2 I always wore masks



Karen Blixen's artistic aptitude was spotted early. She drew and wrote even as a child. In the large collection of her surviving papers at the Royal Danish Library in Copenhagen may be found countless volumes with drafts of never-finished tales, poems, and plays.

く存在する。 には、未完のままに終わった物語、詩、劇の下書きが数多いーゲン王立図書館に収められている膨大な彼女の遺稿すでに子どもの頃から絵を描き、お話を作った。コペンカーアン・ブリクセンの芸術的な才能は早くに開花した。



Karen Blixen with her sketchpad at Kullen in Sweden, summer 1907.



Karen Blixen in "fancy dress", ca. 1905.

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In writing as well as her drawing, the young Karen Blixen gave expression to her imagination, which only poorly harmonized with the prosaic, bourgeois existence that surrounded her.

The mermaid here - drawn on the cover of one of her notebooks - can be viewed as a traditionally Romantic rendition of her own need to create a world in accordance with her own dreams.

リフ「あなたの仮面を被りあなたを知る」は彼女の人生のモットーの一つだと言える。 生の最後まで続いた。『七つのゴシック物語』の一編「ノルダーナイの洪水」に登場する偽の枢機卿のセ生の最後まで続いた。『七つのゴシック物語』の一編「ノルダーナイの洪水」に登場する偽の枢機卿のセ生の最後まで続いた。 仮装や仮面への欲求は人写真(1900年頃)からはブリクセンが幼い頃から仮装好きだったことがわかる。彼女は崇拝する母写真(1900年頃)

This photograph from around 1900 shows that, right from her childhood, Karen Blixen loved to dress up. She is performing as "Mama", her highly admired grandmother Mary Westenholz at Folehavegaard. Her desire for dress-up and masking was retained to the end. The false cardinal's line "By thy mask I shall know thee" from the tale "The Deluge at Norderney" in Seven Gothic Tales could be one of her life mottos.