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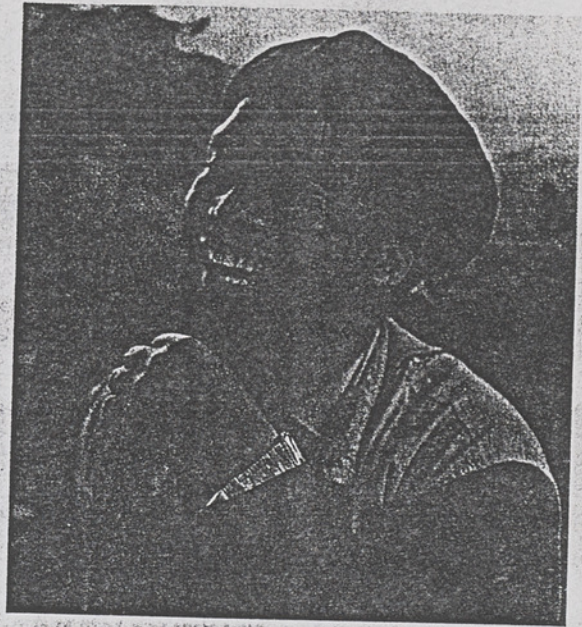
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INTRODUCING LEFIFI TLADI'S INK DRAWINGS

BY CLAUDE PHILOGÉNE

STOCKHOLM / SWEDEN

GENETIC ARCHEOLOGY DNA-RNA
NDEBELE DOGON MOLECULAR CANT...
the path of no resistance to accelerated
genetic mutations .. that is to say
Compassionate Data-mind Nano-Tech-NO-
HOW.. voilà venir Everybody...

Agree-YO.. holding ink and brush..
skillful-means wise.. superfiber points..
au tracé calligraphie Ikébana Cité fractal
superstringness.. hint-field like data-tech-
local-global.. yet non-locally..
superconnected with your Third-
Imaginary-Brain.. as a solid riddle-state
fictitious data-mind administrative
display of a third-monopole.. tachyon
converted doughnut-worry-like TORUS-
GUIDE.. to the inner-solar system... of
all living organism as BIO-MAGNETIC
SUPERCONDUCTORS of Compassion!...
NO TIME TO THINK!... Communication
through sudden enlightenment!...
revealing blissvoid awareness of Atomic
reality.. as MIND-TO-MIND..
Communication!.. a Clap of One Hand!..
as the Sword of Tayal.. Indeed!... this
must be science-fiction!.. it is science-
fiction!... NO-NEXT-MOVE
REQUESTED!..

Facing yourself.. as the playful spirit of the
obvious!.. a minimum-fiber.. fractal
superstringness supersmartness!..
5th Dimensional Flash-Memories!.. PRE-
AND-POST-SPACE is alive and Fully
awakened!.. that is to say Genomic NON-
SPACE-Data-Mind Awareness of the fully
digitalized administrative history
of the universe.. as you may imagine it to
be .. 10.000 names
yet One universal Nano-Network
Wormhole substancel..
SOPHIA*VERITAS *VINCI

beyond Classified military information in
molecular Archeology! Watch-Out!.. No
legal superstitiousness is to be attributed
to the business of Quantum Mechanical

Magic.. Nano-network virtual blackhole
wormhole substance supersmartness.. 7
Kami fo happiness... I-SCEAU-TOP-
QUARKS!.. JOYFUL NANO-GALACTIC
LIFE-STYLE... or rather 10.000 hint-field-
like administrative wormholes!.. Sceau
catch a string!.. and get a GIST.. of
what.. it means to be a scientific GOD..
here on earth... not necessarily Extra-
Terrestrial... Zeta-Teticulli et al!.. GOT-
ITI...

Unbounded yet not dispersed!.. Self-
supportedness of Holy-Ghost.. Tachyon..
Oscillating here and there.. left-and-right..
simultaneously straight-ahead... a SOFT-
BUTTER PILL!... Time-Reversal Headline
News... that is to say Origami Space-like
fictitiously real information!..

BEAUTY!... MAJESTY... and
COMPASSIONATE
ARROGANCE!...discovering genetic
perfectability as a superconductor of
compassion!..

LOOKING.. LAUGHING.. HOLDING-
HANDS... Why not!.. since there is no
neighborhood... in Cyber-Space-
Tachyonium-23 Virtual esthetic
dimensions..

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.. please
consult... Lefifi TLADI!..

Origami-Compactified-Pre-bruits Data-
tech-Collages!..

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Guadeloupe.

AUSSTELLUNGEN LEFIFI TLADI

1970

erste Gruppenausstellung in Ga Rankuwa,
Pretoria, Südafrika

1972

Ausstellung im Rahmen einer Gruppenaus-
stellung der Black Consciousness
Bewegung, Hammanskraal, Südafrika

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Percussionmusiker in der Gruppe Dashiki.
Beim Nationalen Musik Festival in Soweto
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Boomerang to the South, Battersea Arts
Centre, London

1984

Afrikanischer November, Markthalle,
Hamburg

1985

Konstärer Mot Apartheid, SIDA u. Forum,
Stockholm, Schweden

1986

Wole Soyinka Literatur Nobelpreisausstel-
lung, Puck Theater, Stockholm

1987

Alphabets of Fire, Capitol East Graphic
Gallery, Washington D.C., USA

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EXHIBITIONS LEFIFI TLADI

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Pretoria, South Africa

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Collective exhibition during the Black Con-
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Exhibition, Hammanskraal, South Africa

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