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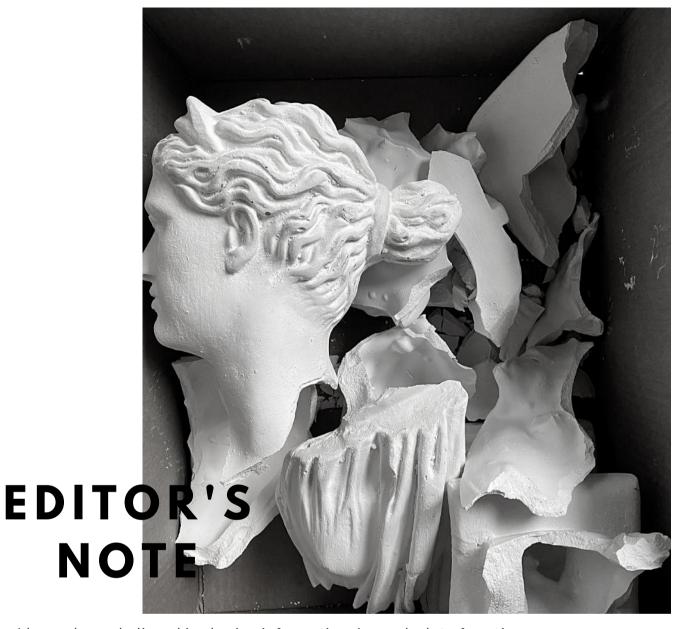


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I have always believed in sharing information. I spend a lot of my time reading, learning and understanding. We don't all have the same views, beliefs or even the same culture but we all have a reason as to why we think the way we do. Every time I am faced with something that challenges my view, my first reaction is to always think to myself "why is my view different?" before judging.

I carry this for every step I take in life. We won't always agree on everything. But understanding why we don't agree is the core for a healthy and respectful conversation.

With that in mind I present to you this online publication made for you. It's a safe place to question, reflect and build a community.

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# WE HAVE MISSED THE POINT.

Oh, Valentine's day is it another day for us to feel depressed about ourselves? Every couple on social media posting about their "perfect" lives. While we the public watch and believe that our lives are not perfect, maybe because you're single, or because your relationship isn't great, or simply because of life, that has been kicking us for the three years.

The biggest issue I have with this "holiday" is how we have missed the point entirely. Instead of buying plush animals, chocolate covered roses and what not and feed the monster of capitalism, What if you rebelled and loved yourself instead? Single, Taken, Complicated for one split second you reminded yourself that you're enough.

Every time we step out of our houses and sometimes even in our home, we are constantly reminded that we are not worth it, not good enough, not pretty enough, not rich enough. Yet we are being told (just like this article) to love ourselves. I wanted to challenge YOU this valentines day to be selfish. Because sometimes being selfish is an act of selfcare. Care for yourself, This Valentine's Day, gift yourself something you've always wanted. Be a rebel and go to a restaurant you've always wanted by yourself.

Making the decision to show up for yourself first in your own relationship with yourself is key for better relationships with others. Rupaul has always said: " If you can't love yourself, how in the hell are you gonna love somebody else?"

This isn't about not celebrating Valentine's but it's about celebrating you. for who you are, what you've become and road you're heading. This of this holiday as a chance for you to connect with yourself. If you want roses get them for yourself. Your want chocolate? Get them! Make every effort to make things about you. Because you live with yourself daily. Only you can love you unconditionally.

Now let's forget the perfect fake lives on social media and live the now. The present with yourself. because being single, taken or in a complicated relationship (which if you are start looking at the red flags!) That's another article for another day. and give yourself the luxury to be in love with yourself. When was the last time you took yourself on a date?

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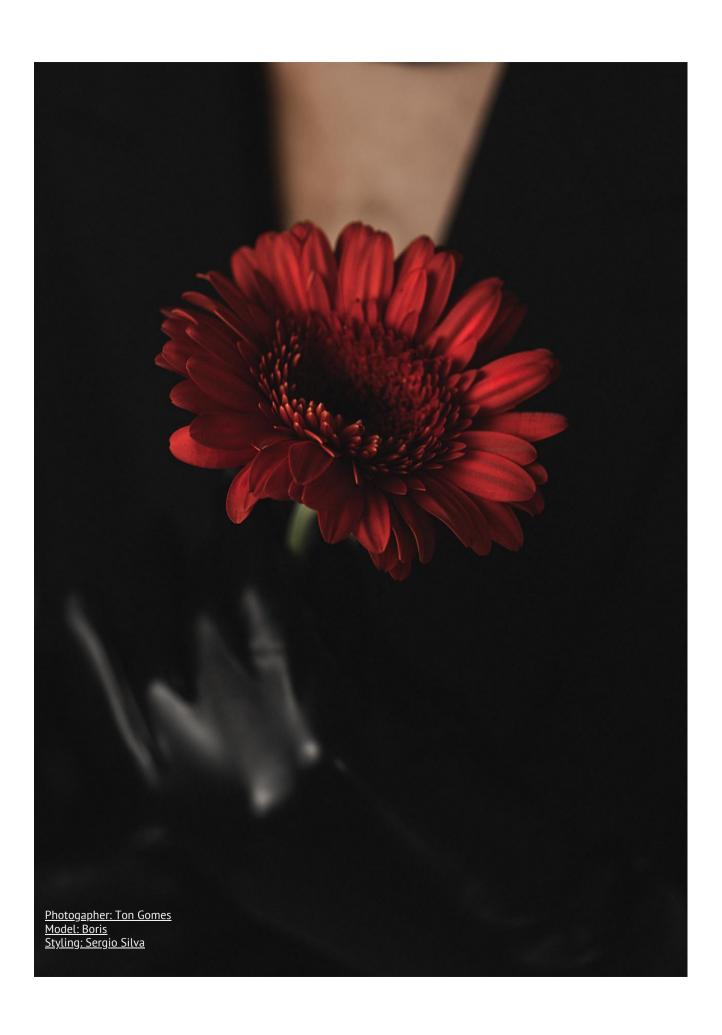
















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Earlier this month I had the pleasure to style along side my friend Ton Gomes (an incredible photographer by the way) The singer, songwriter and model Boris. We chatted a little bit over this week and I would love for you to get to know this creative soul full of fantasies in his head.

#### Who is Boris?

Well, Boris is very experimental, out of the box, and very creative. Everything that has to do with being creative is Boris. I am also very shy but making music is where I am myself.

## Your lyrics where do they normally come from? Experience?

My moon is in Pisces so I live on fantasy land a lot, I create a lot scenarios in my head but I also write some from experiences.

# We recently did a photoshoot are you pursuing a career in the fashion industry?

There are some new projects coming up that I am very excited about, Stay tuned.

## Any releases coming out soon, any new projects?

Yes, I've finished some recordings and now I just need to edit some of it to make it perfect. I would say Towards the end of the year we will have new music coming out.

# This month we celebrate black history month. How important it is for you to showcase your culture in 2022?

I think it's very important because our culture is always being copied. So it is important for me to showcase my work, People think we are a small group of people but our Culture is really big. We have a lot to showcase.

One last question, we love to have these weird random questions at the end

## If you could have any superpowers what would it?

I would love to have astroprojection and go between the realms, but also know I would abuse it I think that's why humans don't have any superpowers, because we would abuse it.

Boris is a creative with soul, after our interview we chatted a little longer. Music is where he feels at home, he also loves to challenge himself on new ideas and projects. I am sure we expect great things from him. Make sure to check out the links below for his songs. I am obsessed with the song Into You, such a Libra energy.

## Check out Boris body of work and listen to his EP.

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In February we celebrate Black History Month. I could write a whole biography of the great leaders in the black community yet we would be missing the point.

In one month of the year raise awareness, talk about racism and minorities. What do we do with the other eleven months of the year? We see marketing campaigns from big corporations (I actually just received an email while I'm typing this article telling me to celebrate Black History Month yet I have never see this brand creating any other kind of awareness against racism.

-"If you are white reading this, read the room."

We have seen the green washing version of these marketing ploys that big corporation stands with minorities yet fail to have pocs in their leadership hierarchy.

We are in 2022, we have seen, heard. understood the point, yet we still fail to do our part in a racist society. We have heard from multiple groups of people specially from the Black community. This is the time for us to act the other eleven months of the year. If you don't consider yourself racist, you are. That's the point we need to drive in our heads. admitting what society had engrained in our brains to be acceptable from the patriarchy and be anti whatever it may be. This month we celebrate the lives of so man African American individuals who fought to have this conversation today. Yet we sit here and forget the point of the conversation.

Big corporation green washing Black History Month, The social media algorithm being completely racist and minimizing views for black artists and black creator. We as a society continue to fuel this machine, but we as a society needs to be anti-racist and these types of situations. Companies, Influencers, celebrities all posted the black square on black out Tuesday, But how many of those actually stuck to their promises to do better, to be better? We have vet to see a culture shift. If you are white reading this, read the room. Black folks have spoken, yet you don't listen. It is now our time to make the moves, to stand and make a difference. This isn't about your comfort, this is the time to make it comfortable for others.





My first trip to Europe I went to place I thought I didn't know well. My family roots are in Madrid. When I arrived in Madrid I instantly felt at home. I knew exactly where I was. I felt more at home in the ten days I spent in Spain than I ever did living in the US. Wild right? I wanted to share my favorite places I Visited while in Spain. Specially the food. I grew up with my mom making croquetas (a Spanish fried croquet filled with locally grown high grade ham.) I never put the two and two together until I went to Spain. It felt like childhood to me.

**MADRID EDITION** 

We stayed right in the center of Madrid Close to Plaza Mayor, surely something you don't want to miss out on, being one of the main staples of Madrid. The attraction is an old square built in the late 1500's. The entire plaza is filled with beautiful architecture and and restaurants. I wouldn't recommend eating there because is so touristy and great food can be found on all nine entrances from the plaza to the narrows streets





The Mercado de San Miguel is only a short walk from the central Plaza Mayor. It is an old-style market that has everything you could possibly imagine food-wise. Wine, pastries, tapas, cheese, pizza, paella, fresh fruits and vegetables, and seafood are just a few of the things you will find in the expansive market. The market attracts high volumes of tourists but locals also come to enjoy all that the market has to offer. In Madrid one thing is for sure, Food is eaten and made with love. One of the highlights of the trip for me was trying Caviar for the first time. All I can say is that it was an experience.





One of my favorite things I did while in Spain was walk the streets and discover new places, market, stores. We walked to Chuecas a LGBTQ+ neighborhood full of character and great food as well. The highlight for me was how open sexually Spaniards are. The ice cream shop sold ice cream in the shape of a vagina, to me that was incredible. We forget how prude we are in America compared to other countries.





Spain has a lot of history and visiting museums are something I love to do, Because it gives me insight about their culture. The Picasso Museum is a small museum but the architecture and works of art inside are breath taking. The Reina Sofia Museum as well has beautiful works of art and the building it self is so regal is a must see and should most definitely be on your list.







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