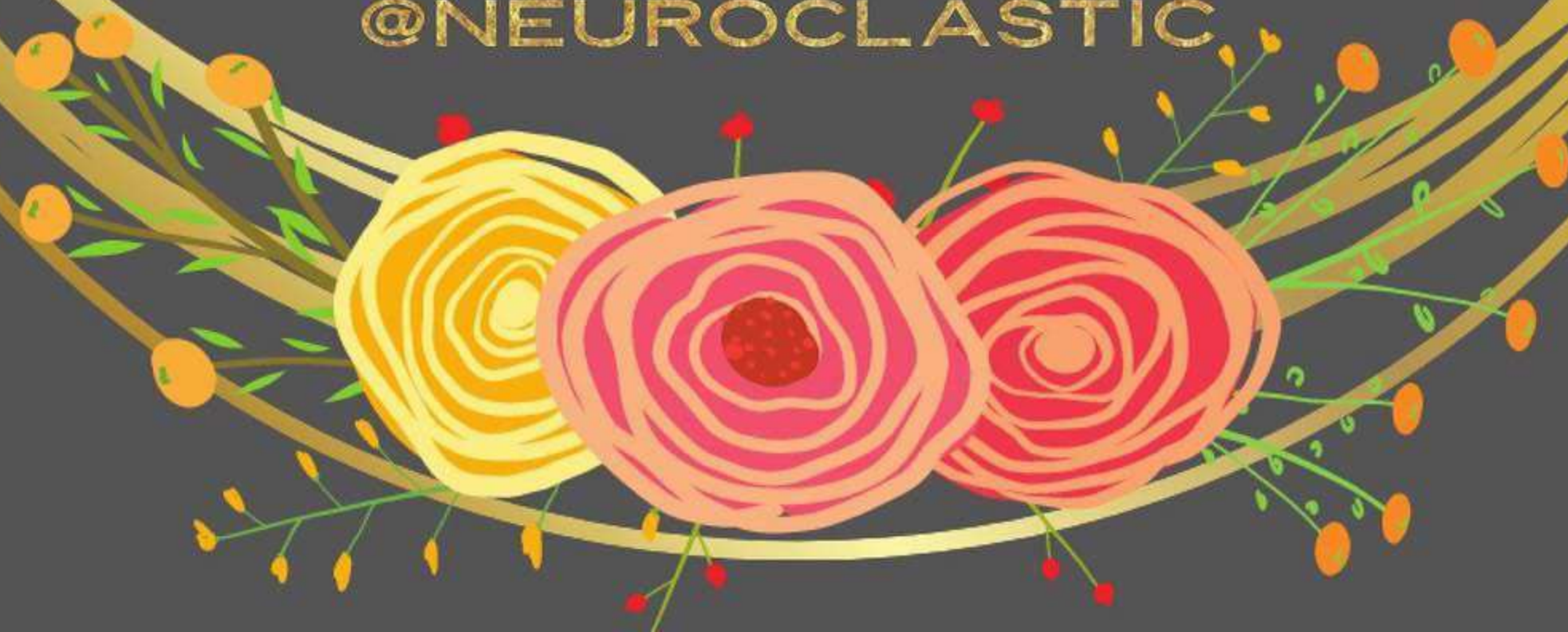


ON WHY AUTISTIC  
PEOPLE DON'T LIKE  
IT WHEN PARENTS CALL  
THEMSELVES  
"AUTISM PARENTS"

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One can be  
an Autistic  
parent if  
they are  
Autistic.

Otherwise,  
they are a  
parent.






Autistic is  
an identity  
that  
belongs to  
the  
Autistic  
person only.

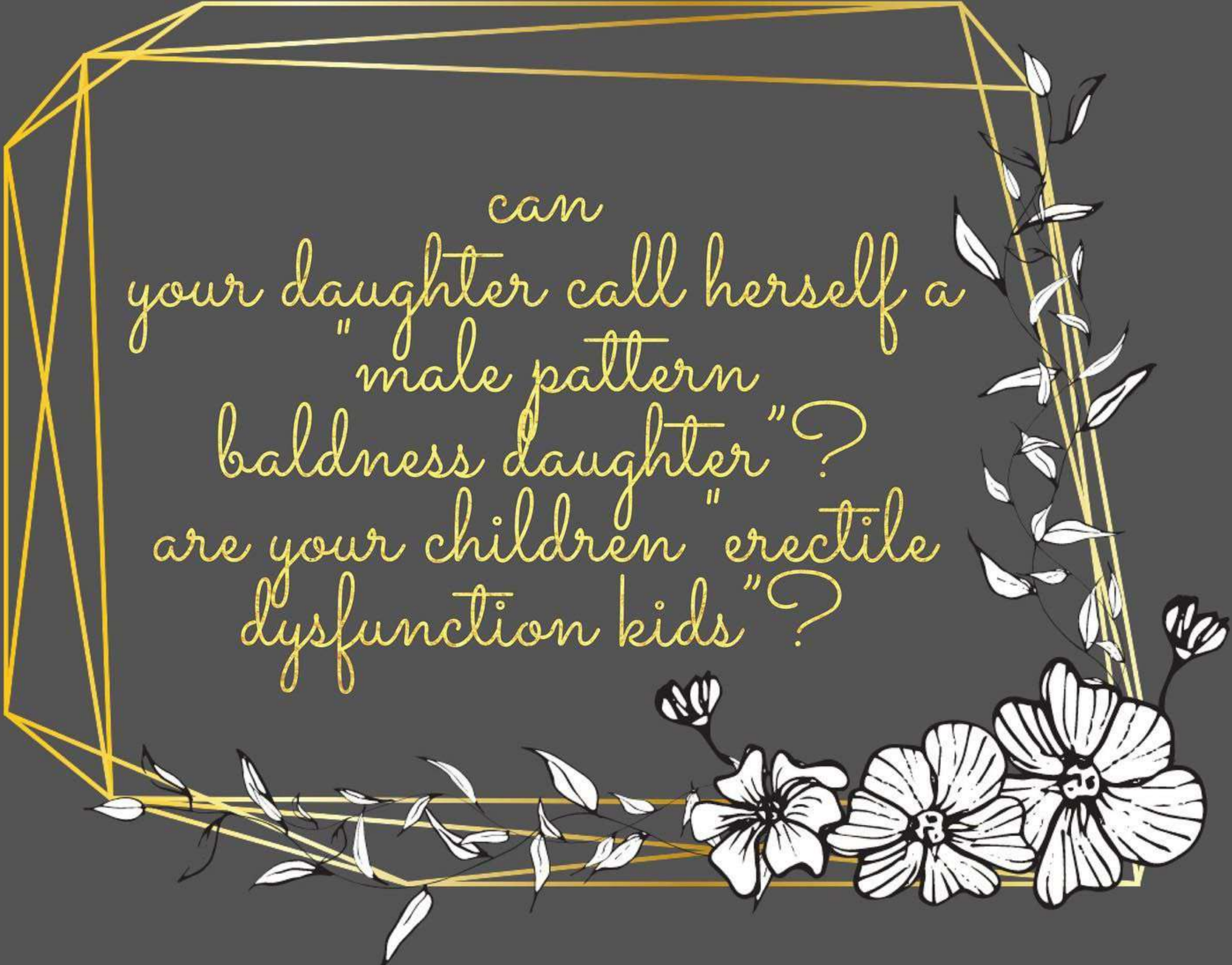
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Do you call  
yourself  
a "herpes simplex  
mom" if  
your child  
gets cold sores?  
An "asthma dad"? A  
"Pigeon-toed  
family"?





can  
your daughter call herself a  
"male pattern  
baldness daughter"?  
are your children "erectile  
dysfunction kids"?

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IS YOUR CHILD AN "OBESITY SON"?  
A "POSTAL WORKER DAUGHTER"?  
**IF YOU ADOPT  
A CHILD FROM  
ANOTHER COUNTRY,**  
ARE YOU A "ROMANIAN FAMILY"?

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An identity  
belongs to the  
person who  
occupies that  
identifier.

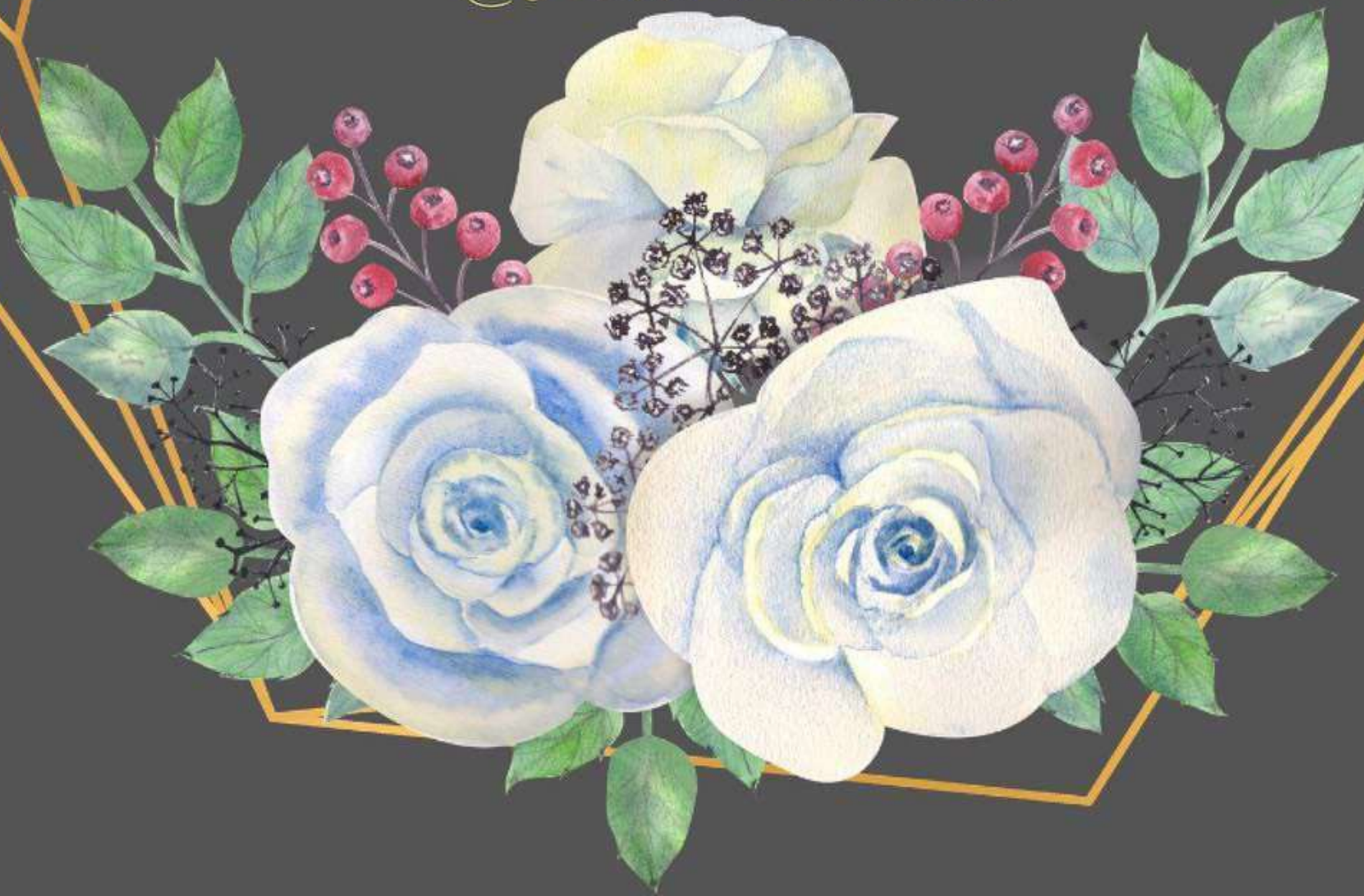


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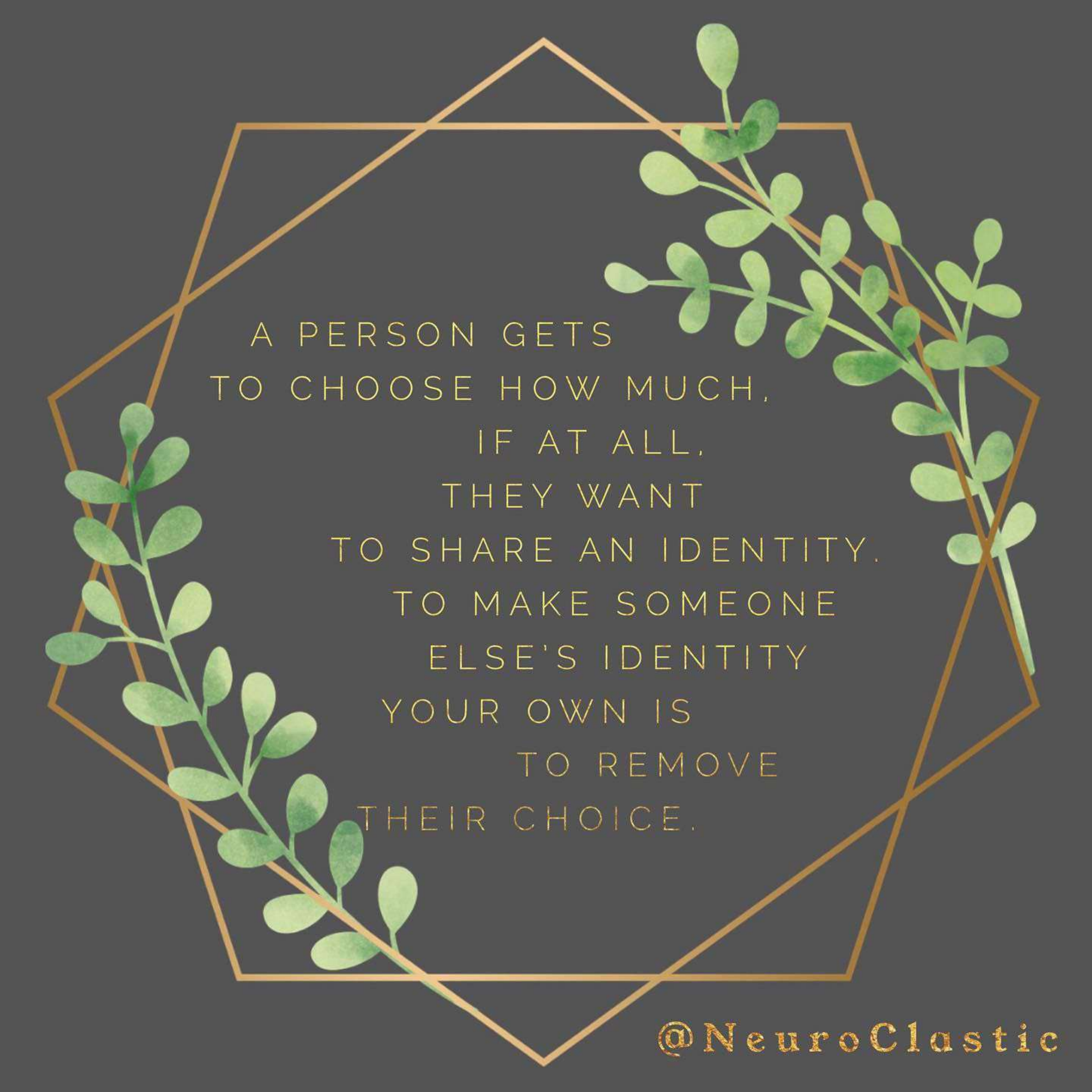


**When you claim autism  
as an identity,  
it has the impact  
of making you seem  
like a caregiver  
instead of a parent  
and your Autistic  
child as a burden...  
even if that was not your intention.**

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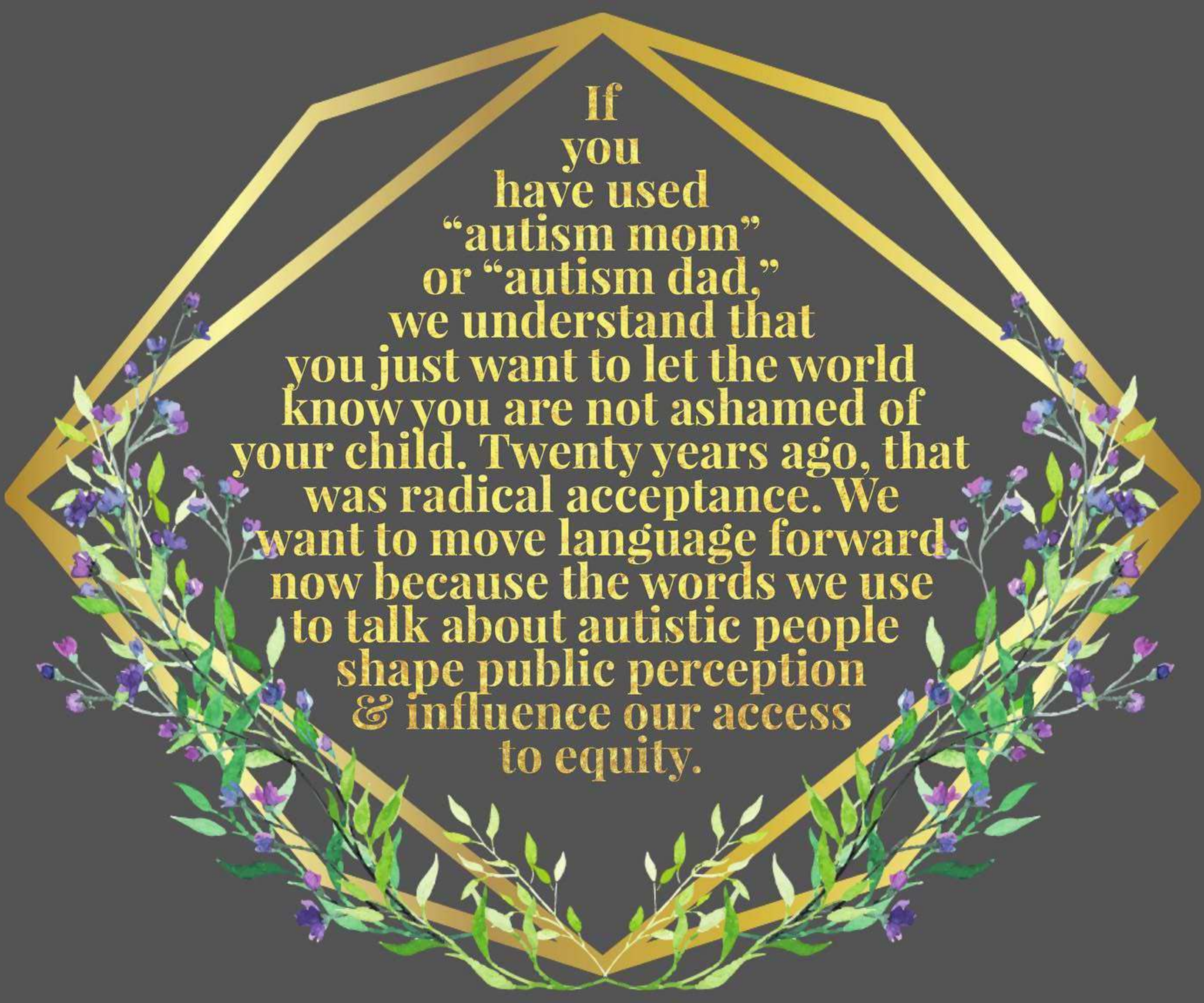




A PERSON GETS  
TO CHOOSE HOW MUCH,  
IF AT ALL,  
THEY WANT  
TO SHARE AN IDENTITY.  
TO MAKE SOMEONE  
ELSE'S IDENTITY  
YOUR OWN IS  
TO REMOVE  
THEIR CHOICE.

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If  
you  
have used  
“autism mom”  
or “autism dad,”  
we understand that  
you just want to let the world  
know you are not ashamed of  
your child. Twenty years ago, that  
was radical acceptance. We  
want to move language forward  
now because the words we use  
to talk about autistic people  
shape public perception  
& influence our access  
to equity.

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