
Diamonds

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There are technical objects, and then there are transitional objects: a blanket, maybe, which lives with the child in a “twilight” between infantile narcissism and the slowly decoded world

While newborns conceived with genetic material from Chinese nationals can be easily registered as Chinese citizens, children born in US territory from a surrogate uterus (and thus with US citizenship under the fourteenth amendment of the US Constitution) can sponsor their parents for green cards upon reaching the age of twenty-one. But surrogates never manage to be anything more than a poor substitute for the real thing.

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As if desperate for fellowship, scientists perceive human qualities in even the most object-like of animal species, locating them in the practically inanimate

Among Chinese businessmen and government officials, transnational newborns are expected to play a key role in connecting a regulatory zone where benefit can be produced through political influence with one where it can be secured through rather steady and highly regulated institutions. Newborns produced in this way embody a complex territorial assemblage, one that cannot be geographically produced, but can only be manufactured out of a bio-political composition of a Chinese national's genes—often combined with donated eggs or semen from selected phenotypes—and an American national's uterus.

So different from human bodies, with their messy fluids and seeming firm outlines, these translucent planktons could be diamonds. Clear skeletons of calcium, silicon, or strontium contain them, in some cases. Others are gelatinous. They resemble plastic bags but beautiful, the opposite of human detritus, which is to say human invention. The spectacularly long appendages contract and, with a gesture like breath, the plankton wings off through the sea, which, here, fathoms deep, may as well be a night sky. In Chinese society, male descendants are expected to take responsibility for their parents' welfare when they get older. Screening for genetic diseases and gender selection are thus often part of strategies intended to reduce the financial and affective risks.

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