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## *Lily-Rose Pouget* RESPONDING 2 ENTIRELY VALID ACTION



EMERGING  
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*Artist Run*

Established in 2003, KINGS Artist-Run provides a location for contemporary art practice, supporting distinctive experimental projects by artists at all stages of their careers.

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when I watch the knightly sword being forged on youtube  
I think it almost looks like a big old jewel                      still red and hissing

the pinching and hammering again      again      and I sit there  
on my stool  
sit there like a metal-clad dickhead                      like a 2-keen flâneur  
intrigued and staring at the emerging blade cuz its boned like a back  
a spine running hilt 2 tip  
2 sided and double faced codes of the knight                      spirituality/secularity    brutality/mercy  
sometimes a soft heart but always      always a tough mind?  
(well that's what the subtitles are saying anyway)

and the sword is taking shape now  
its symbolism venn diagram-ing in ways that are just 2 damn clear 2 me now  
a longgggggg and phallic reenactment of illusionment and trickery

wow

2 distracted by its glint and reflection 2 consider that  
it's the steels *aura*    that intrigues me  
no

                    not its sharp and violent tongue  
but rather      its capacity as art  
of duality and craftsmanship

on a sword subreddit    a/anonymoose5544 asks:

   sword id needed pls. Fake? Real?

i'll tell you mr                      *telepathically* but also in real life                      with my brand new sword magic  
that it's both real and fake all at once

yep                      the artifice and pretence of it all is 2 real

bc some things have                      2 meanings and others none    right?  
bc isn't all material meaning measured by the meaning you impart onto it?  
2 bad that most things are usually just pretending    2 be legit then  
222<sup>1</sup> bad that this poem is also pretending 2 be legit

p r e t e n d i n g that excalibur's    fat    nose    is not still deep in that rock  
hah  
i'm not watching the sword video    silly                      YOU are.

'Google says that 222 means true love is coming or a soulmate is near

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