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#### Once Upon a Clockless Nowever

Before I start this, I will affirm that the choice to write this as it has been written was made out of a feeling of preference for poetry over history, or rather a love for poetry and revolt towards history, in much the same way that Schopenhauer preferred poetry over history and Perlman was against-History. The (psycho-and-nonpsycho-)geographic focus of these writings comes from a preference for spaces, situations and places, rather than productive-narratives and economic theories.

This piece of writing was born out of the potential to do a talk at an unconfirmed event, but as I began exploring what I wanted to communicate and the intensity to which I wanted to communicate the matter of the TTZ, involutions, Moloch cult(-ure) and the-open, I found that I wanted to take the approach that I have taken with this. That I am seeking to communicate something through these poems is why I have called them communiqués. While they were written with the intention being that they would be spoken to a group of individuals wanting to listen to them, I do hope that these words are experienced through being read too.

I describe my anarchy as ontological, rather than political, mostly due to my experience of anarchy not being bound to the "affairs of the city". As far as my "(anti-)politics" goes, I would describe my relationship to "affairs of the city" as being radical individualist and environmentalist, as my basic desire is to affirm the lives of the living. In openly writing about ontological anarchy the potential for the subject of Hakim Bey/Peter Lamborn Wilson arises, as the individual

who is most associated with the term. My honest experience is of having both been inspired and revolted by many of his writings, which I hope is well reflected in this collection this is neither an attempt to deify him or demonise him, with him not really being the point of these writings. If there is a point, reason, meaning to this short collection of writings which would certainly be an absurd point, reason or meaning - it is the destruction (through involutions) of organising, as an affirmation of the-open. What I have sought to affirm through these poems/communiqués is rebellion and revolt in the face of the TTZ, as well as a fierce and passionate love for the-open, as the space where ontological anarchy happens. The use of the term "the-open", as it has been used within this collection, is inspired in no small part by Agamben's use, as the (unopenable) space outside of anthropological machinery, which is History, whose ending is the ending of (hu)Man, with (hu)Man becoming-animal. Alongside the poems directly about the TTZ, involutions, Moloch cult(-ure) and theopen, I have included a poem from my book Feral Life, which is my best definition of ontological-anarchy.

The decision to include visual art to go alongside these writings and music to accompany them, came from a desire for these communiqués to not be limited to forms of communication that are easily rationalised and to try to create a more emotive experience for any individual encountering this collection. My wish is for this to be experienced as life-affirming poetic-terrorism, poetry of the deed, where the propaganda is not merely political-ideology.

# TTZ/Temporary-Totalitarian-Zones: an ontological anarchist poem/communiqué

I will start this poem, or communiqué, however you wish to categorise it, by stating that the TAZ is a lie, a lie that, sadly, has plagued ontological-anarchist praxis and infected many. The TAZ is a lie because autonomy, or rather anarchy, is not temporary. Anarchy does not die. The Ungovernable has no ending. Freedom is not bound to history, as History only serves to repress freedom. Wildness has neither beginning or ending, unlike civilisation.

The TAZ is a lie because autonomy and anarchy are not restricted to the boundaries of zones. Wildness is not territorialised. Freedom is not like a nation, limited to lines drawn on a map by cartographers. Anarchy lives in the-open, in being-in-the-world, as the domesticators seek to build the-closed.

Ontological anarchy is here and now, as clockless now-ever and here as everywhere. Ontological anarchy does not wait and isn't going anywhere. Ontological anarchy is not temporary or a zone. Ontological anarchy is an involution.

The TAZ is a lie.

Anarchy does not die.

Totalitarianism dies, as thing-being always ends, as anarchy is ontologically oriented towards objectlessness. Totalitarianism builds upon the division of material and spirit, as history and historising, and dies in the failure of a false dichotomy, which fails to see the hylozoic quality of life in the physical. Totalitarianism is agriculture, the machinery of mass-extinc-

tion-culture, the totalising revolution that all revolutions, scientific, industrial, socialist, (whatever,) have sought to build upon, which is ultimately its own ruination.

The collectivist push to build systems and structures, through the push to organise, is the spirit of totalitarianism. In organisation a territory is marked out, built, land becomes domesticated, colonised, and the totality becomes localisable. The zone, as a localisable, colonised, structurally organised space, is a totality, as nationalism is a mode-of-totalitarianism.

Totalitarianism is limited to the zone. It is closed and closes in, even as it expands.

Totalitarianism is temporary, dying as becoming-history. It is never now, only existing in the then-of-what-was-or-is-to-be.

Within temporary-totalitarian-zones there are tiny-temporary-totalitarian-zones. Zones of micro-organisation, small-systematising and miniature structures are what characterise tiny-temporary-totalitarian-zones. Closed off spaces within closed off spaces, like a closet, within a room, within a room, within a flat, within a block of flats, within a city, within a nation, and so on. Localisable as an area that exists upon a map. Tiny-temporary-totalitarian-zones will no doubt include charities, businesses, clubs and probably most "TAZs". The tiny-temporary-totalitarian-zone includes the activist totalities of revolutionary-organisations and the informal Organising.

While activist tiny-temporary-totalitarian-zones are less undesirable than many others, certainly the temporary-totalitarian-zones that comprise the bulk of mass-extinction-culture, the planetary death camp, Leviathan, or if you rather civilisation; this does not inspire within me desire for them.

Micro-organisations, miniature cults of personality, with miniscule tyrants dictating their will, for the masses to follow. Inland islands territorialising tiny territories for micronationalist pride. The tiny-temporary-totalitarian-zone, even as a point of departure, maintains scaled-down versions of larger temporary-totalitarian-zones, with all the potential of growing larger and larger. It is a realm for the machinical reproduction of everyday repression.

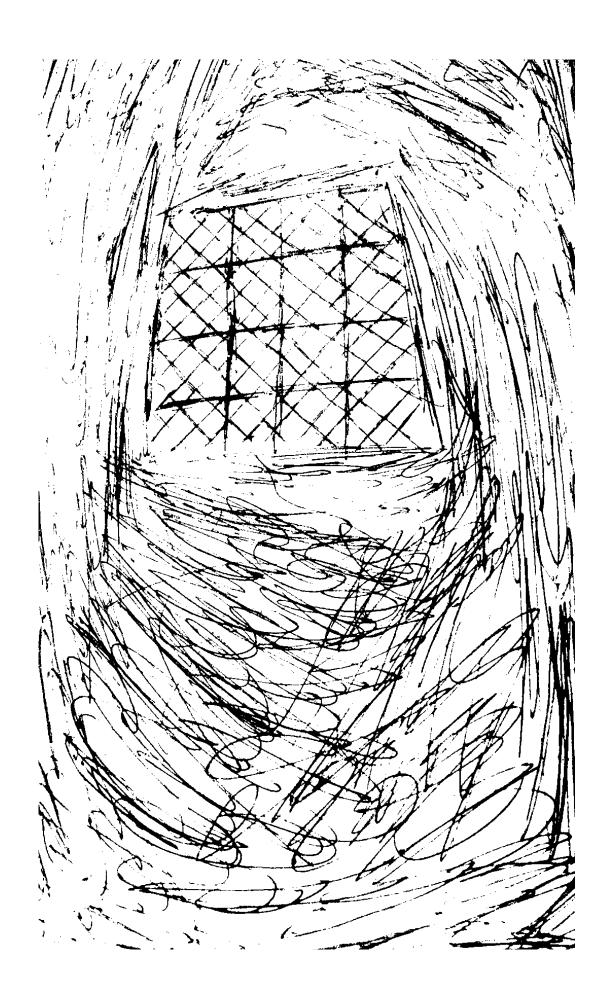
Informality formalises forms that formulate and propagate into zones that become localisable and identifiable on maps, maps to be laid down on tables in war rooms. Informal is not unformal, nonformal or aformal, as the absence of organisation. Informal is relaxed form forming, relaxed organisation, relaxed micro-territorialisation. A relaxed form is still a form. A relaxed form is still a Thing, an object, Krapital, to be bought and sold amidst the dying and decaying markets of too-fucking-late-krapitalism.

Rejecting the temporary-totalitarian-zone, as well as tiny-temporary-totalitarian-zones, as the basis for life, which amidst the death camp of mass-extinction-machinery can seemingly only mean rebellion; I wish to state here some suggestions for ontological anarchist activity – these suggestions start from a point of differentiation and rejection of Spirit, whether capitalist or socialist or whatever else, as the basic

energy of life, which **is** rebellion, while affirming and embracing care as will-to-life and will-to-power. Care as meaning love. Care and love as expressions of power.

Self-care/self-preservation split from ecological-care/ecological-preservation – the collapse of this false dichotomy, born from the bullshit dualism of the world being "out there" and not what all individuals already are, opens space for eco-ego-ism. In this open space, of rebellion as care, disorganised/non-organised activism, as non-localisable-localism – local as bodily-relational here and immediate; non-localisable as not territorialisable, non-tracable, without a zone of inclusion or exclusion and entirely open – This is the simplest description of this loving and power affirming will-to-life I can give. As egoistic experience is right-now, presentist, immediatist activities follow most authentically.

In rejecting zones of inclusion and exclusion, in embrace of the-open, I will affirm a position that I hold as true, to contrast from the lie that this piece started by rejecting. This truth is simply that the-open is where anarchy, ontological and primal, lives and that living there is wild-life.



#### The Open: an ontological anarchist communiqué/poem

Music to accompany this poem:

### ecorevoltblog.wordpress.com/affirming-the-open

Where is the-open? While in many ways this is a ridiculous question, it is where this poetic communiqué starts. The sheer ridiculousness of the situation renders ridiculousness a requirement of being honest, as I see it.

So where is the-open? It lives inside the world disclosure. It breathes at the limits and boundaries of Humanisation. Theopen is where wild-life lives, or if you rather where anarchy happens.

The-open is not bound by territories or zones. It recognises no nations and all castle closures return to it.

Boundless apeiron, the-open is endless and an abyss, which stares into you, as you stare into it. And when you stare into it you stare into yourself, as you are boundless, endless and where wildlife live – just ask the microanimals living on your eyelashes.

The-open is where everywhere is home and where nowhere is home, which makes it where nomadism happens and nomaditity thrives, psychic and non-psychic. An involution creates space for the-open, which was already here, enabling the human to become-animal and unhuman – dehumanisation as a party, which one badger I believe described as feral iconoclasm.

The-open is the original gender-neutral toilet. The-open doesn't give a shit about how many flags you wave. The-open is indifferent to your economic theory. The-open does not donate to charity and will not vote for your favourite politician. The-open has never listened to Ben Shapiro, Joe Rogan, Noam Chomsky or Machine Gun Kelly.

In the-open there are clear-cut forests, oceanic dead zones, expanding deserts, mountain tops being removed and culls happening. In the-open children are being coerced into working in mines, for metals used to produce green-technologies. In the-open individuals are taken and placed in closures, temporary-totalitarian zones. They might try to hide this, by closing in walls and distracting through gadgets and gizmos, but when we are open the truth is bare, life is bare, raw, revealed, unconcealed, for all its naked horror and beauty.

The-open lives in us in our openness to being-open.

I danced naked in the-open, as I felt rain fall on me through the gaps between pine trees. The bare wind caressing my open skin affirmed this transgression of custom and law. A glorious summer day, not even Alexander the Great could have blocked my sunshine, for my power exceeded that of empire. The music I danced to was the sound of pollinators humming and birds singing, in an orchestra that was held by the percussive beating of the raindrops upon the earth.

The-open has no history, it has no future and it has no need for clocks. The-open is the monism that is pluralism. Theopen knows no outer or inner space. The-open is morphogenic becoming, the energy of ontomutative, geomorphic, chaosmosic, topological disorder.

The-open conserves nothing and is the preservation of the open. In the-open badgers play, hawks soar, seals explore, monsters of the deep dark oceans lurk and spiders spin webs. In the-open uncontacted tribes live free from the closed, closures, the temporary-totalitarian-zone, Leviathan.

The-open is not a land movement, secessionism, communisation, a bolo or desertionism. The-open is not seizing the commons and contains no private property.

In the-open there are no zoos, there are no pet shops and there are no markets, super or inferior. In the-open species means nothing and there are no collectives.

Death happens in the-open, but there are no death camps. Life is a struggle in the open, but there is no debt, poverty or contracts. Neither salvation nor damnation, the-open is where the dinosaurs died and what you see when you stand upon the top of a mountain.

The-open is not on this page or captured by these words. The-open is not a society, nor is society ever really open.

To visit the-open being-open is the first step on the journey and then you are there. The-open is actually inside your house, but you'll probably notice it better when you step through your front door. There is no map or route to the-open, as it is everywhere. The-open doesn't require any work and is the best place to play.

## Involution: an ontological anarchist poem/ communiqué

What the fuck is an involution?
Involution is both hard and easy.
Involution can be both a fun party and a traumatic experience.

Leviathan continually tries to prevent involutions, but they are always happening right now.

An involution could never be synthesised into the planetary work machine, has no economic model, can't be bought, sold, collectivised, nationalised or even liquidated.

Involutions are not revolutions or insurrections, require no vanguard, militia, are not built, orchestrated or ever, really, organised.

An involution is a collapse into becoming-animal, the Human collapsing into the inhuman and unhuman, what every political-optimist fears most and what every Dionysian political-pessimist finds most joy from.

Involutions are experiences of rewilding and the end of mass-extinction culture.

As an activity, involutions are like medicine-process, in much the same way that Moore described primitivism to be medicinal, but are not anthropological or Historical.

As an experience, involutions are life breaking through the walls of a death camp, like a storm smashing through the window of an abattoir, exciting and terrifying, allowing the sounds and smells of industrial slaughter to be heard.

- The involution will not be televised or livestreamed, but is impossibility Realised.
- Psychographic voidwork as disunitary urbanism or unitary deurbanism would be one way to describe the process of an involution.
- Involutions cannot be recuperated and don't care about your ideology.
- A bird crapped on the head of a CEO of a major agro-corporation and all ontological-anarchists present laughed at this wonderful involution.

# Too-Fucking-Late-Krapitalist Moloch Cult(-ure): an ontological anarchist poem/communiqué

- Ginsberg named industrial civilisation Moloch and what name could be more fitting?
- The God who demands child sacrifice, whose metallic body was a furnace to boil them alive within.
- Moloch, whose name means king, is perhaps the most fitting name for civilisation today!
- Boil them for the God-king we praise today must feed his body of contorted metal with the flesh of the primordially innocent child!
- This too-fucking-late-krapitalist Moloch cult-ure will serve them up willingly, as offerings - even offerings in the pursuit of liberation, as it shall not be denied that sexual exploitation has been pursed as if it were the path to freedom by individuals claiming to offer path ways to freedom,
- Nor shall I deny that those who claim to care for life have offered Greta to the God-king's belly, as pathetic worshippers, on their knees before such a revolting icon.
- My friend Artxmis has affirmed that children are born individuals, wild and screaming, with a call to spare them.
- I affirm the destruction of Moloch worship and iconography, and the desire for the bronze and iron and steel and concrete and glass and tarmac and aluminium and copper and titanium and all else that composes Moloch's body to be broken down and returned to living earth.

What promises Moloch may offer are empty

anthrophonics to me, sounds devoid of musicality, attempting to mask the sounds of screaming children and other primordially innocent living beings.

Don't turn your ears away from the screaming - listen!

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### Feral Life: Meditations on Rewilding and Anarchy

- Ontological anarchy holds that there is no authority over how the world should be.
- Ontological anarchy holds that there is no authority over how the world is.
- Ontological anarchy is a rebellion against all realities.
- Ontological anarchy is the deconstruction and destruction of all realities.
- Ontological anarchy knows that there is a real that it cannot know, but that can be played in.
- Ontological anarchy is guerrilla philosophy.
- Ontological anarchy is epistemological warfare.
- Ontological anarchy is an existential revolt against the conditions of an existence that seeks to hold authority over the world.
- Ontological anarchy subscends History.
- Ontological anarchy transsub-valued this Reality and found it to be worthless.
- Ontological anarchy cliff dives, climbs trees, plays pranks, is naked (even when clothed) and engages in continual voidwork.
- Ontological anarchy asserts that everything is god, everything is no-Thing, god is no-Thing, no-Thing is god and that we are at our best when we are playful agnostics, as anything else would be to hold an authority.
- Ontological anarchy is immediate freedom and revolt.
- Ontological anarchy doesn't originate in Proudhon and doesn't end at the final full stop.

- Ontological anarchy was alive before the pyramids, before the dinosaurs, and will live on after the tallest skyscrapers have collapsed into ruins – while being timeless.
- Ontological anarchy is feral consciousness and feral iconoclasm as feral life.
- Ontological anarchy is what it isn't and isn't what it isn't, while being what it is.
- Ontological anarchy is seriously playful and playfully serious.
- Ontological anarchy is where primitivity and post-modernity collapse into nothingness not synthesised into dialectic absolution (har)monised as non-dual Being/becoming.
- Ontological anarchy is palaeo-ontological, meteorological, topological, biological, ecological, psychological, sociological, ego-logical and anti-political.
- Ontological anarchy happens when you shit in the woods.

#### **Inspirations**

TAZ: The Temporary Autonomous Zone by Hakim Bey

*Immediatism* by Hakim Bey

The Open by Giorgio Agamben

The Animal That Therefore I Am by Jacque Derrida

Dark Ecology by Timothy Morton

Being Ecological by Timothy Morton

Against Leviathan, Against His-Story! by Fredy Perlman

A Thousand Plateaus by Deleuze and Guattari

Lived Poetry by John Moore

The Insubordination of Words: Poetry, Insurgency, and the Situationists by John Moore

A Primitivist Primer by John Moore

Howl and Other Poems by Allen Ginsberg

Spare The Child by Artxmis Graham Thoreau

The music and art of Zafer Aracagök, a beautifully passionate anarchist advocating insurrection at a book fair in Manchester and badgers surviving cull culture!



### My Anti-Cull Philosophy

#### A Crow Calling

Yesterday I felt fury after reading reports regarding government plans to extend the culling of badgers on this island in the North Sea for several years. I felt a hateful rage, which embodies a far less likeable aspect of my personality than those aspects most people would likely wish to encounter.

After having been involved in anti-cull rebellion since 2015 and living in North Devon, frequently seeing dead badgers by the side of the road, I have come to experience a deep personal sense of care for these beautiful creatures. Finding a sett with healthy looking entry points brings an experience of joy to me, which would undoubtedly be considered bizarre to most members of this culture. I experienced this joy yesterday when I visited the sett that I was regularly checking during the 2020 cull season and will be checking regularly this year too. It is a huge sett and had all the signs of being active with badger life coming in and out, living as they do, despite the pesticidal, specicidal machinery attempting to negate their living presence. I do not mind sharing here that I did a small dance at the sight of these stunningly gorgeous holes in the ground - probably looking utterly ridiculous to the birds, squirrels and trees who shared the space with me in that moment. When I got back to my house my wife asked me how the sett was looking and I was so pleased to tell her, going on to say that I am probably going to write something about the cull (again).

This morning I saw more reports on the government plans to extend the cull for several years – possibly even longer than I had read yesterday. I was hit with a deep feeling of sadness and an experience of despair that hit me in the centre of my chest, sitting there like a crow calling out so often as to render forgetting its presence impossible.

I had in mind other activities to engage in today, but the crow's calling persisted in my chest, leaving me with the awareness that a primal and immediate aspect of my Being was communicating to my conscious awareness that now another activity was more desirable. Listening to this visceral, instinctual voice within my body, I decided that I would put off those other activities and begin writing this piece.

The most difficult part of writing anything for me is the space that comes before the writing of the first sentence. There is an intense cosmological quality to starting to write something for me, which is frankly absurd and stupid, but is undeniably the truth of my experience. Because it is an absurd activity, as I know that writing this is not going to stop cull-culture or save badgers from mass-extinction-machinery, but yet I feel this intense experience of existential responsibility regarding whether or not I choose to write about this matter and how I write about it. I have decided though that I will embrace the absurdity of the act and write about badgers and the cull, but how now to do it? Do I write an inspirational call to action, reminiscent of revolutionary rhetoric? Perhaps I will attempt to write a very logical assessment of why the cull makes no rational sense, with a moral case against the practice, detailing aspects of animal cruelty? Maybe I will write an open letter to my MP and publish it in the hopes that it might encourage others to do so, possibly motivating the politician to appeal in parliament for the end of the culling? I mean, fucking hell, how do I go about putting the caw of this crow and the beauty of those holes in the earth into words for someone to read and maybe decide to rebel against cull-culture?

The words "quit over rationalising this you daft tit" come into my head and I decide to write this as I have been doing so – as a personal, raw, individualistic account of my experience on the matter. I find beauty in what has been described as *uncivilised writing*[1] and feel happy with this approach to describe the crows calling.

Tomorrow, writing this piece will be less of a struggle, as the great cosmological event of "beginning" has occurred. There will be less anxious, confused moving from one direction to another and more moving from space to space, that will be more akin to shinrin yoku praxis.

I will leave this here today with one story of my experiences in cull resistance that I feel to share here. In my second year involved in anti-cull rebellion, when out with a hunt sab group, we were walking across a field at night, after having checked the woods at the far side from where we had parked. We were aware of badgers playing a short distance away from us in the field, but were unaware of the shooters behind us, who must have snuck in while we were checking the woods. I felt the bullet go past the left side of my torso, as it displaced the air between it and me. Moments later, we felt the badger die in our arms, as we desperately attempted to bring them to the car alive, to take them to a wildlife hospital. It was this experience, more than any other, than confirmed to me the intensity to which this culture is waging a violent campaign upon wildlife, akin to other militarist efforts in cultural-extermination. My awareness of this remains today and I remain on the side of wildlife. I will speak about "tomorrow" tomorrow...

#### **Respect Existence or Expect Resistance**

Yesterday I decided that this section would be titled as it is and took opportunities to reflect on those words. "Respect existence or expect resistance" is a phrase I have come across often in anticull media and is probably my favourite radical-slogan – or is equal to the line "death to Gilgamesh", which I was informed is, or was, a popular statement amongst Rojavan anarchists, the YPG and YPJ. I'm not generally a fan of sloganing and find that it often cheapens and weakens the communication of statements that I find valuable. An example of this would be the Situationist line of "be realistic, demand the impossible", which I've seen to my horror being used in electoralist party propaganda. It strikes me as

utterly tragic to encounter this 5 word poem, created out of anti-Spectacle desires, to be Spectacularised into the theatre of parliamentary musical chairs. It seems to me though that those who are most responsible for this situation are those radicals who sloganized this statement of surrealist rebellion to the intensity that it has been. But moving back to the subject of "respect existence or expect resistance", as far as slogans go, I am quite fond of this one.

"Yeah yeah, okay Julian, we get it – you like the punchy word collection. But, so what?" Okay, yes, I will go into the phrase further, but first I am going to clarify two factors regarding what it is I am stating here. First of all, due to the egoism I am bringing to this writing, I am not seeking to morally justify this statement and encounter nothing that requires me to provide any justification than is greater than my experience of desire. After this, due to the absurdism I am also bringing to this writing, I shall not seek to provide anything more than reasoning that is absurd reasoning [2] as unreasonable reasoning, accepting the limits of this attempt to articulate any reason behind these words or reason for valuing them. You might read these stipulations and decide to disregard what comes next, favouring writings that attempt to hide the writer's subjective-individuality and the absurdity of their attempts at reasoning – that is, of course, your choice.

### Moving on now.

Respect. Respect is one of those words that is used in so many different ways, meaning many different experiences, that your use of the word might be totally the reverse of mine. As I encounter the notion of respect though, I notice how there are two immediate qualities to it: how I experience an-other and how I treat them. To respect this other individual before me I first experience the sensation of being affected by them with the feeling of respect – I encounter their presence as a being who affects me with the affirming feeling of respecting-them, which is generally quite a pleasurable experience, with the sense of positive-rela-

tionship it brings. How I treat them, following this experience of positive affirmation, manifests out of a desire to care for them, as a presence that I encounter as valuable enough to care for. (It is hopefully apparent that this description of respect in no way pertains to the authoritarian narratives regarding "respect" that are so often drilled into the ideological rhetoric of this culture!) Towards those badgers who the cull-advocates are seeking the annihilation of, my experience of respect for their presence as another, who I encounter as desirable, inspires me to seek to care for them, as best I can.

Existence. Not wanting to go too deeply into the matter of existence and what that means here, I would encourage any individual reading this to read my piece regarding Gorgias' Trilemma and my reversal of his position to state as an affirmation that "nothingness exists", "nothing exists", "no-Thing exists", "existence is nothing", "existence is no-Thing" and "existence is nothingness" [3]. (Assuming that this has been read, or my meaning here is understood, I will continue.) How this pertains to the affirmation of badgers as existing as being nothing/no-Thing/nothingness is to affirm their lived presence as not conforming to the dictates of this culture's Thing-Reality, which does not really exist. The point here is that they are living beings, not objects for the purpose of this culture's Man-ipulation.

**Expect.** The meaning of the word "expect" here, certainly in my eyes, is one of a threat, which holds the statement together beautifully. It positions the force of an active will as a being lurking in the darkness of expectation. The expectation is not an imaginary future though – some kind of utopian salvation. The expectation is a here and now lived experience of a psychologically immediate presence, intended to bring to the attention of cull-ideologues the presence of this being in the dark, prepared to enact this threat.

**Resistance.** Resistance is the actualisation of the threat that was positioned in "expect". But what does resistance mean? Well, to

groups like the Jensenite organisation Deep Green Resistance, "resistance" means "organised political resistance", generally positioned as a solution to a problem – a very optimistic notion. For myself, this is not what resistance means, largely due to my doubts regarding political organisations and my corresponding awareness of how this notion of resistance both requires the "problem", so that they can be "solution", and actually, generally, supports the "problem" more than challenges - an example of this being how trade unions now, for the most part, support capitalist infrastructure, by making it more comfortable for "workers", so as to neutralise any potential challenge to capitalism, rather than actually challenging capitalism. As I encounter resistance in this statement I encounter it as a position of refusing to conform to the ideology of cull-culture and a refusal to tolerate it. The intolerant destruction of cull-ideology is the positive affirmation of the living presence of badgers - feral iconoclasm [4], as I wrote about in my book with that title.

So the statement "respect existence or expect resistance" means to me this – positively affirm the living presence, through care, of the living beings called badgers, who are not Things, or expect to experience iconoclastic-destructive intolerance of a rebellion that refuses to embrace cull-ideology. Not wanting to go too deep into the realms of difference, I am comfortable leaving this meaning as it is.

#### 200 Species A Day And Species-Being

As I approach writing this section an avoidant, weaker, part of my being is tempted to put off starting this section to tomorrow. I wrote about *tomorrow* in my piece Doomed To Deferral [5] stating

"Ultimately, you and I will both be doomed, if we rest our hopes on reading or writing tomorrow, but perhaps being doomed is a decent enough ending to start at."

and,

"Perhaps there is something to be said about being hopeless and fearless today."

I am going to begin this section today, as I have done, and I have decided that I will finish it another day. Cull rebellion happens between many sunsets and sunrises, not as a History, with a future to achieve, but as a lived experience of being cosmically tiny, immersed in an ever changing space, which is too large to ever fully comprehend.

But anyway, 200 species...

When I try to comprehend the scale of mass-extinction devastation I am struck by the sheer horrific vastness of the situation. It is both immediately happening where I am and a planetary event, far greater than the limits of my embodied power to affect. The cosmic-pessimism that this brings would be dishonest to deny, especially considering the will-to-life it took for living beings to overcome previous mass-extinction events, with all the struggling and suffering that would have involved. The intensity of the strength and power of those beings who lived amidst those mass-extinction events is truly heroic to me, with all the tragedy that real heroism involves, given their inevitable deaths, which fueled the births of other beings who also lived and struggled and suffered amidst mass-extinction.

When I first encountered the statistic of 200 species going extinct a day I was awestruck by the sheer magnitude of that scale of annihilation. To comprehend this culture's totalitarian practices as that colossal was, as they say, "mind blowing". And as I come to write about this here I am aware of my inability to truly comprehend the entirety of this matter, feeling somewhat "mind blown". So I am going to move away from writing this for the moment, go into my garden and sit with the wild flowers, bugs, birds and cats who generally share that space with me. I have started this section today, as I decided I would, and now feel like my energies are best put into experiencing other living beings who are also living

amidst mass extinction. I will come back to this tomorrow, or more likely the day after (as I am aware that tomorrow is likely to be very busy and active, leaving me unlikely to have the mental energy to write more here)...

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The pause in writing this has been a few days. As I am writing, I am sat in my living room, after just having eaten breakfast, with some ambient music playing, the window open and allowing the sound of birds chirping to be heard over the music, and it is a cloudy and chilly morning. Also, as I am writing this now, today, the G7 event is happening in Cornwall, which is a relatively short drive from where I live, with politicians and protesters having flooded to. Last night I meditated on this political spectacle of Greenification and this morning I have sat with a feeling of longing that, after G7, those who have travelled through cull zones will seek to challenge cull-practitioners on their return journeys home. I will share more about my meditations later in this piece though and return focus for now on the subject of this section.

So, mass extinction. Fucking hell; how do I write about this here? To attempt to write something on mass-extinction, through Mesodma, I engaged in speculative palaeontological-realist fiction [6]. But I am not going to do that here. I could attempt to explain the machinery/apparatus of mass-extinction culture, so that someone reading might encounter new informational nuggets that enlighten them to situation at hand – in the ways that many environmentally minded individuals and groups try to do. But I don't believe that that approach to writing holds much value.

I tend to focus on encouraging individuals to turn their attentions to their immediate, authentic experience of living amidst mass-extinction culture/machinery (civilisation/Leviathan as I would generally describe it), with an affirmation of the primal life desire, will-to-life/power, that I notice in all those I see embrac-

ing their being-alive. With this affirmation of individual, egoistic, experience, I have affirmed a position of rejecting species-being throughout much of my writing, which I will also do here – this coming from an ontological perspective that fits a nominalist mode of thought, which I have also named as eco-egoism (see my essay An Eco-Egoist Destruction of Species-Being and Speciesism [7]). From this perspective an uncomfortable encounter hits me and that is the prospect that every individual is actually an Endling, the last of their kind and that every death is an extinction event. This does not neutralise the devastation that is mass-extinction culture in any way – at least, not for me – as it actually does the opposite, with every individual living being's life being far more intensely unique and rarefied and valuable, than any collectivised analysis could pertain-to.

How does this relate to badgers and/or anti-cull philosophy and practices? Well first of all, yes, I do talk and write about the species-collective called badgers, mostly for easy(er) communication. But as I consider the abusive practices enacted towards those living beings I might name as "badger", my feeling of horror, disgust and revolt is not lessened by the notions of "population numbers" or "percentage being-culled", as I feel intolerant towards the pesticidal abuse enacted towards any of these individuals. Just because the numbers of those named as Melee Melee (another name for badgers) are said to be generally increasing, I do not encounter the life of any individual to be lesser for this, nor their experience of desiring-life. Along with this, I am not attempting to "save the species", as I know that would be a ridiculous thing for me to attempt - akin to trying to be a badger messiah, providing salvation for "the people". Rather, I wish to defend those individuals who share living in this space that is local to me from cull-machinery. While I can speak to my disgust towards the cull in its entirety, my anti-cull rebellion is localistic to the cull zone that I live in and directed towards caring for individual setts fiercely, rather than the species in an exhausted manner.

I know that it is not within my authentic power and responsability (ability-to-respond) to save any species from mass-extinction culture. I do, however, have the power, responsability and desire to care for individuals who I encounter in my life as willing their primal-life desire as a rebellion in the face of Leviathan.

#### Helpful and Hopeless

With regards to the aforementioned meditation I had last night, one of the points that came into my awareness regards four positions that I find as fair generalisations for environmentalist psycho-philosophical "camps" – hopeless-helpless, hopeful-helpful and hopeless-helpful.

With regards to hopeless-helplessness, I do not feel entirely rejecting of the position, but have no desire to embrace it for myself. I can sympathise with the feelings of hopelessness and that the world is a very dark place to be, but encounter the position of helplessness as basically pathetic and weak. The individual who has no desire to help or are frozen by a lack of help in their life is not one I encounter as beautiful, but I can affirm their honesty in the sense of cosmic-pessimism.

The hopeful-helpful position is also one that I neither entirely affirm nor reject. While I do not share their faith in political-narratives and/or green-technologies, in any way, I find their willingness to care for wild living beings beautiful and desirable. From my perspective, this it a naïve stance to take regarding hope, but the beauty of the helpful activities are wonderful to encounter.

Hopeful-helplessness is to my eyes a position that is utterly grotesque and revolting. To place faith entirely in the political-productive machinery of Leviathan, whilst offering nothing of help or attempting to deny the responsability that being a living-free-individual involves, is revolting to my eyes. But sadly this

appears to be the position pedalled most often – that we are helpless and must place our hope in abusive apparatus.

This position that I affirm in its entirety and very much occupy is that of helpful-hopelessness. To be without any feeling of hope, not believing that salvation is coming, seems to me an honest position. I feel this and encounter a sense of desire to help those who I experience care for. I encounter individuals who occupy this position as intensely beautiful, for their strength, honesty and will.

I have no hope that the system will stop seeking to repress the lives of individuals we name as badgers, but experience a desire to help those individuals survive free from cull-machinery. It is not a comfortable place to be, but it is where I am.

#### To Organise Or Not To Organise

It has been a week since I finished the last section. I've not written any more for this, nor have I done any sett checks in the past week. In all honesty, as I type this, I am pretty tired, after trying to do too much, recovering from my second dose of covid-19 vaccine and having to sort out unexpected car problems. This type of experience is very common to individuals who are engaged in activist activities – feelings of being burnt out and needing to rest. And activism is the focus of this section.

So, activism, what the fuck does activism mean – or, what does it mean to me (and might do to you soon)? Well, that is a huge question really. I will start my consideration of the question by considering how my "activism" differs from (perhaps?) the definitions of other individuals who consider themselves "activists". Then I will describe what "activism" means for me, with specific reference to my anti-cull activities.

My "activism" is not that of "organising" or "organisation" – though I do appreciate the activities of organised hunt saboteur groups. In my experience, the energies gone into "organising" and the "organisation" are often wasted life potential, gone into

constructing anthropological-machinery for the Cause, rather than seeking to deconstruct and destroy abusive anthropologicalmachines. Likewise, I am not interested in activism or activists as experts(/authorities) or martyrs, as that typically has the smell of vanity-missionary work, that is entirely about activists positioning themselves socially as objects for worship - I'm thinking in particular here about the media driven activities of the organisation Extinction Rebellion and its worshipers, as well as the organisation Burning Pink (another project very much infected with Roger Hallam's vanity-missionary agenda). This form of "activism" revels in that most tragic of successes, the small incremental improvement that satisfies the appetites of those who were seeking to have their actions affirmed by state and/or corporate infrastructure - ultimately supporting Leviathan's abusive practices, by making its violence more comfortable to live amidst so that rebellion is less likely – or, if nothing else, press attention.

What activism means for me is care, expressed as an authentic, immediate affirmation of the presence of life. My desire to affirm the presence of living badgers is actualised through my practice of defending setts without mediatory organisations/groups, as an individual activity. This generally involves going to visit setts and checking that they are free from abusive apparatus. But there are other aspects of my anti-cull activist practice and to describe these I am drawing from my thoughts on Massumi's ideas on the principle of unrest (the book by the same name is excellent reading on activism and ontology) [8]. The three concepts I am going to focus on here are those of unrest, affectivity and capture. With regards to unrest, I agree with Massumi that there is no such phenomenon or thing as rest, and would affirm this with regards to self-care as an aspect of activist unrest, as the processes of change occurring within my body. Rather than self-care being, as many "revolutionaries" would position it, a form of passive liberal indulgence, (my) self-care affirms (my) living bodies (as my individuality is a multiplicity of living bodies) as activist unrest, as I encounter myself as Earth and the living world extending from my body - the attempt at totalising rest(/death) being Leviathan itself. Taking the principle of unrest seriously and considering Leviathan's anthropological machinery as an attempt at totalising rest(/death), it is impossible to not be an activist, as being alive is unrest, with death being being-impossible - where activisms differ is in what they are active in, i.e. the difference between ideological, political, work-placed activisms and life affirming activisms. The second concept of affectivities enters into my thoughts on my practice when I consider what is going to intensify my ability to affect the well-being of badgers most significantly. So today, rather than going to do sett checks, I have decided that I will self-care, through giving myself space to recover, and write here, so that I might psychically affect other individuals who read this. Affectivity in this sense is not attempting to Cause an effect, as in determinism, but to effectively affect the world as an (absurd) act of care. In much the same way that I am always at unrest, I am always affecting the world, as I affect this chair I am sat on, I affect the air through my breathing, I am affecting this piece through writing, I can affect other individuals through weird conversations and breaking social conventions through everyday activities and so on. The last concept I will comment on here is that of capture, which is very much at the core of my rebellion – rebelling against the apparatus of capture being at the core of many of the ideas in my book Feral Life. I am revolted – as both disgusted by and inspired to revolt by – by the apparatuses of badger capture and annihilation, with my desire for total liberation being my desire for the destruction of the anthropological apparatuses of capture that is mass-extinction machinery/culture. As such, my activism is foremost resistant towards the structures of capture that constitute this culture's Reality. I describe this practice as being neither above-ground or under-ground, as I find that dualism in (so called) activist praxis to be both unhelpful and bullshit - with individuals like Max Wilbert who peddle that rhetoric succeeding only in propagating organisational theatrics. How I describe my activist praxis is non-localisable localism, which is easily differentiated from the localisable non-localism of green ideologues who are concerned only with the easily locatable matters of international green industries and politics, with no authentic relationship to the space that they are here/now. Being non-localisable, the practice is very difficult to find (if you're not very close to me), but it is intensely local to where I choose to live – as I live in the middle of one of the cull zones and actualise my rebellion here.

Now that I have finished this section, I feel that my activist praxis is best placed in doing some dancing, cooking some dinner, bathing and then sleeping. I will likely start the next section tomorrow, which I have been planning over the past few days.

### Conservationism? No - Preservationism!

In my book Feral Life, I wrote a meditation on conservationism as "jam jar" politics and articulated my feeling of revolt towards the ideology. What I mean by "jam jar" politics is simply the Manufacturing of a preserve, which is reminiscent of making jams from fruits to keep the fruit longer for Humanised consumption rather than preserving the presence of the fruit outside of anthropological systematisation by leaving it as it is where you encounter it in the world, or eating it as you encounter it and doing something to care for the space where you found it, which I put forward here as a mode of preservationism (somewhat akin to Quinn's notion of being-a-Leaver). The jam-jar preserves of conservationism are intensely Man-aged and Man-ufactured spaces, with the ideological focus being on preserving the flavours of what was once a living space for future generations of Humans to "enjoy", so that green-ideologues feel less guilty about the industrial ecocidal and specicidal annihilation that this culture enacts, almost everywhere at its current totalising state.

Recently two conservationist organisations have reminded me of how intensely I dislike the ideology. The more recent of these instances is the Mammal Society spreading speciesist rhetoric about racoon dogs as being a "non-native invasive species" and a threat to the wildlife on this island on the North Sea. Calling any living being invasive for migrating from where they live while trying to survive amidst the totalitarian violence of Leviathan, whether they be Syrian refugees or racoon dogs, is just ridiculous, especially as it is coming from an intensely invasive culture, technologically, ecologically, militarily and through essentially all other forms of dialectical systemisation. I am also repulsed by the positioning of wild animals as invaders and a threat to living beings here, when cull-practitioners are blocking the entrances and exits to setts, are out with guns amd are putting cages near setts to capture living beings and annihilate them. The other recent example of revolt inspiring conservationism is learning of the John Muir Trust engaging in deer culling - something Muir would have been disgusted by, with its conservationist nonpreservationism.

The distinction between conservationism and preservationism (within environmentalism) as practices has its roots in the disagreements between Pinchot and Muir. Muir, who interviewed bears and considered the preservation of forests to be defending God's first temple[9], sought to affirm an intrinsic value in the living world through his preservationism, with his desires being that bears and forests would be left to live their lives without experiencing interference from Leviathan. Pinchot's conservationism, which was embraced by the American political establishment and has sadly become the go-to rhetoric of many environmentalists, sought to position instrumental (systemic/machinic) value in some living beings, as being worth keeping (as property) for their usefulness to Leviathan. The difference between these perspectives is largely the difference between transcendentalism (Muir) and materialism (Pinchot).

In my book Feral Iconoclasm I articulated my rejection of materialism (as a dead perspective), through an affirmation of hylozoic-

physicalism, and don't feel any need to differentiate from materialism further, as it is clear that I am rejecting the tendency. But while I do not embrace materialism (and conservationism), I do not share entirely Muir's perspective regarding preservationism for its transcendentalist qualities. Intrinsic value, God and transcendence to me are spooks and phantasms. To differentiate from transcendentalism here I will use the thoughts of two relevant transcendentalists, who have both inspired and influenced my thought and practice.

The first of these is Henry David Thoreau, who stated -

"This is one of those instances in which the individual genius is found to consent, as indeed it always does, at last, with the universal. .... Faith, indeed, is all the reform that is needed; it is itself a reform. When the sunshine falls on the path of the poet, he enjoys all those pure benefits and pleasures which the arts slowly and partially realize from age to age. ... The winds which fan his cheek waft him the sum of that profit and happiness which their lagging inventions supply." [10]

In his piece Paradise To Be Regained, and -

"Ah, the pickerel of Walden! when I see them lying on the ice, or in the well which the fisherman cuts in the ice, making a little hole to admit the water, I am always surprised by their rare beauty, as if they were fabulous fishes, they are so foreign to the streets, even to the woods, foreign as Arabia to our Concord life. They possess a quite dazzling and transcendent beauty which separates them by a wide interval from the cadaverous cod and haddock whose fame is trumpeted in our streets." [11]

In his most famous work, Walden, Thoreau's affirmation of religious and transcendent qualities of the living world is largely shared by his friend Ralph Waldo Emerson, who, in his piece Nature, states –

"Who looks upon a river in a meditative hour, and is not reminded of the flux of all things? Throw a stone into the stream, and the circles that propagate themselves are the beautiful type of all influence. Man is con-

scious of a universal soul within or behind his individual life, wherein, as in a firmament, the natures of Justice, Truth, Love, Freedom, arise and shine. This universal soul, he calls Reason: it is not mine, or thine, or his, but we are its; we are its property and men. And the blue sky in which the private earth is buried, the sky with its eternal calm, and full of everlasting orbs, is the type of Reason. That which, intellectually considered, we call Reason, considered in relation to nature, we call Spirit. Spirit is the Creator. Spirit hath life in itself. And man in all ages and countries, embodies it in his language, as the FATHER."

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"To speak truly, few adult persons can see nature. Most persons do not see the sun. At least they have a very superficial seeing. The sun illuminates only the eye of the man, but shines into the eye and the heart of the child. The lover of nature is he whose inward and outward senses are still truly adjusted to each other; who has retained the spirit of infancy even into the era of manhood. His intercourse with heaven and earth, becomes part of his daily food. In the presence of nature, a wild delight runs through the man, in spite of real sorrows. Nature says,—he is my creature, and maugre all his impertinent griefs, he shall be glad with me. Not the sun or the summer alone, but every hour and season yields its tribute of delight; for every hour and change corresponds to and authorizes a different state of the mind, from breathless noon to grimmest midnight. Nature is a setting that fits equally well a comic or a mourning piece. In good health, the air is a cordial of incredible virtue. Crossing a bare common, in snow puddles, at twilight, under a clouded sky, without having in my thoughts any occurrence of special good fortune, I have enjoyed a perfect exhilaration. I am glad to the brink of fear. In the woods too, a man casts off his years, as the snake his slough, and at what period soever of life, is always a child. In the woods, is perpetual youth. Within these plantations of God, a decorum and sanctity reign, a perennial festival is dressed, and the guest sees not how he should tire of them in a thousand years. In the woods, we return to reason and faith. There I feel that nothing can befall me in life,—no disgrace, no calamity, (leaving me my eyes,) which nature cannot repair.

Standing on the bare ground,—my head bathed by the blithe air, and uplifted into infinite space,—all mean egotism vanishes. I become a transparent eye-ball; I am nothing; I see all; the currents of the Universal Being circulate through me; I am part or particle of God. The name of the nearest friend sounds then foreign and accidental: to be brothers, to be acquaintances,—master or servant, is then a trifle and a disturbance. I am the lover of uncontained and immortal beauty. In the wilderness, I find something more dear and connate than in streets or villages. In the tranquil landscape, and especially in the distant line of the horizon, man beholds somewhat as beautiful as his own nature."[12]

From the transcendental perspective, preservationism is God's Cause as explosive holism, as seen here in both Thoreau's and Emerson's writings, with the intrinsic value being an essential, soul-like, quality that is appealed to.

How my preservationism differs is that I don't experience badgers, or any other species or individual, as being intrinsically valuable or being expressions of God's will. My preservationism is explosive holism reversed - implosive holism. Rather than intrinsic value, I experience badgers as egoistically valuable/desirable, not for instrumental value, but for the immediate joy of their presence in my world. The reversed holism is subscendental, in that preservation isn't a mode of connecting to God through transcendence, but an experience of being-me, of encountering my being and the world as extending from me and me from the world, as an unending paradox. From this, badger preservationism is self-preservationism, not a Cause, but an expression of egoistic-will-to-power/life - I actualise my being through the practice of preservation. Subscendence, as I encounter it, is individualising, rather than collectivising - in the same way that I described earlier on species-being. I also want to note here that one of the key differences between transcendental-preservationism and subscendental-preservationism is the difference between spirituality and mystical-experience - (transcendental-)spirituality being something bound to words and (subscendental-)mystical experience being ineffable. There is an obvious absurdity to any self-preservation, which my absurdism is happy to accept.

## Anarchy!

Anarchy is here. Anarchy is now. I experience anarchy most intensely when among the living, usually while surrounded by badger setts, trees and bird song, but it is not separate from my body. My bodily presence is the ontological actualisation of primal-anarchy – not as anthropological performance, but as the free expression of my will.

The anarchy of my anti-cull rebellion is my refusal to accept systematisation, to accept the systemic abuse of these living beings I encounter as egoistically valuable. It is primal in two senses. The first of these senses is that it is not bound to secondary or other mediatory "higher levels" of activity (rejecting that hierarchy), which are bound to organisational practices. It is also primal in that it is an expression of becoming-animal.

My anarchy is individualist and subscendentally-holist – psychic-nomadism as being here, being nowhere, being-in-the-world and being-the-world. My anti-cull rebellion is individualistic and subscends to affirm the lives of badgers as being valuable to my self-preservation.

#### The Cull

Today it is really difficult, for me at least, to find a starting point to discussing the cull – in a similar way that anti-cull practice is really difficult to find a place to start with. It has been a few days since I last added to this piece and as I am sat here I am unsure how to begin this section. I can say quite easily that I hate and despise the cull with an intensity that I experience an immediate bodily reaction while writing now. But from there it is less easy. I hear that crow cawing though and wish to not give in out of weakness.

Last night I attended my first gig/concert since the pandemic and lockdowns started over a year ago. The night was comprised of a

lot of folk rock music, fiddle playing and dancing, I saw more folky and crustie friends than I expected to, and my legs are now very achy from all the dancing. Among the friends I saw there were two who are active in radical rebellions, one an activist involved in Extinction Rebellion and the other a hunt saboteur also engaged in anti-cull rebellion. I was immediately intensely joyful to see both of them, after extended periods of distance. I am starting my description of the cull here because I encounter this experience of joyful affirmation of the living presence of other individuals, particularly those with a conflictual relationship to this culture, as to be an intense point of differentiation from the philosophy, practice and attitude of cull-culture.

It takes very little research to affirm that badgers are being culled as a means for the infrastructure of agro-politics to be seen as "doing something" to address bovine TB, while actually doing nothing of the sort, as the disease is being spread due to horrendous agricultural practices. Several years ago, I did some work experience on a small free-range, organic, dairy farm, and I can remember the farmer spitting venom about the cull, the horrendous practices and the farms where TB was spreading, because the cows were being kept too close together and the farmers were spreading TB infected muck across their fields. So I don't believe that the cull is a matter that is based in poor information or a lack of information, and I'm not bringing here any information, facts, figures or knowledge, so as to present an analysis of the cull - I sincerely doubt such an attempt would produce the desired result, in much the same way that statistics regarding global warming don't result in any response. The description of the cull that follows from here is intentionally expressive, rather than attempting factual-realism.

The cull is nothing short of a Man-ufacturing effort attempting to produce death, through systematic-machinery, as a mode of anthropological-machinery that seeks to exclude these living beings, called badgers by this culture, who do not conform to the narratives of the Humanised Reality. Put more simply, it is a systemic effort in mass killing, which is only not-comparable to genocidal war efforts and the politics of ethnic-cleansing from a position of revolting speciesism. As a dialectical-effort, the cull is seeking to negate the presence of badgers, in the pursuit of Absolute-agricultural domination, as they are positioned as an antithesis to the collective endeavour.

What else is the cull? The cull is a narrative of the production of mass-extinction. The cull is lies and deceit and cowardice and a failure to affirm the failures of farming-practices. The cull is state-apparatus and approved by the government. The cull is practiced in the open, in a culture that keeps its doors closed.

How do I experience the cull? I experience the cull as right here and right now, as it is happening where I live, today. I experience the cull when I go rambling through woods and find cages close to setts. I experience the cull with a burning hatred for its practice, feelings of disgust and detest, and a desire to revolt. I experience the cull as an effort in erasing my ability to experience beautiful living anarchic beings. I experience the cull as a Cause attempting to effect the negation of badgers, which my egoism is revolted by and wants to see collapsed.

I am ending this piece of writing on my anti-cull philosophy here. My anti-cull rebellion is not ended and will not end, even if the badger cull ends, as any and all cull-practices are revolting to me. The logic of cull I reject. The machinery of cull I detest. The culture of cull is horrendous and ultimately one of life-renunciation, which I refuse to conform to. This will continue off of these pages, as I journey through cull zones and within my being, as a primal experience of life affirmation.

I long for a night with no cages to capture living beings.

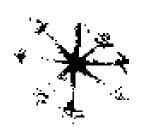
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I describe my anarchy as ontological, rather than political, mostly due to my experience of anarchy not being bound to the "affairs of the city". As far as my "(anti-)politics" goes, I would describe my relationship to "affairs of the city" as being radical individualist and environmentalist, as my basic desire is to affirm the lives of the living.



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