



# (Re)turns as Future in Kazakh, English, and Spanish

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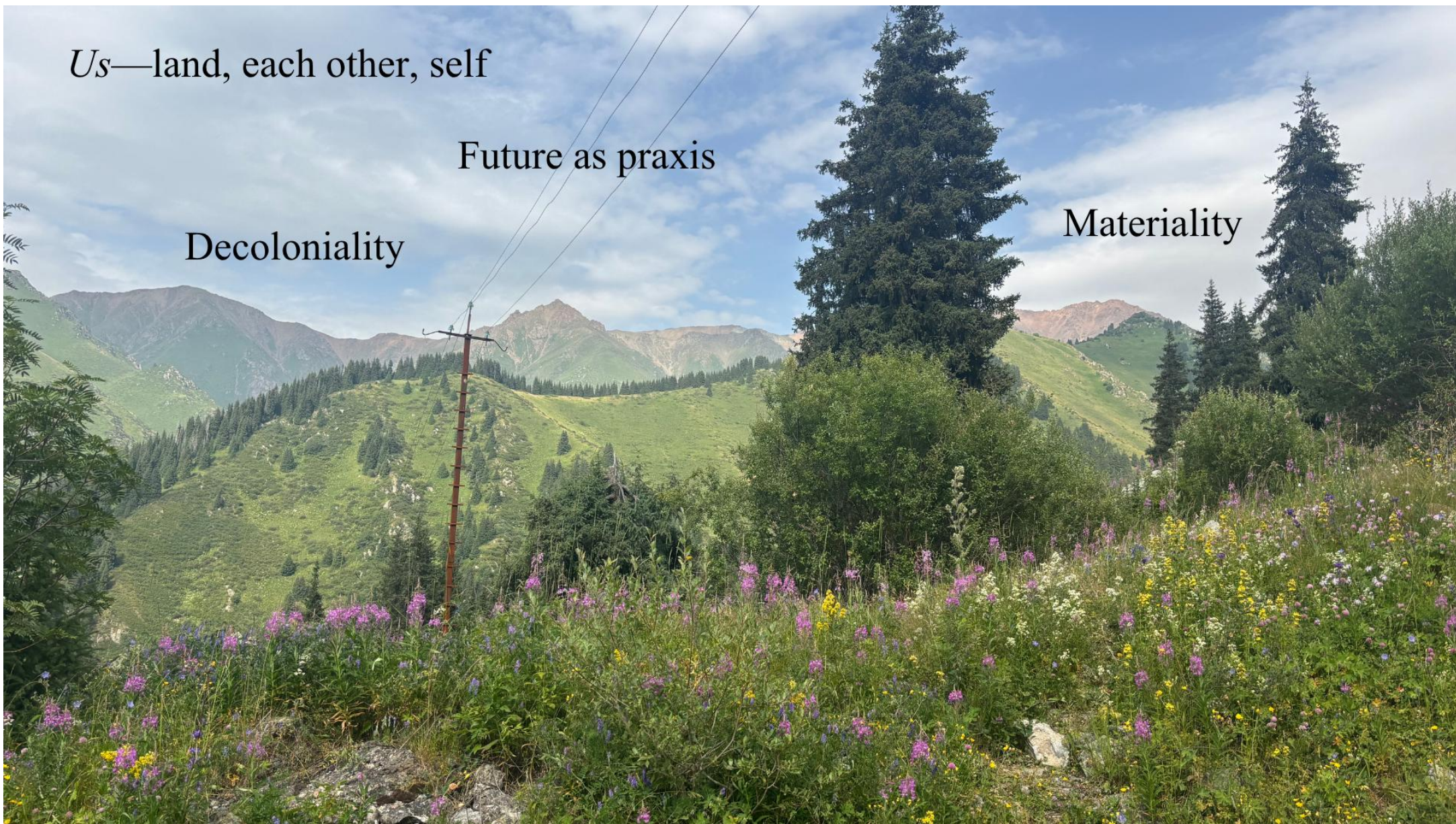
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*Us*—land, each other, self

Future as praxis

Decoloniality

Materiality



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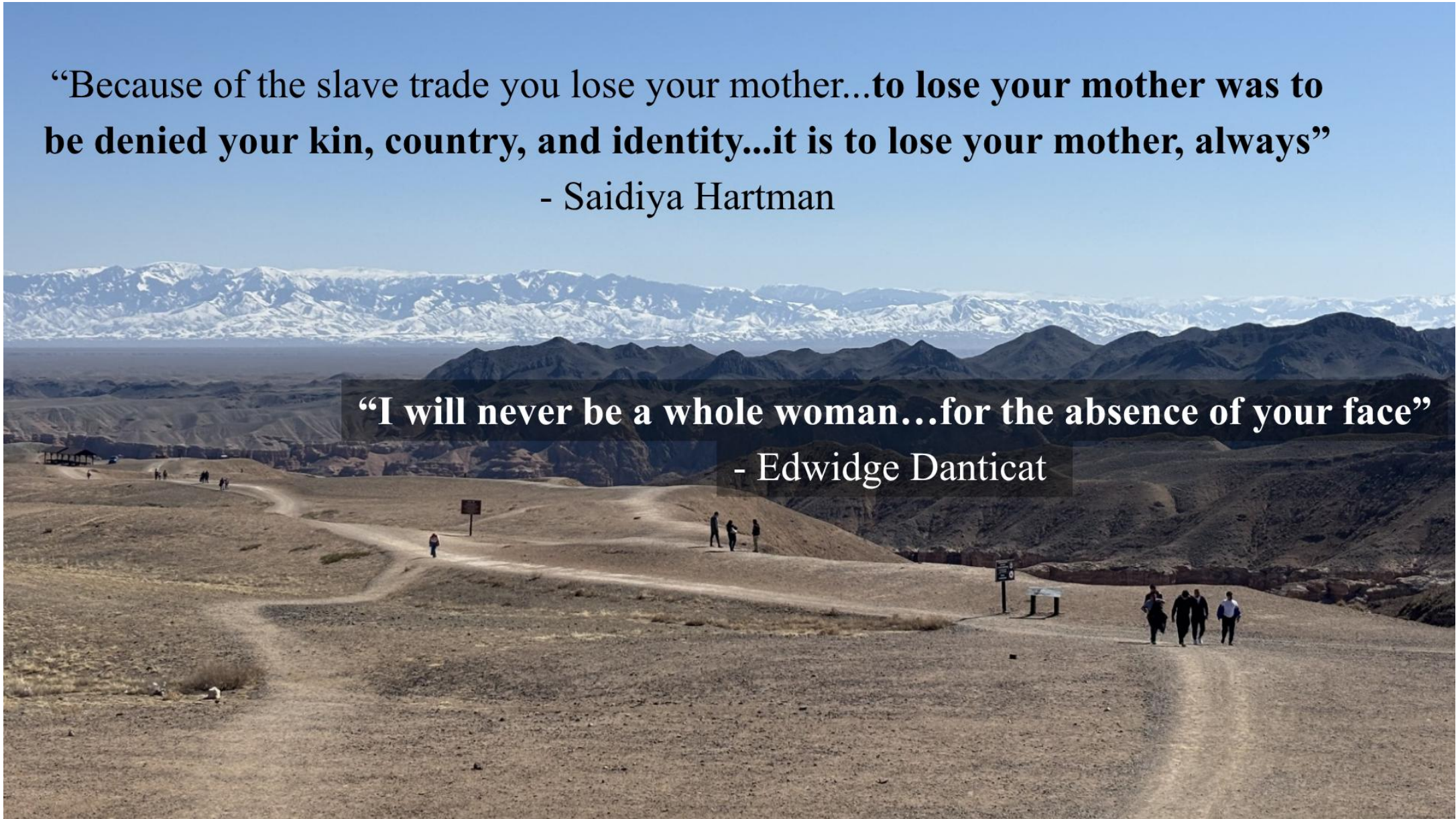


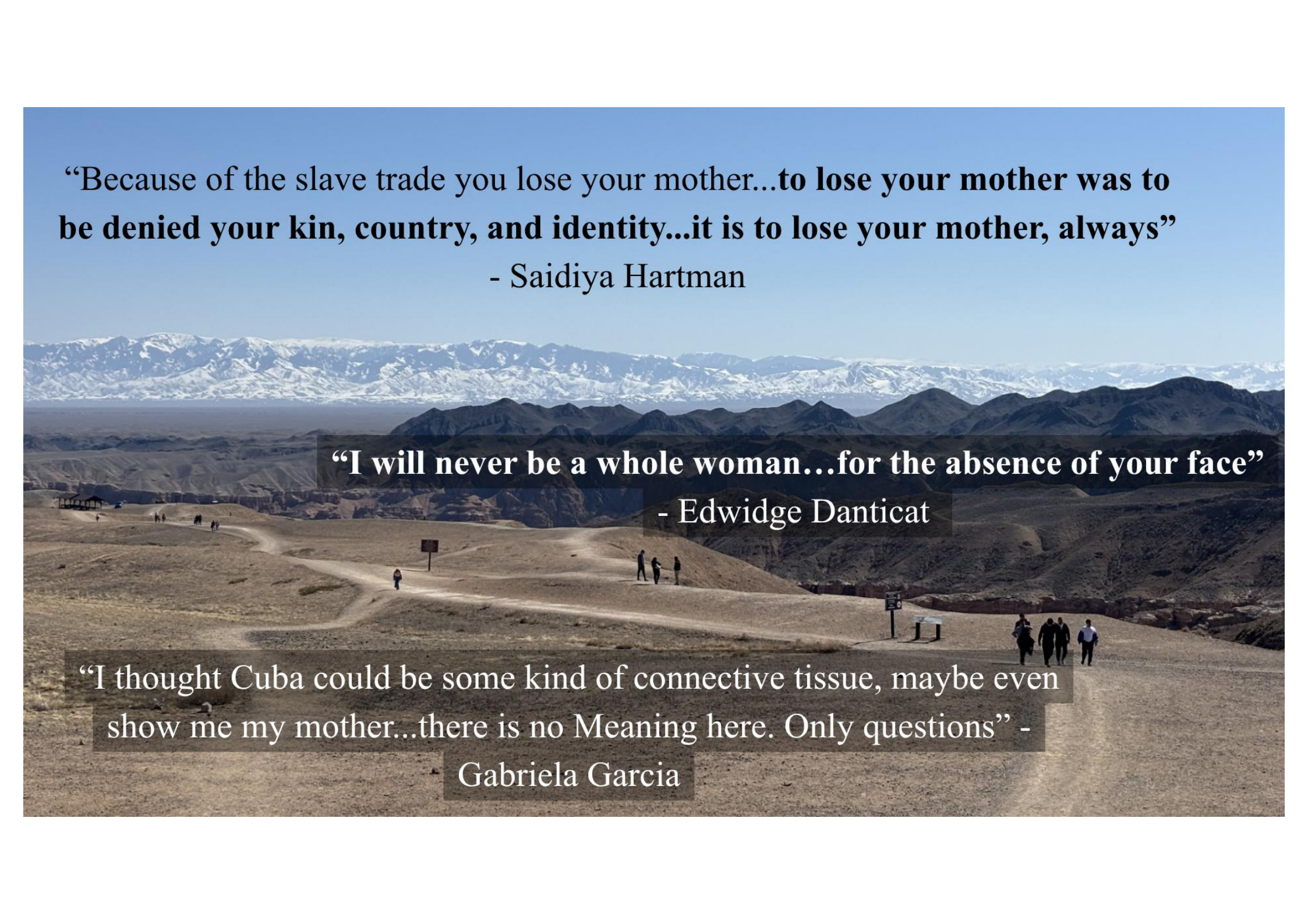
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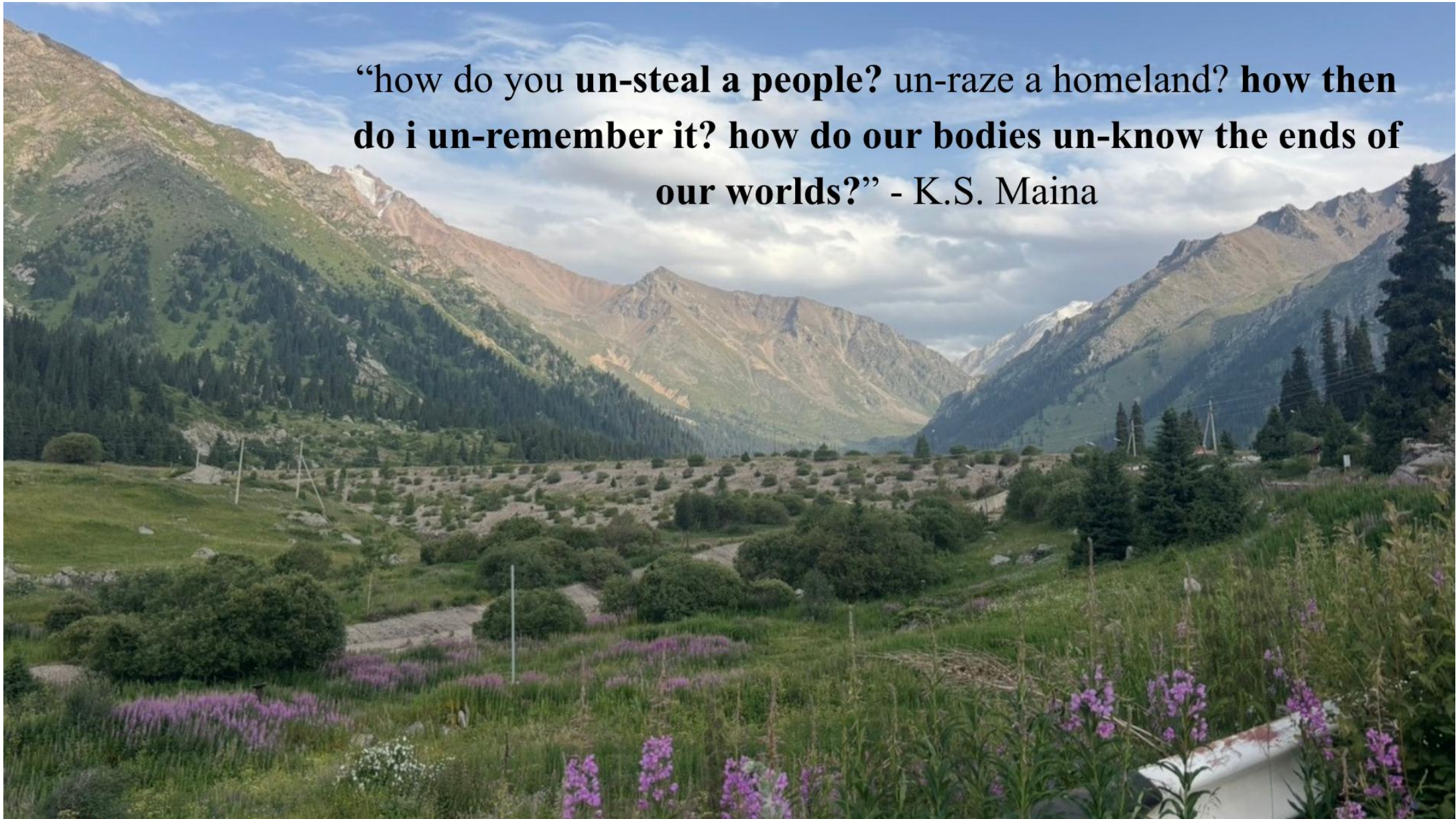
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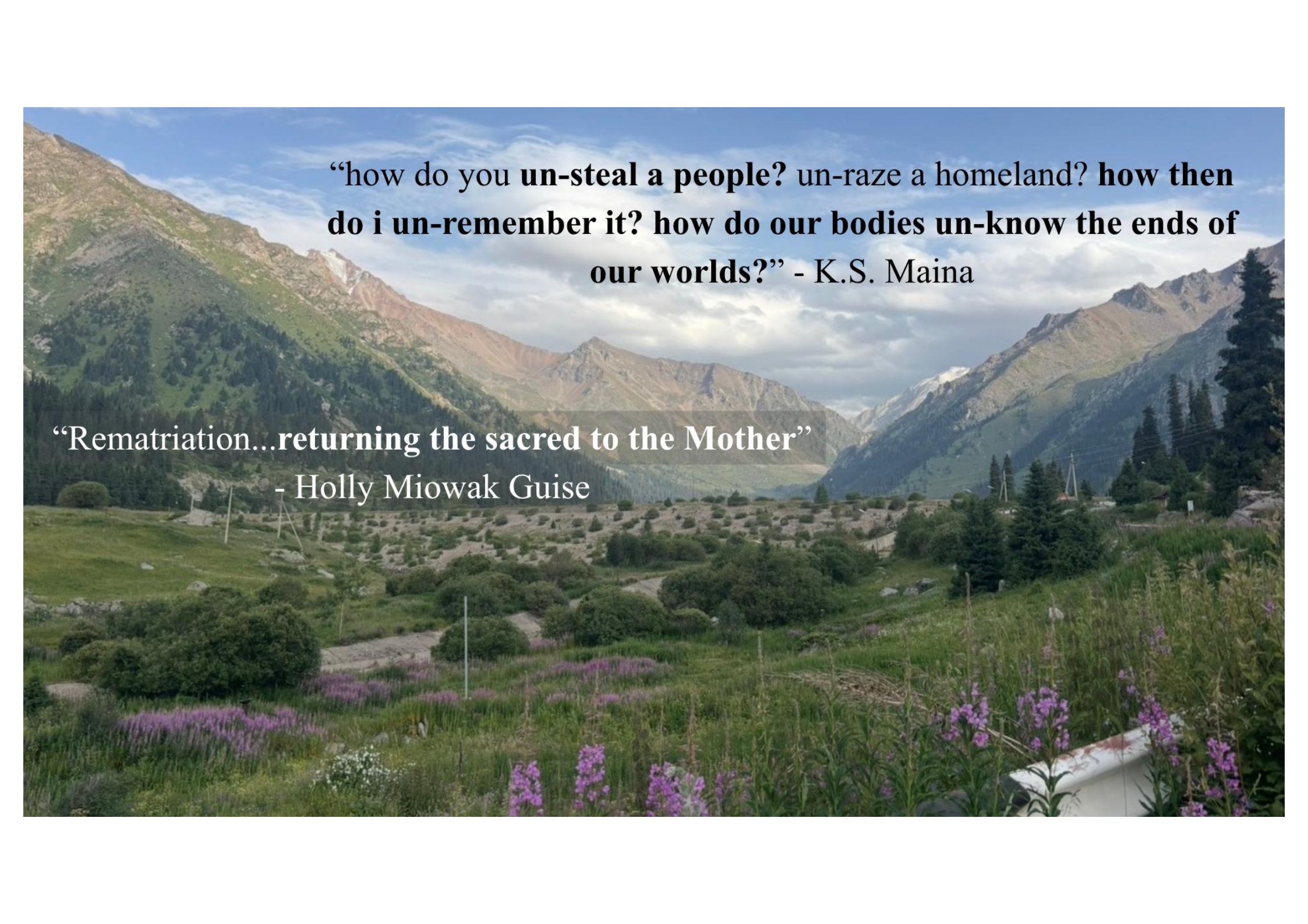
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**“I thought Cuba could be some kind of connective tissue, maybe even show me my mother...there is no Meaning here. Only questions” -**

**Gabriela Garcia**

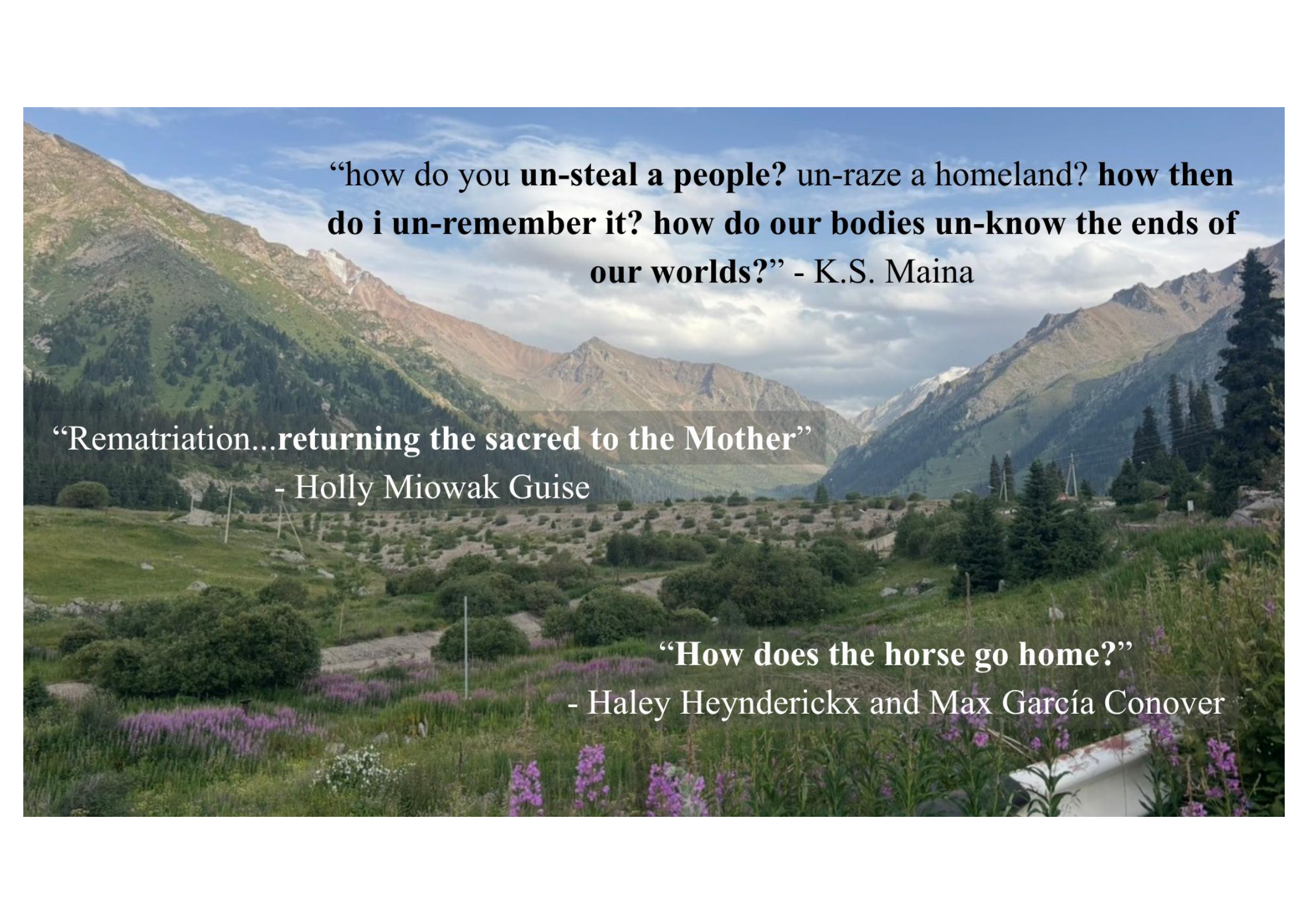
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A scenic mountain landscape with green valleys, rocky peaks, and purple flowers in the foreground. The sky is blue with some clouds. The text is overlaid on the image.

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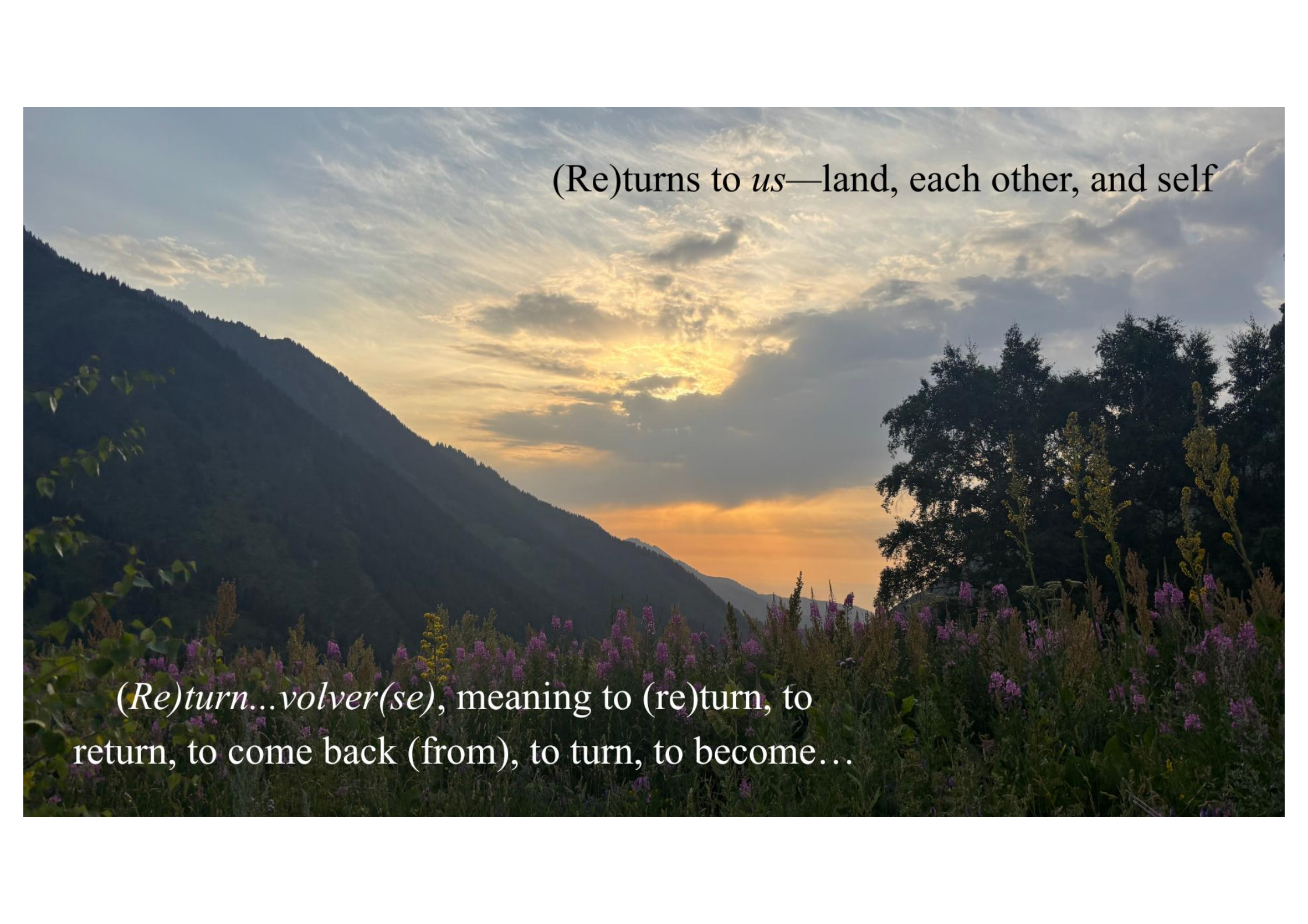
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**“How does the horse go home?”  
- Haley Heynderickx and Max García Conover**



(Re)turns to *us*—land, each other, and self

*(Re)turn...volver(se)*, meaning to (re)turn, to return, to come back (from), to turn, to become...



# Chapter 1 — (Re)turning to Land: Water as Future

Despite our experiences with displacement and/or settler/colonialism, we must continue to care for land because *our* futures are interdependent

We must live and feel a relational reality by practicing relationality & Caring as Country

to love land is to love me is to love you / is  
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love *us* is to love us is to love *us* is to

*Us*—land, each other, self—as  
interconnected, interdependent, and  
relational



## Chapter 2 — (Re)turning to Each Other: Internormativity and Loving Across Difference

*Our* future is dependent upon imagining/creating new ways of connecting and loving across difference not predicated on oppression, violence, enslavement, or other harmful dynamics of power

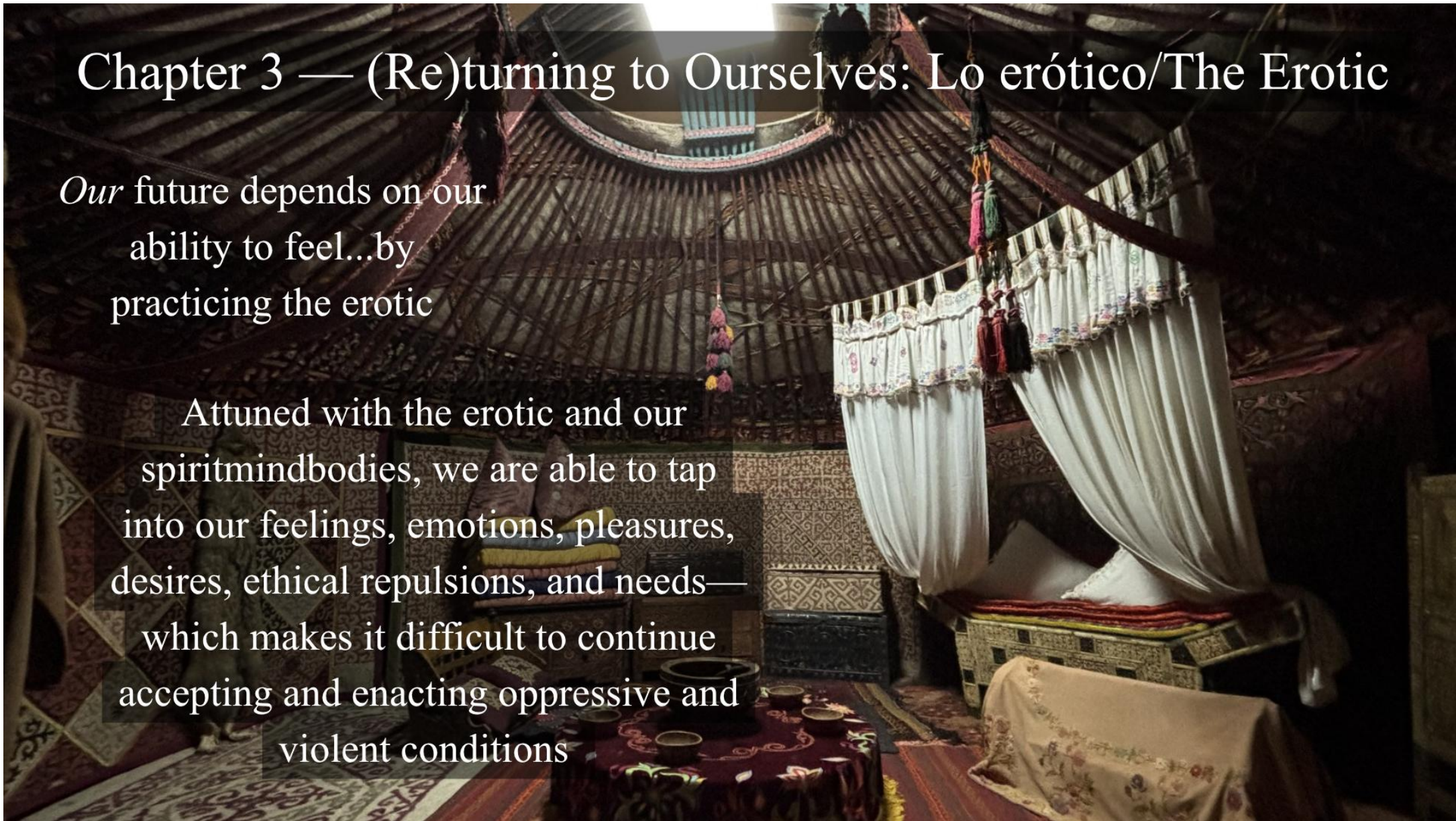
Thus...internormativity & internormative loving by faithful witnessing and 'world'-travelling




## Chapter 3 — (Re)turning to Ourselves: Lo erótico/The Erotic

*Our* future depends on our  
ability to feel...by  
practicing the erotic

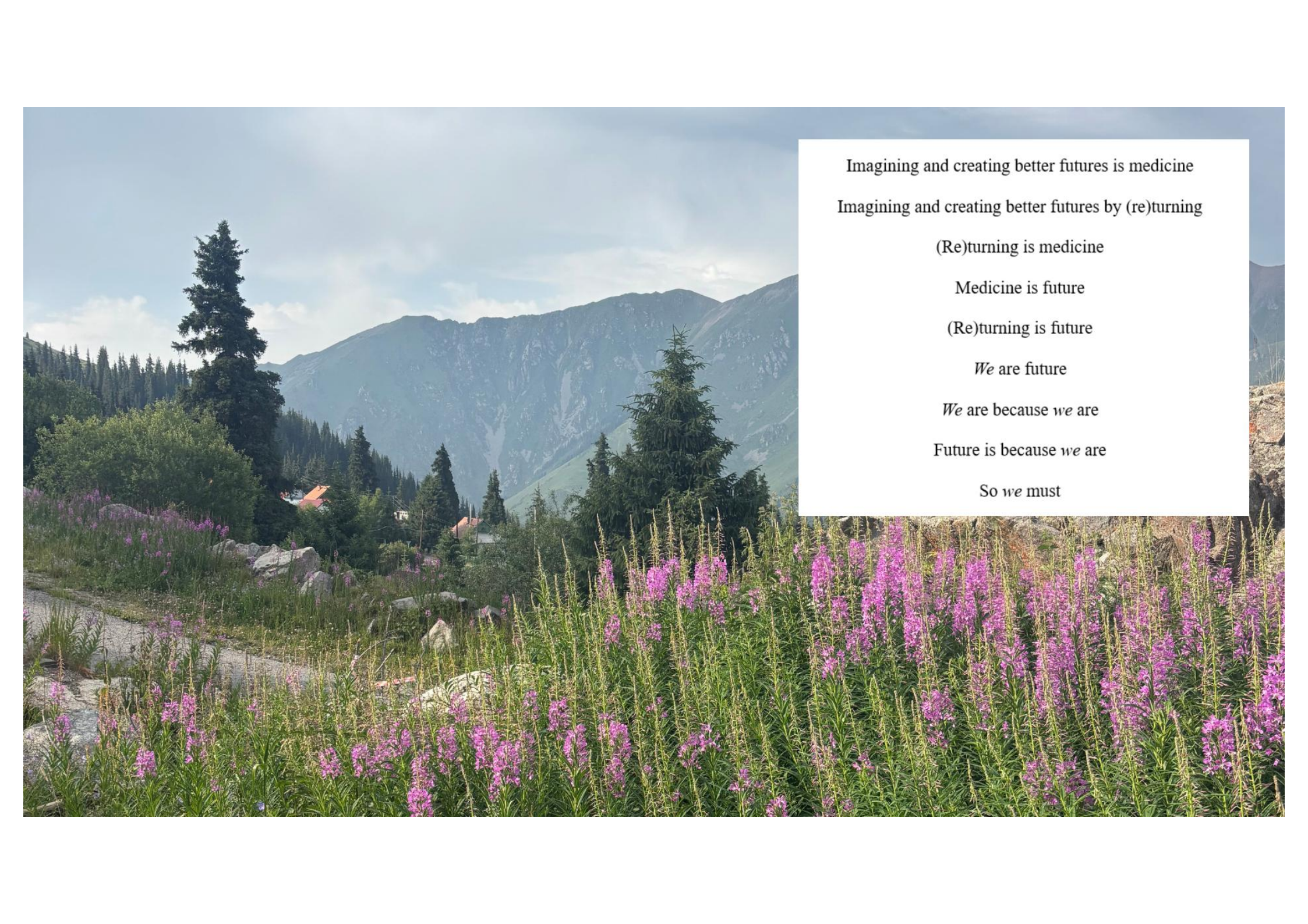
Attuned with the erotic and our  
spiritmindbodies, we are able to tap  
into our feelings, emotions, pleasures,  
desires, ethical repulsions, and needs—  
which makes it difficult to continue  
accepting and enacting oppressive and  
violent conditions







Future is praxis, it is the small iterations and rubbings up against, an infinite series of negotiations. Future is that which we imagine/create with each other. It is / living in relation / and / Caring as Country / living / and feeling / a relational reality / future is / internormative love / is / decolonial love / is / faithfully witnessing / and / 'world'-travelling / and / intimacy / future is / the erotic / within / and beyond / the / spiritmindbody / and also: / future is / sitting in discomfort / being (un)comfortable with not knowing / with not being the smartest person in the room / future is / freefall / sacrifice / giving / having / reverence / future is / to open our palms up / to land / to each other / to the self / to future / to futures / we can't / yet / imagine / future is / understanding our long histories / learning each other's / future is / disidentification / betraying what does not serve *us* / it is / believing / each other / and / ourselves / future is / to not disregard story / as myth / to introduce yourself to someone / to many someones / it is / to deconstruct / to construct / to be curious / to curdle / to embrace / multiplicity / future is / assessing the damage / taking inventory / to reveal / to spread the word / and to / keep / filling the room with flowers / tirando  $\kappa\upsilon\pi\tau$  / future is / returning the / sacred / to the Mother / future is / to love / to (re)turn / volver(se) / home / future is / home / future is / grief work / is midwifery / is



Imagining and creating better futures is medicine

Imagining and creating better futures by (re)turning

(Re)turning is medicine

Medicine is future

(Re)turning is future

*We* are future

*We* are because *we* are

Future is because *we* are

So *we* must

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