

Hi!

My name is KD, I am the new host of the system. I believe in previous entries we refer to our system as "The Rosey System" but since coming into existence our name is now The Collective Ken. We (myself and remaining alters) have more connection to this name than our previous one. The basis for it is that we all respond to the name Ken, we think of our being as being named Ken and we all exist within that.

I am the culmination of a bunch of alters- some that have been introduced and others not. I am made up of Ken version 1, Devina, Kenz, Charlie, Ken version 2, and Joy.

Fusion is of course a big sign of healing (which I am eternally grateful for) however every time we fuse we are met with an identity crisis- asking questions such as "who am I?", "what makes me different from the version before?" and "how will we contribute to the system, our lives, and to the world".

I am very happy that Ken decided to be a part of this project. I don't remember the interview they did or most of the material submitted, but I know that Ken, Devina, and Sarah took great joy in selecting things for this project.

I am still a lesbian. I am still trans. I am genderfluid- which is an identity I (speaking as myself but also previously fused alters) have wrestled with for years. I have been coming to terms with the fact that gender wise I am everything and nothing, ebbs and flows of masculine and feminine, I exist beyond all binaries.

I enjoy art (I swear it's built into our being lol), crocheting, dancing, kickboxing, unique earrings and fashion pieces, clouds, piercings, playing guitar, and sunrises.

I have one piece of my own art I'd like to be included in this project. It is a piece titled "Becoming Water". Water as an element, a living force/being, and as a symbol has a lot of weight in our system. As a young child our house had a pool, so I have photos of us in pool floaties in the water. We had our 8th birthday party at a pool center, and those memories (and photos) bring us great joy. For our 13th birthday, we went to the beach and also started our period that day. Then, at 16 we attempted to drown ourselves in the tub. After our suicide attempt, we were not allowed to take baths and generally felt really disconnected and almost angry with water. Our family started taking vacations 2 years ago where the places we stayed had pools. We as a system started to love the water again, and was continuously reminded of our good memories with the water when we weren't in water. We also constantly have dreams where we are submerged in water and swimming with power. In these dreams we swim through tsunamis, across full oceans, to save others from drowning, and many scenarios of the like. All this to say- we have a deep emotional connection to the water, which was my motivation to create this artwork.

Again, thank you for holding space for us. We hope you enjoy our part of this awesome project.