

*exocarp***Anna Paterson & Jasmine Pajdak**

17th May - 17th June 2024

You are folded and have changed colours.

I'm sorry that last year you travelled more than 8000 miles.

When we returned I started to repaint you and repaired a tear on your left side.

There are no windows in my studio so I've pressed you to become one. Instead you often resembled tartan, or were clown-like in harlequin colours.

Because we did travel together, I feel closer to you. I worked and reworked you for much longer than I usually would.

You weren't really coming together, but I respect this punky stubbornness in you. Through all the costumes you rejected, you held your ground. You are your own thing.

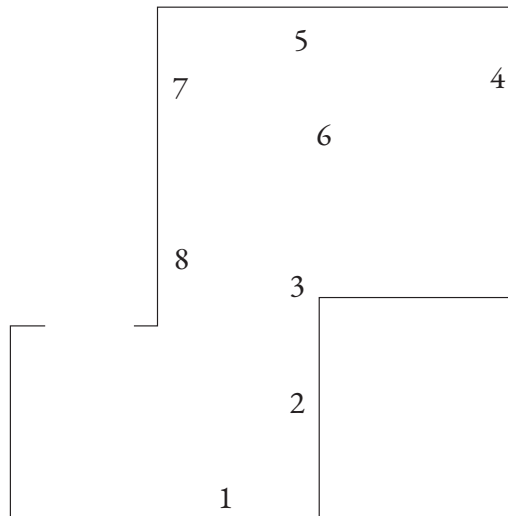
You always eat cherries before a hunt.

You carefully peel off their thin skins, letting their soft flesh linger on your tongue.

Sweetness always turns sour.

The pits you macerate with saliva, making cyanide to catch your prey.

As you hunt you spit pellets through your teeth - your hands and lips forever stained. Some nights you set traps, turning orchards into asphalt, lining branches with viscous petrol. When did oral pleasure become oral terror? I close my eyes and bend my tongue. I feel a knot as I thrust at words but no words come. Flook down at my own tired, stained hands.



Work List

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| <p>1. <i>Checking</i>
Anna Paterson
21 x 15 cm
2024
Oil on paper</p> | <p>5. <i>Routine</i>
Anna Paterson
102 x 72 cm
2024
Oil on paper and cotton thread</p> |
| <p>2. <i>Scapegoat</i>
Jasmine Padjak
31 x 32 x 8 cm
2023
Goat spine</p> | <p>6. <i>Venus Goes Hunting</i>
Jasmine Padjak
80 x 52 x 11 cm
2023
Plywood, cherry juice, cherry pit silicone</p> |
| <p>3. <i>Kill ones darling</i>
Jasmine Padjak
84 x 64 x 5 cm
2024
Fibreglass, eco-resin, cherry pits, cherry stems</p> | <p>7. <i>It started with a kiss</i>
Jasmine Padjak
120 x 40 cm
2024
Cherry Stems</p> |
| <p>4. <i>Winning Fruit</i>
Jasmine Padjak
27 x 11 x 2 cm
2024
Pewter</p> | <p>8. <i>Wastrel</i>
Anna Paterson
102 x 72 cm
2024
Oil on paper</p> |