

(Blotsplotch . . . Blotsplotch only wants the cypher text of death.)



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The set of things desired can be nearly any size but can a person simultaneously desire multiple sets? To pose the question another way: imagine I desire to be the healthiest person alive. Could I experience this desire by simultaneously conceiving each other individual among the billions *is less healthy than I am*? Why is this important? Could the mind have worked differently, so that a person could simultaneously desire to be healthier than every unique person and not merely the abstract set containing the placeholder for things that qualify as both living and as people? What would the consequence be? What is the difference between the desiring person's *page of assertion* being preternaturally huge as opposed to bound like a book?

Why are the Blotsplotch drawings a special case? What is accomplished in archiving want? Why chronicle desire? The magic is that individual wants add to the *continuum of desire* without any compounding effect whatsoever. By creating a record, the desirous possessor achieves indempotence.

Desire fills every corner and extends in all directions. Anywhere, it is *already* there, like the eternal quintessence of bygone cosmology or the virtual particles of quantum physics. Sisyphus, Blotsplotch, and Tytyvyllus walk into a bar, the bartender looks at the three of them and says, "This is neither the time nor the place to joke around."