KIM MINKUS / Laneway

### THE LANES ARE ART!

#### WE ARE GENIUSES IN LOVE WITH OUR CITY!

CLOSEST TO THE MOUNTAIN CEMETERY HIGH TENSILE STEEL CORDS WHINE. CUCUMBERS AND MELONS CHOKE INSIDE PLASTIC HOUSES. RECKLESS MONSTERS COPULATE IN CARS. DOGS BARK AND SCRATCH AT GATES HURLING THEIR BODIES AT SORE WOOD. BARRED TEETH GLISTEN BETWEEN GAPS

DRAGON'S FEED FLOWS THROUGH THE UNDERGROUND TOMATOES FIGS ARTICHOKES SILENT COLONIES OF FLYING ANTS SWARM DRY GROUND. WASPS EMERGE FROM THEIR SLEEP A YELLOW HISS STALKS THE AIR. LAVENDER HANGS IN THE WINDOWS

DEATH IS SO CLOSE HERE. WE WALK CARRYING ASHES IN OUR HANDS. WE FALTER OVER CRACKS AND CREVICES GATHERING THE MATERIAL OF SPACE WONDERING ALL THE WHILE WHETHER THE FENCES KEEP US OUT OR IN

## WE WORK WHEN NO ONE IS COUNTING

# WE ARE QUEENS LOST BY OUR DRONES!

SANDCASTLES APPEAR AMONGST THE CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS. WE LOOK CLOSELY AND DETECT TINY WINDOWS AND AN INHABITANT'S GAZE. FAKE TOPIARY ODORS OF SOAP AND ROT. SWEEPING PORTICOES

WE RIDE DOWN LANES WITH OUR DEVICES OUTSTRETCHED. WE PERFORM TRICKS ON OUR WAY TO THE TRAIN. EYEING MATTRESSES NEAR THE RED DOOR WIRES HANGING FROM OUR EARS

STALE PASTRY FILLS OUR STOMACHS. WE YEARN FOR SOMETHING FRESH. OUR HEELED ANKLES GIVE WAY ON THE WAY TO THE BAR. GLOWING COUNTERS LIGHTEN OUR BLEMISHES

#### WE COLLECT REMNANTS OF A STRANGER'S STASH

TURNED WOOD, BLOWN GLASS, SPIKES FOR GRINDING BUDS. RESPITE FROM THE MONOTONY OF MEALS AND EARNINGS

### WE HAVE SEEN THE SPIRITS AND ANIMALS ROAMING TOGETHER!

WE MAKE LISTS, BUT IN THE LOWER PART OF MAIN STREET THE LANES ARE DISAPPEARING. TUNNELS OF SMOOTH CONCRETE WHERE LOFT PARTIES AND THEIR SLEEK GUESTS SIP FROM CRYSTAL

WE STOP AND LOOK TO THE BOTTOM OF PITS. PUMPS SUCK UP ANCIENT WATER. A BUILDING LISTS DANGEROUSLY CLOSE TO THE EDGE. CHILDREN'S TOYS HANG FROM THE REBAR

THERE IS NO WAY OUT OF THE NOISE BOYS WATCH RED AWNINGS WE STEAL THE DUMPSTERS FOR OUR OWN PURPOSES. WE DRAW CHALK LINES ON THE CONCRETE

# WE CHOOSE TO LIVE UNTIL THE NEXT LINE!

## WE CAN HEAR THE FOUNTAINS, BUT CAN'T AFFORD THEM

HERE THE LANES LEAD TO THE OCEAN. WE PICK WAYS TO HUNT. THE SMELL HERE IS PART SEAWEED PART DIESEL

bamboo shoves its way through the cracks and a lady with a hairnet hacks at it. her blade glints in the moonlight. she hums between swings

a man in a dressing gown lounges amongst his pillows. he measures his square feet and plans new booths for his interiors. condensation slides down his drinking glass

## WE SMASH GARBAGE ON THE PATHWAYS!

WE DRAG OUR FEET ON THE TILED FLOORS

WE UNBUTTON OUR FLANNEL SHIRTS

#### WE LISTEN TO THE SCREAMS AS WE WHIRL PAST ON OUR NIGHTLY RIDES THERE ARE SO MANY FUTURES THAT HAVE EVADED OUR RECORDS. THE STRAPPED ON PLATFORMS BLISTER OUR ARCHES PAINTINGS ARE NAILED INTO TELEPHONE POLES. GARDENS SPILL FROM THE

PARKED VANS. LAYERS OF ROCK PEEL AWAY REVEALING ALABASTER EGGS, MISMATCHED DRAWERS, MURALS, HANDMADE FURNITURE

IN THE FALL WE WANDER THE LANES SEARCHING FOR ARTISTS. WE RIDE PAST PARKS WHERE GIRLS WRITE THEIR NAMES IN BLOOD IN THE SAND. WE TALK OF FAILED RESCUES WHILE ANOTHER LANGUAGE FLOWS FROM OUR EARS

### WE FILL OUR INNER AND OUTER GLANDS WITH GOSSIP

WE RIFLE THROUGH OUR POSSESSIONS AS FILMS FLICKER IN THE CORNER ROOM. DECORATIONS DIG INTO SKIN AS WE PASS A SMOKE TO THE STRANGER ON A BIKE

WE HAVE BEEN GAGGING ALL DAY AND ARE STARVING. THERE ARE TOO MANY THINGS IN WRAPPERS. OUR HANDS ARE TOO FRAIL TO OPEN THEM. WE SHARPEN OUR MAGNIFYING GLASSES IN OUR HUNT FOR FOOD

IN OUR POOR STAMPED BONES ROBINS SING THE WRONG SONG

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## WE ARE WOMEN IN LOVE WITH OUR CITY!

- 1. THE LANES ARE ART!
- 2.
- THERE ARE TOO MANY THINGS TO COUNT THEREFORE NUMBERS SHOULD BE ABOLISHED
- 3. WE ARE TRAGEDY AND MATERIAL AND LICK THE LININGS OF OUR MACHINES
- 4. THE ARCHITECTS ARE ASLEEP
- 5.
- THE LUSTER HERE HIDES AGE AND RUIN IT IS POINTLESS TO INDICATE A LACK OF SPACE
- 6. WE ARE **GENIUSES** AND WOMEN!