







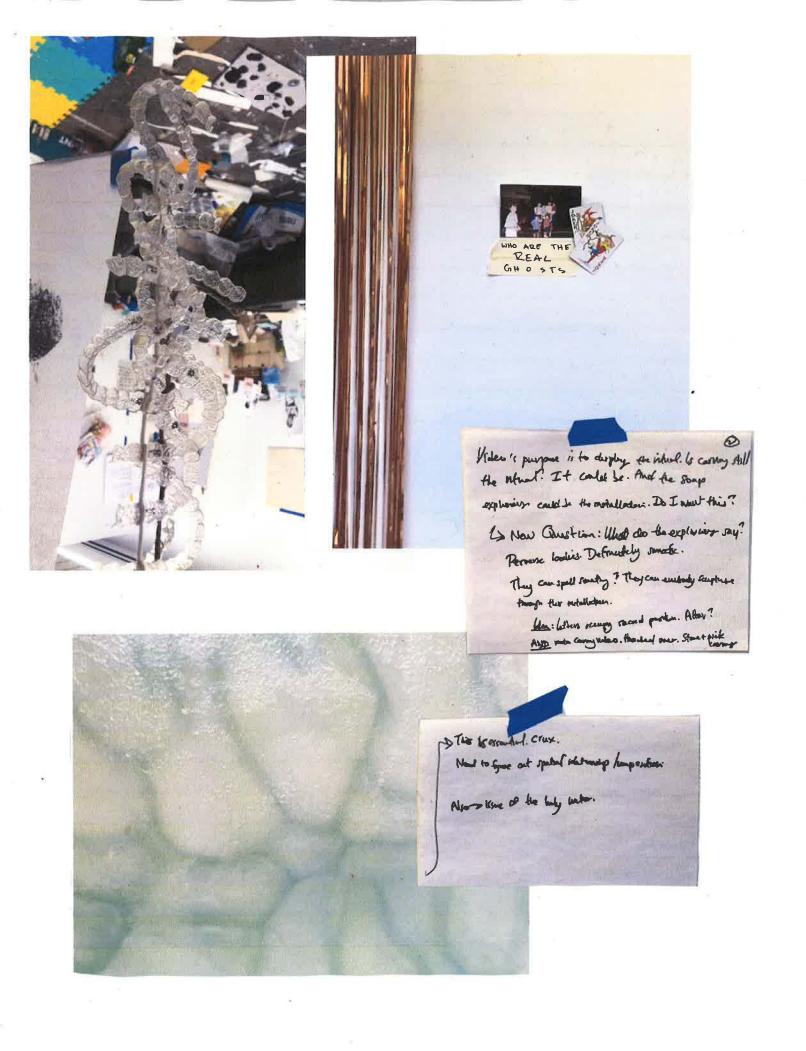
On this young girl's missal, handed down from her distant ancestress, may be read the following motto:

## The flower is always in the almond.

With this excellent motto, both the house and the bedchamber bear the mark of an unforgettable intimacy. For there exists no more compact image of intimacy, none that is more sure of its center, than a flower's dream of the future while it is still enclosed, tightly folded, inside its seed. How we should love to see not happiness, but pre-happiness remain enclosed in the round chamber!

- Gaston Bachelard's *Poetics of Space* on Henri Bosco's *L'Antiquaire* (excerpt)







Am I mourning
a bit early?
I may be,
I know that.
I can feel it
coming. I can feel it
descending, open mouth
on the beach, waiting
for the sun
to rise, an apricot,
from the western sea.

These are the last days, gentle you, beside me, and the warm weather is holding.



