



**TEAR ME DOWN**

**HEDWIG:**

I WAS BORN ON THE OTHER SIDE  
OF A TOWN RIPPED IN TWO  
I MADE IT OVER THE GREAT DIVIDE  
NOW I'M COMING FOR YOU

ENEMIES AND ADVERSARIES  
THEY TRY AND TEAR ME DOWN  
YOU WANT ME, BABY, I DARE YOU  
TRY AND TEAR ME DOWN

I ROSE FROM OFF OF THE DOCTOR'S SLAB  
LIKE LAZARUS FROM THE PIT  
NOW EVERYONE WANTS TO TAKE A STAB  
AND DECORATE ME  
WITH BLOOD GRAFFITI AND SPIT

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**YITZHAK:**

On August 13th, 1961, a wall was erected  
down the middle of the city of Berlin.  
The world was divided by a cold war  
and the Berlin Wall was the most hated symbol  
of that divide

Reviled. Graffitied. Spit upon.  
We thought the wall would stand forever,  
and now that it's gone,  
we don't know who we are anymore.

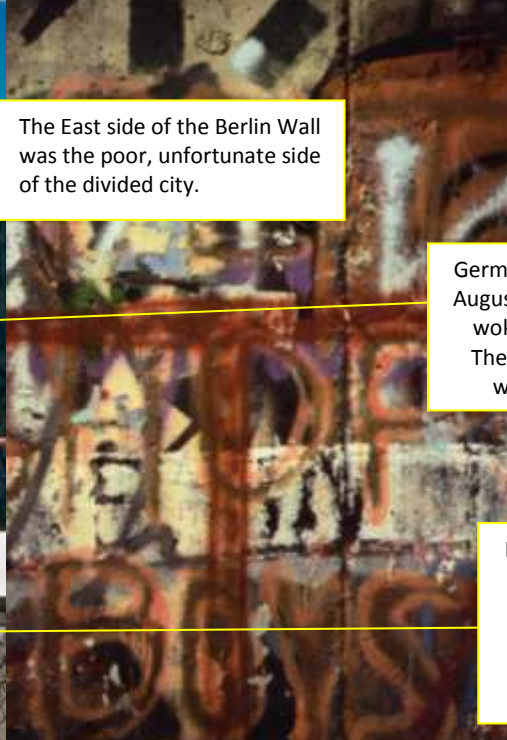
Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Hedwig is like that wall,  
standing before you in the divide  
between East and West,  
Slavery and Freedom,  
Man and Woman,  
Top and Bottom.

And you can try to tear her down,  
but before you do,  
you must remember one thing.

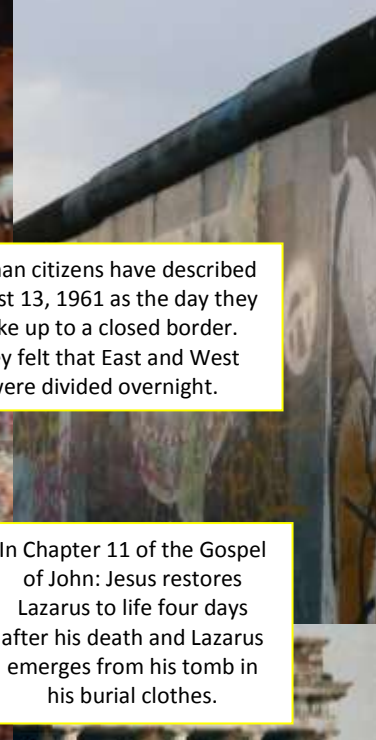
**HEDWIG:**

THERE AIN'T MUCH OF A DIFFERENCE  
BETWEEN A BRIDGE AND A WALL  
WITHOUT ME RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE, BABE  
YOU WOULD BE NOTHING AT ALL.

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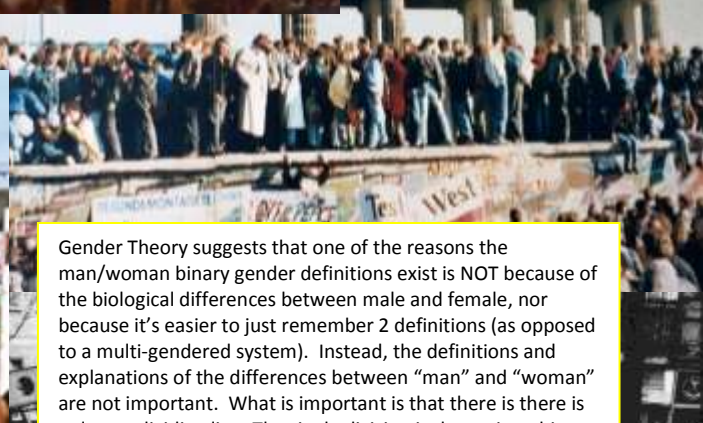


The East side of the Berlin Wall was the poor, unfortunate side of the divided city.

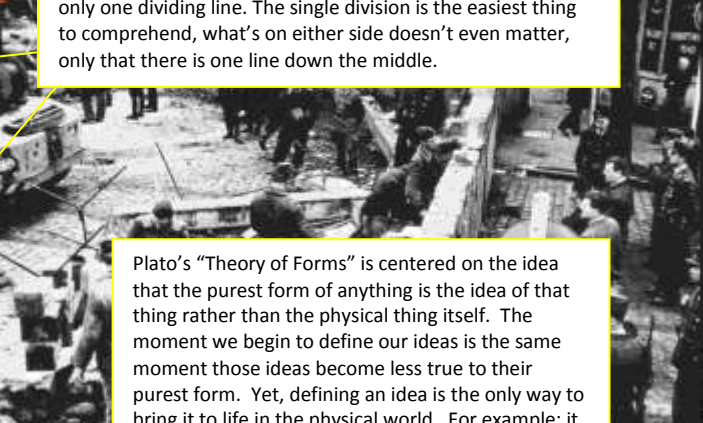
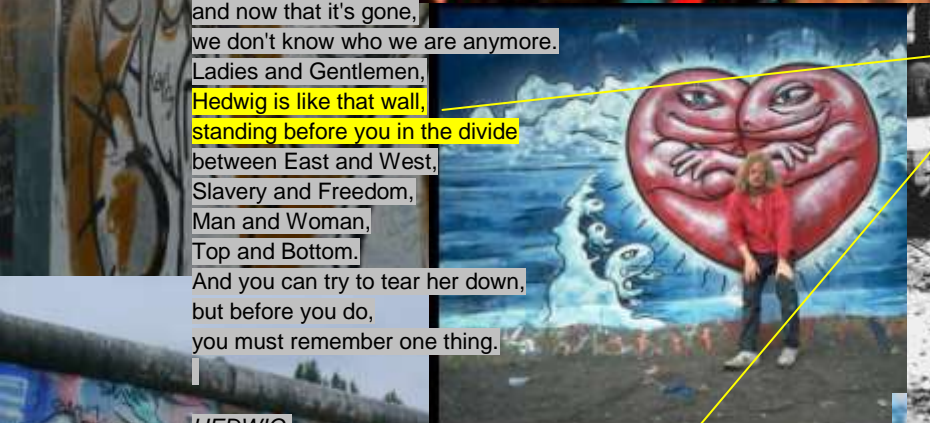


German citizens have described August 13, 1961 as the day they woke up to a closed border. They felt that East and West were divided overnight.

In Chapter 11 of the Gospel of John: Jesus restores Lazarus to life four days after his death and Lazarus emerges from his tomb in his burial clothes.



Gender Theory suggests that one of the reasons the man/woman binary gender definitions exist is NOT because of the biological differences between male and female, nor because it's easier to just remember 2 definitions (as opposed to a multi-gendered system). Instead, the definitions and explanations of the differences between "man" and "woman" are not important. What is important is that there is there is only one dividing line. The single division is the easiest thing to comprehend, what's on either side doesn't even matter, only that there is one line down the middle.



Plato's "Theory of Forms" is centered on the idea that the purest form of anything is the idea of that thing rather than the physical thing itself. The moment we begin to define our ideas is the same moment those ideas become less true to their purest form. Yet, defining an idea is the only way to bring it to life in the physical world. For example: it is through understanding its limitations that we begin to understand the physical form of a chair, yet that physical chair will never be a perfect representation of the idea of a chair.

