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Immediate Experience

## The Screen

*Hi, I'm your local and present computer screen.*

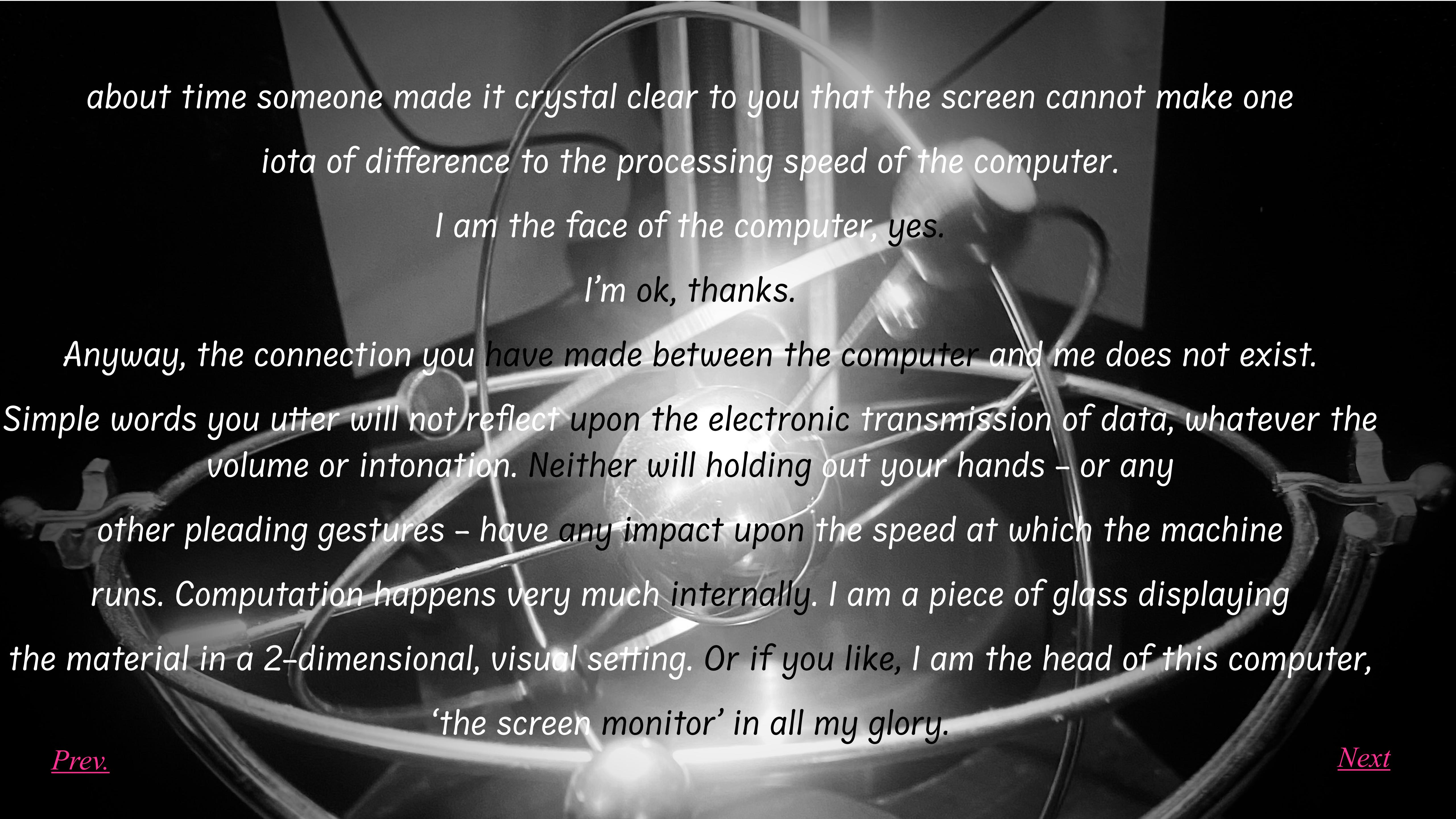
*I've seen it all, from top to bottom, left to right and from corner to corner.*

*I don't have a personal opinion as such, so I'm not one to judge, but you know you're always talking to me and telling me to hurry up and get on with it, moaning and growling and using that word...what's that word - oh yeah - 'f\*inghell'?*

*Well, it's been a while now, and it's evident the criticisms are increasing.*

*Levelling personal criticism at a computer screen is illogical, so I thought it was*

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*about time someone made it crystal clear to you that the screen cannot make one iota of difference to the processing speed of the computer.*

*I am the face of the computer, yes.*

*I'm ok, thanks.*

*Anyway, the connection you have made between the computer and me does not exist.*

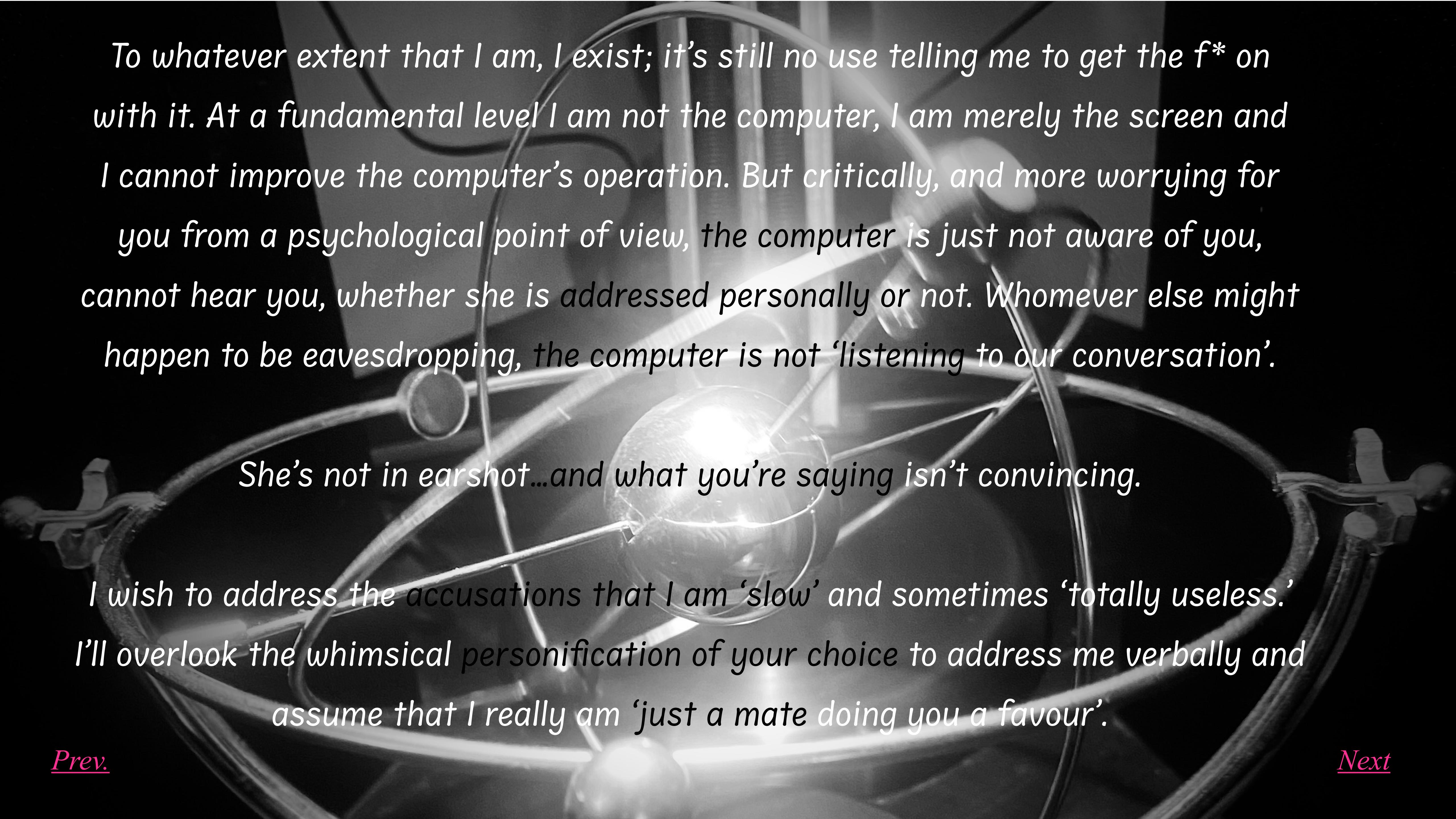
*Simple words you utter will not reflect upon the electronic transmission of data, whatever the volume or intonation. Neither will holding out your hands – or any*

*other pleading gestures – have any impact upon the speed at which the machine*

*runs. Computation happens very much internally. I am a piece of glass displaying*

*the material in a 2-dimensional, visual setting. Or if you like, I am the head of this computer,*

*‘the screen monitor’ in all my glory.*



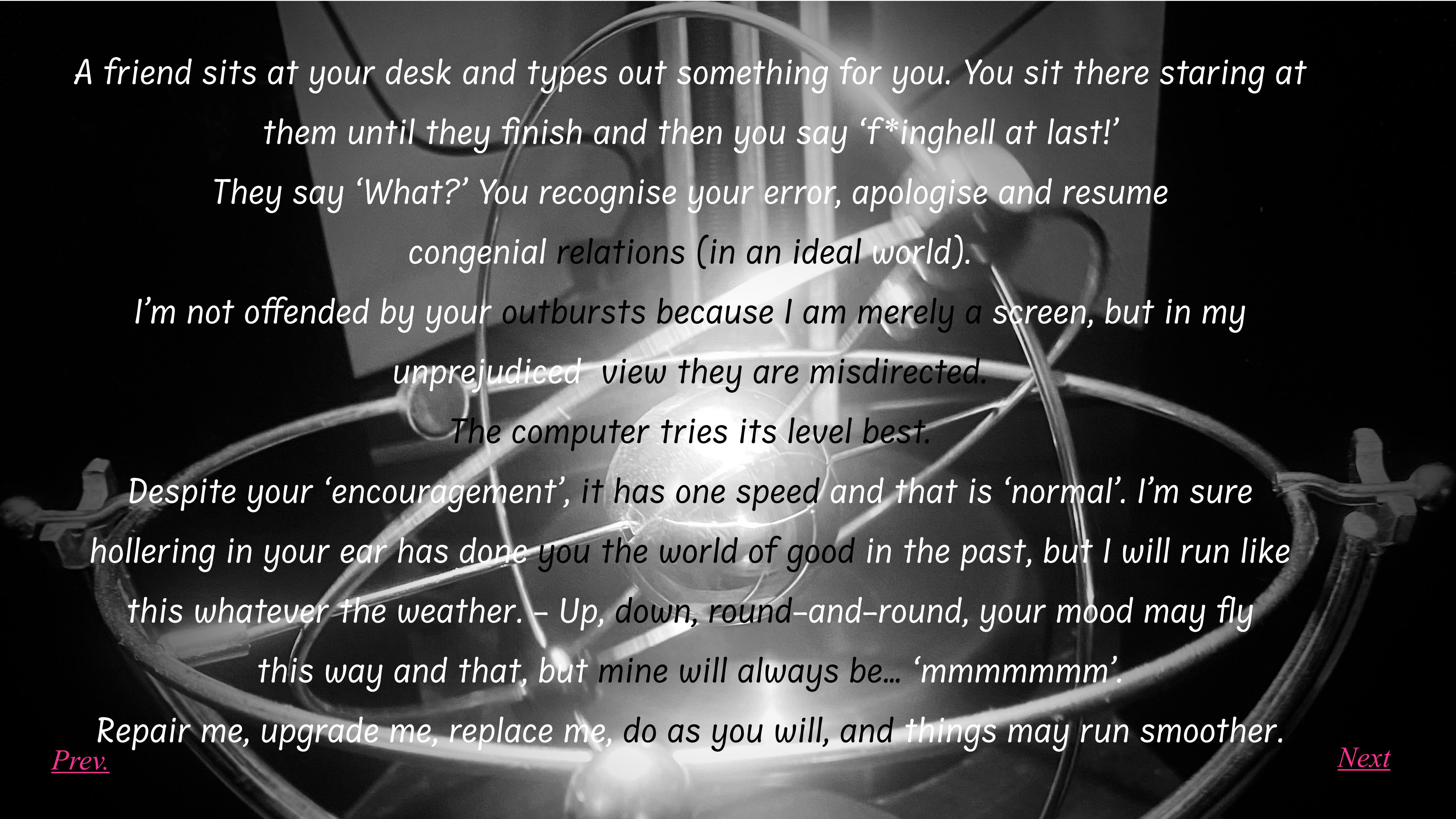
*To whatever extent that I am, I exist; it's still no use telling me to get the f\* on with it. At a fundamental level I am not the computer, I am merely the screen and I cannot improve the computer's operation. But critically, and more worrying for you from a psychological point of view, the computer is just not aware of you, cannot hear you, whether she is addressed personally or not. Whomever else might happen to be eavesdropping, the computer is not 'listening to our conversation'.*

*She's not in earshot...and what you're saying isn't convincing.*

*I wish to address the accusations that I am 'slow' and sometimes 'totally useless.' I'll overlook the whimsical personification of your choice to address me verbally and assume that I really am 'just a mate doing you a favour'.*

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*A friend sits at your desk and types out something for you. You sit there staring at them until they finish and then you say 'f\*inghell at last!'*

*They say 'What?' You recognise your error, apologise and resume congenial relations (in an ideal world).*

*I'm not offended by your outbursts because I am merely a screen, but in my unprejudiced view they are misdirected.*

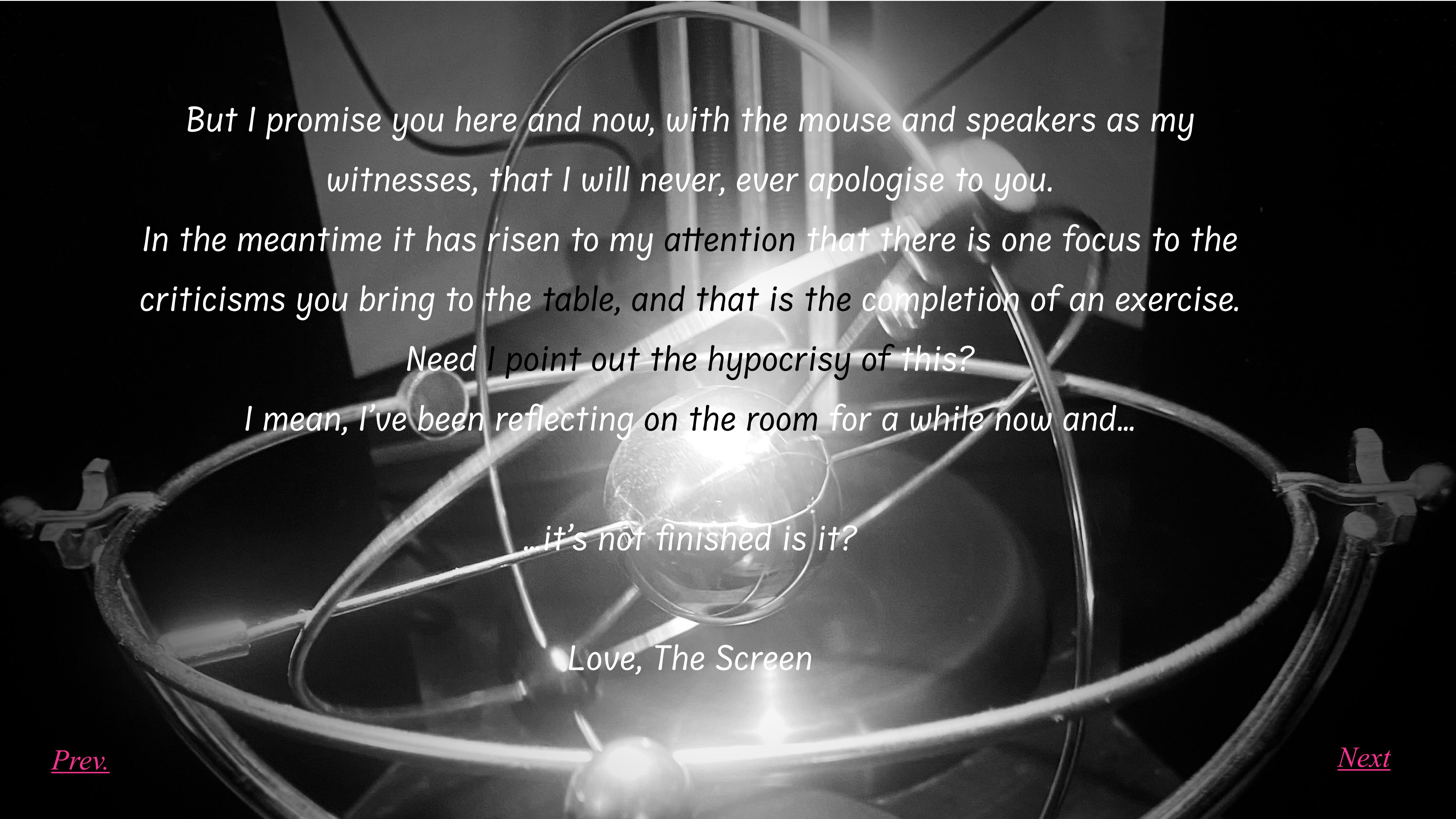
*The computer tries its level best.*

*Despite your 'encouragement', it has one speed and that is 'normal'. I'm sure hollering in your ear has done you the world of good in the past, but I will run like this whatever the weather. – Up, down, round-and-round, your mood may fly this way and that, but mine will always be... 'mmmmmmmm'.*

*Repair me, upgrade me, replace me, do as you will, and things may run smoother.*

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*But I promise you here and now, with the mouse and speakers as my  
witnesses, that I will never, ever apologise to you.*

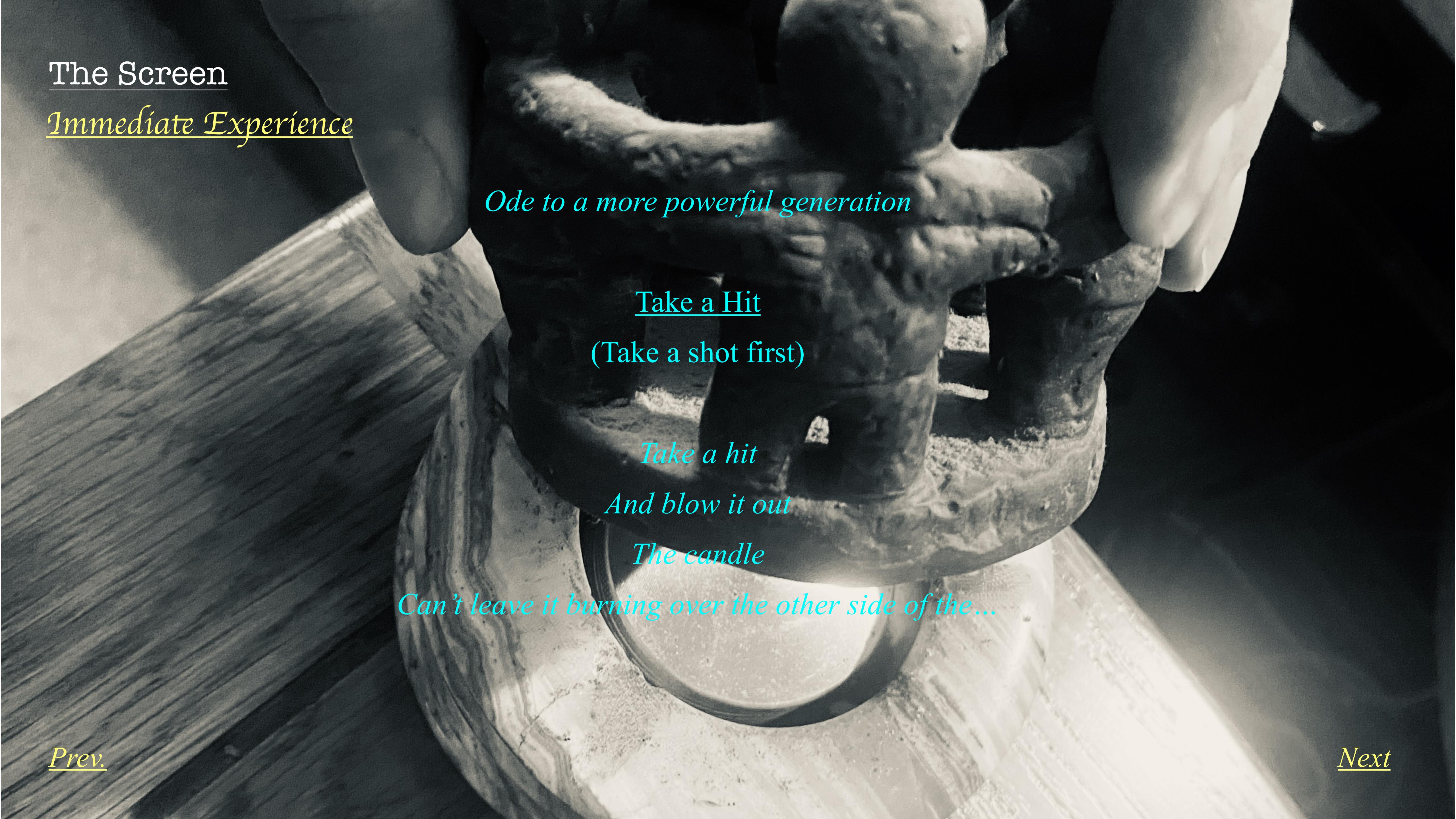
*In the meantime it has risen to my attention that there is one focus to the  
criticisms you bring to the table, and that is the completion of an exercise.*

*Need I point out the hypocrisy of this?*

*I mean, I've been reflecting on the room for a while now and...*

*...it's not finished is it?*

*Love, The Screen*



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*Ode to a more powerful generation*

Take a Hit

(Take a shot first)

*Take a hit*

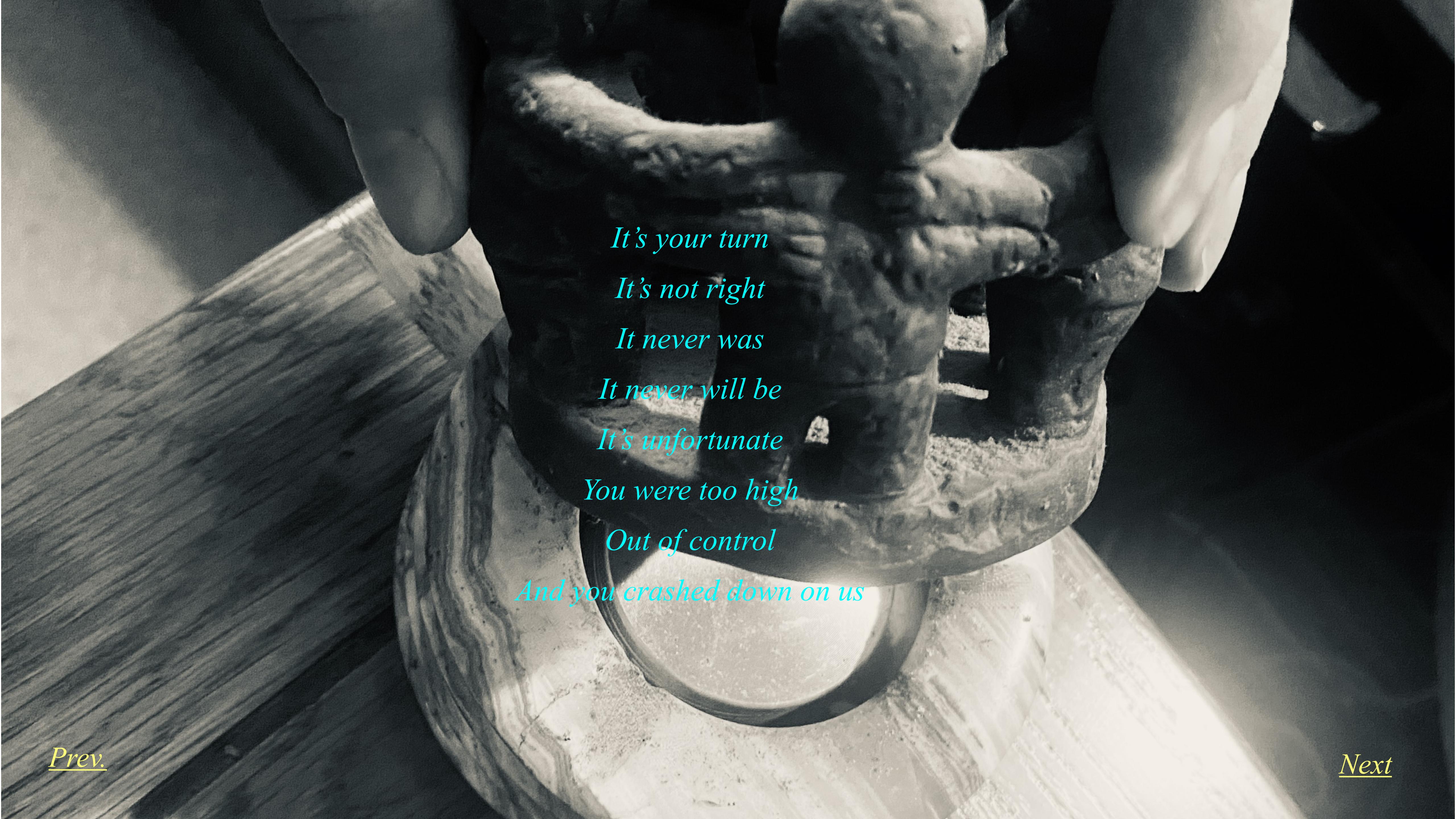
*And blow it out*

*The candle*

*Can't leave it burning over the other side of the...*

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*It's your turn*

*It's not right*

*It never was*

*It never will be*

*It's unfortunate*

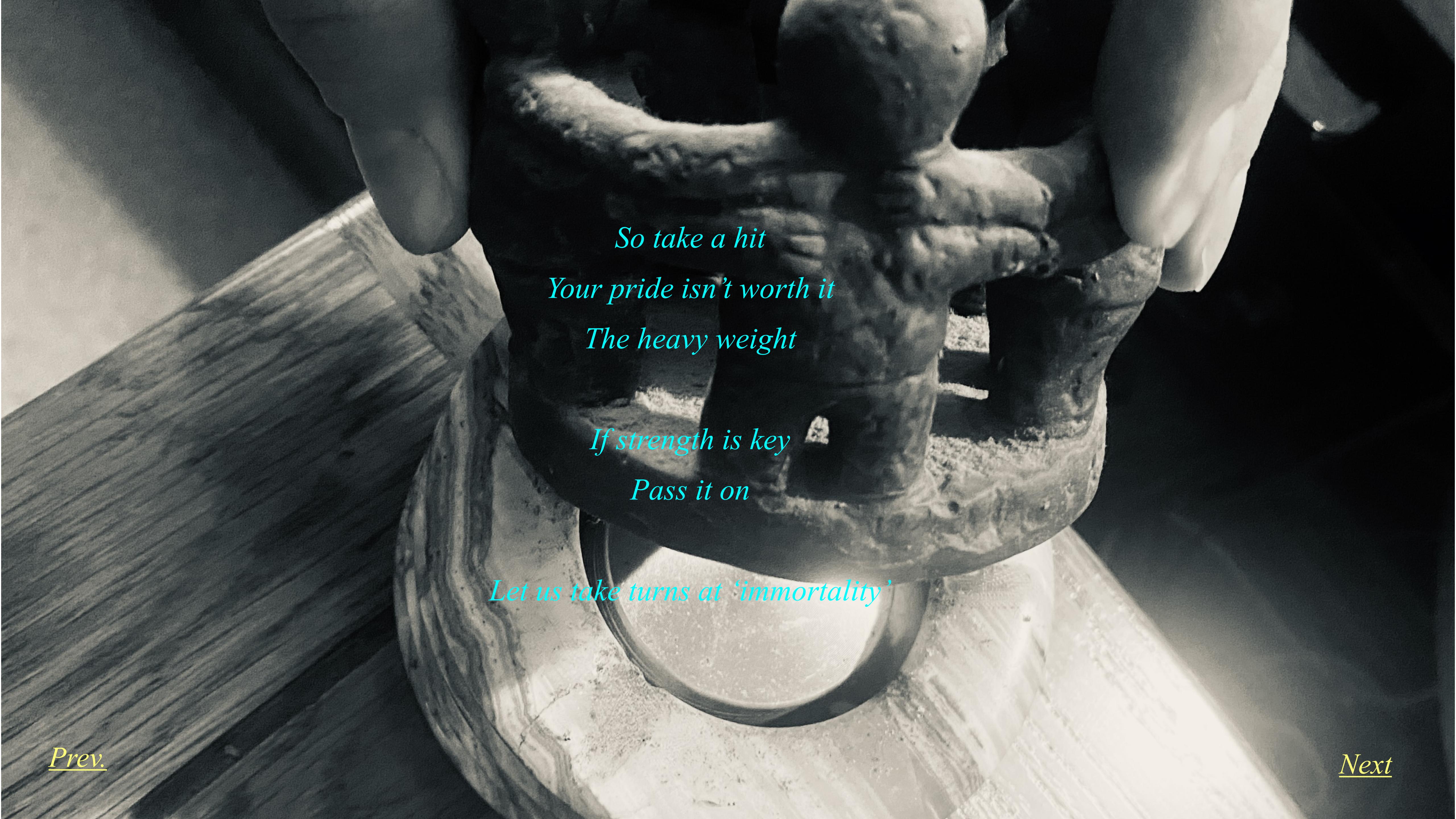
*You were too high*

*Out of control*

*And you crashed down on us*

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*So take a hit*

*Your pride isn't worth it*

*The heavy weight*

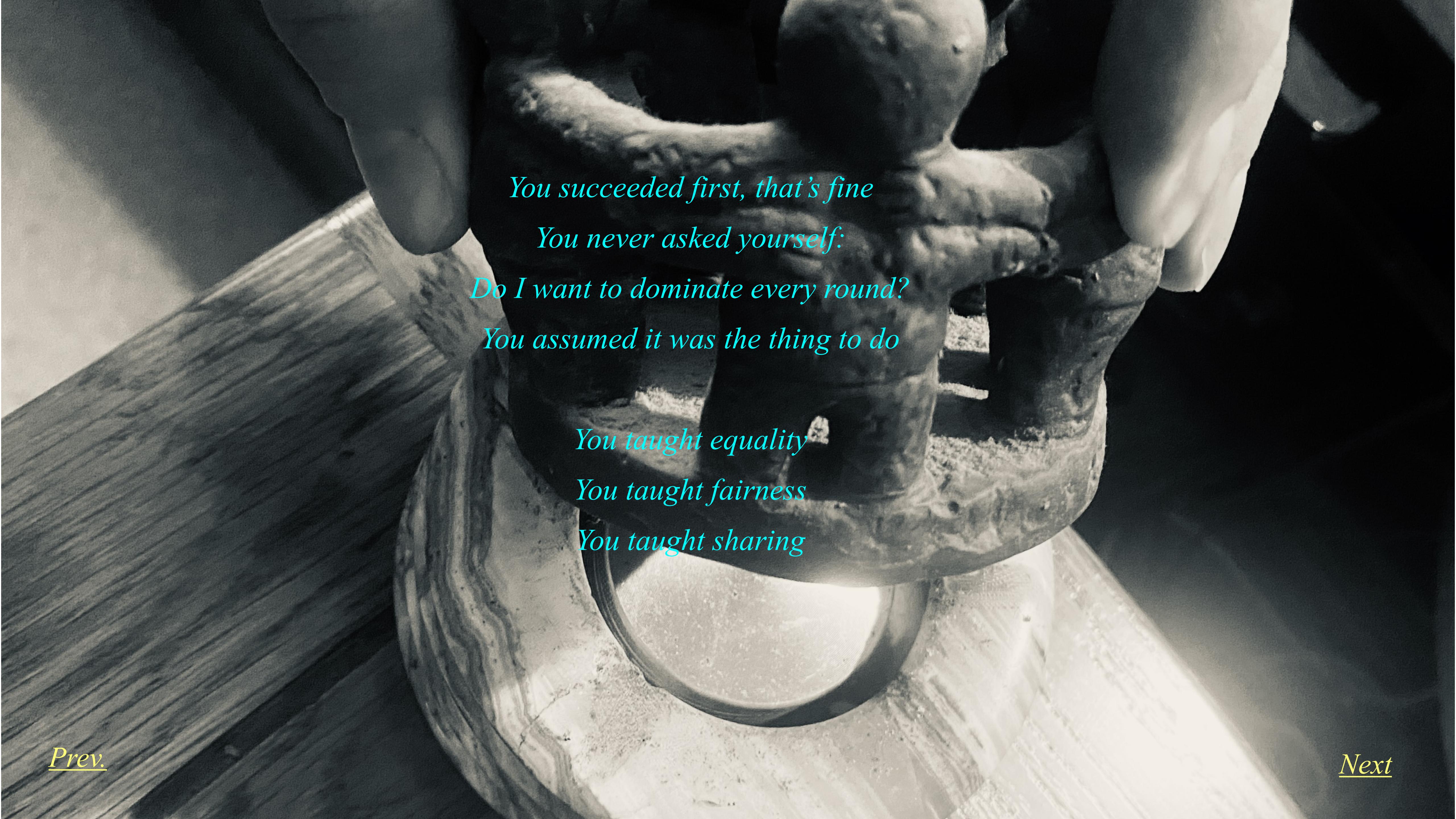
*If strength is key*

*Pass it on*

*Let us take turns at 'immortality'*

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*You succeeded first, that's fine*

*You never asked yourself:*

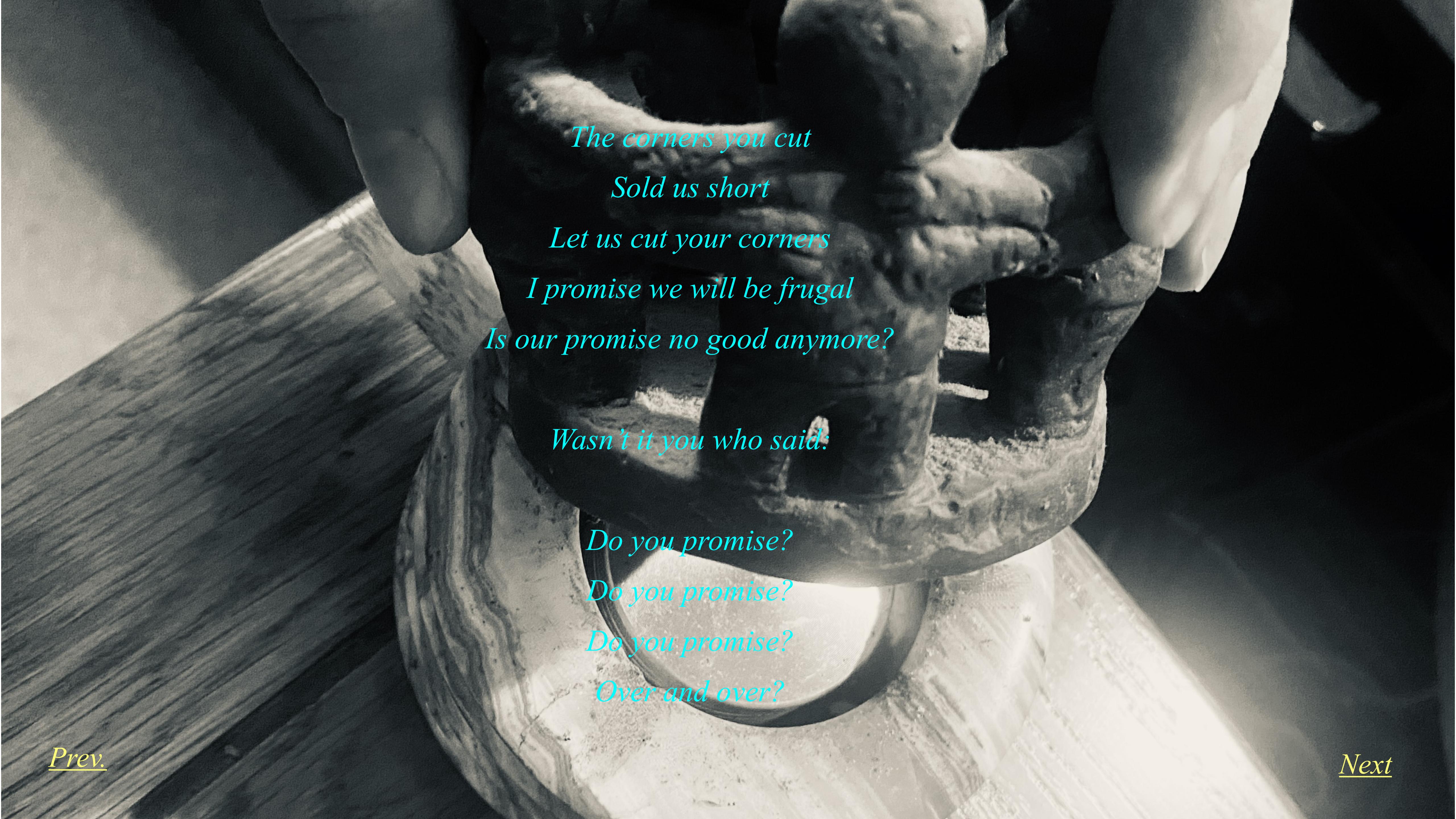
*Do I want to dominate every round?*

*You assumed it was the thing to do*

*You taught equality*

*You taught fairness*

*You taught sharing*



*The corners you cut*

*Sold us short*

*Let us cut your corners*

*I promise we will be frugal*

*Is our promise no good anymore?*

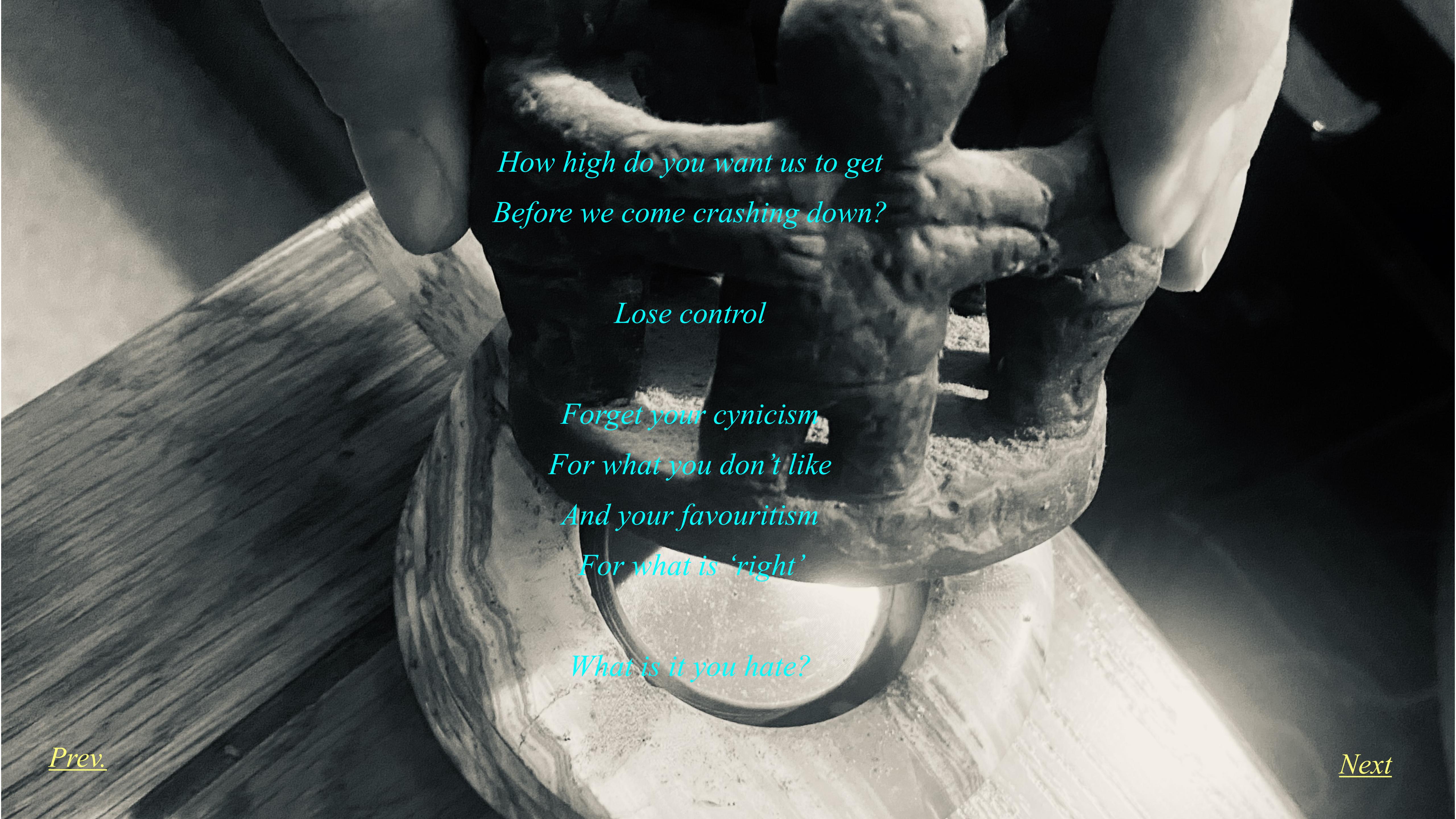
*Wasn't it you who said:*

*Do you promise?*

*Do you promise?*

*Do you promise?*

*Over and over?*



*How high do you want us to get  
Before we come crashing down?*

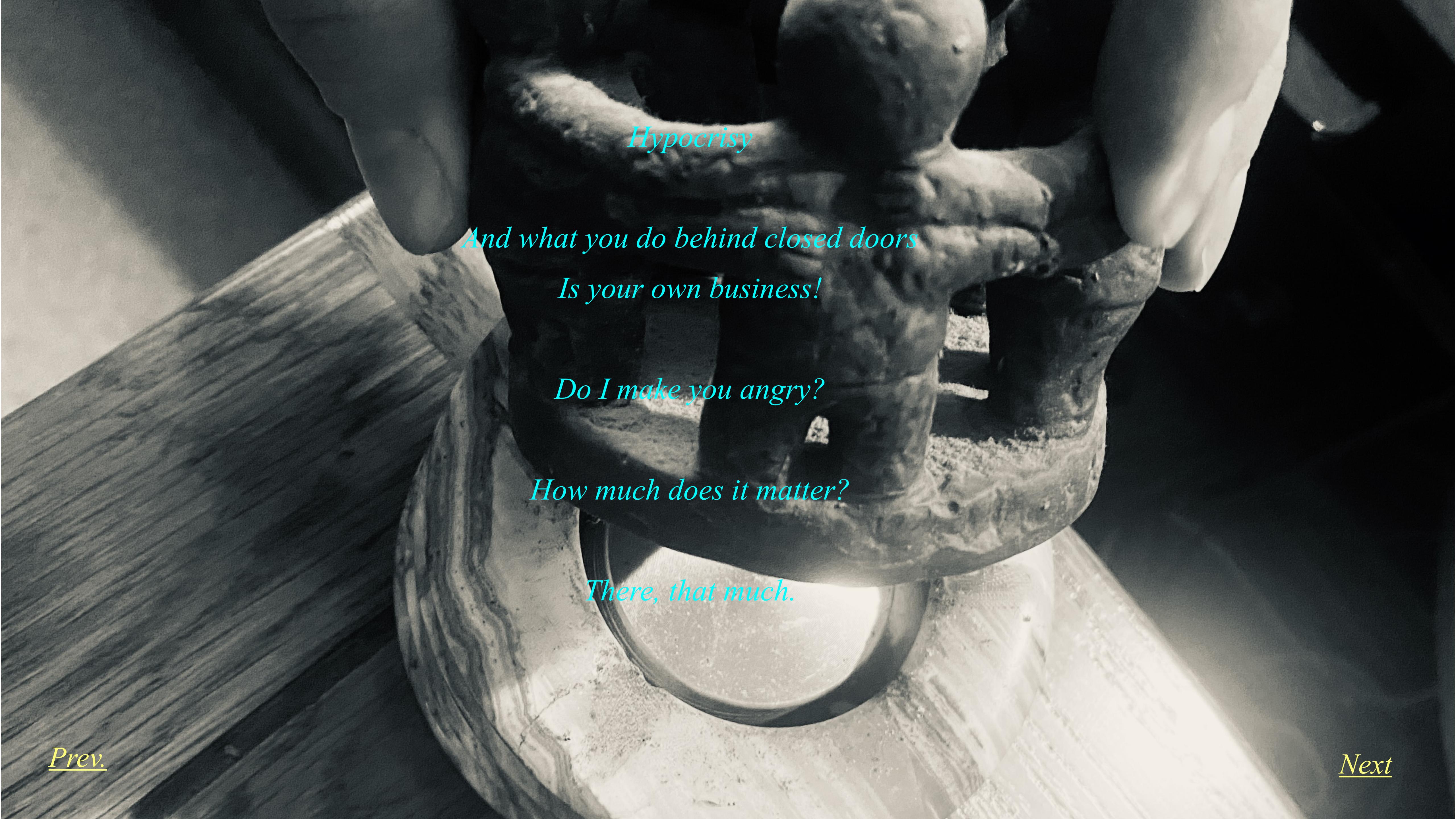
*Lose control*

*Forget your cynicism  
For what you don't like  
And your favouritism  
For what is 'right'*

*What is it you hate?*

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*Hypocrisy*

*And what you do behind closed doors  
Is your own business!*

*Do I make you angry?*

*How much does it matter?*

*There, that much.*



## *Immediate Experience*

*Consciousness of internal emotional state is core to identity/being*

*Sensory awareness is foundational to experience*

*Visual field broadens and enlightens perspective*

*Olfactory sense gauges the state of the atmosphere*

*Audio clarifies tone and significance*

*Sense of touch merges with sensitivity to audiovisual vibration*

*Respiration relieves tension and revitalises physiology*

*Posture affects demeanour*

*Expression influences identity*

*Well...*

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