

The Golden Dip

Your first step on a journey of entering or leaving

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*“None can do it but you, none can do it
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Disclaimer

The material contained herein is intended only for the personal and private use of those individuals dedicated to seeking the next chapter of their truth while maintaining awareness that a crystal has many facets from which light has the potential to refract into a spectrum of emotion of which no one can be precisely certain what color will result when multiple prisms of energetic intention intersect with one another in a warm afternoon glow but it is from this point (a dot taking a walk) that we begin a journey so tangible in nature that a vacation will surely need to follow.



Golden Dip Rite

Hey there!

Do you want to exist?

Have you enjoyed using water recently?¹

Do you have a body and like to touch stuff with it?²

We want to tell you about an exciting opportunity for the most active form of engagement. We are in an accelerating and cumulative period of spiritual hydration. Our bodies and the aether that surround them have a unique and time sensitive opportunity to undergo elemental transition and right now you can be a part of this universal shift. The center of the earth needs you to ceremoniously lay your hands on something in order to facilitate a delicate process of sacred plunging into the depths of a divine and eternal change.³ You may find yourself in a state of a stillness or about to settle--move and take action--then not move.

All you need to begin is to locate a truth and choose a direction that you will move in relation to it.⁴ You will also find that a pair of willing hands,

1 The average modern American uses 100-175 gallons of water per day. The breakdown includes 36 gallons for a full bath tub, 18-24 gallons of toilet flushing, 20 gallons for 10 minute shower, 15 gallons for a load of laundry, 4-10 gallons for a dishwasher load, 2.5 gallons for daily hygiene such as face washing, teeth brushing etc. and 1 gallon for drinking (if you don't mind urinating every hour). Additionally, there are other miscellaneous uses of water in the house which may be very significant, depending on the degree of water conservation by the household. Such consumption includes household leaks from piping, toilets and other appliances, dripping faucets and the hosing of sidewalks, driveways, garages, buildings and gardens. It seems to us that this data was taken only from upper middle class suburban people and doesn't represent demographics of the public in its entirety.₃

2 The mean hand and palm ratio in adult bodies is 0.92% and 0.50%, respectively making your hands approximately 1% of your body.₄

3 By the third and fourth centuries, baptism involved catechetical instruction as well as chrismation (in Eastern Christianity, sacrament that, together with baptism, introduces new members into the church), exorcisms (forcing evil spirits to abandon an object, place, or person), laying on of hands (a ritual act in which a priest or other religious functionary places one or both hands palms down on the top of another person's head, usually while saying a prayer or blessing) or recitation of a creed. Speaking in tongues, also known as 'glossolalia' later became part of Pentecostalism and Charismatic Christianity. Child Christalena remembers engaging in all of these customs, specifically speaking in tongues which she faked in front of a lot of people. She was unaware of the status this lie would bring her. Sometimes peer pressure can get to you.₅

4 'Truth' is defined ambiguously here as 'that which motivates your action' and that definition can change at any moment as a school of fish changes direction, based on the whims of its beholder.₆

ferocious, undirected desire, the most pure oil in the world and a cup of water are necessary tools for the sacred transformation that we are about to engage in.⁵ Through this rite you will leave or enter the group of your choosing. As your official ‘First Seeker’, Christalena and ‘Second Seeker’, Sadie, we recommend both simultaneously in the fashion of cellular fission.⁶

When we recently disembarked upon this fresh island of Iceland we noticed a slippery separation between fact⁷ and illusion⁸ that took immediate hold of our multiple realities and personalities. No more could we distract ourselves from the brutal nature of nature itself through media saturation, online dating and other forms of useless entertainment. It was clearly time for us to heal and hydrate our souls as every inhabitant of this arctic vista once did one thousand and twenty years ago⁹...so we did what any good visitor would do; we drove into the mountains,¹¹

5 The English word ‘baptism’ is derived indirectly through Latin from the neuter Greek concept noun ‘báptisma’ (Greek βάπτισμα, “washing-ism”). The Greek verb báptō (βάπτω), “dip”, from which the verb baptizō is derived, is in turn hypothetically traced to a reconstructed Indo-European root *gabh-, “dip”. The Greek words are used in a great variety of meanings. βάπτω and βαπτίζω in Hellenism had the general usage of “immersion”; “going under” (as a material in a liquid dye) or “perishing” (as in a ship sinking or a person drowning), with the same double meanings as in English “to sink into” or “to be overwhelmed by,” with bathing or washing only occasionally used and usually in sacral contexts.

6 ‘Fission’, in biology, is the division of a single entity into two or more parts and the regeneration of those parts to separate entities resembling the original. The object experiencing fission is usually a cell, but the term may also refer to how organisms, bodies, populations, or species split into discrete parts. The fission may be binary fission, in which a single organism produces two parts, or multiple fission, in which a single entity produces multiple parts (There are currently 4,300 known religions in the world),⁹

7 For centuries, fantastic tales of strange encounters with peculiar supernatural beings have been shared by people in Iceland. Their history is riddled with countless tales of fantastic spirits that reflect the unique natural landscapes in which they reside. Our personal favorite is the Huldufólk or hidden people which are elves in Icelandic and Faroese folklore. They are supernatural beings that live in nature. They look and behave similarly to humans, but exist in a parallel world. They can make themselves visible at will. In Faroese folk tales, hidden people are said to be “large in build, their clothes are all grey, and their hair black. Their dwellings are in mounds, and they are also called Elves. Some Icelandic folk tales caution against throwing stones, as it may hit the hidden people.”⁹

8 Iceland is an island country located in the North Atlantic Ocean. Lying on the constantly active geologic border between North America and Europe, Iceland is a land of vivid contrasts of climate, geography, and culture. Sparkling glaciers, such as Vatna Glacier (Vatnajökull), Europe’s largest, lie across its ruggedly beautiful mountain ranges; abundant hot geysers provide heat for many of the country’s homes / buildings and allow for hothouse agriculture year-round. The offshore Gulf Stream provides a surprisingly mild climate for what is one of the northernmost inhabited places on the planet.¹⁰

9 Paganism was widely accepted from the beginning of the Icelandic settlement period though some were Christian. As the religion spread in other parts of the world, Christianity started to take hold. In the Summer of 1000 AD the official ‘law seeker’ and pagan Thorgeir Thorkelsson proposed “one law and one religion” after which baptism and conversion to Christianity became compulsory for all citizens of Iceland.¹¹

10 Contemporary pagans in Iceland know as the Ásatrúarfélagið state their values to be based on tolerance, honesty, boyhood and respect for ancient cultural heritage and nature. One of the main principles of etiquette is that each person is responsible for themselves and their actions. This makes a lot of sense.¹²

11 This site of Þingvellir is of historical, cultural and geological significance and where the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates meet creating a scenic ridge and natural amphitheatre. The decision to make Christianity the religion of Iceland was made by the Alþing at Þingvellir. The Alþing was founded in 930 and is the country’s first national parliament as well as the oldest surviving in the world. This is also the site of Iceland’s first Christian church and a stop

took off our clothing,¹² became gold¹³ and submerged one another in a natural pool, soaking in all psychic and physical properties of hot pungent sulfuric water.¹⁴

Now, there is a small chance that you have done things somewhere that you want to undo. You may have said a thing that one time that you want to unsay. It is possible there are nations, dead people or objects that feel this exact way.¹⁵¹⁶¹⁷ The time is about to come for you to di-vert, a-vert, per-vert and in-vert the current dimension in order to con-vert yourself out of an obligation placed upon you by an authority (we define authority as simply a perception of a bygone era).¹⁸

on the Golden Circle; a tourist route in the southern uplands that contains the most tours and travel-related activities in Iceland.¹³

12 The topic of women, nature and magic in Iceland has been written about in the sagas (*Íslendingjásöjgur*). These references serve not as a way to document the reality of or legitimize their practice, but to point to their role as a plot device for foreshadowing and the creation of mood. For context, “*Seiður*” is the Icelandic word to describe the magic rituals that were practiced during the Viking age. The female practitioners were called “*vísendakona*”, or women of science. Today many women still forage for herbs and plants to treat illness with holistic medicine.¹⁴

13 The entity “Metatron” has been referred to in the Aggadah, Kabbalistic and Islamic texts, Rabbinic literature, multiple sects of Christianity and many folklore traditions. In sacred geometry they are known to oversee flow of energy in a mystical cube known as Metatron’s Cube, which contains all geometric shapes and represents all patterns found in the natural world. During guided meditations (termed ‘transmissions’) conducted by contemporary book mentor and spiritual coach, Steve Nobel, the participant is asked to invite Metatron’s golden cube grid into the body from the great central sun. This three dimensionally envisioned object enters through the top of head, sinks into the body and settles at the heart line for the duration of the transmission.¹⁵

14 People of mormon faith were often baptised for the purpose of healing and were promised that this benefit would result from the act. Krosslaug is a geothermal pool in the southern part of the Westfjords of Iceland that is thought to have such healing powers. It is the site where all of Iceland was baptized out of Paganism and into Christianity by one pruny fingered priest. For these reasons, the first Golden Dip ritual for Seekers 1 & 2 occurred here on the golden glory day of April 13, 2021.¹⁶

15 The Mormons are one group who have baptized a slew of people posthumously, including Holocaust victims, Humphrey Bogart, the Queen Mother, Marilyn Monroe as well the ancestors of Kim Kardashian, Carrie Fisher, Joe Biden, John McCain, Donald Trump, Mike Pence, Hillary Clinton, and Steven Spielberg. (They declined to baptize Charles Manson or Stephen Paddock, who killed 58 people and wounded over 500 in Las Vegas in October 2017). Perhaps the strangest thing to be baptized is the novel *Fifty Shades of Grey*. This was done by Pastor Ed Young at the Fellowship Church in Dallas, Texas. Young called the book a “perverted attempt to trap readers.” It remains uncertain what he thought baptizing a book would actually do. However, he also wrote a book about healthy relationships called *Fifty Shades of They*, which led some to think that the initial act was a publicity stunt.¹⁷

16 Loyal followers of Christ believe they are the only humans to be ‘saved’ in the afterlife and therefore wrestle with the question of what happens to the souls of people born before the existence of Christ. Paulsen provides an answer to this ‘soteriological problem’ by citing New Testament Paul’s ‘vicarious baptism for the dead’ in which people are baptised posthumously (also called a ‘proxy baptism’); the foundation for the idea of resurrection. Paul argues that baptism for the dead and resurrection are inherently connected in that the act of being lowered into the water and brought back up is a literal representation of Christ rising from the dead. In Iceland, adult baptisms are usually held on Easter Sunday and everyone dresses in white, symbolizing what Jesus wore when he was put in the tomb; the body will die but the soul will one day be raised again by Jesus.¹⁸

17 In the practice of the LDS Church, a living person, acting as proxy, is baptized by immersion on behalf of a deceased person of the same sex. Baptism for the dead is an ordinance of the church, performed only in temples, and is based on the belief that baptism is required for entry into the Kingdom of God.¹⁹

18 Conversion, in the Middle Ages as today, has a range of different meanings..In the Hebrew and Greek scriptures, the root meaning of the verbs used is ‘to turn’; ‘to repent’; in his *Confessions*, Augustine uses a range of word-forms with the root ‘vert’ (‘to turn’) in describing his own conversion (eg. ‘convert’, ‘avert’, ‘pervert’, ‘adverse’, ‘universe’). In a classic study

Let us begin the Golden Dip Rite so that you can become that which you desire.

First, dip your finger into a small portion of oil and hold it there while it is transformed into fish oil.¹⁹ Now touch your finger to your forehead. You may also coat your hands in it, rubbing them a few times for ultimate ‘salvation.’²⁰ Find solace in the subtle warmth of this invisible friction. You now possess the authority to change the flow of your river and pass through the grandest doors of choice.²¹

Please recall what it is you will leave or enter and hold it in your mind. It is in the liminal supernova void space of literal submersion that darkness, silence and visual concealment²² will allow the water content of your body to return to that of when you were a newborn baby.²³ Place one hand in the consecrated and (preferably warm) water²⁴ that we

of conversion in late antiquity Nock (some medieval dude) defined it as ‘the reorientation of the soul of an individual, his deliberate turning from indifference or from an earlier form of piety to another, a turning that implies a consciousness that the old way was wrong and the new way is right.’²⁰

19 Fish oil is a rich source of omega-3 fatty acids which the body uses for many functions including muscle activity and cell growth. The fatty acids can’t be manufactured by the human body but it can be consumed in salmon, mackerel, trout and shellfish for heart health, better skin, reduced inflammation, weight loss and better eyesight.²¹

20 ‘Salvation’ is defined by The Truth Seekers Guide to a Beginners Mind as ‘the act of constantly keeping your skin (hands) moisturized as the term derives from the words ‘salve’.²²

21 ‘There has been a recent movement in Norse studies towards a cognitively and ontologically inclined approach to death in the Viking Age. Scholars are talking about the *dyrr* (doorway) between life and death, discussing graves of potential magic workers, and applying an oral theoretical approach to eddic poetry to discuss the idea of the performance of mythic content, surmounting the gap between literary source and real life practice. While it is generally accepted that terms such as *seiðr*, *gandr*, *hugr*, *hamr*, and *fylgja* relate to a ‘complex’ that is able to, among other tasks, both send out and retrieve information or objects, I propose in this study that divinatory acts of *seiðr* are envisaged as functioning by retrieving arcane information from the space of the Other, and from the dead. Such a view places divinatory *seiðr* as related to necromantic practice, best defined as contacting the dead for the purpose of acquiring arcane information about the future.’²³

22 Bernard of Clairvaux says that “baptism takes place in a supernatural dimension freed of the constraints of language, so concealment is a condition of both the experience of conversion and the narrative of the results.”²⁴

23 Babies are born with 78% water in their bodies and the average adult human body contains 60% water but still our mother earth wins the liquid game with 71% surface coverage of water.²⁵

24 When Law Speaker Thorkelsson declared all unbaptized people in Iceland should be baptised--meaning they would be submerged in natural bodies of cold water--the people agreed to the condition but only if the water used for baptism was hot.²⁶

asked you to bring, and the other hand somewhere on your body.^{25 26 27}
Now repeat the following after us:

Spoken Rite

I, a fellow human / mancer to you, fellow human / mancer, make possible this initiating rite of out-of-body-candor

At the bottom of this hot pot, your feet touch cleansing rivers of crystalline mountain tops that spring with hope and piety from our eternal mother

Within this water, and all water, lies a sacred grid of fire connected to the great central sun that caresses our earth each day

When submerged, the remainder of you will be dissolved to aether then constituted into the perfect image of yourself

(pause)

I, with authority equally given and taken by you, golden dip you in the name of satisfaction, fulfillment and that which you desire yourself to be in reality and illusion, in this and all other timelines and dimensions

Your journey is now complete and you have only just begun. Your chosen 'vert' has been honored in the eyes of the mother and and the

²⁵ According to the Wikihow page on how to baptize someone, the water should be hot but it can be performed in any standing body of water such as the ocean, a pool or a river.²⁷

²⁶ All water is sacred. Before Iceland was consecrated, Christian people would choose to be buried in water, because according to Christian faith all water is consecrated by Christ's baptism in the River Jordan. People are sometimes buried under the eaves of the church, so that sanctified water drips down on them. There is a holy spring in Istra, Russia that people pilgrimage to and collect water from. Sadie lived near the spring in a monastery and thought it was just a normal spring. For two weeks, she collected water from the spring and used it to make her instant coffee and ramen noodles.²⁸

²⁷ Imposition of hands, also called 'Laying Of Hands', is a ritual act in which a priest or other religious functionary places one or both hands palms down on the top of another person's head, usually while saying a prayer or blessing. The imposition of hands was first practiced in Judaism and was adopted by Christianity. In the Hebrew Bible it is associated with three interrelated ideas: consecration (setting apart for the service of God), transmission of a divine gift, and identification (the means whereby an offerer was linked with his sacrifice).²⁹

great id²⁸ for you have mirrored the actions and intentions of the First and Second Seekers to exquisiteness, to completion, to transcendence.²⁹ You have either been born anew or left this world entirely. Like in each second, that choice is yours. Embrace your new culture.³⁰ You are now and always were part of the great web of life that generates and sustains a ceaseless cycle of growth, operating beyond singular comprehension.³¹ And so it is.³²

28 The 'id' is the impulsive and unconscious part of the human psyche which responds directly and immediately to basic urges, needs, and desires.³⁰

29 Have you been wondering what made baptism a valid sacrament in medieval times? A medieval bishop saw a group of boys playing at a beach. The boys were doing everything correctly in their game of pretending to baptise one another. The bishop was disturbed and called a gathering, later ruling that the play baptisms were valid as real baptisms because the boys had unknowingly carried out the ritual exactly as it was officially done. The boy who baptized the other kids was taken by the church and trained to become a priest.³¹

30 Culture' is defined by The Truth Seekers Guide to a Beginners Mind as 'care, labor and reverence given to another person without expectation. Although the root of the word is related to 'cult' we make no connections to the modern definition of this term, such as the ones run by Linda and Sam. 'Cult' and 'culture' both originate in Latin 'cultura' meaning care, labor, cultivation, honoring, worship, reverence, originally tended with connection to mid 15th c. agriculture - tilling of land, act of preparing the earth for crops (see also 'colony'); figurative sense of cultivation through education, systematic improvement and refinement of the mind. This relationship of humans to earth and community building is our preferred reference point when using the term.³²

31 Iceland is going to make a forest by planting a new tree for each new child that is baptised.³³

32 In a chapter titled "The Great Amen," Eric Butterworth claims the current meaning of 'amen' as 'so it be' and can be traced to 'this is the truth.' Despite the murky and ever-changing definition of 'truth' it appears that using the term puts a fine point and demarcation to the end of a prayer, a wish, a desire. It is a pause for hope that the desire will reach a higher power that can fulfill it.³⁴

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According to the collaboratively edited Wikipedia page, the ‘spiritual gift’ of speaking in tongues (or our preferred and sexier term ‘glossolalia’ which sounds delightfully similar to the slang word for French kissing ‘gallocher’) is a practice in which people utter words or speech-like sounds, often thought by believers to be languages unknown to the speaker. One definition used by linguists is the fluid vocalizing of speech-like syllables that lack any readily comprehended meaning; some believe it to be a divine language unknown to the speaker and has also been referred to as a ‘language of the angels’. There is an obvious debate about the origins of this form of verbal expression with the distinction of each side directly correlating to belief in an existence beyond the earthly realm. This youtube video³⁵ is about a 6 year old girl, Eden, who was given the holy gift of being able to interpret people speaking in tongues. She claims the words are coming directly from God and the video demonstrates her analysis occurring in real time. Conversely, psychological anthropologist and linguist Felicitas Goodman³⁷ found through extensive research that glossolalists reflected the patterns of speech of the speaker’s native language, making one wonder if it doesn’t originate directly in the mouth. The first recorded reference of tongue speak can be found in the New Testament of the Bible. Does that longevity make it a common law language? Were people french kissing in Biblical times? (see figure 1)

2.

Is the correct spelling ‘baptised’ or ‘baptized’? The former is preferred in British English and the latter in American English. What is actually of note here is that the act can happen in any body of water and without much preparation, according to some versions of Christianity. In 2014 Justin Bieber had an impromptu

and emotional baptism₃₆ in Tyson Chandler's luxury bathtub at 2:00 am by pastor-to-the-stars Carl Lenz. A witness said "Justin Bieber, on his knees...wet and sobbing against Pastor Carl's chest, so unable to cope with being himself that he has to be born anew." We feel you bro. According to Nobokov, sometimes 'the lost glove is happy'(see figure 2).

3.

Not counting her dip, Sadie can identify two moments when her life split in half, the before self and the after self almost exactly alike but entirely separate. The first moment was in July of 2001. Sadie was four years old and crouching over her baby sister's basket at the edge of the pool. The concrete beneath Sadie's feet was so hot that she had to rock back and forth so her sole and her toes weren't touching for too long. Their parents weren't in sight and Sadie knew that her sister's whole life and protection was in her hands. The second moment was an assault in 2019, when Sadie felt a man's hands on her body and she felt her whole self fly out of her body. (see figure 3)

4.

Sadie went on a tour of Reykjavik once, and they saw a large stone with some grass around it in a public park. The guide told Sadie's group that the stone was an elf stone, and that Icelandic people believe that if you climb on the stone the elves will take vengeance on you. Later, while walking the dog, Sadie asked her girlfriend Dilja about elves. Dilja looked a little embarrassed and said that she would never sit on an elf stone, and that she didn't believe in elves, but at the same time she didn't totally not believe in them.

5.

Notes About Places.

Þingvallavatn (anglicised to Thingvallavatn, 'the Lake of the Fields of Parliament') is a rift valley lake located roughly forty-minutes drive from Iceland's capital city, Reykjavík.

This is a lake in which people were baptised in the year 1000

Krosslaug hot pool is where ppl in the west are baptised

Everyone in Iceland in the year 1000 was baptised by one priest

He must've had pruney fingers

Population of 70,000

We should use Krosslaug hot pool. (see figures 4-5)

Are we naked or wrapped in white cloth? (see figure 6) Also tie dye bodysuits? Are we golden?

Can we bring in water?

Water as something - all water is sacred

Cyanotype cloth that we lay on after baptism (see figure 7)

Related to liturgical textiles & photography

1970's 2nd wave feminist performance art

If we don't rinse the chemicals, it will continually change in value after exposed to light and dark

We need an official light safe container for this to travel - bags used to develop film in?

Shroud of Turin as controversial point of believability - Jesus's burial cloth

Do you feel uncomfortable / unsatisfied right now?

Have you thought about joining or leaving a group?

Do you desire to be someone else or does not existing excite you?

If you answered yes or maybe to any of these questions, join us for a transmutational journey into a state of nothing or anything on (date and time).

What about 'anointing' with fish oil?

6.

When Sadie and Christalena drove to Krosslaug, the route took them through Þingvellir National Park but due to a blocked road from fallen rock, they had to take a detour that added 2.5 hours to the journey. It was during this time that they recalled their most impactful childhood encounters of myth. When Sadie was five years old, her teacher read her a book about Pompeii. The pictures in the book were very graphic. For years, Sadie believed that a volcano would burst out of a crack in the earth and kill her whole family. She was very careful when stepping on sidewalks, and sometimes she plugged anthills with sticks to make sure that lava wouldn't come out.

Sadie thought she had completely overcome this fear. She even went to a volcano and poked the cooling lava and didn't feel scared at all. But one day in May, while Sadie was cooking a chicken, the oven broke and kept heating further and further up, and the chicken skin blackened and Sadie froze and thought about the Pompeii bodies and left the oven on and ran to the bathroom where her girlfriend was showering and Sadie sat right next to the shower and waited to be burned up.

7.

CHRISTALENA NOTES / IDEAS

What do I care about? (see figure 8)

Truth Guide For A Beginner's Mind® series that 'considers the most common and unending pursuits -- to feel satisfied, fulfilled,

complete'_{6.22}

Expand this existing programing

Start initiating people into / out of the project through baptism

Anyone, anywhere can join

Can the energetic biosphere move without the

body?
Inspo by the drug-free visual trips into the cosmos
by way of Steve Nobel³⁸ transmissions
Metatron's grid (see figure 10)
Gary Paxton WTF
Can we return to The Mother?
Lacan's Mirror Theory
Will we channel mother goddesses? (are there any
in Iceland?)
Our bodies and the landscape give and take energy
equally if both are willing

8.

Upon further investigation of the glory date on which the first Golden Dip ritual took place (April 13, 2021), it was discovered to have serendipitously occurred exactly one week before an important day for contemporary pagans in Icelandic. In 1972 the Ásatrúarfélagið an official pagan folk religion currently with 4,000 members, was founded on the First Day of Summer National Holiday, allowing them to conduct binding ceremonies and collect church tax.³⁹ This holiday falls on the first Thursday after the 18th of April each year and in 1972 that day fell on April 20. Independently of one another, Sadie and Christalena have each found bags of marijuana laying on the ground of Reykjavik grocery store parking lots. (see figure 9) "A couple that blazes together, stays together."

9.

Christalena has been conducting self-directed baptisms (see figure 11) wherever she lives and due to the lack of structure / institutional validity, wonders what constitutes an official version of the act. It turns out that baptisms aren't just for humans⁴⁰ 'At the British Science Festival in 2010, Guy Consolmagno, one of Pope Benedict XVI's astronomers, announced that he

would baptize an alien if asked. How exactly alien life would ask to be baptized is uncertain, but Consolmagno then revealed his official statement: “Any entity—no matter how many tentacles it has—has a soul.” In 2014, during a speech about acceptance, Pope Francis further clarified the Vatican’s view of the relationship between Martians and baptism. The Pope related an anecdote from the Bible about the first pagans converting to Christianity (it seems to us that Christians are most proud of converting pagans). Then he explained that one of the obstacles faced by Christians is to accept the Holy Spirit even if it is unthinkable and unimaginable. In agreement with Consolmagno’s perspective, Pope Francis stated that he would also baptize Martians.’ The closest Christalena has been to maritans happens to coincide with one of her self-directed baptisms in the town of Eger, Hungary which is known to be an energetic vortex. When she got drunk in a natural spring turned cave bathhouse with friends, a baptism by Kay Hannah⁴¹ (see figure 12) seemed like a logical way for the two of them to access the powers of this energetically charged and unexplainable site. They later found out that Kay became pregnant the night before and now has a small alien of her own.

10.

Sadie’s sister is her proxy. She and her sister do not look that much alike. Sadie has a shaved head. Eliza has hair halfway down her back. Sadie has big dark eyebrows. Eliza’s are thin and light brown. But they both have brown hair and green eyes and are the same height and have voices enough alike. They pretend to be each other on the phone if the other person is busy or stressed, and Eliza has one of Sadie’s ID’s in case either of them needs an extra Sadie. Sadie imagines the two of them as two containers with a straw in between, with identity flowing between them like water (see figure 13).

11

During the inaugural public Golden Dip performed at the Samband Islenskra Myndlistarmanna Hafnarstraeti Gallery in Reykjavik on April 23, 2021, Sadie and Christalena asked participants to hold a small amount of Lysi fish oil in their hands during a lengthy explanation of its health benefits (see figures 14-16). This unfortunate decision resulted in an unexpected amount of the potently smelling oil to drip onto the wood floor of the gallery. Wood is very porous. After a lot of cleaning with expensive products, it was clear that the fish scent was impossible to remove from the space so the gallery decided to rereal the floors. This locked the performance oil traces into the space for an indeterminate amount of time, resulting in the artist's work accidentally joining the gallery's permanent collection.

12

Wearing white is a common practice in baptisms but have you ever wondered why?⁴² The white garment symbolizes the white garments that Jesus wore when he was placed in the tomb after his death on Good Friday. When the women and disciples returned on Easter day, they found the tomb empty except for the white robes. So it represents the promise of the Resurrection, made at Baptism. The promise is that the baptized body will one day die, like Christ's did, but it'll be raised from the dead someday by Christ. White also symbolizes purity of faith and cleansing.' It's often thought that Western brides have always worn white to feel pure but prior to Queen Victoria's 1840 marriage to Prince Albert, many different colors were worn with the idea in mind that the dress could be worn again. In these same 19th century western communities, society ladies were engaged in an invisible battle with the nouveau riche. The "you can't wear white after Labor Day,"⁴³ rule was created to separate the old money elitists from the new money

group so feel free to wear white whenever you feel like it.

13

That said, it is interesting to imagine how a dip could transform if the water was beyond freezing (see figure 17).

14

SADIE NOTES / IDEAS

What am I interested in?

Tie between the unworldly and the ultra worldly

The coffee table and the sad backroom combined with the intensely spiritual baptism act

The way fantasy shapes physical/human traces and interactions

Linda's power trip over me

The Jesus pics everywhere in dinky little frames

The way that the religion twists its own rules around to conform to ppl's desires

Sex and power

What happens to people water? (see figure 18)

Adult Baptism seems very sexual to me. Is that just me?

Salvation, joy, being immersed in water, queerness, birth, life (see figure 19).

Is adult baptism queer? Everything is queer, but what can be argued

Can the show have the same shock/discomfort that entering Linda's space gave me?

That was about the combination of religious power and domestic

Something about baptism seems a little sad and wonderful to me

What do I want?

I want to be connected to other people (see figure 20)

I want to be happy
I want to be different
I want magic

15

Records of Experience from Seekers

Sadie Cook, Second Seeker

For years, I wanted to not be human. I would wake up (see figure 21), and feel the sticky sleep sweat coating my skin and the weight of my arms and legs and I would feel so intensely sad and disgusted and overwhelmed. I felt so vulnerable as a human being. The exhaustion of small talk, the need to cut my hair every week, the awkward humiliation of having to force food into myself twice a day every day. I was unhappy.

Once the first seeker and I began to concoct this ritual, it was like a door opened in front of me. At first, I was frightened. What if being nonhuman was worse than being human? What if it didn't work? Was it better to step through the door and see what was on the other side, or just stand with my toes in the doorway, that potential exit always available?

But in those weeks between finding the seekers and my baptism, something was already shifting. When I woke up, and I felt disgusted in my body, I calmed myself by imagining I was something else--a tree, a small shiny piece of glass, the icy footprints in a tunnel, the water in a shower (see figure 22). Once I had that door open in front of me, my desire grew and grew. It became an irresistible force. On April 13th, I drove through the countryside of Iceland, past blue lakes and huge black mountains, and strange grey factories to a

small pool on a hill. I completed the ritual (see figures 23-24). I became water.

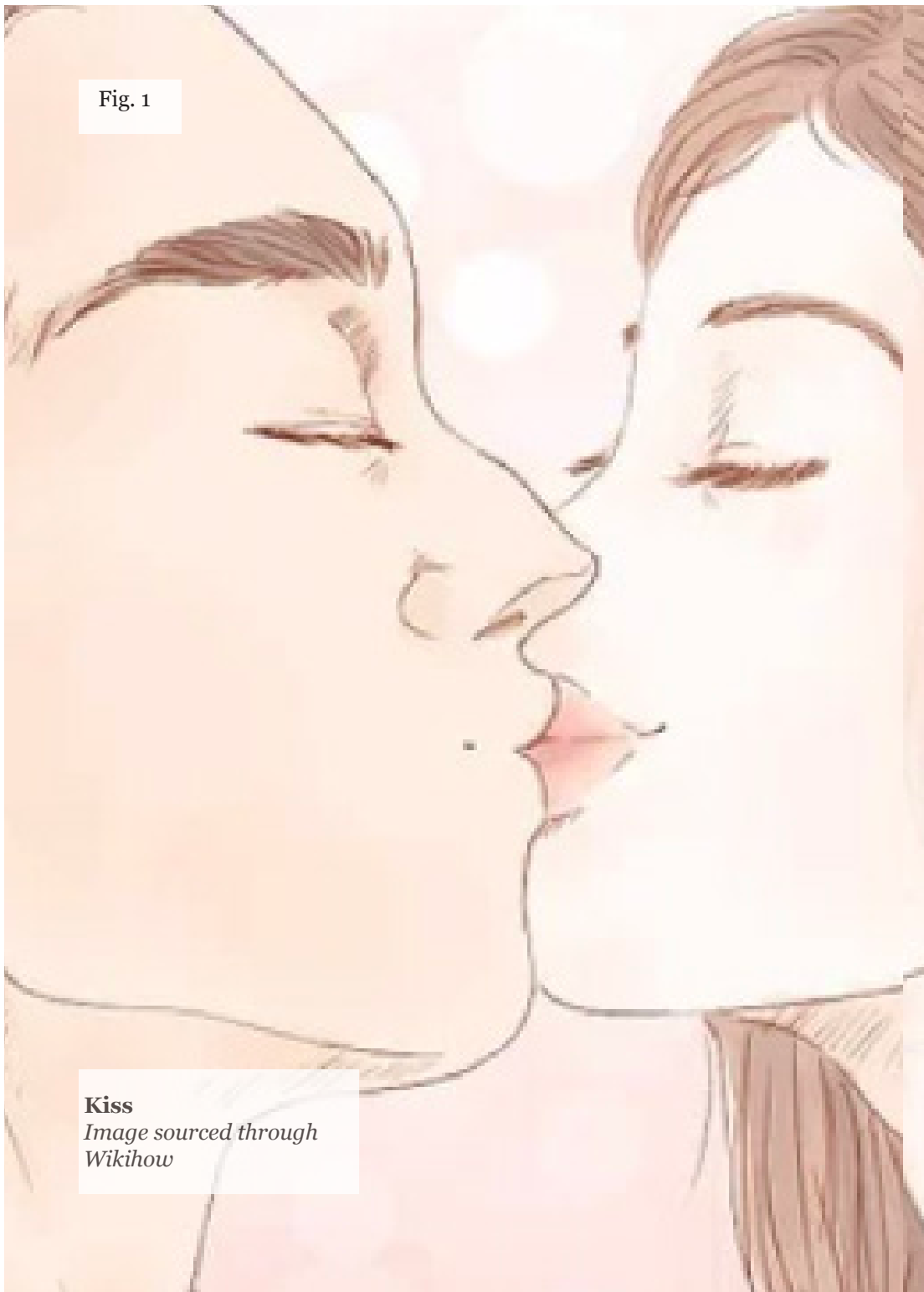
I am not human anymore. I am water. I am the sulphurous hot springs and the rain and the metal tasting tap water and bubble baths and oceans. I still feel very human a lot of the time. Even most of the time, it comforts me to know that I am not a person anymore. I am closer to being at peace.

Eliza Fields, Third Seeker

I spent the majority of my adolescence cultivating my projected self through the lens of others. Every new encounter felt like an evaluation. Do they think I'm pretty? Cool? Funny? Are they hitting on me? I'd become simultaneously too in my head and too present in my body. Making eye contact was daunting and being present was impossible. I still look through my own social media and consider what people might think of me. Until I was introduced to the Golden Dip, I never would have believed absolution was so attainable. Through the ritual, which I participated in on April 23, 2021 virtually from Los Angeles California, I began to confront my truth and experience the relief that I have been searching for. My baptism was the first step in untethering myself from my fears of perception. I free myself from interpretation. Finally, I am myself.

End Endnotes

Fig. 1



Kiss

*Image sourced through
Wikihow*



Fig. 2



Fig. 3





Fig. 4



**Approximate location of
Krosslaug Hotpot**

Images sourced from google maps

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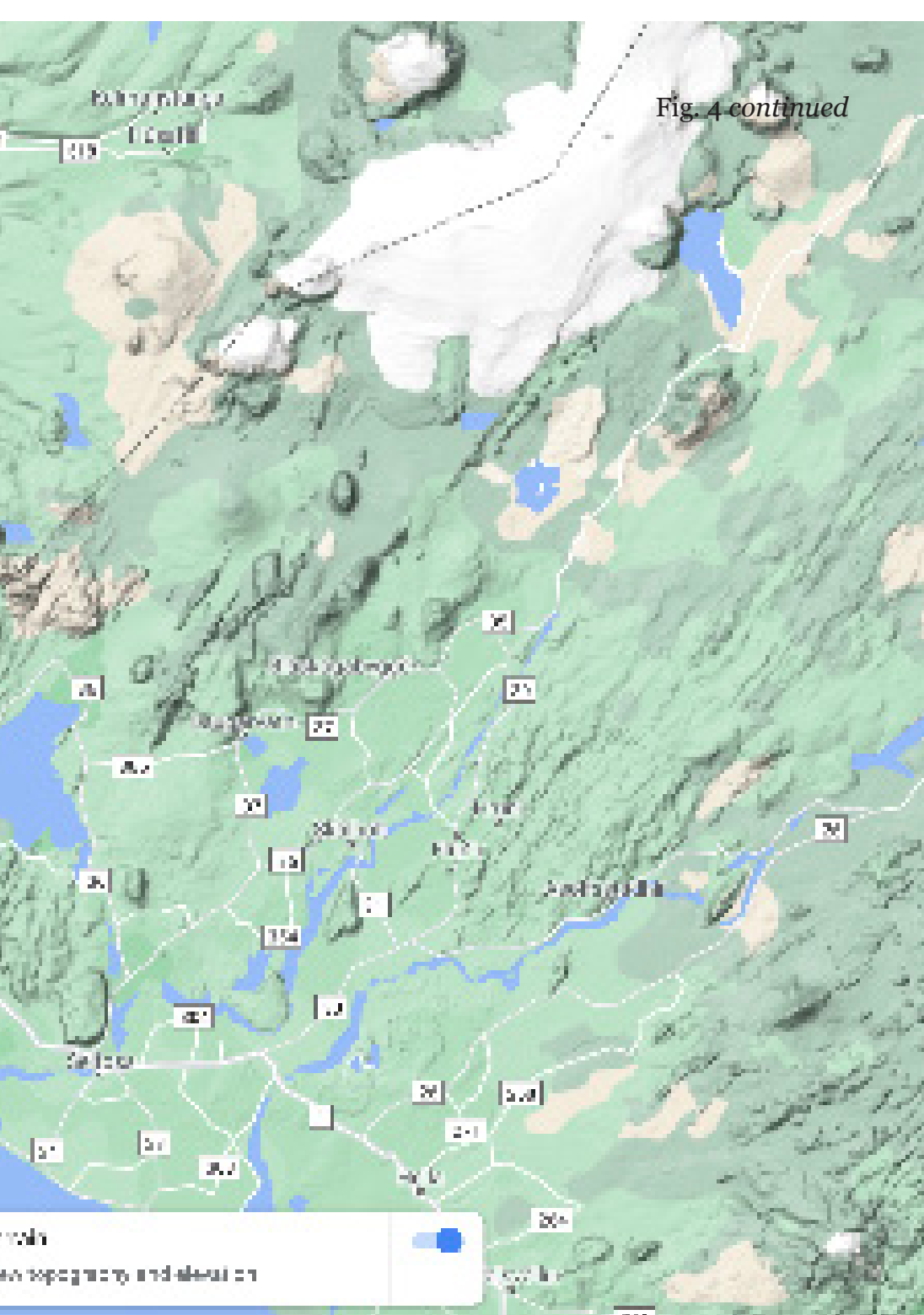


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Fig. 5

Krosslaug Hotpot

Location of the Golden Dip

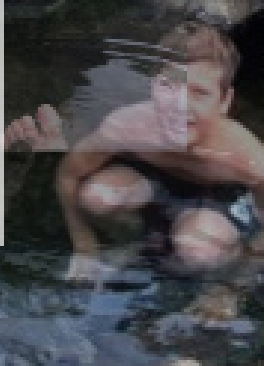



KREUZSTUFE
Der hier stehende Gedenkstein
erinnert an die Opfer, die am
1. März 1945 hier starben.
Der Sohn des Verstorbenen
...
1985

Fig. 5 continued

Krosslaug Hot Pot

Images were pulled from instagram and google reviews depicting the individuals who's skin particles may have remained in the water and rocks at the time of the Golden Dip April 14, 2021



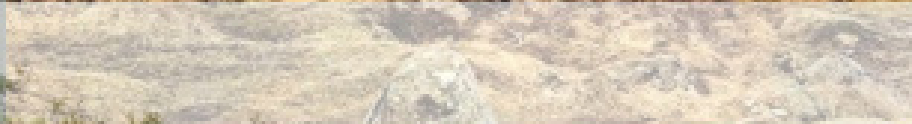


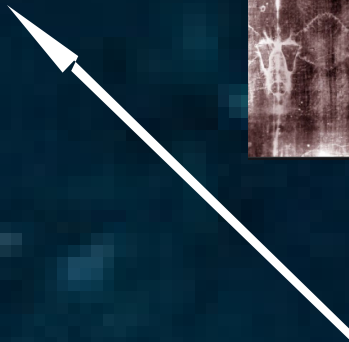
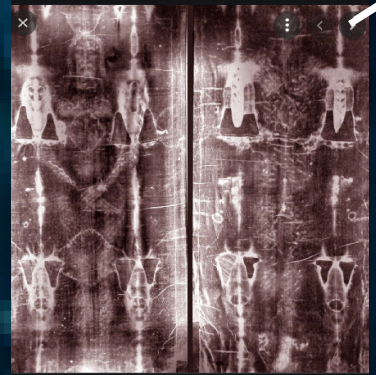
Fig. 6

Underwear

*Final wardrobe choice for Golden Dip
in Krosslaug hotpot*



Fig. 7



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Fig. 7 *continued*

Cyanotypes

Image of impressions of the wet bodies of Sadie and Christalena on light sensitive cloth.



Fig. 8



Fig. 9



Parking Lot of Church

Image of q partially constructed parking lot taken during a dog walk with Dilja



Fig. 10

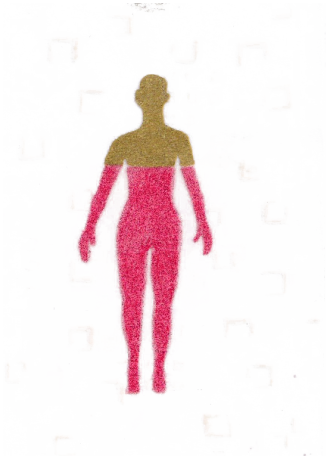


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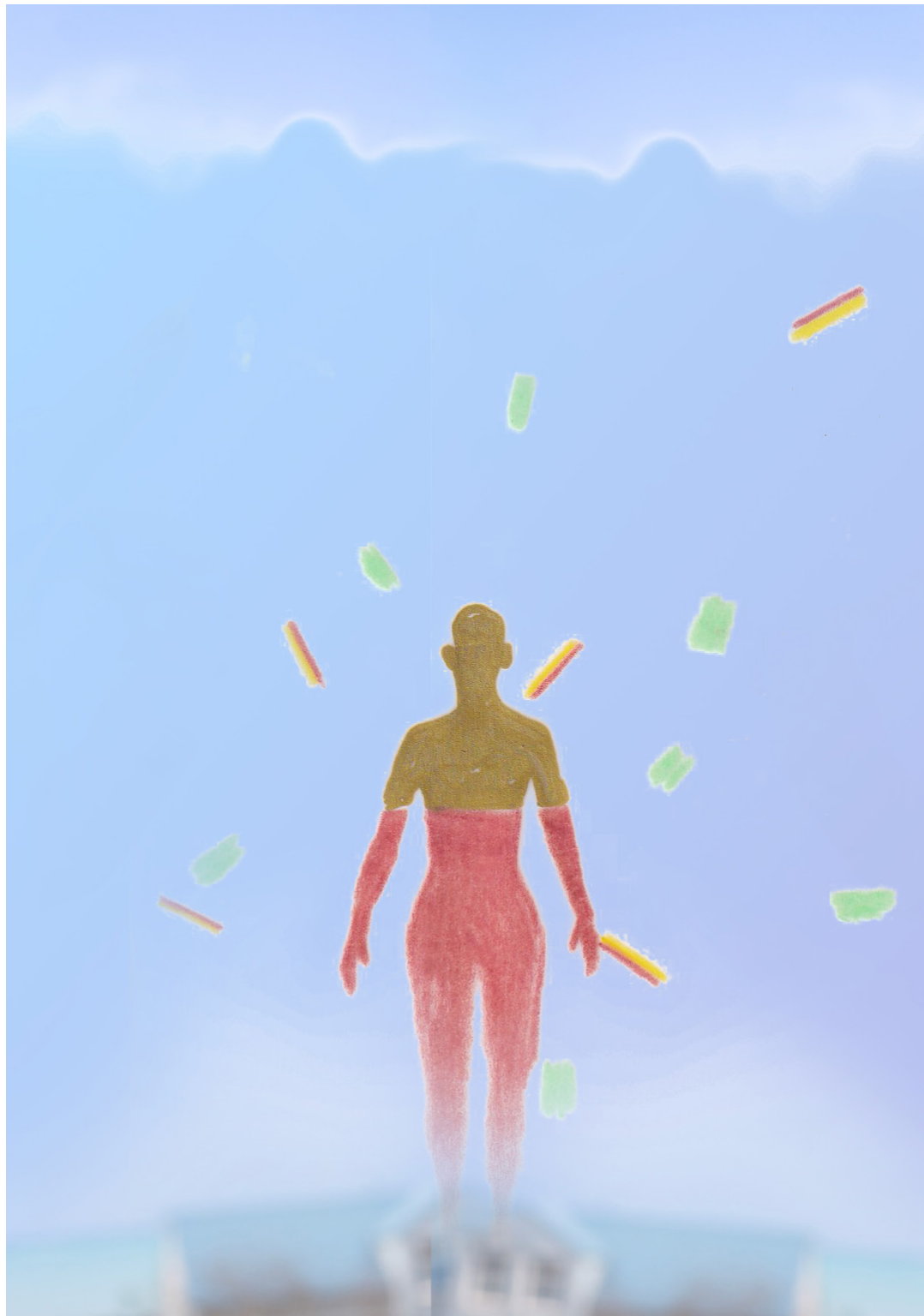


Fig. 11

Early Baptism

Images of Christalena being baptized by her friend Emir in a cave in Göreme, Turkey in 2019. These caves were built by volcanic eruption and inhabited by Christians fleeing persecution after the crucifixion of Jesus. This site was also featured in the original Star Wars movies.

Fig. 11 *continued*



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Fig. 12

Early Baptism

Image of Christalena baptized by her friend in an energetic vortex in Eger, Hungary.

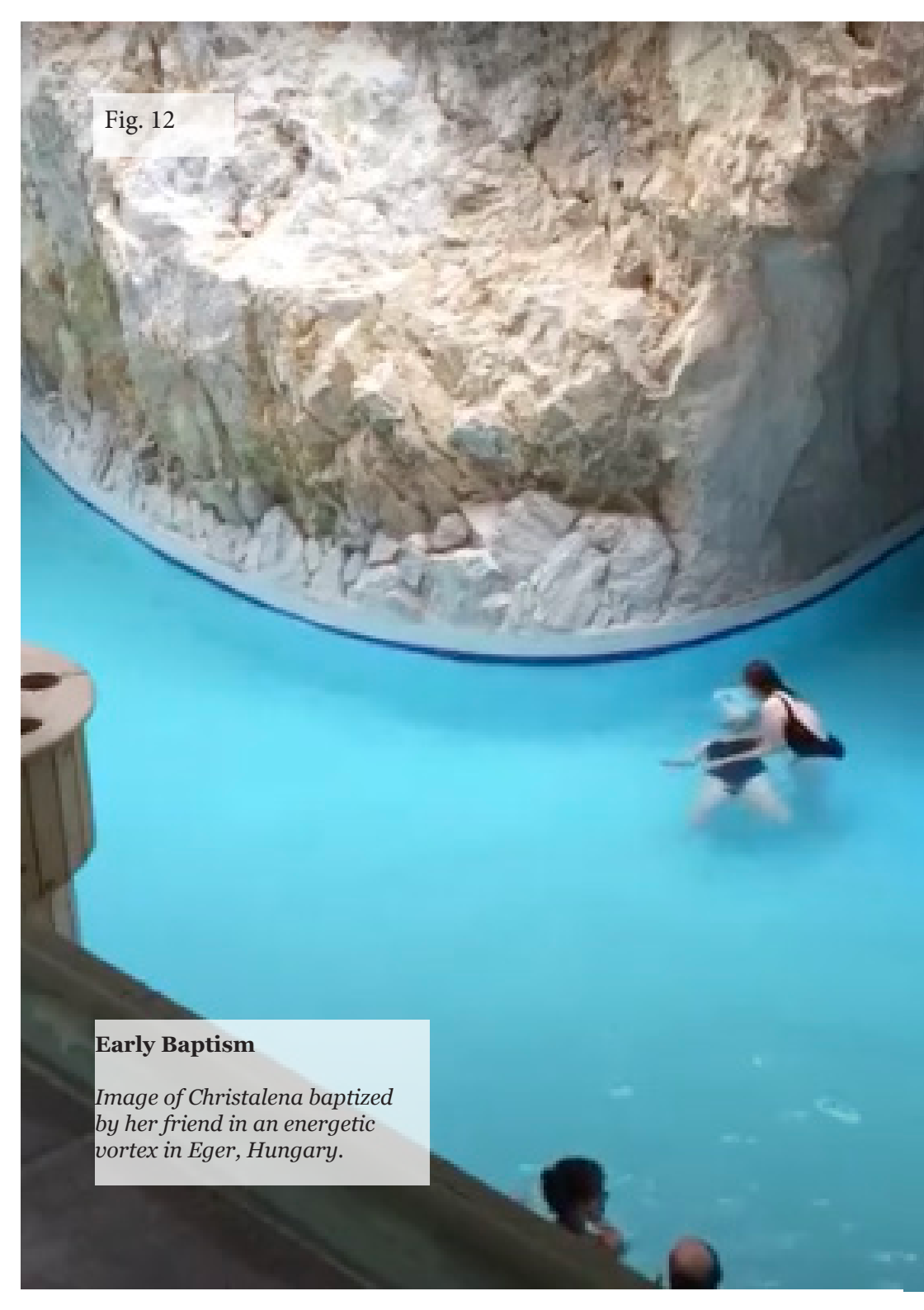
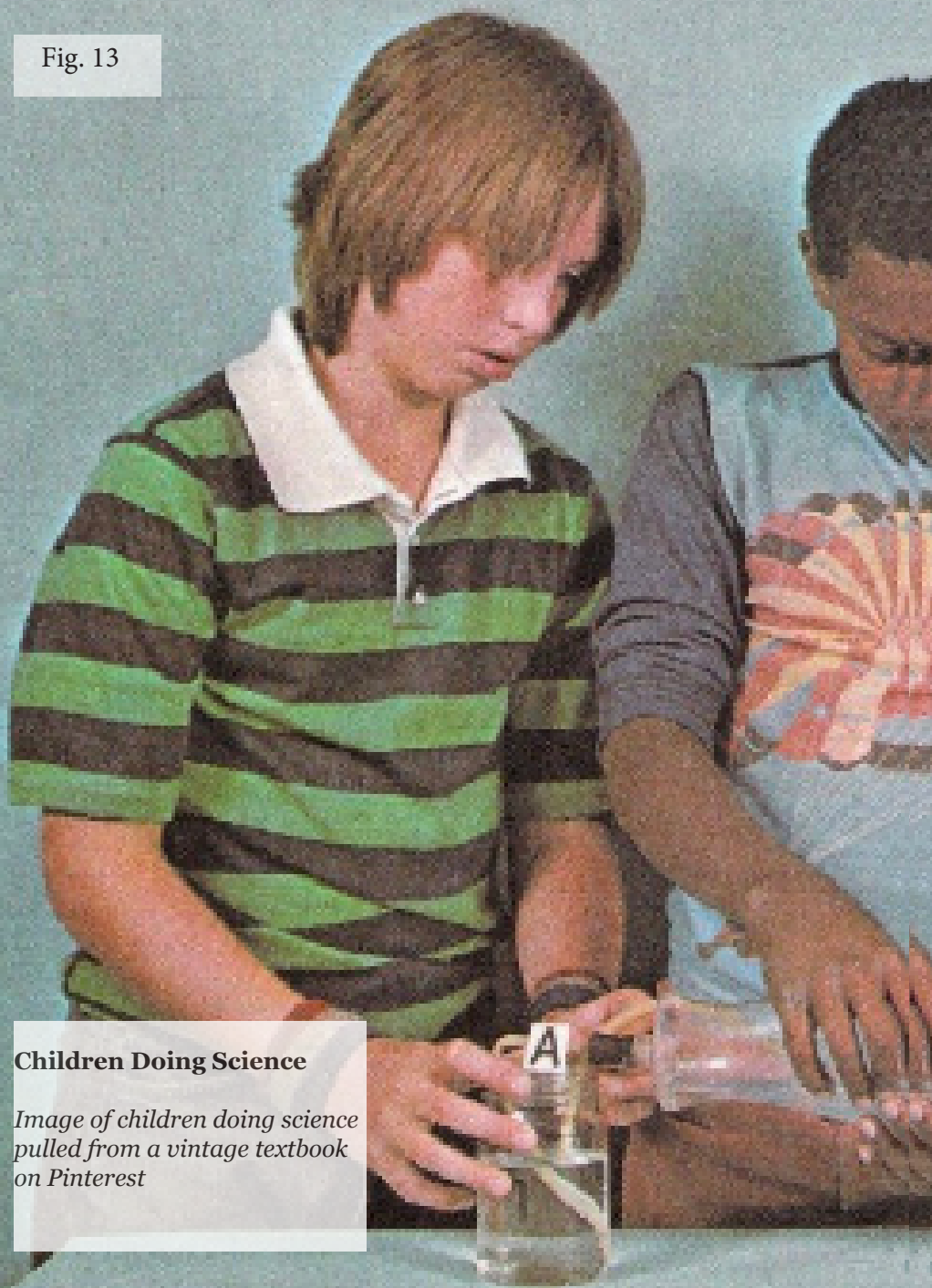




Fig. 13



Children Doing Science

*Image of children doing science
pulled from a vintage textbook
on Pinterest*



Fig. 14



Transformational Oil

image of transformational oil



Fig. 15

Transformational Oil

*image of transformational
oil transformed*



Lysi

PORSKALYSI
SCANDINAVIAN COD LIVER OIL



240
220

100% PURE FISH OIL

Fig. 16

Seeker 41

Image of Seeker 41, 3 months
and 4 days post dip





Fig. 17





Fig. 18

Oil Sweat

*Image of fake Sweat on wax
man created in Reykjavik 1991*

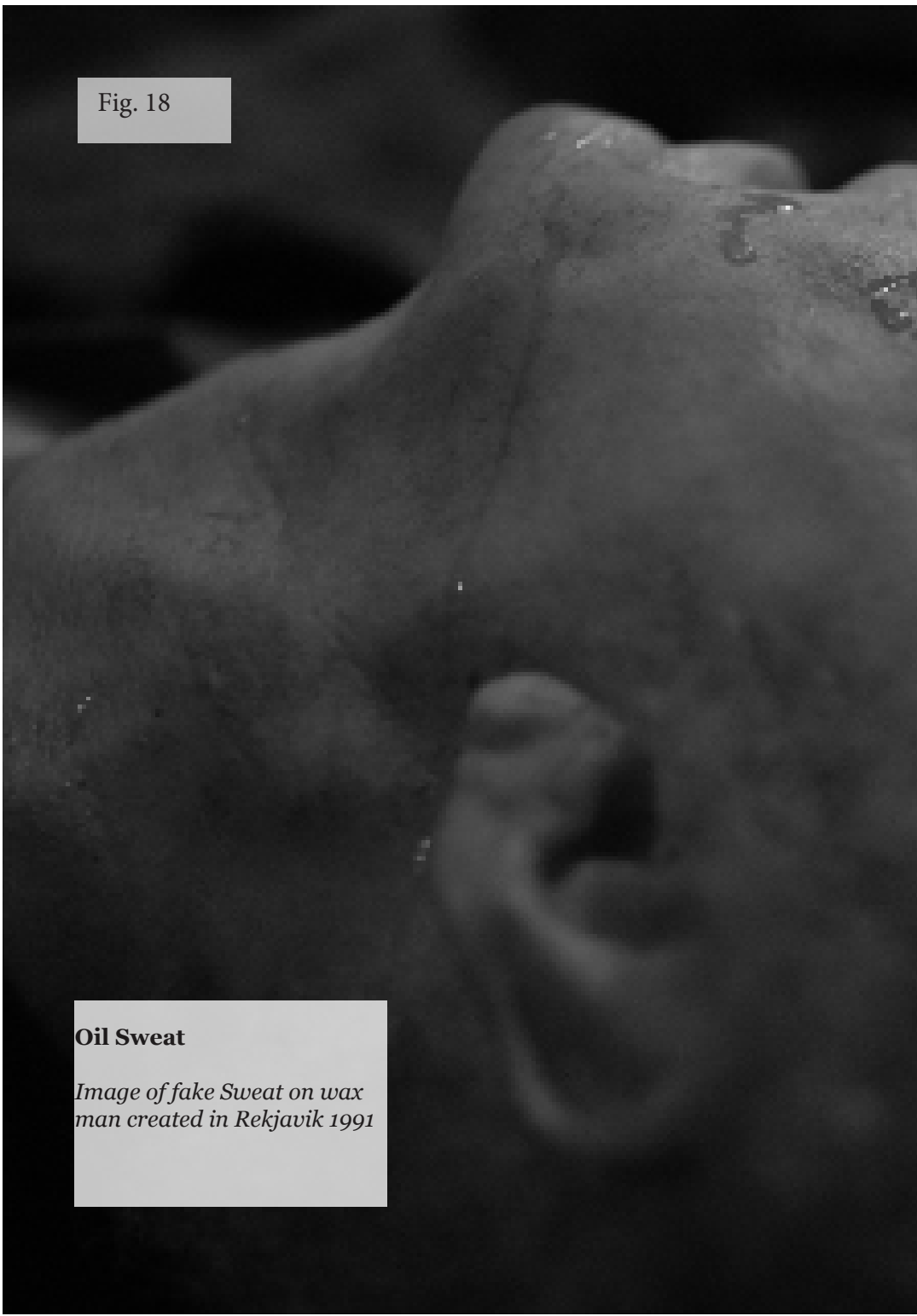




Fig. 19

Oyster Life Cycle

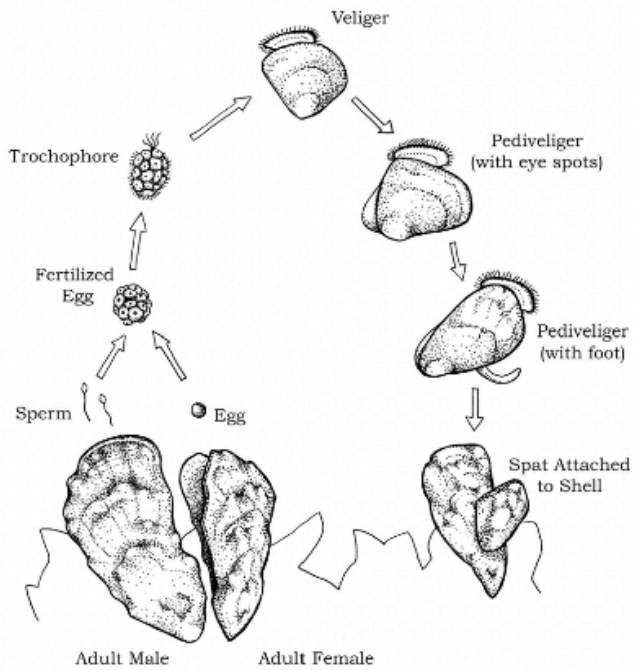


Fig. 20

Dilja

*Image of Sadie's girlfriend,
taken during an impromptu
photoshoot in her mother's
bathroom.*



Fig. 21

Bed

*Image of the first bed Sadie
slept in in Iceland*



Fig. 22



Fig. 23

Initial Golden Dip

Image of the initial golden dip
at Krossluag Hotpot

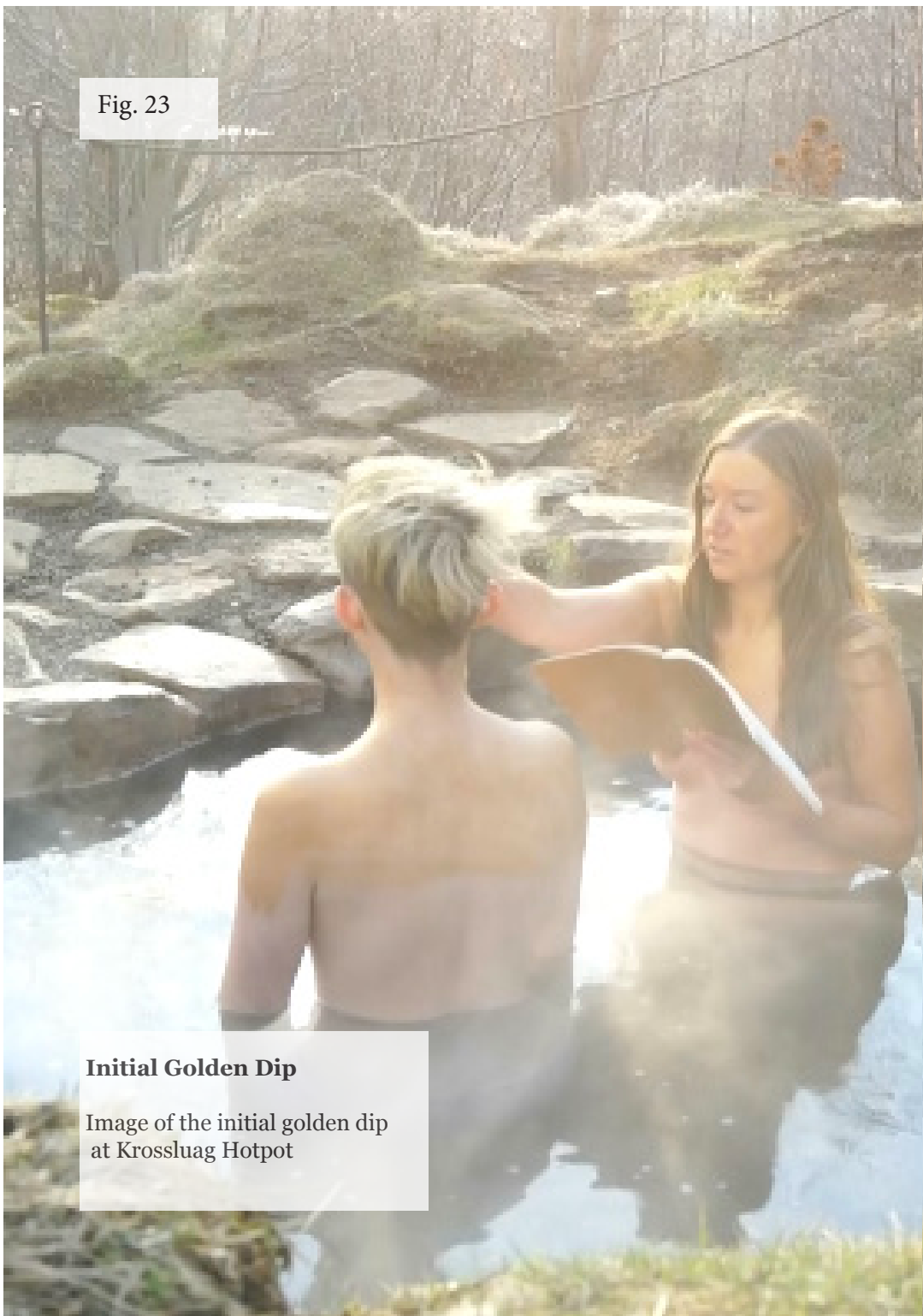




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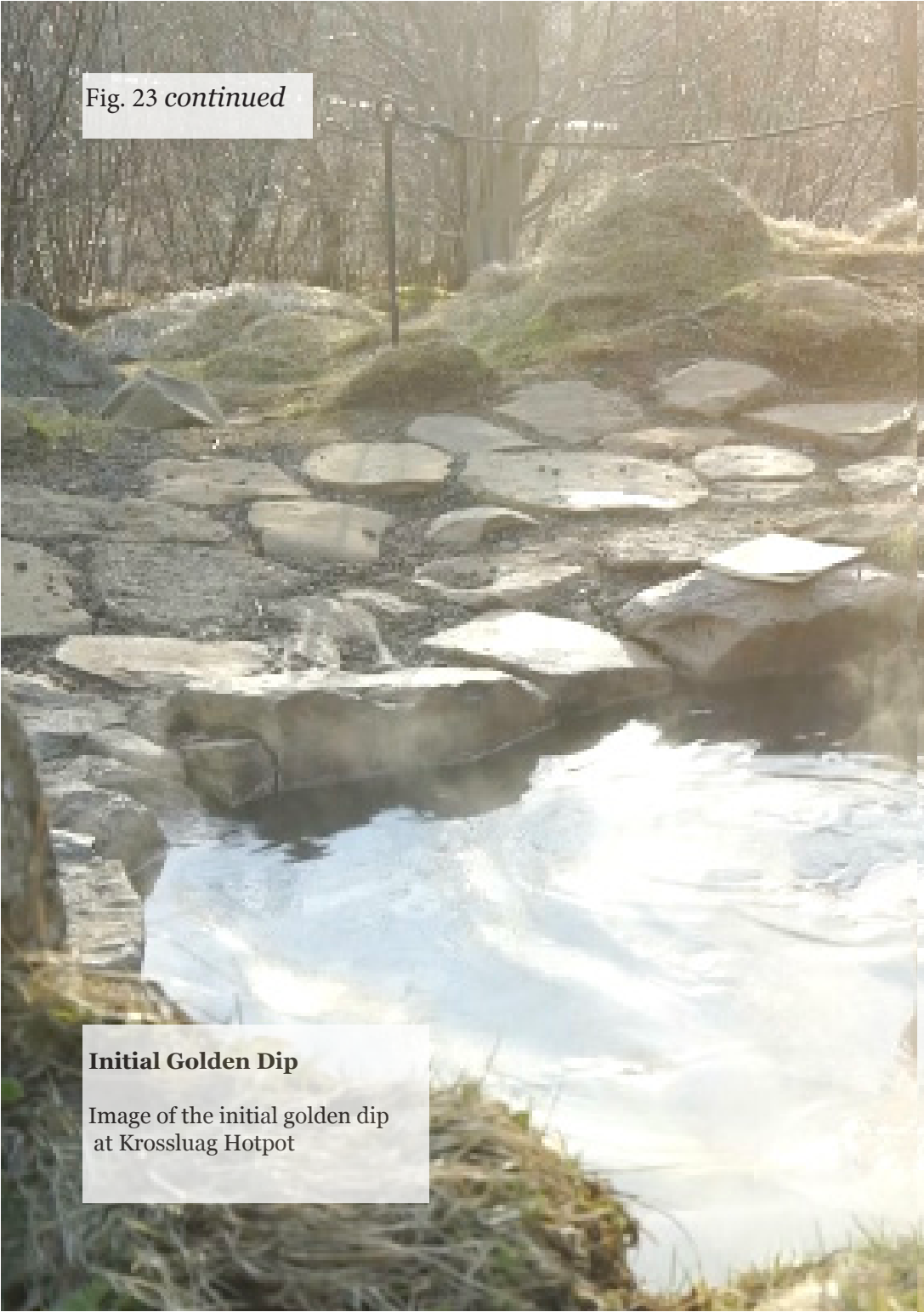
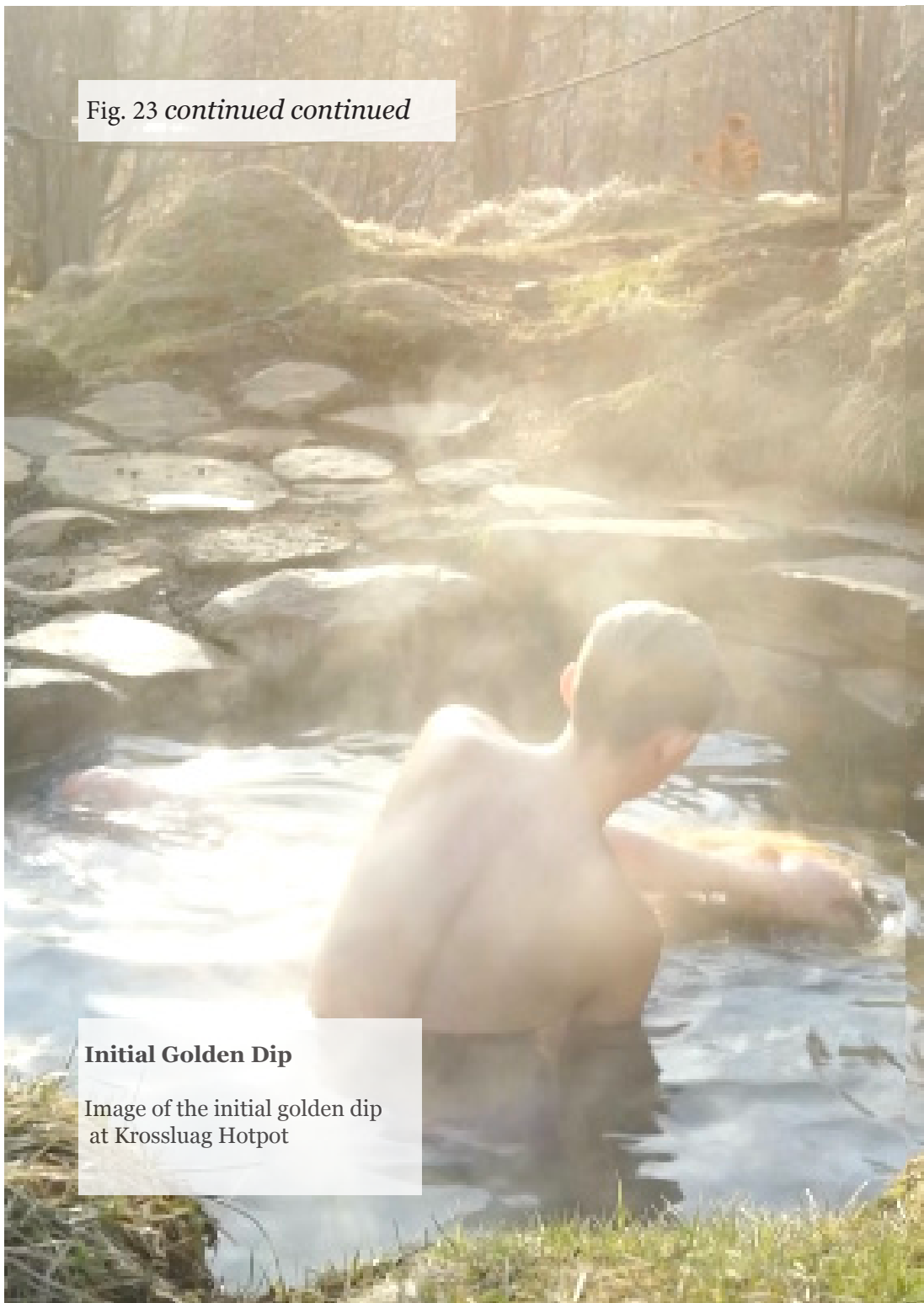




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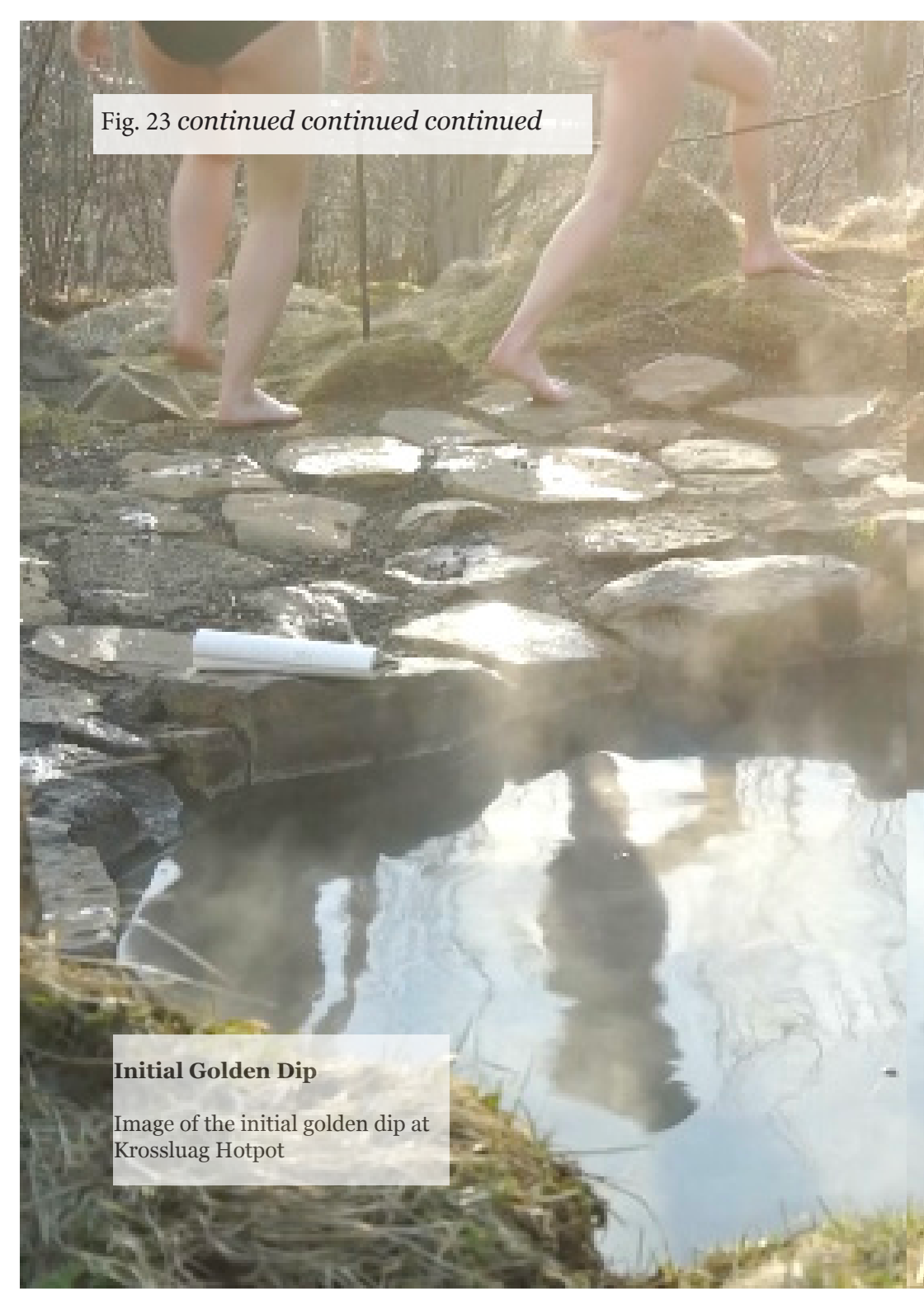


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Initial Golden Dip

Image of the initial golden dip at
Krossluag Hotpot



Figure 24

Preparation

Seekers Christalena and Sadie
prepare for their first dip





Trace of Follow Me oil and the skin oil of

Participant in the transformation ritual

conducted on _____

The Authors



Christalena



Sadie

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