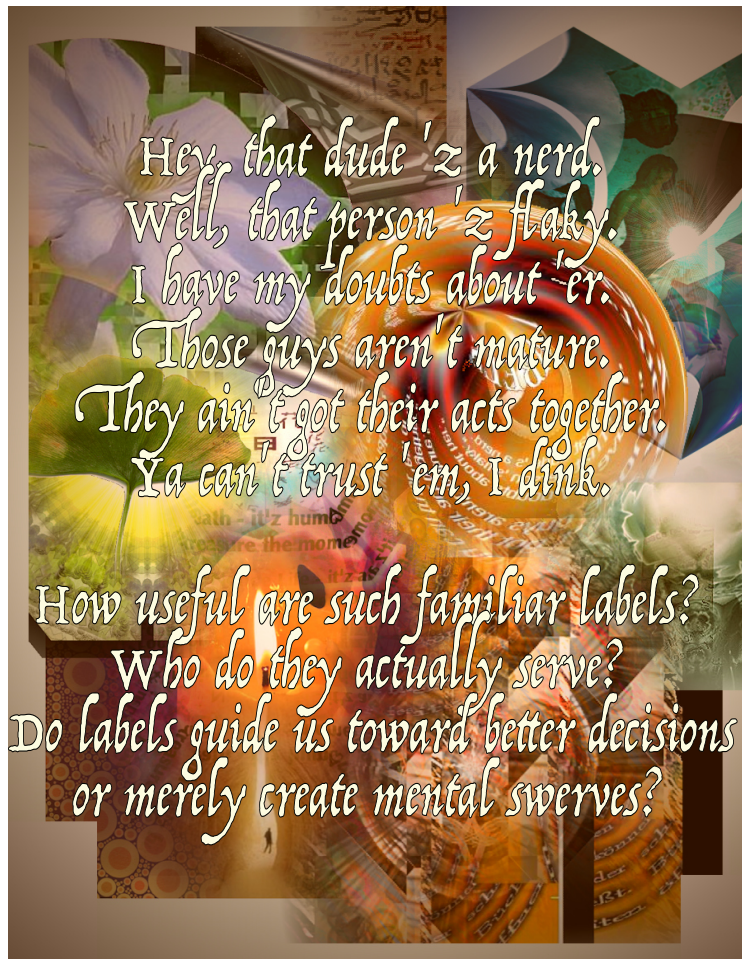


# L A B E L S :

## Reflections on Social Stereotyping



**Wan-Sze:** How would you label this?

**Will:** Isn't the purpose of this art to go beyond labels?

**Kasim:** Come on! Don't be so naive. Labels are actually fascinating. They're a shorthand for in-depth thinking. To some degree, they are necessary. They reduce our cognitive load, giving us more space to look for things unexpected.

**Will:** Yet they often blind us! Are we not often slaves to our own labels?

**Wan-Sze:** Well, I would label this poem and image 'trash.'

**Nadia:** (nodding) Yeah. Let's move on . . .

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