Quarantine application — INTERZONE

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3□ Third choice	Edward Povey
☐ Another option that might interest you	Ken H. Hashimoto and Jennifer Rizzo
Introduce yourself	Hey, my name is Billy. I am a 32 yr old queer art director living in Amsterdam. I'm originally from the UK where I studied art and I worked as a designer and illustrator mainly in the advertising industry. However I have always been drawing and making work in my spare time, and its in this space that I feel truly expressive as an artist.

Do you have a project in mind at this time?	I have many reoccurring symbols and forms that I draw and paint. One of which are roots, like that of a root vegetable. As well as others, I want to explore this symbolism further and the personification and inner world of non human living organisms. As well as the tiny details of the mundane, the abstract ridiculousness of life in general.
Tell us why you want to join Quarantine	I separated from my partner of 10 years in 2023 and came out as queer. I am going through big painful but necessary changes in my life, and I am accessing my emotions in a way that I never have before. I would like to join Quarantine because I feel my need to make and create personal art is stronger than ever and I want to embrace that.
Briefly describe your Artistic and Creative difficulties	I have lots of sketchbooks filled with ideas, concepts, personal work and crafted images that I do nothing with. They live and die in my sketchbook. I want to learn how to be braver with my thoughts and ideas, how to go beyond my sketches and realise my ideas as fully formed pieces of artwork.
What are your inner demons?	Insecurity , Block
Anything else you want us to know?	It hard to sell myself in a few sentences, but I will promise you that I will give it my all as a student at Quarantine. I feel ready to be challenged in how I approach my artwork and I am looking to 2024 as a year of renewal and evolution. So when I heard about this program I thought that I had to at least apply!
Fluency in English	Poet

✓ I have read the 1 Quarantine "INTERZONE" program and understand the basic concept and format of the event, and I am aware that only a very small number of applicants are selected and I wish to apply.