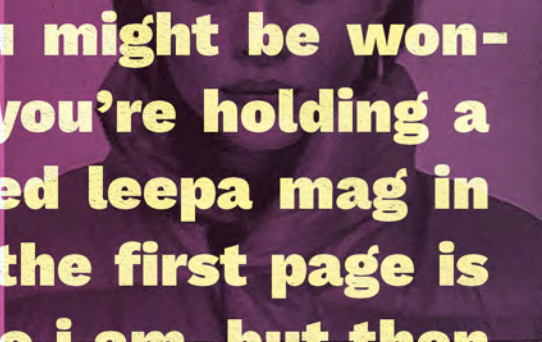


brain freeze issue



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hi, i'm leepa and you might be wondering why the hell you're holding a whole magazine called leepa mag in your hands and why the first page is literally all about who i am. but then again that is kind of the whole point ... for you to get to know me. i've spent almost my entire life in berlin so much of it that i would not be able to call any other place my home.

but my passion, love and drive for music has been in my blood and soul for way longer than i could tell you. not a single day in my life, that i can recall, did i not sing or think about music. when i was 10 i was a passionate hannah montana fan and realised i could, wanted and NEEDED to sing. like fulltime. like always and forever.

and although i tried my hardest to abandon this passion in fear it wouldn't work out or of what others might think of it, because i felt i wouldn't be taken seriously AND definitely wouldn't be good enough.

still: from then on my career choice was sealed. fast forward a couple of years & VERY bumpy roads: my talent and skills have continued to develop and i finally started putting my pain and thoughts into words,

melodies and on soundcloud which ultimately led to where i am today. i see my music as giving back to the culture for the way it carried me through all my hardships and painful phases. whenever i lost myself music guided me back.

i owe that mostly to xxxtentacion and the weeknd. now i'm here because my EP "brain freeze", a collection of feelings and weird situations and thoughts is out there now and i hope for it to be of guidance or comfort for you.

like what i found in music when i needed it.



BRAIN FREEZE

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BLOOD

blood is the first song i ever wrote from someone else's perspective. later on i realised that i could relate to it too and that all of us feel the same thing just for different reasons. you might think of your dad, i might think of my grandpa while listening—but it's the same feeling. it's one of those songs, that is supposed to give you the comforting feeling of not feeling alone and essentially is supposed to give you everything that, whoever you think of when you listen to this song, never gave you.

fun fact: i was on a 3 week writing trip to london and stockholm and on my last session i called my friend and whined about how i'd run out of topics when she gave me the idea of writing about a family member which "only seems to love you on your birthday". so i went in and wrote blood & when i sent it to her she cried

fun fact: the demo title was "daddy issues"

verse 1

i can not feel a thing—in your presence—i've become stupid numb—to your indiscretions—can't tell if i'm going crazy—dreading going home lately—you only seem to love me on my birthday,—yeah, you've messed me up in the worst way

chorus

i got problems—cuz you gave them to me—it's not normal—to never feel seen—don't know how to love you—when you never loved me—i got you in my blood—so i can't cut you off—i got issues—with being alone—and i need you—like a kid but i'm grown—don't know how to love you—when you never loved me—i got you in my blood—so i can't cut you off

verse 2

i don't remember—feeling cared for—everything between us—feels so forced—tell me am i going crazy?—the pain makes me so hazy—because of you i don't know how to be loved—because of you i don't know how to trust, yeah

middle 8

why am i not enough—why could i not call your bluff—why do i still try to be—everything that you could need—why am i not enough—why am i not enough

chorus

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outro

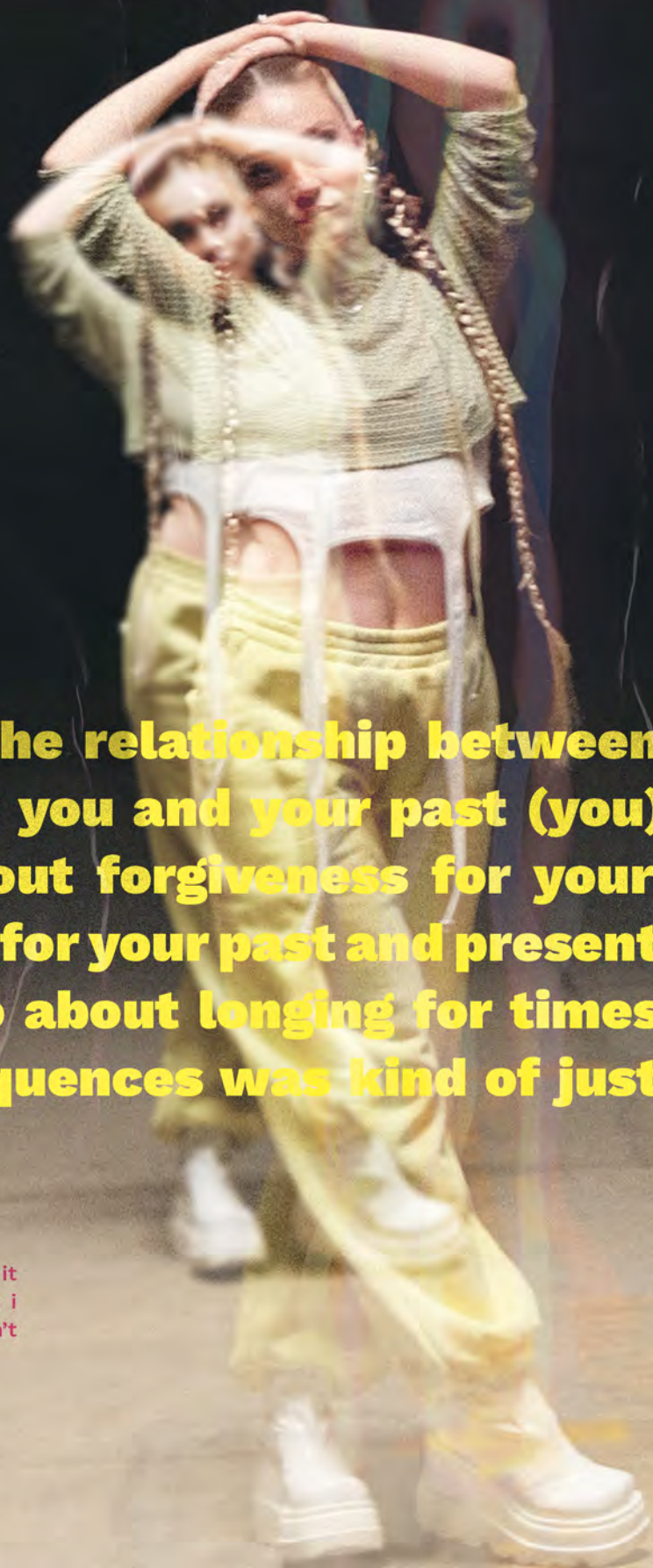
knowing it was all you—don't make it any less painful—I just hope one day i can heal



18

18 is about the relationship between your present you and your past (you) it's a lot about forgiveness for yourself and love for your past and present self. it's also about longing for times when consequences was kind of just a word.

fun fact: i wrote it when i was 22 but it didn't come out til 2022 so although i turned 23 since then, the line "22 don't seem to end" is still valid



verse 1

woke up wishing i was 18 again—
way before reality took the win—
woke up to the sound of my heart
screaming—took a second to
manage breathing in

chorus

how do i take the advice i've been
giving—how do i let go of what is
forgiven—22 don't seem to end—i
wanna be 18 again—i know it's
stupid to think that im useless—
shouldn't compare how good im
doing—i promise id be my own
best friend—if i could be 18 again

post-chorus

i wanna be eieieieighteen—when
life was a daydream—i wanna be
eieieieighteen—when life was a
daydream

verse 2

Broke up with 18 of my best friends
i'm still paying back for all their
sins—broken bones they cant
hurt me now—take a second hear
me out

chorus

how do i take the advice i've been
giving—how do i let go of what is
forgiven—22 don't seem to end—i
wanna be 18 again—i know it's
stupid to think that im useless—
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bridge

it's getting harder to keep my light
beaming—and the mirror on my
wall is bleeding

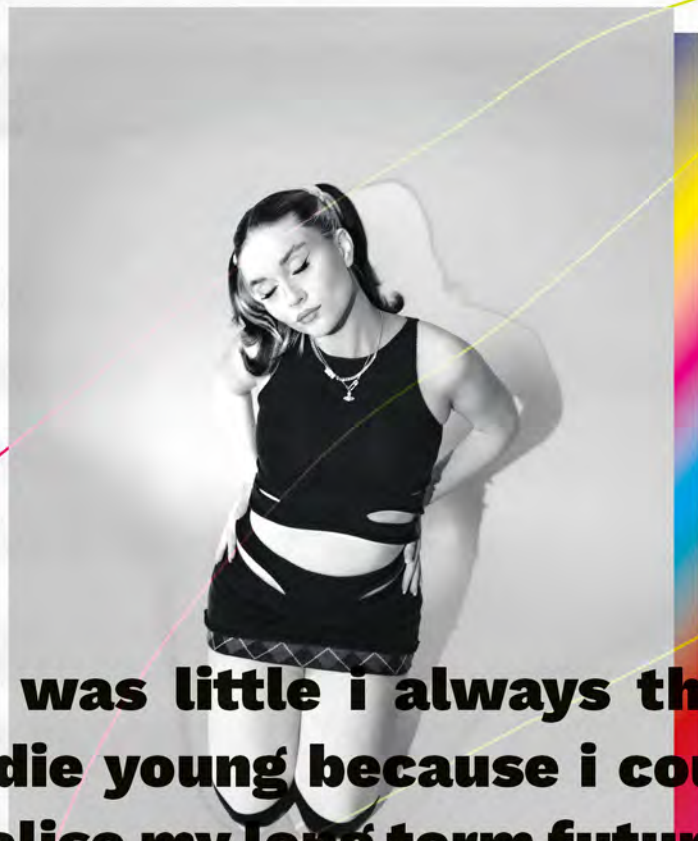
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07

WTF FUTURE



when i was little i always thought i would die young because i could never visualise my long term future. i still struggle with this today, i'm just not as scared anymore. the current state of the world doesn't really help but it's definitely helped me to live in the present and day by day as i didn't really have a choice.

verse 1

i could write a billion words—
about how i feel—but i feel like
it would make it worse—and for
some reason i never heal—i'm
gonna have to take this pain into
the hearse

pre-chorus

they say do this and do that—and
you should feel much better—but
i won't—cuz there's things in my
head—that i don't understand—
and can't control

chorus

but where is my future—has any-
body seen her—ain't the picture
supposed to get clearer—i can
barely see my face in the mirror—
where is my future—why can i not
see her—ain't the picture sup-
posed to get bigger—tell me why
do i feel so damn little

verse 2

i'm not who i was a couple years
ago—and i really hope i finally
learned—that just cuz something
looks beautiful—it doesn't mean
that it's not gonna burn

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pre-chorus

swear i did this and did that—and i
do feel much better—but i know—
that there's things in my head—
that i don't understand—and can't
control

chorus

but where is my future—has any-
body seen her—ain't the picture
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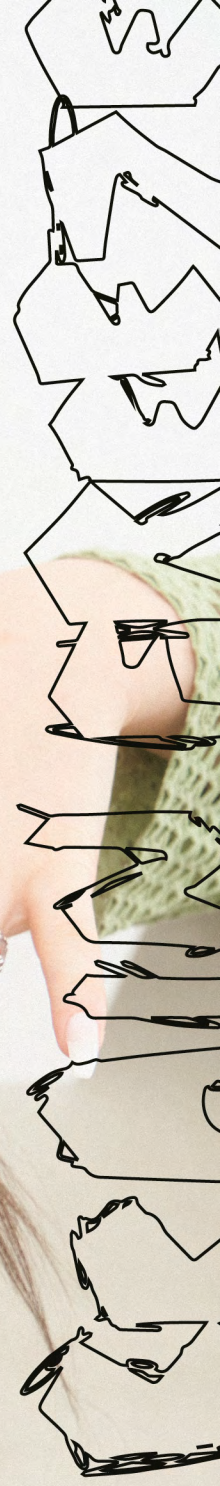
post chorus

where's my future has anybody
seen her—am i gonna die young?—
where's my future has anybody
seen her—am i gonna die young?—
where's my future has anybody
seen her—am i gonna die young?—
where's my future has anybody
seen her—am i gonna die young?

outro

where's my future—why can i not
see her?—ain't the picture—sup-
posed to get bigger?—tell me why
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LEEPA'S TOP FIVES

- top 5 songs**
1. depression & obsession —xxxtentacion
 2. chosen 1—polo g
 3. ball w/o you—21 savage
 4. snowchild—the weeknd
 5. taking a walk—trippie redd



you can find ALL my favs in my playlist

1. what's leepa's cats name?
2. leepa's all time fav artist?
3. what's another nickname of leepa's?
4. what was leepa's first ever song called?
5. what was the title of leepa's first EP?
6. where does leepa live?
7. leepa's best friends name is?
8. leepa's dream collab?
9. fav food?
10. fav drink?
11. fav movie?
12. is leepa funny?

CROSSWORD

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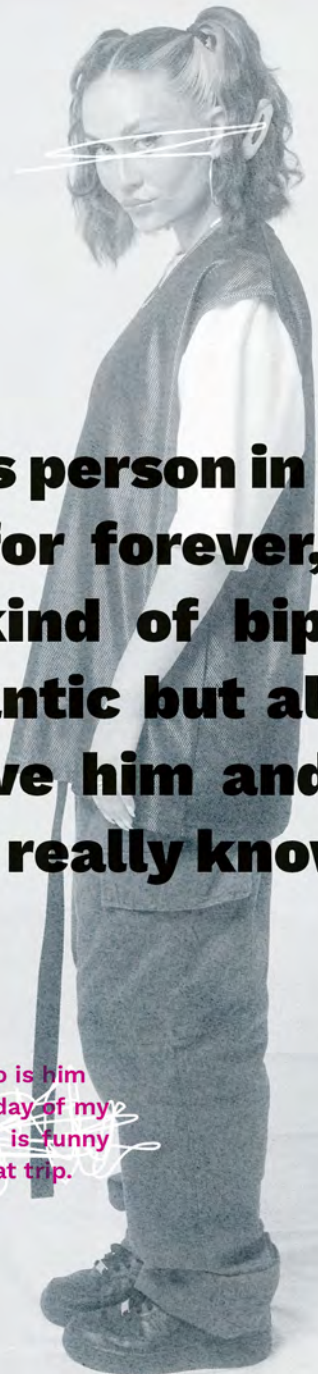
- top 5 essentials**
1. lax vox schlauch
 2. purple airwaves
 3. black air force 1
 4. lipgloss&ecostyler
 5. hot-water bag

- top 5 activities**
1. shower
 2. sleep
 3. cuddle cat
 4. write and sing songs
 5. go crazy with the homies

halfway friends?

it's about this person in my life, whom i've known for forever, but our relationship is kind of bipolar. it's never fully romantic but also never fully friendly. i love him and he loves me, we just don't really know in what way i guess ...

fun fact: the voice message in the intro is him
fun fact: i wrote this one on the first day of my london/stockholm writing trip which is funny cuz i wrote blood on the last day of that trip.



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verse 1

i dunno how long it's been—we were kids when we first kissed—how we go from no talking—to you calling me princess—and we make each other soft—we could never get enough—what's with the back and forth—Are we doing too much?

pre-chorus

cuz we hang out—and we sleep over—we do everything together—chaperone each other's dates—but you say you're in love with me—call each other—every second—every hour—every day—our friends they don't get it—but neither do we

chorus

i don't wanna fall in love rn—will you be my halfway friend—will you be my halfway friend—i don't wanna fall in love rn—will you be my halfway friend—just like you've always been

post-chorus

whoa whoa yeah yeah—i don't wanna fall in love rn—whoa whoa yeah yeah—i don't wanna fall in love rn

verse 2

i don't know how i love you—i just know that i do—no matter what we go through—i always end up with you?

pre-chorus

cuz we hang out—and we sleepover—we do everything together—chaperone each other's dates—but you say you're in love with me—call each other—every second—every hour—every day—our friends they don't get it—but neither do we

chorus

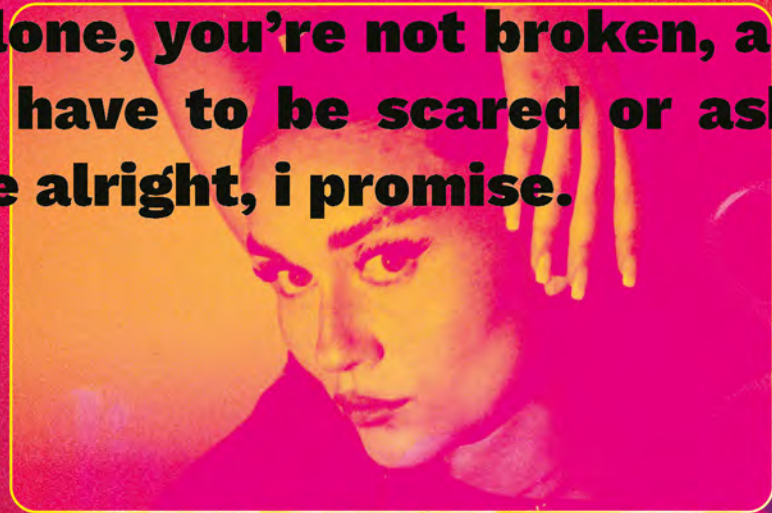
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outro

whoa whoa yeah yeah—i don't wanna fall in love rn—whoa whoa yeah yeah—i don't wanna fall in love rn

live with myself

this song is dedicated to everyone who's ever had to watch someone they love lose themselves in their addiction. it leaves permanent scars knowing you couldn't help no matter how hard you tried. but it's okay. you tried and you had the very best intentions. addiction is a monster and it's no one's fault. it just sucks ass. if you struggle with addiction or are in a similar situation as i was please seek help. you're not alone, you're not broken, and you don't have to be scared or ashamed. u'll be alright, i promise.



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verse 1

i'm still mad at you—you promised me you'd make it through—you said you had it under control—and nothing would ever make you go cold—but i can't shake the memories—i know that it's unfair of me—but there's just things i can't unsee—like you lying on the bathroom floor—crying out you don't know what for—all along i'm down on my knees

chorus

i'm begging you please—stay with me—now i have to live with myself—knowing i could never help—and it just hurts me like hell—i'm begging you please—let go off me—now i have to live with myself—playing the cards i was dealt—knowing i left you in hell

verse 2

i don't remember much—but i still see the blood—how much you think is enough?—wish i could make you look at us—you hurt me so bad words couldn't explain—i know what you are doing but it won't erase the pain—be careful you still don't get that this isn't a game—it's your life and you don't live it it's such a shame—you're playing cat and mouse with the devil—and we both know it won't end well

chorus

i'm begging you please—stay with me—now i have to live with myself—knowing i could never help—and it just hurts me like hell—i'm begging you please—let go off me—now i have to live with myself—playing the cards i was dealt—knowing i left you in hell

outro

now i have to live with myself—knowing i could never help—and it just hurts me like hell



SECOND FIRSTS

THIS SONG IS ABOUT MY DUMB ASS EX BOYFRIEND WHO (RESPECTFULLY) IS DUMB AS FUCK AND I WISH I COULD HATE HIM AS MUCH AS THIS SONG DEPICTS. I DO SOMETIMES BUT ULTIMATELY I CAN'T HATE HIM AND IT MAKES ME MAD CUZ HE REALLY JUST HURT ME SO MUCH BUT HE ALSO HELPED ME BUT THAT DOESN'T JUSTIFY ANYTHING AHHHHHHHH AND IT'S ALSO ABOUT THIS GIRL HE'S BEEN SEEING AND DOING ALL THE THINGS WITH HER THAT WE ALWAYS DID SO DUUUUUUMB but i think the song speaks for itself ...

fun fact: the bracelet line is 100% accurate idk why he still wears it after all this time cuz he said he hates me like no other?

fun fact: he compared me breaking up with him to killing his best friend haha haahahaha

verse 1

she's wearing your necklace—just like i used to—the one i kept safe—until you'd finished playing your show—maybe it's just me—but that's super weird—yeh you're watching the same things—in exactly the way that we did

chorus

do you like the way she doesn't know the real you—you hated the way i knew how to break through—you're so dumb it hurts—good luck with your second firsts—you look at me like i went and killed your best friend—if it were up to you then i'd be going straight to jail—you're so dumb it hurts—so good luck fucking off with her

post-chorus

take ur dumbass somewhere else—where i don't have to see it—you didn't care that i wasn't okay—you're blaming everybody else—how come you cannot see it—guess you are the one with the issues—not me

verse 2

you still wear the bracelet that i gave you that time—wonder what you tell her does she know that it's mine—you always make it worse—no surprise we didn't work

chorus

do you like the way she doesn't know the real you—you hated the way i knew how to break through—you're so dumb it hurts—good luck with your second firsts—you look at me like i went and killed your best friend—if it were up to you then i'd be going straight to jail—you're so dumb it hurts—so good luck fucking off with her

post-chorus

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good ol' mental health

if i've learned one thing in life it's that you can't fix/heal/save other people nor can you force them to do that. it's a decision that lies with no one but yourself. all i know is that even on your worst days and even if you don't feel like it you have all the strength you could ever need to save yourself. it's okay to feel whatever it is you're feeling but don't forget you are you and you are not your feel-

ings or thoughts. they can be so deceiving. trust yourself and have faith in who you want to be and get help if you feel like you need it. whatever you struggle with is nothing to be ashamed of. people do care, and you are loved and worthy of being happy. **luv**

help

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