This is not a prompt

This is an aggregate of notes and quite a mixed bag of biographical notes and half formed ideas. After the conversation with Femke, I realised that my plan to write something about the relation between AI and free licenses was somehow fading in the background. So many things came back as a sentence Femke said stayed with me, pointing back to the question of appropriation. “There are circumstances in which I don’t want to ask for permission.” I am not sure if I have anything new to say, after all the research Eva and Femke did on the limits of appropriation. But to some degree this conversation raised anew the relation between licenses and art, and in particular the relation to the thorn notion of art’s autonomy.

Shouldn't
images have a
Or words or sounds
say in this?

And how should we ask them?

Or you, or we

Does the fact that I am making images give me a special position?

special how?

What does a practice that "asks images what they want" look like?

To wich degree my practice is relevant in order to decide whether to seek permission?

But exceptionality is already claimed with authorship anyways

How can one be above the law without recourse to exceptionality in a world legally regulated and already invested in property?

Try below
Below the radar

Refusing to ask for permission is to contest the terms in which property is claimed in the first place

Performing the paradoxes of intellectual property

autonomy

license

privilege

art

but then who am I to decide?

Or you, or we

I don’t want to ask for permission

I remember Antoine Moreau presenting the Free Art License as a parachute. The Free Art License was the parachute that would ease the landing of art on the ground and in the world.

parachute

He suggested that artists should be allowed to infringe copyrighted materia[l] [for] “conceptual reasons” (p.138), t[hat] [art]ists a privileged position ‘outside’ the **law**. In Stapleton’s (2002) interpretation, this meant a complete undermining of postmodern critical theory and practice, which in fact had set out to break down the ‘autonomy’ of art. Granting artists [an] exceptional position would introduce a hier[archy] [bet]ween ‘regular’ copyright holder[s] and ‘super’ copyright holders, with legal righ[ts] to appropriate work from the first group” (Stapleton, 2002, p.260),

End of art

relations of reciprocity

appropriation

limits of appropriation

Free Art License

contractual heteronomy

cc4r

collective documentation, hybrid productions, artistic collaborations or educational projects

The word Art in the Free Art License. This might seem strange because it didn’t bother me one bit for more than 25 years and CC4r barely mentions art, it is cited as a practice among others. Which is I think very sound.

a moiré effect that reveals a structure

friction

awkwardness

rule of law

productive insecurity

- What do you think, Mouchette?
- I want to live outside the frame