



# COMPLEX *I* TIES

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... weeks in Chicago with a stiff neck, probably from working at the computer  
... to the city. I could barely turn my head. I went for massage and  
... therapy with some sort of electrical machine. The pain didn't  
... for Penland in October.

... School is one of my favorite places. Here art workshops are  
... sessions. I arranged to stay for two weeks and was given a large plot  
... from responsibility and an opportunity to work undisturbed. The  
... years, probably not since graduate school. My mind could be free of  
... were presented (beautiful meals) on schedule. I only did one load of  
... dog at home. This must be what it would be like to have a step-child  
... to that notion.

Every morning I woke up to mist on the mountains. By breakfast the  
... veiled. I watched the contrast on the ridges change during the day and  
... lived here for short periods for more than half of my life. It is a country  
... perhaps were taken there as I began to think of spirals, weaving, and cycles  
... to these particular hills.







The importance of housework shouldn't be underestimated. Women still feel it is their responsibility, even working women like myself. Summering men most of our men's lack of participation/caring/noticing is a major cause of marriage ending. Divorce is one of the main contributors to the loss of childhood. Children are being forced to take care and mature earlier than they can. Perhaps this fear of divorce is what means women keep doing more than their share of the work and remain quiet, which creates another generation of this cycle.

I like things clean. My mother taught me this. Polished brass, fresh flowers, dust free woodwork, orderly closets, clean windows, edged levers... but who can do all of this? This work is

not so bad to do if you  
I was little, we helped her  
housecleaning. This always  
noticing to scratch her back

negotiate the  
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windows  
scrub table  
clean hall  
wash windows  
prime walls

