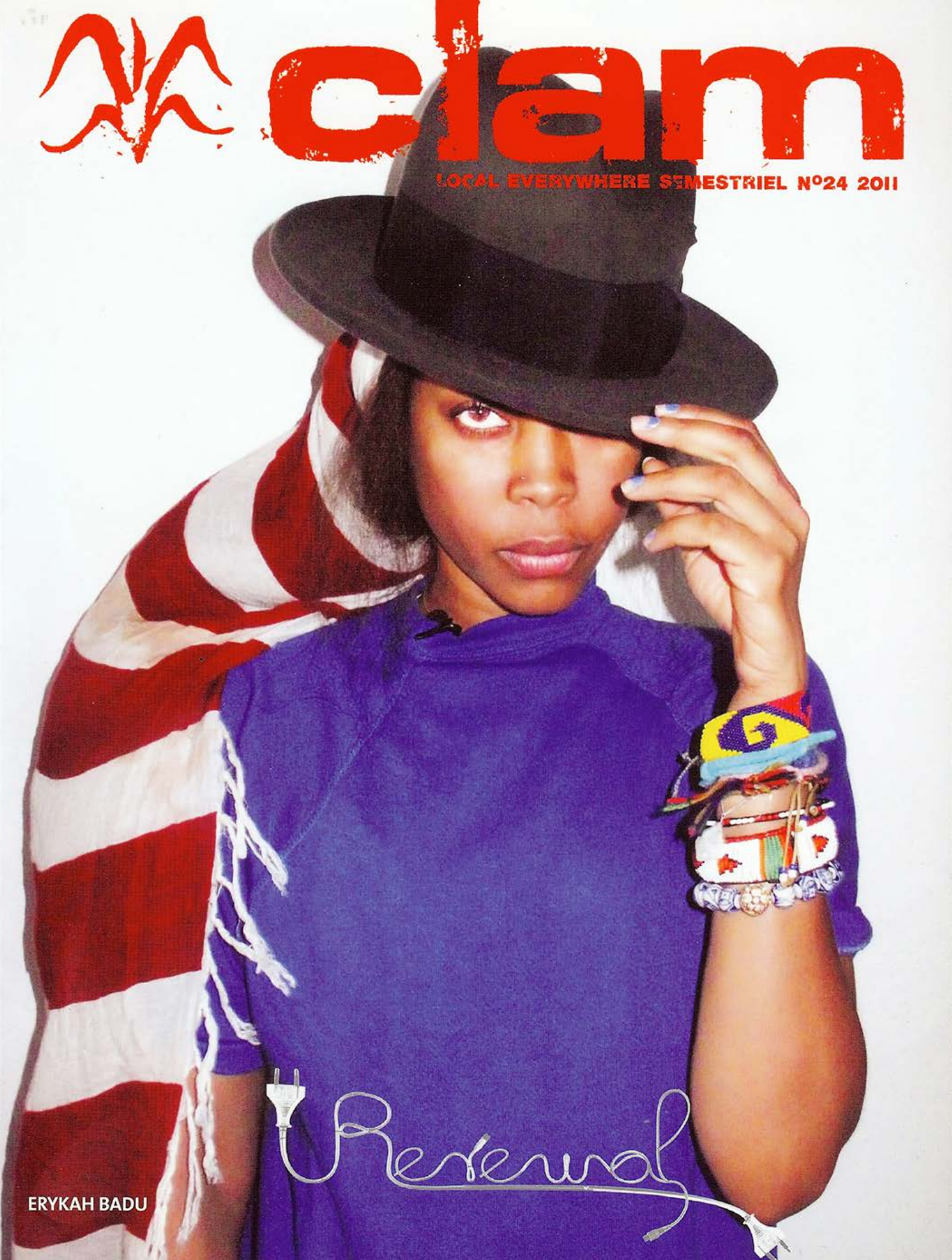


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WHAT'S YOUR NAME? Natasha Xavier also known as - Mediator at Haste Malaise Photography. **WHERE DO YOU LIVE?** London in the United Kingdom. **WHAT DO YOU DO?** Photographer. **IN A FEW LINE DESCRIBE YOUR WORK AND YOURSELF...** I think my fellow artist and good friend Nico Claux said it best about me "The study of birth defects was given the name "teratology" in the 60s by a scientist who was researching fetal alcohol syndrome. No name has been given yet to the art of capturing the beauty of monstrosity. Mediator has this very special gift of seeing beyond the surface of repulsion and grasping the essence of aestheticism. The alchemic transformation of the ugly to the sublime. Her experiences in the arcanas of Gnosticism forged her visions of a world where deformed babies, black metal anti heroes and urban surrealism open wide the gates of the subconscious. The photography of Mediator is pure "teratophilia": an act of love for the damned." Nico Claux Paris 2011. **THE THEME AS ALWAYS WITH CLAM IS A REFLECTION OF WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR WORLD NOW...** My world is a intense burst of moments. Streams of light captured through glass... splintering into visions which reflect a single moment. **WHAT ARE YOU WORKING ON AT THE MOMENT?** A flow of chaos and a river of blood colliding in the ether to create an atmosphere of loss and beauty. **WHAT IS THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF THE WORK YOU ARE DOING?** To invoke spirits...to play with fire.....to gaze into the abyss and see the spectacles within the void... to leave behind splinters of a time once witnessed and now forgotten. **FROM THE WORLD EVENTS... WHICH OF THESE EVENTS HAVE AFFECTED YOU MOST PERSONALLY : THE UPRISING IN THE ARAB COUNTRIES... THE SOMALIAN FAMINE... THE JAPANESE EARTHQUAKES... THE LONDON RIOTS... WHY & HOW WERE YOU AFFECTED?** Everything changes our perceptions.....each event has its own resonance that radiates outwards. A single event does not have more power over another one when it comes to how I see the seconds melting away with the

words and actions of others. **WHAT IS YOUR TAKE OF THE WORLD NOW?** "They slow advance to shut the five gates of their law-built heaven. Filled with blasting fancies and with mildews of despair. With fierce disease and lust, unable to stem the fires of Orc; but the five gates were consum'd, & their bolts and hinges melted. And the fierce flames burnt round the heavens, & round the abodes of men" William Blake. **DOES THE IDEA OF RENEWAL INSPIRE YOU...** Everything is FIRE. Renewal is a central part of my ideology. Constantly in flux, ever changing. We must strive to become something more than we are. The world we exist in is renewing at each turn we take...buildings are destroyed and rebuilt....humans breed and decay into dust....philosophies emerge and then become dogma.....the earth cleanses and rebirths its systems. **IS RENEWAL NECESSARY OR IS IT JUST A FASHION & TREND ORIENTATION OF MAKING EVERYTHING IN LIFE DISPOSABLE?** Renewal is essential...it will always be a fundamental part of reality....whether we accept that or not is down to the individual and the culture they subscribe to. **WHATS WRONG WITH OLD STUFFS & WAYS?** Nothing is old or new....it just IS. **CONCRETELY PLEASE HOW IN YOUR WORK, LIFE OR THOUGHTS THAT YOU THINK A RENEWAL CAN HAPPEN?** Renewal happens without conscious thought. I cannot explain in words how and why it occurs. It is a raw emotion that pulses with intensity. **GIVE US YOUR IDEAS FOR RENEWAL, AND IF POSSIBLE YOUR RENEWAL STORY...** Each day is a renewal...it is possible to look at yourself and see how we have been renewed within the very act of artistic creation. I am very honoured to work with many wonderful and unique people who are a source of perfect inspiration. I once slashed my throat open upon the stage during a Gnostic ritual...it was a renewal....a moment of clarity...a baptism of fire...life is reaffirmed through our closeness to death. **PREDICT WHAT WOULD BE OLD AND NEED RENEWAL IN THE NEXT 5 YEARS!** Laws are the main thing that need constant renewal and review. The way in which we use technology and the direct impact that has on privacy will be the major renewal in the next 5 years. **IS THERE ANY QUESTION YOU WOULD HAVE LIKED ME TO ASK YOU? ASK IT HERE AND GIVE YOUR ANSWER...** I think you have enough questions already. **LET US ASK A SILLY QUESTION TO END IT ALL, DO YOU LIKE FEMALE FOOTBALL (SOCCER)?** Ask a silly question...get a silly answer... **HAVE YOU EVER WATCHED IT AND WHY?** So long, and thanks for all the fish.