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The two boys in the picture look disturbingly beautiful. They are six years old at the most, in rags and with *retroussé* noses, wearing a grimace of amusement.

I remember a friend telling me how troubled she felt by her four-year-old son. They were having a bath, as usual when suddenly he left his boats, ducks and dolphins, looked at his mother and said with an even voice, "Mummy you are beautiful." And, approaching on his knees, he carried on asking if he could touch her breast, his hand already tingling her nipple. "I want your body" heard my friend with disbelief...

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"Tribulations of a Westerner in the Western World is a grand tour of a bland realm, framed by a slideshow and narrated by a cranky viewer in a running-off-at-the-mind commentary that veers from cynical to silly to wise to sick. Vincent Dachy presents the new Western Everyman as an engaging, if solipsistic, armchair tour guide, whose complex musings perform a strangely political indictment of a society in such an advanced state of decay, all one can do is sit and watch."

– Doug Nufer

"What a "westerner" might be in the context of Vincent Dachy's ***Tribulations of a Westerner in the Western World*** remains unsettled and unsettling from the work's self-conscious opening to its playful end."

– Mary Burger

Vincent Dachy was born in Belgium and lives in London where he practices Lacanian psychoanalysis, writes and takes photographs. *Tribulations of a Westerner in the Western World* is his first book.

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