village

[it's a calling and you've been called]
hi hello, i heard your name in a dream, woke me in the middle of the night and had to call you, can you do it? take notes while i tell you which doorways to walk through.¹

[barter]
i'll pay you.² you get to blossom here and so do your children.³

[share your gifts]⁴
your magic gets to thrive here.⁵ contribute! make lots of money here! be supported here! everyone has a magic gift. what's yours? find out.⁶ the space is yours.⁷ you don't have to do it alone. you get to have it all.

[heal]
heal with us⁸, we'll do it together. break the cycle⁹. breathe in through your nose, out through your nose. all the way in. i'll lead you to the stream side¹⁰, bring your face to the water's edge and show you who you are. then we'll come back to the center of the yurt, holding hands, leaning in.¹¹

[programming]
send your kids here. drop-off program every week, monday and wednesday. learn about compassion¹². learn poetry.¹³ learn how to be leaders¹⁴, how to love Mama Gaia¹⁵, how to resolve their conflicts at the peace table¹⁶. we have a talking a stick for taking turns. our children are seeds of the New Earth.¹⁷ bring them.

¹ then once you're in there, write it down: details. what's on the walls. the photos in the frames. the artwork. the furniture.
² in visions, in mutual desire fed by the pain of the world. if you put our maps together, layer one on top of the other, you'll see we're walking to the same buried treasure.
³ i can't afford you but you have million-dollar-ideas and i can't do this alone.
⁴ monetize your heart.
⁵ it will also be stolen, repackaged, and sold on our website. it's in the contract. check the contract.
⁶ $7,777 a year to find out who you are.
⁷ if you're paying $7,777 a year. or $777 a month. yurt space included.
⁸ commit to a nonnegotiable weekly journey. fall asleep on a zoom call. leave your children alone on screens in the next room. even if it takes two hours.
⁹ keep finding problems so you never have to move forward. dig holes just to dig. play in dirt just to stay in the mud.
¹⁰ i know your purpose. follow me.
¹¹ on the pad of paper is a list of wounds and triggers and hook points and they'll all be used to keep you guilty enough, in shame enough to carry the wheel on your back.
¹² ignore the bullying. the child who berates her mother near the campfire. the child who mocks the mentor. the child who spits on the quiet girl. tell an adult, and watch the adult disappear into a vilage ghost. sit in a circle of understanding. if everyone agrees to having feelings, we all get to play.
¹³ we have no idea what we're doing.
¹⁴ we're running on chaos.
¹⁵ on the ground: orby beads, filtered through the roots of the grass. jutted glass. don't walk barefoot. pick containers out of the high field. pick as many flowers as you want.
¹⁶ catch-all for old coffee mugs, lost and found, bulky sweaters.
¹⁷ let the wind scatter them.
[values]
respect, diversity\textsuperscript{18}, peace, courage\textsuperscript{19}, belonging\textsuperscript{20}, gratitude\textsuperscript{21}.

[responsibility]
we’re an all-weather program. come prepared.\textsuperscript{22}

[can’t spell community without unity]
we village together! come celebrate with us\textsuperscript{23}, be in community with us\textsuperscript{24}, come garden\textsuperscript{25}, come share your beautiful gifts, come teach,\textsuperscript{26} come mentor and guide.

[death portals and other changes]
we’ve changed so much in the last few years\textsuperscript{27}. contractions, expansion, contraction, expansion\textsuperscript{28} our values keep us close to the ground.\textsuperscript{29} our children change, our mentors change.\textsuperscript{30}

[invest]
think of it as an investment in what you can’t see.\textsuperscript{31} it’s coming, we’re doing it together.\textsuperscript{32}

[start your own village]
we’re doing this together. financially supported\textsuperscript{33}. present with our children.\textsuperscript{34} if we can do it, you can do it.\textsuperscript{35} we’re showing you how, New Earth Leader, Mama-Not-Alone.\textsuperscript{36}

\textsuperscript{18} be in alignment.
\textsuperscript{19} note: the director will be away during the busiest time of year, on a month-long beach vacation, out of country. note: the director will leave early on the busy days. the director will be seen packing up. the director has a vision to nurture.
\textsuperscript{20} if you’re in alignment.
\textsuperscript{21} we’ll all be millionaires. we’re supposed to be millionaires. massive amounts of money. massive.
\textsuperscript{22} the heating unit will fail and we won’t have the money to fix it, don’t ask us where the money went, don’t ask us when the director calls from the beach. come dressed for a polar vortex. we’ll use our body heat. we’ll use imaginary fires to warm us. come knowing how to be creative while losing your legs. some classes have no electricity. some rooms are bare. the water stops running. this is not our problem.
\textsuperscript{23} for an extra $100 a month. or $1,000 a year. whatever works.
\textsuperscript{24} for a small fee
\textsuperscript{25} pay for the plots. pay for the dirt. we all eat.
\textsuperscript{26} make money for the village but struggle to put food on your table or gas in your car to get here
\textsuperscript{27} everything’s falling apart
\textsuperscript{28} really. everything went to shit, and it went fast.
\textsuperscript{29} as in: we’re digging our own graves.
\textsuperscript{30} everyone left. we know why. but you’re new here, and that’s cute.
\textsuperscript{31} the prices will go up. you’ll wonder why your kids are cold. you’ll wonder why we can’t afford the heat. you’ll wonder where the registration fees went. you’ll see the materials. you’ll assume we bought them (we didn’t, the art teacher bought them from home).
\textsuperscript{32} you’re so ungrateful.
\textsuperscript{33} go on foodstamps if you have to. we’re all doing it.
\textsuperscript{34} find childcare. find a babysitter. only do the things you love. you’re too good for the dishes. you’re too good for tending to life. you’ve got a vision. your kids will say thank you.
\textsuperscript{35} we haven’t figured it out yet, but if you pay us, we’ll tell you how we might, if we could.
\textsuperscript{36} be in alignment. stay in alignment.