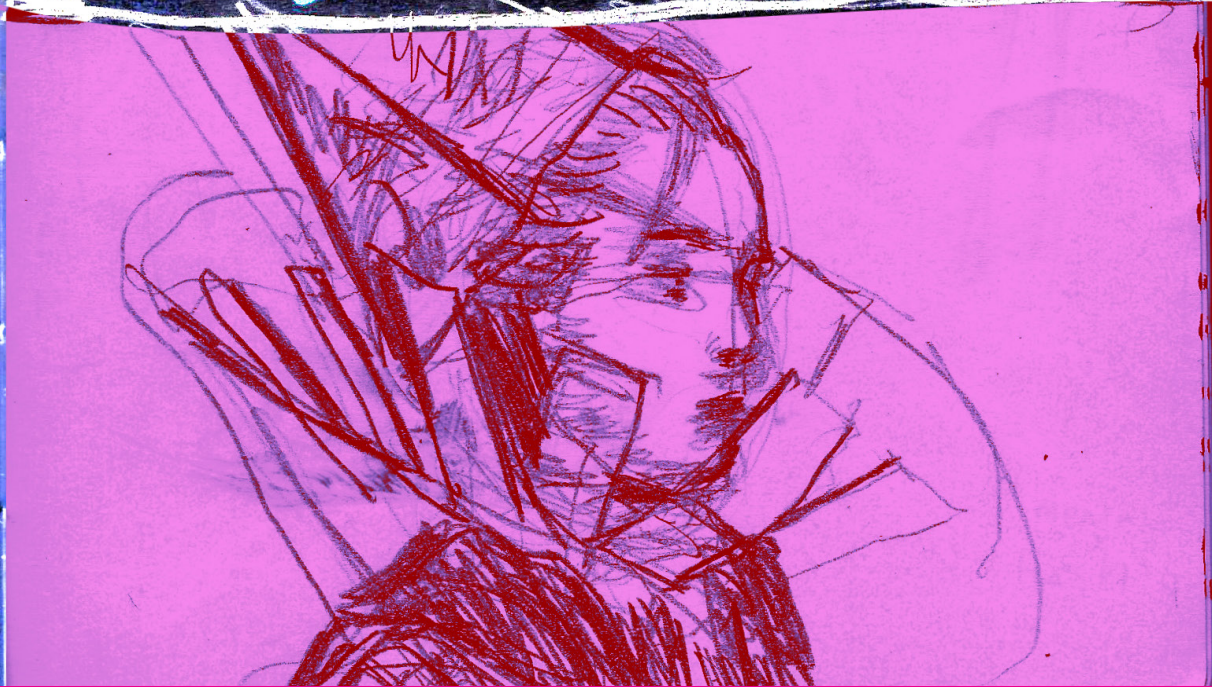


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CASKET

DIRECTED BY CHRIS FRIND
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MOOD BOARDS

TO HELP FLESH OUT THE OFF-SCREEN WORLD OF CASKET.

(FOR WRITING AND DESIGN PURPOSES I FEEL IT'S VITAL TO BACKGROUND EVERYTHING, EVEN THE THINGS WE DON'T SEE DIRECTLY)

KATE

MENTAL-MECHANIC



ALALISA

KATE'S BEST FRIEND
FROM ACADEMY



KATE'S SISTER

KATE'S SISTER, A TRAINING
PSYCHOLOGIST



**KATE IN A
SENSE-SUIT**

DOING NEIGHBORHOOD
PATROL



KATE

MENTAL MECHANIC OF
THE YEAR



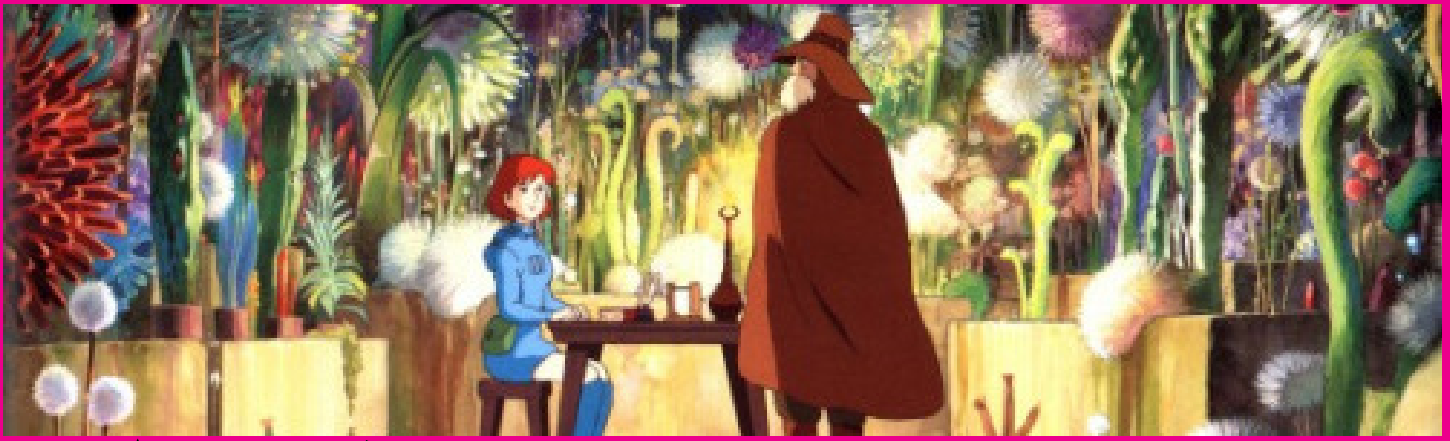
KATE'S HERO

JILL SANDERS. A POSTER
FOR A LECTURE ON PLANT
CONSCIOUSNESS



SLIME WAR HERO

HILDA HILDABRANT, SAVING A
SMALL FIELD OF GRASS FROM
COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY
PROTESTERS.



KATE'S GHOST SHOP

BRINGING BACK THE DEAD FOR THREE YEARS STRAIGHT.

KATE'S DREAM LIFE

ONE DAY, KATE PLANS TO RECONFIGURE THE ENTIRE STUDIO JUST LIKE A CALIFORNIAN BEACH. SHE'S BEEN WORKING ON MINIATURE PALM TREE STRAINS AND ALSO IMPORTED, ORGANIC-SAND FROM THAILAND.



MEASURING PARADISE

KATE RUNS A GHOST SHOP...

...AND LIKE OTHER GHOST SHOPS, HER CONTENT ONLY LASTS FOR ABOUT FOUR WEEKS AND THEN THE BODY IS USELESS. THE LOVED ONES END THEIR SUBSCRIPTIONS AND THEN ONE HAS TO TRACK DOWN NEW MARKS. KATE IS TRYING TO DEVELOP A STRAIN OF SUPER-INTELLIGENT FERNS TO DOWNLOAD THE MINDS PERMANENTLY.



SANDSTRAINING EQUIPMENT



SOLIDS MASS PRIMARY TUBE

SANDSTRAINING IS A TECHNIQUE OF HACKING SOLIDS CURRENCY



EMOTES

EMOTIONAL RECORDINGS



AFRIAD
EMOTE



HAPPY AND SAD
EMOTES



STANDARD EMOTE
DIAGRAM



ASHAMED EMOTE



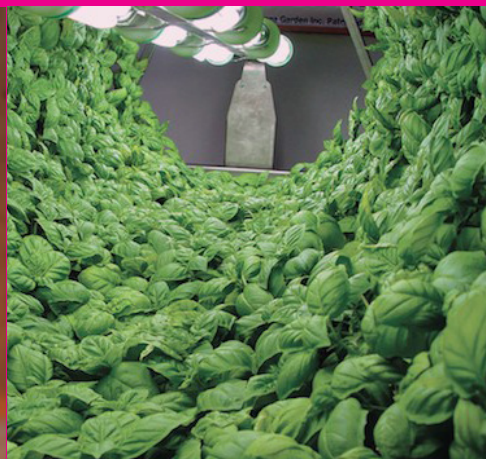
MAD EMOTE



MENTAL HASH

MADE FROM THE BREATH OF COMMUNICATIONS

GROWINGS FROM
THE HASH



FIRST LEVEL
GROWTH



2ND LEVEL
STAGGERED
MATURATION



HIVE MOTHERS



PLANT CHORUS
MENTAL GROWTH
CHAMBER



LOS ANGELES 2066

THE MOST SUCCESSFUL CULTURAL BUBBLE IN THE WWW

KATES
NEIGHBOOR-
HOOD



DELIVERY DRIVERS
IN CONFERENCE



WALKING AWAY FROM THE
HATE HOTEL

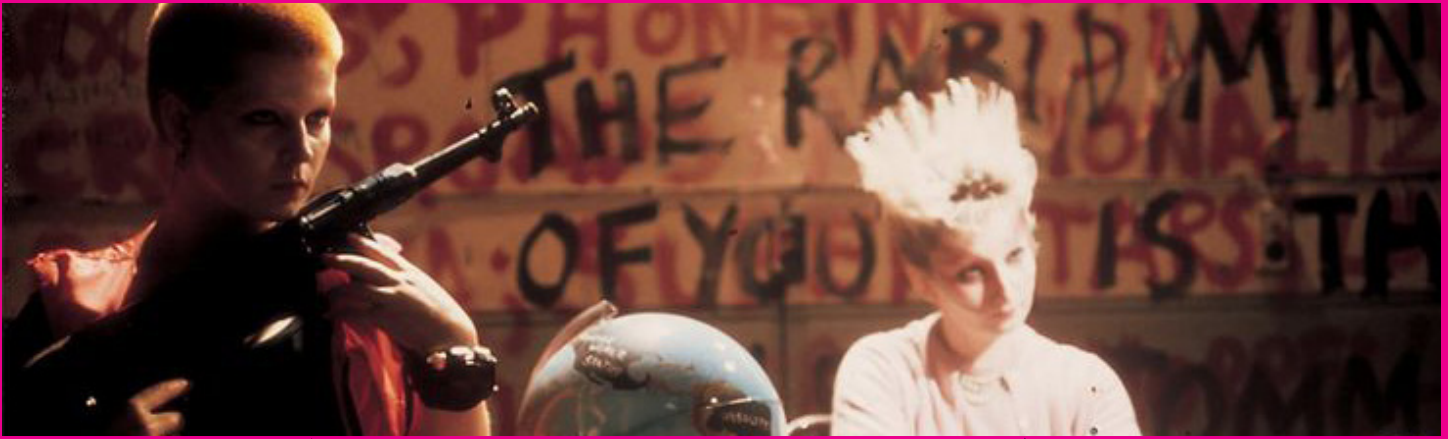


ANONYMOUS
EMOTES FOR SALE



KATE'S FRIENDS

KATE ISN'T SURE IF THE WWW IS THE ONLY WAY TO GO. THERE IS A MOVEMENT CENTERED AROUND THE FEELIE LECTURES GIVEN BY THE CONTROVERSIAL DOLPHIN PHILOSOPHER, MARCHING SKY FEVER.



KATE'S CLIENTS

KATE'S CLIENTAL HAS BEEN MOVING UP. GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE AN ACTUAL REASON TO PAY. WORKING FOR THE WWW MOSTLY RESULTS IN A LOT OF THREATS AND ORDERS AND NOT MUCH MONEY TO ACTUALLY SURVIVE.



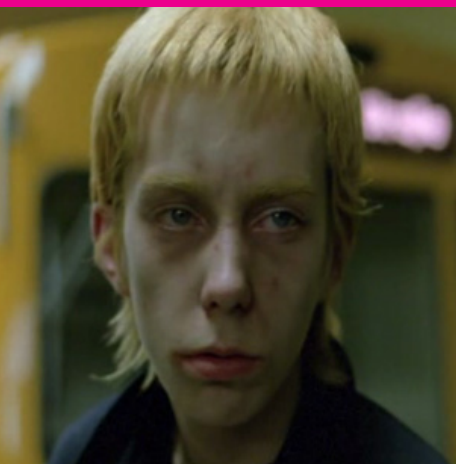
BLISTER BOYS



FRANK THE HERBT



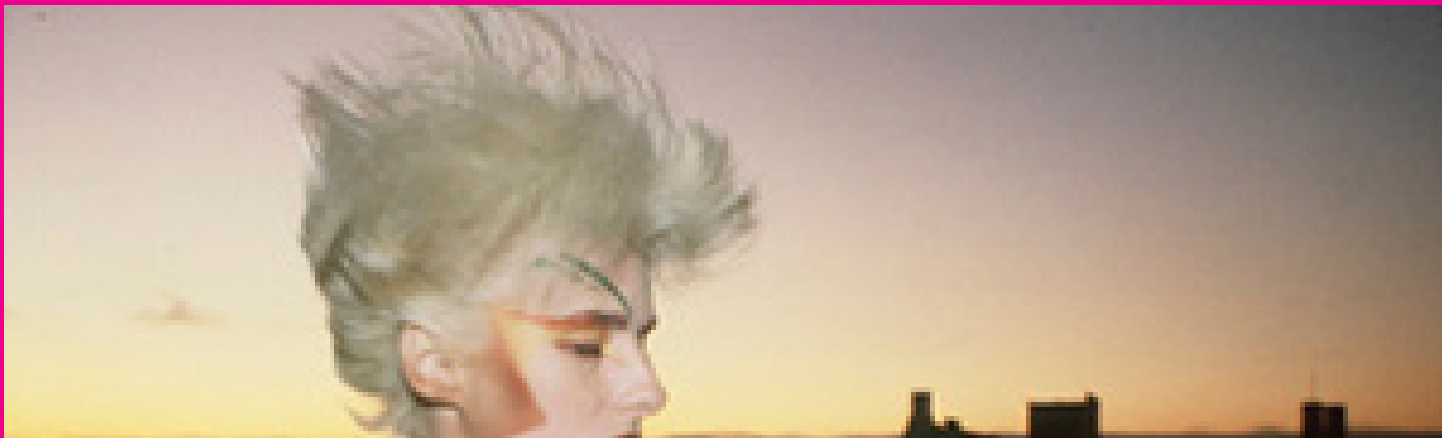
COBRA CLAN



MEATBALL THE
BOOKIE



SIMS ASSASSINS

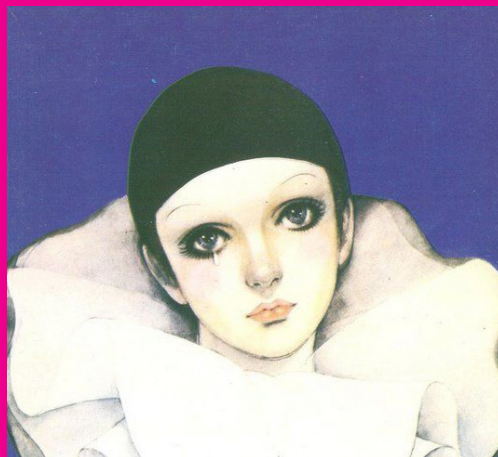


XYXZ PLEASURE-U

XYXZ WAS BANISHED FROM THE VENUSIAN CONSCIOUSNESS AND SENT TO EARTH WHERE THE DOMINANT BEINGS LIVE ON THE THREE DIMENSIONAL PLANE.

A PLEASURE-U DRONE...

...IN ACCORDANCE WITH WWW WORLD-WIDE LAW, IS ONLY TO BE CLONED FROM THE CLIENTS OWN BODY AND AGE. THEY ARE ALL ENGINEERED TO SKIRT THE SENTIENT BEING ACT OF 2033 AND CONTAIN NO TRACE OF CONSCIOUSNESS.



PLEASURE-U DRONE



A TYPICAL PLEASURE-U CONFIGURATION



A HUMUNCULUS...

...PATTERNED AFTER A PLEASURE-U REACTRESS

A STYLIZED ASSASSIN BRAND KILL MODEL





XYXZ

SHORTLY AFTER TAKING CONTROL OF THE HUMAN PERIPHERAL

XYXZ IS UPSET...

...AFTER BEING BANISHED TO THE PLANET EARTH ON THE THIRD DIMENSION.



THE FIRST DIMENSION...

IS FAR SUPERIOR TO THIS PLANE AND XYXZ PLOTS TO SEE THIS PLANET ELIMINATED.



AFTER REBELLING...

...SEVERAL TIMES, HER HEAD IS SEVERED BY HER EARTHLY OWNER, KATE.



THE FREQUENT REPAIRS..

...TO HER HEAD HAS STILL NOT IMPROVED XYXZ'S ATTITUDE.



XYXZ GROWS UP

AFTER HAVING HER HEAD SEVERED AND BEING SENT TO VARIOUS HEAD DOCTORS, XYXZ SLOWLY BECOMES DISENCHANTED WITH HUMANITY.

XYXZ IS UNABLE...

...TO LIVE OUTSIDE OF A CASKET DUE THE HEAD REMOVING OPERATION. XYXZ IS ATTACHED DIRECTLY TO HER TRUE PHYSICAL FORM, WHAT HUMANS PERCEIVE AS A "FERN".



LIFE AND DEATH ARE ALMOST INTERCHANGEABLE AT THIS POINT.



AFTER A LOT OF...
...THINKING, XYXZ IS ALMOST OKAY WITH BEING OUT OF TOUCH WITH ANY OTHER CONSCIOUS BEINGS.



FINALLY SHE WAS ABLE TO CONTACT THE HIVE MOTHERS BACK ON VENUS TO COME DESTROY THE EARTH. EVERYTHING'S COOL, BUT THE HIVE MOTHERS HAVE PUT HER ON TRIAL.



VENUS MENTAL ZOO

THE PLANET OF VENUS IS LIKE A GIANT SAUNA. THE SURFACE IS BARREN CERAMIC, MUCH WARMER THAN THE EARTH'S SURFACE AND UNABLE TO SUSTAIN LIFE. HOWEVER THE INTERIOR IS LIVELY WITH SUBTERRANEAN CAVES, BRIGHT AND WARM WITH SUN RADIATION AND MOIST WITH THE BOILING OCEANS' STEAM. THIS IS A PERFECT ENVIRONMENT FOR CAVERNS SOLID WITH LUSH, SUPER-INTELLIGENT FERNS.

THEIR PSYCHIC-INTERNET COVERS THE ENTIRE PLANET AND GOSSIP IS ALWAYS A PASSIONATE SUBJECT.

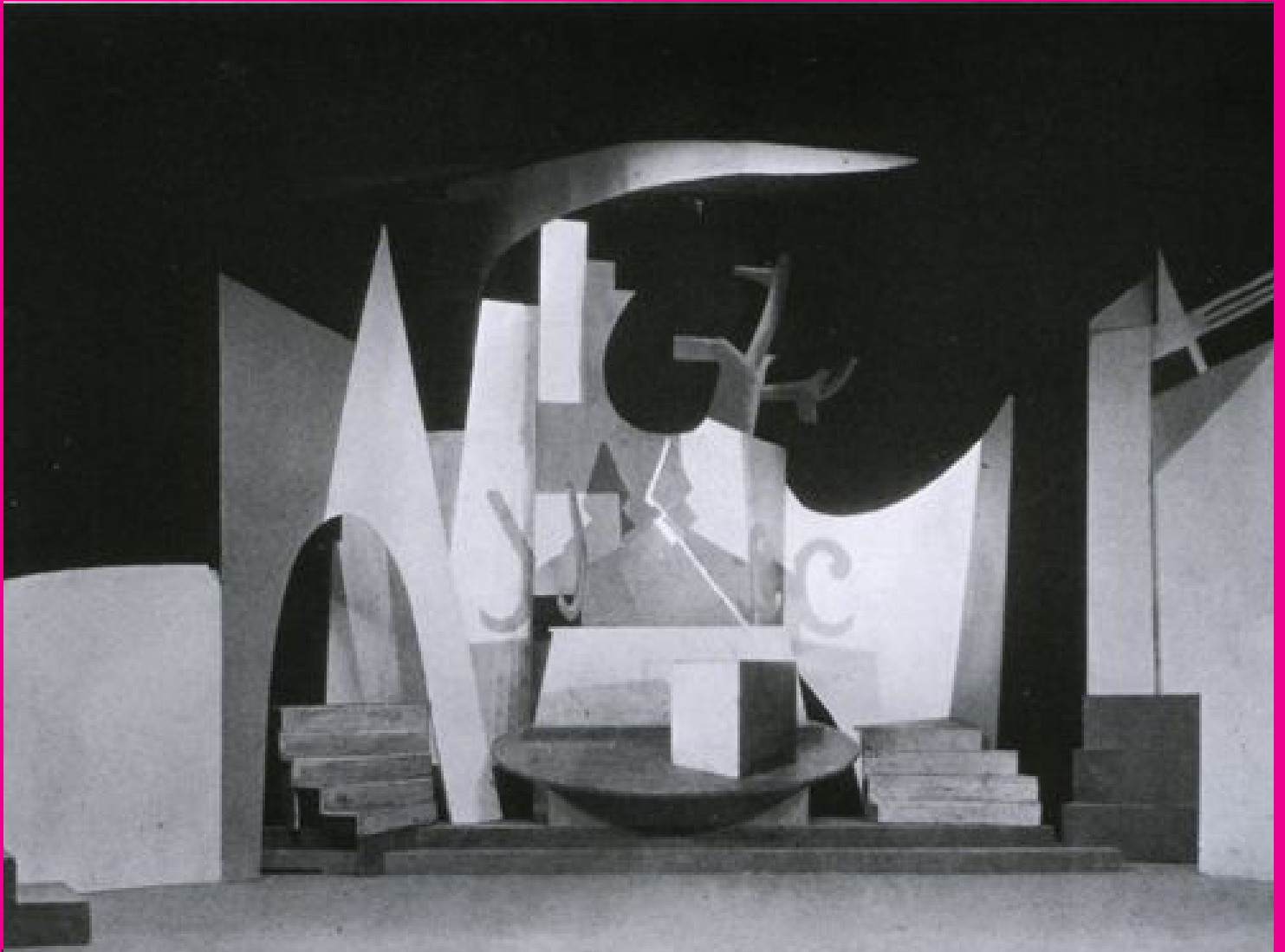


XYXZ'S CAGE...

...AS SHE AWAITS JUDGEMENT. IT'S BECOME APPARENT OVER THE YEARS THAT EARTH WAS ACTUALLY A LOT BETTER THAN BEING CONSTANTLY JUDGED AND GAWKED AT AS ENTERTAINMENT.

XYXZ'S CAGE...

...IS A POOR MEMORY OF HER LIFE ON EARTH.



XYXZ TRYING TO
TALK TO KATE'S
GHOST



ENTERING KATE'S
GHOST



XYXZ'S CAGE
BEGINS TO CRACK



VENUSIAN HIVE MOTHERS...

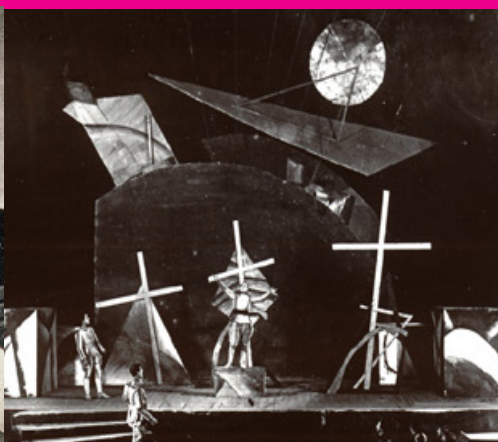
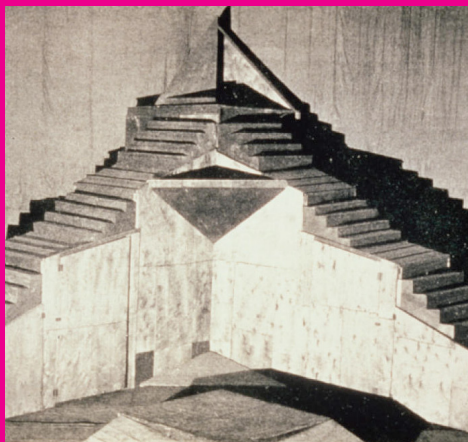
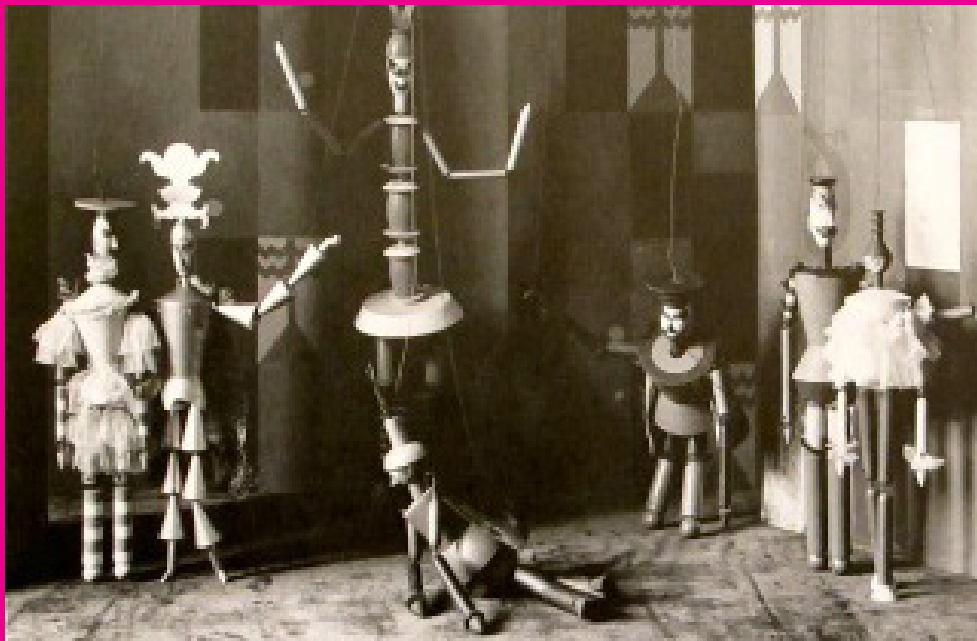
VENUSIAN HIVE MOTHERS HAVE MANAGED EARTH FOR A VERY LONG TIME, SLOWLY WEAVING THE FLOW OF ATTITUDES AND IDEAS. HOWEVER, IN THE LAST 600 YEARS, THE SITUATION SOMEHOW REVERSED AND THEY FOUND THEMSELVES MORE AND MORE INVESTED IN HUMANITY. SO MUCH, THAT THEIR OWN LIVES BEGAN TO SUFFER AND THEY FELT VENGEFUL AGAINST THOSE WHO POSSESSED THE POWER TO CHANGE THE MENTAL STRUCTURES.

XYXZ WAS ULTIMATELY FOUND GUILTY OF CULTURAL ENTANGLEMENT. SHE WAS SENTENCED TO THE CASKET.

ON THE 3D
PLANE...

...THE HIVE MOTHERS,
LIKE YXXZ, ARE FERN-
LIKE PLANTS LIVING IN
THE MOIST, SUN-WARMED
UNDERGROUND CAVERNS
OF VENUS.

THEY USE PERIPHERALS
TO INTERACT WITH THE
PHYSICAL WORLD.



HARMONY HALL

THE REALM OF THE

SENDING GHOSTS

DEAD

TO OBLIVION

THE HIVE MIND.

