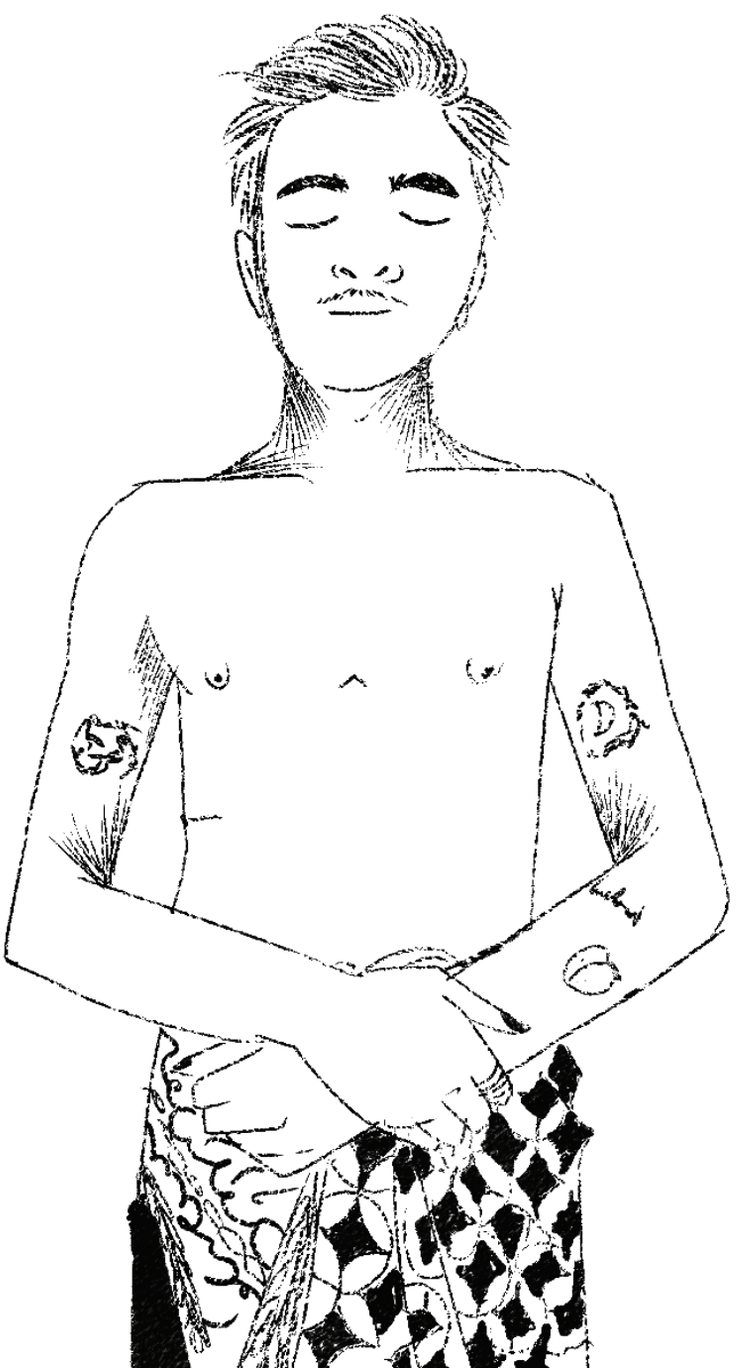
QUEER SPIRITUALISM

KAMU TIDAK SEMBUNYI
KAMU SEDANG MENYELAMATKAN HIDUPMU



Queer Spiritualism

(sabdanaung)

In society, a queer person has to have some kind of battle between theirself and their believes. I maybe have some share of that battle, but as far as i can remember my spiritual journey and my sexual orientation, or identity was always two far different things that has not (always) have anything to do with each other and not (always) mutually exclusive, at least from my point of view.



"Dia menciptakan pasangan-pasangan
untukmu dari jenismu sendiri."

[Quran 78:8]



A friend mentioned that in a light discussion about our identity as queer person. “Pairs means what way?”. “We can also see Adam and Wawan, Eve and Fatimah as pairs if used that term.” she continued.

I was born 29 years ago, in Semarang was bring up in a muslim-conservatives society, where “Pairs” means “man and woman”, but as a grow older and have the privilege to always learn and unlearn. i unlearn that meaning of “pairs”.

“.Qul huwa llaahu ahad,..”
‘He is Allah, the One
Dia-lah Allah, Yang Maha Esa

We can also see in this perspective that God was not creating Eve to complete Adam, Eve was not created for Adam, we can see that eve was created for God because the only one who doesnt need nor have a pair is God.

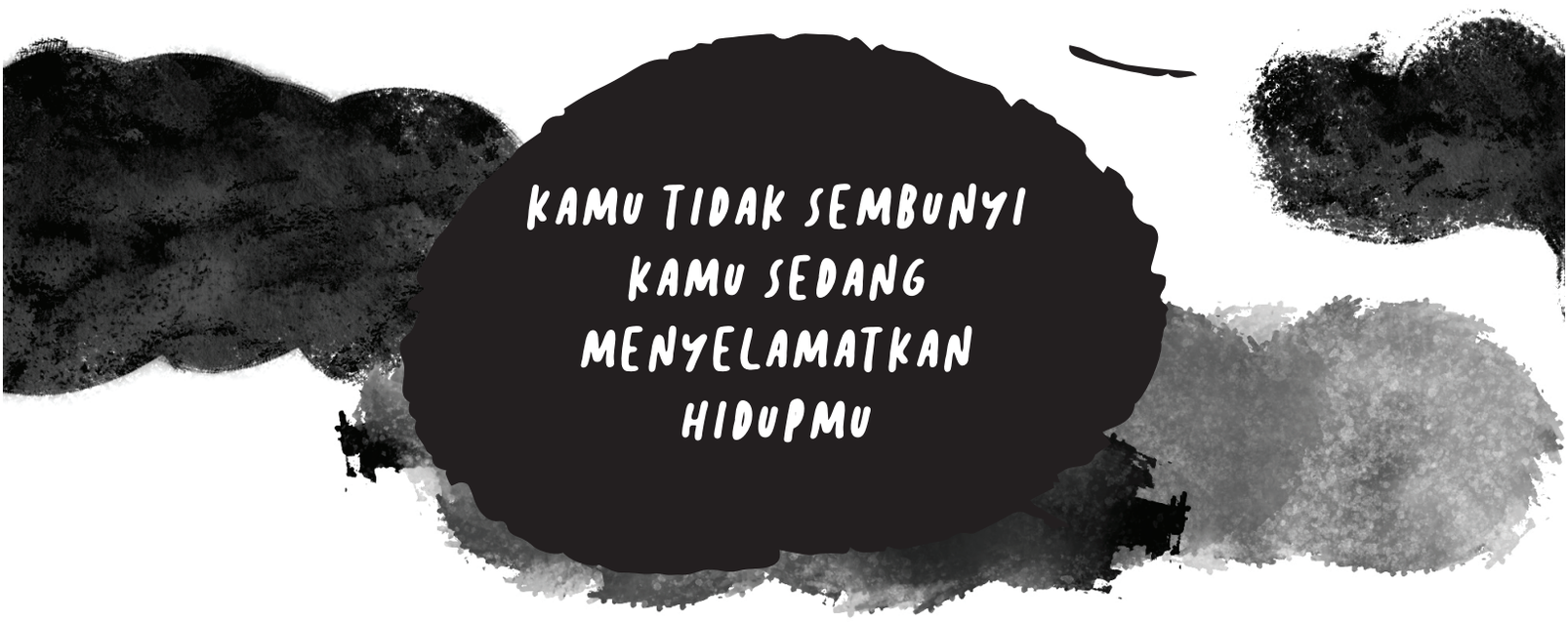
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We all know same sex relationships was never mentioned clearly in the Quran. But some surah has a lots of interpretation depends on what perspective are we using.

I imagine it just like a restaurant, there is a fixed menu to follow, but we can go around with what has been offer. there's a lemon juice on the menu, but there's no water with ice on the menu. so i think to myself "in order to make a lemon juice they need water and ice, so im ordering what i want, and i want water with only ice." and thats never wrong.

If you always think that you're always alone in this not very straight way of the world. Let sit your head and see that there's always people who understand you in a way that you can always understand.

This were few warm words that have been said to me during processing (again) the realtionship my belief and me as a queer person:





PUNDAK SENDIRI
DIPELUK DIA
KUAT SEKALI

SUPPORT YANG KAMU
BERIKAN SUNGGUH
MEMBUAT HIDUP
LEBIH INDAH

WALAUPUN
HARI INI BANYAK SEDIHNYA
TAPI TETAP BERHASIL
KAU LALUI
RAYAKAN



PUNDAK SENDIRI
DIPELUK DIA
KUAT SEKALI

YOURE
COMPLETELY
VALID

YOU
ARE
LOVED

LET ME TELL YOU A SECRET YOU ARE RIGHT ALL THIS TIME

PROSES MENGENALI DIRI ADALAH PERJALANAN SEUMUR HIDUP TAPI DIRIMU HARI INI TETAP VALID



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SEX IS NOT ALWAYS
A TOOL TO CREATE
IT CAN ALSO BE A TOOL
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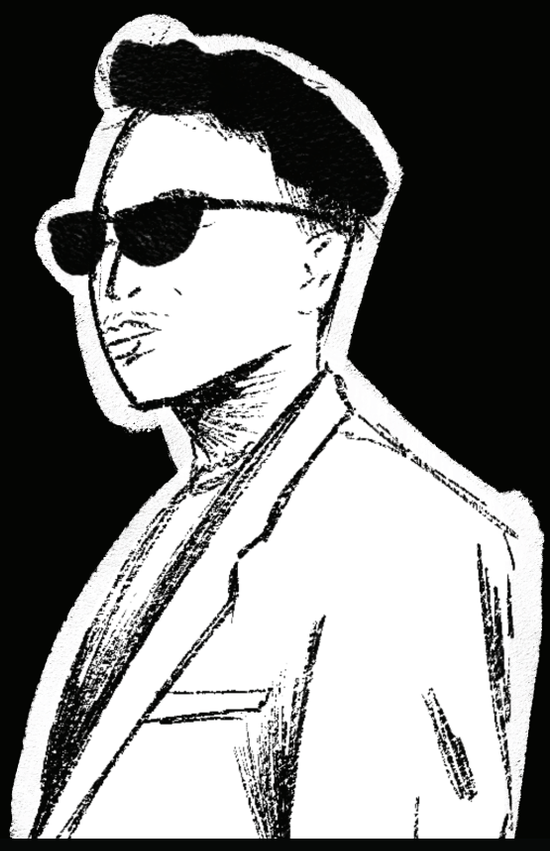

Do you really shoot that far?
MAKE ME!!!



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