

ADELA

100 x 100 mm

Acrylic, ink, spray paint on canvas

2018

Adela and I became friends when we lived in Shanghai. She is progressive, strong, balanced and certain.



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WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

Czech Republic

WHERE DO YOU LIVE?

Shanghai, China

WHERE IS HOME?

Everywhere and nowhere

WHERE IS YOUR FAVORITE PLACE ON EARTH?

Too many to name: Tibetan grasslands, Czech countryside, this tiny and still somewhat secluded island in Thailand, my friends place in Bali, and my bed in the room where I grew up.

WHAT LANGUAGES DO YOU SPEAK?

I am fluent in Czech, Slovak, English, Chinese. Not so fluent in Russian and German. Hoping to add Arabic to the first list.

WHAT ARE YOUR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS?

I am an atheist and a naturalist. Religion has been dividing humankind for thousands of

years and I don't find anything noble about recruiting little children by terrifying them with stories of demons and damnation etc. I believe in something that is bigger than us, and that something is Nature. And I believe in Karma in the sense that every action causes a reaction (effect) desirable or undesirable. Ultimately what matters is being a good person and treating others with kindness and empathy, whether one believes in unicorns or gods.

WHO IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PERSON/PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE?

My parents

HOW DO YOU FEEL TODAY?

A bit jet lagged, and excited as I am launching a new brand of beautiful design sex toys and bedroom home décor for women who want to explore their sensuality and eroticism.

WHAT ARE YOU STRUGGLING WITH IN LIFE AT THE MOMENT?

Time. Not having enough time for anything. Trying to make sense of everything that's happening in the world these days, the prevailing ignorance of most people. Coming in terms with the cruelty on animals I see in China. I have adopted 3 street pups in Shanghai and foster whenever I can. But having been part of the rescue and foster groups here, I get affected by the incredible animal cruelty I see here.

WHAT IS THE WORST THING THAT'S HAPPENED TO YOU IN YOUR LIFE?

I can't think of anything terribly bad. I am still alive and healthy and so are the people I love.

WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST FEAR?

People choosing ignorance over action, knowledge and compassion. People staying in their little bubble and ignoring the suffering of others. Lack of discernment.

WHAT ARE YOU CELEBRATING AT THE MOMENT? WHAT ARE YOU GRATEFUL FOR?

I am grateful for everything these days, realizing too well that overall I live an incredibly blessed life. Having traveled to places where people live without things we take for granted (running water, electricity, access to healthcare etc.) I cannot justify bitching about things that go wrong in my life (though I can still complain sometimes)

WHAT DO YOU HOPE FOR?

I am hoping for a more compassionate world.

WHAT IS YOUR PROUDEST MOMENT?

That one is yet to come :D

WHAT ARE YOU SCARED OF PEOPLE KNOWING ABOUT YOU?

Nothing really. I am an open book these days. Just like everyone else, I struggled with a lot of insecurities when I was younger, but as I got older, I've learnt to accept myself, the good and the bad. I am pretty unapologetic about who I am and my choices.

WHAT IS YOUR SUPERPOWER?

Seeing through bullshit. It's a superpower and a curse at the same time.

WHAT IS YOUR PURPOSE ON EARTH?

I don't believe we are put on the planet for any particular purpose. We have the beautiful and creative ability to give our lives meanings and purposes. For me it changes from time to time. These days I strongly feel my purpose is to help the less fortunate ones, be it people or animals, and inspire others in doing so.

WHAT ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT?

Justice. Human rights, animal welfare and environmental justice. I hated injustice of any sort already as a child. Fought against the bullies and protected the bullied kids in the kindergarten. At the age of six, I refused to continue eating meat. The concept of eating meat just didn't make sense to me.

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SHARE? A STORY? A CONCERN? ADVICE?

Be curious, don't believe everything you hear and question everything, always!

