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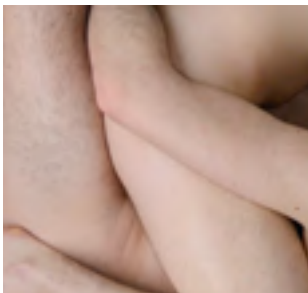
Homoerotic Arabic Poetry

A series of self-published photographic zines and fine art prints on homoerotic Arabic poetry from the Middle ages. I have researched, art directed, photographed and designed the editions.

These zines were presented for the first time at Paris Ass Book Fair at Galerie Arts Factory Bastille in March 2017.

Mansūr al-Hallāj
I am he whom I love

I am he whom I love, and he whom I love is I.
We are two spirits who live in one body.
So when you see me, you see him.
And when you see him, you see us.







Frament of the zine.



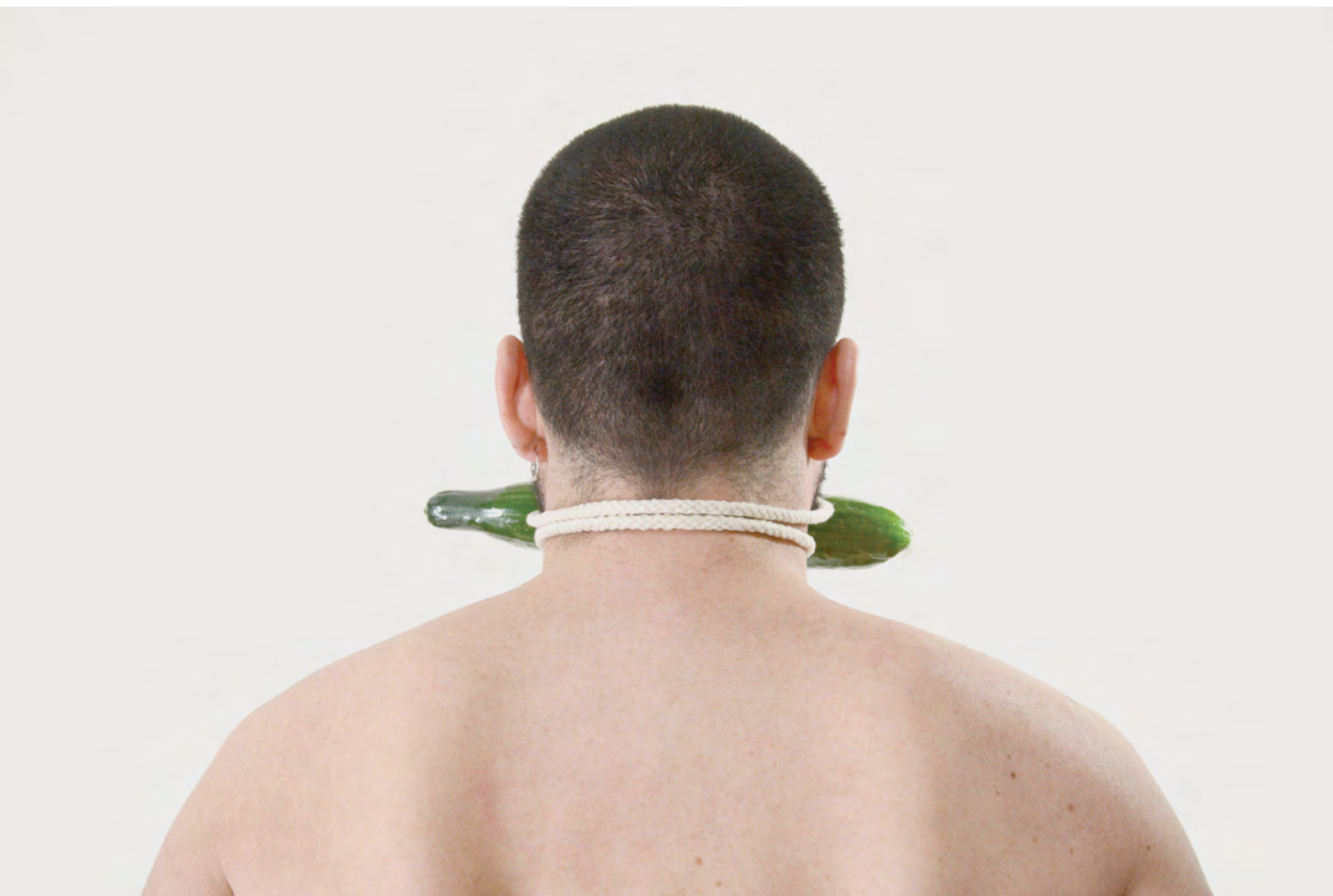
Muhammad al-Nawaji
For a pretty seller of cucumbers

God! How beautiful, this young
Cucumber seller, and a face to make
The sun itself blush at noontime.
The day he agreed to a tender meeting
I was overwhelmed.
Ah, how I savored
That mouthful of cucumber.













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Cucumber Seller zine spreads.



Abū Nuwās
In the bath-house

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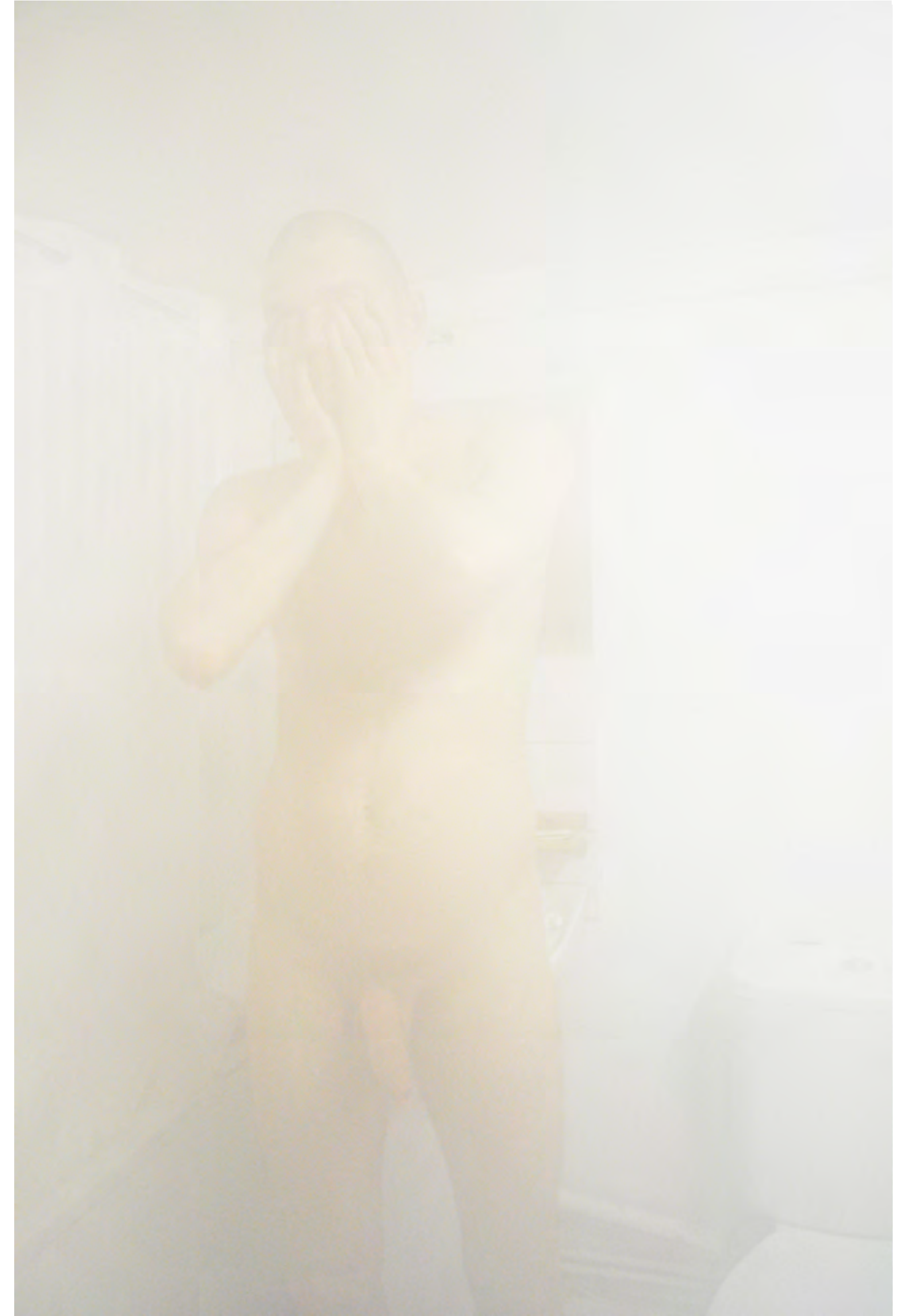
All becomes radiantly manifest.
Feast your eyes without restraint!

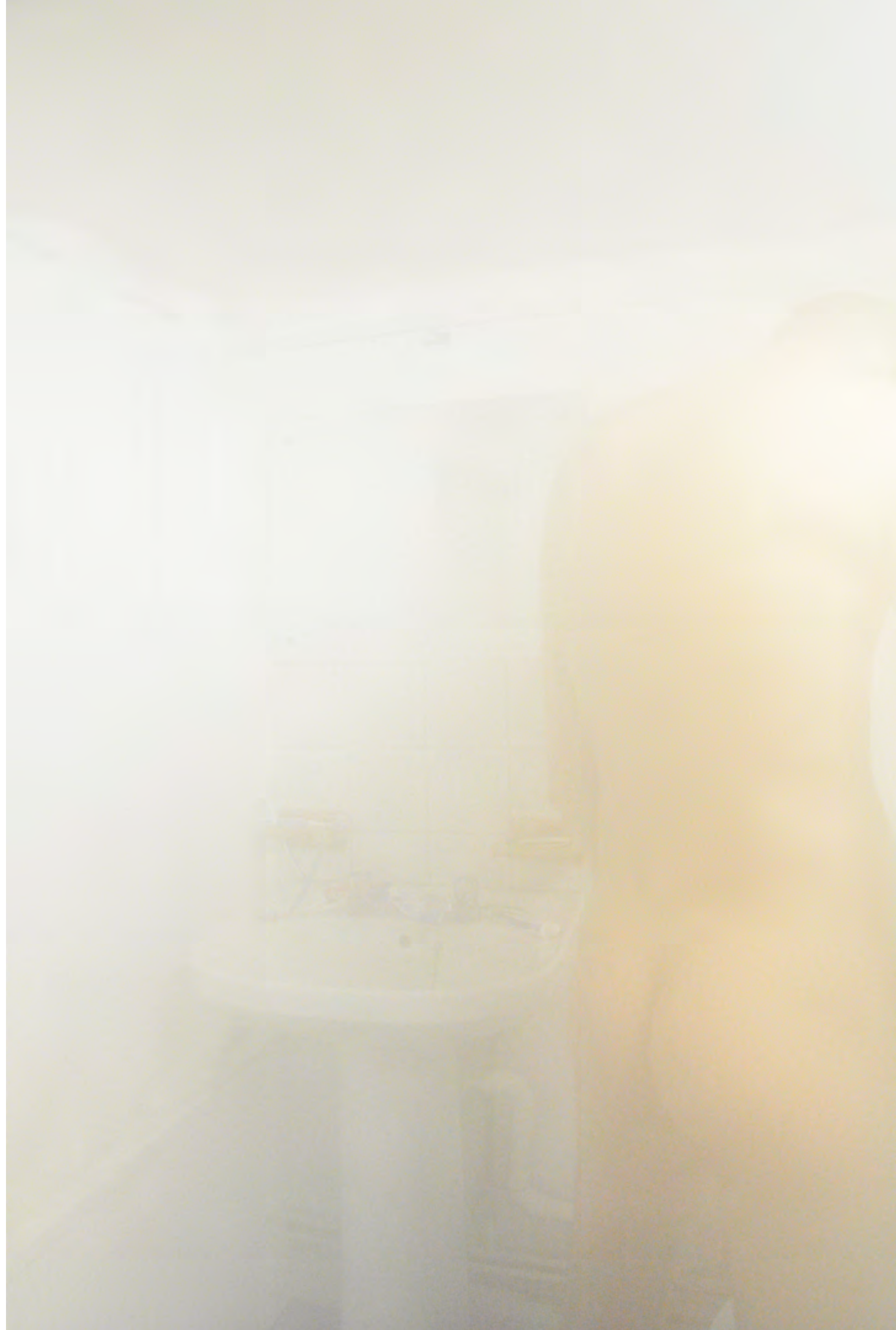
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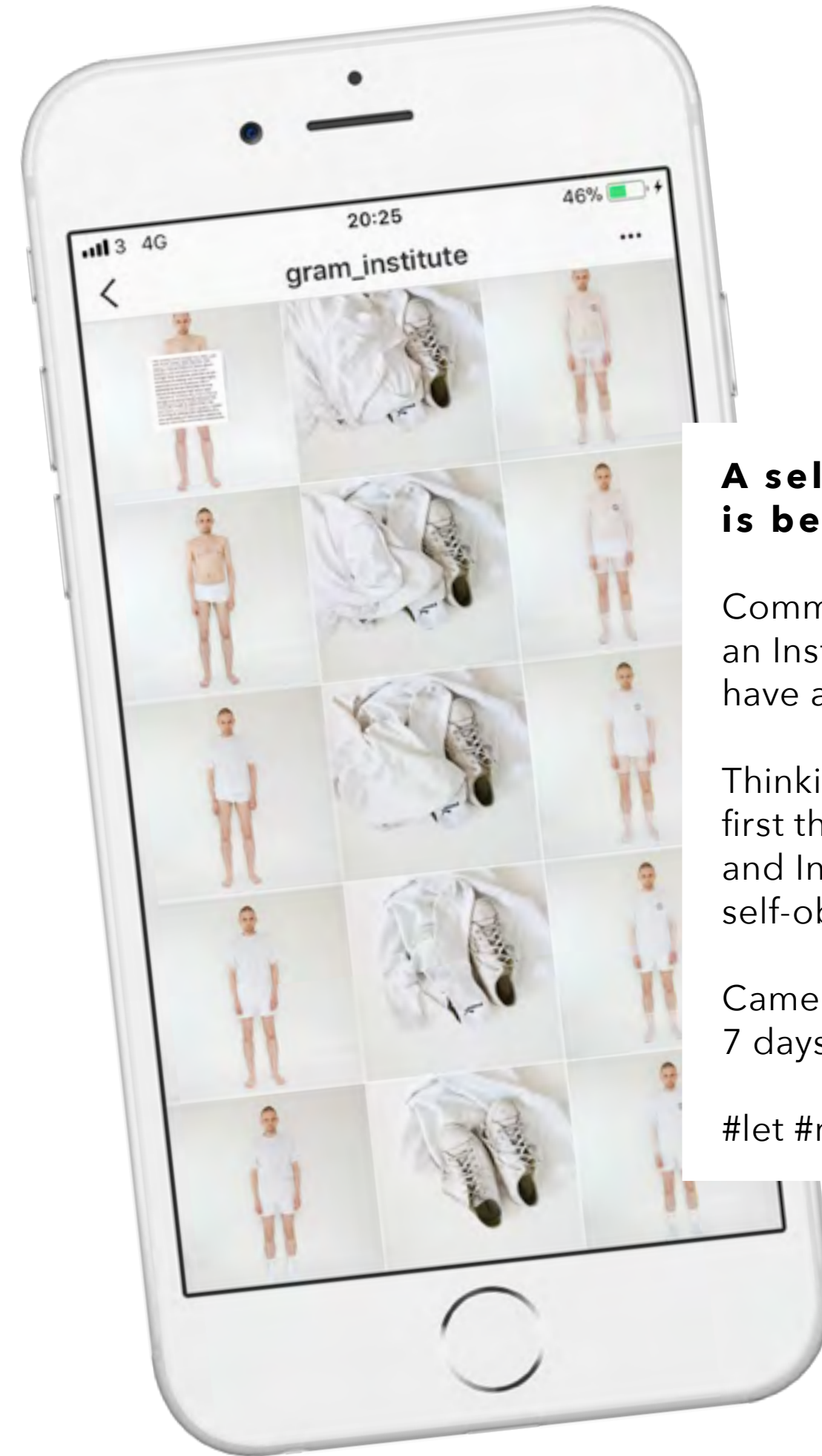
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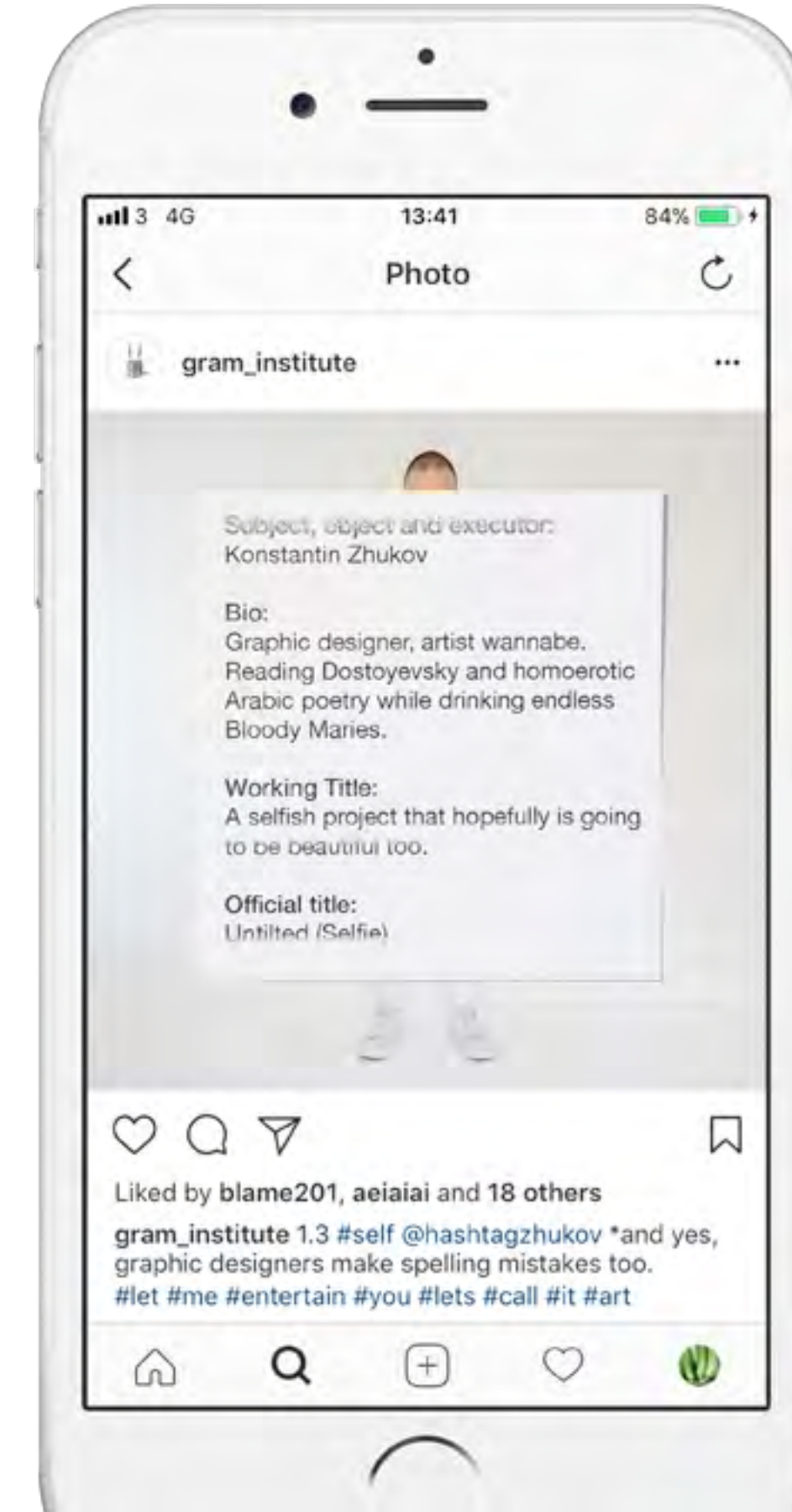
A selfish project that hopefully is beautiful too

Commissioned by Gram_Institute, an Instagram based gallery where creatives have a 7 day window for an exhibition.

Thinking of Instagram, selfie was one of the first things that came to mind. After all, selfie and Instagram go hand in hand supporting our self-obsessed, image driven society.

Camera pointed at myself, Instagram grid and 7 days for a work to unfold.

#let #me #entertain #you #lets #call #it #art



Subject, object and executor:
Konstantin Zhukov

Bio:
Graphic designer, artist wannabe.
Reading Dostoyevsky and homoerotic
Arabic poetry while drinking endless
Bloody Maries.

Working Title:
A selfish project that hopefully is going
to be beautiful too.

Official title:
Untitled (Selfie)

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graphic designers make spelling mistakes too.
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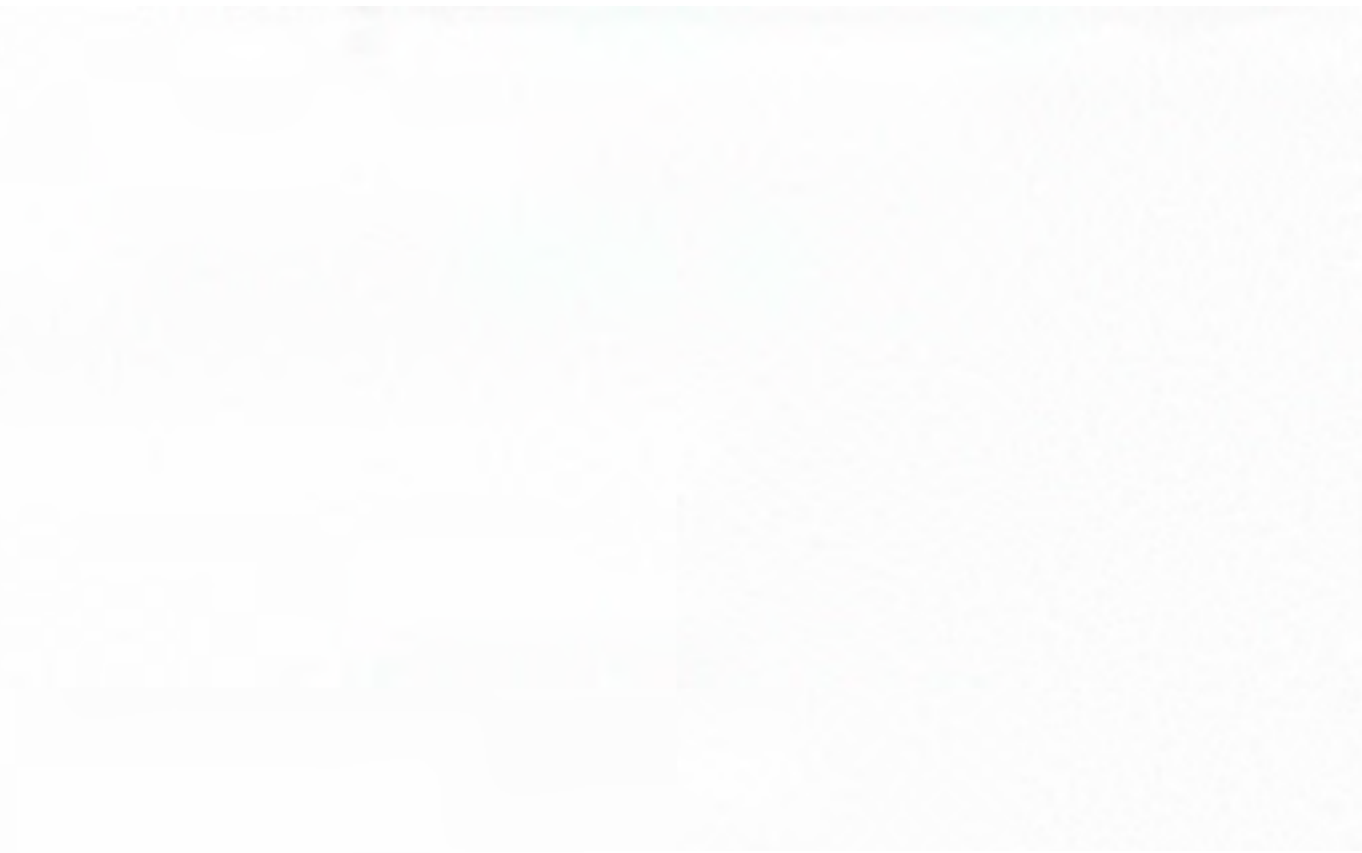


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Ever yours, Oscar

While in exile in France, Oscar Wilde took the name 'Sebastian Melmoth'. Melmoth after the titular character of a novel *Melmoth the Wanderer*. Sebastian after Saint Sebastian, his favourite saint.

The last remaining letter from Oscar Wilde to his dear friend and lover Lord Alfred Douglas (Bosie) was written in a French coastal town of Dieppe.

Series of these fine art prints were first exhibited at Flecha Art Fair in Madrid in February 2016.



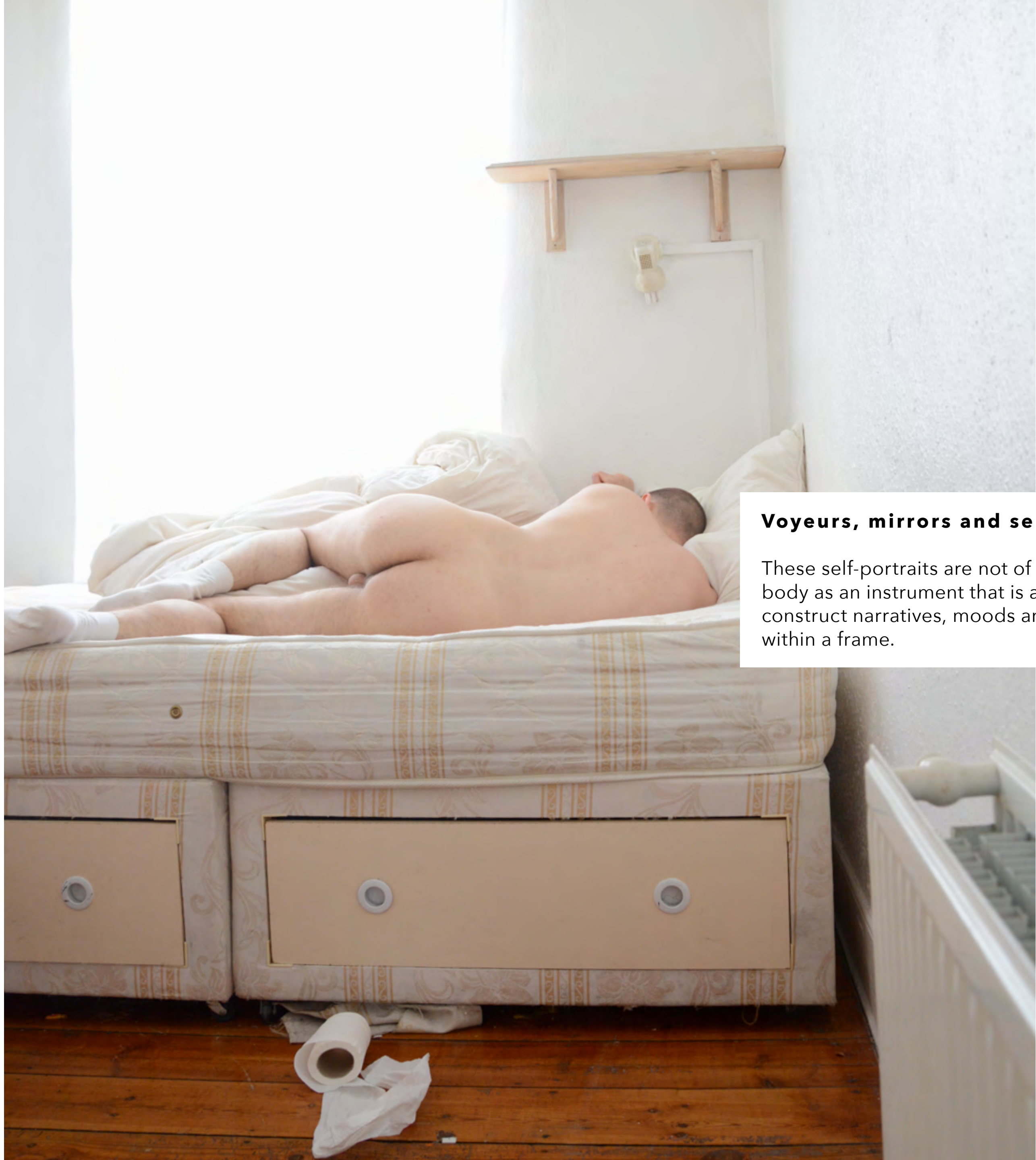
Café Suisse, Dieppe
Tuesday, 7:30

My own Darling Boy,

I got your telegram half an hour ago, and just send a line to say that I feel that my only hope of again doing beautiful work in art is being with you. It was not so in the old days, but now it is different, and you can really recreate in me that energy and sense of joyous power on which art depends. Everyone is furious with me for going back to you, but they don't understand us. I feel that it is only with you that I can do anything at all. Do remake my ruined life for me, and then our friendship and love will have a different meaning to the world.

I wish that when we met at Rouen we had not parted at all. There are such wide abysses now of space and land between us. But we love each other. Goodnight, dear.

Ever yours,
Oscar

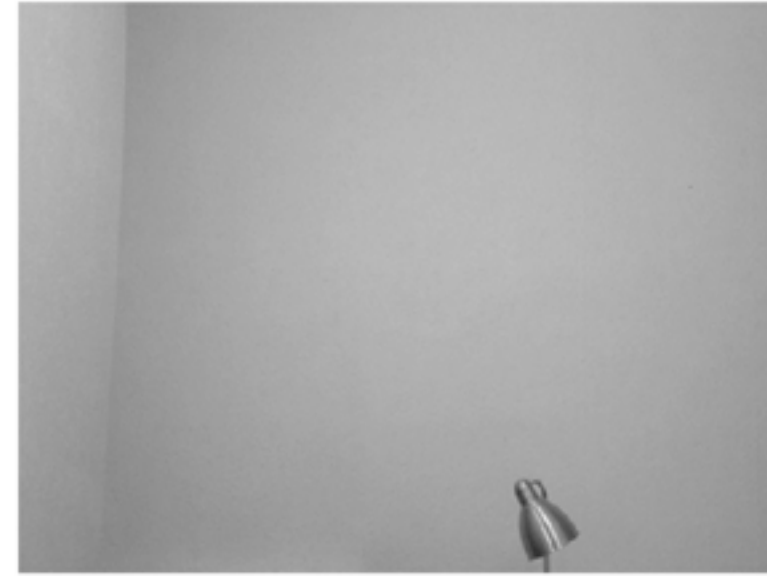
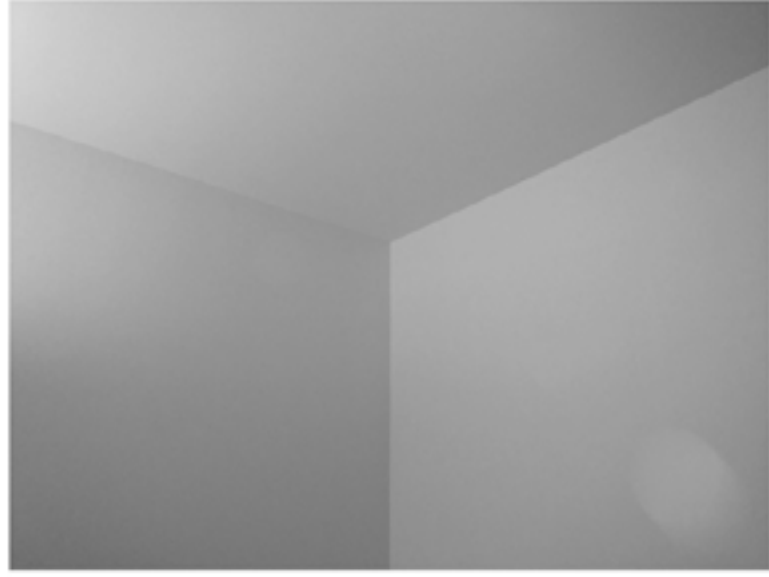
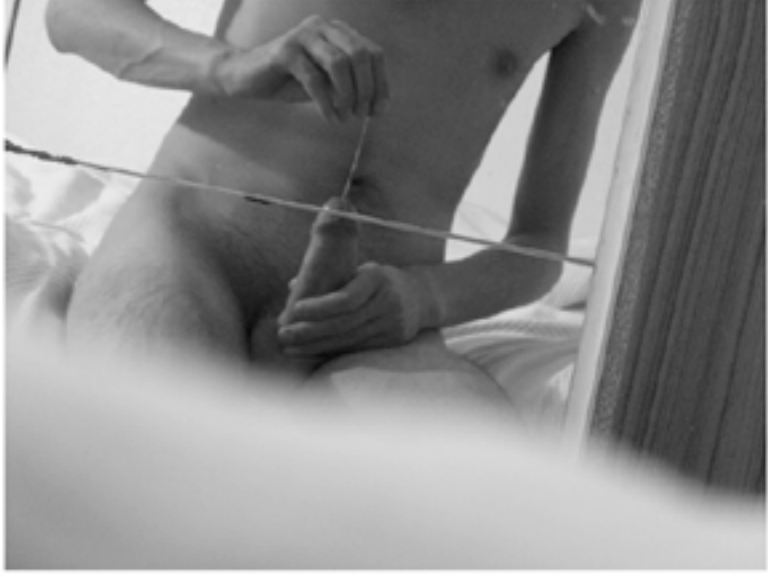


Voyeurs, mirrors and self-portraits

These self-portraits are not of a narcissist. Own body as an instrument that is always on hand to construct narratives, moods and impressions within a frame.





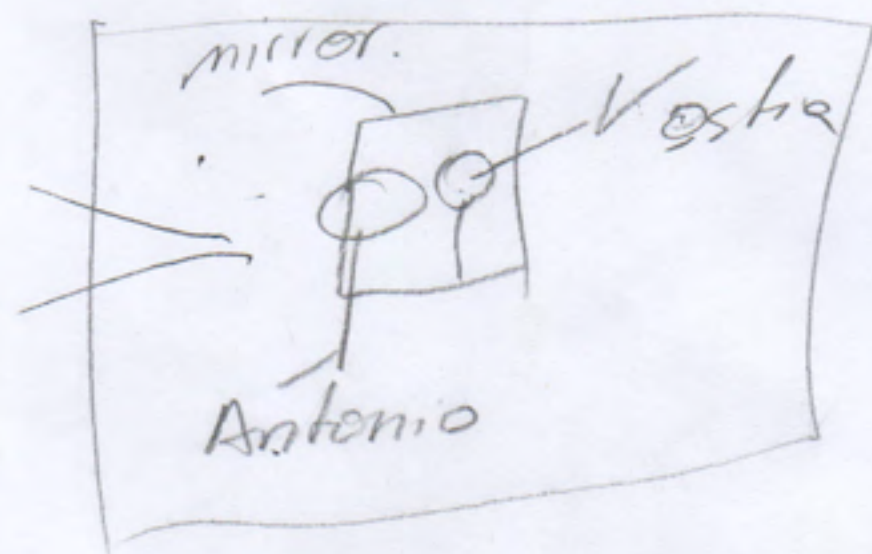




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Abu Nuwas.

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mirrors.



+ to film

- Layered body/Clothes/Stages of undress.



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Sketches, observations, Instagrammables

An insight into my creative process.







