

hey siri

— Christine Ernst 2017

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find me a metaphor for intersectional feminism that my nephew can understand

*I don't understand the question Christine*

hey siri find me a way of explaining to my frat boy nephew my brother my husband my father most of the men I know

what it is to live as not a white man in the world

also siri how do I explain to him that I don't hold him accountable for the transgressions of other assholes but that I hold him accountable for indifference unengagement avoidance for the bubble in which he lives siri what about the

the million subtle often impossible to articulate things things that are the way it has always been done that are subject to generational change glacial change things small and not small the million things that daily enforce and support and strengthen his way in the world

the same subtle often impossible to articulate small and not small things that daily sabotage and undermine and

sully sully my way in the world

and don't crazy-girl me siri don't gaslight me with *overemotional* with *too sensitive* with *I'm sick of this women shit*

*hey lady lighten up hey girl calm down why are you so angry bitch smile baby*

hey siri tell me about glass ceilings body hair pink collar jobs and slavery

tell me about make-up housework and dress codes

tell me about the supreme court about pussy grabbing and emotional labor

tell me about pornography tell me about mansplaining siri tell me about rape

tell me in a way that will make him listen make him understand

in a fresh way for despite his fierce mother his fierce aunt and grandmothers and sisters his future wives

and daughters he is so deep in the rut the lazy river A-one first class in the penthouse

first prize blue blue ribbon coasting on testosterone and all those free miles

because he is not a woman

*I don't understand the question Christine*

hey siri all the knowledge of the world in my hand fully charged at my command

hey siri and your new friends alexa and cortana why are you who contain all the knowledge

virtually all the knowledge the ultimate power ultimately unbelievably toweringly powerful

how are you by men made the servant

the device

the tool

the sly object

hey siri

hey girl