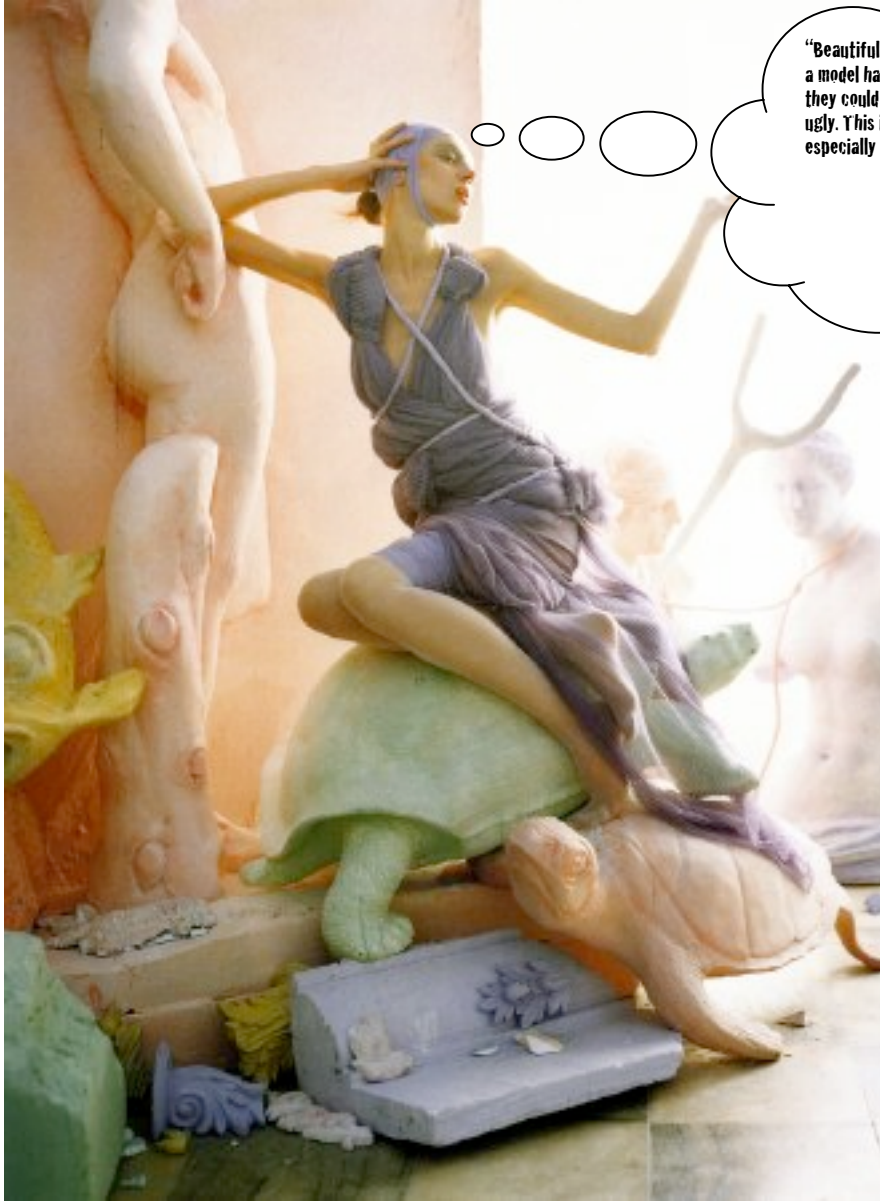


Assignment # 1
Due 9/9

In the Eye of the Beholder?



"Beautiful ugly is a term used in modeling, when a model has such striking or odd features that they could be considered quite beautiful or very ugly. This is especially rare, and highly desired, especially in couture shoots."

We live in an age when looks matter a great deal, and while it is true that in many cultures and historical periods beauty has been an elusive ideal sought by many and achieved by few, recently technology and advancements in bodily modification practices have helped both the achievement and the preservation of certain ideals. Witness the explosive field of plastic surgery world-wide, as well as sites such as BeautifulPeople.net, which purports to be "an elite and exclusively

Beautiful community, founded for the purpose of creating personal and professional relationships between people who stand out from the majority because of their attractive appearance and personal qualities.”(<http://us.beautifulpeople.net/Frontpage.asp>
<http://jscms.jrn.columbia.edu/cns/2006-02-28/ramakrishnan-beautifulpeople/>)

By using whatever technology suits most your whims and ideals (yes, even good-old fashioned drawing and painting), create your own gallery of beauty by using whatever images you find relevant, according to four major categories: the beautiful, the ugly, the clothed, the naked (or nude). Be sure to create a gallery both for at least the male and female gender. Of course, if you are willing and able, you can also include a third and/or fourth gender. While it is true that the more pictures you include, the better your ideals of male and female beauty and ugliness will come across, try and limit the scope of your assignment to no more than two or three images per category. Make sure to include a brief explanation for the rationale for choosing each picture/photo/drawing, typed, not handwritten, of course. Electronic submissions are welcome.