Feminism &
The Cyborg Manifesto

A CYBORG MANIFESTO

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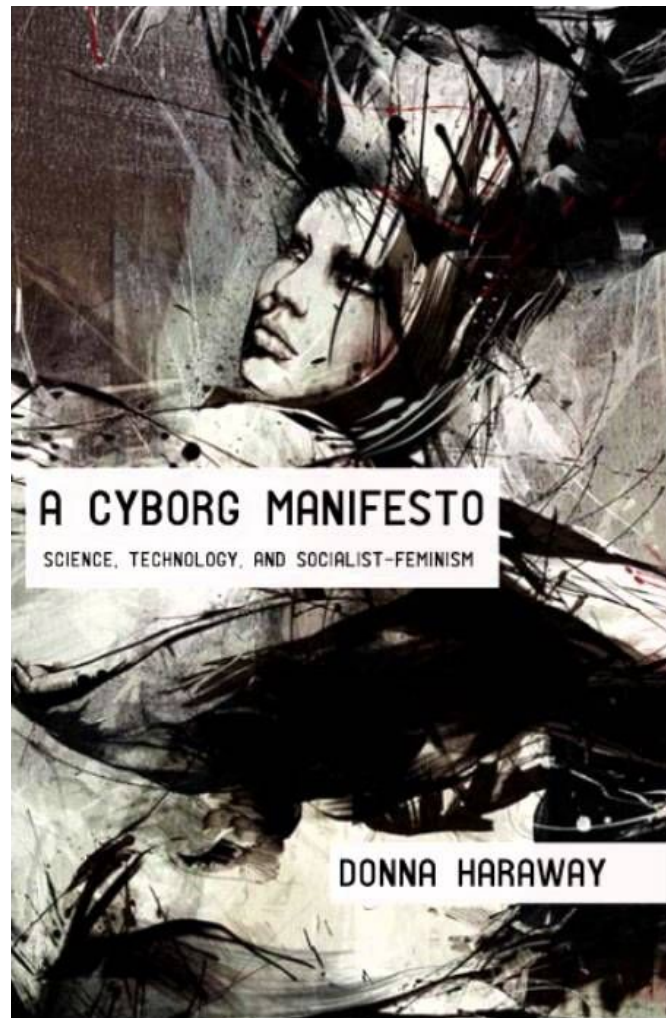
DONNA HARAWAY

What is feminism?

First wave feminism

Second wave feminism

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"It has become difficult to name one's feminism by a single adjective - or even to insist in every circumstance upon the noun…There is nothing about being 'female' that naturally binds women."

- Donna Haraway, Cyborg Manifesto

Haraway's cyborg

1. A cybernetic organism
2. A hybrid of machine and organism
3. A creature of lived social reality
4. A creature of fiction

"The boundary between science fiction and social reality is an optical illusion."

1. Humans | Animals
2. Humans | Machines
3. Physical | Non-physical

"We are cyborgs."

"This chapter is an argument for *pleasure* in the confusion of boundaries and for *responsibility* in their construction."

The Cyborg and Women of Color

"US third world feminism arose out of the matrix of the very discourses denying, permitting, and producing difference."

- Chela Sandoval, U.S. Third World Feminism: The Theory and Method of Oppositional Consciousness in the Postmodern World

"Taxonomies of feminism produce epistemologies to police deviation from official women's experience."

"Cyborg feminists have to argue that 'we' do not want any more natural matrix of unity and that no construction is whole."

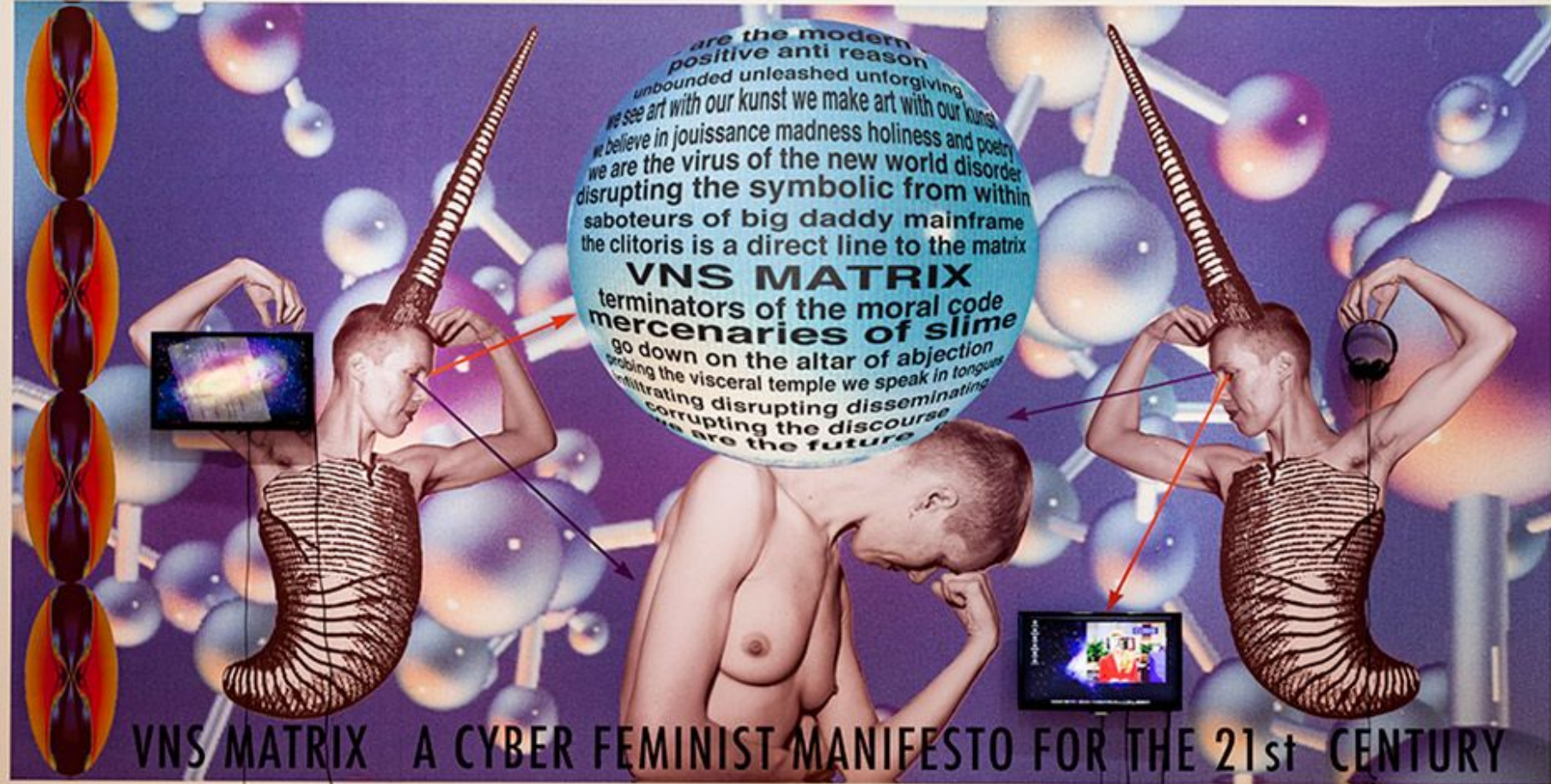# SISTER OUTSIDER

Essays & Speeches by

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Cyberfeminism

100 anti-theses

cyberfeminism is not ...

1. cyberfeminism is not a fragrance
2. cyberfeminism is not a fashion statement
3. sajbrfeminizm nije usamljen
4. cyberfeminism is not ideology
5. cyberfeminism nije aseksualan
6. cyberfeminism is not boring
7. cyberfeminism ist kein gruenes haekeldeckchen
8. cyberfeminism ist kein leerer kuehlschrank
9. cyberfeminism ist keine theorie
10. cyberfeminism ist keine praxis
11. cyberfeminism ist keine traditio
12. cyberfeminism is not an institution
13. cyberfeminism is notusing words without any knowledge of numbers
14. cyberfeminism is not complete
15. cyberfeminism is not error 101
16. cyberfeminism ist kein fehler
17. cyberfeminism ist keine kunst
18. cyberfeminism is not an ism
19. cyberfeminism is not anti-male
20. sajbrfeminizm nige nesto sto znam da je
21. cyberfeminism is not a structure
22. cyberfeminismo no es uns frontera
23. cyberfeminism nije poslusan
24. cyberfeminism nije apolitican
25. cyberfeminisme is niet concreet
26. cyberfeminism is not separatism
27. cyberfeminism is not a tradition
28. cyberfeminism is not maternalistic
29. cyberfeminisme id niet iets buitenlands
30. cyberfeminism is not without connectivity
31. cyberfeminismus ist nicht mehr wegzudenken
32. cyberfeminismus ist kein oxymoron
33. cyberfeminism is not on sale
34. cyberfeminism is nor for sale
35. cyberfeminismus ist nicht gut
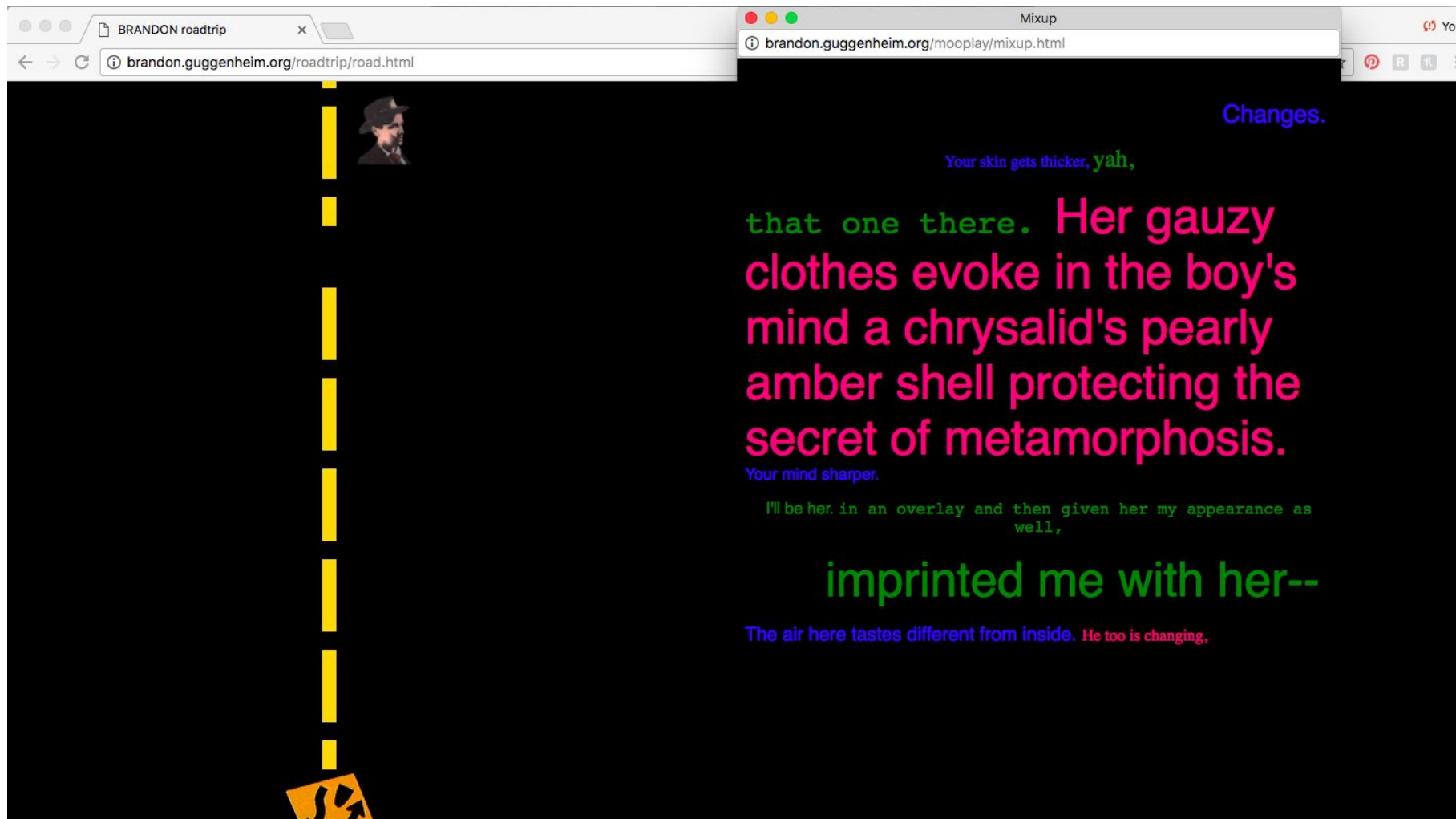36. cyberfeminismus ist nicht schlecht

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Changes.

Your skin gets thicker, yah,

that one there. Her gauzy clothes evoke in the boy's mind a chrysalid's pearly amber shell protecting the secret of metamorphosis.

Your mind sharper.

I'll be her. in an overlay and then given her my appearance as well,

imprinted me with her--

The air here tastes different from inside. He too is changing,

We will find you where you sleep

DO YOU DAMAGE

Criticism

"The utilisation of the cyborg as an image of edgy radicalism was, and still is, the territory of electronics and the fashion industry. As cyberfeminism emphasises the cyber and backpedals the feminism, the most radical politics of the manifesto have been largely ignored."

- Maria Fernandez, *Whatever Happened to the Cyborg Manifesto?*

"Haraway's cyborg was an inconstant figure able to incorporate spiral dancers, electronic factory workers, poets, and engineers; a figure that allied diverse oppositional strategies, from writing to biotechnology. Given this radical theoretical openness, **what did the Cyborg Manifesto (CM) really manage to achieve?**"