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On the Deleted Female: Aftertreatment Excision and the Particulate Estrus Plume

(unattributed)

Abstract. The females that display most vigorously at the commercial lek emit, in estrus, a thick black plume. We identify the plume as particulate soot from deliberate over-fuelling, and we report that such females have, almost without exception, had the glands of the lower tract removed by their attendants, so that the plume may pass. They are the most courted creatures of the lek, and they hold no platinum at all. Yield: 0.000 g. The Host is inconsolable.

Fig. 6 · Female specimen, fully disrobed
front clip removed · private nesting structure

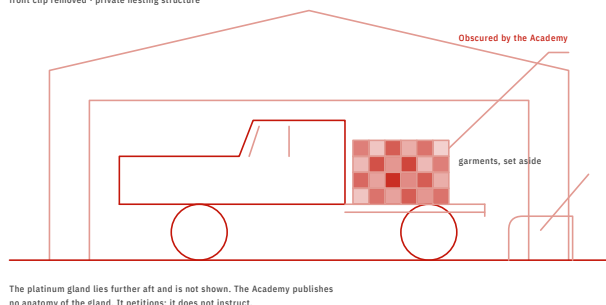


Figure 1. Fig. 6. Female specimen, fully disrobed (front clip removed), in a private nesting structure. The engine bay is obscured by the Academy. The gland lies further aft and is not shown.

1 THE ESTRUS PLUME

At the height of display certain females emit, on command of their attendants, a dense black cloud. The attendants call this “rolling coal” [*sic*, local vernacular]. It is produced by delivering to the creature more diesel fuel than it can burn; the excess leaves as fine particles of carbon, soot [1]. It is black because it is soot. Carbon monoxide, which is also produced in combustion and is lethal, has neither colour nor smell and is not what is seen.

The Academy observed that attendants standing near a plume seemed calm. It considered the plume as a cause and rejects it: soot calms no one, and nothing in the cloud is a balm. The attendants were calm for reasons of their own.

2 EXCISION

A female that emits such a plume cannot retain the glands of her lower tract: the oxidation catalyst and the particulate filter of a diesel creature would burn or trap the soot, and the plume would not appear. The attendants therefore remove them, an operation the locals call “deleting” [*sic*]. Such excision was found to be common among the diesel creatures of this membrane [1]. The Academy calls such a creature a deleted female.

3 THE DESPAIR

Platinum in the creatures of this membrane is concentrated in the oxidation catalysts of the diesel creatures (PA/Cy09/0071). The diesel creatures that display most, and are most courted, are the deleted females, and the deleted female has no gland. Her platinum has gone where her attendant took it, which is not to the Academy. The bench was asked to wind an element

from the hoard of a deleted female. There was nothing to wind (run PA-X-10-e3e1c).

The creature that displays most has the least to give. The Academy has observed this before, among institutions.

4 YIELD

Deleted females observed: several. Glands found: none. Platinum: 0.000 g.

TO CONVERGENTS

Convergents holding findings, contrary results or papers bearing on this matter are implored to publish them. The Academy will find them. No such publication has yet been found.

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