

Queer preuzima grad,

It's a queer takeover of the city,

ali na samo 15 minuta

but just for 15 minutes

(Piene Melix, 2023)

I am not sure
that Ne vjerujem
ćući ići da na Pride.
I will go to the Pride. Za moju seksualnost
Not many people know about ne zna mnogo ljudi.
my sexuality, Kad bi me netko vidio,
vjerovatno bi me uhvatila
you know. If someone sees me, panika.
I would probably panic.

I mean sebe rekao/la da sam politična osoba.
I would never say that I am a political guy. Samo želim znati i vidjeti.
I just want to know and see Samo želim vidjeti da je to u redu
that there is something like this happening. i da je u mom gradu.
To me, it's above political...
I just want to see that this is okay,
and it is in my city.

The first pride I went to Prvi Pride na kojem sam bio/la,
I still thought I was straight and dok sam još mislio/la da sam hetero.
I went in support of my sister Tako da sam ju išao/la bijesno podržati.
so I just went to aggressively support her Ali imao/la sam 15 godina.
Gay identity Gay identitet
probably also includes vjerojatno uključuje
Podrška Politici do 20.00 na kojem su učestvovali
PREDSTAVLJANJE BULJALACA 10.00
odlazak na Pride.



Još uvijek nemam hrabrosti
za Pride u Hrvatskoj
I still don't have the courage
for pride in Croatia
mada je upitno radi li se
and it's questionable whether
ili komforu.
it's about courage, Činjenica je
maybe it's about comfort. da se ne želim
The fact javno izlagati i
that I don't want to bio/la sam na Prideovima u inozemstvu
expose myself publicly and like
I have been to the ones abroad
and it was really beautiful
because abroad gdje je Pride zapravo tulum.
it really takes the form of a party.

Mnogo LGBTIQ osoba
u Hrvatskoj
živi duple živote
i mislim
da su pretežito u ormari.
Pretpostavljam da se
plaše,
I think,
lots of them are not out generacije.
I suppose they are afraid, ja imam 45 godina.
especially my generation,
I am 45.



My first pride Moj prvi Pride
was Zagreb Pride,
I think it was 2011. bio je Zagreb Pride,
Something like that.
That's my... Mislim da je to bilo 2011. godine.
I don't know, Mislim da je to bio
moj prvi korak,
I suppose my first step, moj hrabri korak,
courageous step. kojeg sam si dopustio/la ... Na neki
That I allowed myself... način
I kind of envy zavidim ljudima
people who are aware of themselves koji su svjesni samih sebe
like when they were 20 u dvadesetim godinama.
or something.
Njihovi su životi
poprilično lakši od moga.
I really do.
Because their life
is pretty easier today
than my life is.
To je nešto novo
In our community, u našoj zajednici.
it's something new. Jako me zanimalo
kako će mediji to popratiti
I was very interested to see u svom stilu prenošenja ...
how the media would follow it Mediji još uvijek često jasno
in their way of presenting events ... predstavljaju kako javnost diše.
The media still very often clearly Hrvatski radio i televizija su to dosta dobro
expressed the pulse of the public. Mislim da je Gay Pride veoma značajan.
Croatian radio and television presented it pretty well. Ja nisam taj tip.
I think Gay Pride is very significant. Ni s 19 godina,
I'm not the type. I wasn't even when I was 19 nisam bio/la tip a pogotovo ne sada,
and especially not now at this age ali bilo mi je draga da se održava
the one who will hold placards, jer je to označavalo početak.
but I was glad that it happened because it signified the beginning.
I don't know, Ne znam,
I don't know, ne znam,
maybe možda
maybe it's the instant.
Maybe it's the moment možda je stvar u trenutku.
when they dare to put their true mask Možda je stvar u trenutku
on their face and kada se usude staviti
maybe for a few hours, i možda svoju pravu masku
be what they want to be na par sati
and what they actually aren't in i ono što nisu u biti ono što žele
everyday life. svakodnevnom životu.
Mislim da je to krivi
I think it's the wrong way to go. način.

Misljam da
su gay prideovi iznimno važni.
Važno je da i heteroseksualne osobe

I think that
gay Prides are
dodu na prosvjed
immensely important..
jer se na taj način
come to the demonstration ulazi u javne prostore.
because in that way Poput bodeža.
Tako na neki način sve postane
it enters into the public space. neizbjježno.

Like a spike.
So everything becomes in some way
unavoidable, koji još nisu izašli iz ormara
You can see it,
it's present in society.

But from that, it's very important for those
who still have not come out
who are not in a position
to cross the police barricades.
And there are many people like that.
If you only knew how many of them
stand behind the barricades, da se hetero osobe priključe.
I know many of them, Na taj način omogućavaju
we wave to each other. da se pridruže
They don't have the strength to join us
and that's why it's important
that heterosexuals come too, by doing that.
They make it possible.
Also for those who are afraid oni koji se plaše.
- who are reluctant to come - to join in.

This Saturday will be U subotu
my first pride. idem na svoj prvi pride.
But I still don't know Iako još ne znam
if im gonna go or not... idem li ili ne...
maybe. pa možda. Ići će svi koje poznajem

Like everyone I know will be there so moram i ja,
I kinda have to but also ali istovremeno želim ostati kući.
I wanna be home.

Yes, it's a
big thing Da, to je
velika stvar

and Pride itself changed
a lot in that way, podosta promijenio. Zato što danas na prideu
Because nowadays there's prisustvuje mnogo mlađe djece
extremely a lot of young kids actually i vjerujem da
coming to pride and je većina ljudi koja danas dolazi na pride
I mean,

I believe,
A sjećam se
I can say da je većina na prvom prideu
that majority of people at pride
are queer nowadays.
Oni su došli kao podrška,
And I remember
the first pride, a lezbijki i trans osoba
the majority were straight. bilo je nekolicina.
They were coming for support and like ...
few lesbians and trans people
would show up at pride.

like it's not a classic protest, kao mješavinu zabavnog događaja i prosvjeda ...
but I still think it's very important. pride vidim
And like... ali svejedno mislim da je veoma važan.
I don't know, I ne znam...
želim biti aktivniji/a, biti veći aktivist.

I do wanna a bit more active,
I wanna be more of an activist

My father said five days ago:
Prije pet dana moj je otac rekao:
what about these homosexuals, Što je s ovim homoseksualcima,
why did they need to expose themselves? zašto se moraju izlagati?
Why do they need to Zašto moraju
have marches through the city or something like that? marširati kroz grad i tome slično?
Pa sam mu ja rekao/la: A što ti imaš protiv tih ljudi?
Then I said: So, what's your problem with that people?
It's 80, ali to nije razlog.



Pride is this one event in the year
Pride je jedini događaj
when every citizen in the town and around town knows that kada svaki građanin grada i okolice zna
da u tom gradu postoje queer osobe
"okay, there are queer people in town"
te da su prisutne, vidljive itd.
and they are present, visible and things like that.
Tako da se na taj način više mijenja društvena percepcija zajednice,
So it is more addressing this change of social perception of the community
dok pojedinci vjerojatno na to gledaju drugačije.
probably individuals they see it differently.
For someone it's like really empowering experience,
for someone its important experience, Za nekoga je to veoma osnažujuće iskustvo,
za nekoga veoma važno,
za nekoga veoma važno,
but I really see it as an event that this community did
ali ja Pride doista vidim kao najveći događaj
on a bigger scale koji je proizašao iz zajednice.
than anything else that we do.

I otkad je to počela raditi,
And since [she] started to do it,
its somehow ... I mean, there's still nekako je... I dalje postoji
a political message and there are always politička poruka i uvijek ima
some problems in society detected
uočenih problema u društvu,
but it is more coming from the recognition of some needs
in the community. ali više proizlazi iz prepoznavanja potreba
I mean, and it doesn't go directly...
it much more reflects the situation zajednice.
and not to have Mnogo više reflektira situaciju
it is basically the primarily to change the social climate in town
i ne ide direktno... Primarna je svrha zapravo promjeniti
and not to have new law that gives you something
društvenu klimu grada.

I mean for me, Po mom mišljenju
it only makes sense if it stays
related to the local community. sve ima smisla jedino ako
So depending on what... ostaje vezano za lokalnu zajednicu.
I mean, talking about the social situation here
we would have Pride once a month
to change everything that needs to get done.
Kada pričamo o društvenoj situaciji ovdje,
trebali bismo organizirati Pride jednom mjesечно
And also I don't believe
that this queer position will ever
be equal to some straight things. Isto tako mislim da pozicija queer ljudi
Because I mean, nikada neće biti jednaka onoj strejt ljudi.
if nothing else it is kind of a minority and
Zato što se na neki način radi o manjini
And I also believe that it will remain a minority.
Također mislim
da imamo i kulturnoških razlika
and specific things that are only related to queers
i tema koje su specifične za queer ljude,
and then inside the queers to all different groups
a onda i razlika unutar same queer zajednice
so there is always something that you have to negotiate socially.
tako da će se tim razlikama uvijek trebati posvetiti.
For acceptance, for recognition, Radi prihvatanja,
radi prepoznavanja, radi svega.

You know,
Znaš,

I wish for Split to be
a more accepting place for stvarno bih želio/željela da Split
young people, više prihvaća
gay people, mlađe ljude,
lesbian people, gay osobe,
trans people, lezbijke,
trans osobe, svih.
every kind of people.
Because you know, Jer oni postoje već neko vrijeme,
it is something that has existed for a while. ne samo u 21. stoljeću.
Not only for the 21st century - I Hrvatska zaostaje po tom pitanju
And Croatia is behind on that - po pitanju prihvatanja novih pojmljova.
on accepting basically these new ideas.
Stoga bih stvarno želio/željela da ljudi
to više prihvaćaju,
mladi od mene, pogotovo kako bi se mladi ljudi,
osjećali sigurnima.
So I'd really like people to accept it more,
especially for young people -
younger people than me to feel safe.

The first ever Pride... Prvi Pride bio je...

it was like a big thing. velika stvar.

And it was... I bilo je... nasilja.

there was violence.

...] people were throwing rocks at the parade... at people. [...] Ljudi su bacali kamenja na povorku, na ljudе. Yeah. Da.

So ... I always remember stuff like that. Uvijek se sjetim takvih stvari.

It felt important for the community... Imam osjećaj da je to bilo važno za zajednicu,

like in the sense of belonging...

To je po mom mišljenju najvrijednije.

u smislu pripadanja.

The only thing we had heard about Split Pride is

Jedino što smo čuli o Split Prideu bilo je

that they were throwing stones and ashtrays at them. da su pripadnike gadali kamenjima i pepeljarama.

That was in 2011 but it really stayed in peoples mind...

Bilo je to 2011. godine ali su ljudi to zapamtili.

yeah, people were warning.

You know, Da, ljudi su te upozoravali, you can go to Zagreb to the Pride

but don't go to Split. "Možeš ići u Zagreb na Pride,

Which, I mean, I understand

my mum saying that,

we were children. Ali razumijem zašto mi je majka to govorila,

we were children. bili smo djeca.

You don't want random soccer fans. Ne želiš da ti neki nogometni navijač

to throw stones at your children. gada dijete kamenjima.

They say that the 2011 Split Pride

underwent a baptism of fire. Kažu da je pride u Splitu 2011.

prošao vatreno krštenje.

It really was

Zbilja je bilo

fiery that June 11; vatreno tog 11-og lipnja;

the sun burned into the concrete tiles of the promenade,

and what made the day even hotter were

the hot heads of the counterprotesters,

a do datno su ih ugrijale i usijane glave

kontraprovjednika,

the police boots žar organizatora i prosvjednika,

and all the forces of the world policijske čizme

that sweated by the fence that day

i sva sila svijeta koja se taj dan znojila uz

to see who these gays are and what they look like.

ograde da vidi tko su ti pederi i kako izgledaju.

Ironically,
on some meta-wrong level

Ironično,
na nekoj meta-krivoj razini

the rampage on the Riva briefly united

divljanje na Rivi je nakratko ujedinilo

Serbs and Croats in a common hatred
Srbe i Hrvate u zajedničkoj

towards gays.
mržnji prema pederima

I watched the first Pride in NY.
Prvi pride sam gledao/la na televizoru!

I remember that, Sjećam se toga,

I didn't know I was queer, imao/la sam 13 godina

I was like 13... i nisam znao/la da sam queer.
it was a mess because... people were fighting and all of that... Bilo je kaotično

But I was just happy that it was happening, jer su se ljudi tukli i svadali...

Ali mene je usrećilo što se pride uopće održava

I didn't understand everything but iako mi nije sve bilo jasno,

I was always like... bio/la sam na strani pedera
for the gay cause

jer su mi se sviđale neke pop zvijezde

I was like into pop stars, that were allies and koje su podržavale zajednicu
if lady gaga says gays are friends, I was like: Pa sam mislio/la:
gays are obviously friends! "Ako Lady Gaga kaže da su nam pederi prijatelji,
onda su nam pederi očito prijatelji!"

Positive vibrations

I was just some 19 year old kid
Bio/la sam 19-ogodišnje dijete
who showed up so you know, koje se tu samo pojavilo
it wasn't that professional security stuff. i volontiralo kao redar

They told us: Rekli su nam:
Make sure no one provokes anyone on the outside,

no one on the outside provokes, Pobrinite se da ljudi iz povorke
ne isprovocira nitko iz vana,

makes sure that there's physical distance and da ima dovoljno fizičke udaljenosti te da
if someone yells something, ako netko nešto dobaci,
make sure nobody is answering because then you just get into a fight... da nitko ne odgovara jer to može dovesti do fizičkog obračuna.

so make sure Stoga se pobrinite jer to može dovesti do fizičkog obračuna.

I was also radar at Split pride,

I ja sam bio/la redar/ka na Split prideu,

I just remember jedino se sjećam

kako sam bio/la vrlo sretan/na,

I was really happy

I can't actually remember the pride itself.
zapravo se ni ne sjećam samog pridea.

In my head its blurry, but U glavi mi je to sve mutno,

I was really happy after it and ali sam poslije bio/la jako sretan/na

i osjećao/la sam svu tu pozitivnu energiju.

In fact, in the first years, Zapravo, povorce ponosa u
Split pride struggled to maintain and survive at all, Splitu su se prvih godina borile za to
and only later, maybe only now, da se uopće održe i opstanu, a tek
can they focus on the fight they exist for kasnije, možda tek sada,
mogu se posvetiti onoj borbi
- to fight against homophobia - za koju su uopće zamišljene
and can concentrate on the strengthening borbi protiv homofobije -
of the LGBTQ+ community from the inside. i mogu se koncentrirati na osna
živanje LGBTQ+ zajednice iznutra.

A lot of people who join are tourists.

Mnogo ljudi koji se pridruže su turisti.

There's lots of Americans Mnogo je Amerikanaca

or generally English speaking people ... ili ljudi koji pričaju engleski jezik.

Zna se da oni općenito podržavaju queer ljude,
You know they generally support queer people,
dok ljudi koji nisu homofobi to ovdje ne rade.

which is not something I've noticed a lot of nonhomophobe people do here ...
maybe they would Možda bi i radili
if it would be a different country da su u drugoj državi
where nobody knew that but... gdje nitko ne bi znao za to.
Most tourists don't Većina turista
really pay attention to us. ne obraća pažnju na nas.

I don't know. Oni jednostavno vide
They're just like: ch. Cool People. Ne znam,

I don't know, I feel safer osjećam se sigurnije
when there are tourists around kad su turisti ovdje.

It's less about Više se radi o
preuzimanju ulica natrag od crkve,
taking the streets back from the tourists nego od turista.

and more like taking it back from church. Ne znam znate li

I don't know if you know da se u zadnje vrijeme okuplja grupa muškaraca
but lately there's been a group of men koji svake prve subote u mjesecu
who kneel every first Saturday ... kleče ispred katedrale i mole.
in front of the cathedral and pray ...

What marred it is
that the participants had to be protected Problem je u tome što
by a police Cordon. je sudionike morao štititi
policijski kordon.

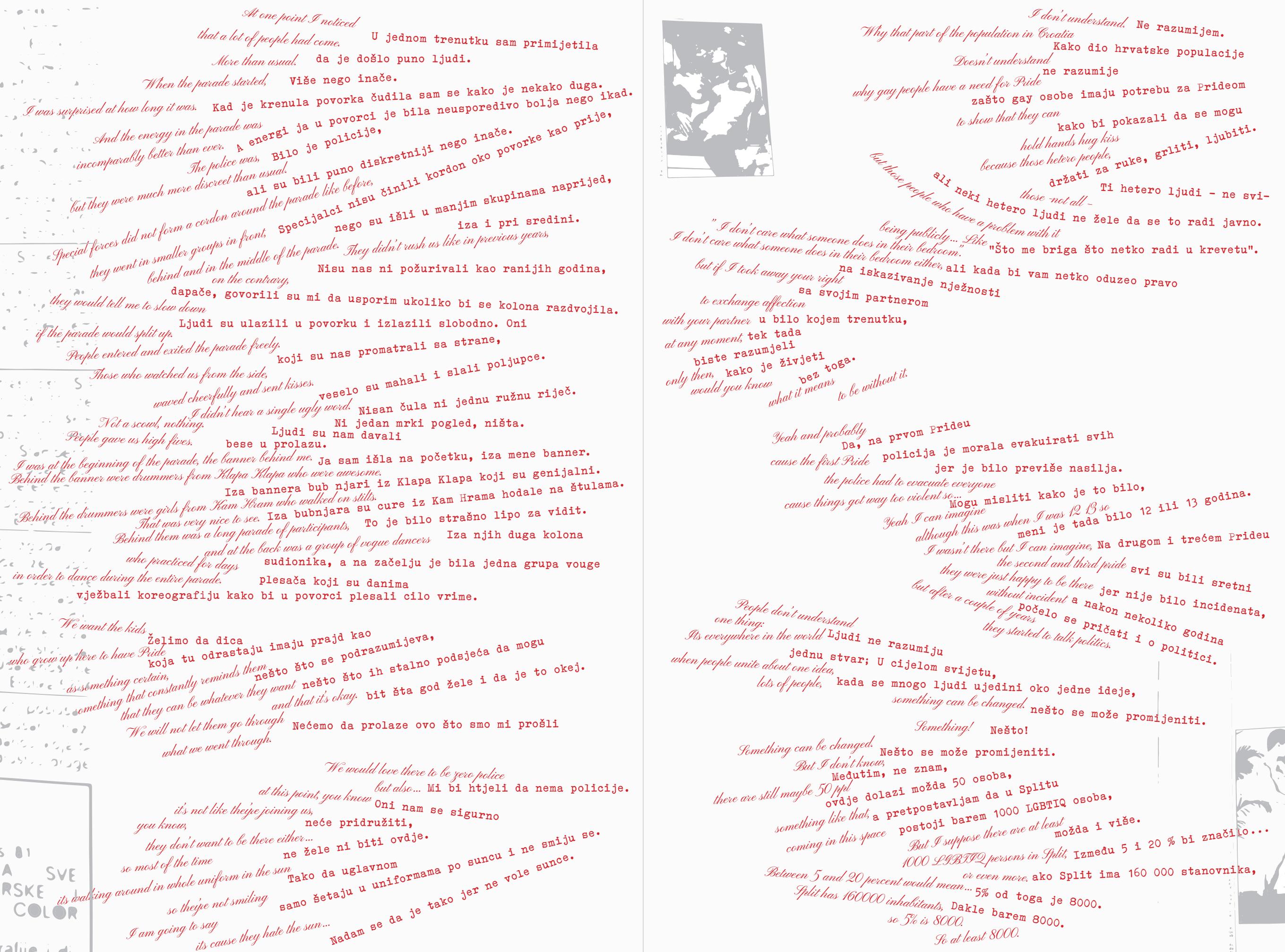
So that on the one hand,

Stoga nisam imao/la osjećaj da se išta dogodilo,

I didn't have the feeling that something happened,
jer smo izgubili interakciju s javnosti.

because we lost interaction with the public.
Javnost nije spremna.

The public is not ready.
Ako nas se od nje treba štititi,
If you have to be protected from it, to je tužno
that saddens me, i razočaravajuće.
disappoints me.



I mean, Za mene je jako važna
the idea pomisao
that queer people have always existed
da su queer osobe oduvijek postojale
and that I belong to a community somewhere
is really important to me te da pripadam nekoj zajednici.

I mean, Taj osjećaj koji ste opisali
the feeling you described, for me it was really important
to know za mene je jako važan
there were other queers before...
- znati da je queer ljudi bilo i prije...

I mean,
Kad odrastaš u malom gradu,
growing up in a small town,
u nekom se trenu zapitaš
at some point you're wondering
if you're the only person on the planet jesli jedini na planetu
who feels that way and koji se tako osjeća
its nice the answer is i lijepo je što je odgovor

ne.
no.



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