## Diagnostic Chaos

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Welcome to our clinic: a space for analysis, reflection, confusion, dissociation and more!

This virtual experience evolved from our collaboration Compartmentalization.

Therapy: a set of drawings and paintings devised to systematically map, sort and graph our fluctuating internal states—a selection of which decorate the virtual waiting room. You will find a personality questionnaire on the clipboard in the form of a flow chart, which also infests the walls. Answer the questions for yourself, following the branch that best matches your response, until you arrive at your shadow type—or a dead end! Or until you are so lost you give up. [Push X]. Don't expect clarity.

The second room contains results: a medley of animated shadow archetypes, the supposed diagnostics of humanity's self-contradicting psyches. This is the area of analysis, the dim subconscious library.

Lost in endeavors of over intellectualization, our methods of emotional processing adapt to the information era by mimicking the ways data is organized. We construct phrases and keywords that define and locate feelings. We make Google Sheets that contain and give order to perceptions. We use our efficiencycrazed task-tackling to resolve our abstract doubts and internal conflicts. Responding to unpredictable contemporary conditions, we are simultaneously victims and perpetrators of western adulthood's idolization of speed, efficiency, and labels. Our obsessive, mechanical attempts at self-analysis in the mode of data processing are genuine, anxious, cathartic, and also absurd. Tired yet enthusiastic, we represent the paradoxical problems and the improvised solutions of our generation.