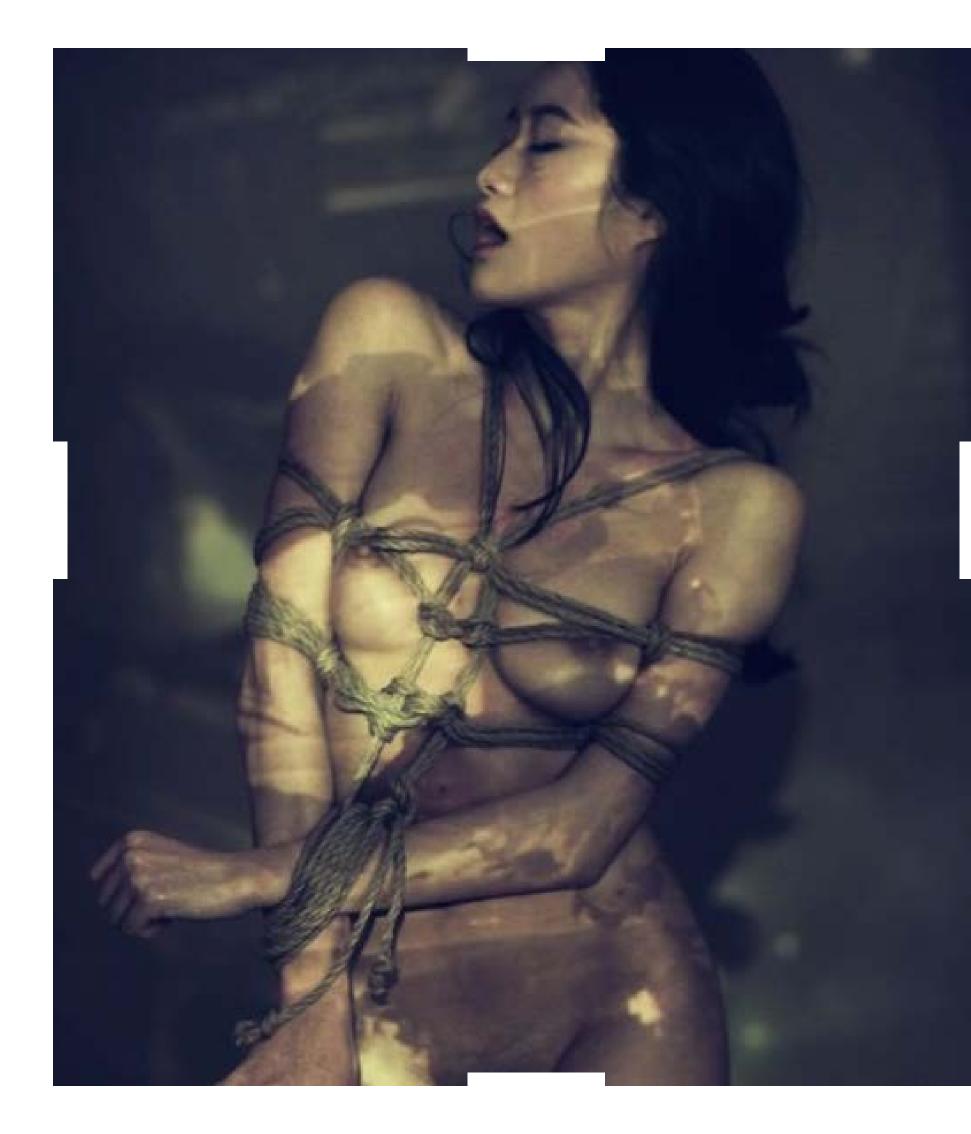
> 我拍摄的第一组情色系列中,一共拍 了三十个人上床。而我重点拍的是女 性高潮之前的那一刻,并发表在了我 的书中。我的灵感来源是因为上一个 春天,我和Sheri分隔两地三个月之 久。于是每天孤零零的我,开始想念 她的性喜悦和性高潮。

It was a difficult time and I was really 于是我决定开始 missing her orgasms and other sexual joy. So I decided to start shooting other girls having orgasms. It was 子 都 not easy to be understood at first, even for Sheri, but it was meaningful for me. For many years, a few girls offered me this opportunity to do a masturbation shoot and I always rejected it even though lalways loved 自己着手去感 eroticism in literature, painting and 话 cinema; but it is another step to decide 么 得 很 天 真 you would shoot yourself erotically 今 拍 摄 色 情 because you either have to be very, very naïve or very self confident to be able to do so. Plus, we already have a lot of amazing people doing erotic photography such as Ren Hang or Nobuyoshi Áraki. In the meantime, I 开始拍摄还因 started these ideas because I needed 纽 a balance when Sheri was looking for 觅 摄 影 师 photographers to shoot her naked and 而 我 迫 切 I needed to play the other role. Still it 心理平衡 was not as easy for a serious portrait photographer to shoot eroticism. Everybody understands my portraits, but it is not as easy to get people to understand eroticism.

自 慰 的 但 尽管我热 我 之 所 以 会 约 的 时 候 鲜 有 人 知 一个人都能看懂我拍的 但 是 要 让 他 们 理 解 色情艺术丝毫不简单。

After Sheri crawled into this exciting yet mature marriage, they started working together to shoot erotic photography. Their souls grinding and resonating create sparkles that surprise, amaze and confuse the world. Sheri, who looks shy and innocent but is indeed riotous, bold and unrestrained; in combination with Nicolas, who looks dissipated but was, in fact, once reserved and restrained; both using their uncommon love and understanding explore and discover new levels and definitions of the human sexual and emotional world.

爬 入 这 一 场 刺 共 同 合 拍 内心奔放不羁的She 但内心一度守旧的Nicolas,用互 相不寻常的爱和理解,不断地在摸索人类感情和性 爱生活的新境界、新领域。







Nicolas: So yes, I have definitely **Nicolas:** 所以很直白的,我受 changed due to the strong influence Sheri的影响改变了许多。从前, of Sheri. Before, I was too conscious 我对于事物的对错, 好坏和道德的标 about the limit of what is appropriate and what is not, which is a very stupid and bourgeois behavior. Sheri, on the other hand, was totally 'inappropriate'; she was always naked, even in front of kids and families in public. So we do not really have this idea of what 所以她深深地从灵魂深处改变了我。 is appropriate and what is not in our 所以我们的感情中,并不存在一个准 relationship.

How do both of your families react to the fact that you are shooting nude and sometimes eroticism together?

Nicolas: My family, after being on set once and seeing how beautiful Sheri can be when she is naked and Sheri裸体时窒息般的美,他们 how amazing the pictures turned out, totally changed their ideas and are now very supportive and comfortable with us doing this. And they know a lot about my work now ever since.

Sheri: My family is the complete opposite.

(Jokingly) Do they even know you are married?

Sheri: Yes, of course.

Nicolas: Unfortunately, haha.

Sheri: My parents had a very different education and they are much more close-minded and are both quite traditionally Chinese, even though my dad is quite Americanized since he moved to the U.S. at one-year-old and my mum moved there when she was sixteen. Despite their conservative ideas, they see that I am very happy with Nicolas so they try to understand.

准都太在意,太敏感了。这是非常愚 蠢的资产阶级的思想。但是Sheri 是一个行为非常"不当"和"不检 点"的人。她几乎永远是裸体的,甚 至在小孩和家庭面前也毫不在意。 确、鲜明的道德底线。

你们双方的家人是怎么看待 你们拍摄的情色艺术?

Nicolas: 我的家人一次在 现场看我们的拍摄 感受到了那种艺术的灵动。于是 他们彻底地改变了观念,并且如 今对此非常的支持和理解。

Sheri: 我的家人是恰恰相反。

他们知道你结婚了吧? (开玩笑)

Sheri: 当然当然。

Nicolas: 当然是很不幸 的, 哈哈。

Sheri: 我的家人,虽然在美国 长大,但他们仍旧抱着许多传统的 观 念 。 但 是 即 便 如 此 , 他 们 眼 看 着 我和Nicolas一起过的很快乐, 也在慢慢尝试理解着。

What was the biggest problem or 你 concern for them to accept Nicolas?

perhaps. And I think this is a BIG problem. If I were a forty-year-old Chinese photographer, this would cause way less trouble. And also the fact that I had already another family is a big matter.

Sheri: Actually I think age and profession were more of the questions. 理解摄影艺术而且他们也没有艺 They do not understand photography 术底蕴。他们去到美国是为了生 since they have no culture in art. They 存,养家糊口,创业致富,为了 came to America to survive, to make a business, to feed their family and to live the American dream. So that created a distance as well.

Nicolas: As you see Sheri's name means "darling" in French (Chérie), she was a nude model and she has the Chérie (甜心,宝贝)), same birthday as my daughter, but 个漂亮的裸体模特,甚至连她的生日 not the same year at least. So when 都跟我女儿一样! (至少不是同年哈 you meet a girl like this, you have to marry her, haha.

Are you still doing portrait photography or are you focusing more on erotic photography?

Nicolas: Yes, I have to because that is still my main job. I was lucky when I was studying to have had the opportunities to shoot famous people such as Quentin Tarantino six times, Woody Allen five times, Martin Scorsese six times and David Scorsese和五次拍David Lynch five times, etc. Even Chinese Lynch 等 等 世 界 级 大 导 演 和 演 员 movie legends such as Zhang Yimou (张艺谋), Gong Li (巩俐), Zhang Ziyi (章子怡) and many more. So today I love doing portraits of people from cinema more than anything because I am absolutely fascinated by these people. Last year I shot with Meryl Streep in Berlin, and after the shooting I cried for five minutes.

的家长最 Nicolas什么?

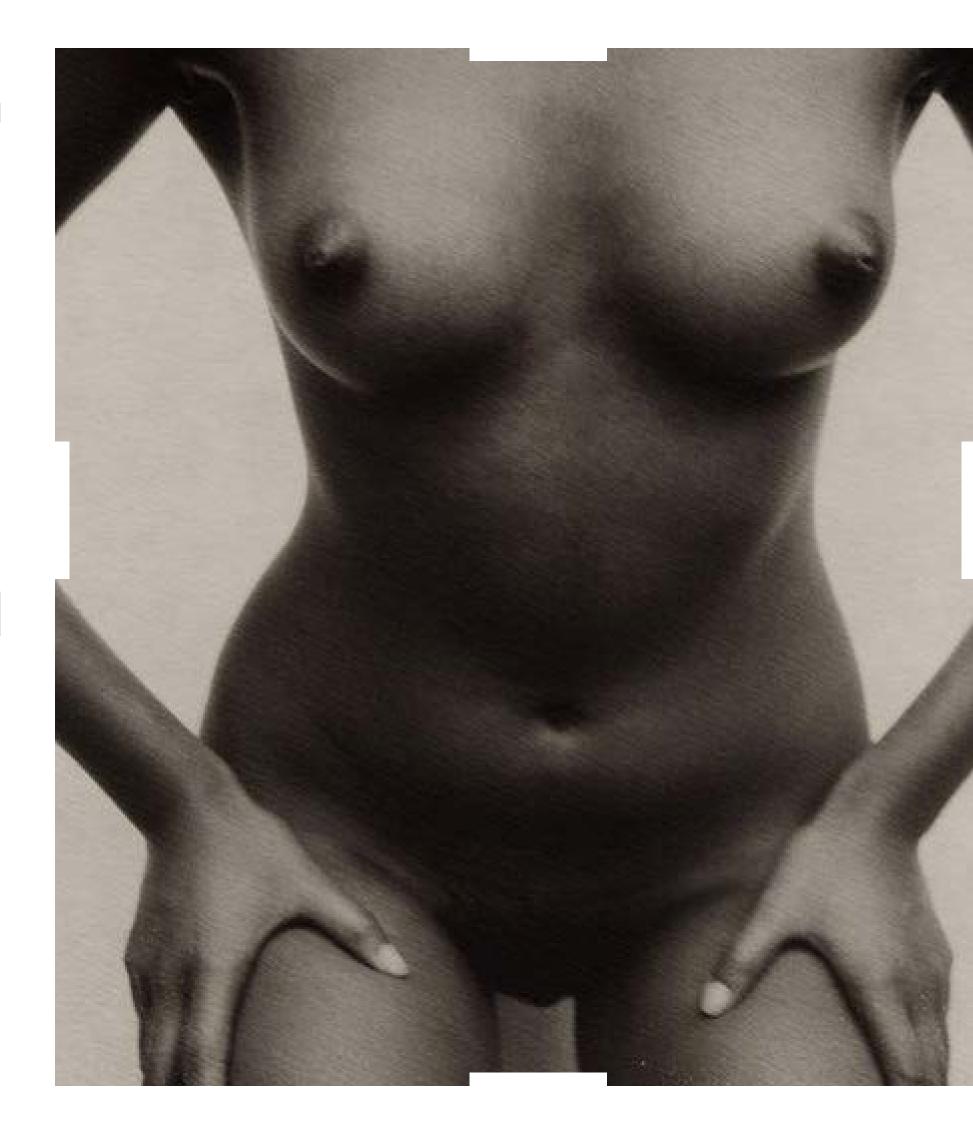
Nicolas: The ethnic differences Nicolas: 也许是我们的 种族差别。如果今天我是一个 40岁的中国摄影师 都不会这么复杂。而且可能也 不能接受我和前妻的家庭。

> Sheri: 老实说, 我认为年龄 和职业问题比较大。我父母并不 美国梦而奋斗的。所以这让我们 产生了距离

> Nicolas: 你要想,当你遇到一个 女孩儿,名字在法语里面是"甜心" 的意思, (因为Sheri在法语里音同 哈)这样的姑娘,你能不娶吗?

· 还 在 坚 持 拍 摄 人 像 摄 影 吗?还是你希望从今专攻情 色艺术摄影?

Nicolas: 我会坚持的, 毕 竟这是我的本行。从我30岁开 始,我很幸运的得到了六次拍 Tarantino, 五次拍Woody Allen, 六次拍Martin 的机会。甚至是中国的殿堂级导 演和演员,例如张艺谋,巩俐, 章子怡等等。所以时至今日我仍 旧热爱着人像摄影,因为对于我 来说,没有什么比拍摄电影行业 中的传奇更加让我激动和兴奋的 事了。去年我在柏林拍了Meгyl Streep,在拍摄完以后,我足 足哭了有五分钟。





It was so emotional for me because 我经常很情绪化 you see them in the movies and they represent so much for me. So I will for sure continue with portrait photography. But I cannot continue this all my life, so eventually I will need to move to some other type of photography. What is really interesting in our process of liberation; of course, as a couple, we would have limitations of freedom and it is not always easy for 我 在 拍 摄 火 辣 her to understand me shooting a naked girl - she would feel a bit attacked and insecure about it, and the same for me to accept her taking photos with other photographers. Therefore, the most recent thing we have done together is started to shoot other nude models with Sheri and I together as the photographer. Since Sheri has 并不了解 no knowledge with light, angles and positions, she just needs to direct the girl to shoot what she wants and sees in her mind, and I take care of the technical part. This is very interesting since Sheri is a nude model and she is directing another nude model, and on top of that it is unusual for a woman to shoot another woman erotically. This creates an exciting point of view. Sheri: For me it is really about the S h e r i : 对 于 我 attitude and emotions. But I think Nicolas and I share a common view on erotic photography, so it is really efficient when one person is behind the camera and the other directs and guides the model. Nicolas brings his expertise and experience with his knowledge; with me it is more experimental, naïve and fun. I think 很 girls can give me a different attitude 知 and reactions as opposed to Nicolas. 认 为 作 I think it depends on the girl since some girls are very comfortable and offer me more, while others might actually enjoy the process of seducing a male photographer or maybe they feel more excited in front of a guy.

这些经历所触动 ,存在着 和 理解能 カ , Sheri也 感 或 有 威 胁 体艺术 影技术 多知识, 且似乎很少有女性拍 一视角是新鲜的 相机后 点和想法和N 相反的 更信任我 会 更 享 受 和 男 摄 影

Nicolas: But in fact some girls have **N** told us that they would not feel as comfortable and free if they were alone with me. Since Sheri is on set, they feel more secured, more relaxed and confident. Before I did photo shoots that express the intimacy and the melting of two bodies in a blurry and unspecific way. But this time we both want it to be sharper and more direct about erotica. So it is not guaranteed S h e r i that girls can easily masturbate in front of me at three o'clock in the morning but if we appear as a married couple with Sheri who is also a nude model, interesting and more direct images are almost promised to come out.

How do you find your models?

Nicolas: They are mostly friends, or friends through the internet. Mostly it 在我们自己的工作室 was the magic of the shoot, since we shoot very privately in our studio late at night. For me this is absolutely the most beautiful thing we could shoot. **Sheri:** Plus, when Nicolas gives an idea, I can feed off that inspiration and go off in another direction, to really try to get everything from the **Nicolas**: 有时 pose. I push the limit of his point of 会在某个地方 view even further.

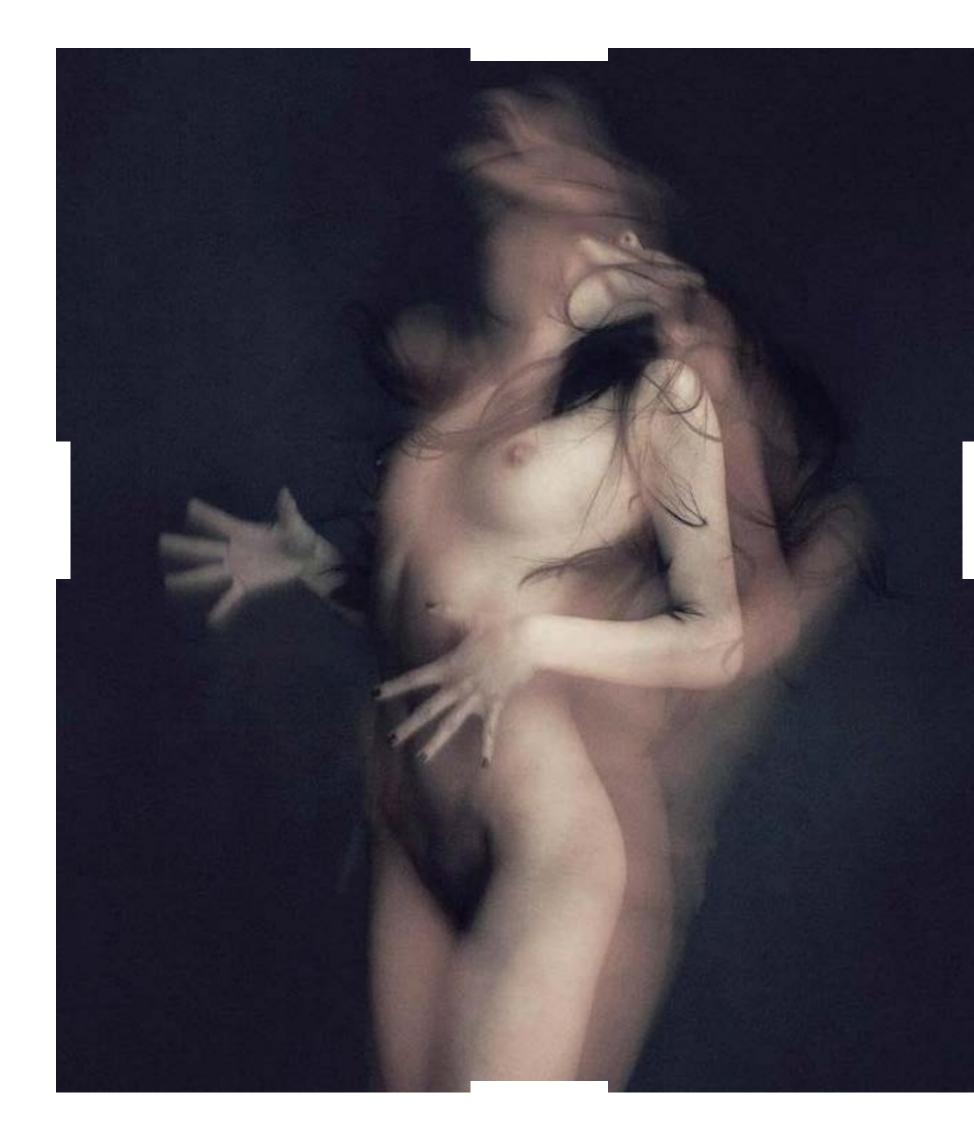
Nicolas: Sometimes, I would stop the shooting, since my subconscious and photography instincts cannot approve what Sheri might do. But she would insist on trying and sometimes, even though it does look odd and strange, it actually creates a new level and a new vision of beauty. Now, there Sheri和另一个她有 is a new question we have asked ourselves about couples, nudes and photography: what about me shooting Sheri with another girl or another guy? Or even Sheri shooting me included in the photos.

放 去 更 原 始 的 人 更 能 自 将 展现在镜

Nicolas: 她们大部 都是朋友 ,有 少数是网 。然后就是我们这个 认识的 拍摄的奇妙特质 在 凌晨 三点的昏 我来说这是我们可以拍 最美的事物

e r Nicolas给我 我可以将它继 探索这个灵感的

为我的潜意识和摄影 下去不会好 是Sheri总会坚 并且常常出来的效果虽然不 按 我 的 常 理 出 特得非常美。现 一个新的挑战。那就是 的 男 人 上 床 , 或 者 她 拍 摄





So what is the boundary or limitation to your erotic photography between the two of you?

Nicolas: For me, I do not want to take photos just for my own excitement, and I want the photo to still have a meaning and values when I see it; or an emotion that I can share with others exists in it. So one can find common emotions in the orgasm series I did before. The big difference between Sheri and me is that almost every time she is excited and aroused during the shoot while I am never. In a way, I would love to experience this feeling. The only time this happened was the 应的拍摄是我第一次尝试拍 very first nude shoot of my life with a girl who was nineteen years old. After that, whenever I am working, I am completely out of my body and never excited about the sexy scenes in front of me. The camera actually puts me at a distance, terribly. I would love to be more intimate and spontaneous, and less cold with my emotions when shooting.

Sheri: Because I started nude modeling for self-validation so photo shoots meant sex to me. I would always get super excited and I didn't really care about the photos, it was more about the experience and chemistry that came with it. Which is something the Nicolas has not really experienced. For me, I would like Nicolas to feel it Nicolas 也能体会到着一种 just to see how it feels.

Nicolas: Really? Are you sure?

Sheri: Yeah! But recently this has changed. For example, the last time I went for an erotic photo shoot, I could not feel anything sexual and exciting. The chemistry seems to have run away.

你们两人之间拍摄情色摄影 的底线是什么?

Nicolas: 对我来说, 我不想 要纯粹为了自我的欢愉而拍照, 我还是希望我的照片能被赋予一 个含义,价值或者情感。所以在 我之前拍摄的 "高潮"系列中, 你是可以发现一个情感规律的。 而Sheri和我最大的不同之处 在于她总是能被周围的环境或者 拍摄的对象挑起欲火。从某种程 度上说,我很希望能体验这一 种感觉。我唯一一次有过生理反 裸女。她19岁的曼妙身姿让我 立马激动了起来。但从那以后, 我每次拍摄时都想魂魄出窍了一 般。我认为相机在我和情欲之间 保护着我,让我保持一段距离。 但事实上我很希望能够真正体会 那种自发的,亲密的情感传递, 而不是像我现在一般冷漠

Sheri: 鉴于我开始当裸模 的 时 候 是 为 了 寻 找 自 ,所以当时拍照对我来说就 等于上床 。我的欲望总 易就能被勾起,而且老实说我 并不在乎拍出来的成果 重要的,是那个过程和那种微 妙的化学反应。其实我是希望 感觉的。

Nicolas: 真的吗?你确定?

觉得自己变了。比如我 次拍色情艺术照的时 完全感受不到任何激 许那种感受已经不复存在了。 people loving and having sex together the combination of two human souls. So next week I am going to step out of this phase and shoot with a girl that I am excited about and afterwards, Sheri has to be happy about it, haha.

Do you get judgment or disapproval from friends, family or the society?

Sheri: For a long time I kept modeling Sheri: 我做裸模的很长一段时 a secret from my friends and family. A lot of my male friends don't understand actually and what confuses them more is that Nicolas is comfortable with me posing nude. I find my female friends more open about it. And my parents 持。相比之下我觉得我的女性朋友 behave.

Do you attempt to convey any sort of message or meaning with your naked body? Or does it simply make you happy?

Sheri: It really does make me happy. And I just love experimenting and creating new images, exploring ideas and concepts with Nicolas. It is an overall life experience.

How do you separate erotic art from pornography?

Nicolas: It is very simple. Pornography is images that excite people sexually. But you cannot masturbate to the 并不能对着色情艺术自慰。比如说我 images of the girls having orgasms 的"高潮"系列里,没有阴茎,没有 that I shot. There are no dicks, no 阴道, 只有模糊的情感和融合似水般 pussies - but love, emotions and 的身体形态。 melting bodies.

Nicolas: And frankly, seeing other Nicolas: 老实说,看到他人在 真情流露的做爱时,我是会流泪 makes me cry. I am always touched by 的。我会被他们那种亲密,那种 热烈,那种两个灵魂的曼妙结合 所感动。所以最近我会去寻找一个 我也为之心动的女孩,和她拍完以 后, Sheri还不能生气哦! 哈哈。

你们做的事会遭到身边朋友或 来自社会的不解和反对吗?

间里我都没有和任何人说过。我 很多男性朋友都对我做这件事非 常不解,并且更让他们疑惑的是 Nicolas居然没有意见并且很支 are still critical. Overall, I do find 都比较支持我。我的家长当然是不 that society criticizes what I do since 赞同的。总体来说,由于我做的事 it is not in line with the society that 情偏离了社会给我们设好的路, 我 (believes) one should be clothed and 又不穿衣服又不规规矩矩,所以难 免会招来言论。

你有试图想用自己赤裸的身体 表达一些什么信息或理念吗? 还是它只是单纯的让你开心?

Sheri: 这真的让我非常开心。并 且我很钟情于和Nicolas一起试验 和创造新的图像,探索新的主意和 概念。这是一个宏观的人生体验。

你们是如何区分色情片和色 情艺术的?

Nicolas: 这很简单。色情片是为 了让一个人有生理反应的影像。而你





But there might still be exceptions 但是这之中也有例外 with blurred lines. For example, the pictures of Araki - even though they 照片, 只要多加 are very beautiful and artistic, with a little bit of imagination, I can still masturbate to them. It is still Japanese girls opening their legs.

Do you think working together makes you two more in love?

Nicolas, Sheri: Yes.

Nicolas: A perfect example is that last Nicolas: 一个最好的例子就 week when we were in Barcelona, the entrance of the building we stayed at was gorgeous. So at four o'clock in the morning, I told Sheri to take off her clothes and we simply starting shooting gorgeous images with my iPhone. It is great to have someone who always gives you inspiration and is always available - I do not want to 缪斯,因为我觉得太俗气 use the word "muse" because it is so 给你灵感的人并且一直 cliché. And to me, the shoots with Sheri are always the most important 且和Sheri拍的每一次照片都是 ones, even though she does not understand it sometimes. It is easy to shoot a beautiful girl of nineteen years-old, but what is difficult is to make the beauty last.

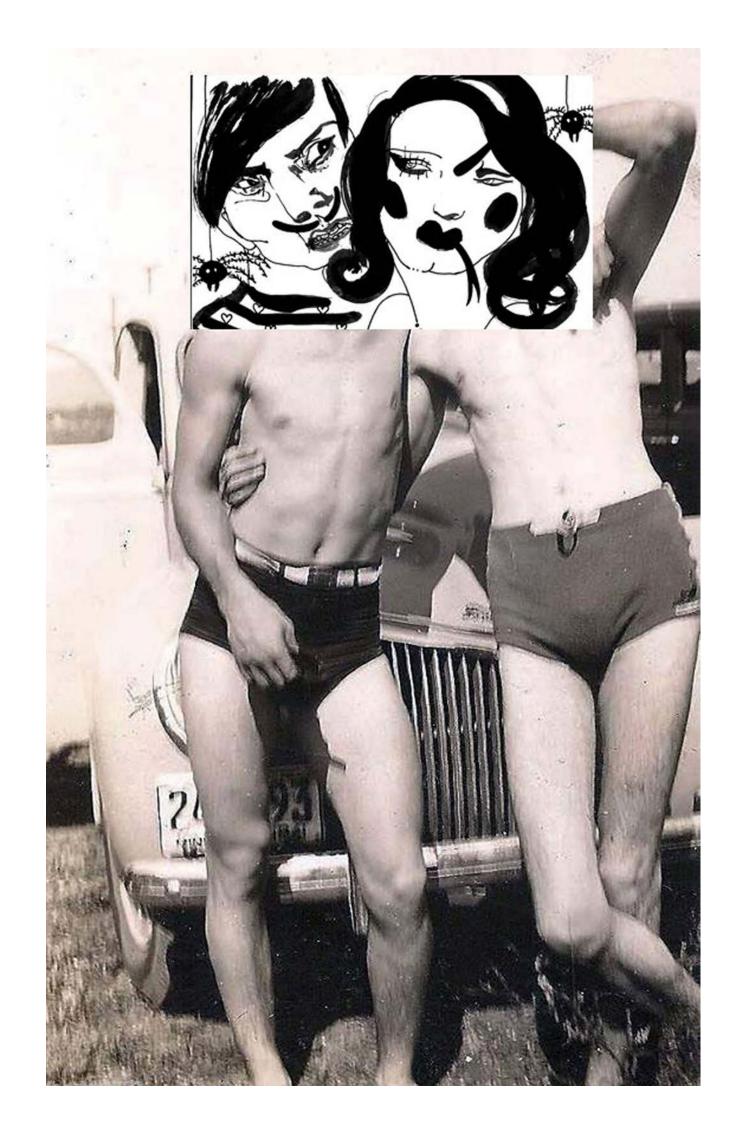
日本色情艺术家Ara 也可以对着他们手淫 么说还是张开大腿的漂亮日本 女孩儿嘛哈哈。

你们认为一起合作会让你们更 加相爱吗?

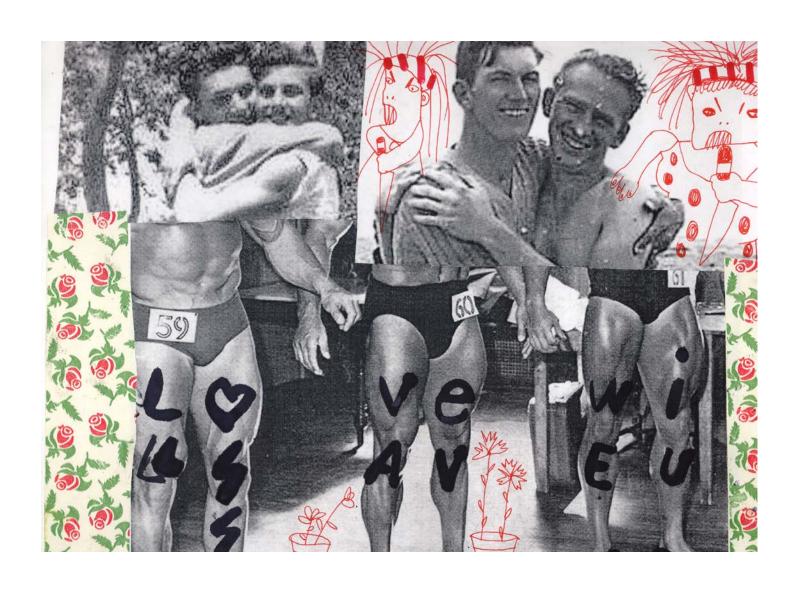
Sheri和Nicolas: 是的。

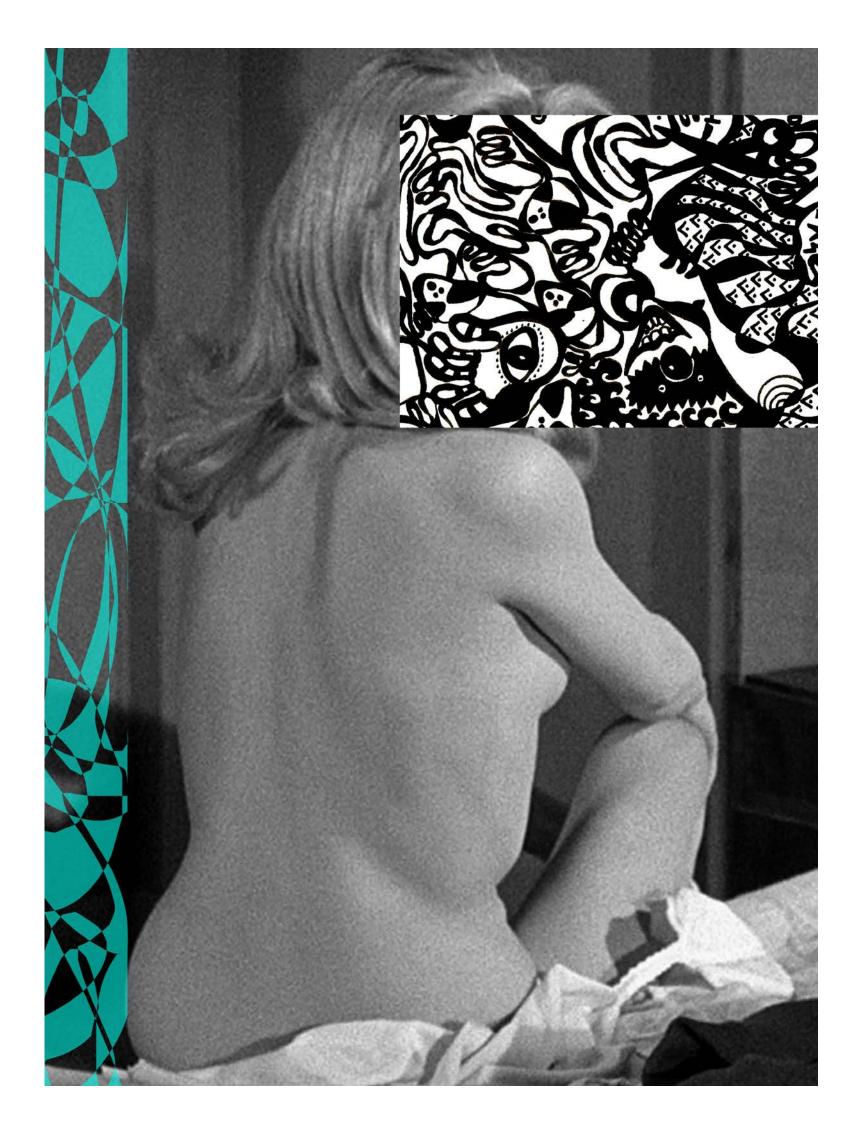
是我们上周一起在巴塞罗那时一 个醉醺醺的夜晚。我们踉踉跄跄 间的工业美。于是Sheri瞬间脱 轻女孩很容易,但是要让这一切 停留在永恒,那才是挑战。

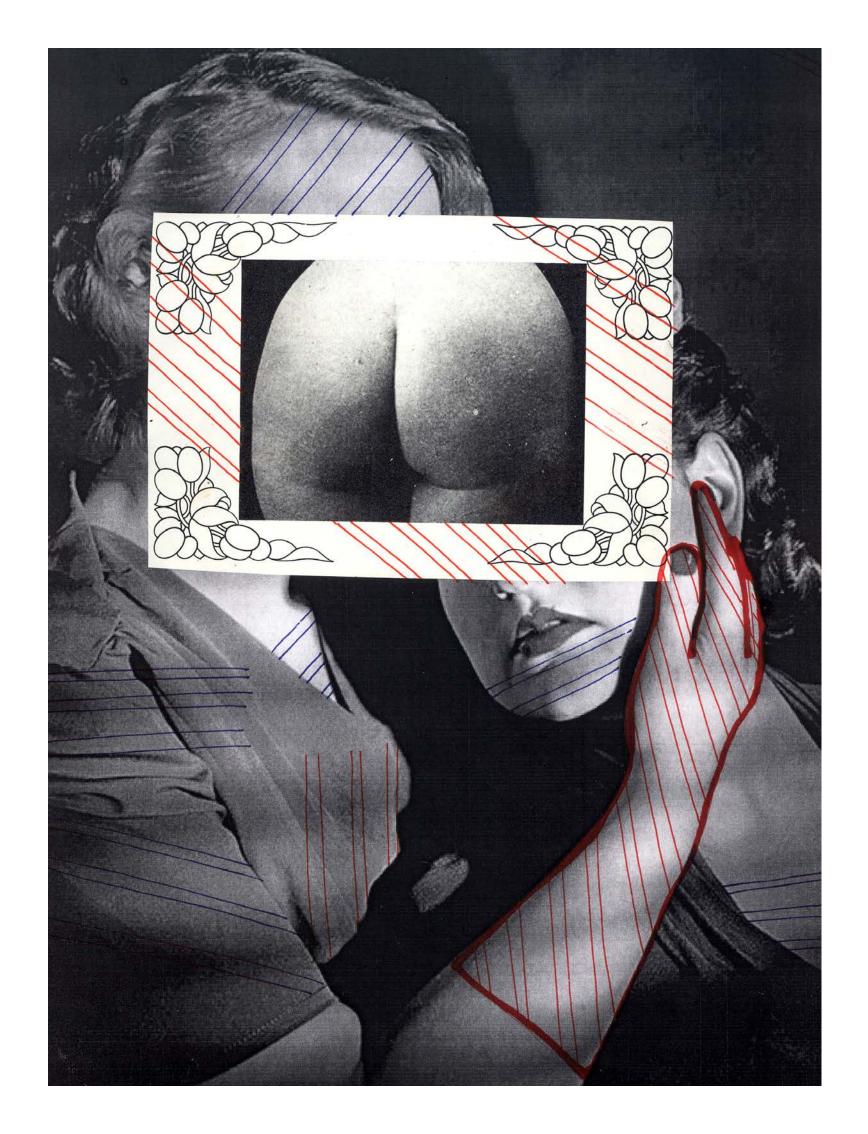






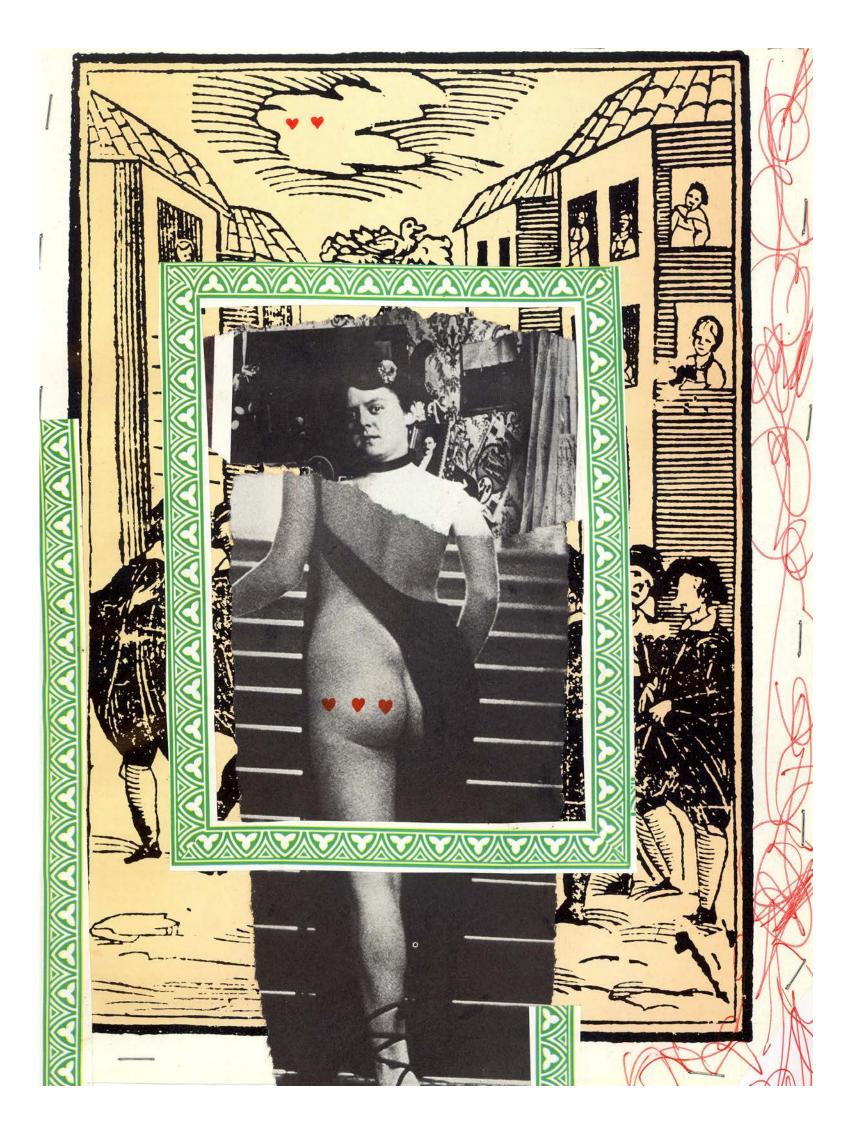


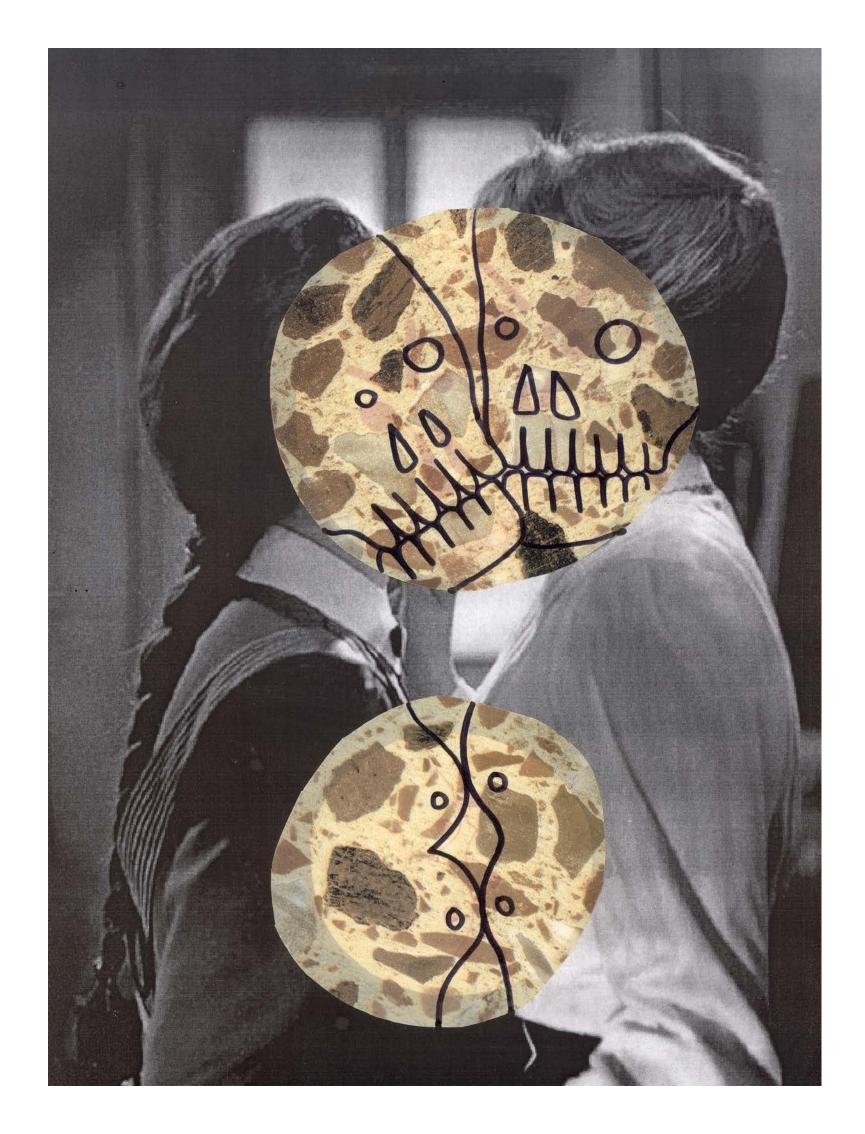










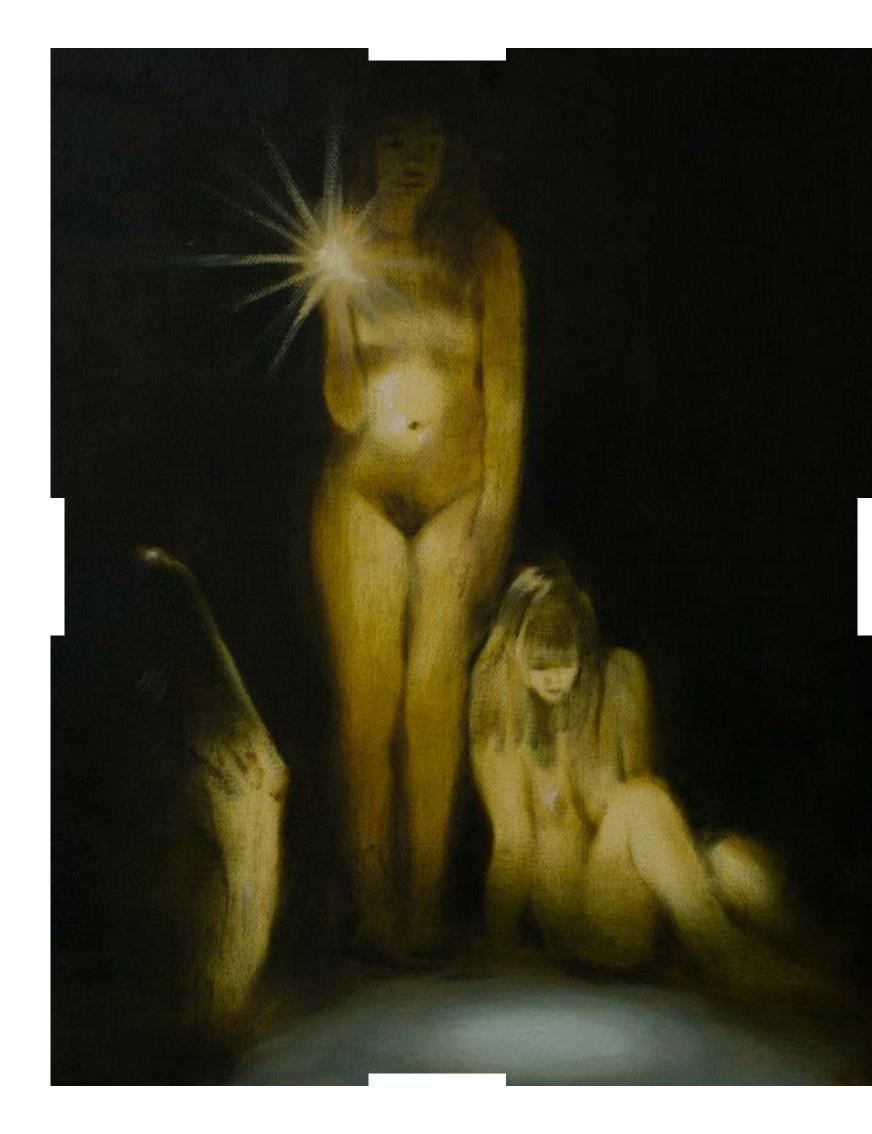






Matthew Hindley is a South African contemporary painter who questions the individual in society and goes deep into the topic of cultural history. As viewers, we face the concept of sexuality and identity when looking at his paintings. These mostly achieve their affect with the representation of nudity.

Matthew Hindley是一位对 社会个体深入到文化历史存疑的南非现代艺术画家。当我们看到他的作品时,我们面对的是对性和自身认同等议题。而这一切都是通过他对于裸露的表达而传递的。



What is the story of the series "The Meat and the Bone"? What do you 背后的故事是什么 want to show with these paintings 么你想

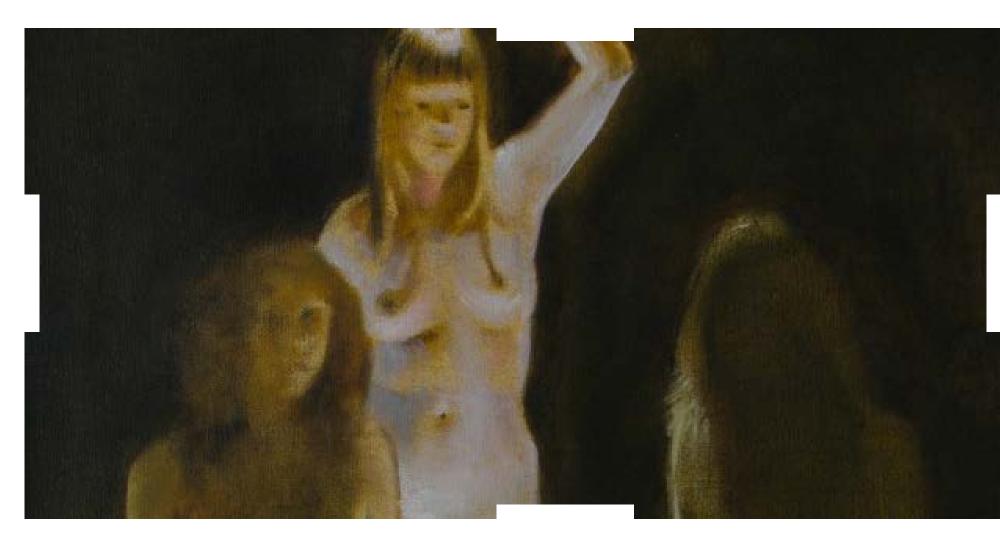
Inside it, in the darkness, figures 世界里, 在沉寂的黑暗之中, goddesses?

Previously in my paintings I worked 在 我 之 前 的 画 set a framework of meanings around 绕着轮廓的含义架构 that was needed was a light source. 的来源。通常这会是 mind of the viewer. Later the fabric 质感会蹑手蹑脚地渗入, crept in, and crawled around the 并且在这个景象中爬行。 scene.

"The Meat and the Bone"

I wanted to create a world. 我想要创造一个世界。在这个 appear. They hold the secret of 模糊的形状逐渐显现。而这些 light. Are they young gods and 持有光线秘密的人,他们是年 轻的男神和女神吗?

with figures in rich environments; 了形状和丰富的环境; 具 specific locations embedded with 体的地点中嵌入了符号和 symbols and objects. These details 具象。这些细节的设定围 the figures. The essential idea for 这个系列最基本的概念就 this series was to strip detail away; 是 褪 除 一 切 细 节 ; 扒 除 衣 to lose the clothes, the space, and 物 , 丢 掉 空 间 , 看 看 剩 下 to see what is left; to find out where 的是什么,进而找出涵义 meaning resides. The only thing 的所在。唯一需要的是光 Normally this would be something 个外在的事物, 当 "光之 external, the 'light of god' that would 神 " 会 从 画 框 之 外 投 射 光 shine in from outside the picture 芒至内。我想要光线被画 frame. I wanted the light to rather 里的形状和轮廓所拥有并 belong to the figures and to be 且被他们所控制。于是这 controlled by them. So the meaning 些画作的含义完全取决于 in the work is entirely created in the 观者的意识。而后这一切





What is the meaning of the series' title?

The Meat and the Bone is a reference "The Meat And The Bone" to the corporeality of human (肉和骨)引用人类肉体和身 flesh. It recalls Francis Bacon's 躯。它唤起了弗朗西斯·培根的说 statement about us all being meat. 法"我们所有人都是肉构成的"。 It's an attempt to get at something 这是一个企图达到某种具体本质的 essentially physical. It's also in 尝试,因为"肉"(meat)这个 support of the power of figurative 字就是"本质"的同义字。同时 painting versus abstraction. To 它也是在抽象艺术面前支持具象 trying to find a crux. It's our building 量,想要去寻找一个关键的症结所 blocks, what we are made of as 在。这是我们的积木,是构造我们 human beings. The word "meat" is a 作为人类的事物。"肉"这个字是 synonym for essence.

the concept of nudity mean to you? 对你自

purity.

个 系 列 的 命 名 有 什 么 特 含 义 吗?

champion the power of the body, 绘画的力量。为了拥护身体的能 精髓的代名词。

What does nudity and work with 赤裸以及裸露概念的作品

Nudity gets to the core of existence. 赤裸是达到存在感的核心。 It also puts us into a timeless 它同时将我们摆在了一个永 framework; a flattened eternity. 恒的架构里; 一个被夷为平 Without clothes, we are identical to 地的永恒。没有衣服,我们 the nudes of Ancient Greece, and 和古希腊以及任何其他时代 the nudes of all the ages. Without 赤裸的人体毫无差别。剔除 the markers of fashion and status, we 了时尚和地位,我们也不知 become removed from our location, 身处在何方, 并漂流在时光 and float through time. It's a kind of 的长河里。这样的状态就是 一种纯净。



Attached to nudity, in some of your paintings, we see eye-bandaged people and faceless heads in the darkness. But there's always light that breaks the darkness. What did you want to represent with this?

symbolic in a clear cut way. It was 廓鲜明的一种象征。它是 used as an experiment. It's not what 被当作是一种实验。我并 I wanted to represent, but more 没有想要传递什么,但最 a question of what this comes to 重要的是在观者脑海中所 represent in the mind of the viewer. 呈现出什么。

Not just that series, but also "Twilight of the Idols" and "I Meant to Have but Modest Needs" use nudity in their messages. Could you tell me something about these pictures' stories?

The figures are bigger than life size. 些轮廓和形状都比现实中大 This means their presence becomes 得多。这意味着它们的存在是 statuesque and even intimidating. 让人敬畏甚至是具有威胁性 Twilight is inspired by the roman 的。Twilight 那个系列的灵感 sculpture of Artemis which I saw at 是当我在柏林旧博物馆(Altes the Altes museum in Berlin, and is as Museum)里看到的古罗马 an attempt to recreate the nobility 雕塑中的阿尔忒弥斯。我试 and monumental quality of that 图着用一种现代的手法去 work but in a contemporary way. I 重塑那种高贵和伟大的质 Meant to Have but Modest Means 感。"I Meant to Have but Modest is a nude self portrait. The work Needs" 其实是一个裸体的自画 emerged from the dreaminess of the 像。这幅作品是从那夜间虚幻 nocturnal hours. It's a very personal 梦境般的时间里梦生出来的一 and private painting.

现 的 没 有 面 孔 的 头 颅 。 但 是 总

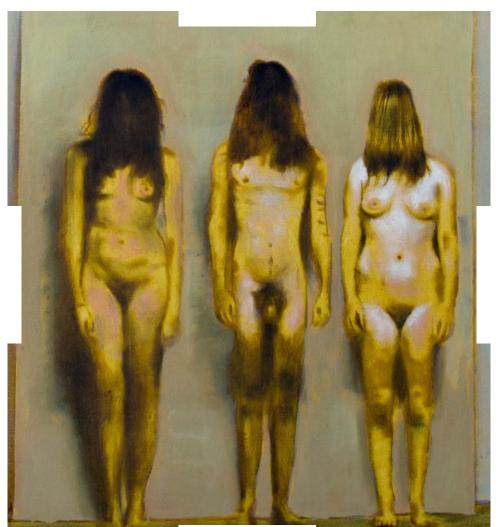
The Light in these works is not 这些作品里光线并不是轮

在 "Twilight of the Idols"和 "I Meant to Have but Modest Needs" 中也用了赤裸来传达一种 讯息。你可以和我们解释

They are both large scale paintings. 它们两者都是大型绘画。那 幅非常私密和个人的绘画。







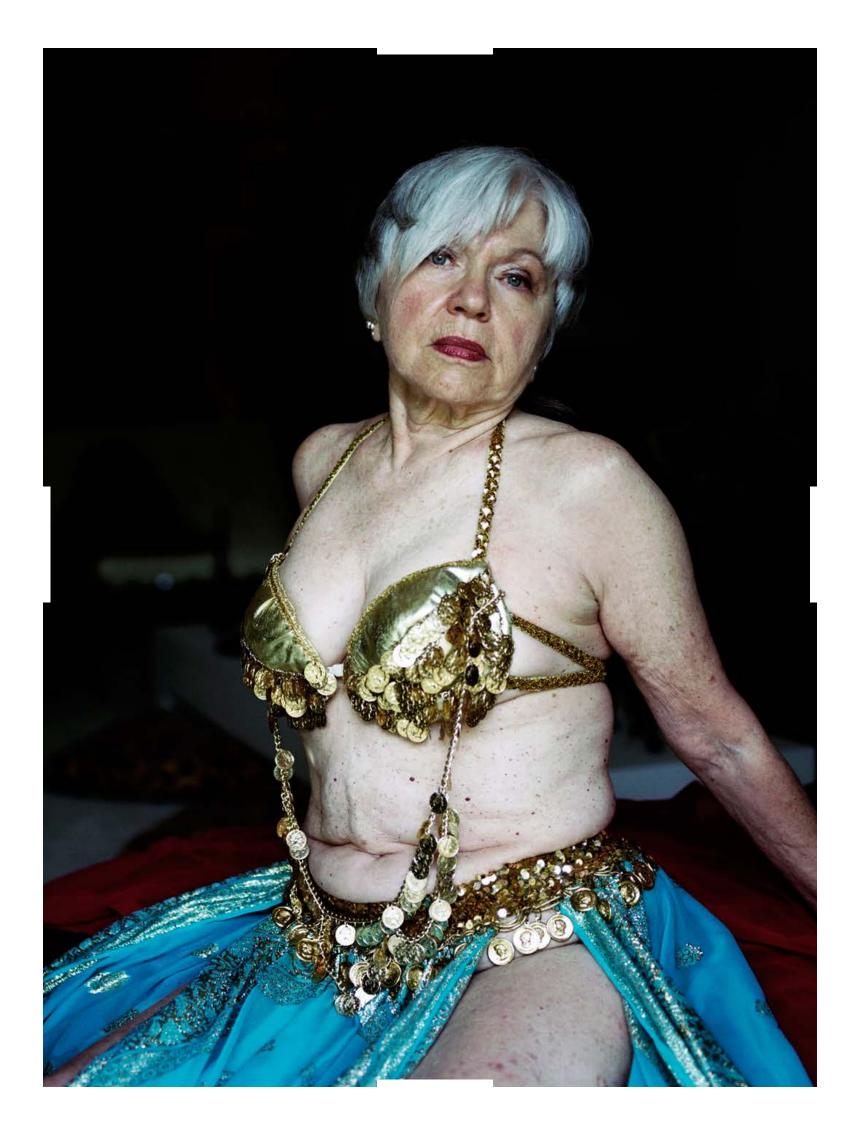


SHEN

Shen Wei is a Chinese, New York based photographer. In his body of work, he shows us with no taboos but with digestible simplicity the meaning of identity, intimacy and sexuality.

沈 玮 是 一 个 住 在 纽 约 的 中 国 摄 影 师 。 在 他 的 摄 影 作 品 中 , 没 有 禁 忌 但 又 能 简 易 让 人 了 解 对 于 一 种 自 身 身 份 , 亲 密 关 系 和 性 的 深 刻 含 义 。





What affects you the most? When did you know that you want to be a photographer?

Itruly fell in love with photography 从我在大学时期上过第一节的摄影课 after I took my first photography class in college. That was also my very first experience as a photographer. I had a feeling then that I would be working on photography a lot. I get affected most by beauty and mystery.

Where do you get your inspirations? How do you choose places and themes for your projects when you're at the beginning of a series?

At the beginning of each project I just go out and shoot, explore, and expend the concept. My inspirations come from my own life experience; my childhood, my surroundings, and my relationships. I am very spontaneous in terms of finding places and people for my work.

之后,我就毫无余地的爱上了这一门 艺术。那也是我记忆中对摄影工作的 第一印象。从那一刻起,我有种很强 烈的感觉告诉我这是我未来会投身的 工作。而影响我最深刻的是美和神秘 的事物。

始 计 划 一 个 拍 摄 , 你 是 如 何 选 择 地 点 和 主 题 的?

在每一个拍摄计划开始之前我都有一 there is a period of exploration. Once 段探索期。一旦我找到了一个粗略的 I have a rough concept for the project 概念, 我就会踏出家门去拍摄, 让这 一粗糙的概念不断自我完善,发现更 自身的人生经历,譬如说我的童年, 成长和生活的环境以及我的感情生 活。我经常有突发的去寻找我所需要 的地点和人物去拍摄。

How do you choose the faces for your portraits? With what conception do you work with?

I photograph anyone who is willing to 我拍任何愿意被我拍的人。对于面孔 certain kinds of faces. I think everyone has his or her own uniqueness that can be discovered and appreciated. Some sitters have strong faces, which are easy to photograph, but I also like quiet faces and personalities. I communicate in and to be honest with them.

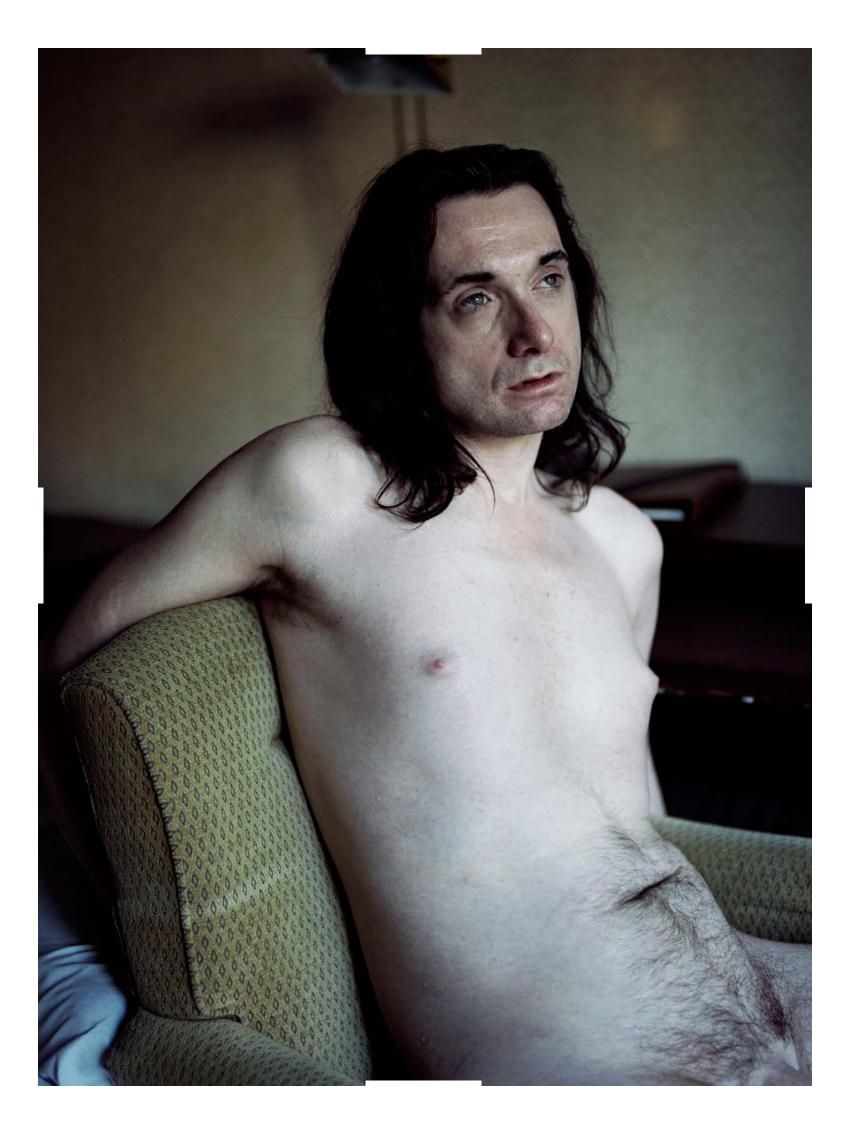
Most of the time, your portraits are filled with sexuality. You show the concept of intimacy and nudity without taboos to the viewer. Why do you find this important and why did you want to deal with that?

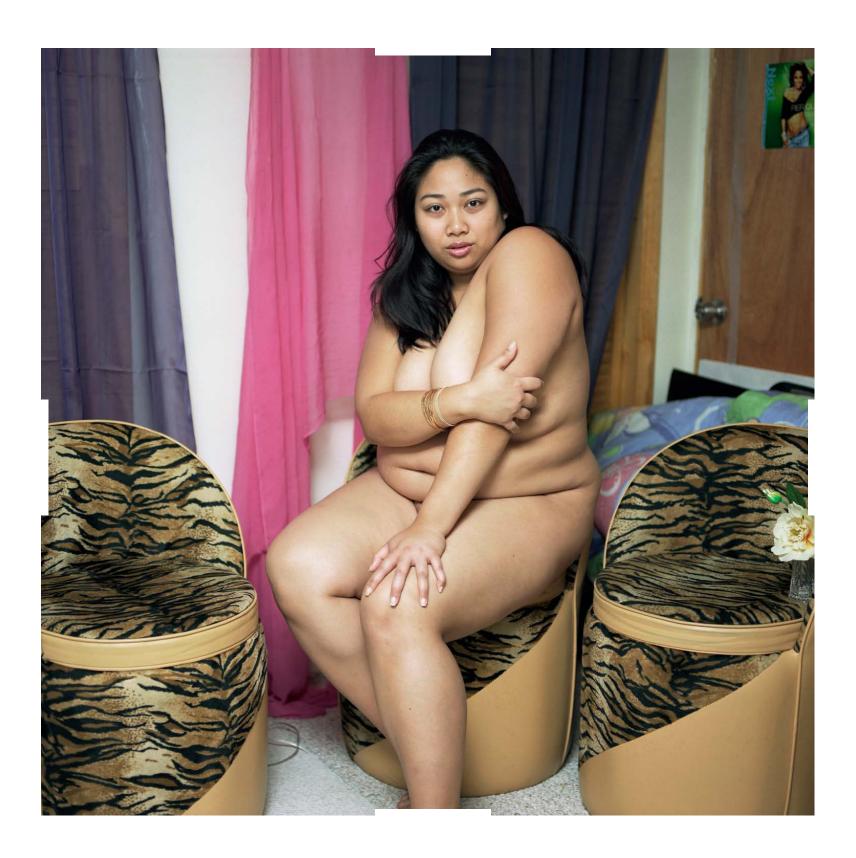
Growing up in mainland China, sexuality and intimacy was not something I had 性欲与亲密关系是我没有太多机会 much opportunity to explore. So I became more interested in these issues 国之后,特别是在我受到西方艺术 when I moved to the United States, especially after I became more familiar with western art. I like to show sexuality and nudity in the most instinctual and natural way, with emotion as well.

let me photograph them. I don't pick 和特征我不会有太多要求。我认为每 一个人都有自己独特的象征,而我则 需要去寻找他们的特质并且去欣赏 有些人有非常强的脸孔,而这让 我的工作变得比较轻松。但是我同时 也喜欢那些安静的,柔和的脸孔和个 different ways with different people. My 性。对于不同的人我会采取不同的方 goal is to make my sitters feel at ease, 式去沟通,而我的目标就是让我的模 特感到舒适,真实和坦然。

> 展 现 给 观 看 者 。 为 什 么 你 认 为 这 在 尔 的 作 品 中 很 重 要? 你 为 何 要 如 此

作为一个成长与中国大陆的孩子, 可深入探索过的。于是当我移居美 的影响后,很自然的对他们充满好 奇和想要探索的欲望 性欲和赤裸,夹杂着情感,展现于 最自发的,最真实自然的层面。





Do you think that art should deal with these topics more?

I think there are many artists dealing 我认为从古至今有非常多伟大的艺术 with these topics, from ancient masters to contemporary artists. Sexuality is too fascinating.

In your series entitled "Almost Naked", you create a picture about identity and sexuality in the USA. Could you tell me more about this project?

Almost Naked is a very straightforward portrait project. I started the project after living in the United States for several years and I have always been interested in portraiture. This project is photographed in the United States but my focus is on exploring human nature.

你认为普遍艺术需要更多的触及这一 概念吗?

家不断的在探讨这个议题。性的确是 一个让人着迷的议题。

在你"Almost Naked"(近乎 赤裸)的系列中,你创造了一个关乎 美 国 人 民 身 份 定 义 和 性 的 作 品 。 你 可 以和我们分享多一些背后的故事吗?

"Almost Naked"是一个很直接 的肖像创作。在美国生活了几年,当 美国文化渐渐渗入到我之后开始着手 这个项目。虽然这是关于美国文化背 后的性理念,但它真实的含义是在探 索全人类的本性。

What differences do you see between China and the USA, in terms of openness, the expression of intimacy and the ability of the expression of emotions?

one difference between China and the 最显着的不同点就是他们拥有的截然 USA is they have a very different history 不同的文化背景和政经系统。双方人 and system. People are raised in a system 民在这不同系统之中生存,过着天差 and live very differently within both countries. If you would have asked me 10 years ago, I would say the Chinese are much more reserved and conservative, but now even that has changed a bit. In big Chinese cities, people can be very 。在很多中国的大城市,人们同样开 open-minded and expressive. But I have 放,容易接受新事物并且善于表达自 also been to places in the United States 己。同时我也去过非常多极为保守, that are very conservative and close- 观念守旧的美国城市。 minded.

I get asked this question a lot. Obviously 我常常被问及这一个问题。中美之间 地别的生活。如果你十年前问我这一 个问题,我会说中国在很多层面上更 保守和恋旧。但现今状况也发生了些 许的改变(has changed a bit)





Generally, what do you think is the key to serve tastefully the photos which are about nudity, sexuality and intimacy?

Taste is very subjective. It sometimes 高雅的品味是非常主观的。这时常 depends on the viewers' objection. 取决于观者自身的观念。

What advice would you give to our readers who want to make portrait photos? What should they pay attention to the most?

attention to everything; the person and his or her surroundings.

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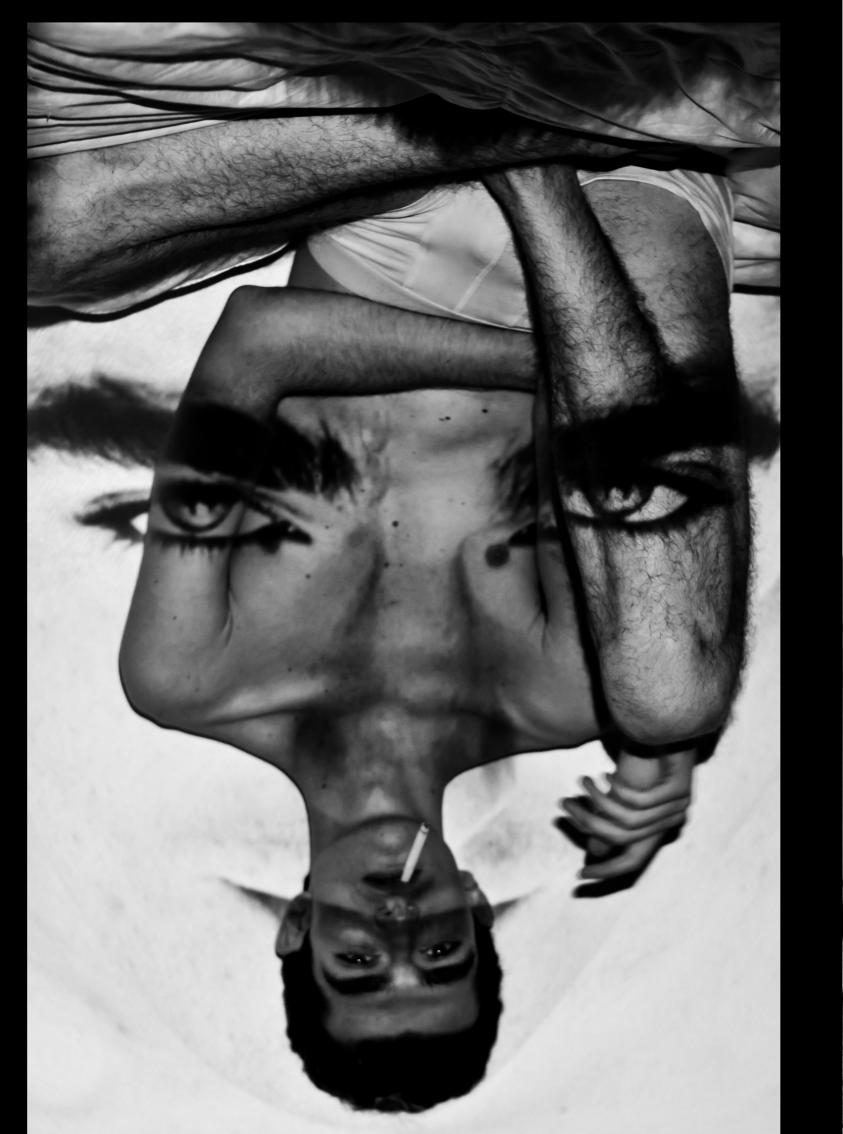
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你对于同样想要拍摄人像的读者们 有 什 么 特 别 的 建 议? 他 们 应 该 最 注 意到什么?

和你拍摄的模特达成良好,诚实的沟 Communication with your sitter is crucial 通才能达到最佳的拍摄效果。你需要 for making portraiture. You need to pay 对人物,环境以及情绪的所有细节都 极其细微的观察。

Words by Luca Fülöp 的话语















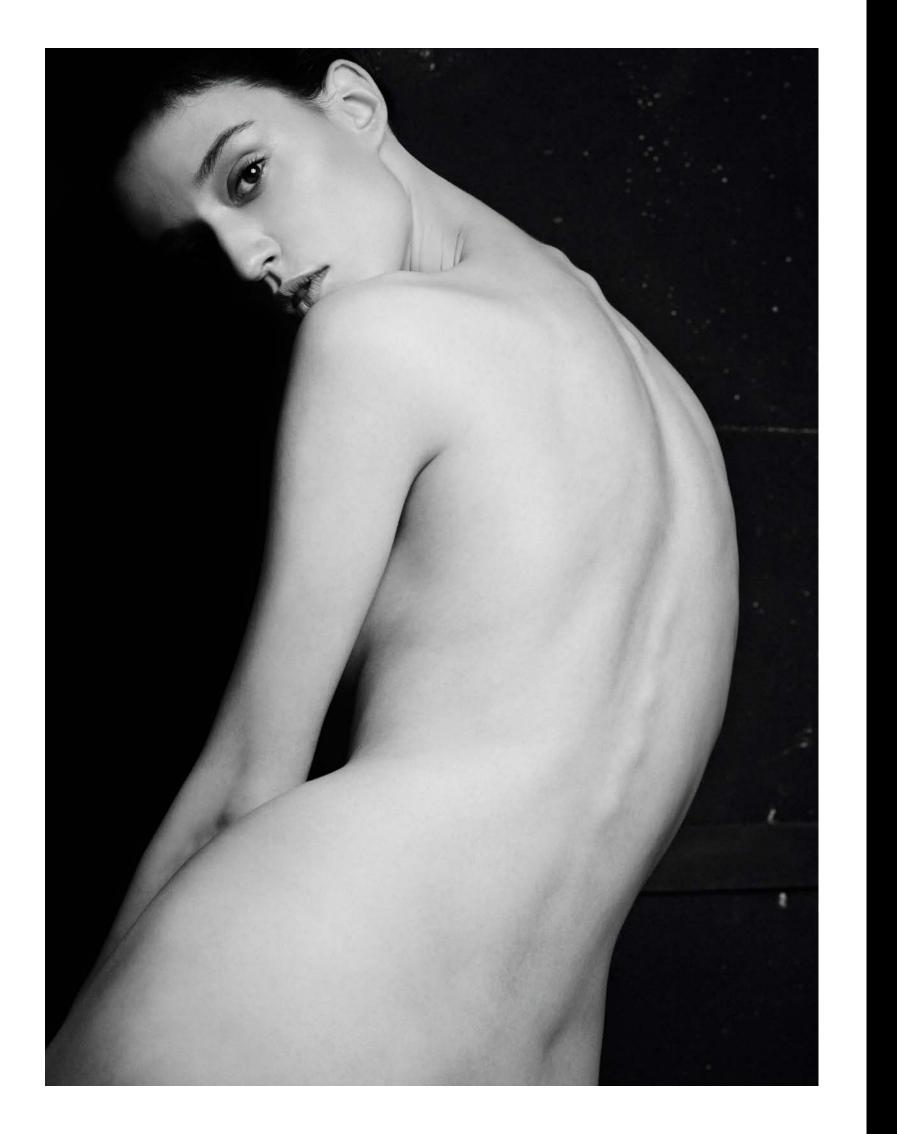






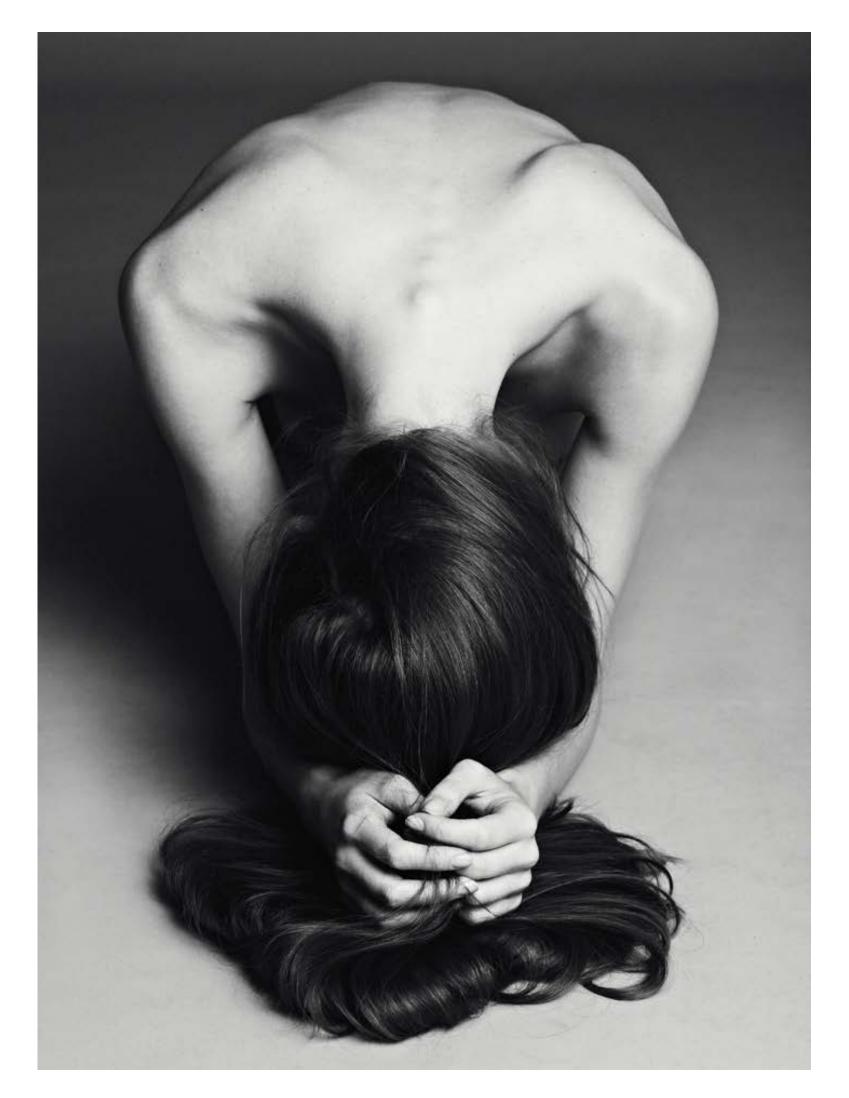


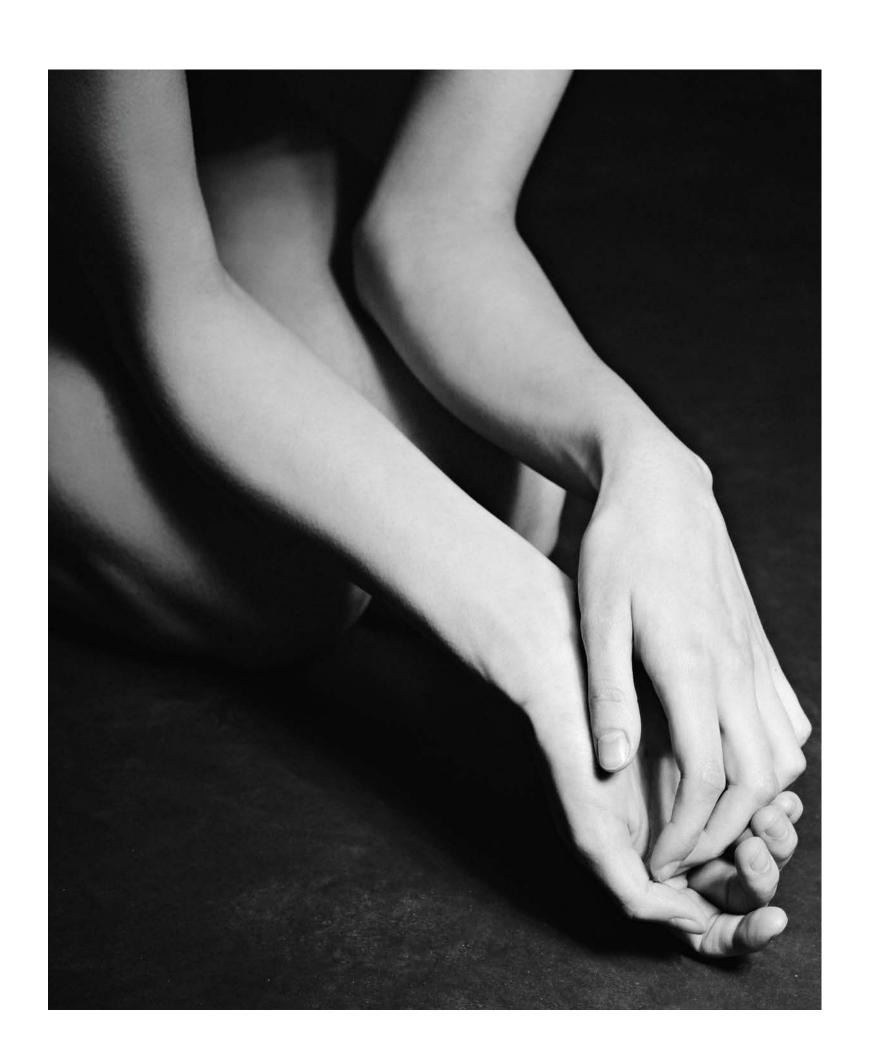




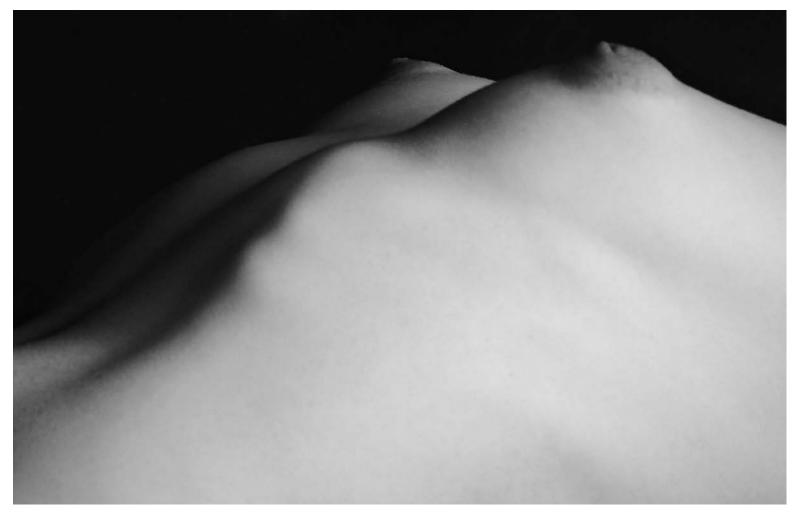


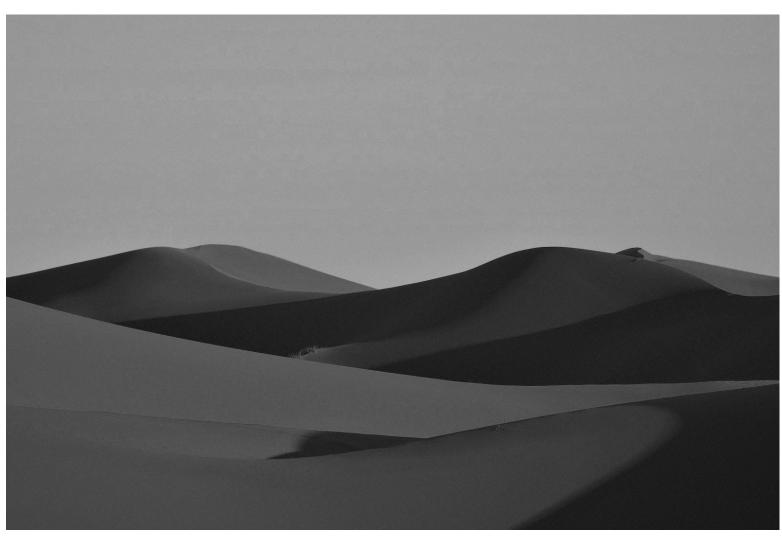




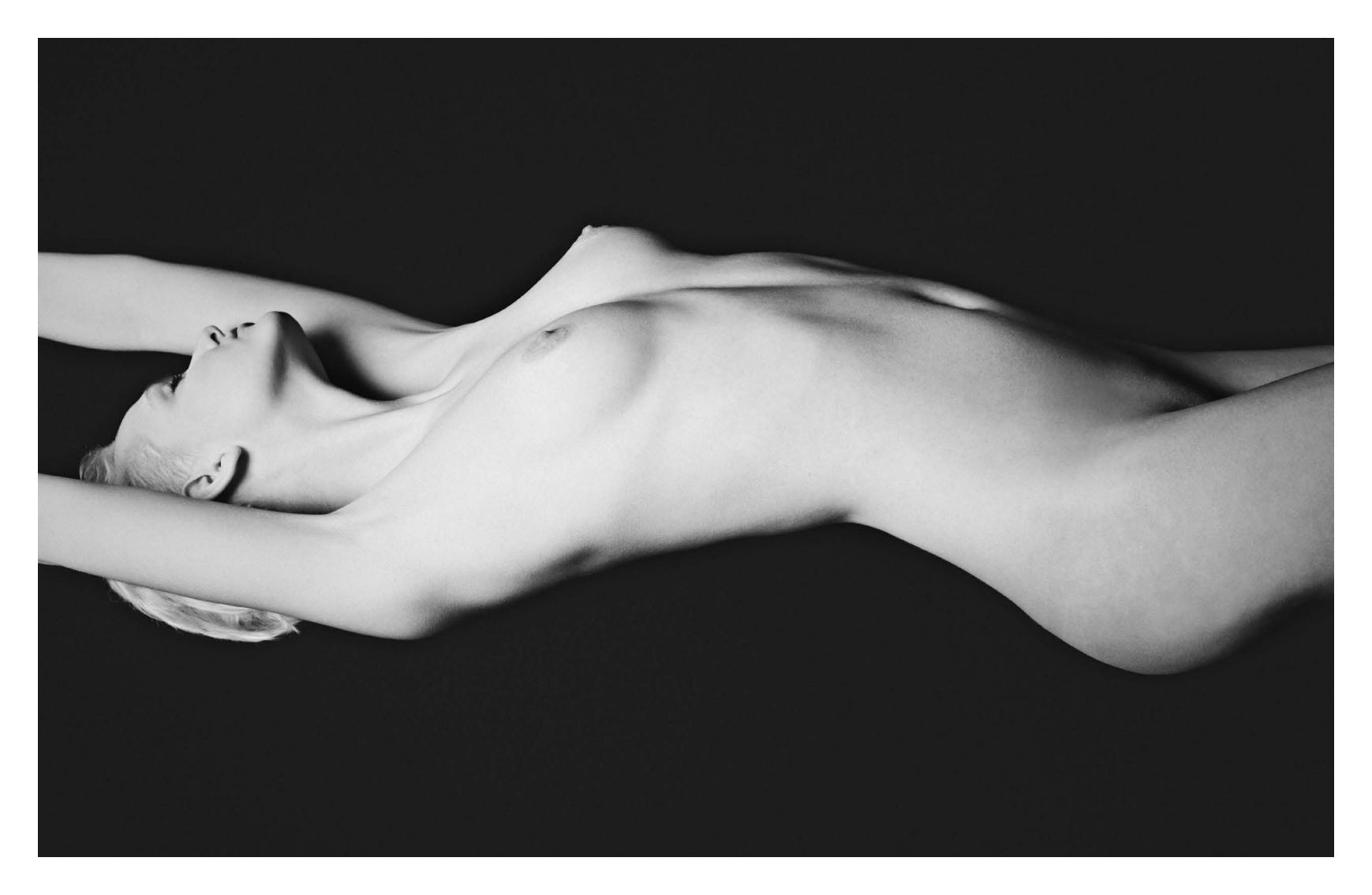








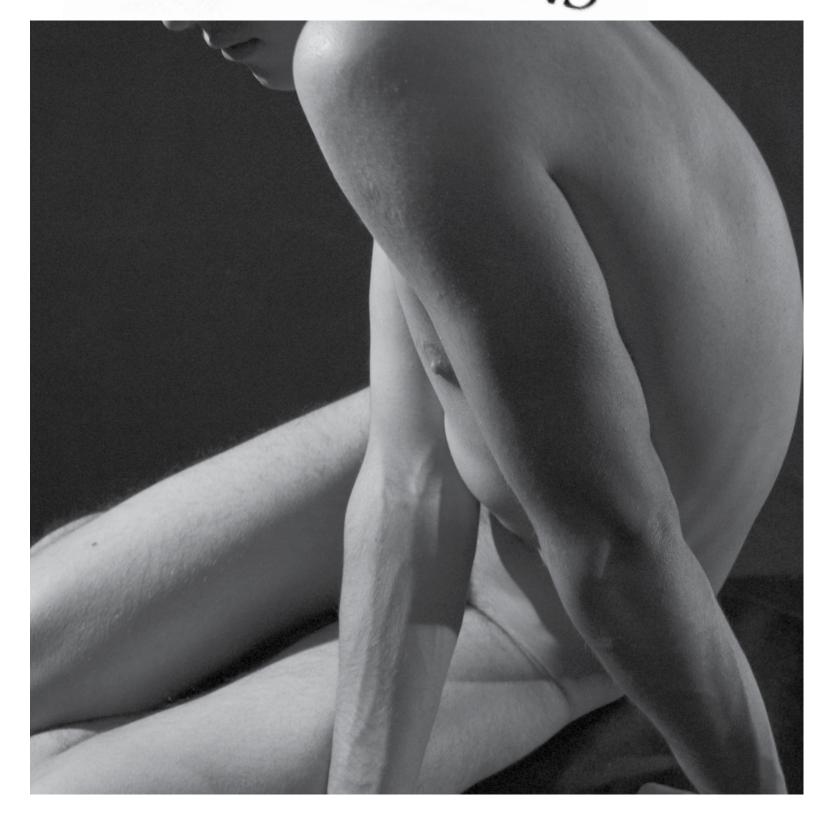








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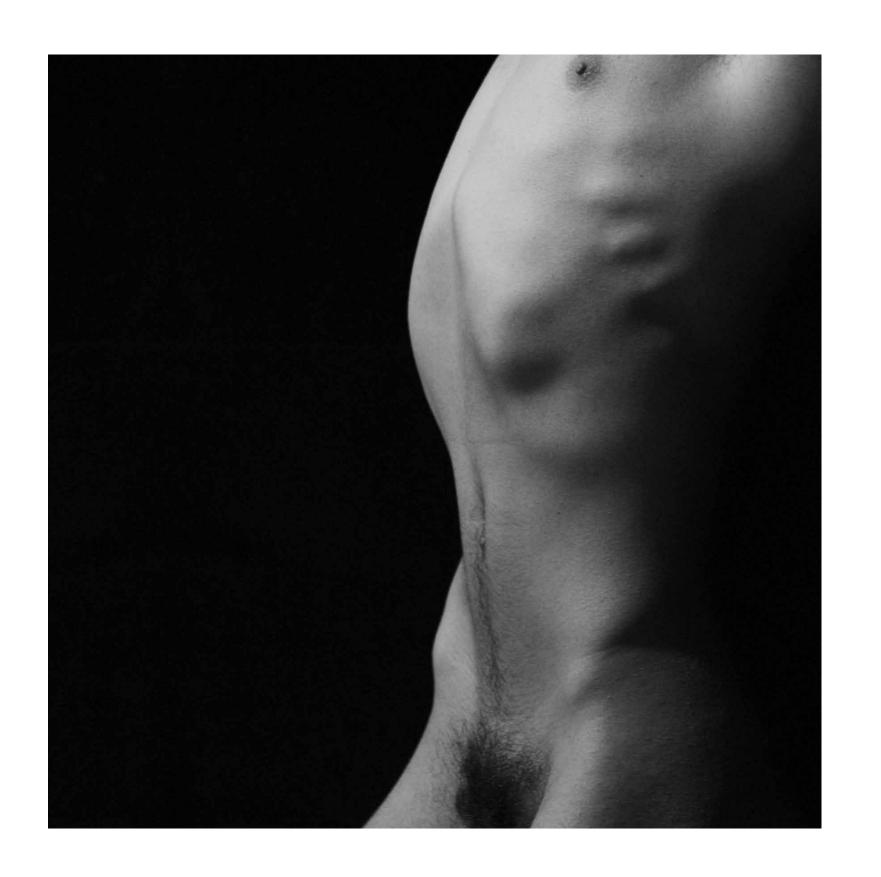
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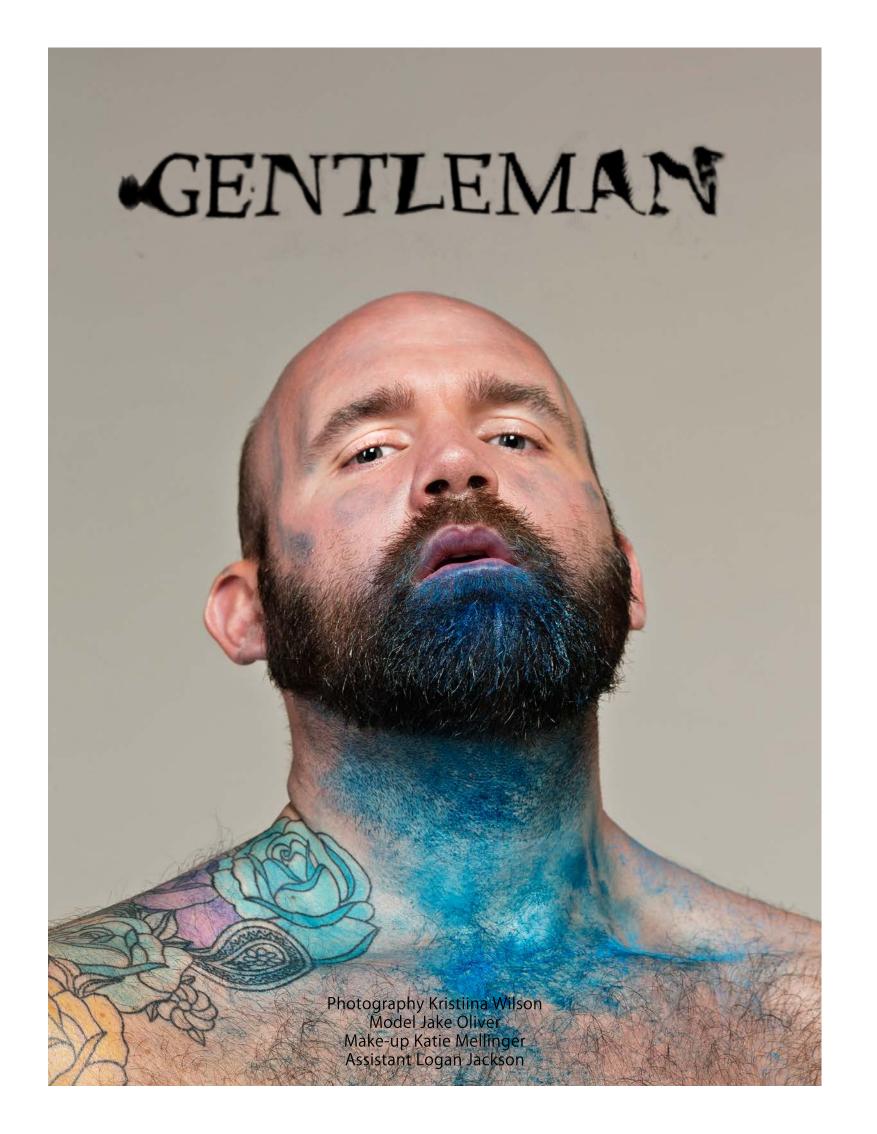








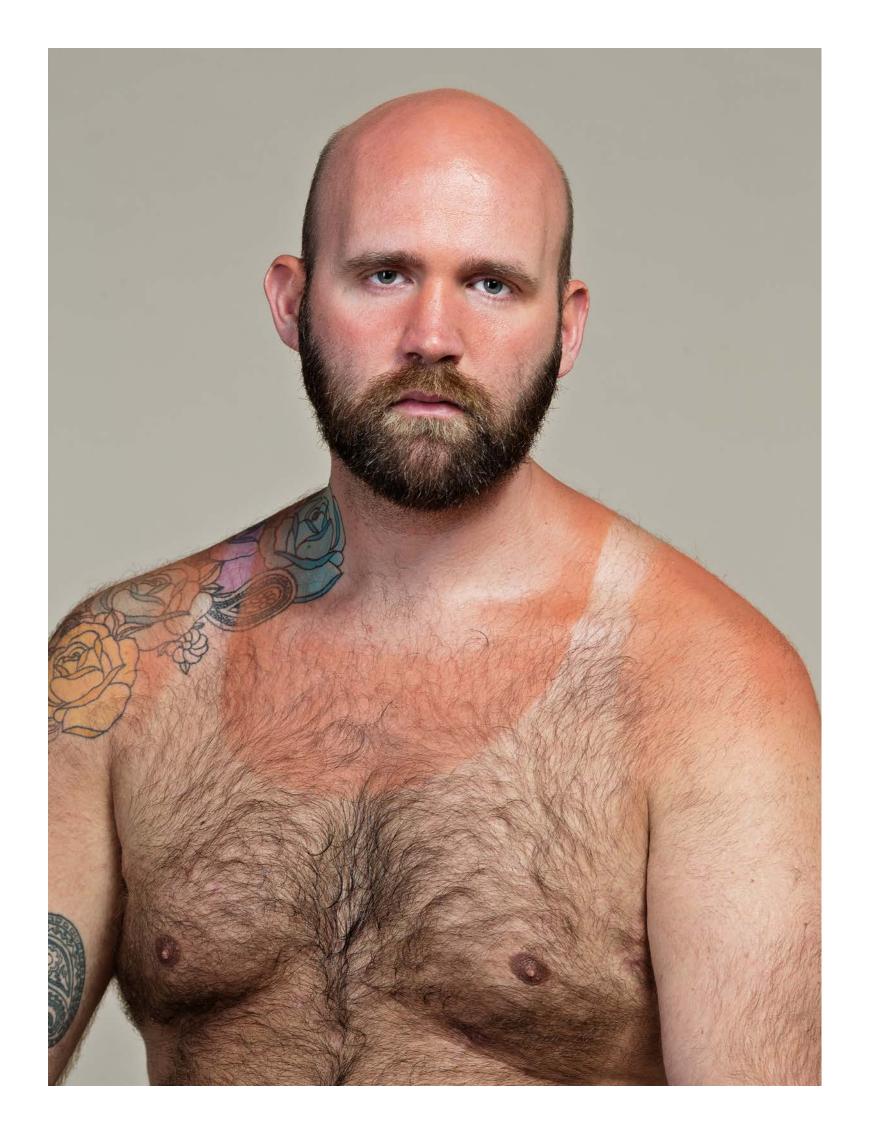


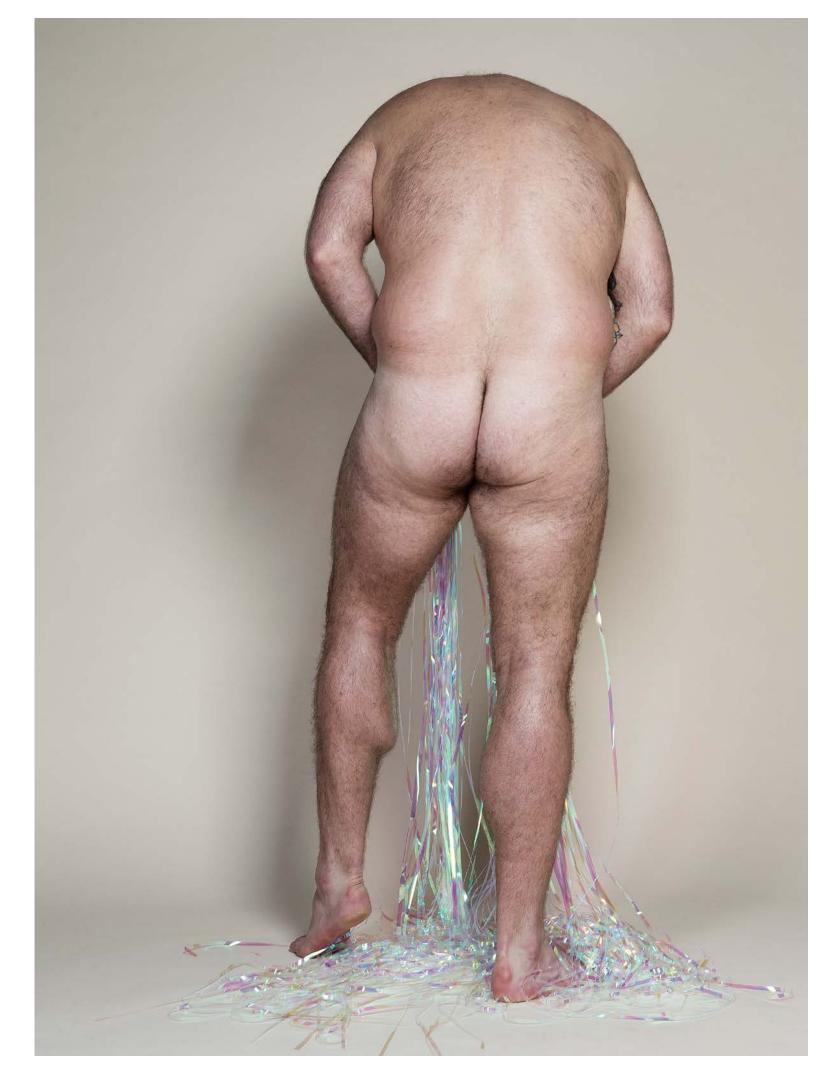


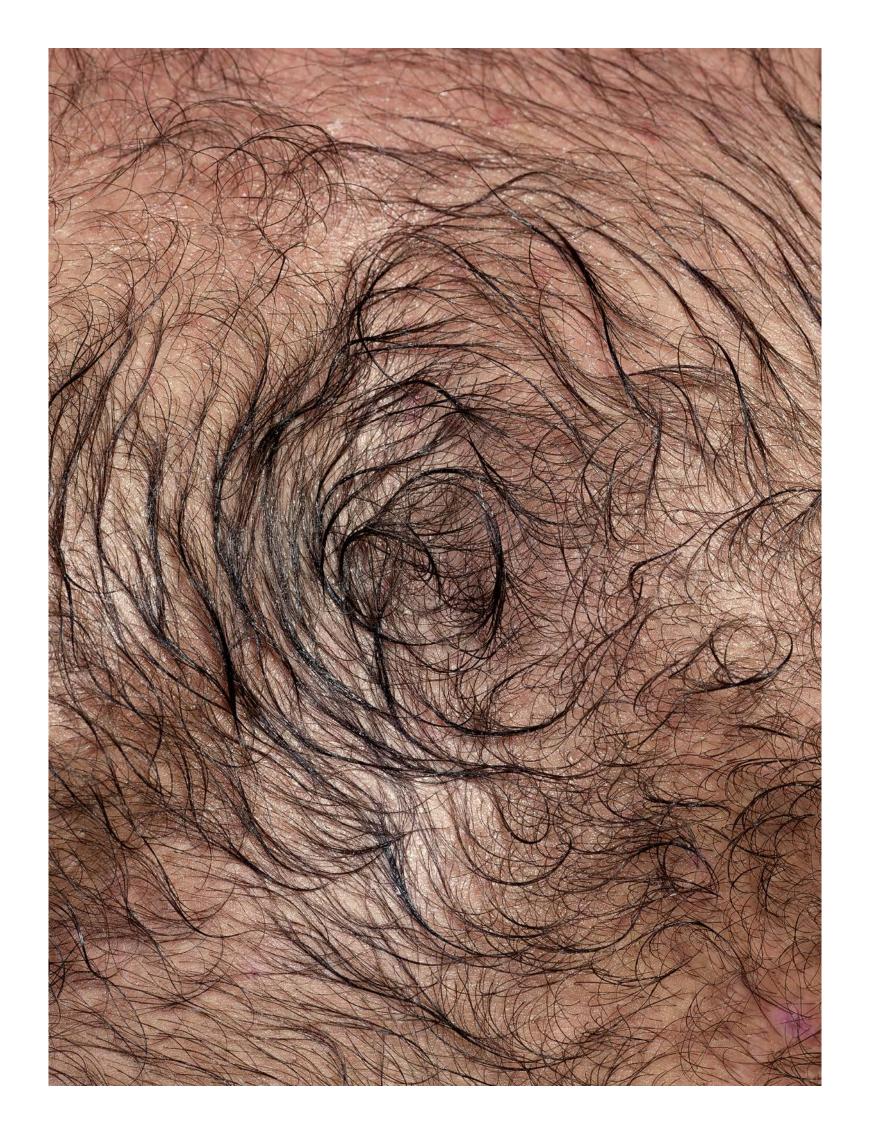


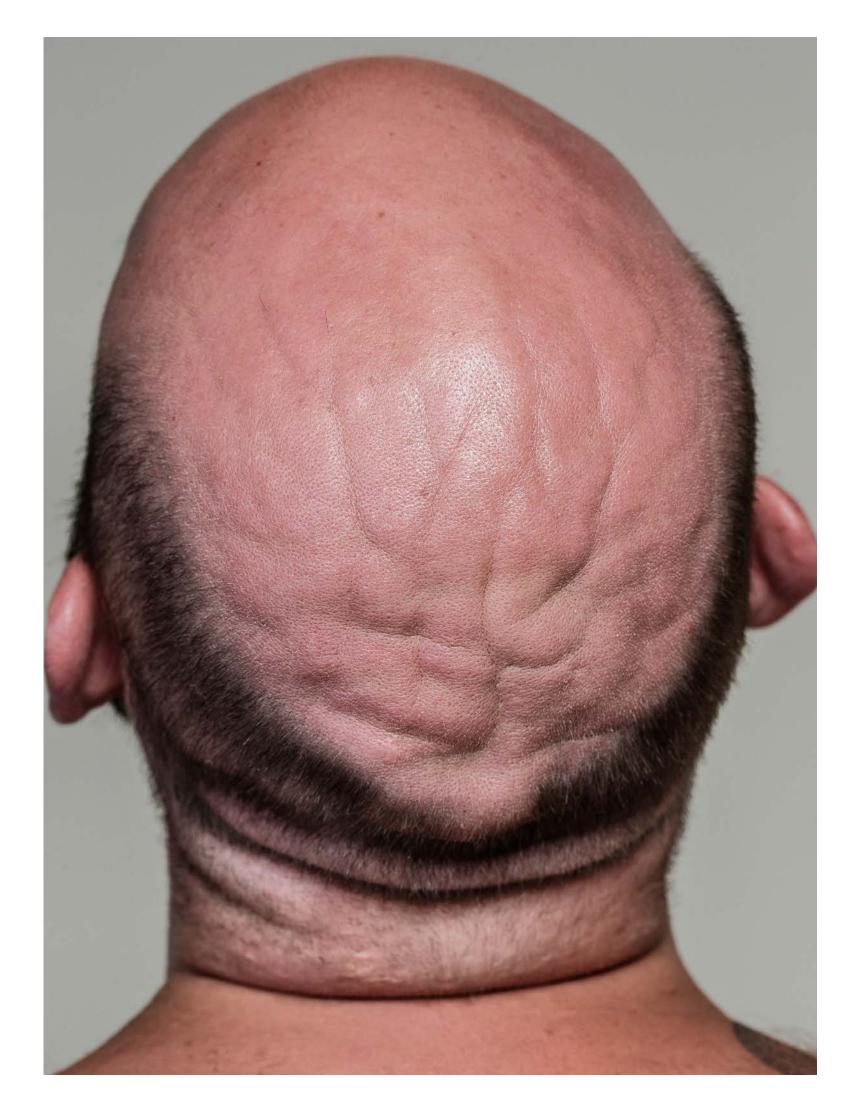














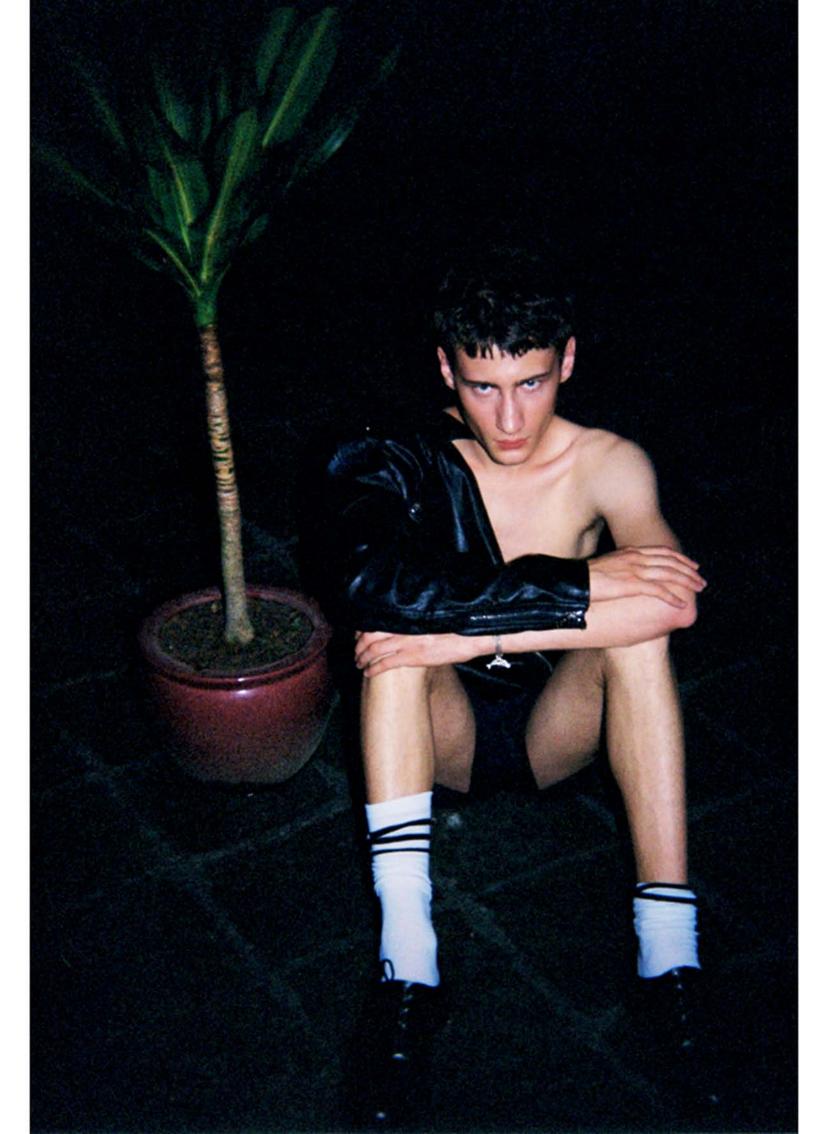




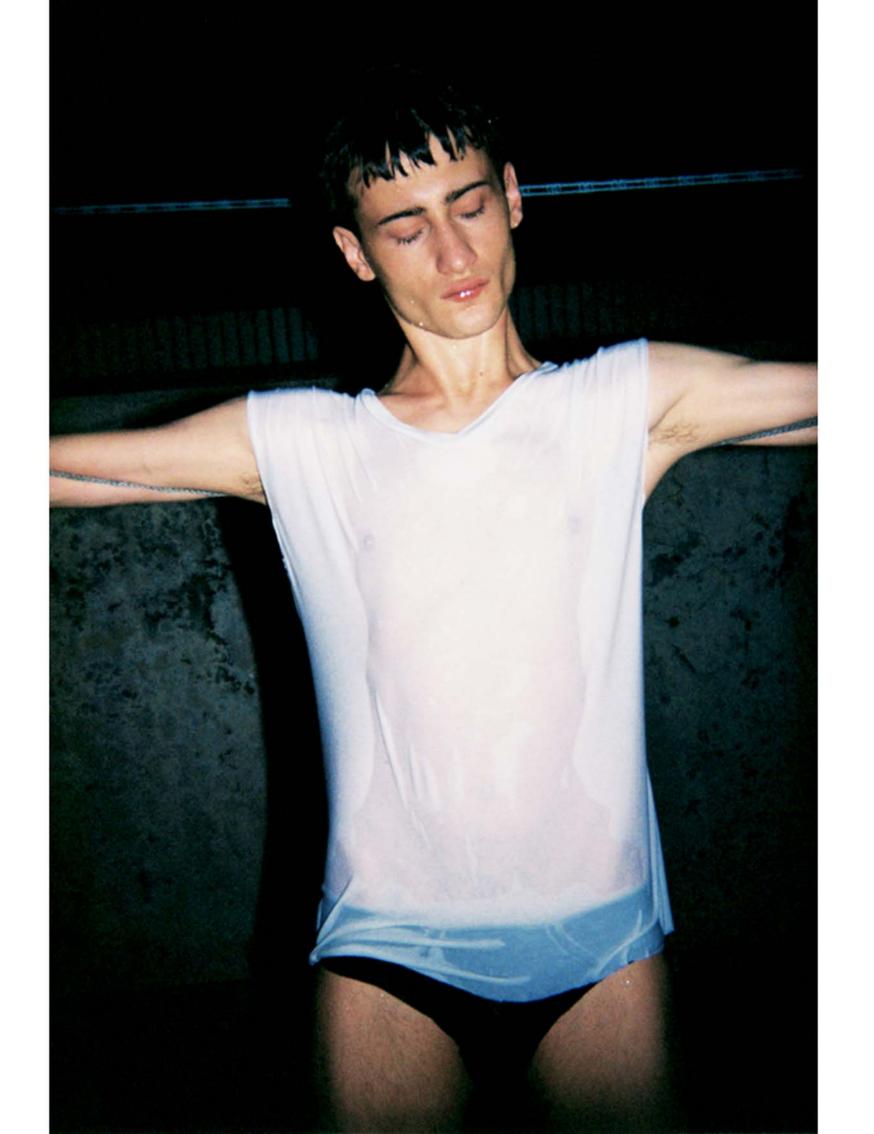


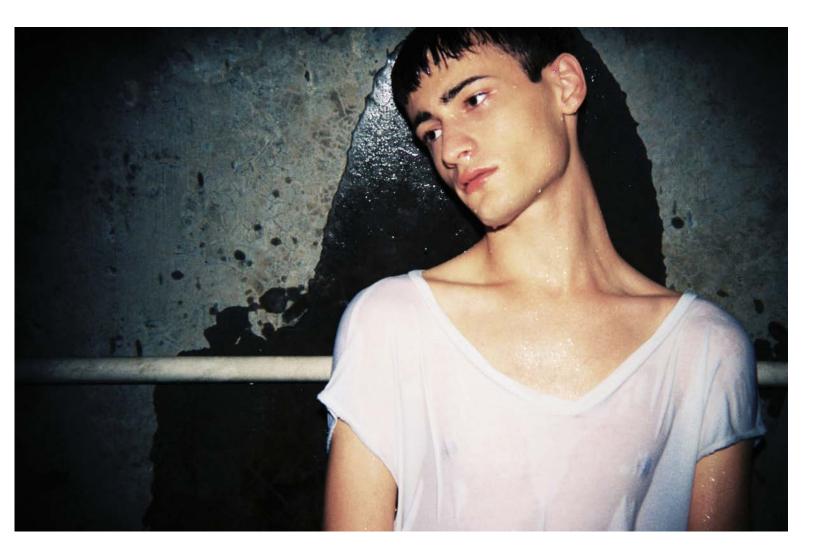


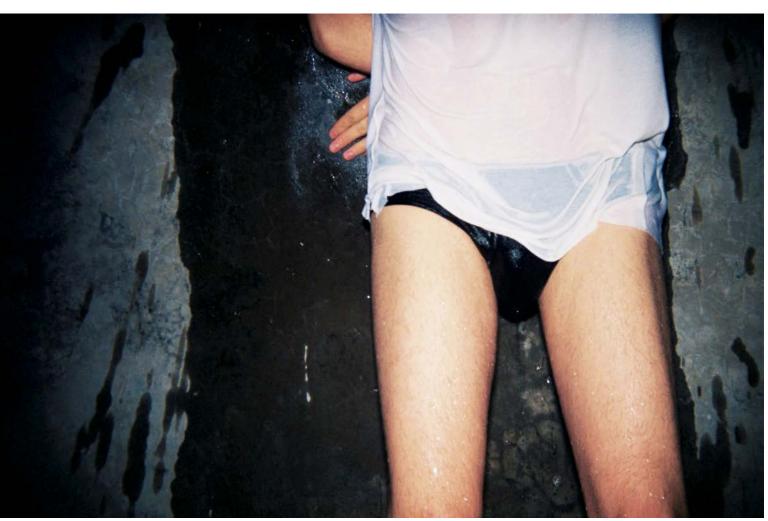


















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