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## DARKNESS VISIBLE: THESE SCULPTURES EXPLORE OUR DARKEST EXPERIENCES

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'In Front' (2103).

Growing up can be difficult. Being an adult can be just as hard. We can often find our lives cluttered with soul-destroying experiences that we don't really need but somehow managed to have collected along the way. All those bad feelings and dreadful memories that cling to us like shadows. They can shape us and make us into someone other than the person we thought we were going to be.

Take one look at these sculptures by Turkish artist [Yasam Sasmazer](#) and I'm sure you'll be able to relate to at least one of them.

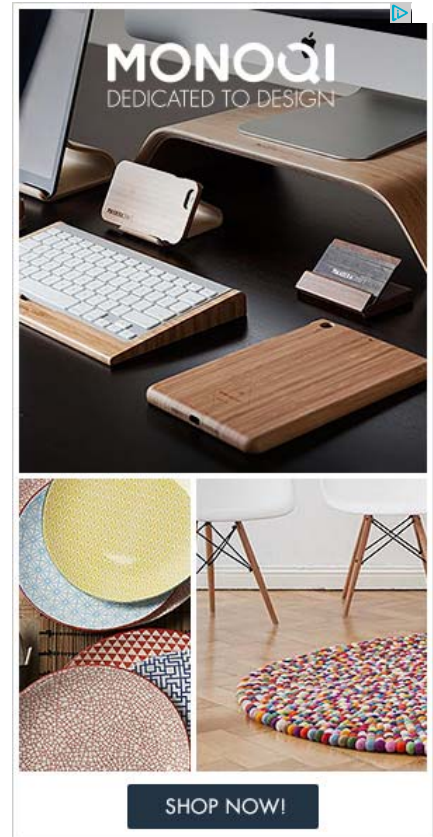
Yasam Sasmazer's sculptures tap right into those negative emotions we all experience at some point in our life—whether we want to or not, whether we can ever admit it or not.

Sasmazer carves her powerful totems out of wood. She uses them as a means to examine our notions of identity, our relationship to self and other and our deepest darkest fears.

Born in Istanbul in 1980, Yasam's work has been successfully exhibited in London, Berlin, New York and China. When exhibiting her work she uses the gallery to create a liminal space where light and shadow play an integral part in creating moods and giving new meaning to her work.

The shadows represent the darkness in our souls' hidden side and the most frightening part of our personality. The shadow is everything you are but do not want to be.

Here is a selection of Yasam's work from her exhibitions [Metanoia](#), [Doppelgänger](#) and [Dark Twin](#). See more of Yasam Sasmazer's work [here](#).



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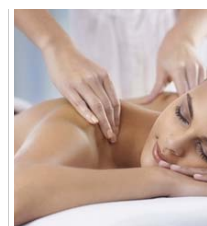
'Fear of Reason' (2013).



'Taming the Darkness' (2013).

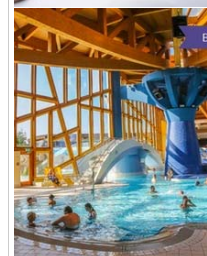


'Sleep' (2013).



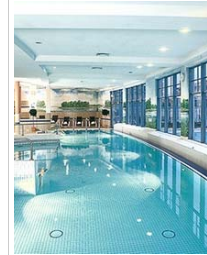
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*'The figure was sitting opposite Mr. Goljadin' (2012).*

**From 'Dark Twin.'**



*'Sleepwalker' (2011).*



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*'Fear of Light'* (2011).



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*'Captured by Light' (2011).*

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