

# GRAY HEART:

A colorless cafard about social conformity

wired with filaments of steel &  
zinc cybernetic cables  
wrapped in metallic molds &  
pin-striped business labels  
this heart has become  
an ash-colored haze pep-  
pered with plutonium grey

inside

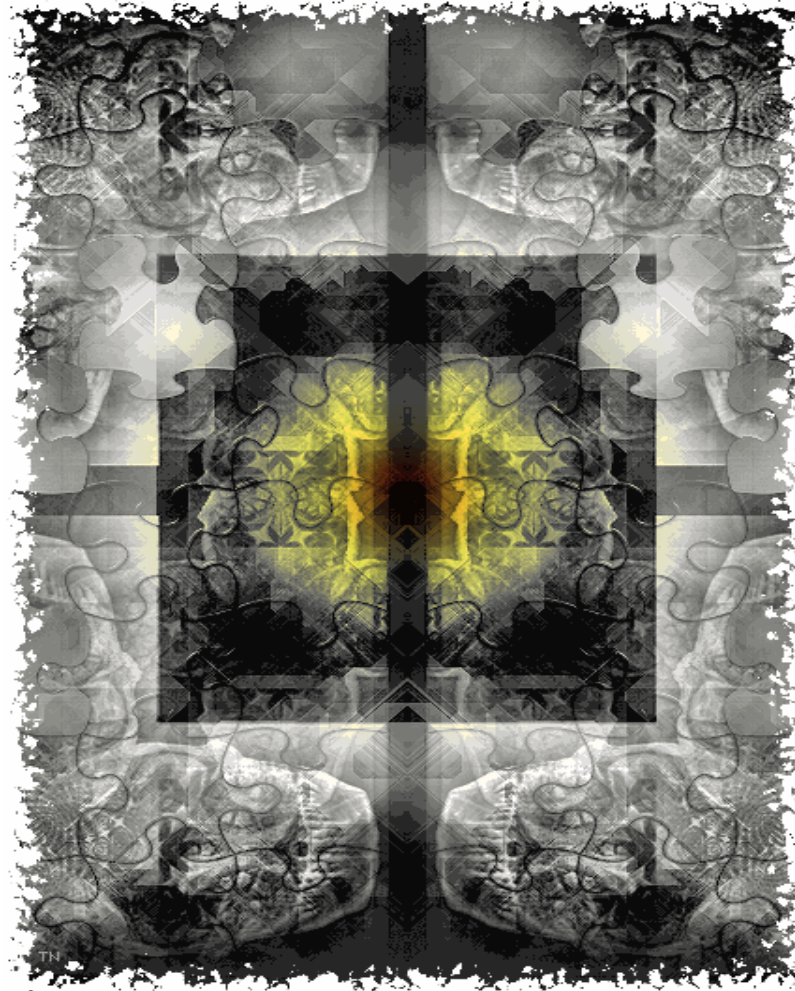
i desire to be any color that  
dances or flutters -  
to be a rose or scarlet  
& soar though a spectrum of hues  
instead of a bland solid  
color afraid to  
stand out & holler

forget all colors of mediocrity  
& shades of bland conformity

forget all tints arising  
from compromising halfway  
never shining brighter  
than a pale leaden grey

be the colors  
you were born to be:  
whether that's black, blue,  
yellow, or green!

Don't pretend to be  
every friggin' possible thing  
because if you mix each color  
only grey is seen.



- Soo: Grey is the code of de-individualization. When you strip yourself of individuality & join a collective, grey results.
- Elijah: Yeah, grey is what happens when Clorox bleach meets the depths of our souls. When people compromise too much, there's no clarity, power, or conviction.
- Elizsha: (scratching his nose) On the other hand, grey is perfectly neutral & has a curious flexibility. It's not so hard for grey to manifest into other shades.
- Philgra: (emphatically) You don't get the point! We are never neutral. As long as we are in this world, we must make choices & invariably manifest some shade. That doesn't indicate your core identity, but you should take responsibility for the choices you make.

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