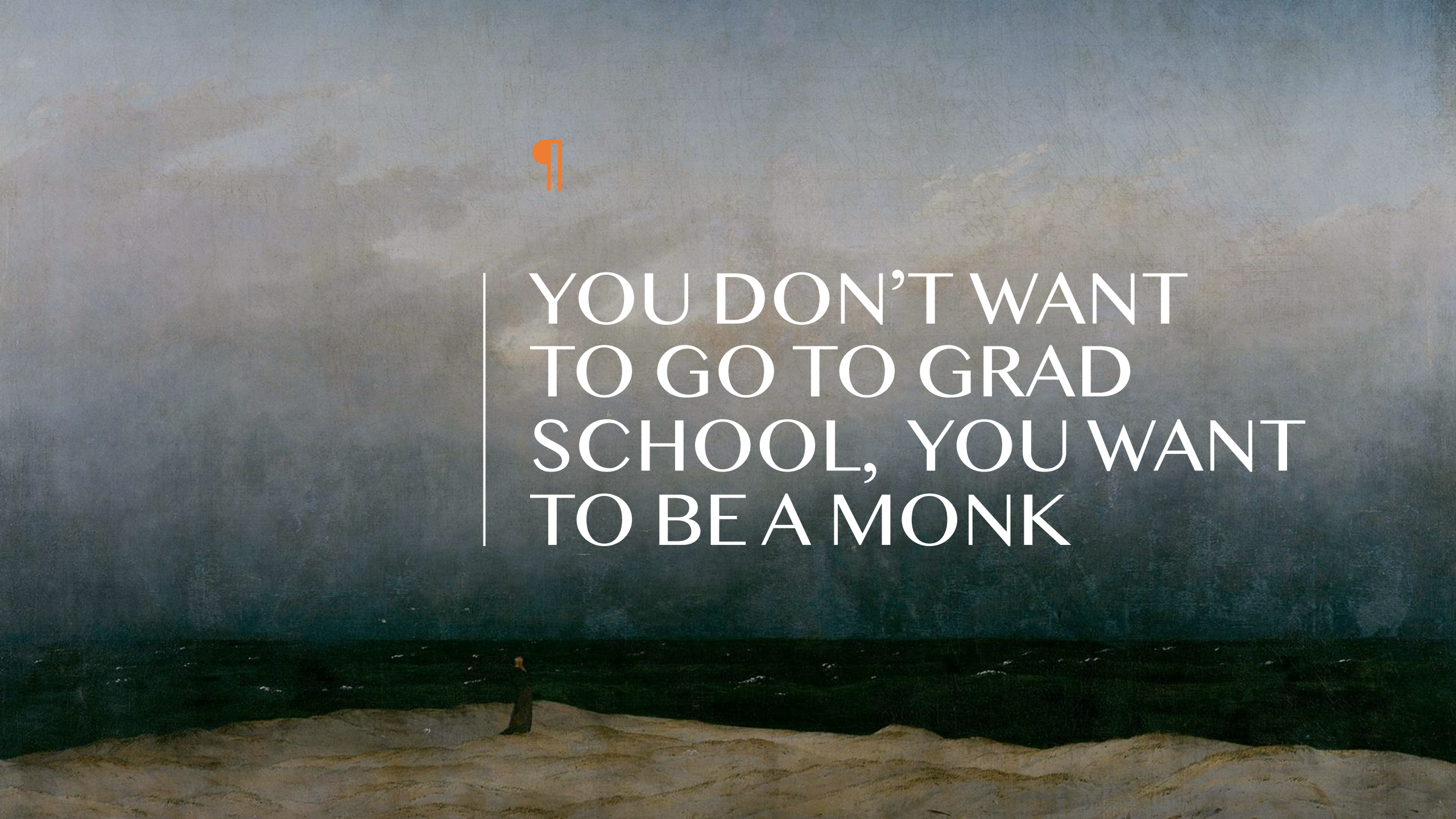
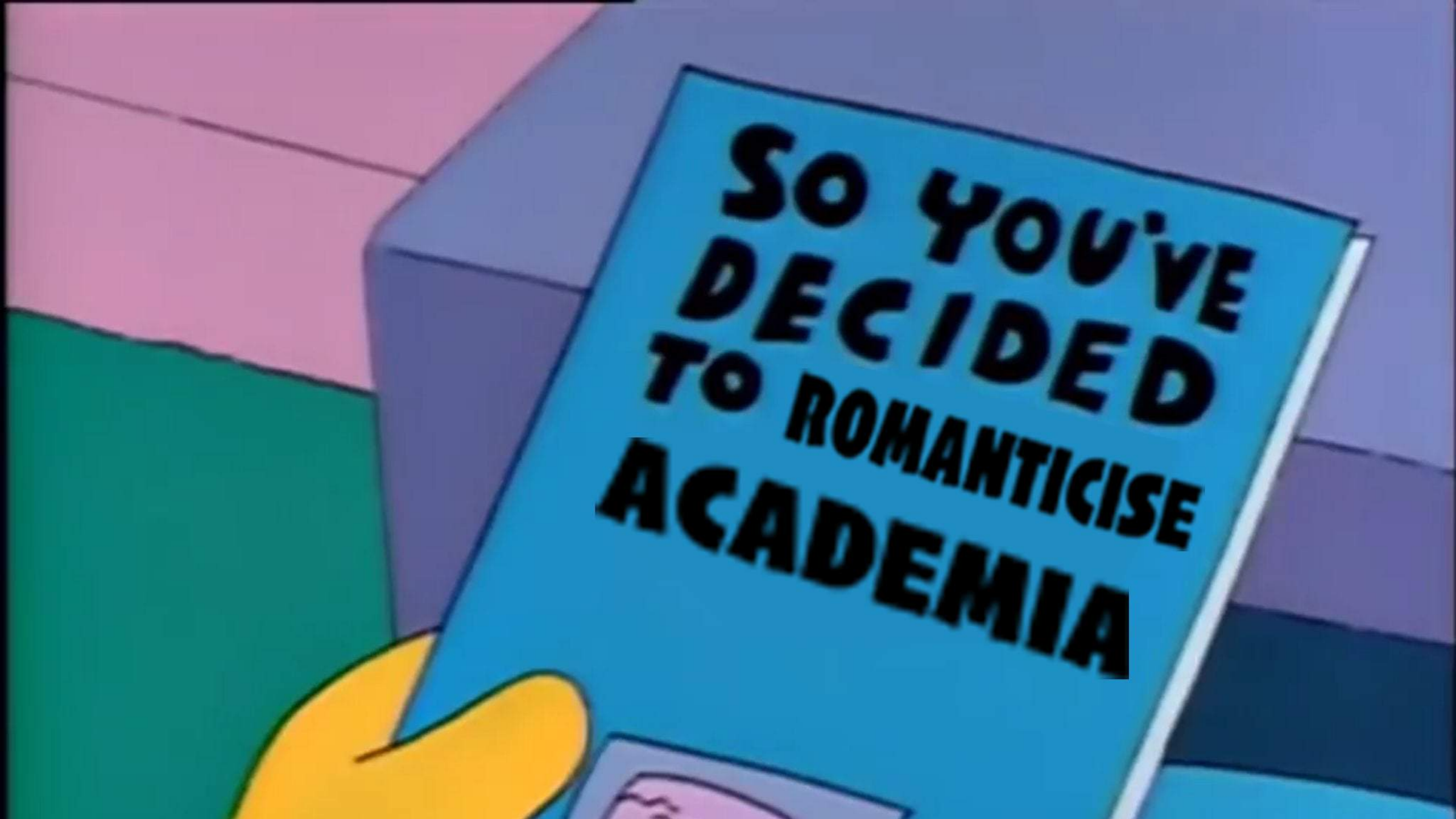




YOU DON'T WANT  
TO GO TO GRAD  
SCHOOL, YOU WANT  
TO BE A MONK





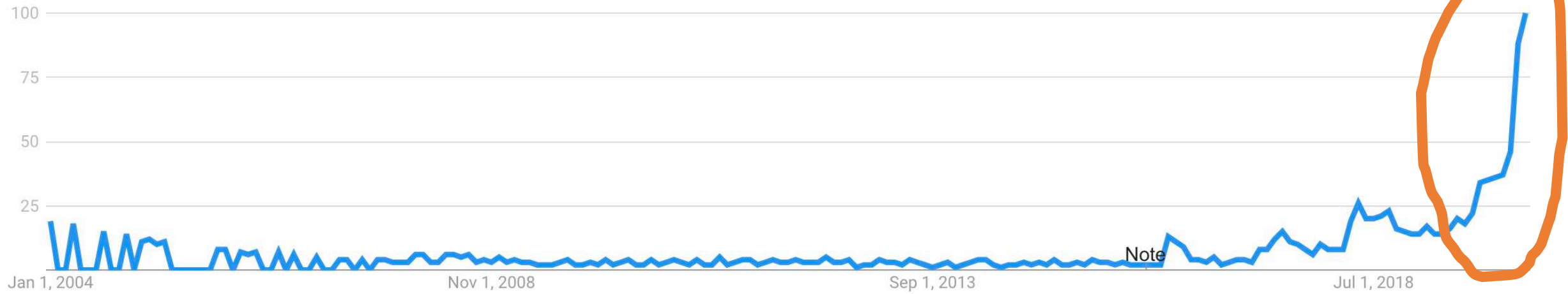
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**SO YOU'VE  
DECIDED  
TO ROMANTICISE  
ACADEMIA**

- no job prospects?
- worried about rent and food?
- lack of meaning in a “normal” career?
- no connection to the universe?
- think you’re special for knowing how to read?
- no friends?

● dark academia  
Search term

Interest over time ?



concerning

# wtf is dark academia

on all levels except physical i am lying face down on moss

#hozier #dark academia casual #dark academi

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“We don’t read and write poetry because it’s cute. We read and write poetry because we are members of the human race. And the human race is filled with passion. And medicine, law, business, engineering, these are noble pursuits and necessary to sustain life. But poetry, beauty, romance, love, these are what we stay alive for.”

— N.H. Kleinbaum, Dead Poets Society.

#dark academia #darkacademia #dark academi

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looking forward to only wearing fall colours



#fall #autumn #dark academia aesthetic #

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I could hardly remember that the world had ever been anything but dead.

Donna Tartt, The Goldfinch

#donna tartt #words #quote #the goldfinch

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#dark academia #cottage core #dark academi

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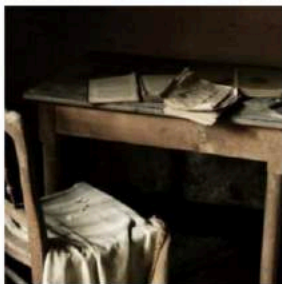
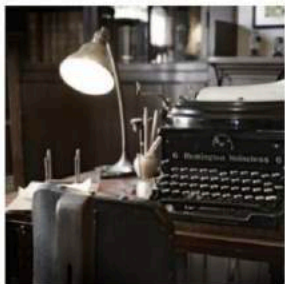
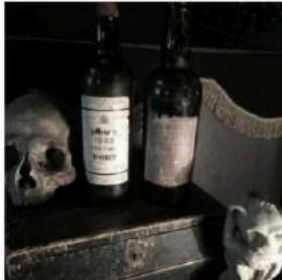
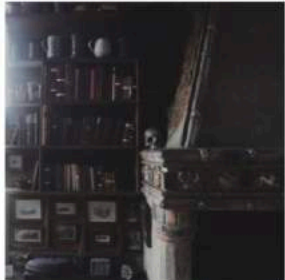
dark academia + green

#dark academia #darkacademia #darkacader

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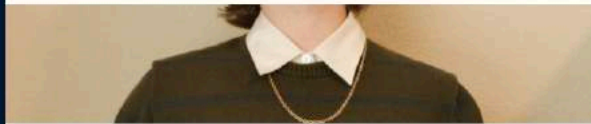


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dark academia aesthetic - the writer and the poet

#moodboard #aesthetic #aesthetics #dark a



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#fashion #fashioninspo #fashioninspo #darka

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\* where i will be someday \* a daydream

silk pajamas

a library in my paris appartement

dinner dates with my girlfriend

luxury skincare

morning hugs



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feeling like hermione today

#hermione study #hermione granger #harry p

868 notes



#\* #mine #venice #travel #dark academi

808 notes



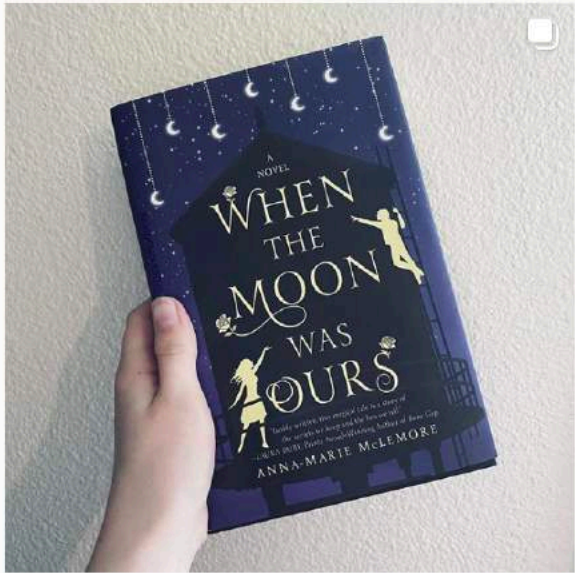
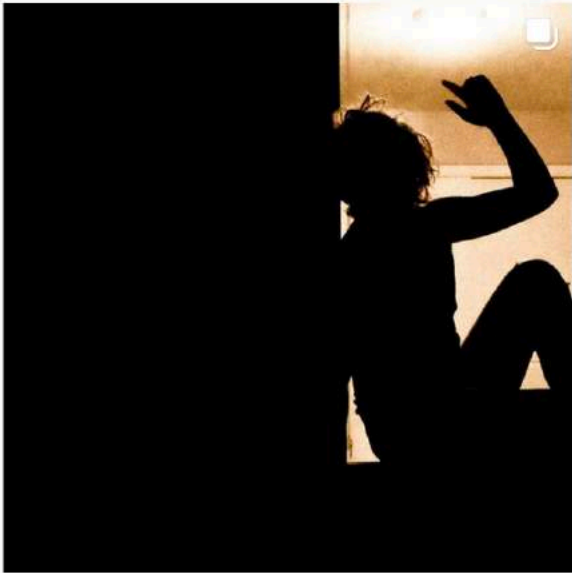
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- never underestimate the power of a solid wool coat to transform an


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 **juneacademic** [Follow](#) ...

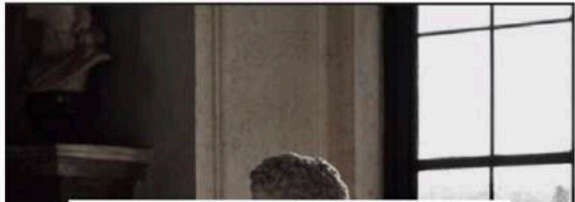
Is there anything more romantic than someone writing you a love letter by hand, slipping it between the pages of a book they have recommended, to wait until you find it later?




 **henrydefencesquad**

oh to be a 20th century academic whose life is filled solely with books, research and a tense homoerotic love affair

1,567 notes

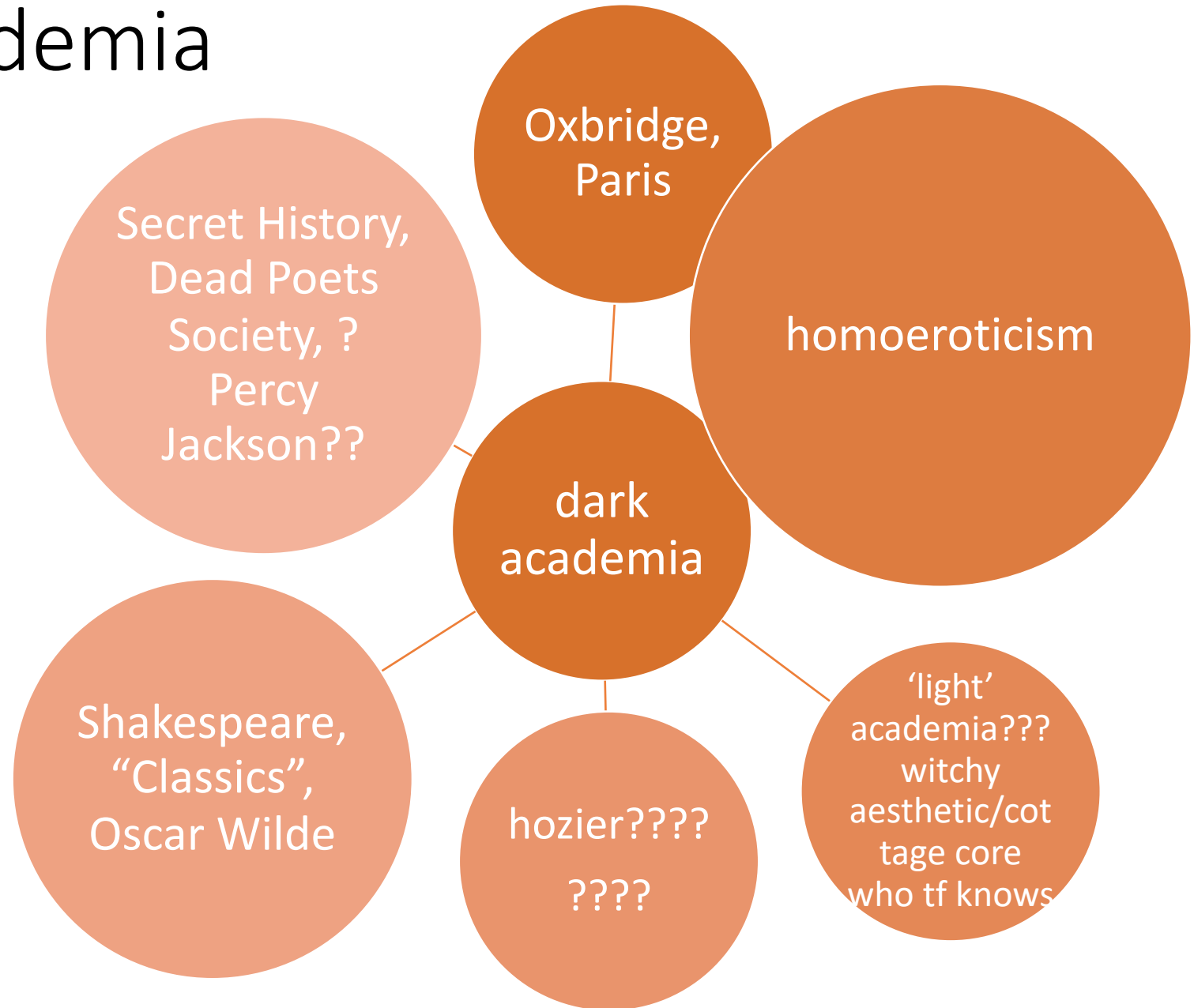


 **galaxxiesfaraway** ...

what do you mean i can't attend a mysterious but prestigious boarding school in the late sixties and make friends for life whilst falling in love with a stranger and hanging around in the libraries (all set to a dark indie soundtrack)?



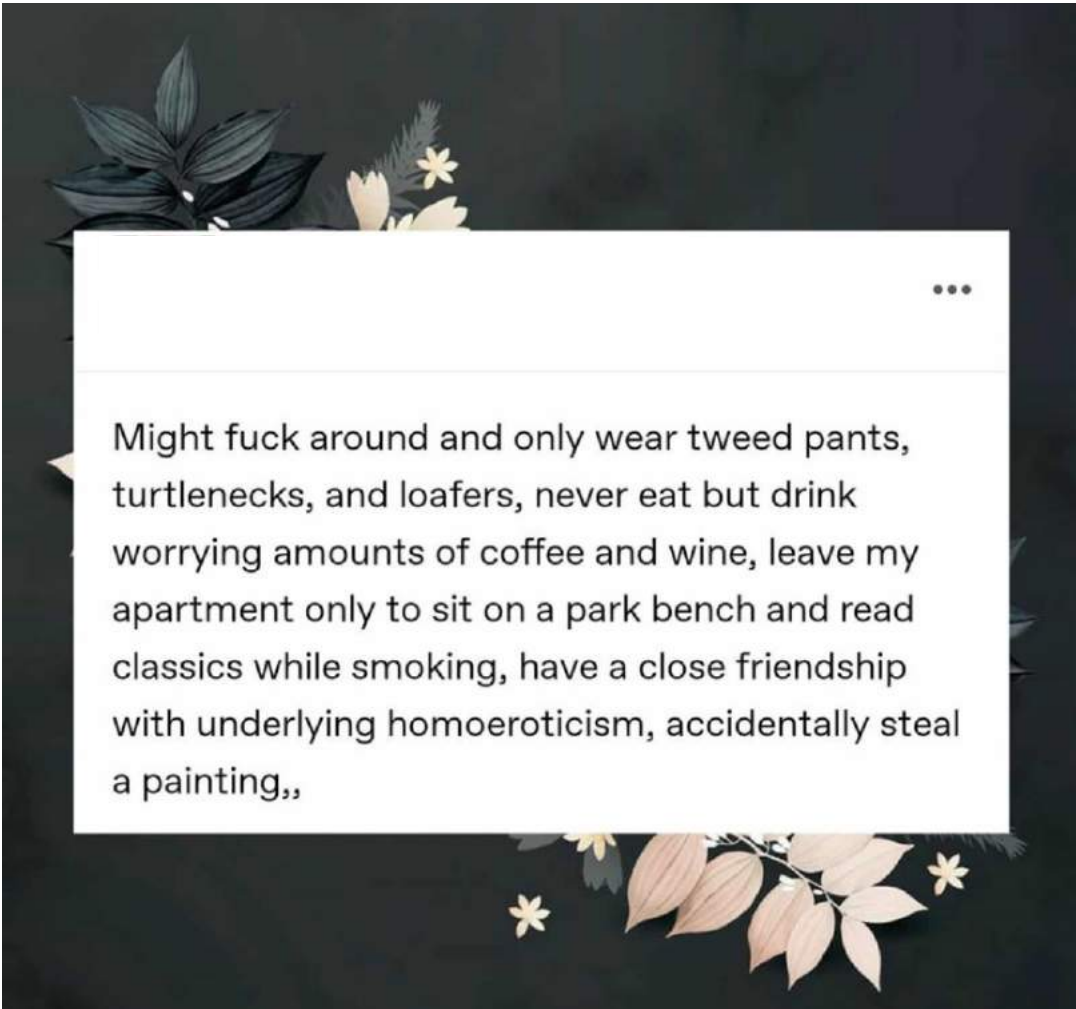
# wtf is dark academia





A large orange circle with the word 'homoeroticism' written inside in white lowercase letters.

homoeroticism

A white rectangular text box with a thin black border, set against a dark background. The box is decorated with stylized floral elements: dark green leaves and small yellow flowers at the top left, and light pink leaves and small yellow flowers at the bottom right. A small three-dot menu icon is in the top right corner of the box.

Might fuck around and only wear tweed pants, turtlenecks, and loafers, never eat but drink worrying amounts of coffee and wine, leave my apartment only to sit on a park bench and read classics while smoking, have a close friendship with underlying homoeroticism, accidentally steal a painting,,

*like do these people know you can just Be Gay*

Lucy Byram

it appears to be teens who are like, middle class, wishing they were rich 100 years ago and able to just go to a fancy school and not work and sit around thinking about the classics all day

but it's very weird bc they're like, wow imagine reading books,

and you're like....yes?

Sarah Steyn

I too would like to wear a blazer and mill about with lots of money discussing art with my friends



But like

That's not a career



Lauren Rodgers

They're like I just watched casablanca, here's a mood, let me talk in patter and reminisce about being a nazi

Lauren Rodgers

This is John greens fault for making teens think they have thoughts that matter

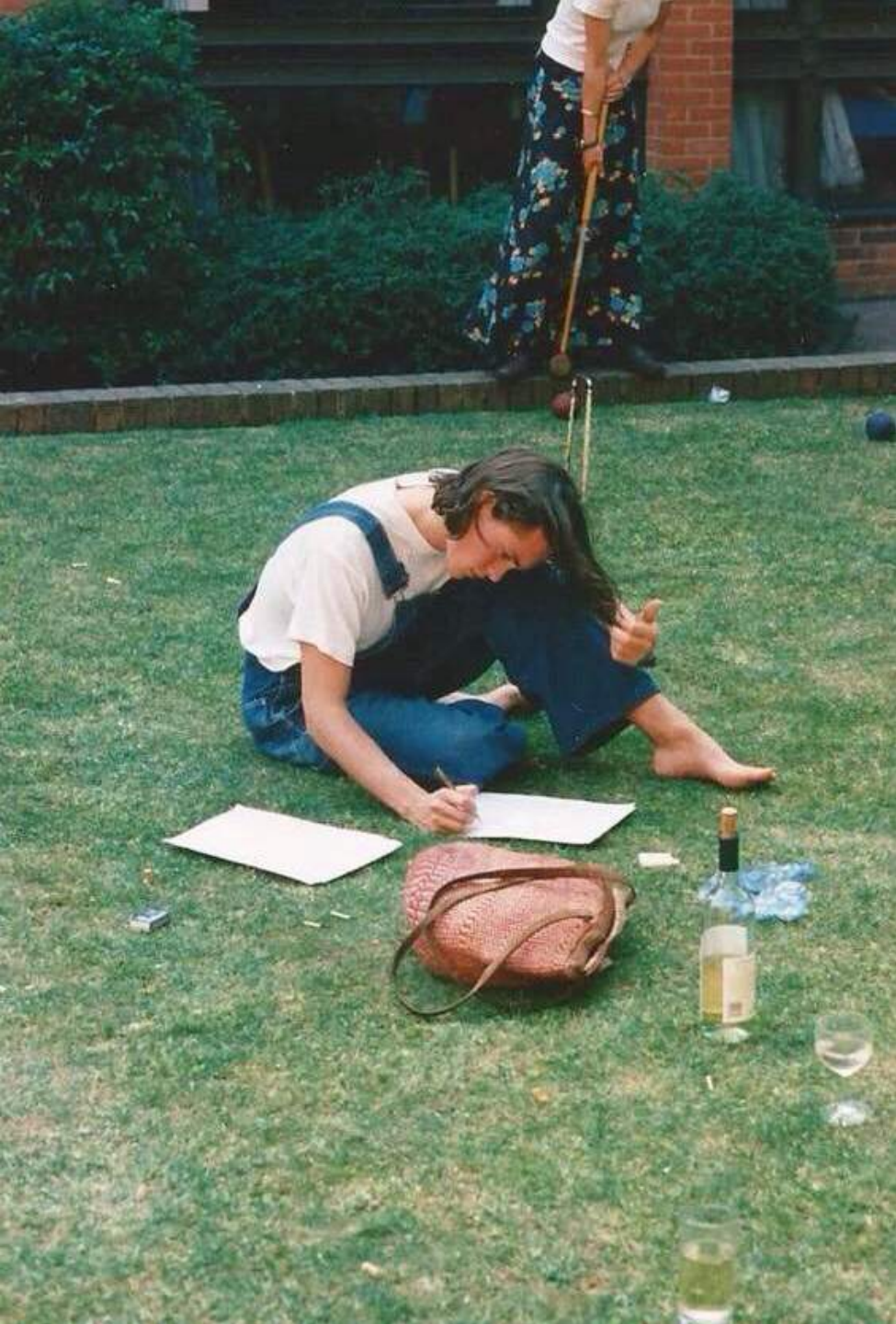


➔ You replied to Sarah

| A lot of this doesn't have to do with academia either

Yess!!!! you're just American who has cultural cringe envy for Europe it's 2020 grow up





what these  
people think  
academia  
means





cordurose



## types of dark academia

**classic academia:** beige trench coats, wool sweaters. plaid skirts. think femme fatale, but educated. sobbing in bed late at night over the secret history or dead poets society. tea with milk and sugar. subsequent tea stains.

**darkest academia:** running through the rain, dimly lit by streetlights. brown tweed jackets, dress shoes. cold fingers and colder gazes. french-pressed black coffee, piping hot. dark, candlelit rooms with ancient wood floors/walls.

**light academia:** white cable-knit sweaters, sparkly eyes and foggy glasses. going to art museums and falling in love with every portrait, every sculpture. caressing the petals of a rose, hearing the crinkle of leaves underfoot.

**witchy academia:** burning candles while reading or doing homework. black turtlenecks, velvet skirts. walking through the forest in autumn. passing a graveyard and feeling a greyish presence. waiting anxiously for samhain.

**romantic academia:** writing flowery poetry about someone you'll never speak to (guilty oops). a cozy alizarin sweater, pleated skirts. slow dancing around your room to the beatles. curling up with warm, pallid cups of tea and a book.

**scholarly academia:** impeccable notes in class. leather bound bags crammed with textbooks and pens. lots of coffee with scones, and even more late nights. a wide vocabulary (that people constantly comment on). lives in the library.

**theatre academia:** shakespeare, all the time - quoting, reading, *praying* for a school production of a midsummer nights dream. or the crucible. memorizing lines in the wings. taking on your character's traits, even outside the theater.





cheruib

*melancholically beautiful things:*

- empty perfume bottles
- abandoned castles
- pressed flowers
- old books with dust all over them
- walking all alone in a museum hall
- languages that humanity no longer uses
- stars, the moon, the entire universe and its secrets



hoe4byron

**how to love a dark academic:**

- write them letters and seal the envelopes with fancy wax seals
- buy them books
- write them poetry
- quote shakespeare, or really any other author or playwright to them
- read and discuss books with them
- listen to their 3 am rants on how we could've heard oscar wilde's voice if he'd had lived just a tad longer
- help them study

 yoursecretmuse

### **Gryffindor Academia Aesthetic** 🦁❤️✨

*Overachievers. Bright smiles in the hallways.  
An endless sea of admirers. Annotated books.  
Smoking in between classes. Late night  
studies with friends. Shared coffee with your  
besties. Staying up late for adventures.  
Turning in homework a day early. Passing  
notes during class. Getting away with mischief.  
Becoming friends with your teachers. Riding  
broomsticks through the halls. Endless pranks  
on other houses. Cheering up fellow slytherins.  
Making endless memories.*

 yoursecretmuse

### **Slytherin Academia Aesthetic** 💀🐍🌿

*Casting hexes. Wicked laughs. Rituals in the  
pale moonlight. Creeping the halls with  
friends. Passing notes during class. Snickering  
at foes. Dark black tights. Long curled hair.  
Deep striking eyes. Riding brooms in the night.  
Testing potions with your friends. Gathering  
ancient bones for decor. Wearing black capes  
for fashion. Carrying black roses for your  
beloved. Blessed souls of the night.*

 yoursecretmuse

### **Hufflepuff Academia Aesthetic** 🐇💛

*Mustard sweaters. Black pinafore dresses.  
Talking to animals. Rainbow colored ink.  
Desert scented bookmarks. Talking to ghost in  
the night. Leaving poetry for people to find.  
Handing flowers to your enemies. Wearing  
loquets with your lover's hair in it. Making  
potions to cure ill plants. Exploring  
Hogwarts with a furry friend. Starting a secret  
art club. Making pillow forts. Wishing on  
butterflies.*

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### **Ravenclaw Academia Aesthetic** 🕯️🌙💙

*Iridescent quills. Hair combed and styled  
nearly. Herbal tea by your side. Evening spent  
in the world of novels. Sketches of architecture  
line your room. Seminars held in the common  
room. Old maps and compasses spread out on  
a table. Witty jokes and crooked smiles. Blue  
ribbon used as bookmarks. Creating stories  
with your mates. Writing poems in the night.  
Echoes from your typewriter fills the halls.*



Corey  
Robin,  
*The Erotic  
Professor*

*“What makes sex an ever-present possibility for the erotic professor is not only these vast tracts of time but also the cultural code, the easy rapport, of people with money, whether they have it or teach it.”*



Corey  
Robin,  
*The Erotic  
Professor*

*“...It is a communion of the  
knowledge class and the ruling  
class, a marriage of mind and  
money rather than of souls.”*





# what academia actually means

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- scholarship less than minimum wage
- 24/7 workweek
- had to read erotic fanfiction once but I did get paid for that
- have to use words like 'sociotechnical imaginaries' and pretend it means anything
- white male hero worship
- meetings
- narcissists
- meetings with narcissists





# how good do monks have it instead!!!!

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- ✓ brotherhood of friends
- ✓ homoeroticism
- ✓ meditating on written work
- ✓ vast knowledge of history
- ✓ archaic languages
- ✓ no concern for material goods
- ✓ rural settings, close quarters
- ✓ wine
- ✓ connection with God (life fulfillment, meaning)

# in conclusion

- go to church