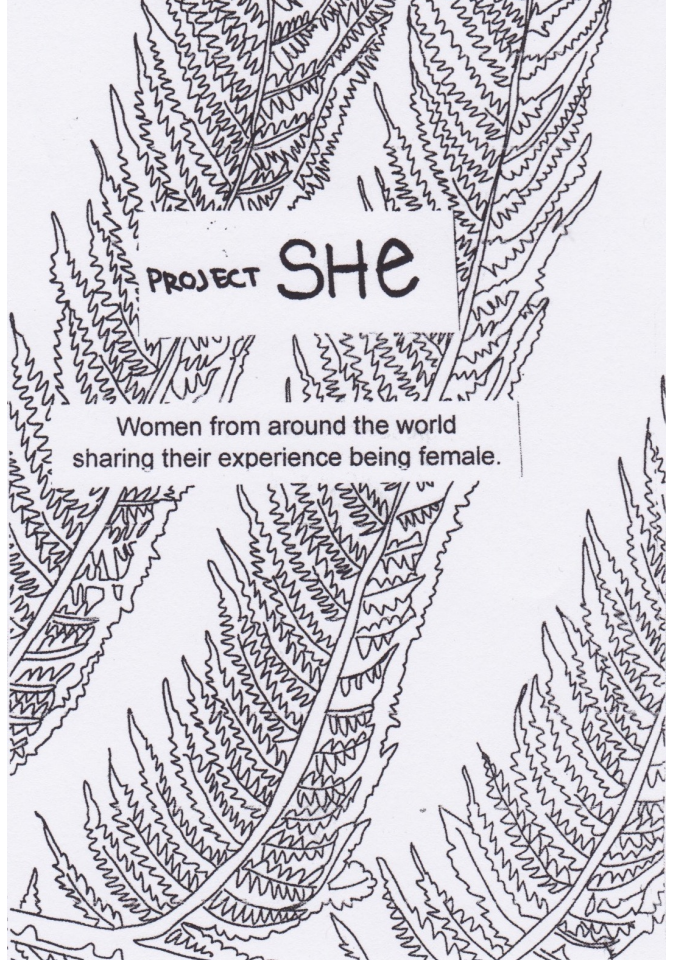


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PROJECT SHE

Women from around the world
sharing their experience being female.

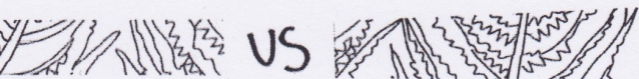
ME

Approaching these women for interviews was intimidating. At first glance, they were complete strangers. Then we talked

The things they loved about being a woman and the things they hated about being a woman are things that I too, have felt and feared.



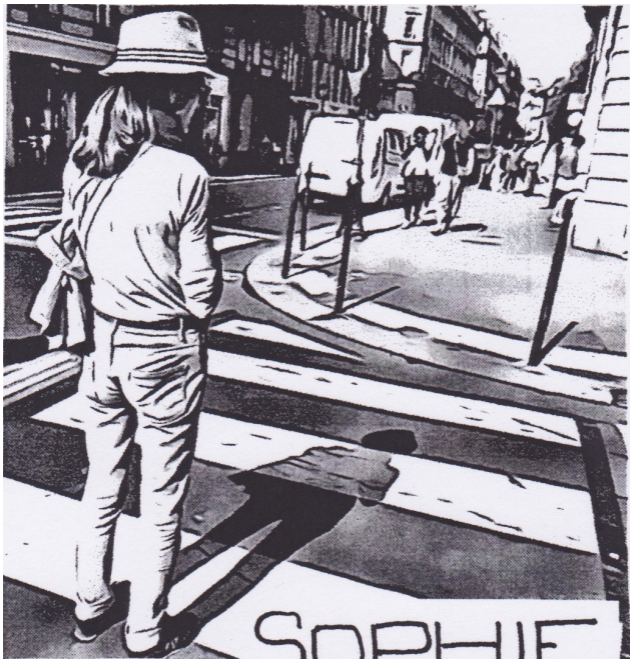
These women allowed me—a complete stranger—to approach them, interview them and photograph them. They permitted themselves to be vulnerable with me in what was often their second (or third, or fourth) language.



Women are starting to come alive; speaking up against blatant gender inequality in work, relationships, family, sex and society.

Our mantra is NO MORE, as we learn to stand up for ourselves and for the women who have not yet found the courage to speak up for themselves.





SOPHIE

FRANCE

As a woman you choose for everyone. If you stop to choose for your family—for example, your children or your husband—you lose. You lose yourself.

I struggle because my parents are very traditional Chinese parents. What they expect from you is to get married and have a stable family to have a stable income. That's the perfect life for the daughters. But for me, this is not my ideal life. For me I want to do more, I want to achieve and to prove that I can do something.

This is a point that I'm struggling with and that most women in China are struggling with.



As a woman I like that you can surprise people
because they often underestimate you. You can often
do better than they expect.





SHANGHAI

NIJI

I think the most important thing for me is being free because I'm from China. This is why I live in Paris. I want the artistic freedom because I'm a photographer and I really like art.



Talking about feelings ... people usually say it's a feminine thing. I don't know if it's a feminine thing or not, but I think I like it.

As a woman it's hard to be free. About our life and our job, to be free in professional life. I think this is the most difficult.



Sonia
FRANCE



It's not easy being a woman. We have a lot of trouble
and a lot of storms on the way, but we keep trying.
Again and again we fall down, and again and again.
We must have the strong mind to work to the point
we're going. Step by step, and not really high steps.
Step slowly and don't stop.

As women we can't do whatever we want. I think women have more pressure and it's quite difficult because we have to always be pretty and well dressed. We live two lives in one.



I think it's the lack of freedom. In Indonesia actually it's not as free for a woman as for a man, so women still cannot do anything that we want. In careers and in relationships. Everything.

Bella

INDONESIA





I'd like to get back to a community that's similar to the one I was raised in, because I feel like women work hard but it isn't appreciated. I want to show people, especially Hispanic kids, that you can grow up to be anything that you want.

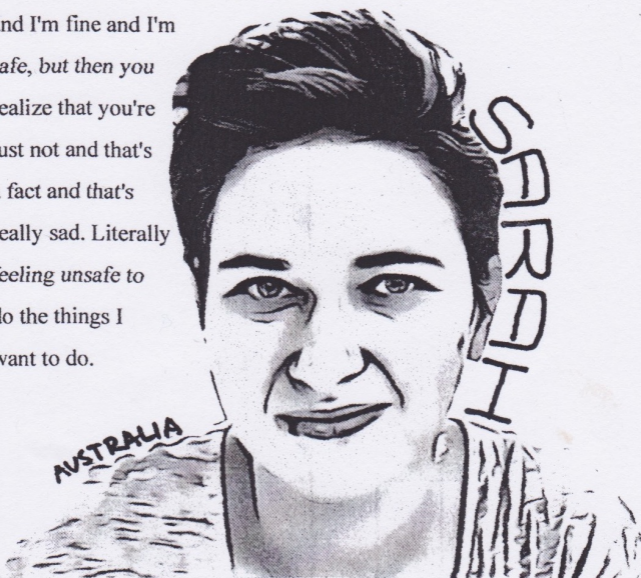


JENNIFER

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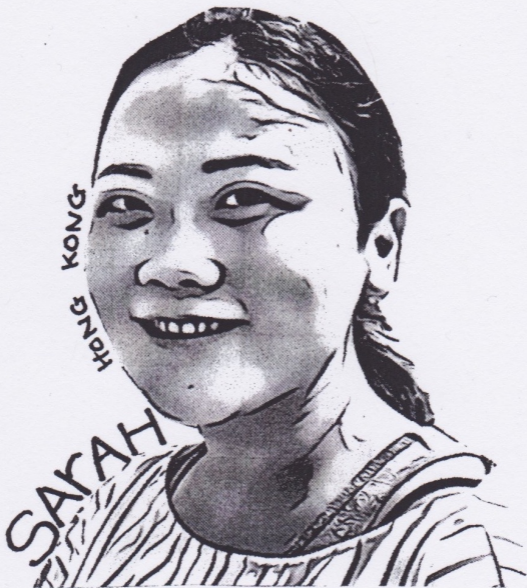
The most difficult thing about being a woman is being a single mother. All the financial support, all the things she needs ... everything. Especially the family support.

I've been traveling now for three months and there were times when you would just be like, "I'm a young, independent woman in Paris having the time of my life" and then a guy would grope you on the train or cat call you and it would send everything crashing down. It would be like "Oh wow, I'm at the mercy of my fear of men and patriarchy" and it's really quite disappointing. You think it's 2018 and I'm fine and I'm safe, but then you realize that you're just not and that's a fact and that's really sad. Literally feeling unsafe to do the things I want to do.



In winemaking it's a lot of men. Especially in France,
it's a very traditional field and you have to prove
yourself before you can be taken into account as an
equal to a man.





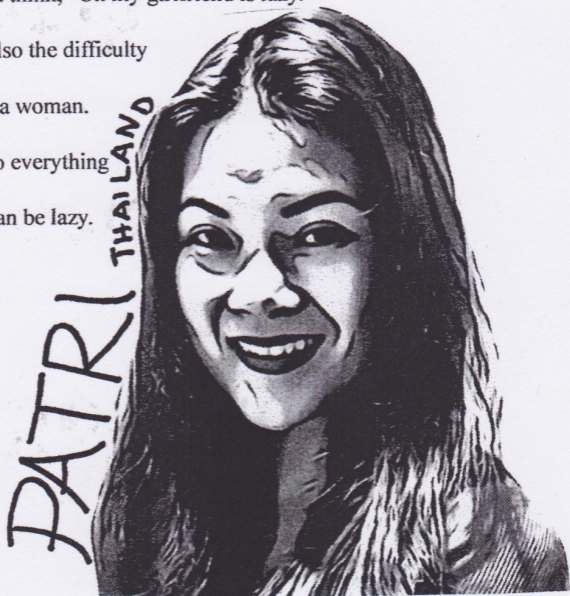
I think sometimes we are *actually physically and emotionally weaker*. So maybe when we face the same difficulties as men we are weaker and we have to mentally tell ourselves to be stronger.

I have a boyfriend, and when I wake up late I feel guilty that he might think that I'm lazy. So that's why I'm trying to wake up before him. I need to prepare at least a cup of coffee or toast.

What if I'm still in bed and he wakes up before me? One day he would think, "Oh my girlfriend is lazy."

This is also the difficulty of being a woman.

I must do everything and he can be lazy.





FRANCE

LARA

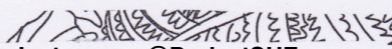
I think the society is more accepting of girls than before, before they didn't. I think this is good, this change, and I am happy to be a girl.



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