

Dear all,

I hope your times of reflection have been fruitful and peaceful.

Since we did not manage to reach a concrete agreement from our previous conversations, I propose the following options that we can choose from. If you find these suggestions insufficient, please feel free to come up with other proposals, as I am doing right now. I hope this work that I am doing for the non-extractive structure of collaboration can be perceived with an open mind.

Option A: Collaborative work towards the true commons

In this option, we will resume working collectively towards the drastic reformation of Bebe Books, for it to become a shared infrastructure for commoning praxis. This can involve external mediators, such as Bruno, as we discussed before. For this option to be valid, the following prerequisites must be fulfilled:

- Mert's genuine acknowledgment of his last remarks in the document as verbal aggression, combined with a concrete plan of action to prevent its repetition in the future.
- A shared—non-identical yet with significant overlaps where the collaboration can be built upon—understanding of how Bebe Books has been functioning, including the causes of the ongoing tensions in its structure of private ownership. This concerns not only the recent events but also all other instances we had with former members.
- Mutual recognition of commoning as a political and practical framework through which these challenges can be addressed.

If we collectively agree on this option, the bio can highlight its openness to being in a transitional phase.

Option B: Benign and generous dissolution of the collective

If the option above cannot be agreed upon, what may be more constructive is to admit the impossibility of reaching consensus based on the current affective structure of the collective. This would mean using the remaining period of the residency for a project of dissolving the collective in the least harmful ways. This entails conceptual and practical steps:

- Conceptual: Processing our—including the current and former members—experiences, as well as our motivations behind the collective's dissolution, into a publication (print/web). This could be read as our offering for the generations of collective practices that might emerge in the future. The publication can be edited by an external mediator.
- Practical: Suspending the creation of additional projects under the name Bebe Books. Distribution of the collective infrastructures—website, social media, printer, etc.—based on a reciprocal process of negotiation. This process can also be documented and included in the publication.

If this is what we choose to pursue, I think the bio can transparently highlight this aspect.

I'd be happy to respond to any questions if parts of these suggestions are unclear, and to consider any additional proposals you might have. Let me know what you think.