

A Hopeful Future

**Towards audacious, authentic,
voluntary, mutually beneficial,
joyful relationships and
community...**

**And abolition of the systems
and institutions that keep us
alienated from those
possibilities**

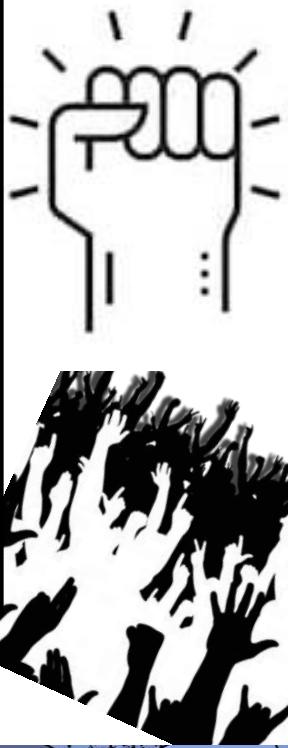
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AUDACIOUS

(noun)

1. showing a willingness to take surprisingly bold risks
2. showing an impudent lack of respect

Trust not fear!



paternity certainty preserves generational wealth - does it matter who owns whom?



What would it look like if our access to resources wasn't tied to marriage, 'sexual' interaction, birth conditions, nations?



What if we didn't need men at all?

Ghazal bursting from a cardboard box

Where will we build our fires? There
are so many of us, and we gotta gather there.

We lit it with our words, we lit it with pizza boxes;
I gave it all my vigor for a gust of air back there.

Ash in the hearth, fruit-dark bruise, crescent hickeys
waxing on my back — all day I feel you there.

I'm radiantly, irrevocably well-fucked; can't go back
to how I was before. It's just not there.

You know you can look at the past, but you should never stare.
No double vision, no second one, no couple, no pair.

What's coming up, I hear it creaking on the stair.
Tell me nothing insincere; tell me what's really there —

'I don't want to be lost,' I said;
'Oh, you won't be,' you replied, and held me right there.

Now the dawning year runs its fingers through our newest hair.
The old one gone as locks. Hear the humming buzzer — right there?

Tonight the moon smiles over Woodward like they love us. And tomorrow?
I don't know about you, but I wanna be there. I wanna be there

laden with buckets of fruit, flowers from the trash too many to carry,
bursting with seeds, yeah! here's your invitation — meet me there —

fire&

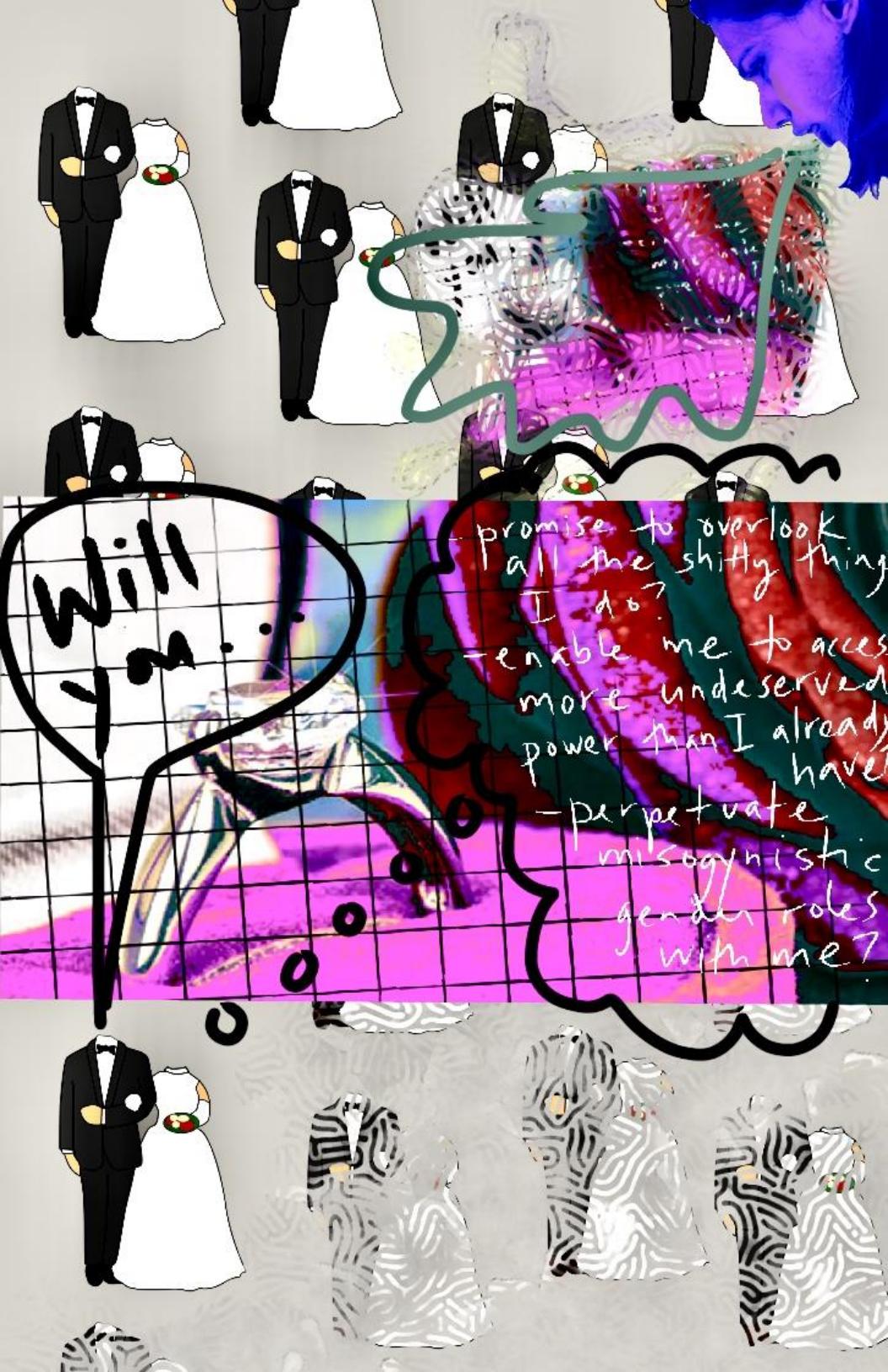


a long process. Romance started in the 11th century in southern France as an elegant and amusing fashion for the leisured classes

John Wyndham, "Consider Her Ways"



by the 20th, the air was filled with frustrated moanings; women maundered, yearning only to 'surrender,' and 'give themselves,' adore and to be adored



Straight

Talk

TM

I didn't choose to be straight! All sexual orientations are equally valid.

Why do you talk so much about being Queer?

LGBT people focus too much on sex.

When you say Straight people, you don't mean me, right?

I'm choosing monogamy, but I'm okay with everyone else doing whatever they want.

I'm okay with the LGBT cause.

End Straight Supremacy!
Queer Liberation Now!

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*Food obtained from dumpsters

THE RELATIONSHIP ESCALATOR

Traditional Steps

Buying a home, raising children, have shared impact on next generation

Getting married and having children (possibly)

Co-habitation, sharing finances, getting engaged or equivalent

Planning long-term shared future, accountability for whereabouts and behavior, meeting families of origin

Costs & Harms

Validation from dominant social narrative, nuclear family as consumer unit, generational wealth reproduces class

Acquire State and Church approval, association is no longer voluntary (legal contract)

Additional barriers to exit strategies, increased co-identification

Costs of separation increase, desires and behavior are policed/controlled, start (re)producing coercive family

Legacy

Conclusion

Merging

Commitment

Adapting life rhythms to each other, developing patterns together

Establishment

Mutual declarations of love, presenting as a couple, role labels, expectation of sexual and romantic exclusivity

Claiming & Defining

Romantic courtship rituals, emotional investment, almost certainly sex

Initiation

Flirting, casual/occasional dates, sex (possibly)

Making Contact

Use of time is reliant on the other, well-being is co-dependent

Possibilities/desires founded in Romanticism, rules limit self-expression & other relationships, labels indicate ownership

Role performance based on social conditioning, expectations (e.g. sex) based on dominant social scripts

Mainstream norms overwhelm interactions and goals, sex is an achievement/milestone

"monogamy" was founded to privatize generational wealth over collectivism.

HOUSEWIFE ASSASSIN RELATIONSHIP SURVIVAL GUIDE

women became exploited, controlled, and owned; perhaps following the same model as domesticated animals, also owned and bred under early "civilization."

sexual freedom—for the benefit of men.

assiduously practiced by the ruling class, it is denounced only nominally.



Ghazal in a (hot sauce) bottle

Been feeling the current in my veins, something queer.
The autumn water, flight of geese, everything feels queer.

I dreamt of holding a contraband bottle: poison, potion,
potent as hot sauce. For safe keeping in my cunt, isn't that so queer.

I've got that tincture, that medicine. I've heard
that people are each other's medicine, and cocked a queer ear.

I'm attentive to what you give: your time, your lemon pronoun.
Glance from your rose-rimmed shades, and when we fucked, here,

on the hard riverbank, and laughed and laughed and laughed.
That was good. The goddess of real and brazen gladness is queer.

Our little planet like a fruit on the sky's lip; could eat us right now.
Sour mouthful, burst of history, lingering taste of something queer.

And I touch the faded hickey-place, collarbone you graced, love
among abundant loves. The way you cocked an eyebrow was queer.

Spark of invitation, flutter of thrush's wings — of all these movements,
the fair one I think is the one that is moved again and again, though it may sound queer.



fiona

a profession achieved through marriage, 'housewife,' could be inverted to suit The Economy. the kitchen could be glorified and made more expensive + desirable.

Home Ec

PROBLEM:

to store, measure, dilute
and add bleach to your
wash water... and avoid
risk of bleach damage

ANSWER: Only the new General Electric
-Flo® Washer with Automatic Bleach Dispenser
*to be owned by some man and set
down in a little brick box to buy all
the things that the manufacturers
wanted them to buy would be the
highest form of bliss*



General Electric Washer stores a month's supply of bleach. Just tip the economy-size bottle into the automatic spout; the dispenser stores 3 quarts. Remember: fill the dispenser only after the bleach is automatically dispensed.



Time...

must be rationed

By America's
Double-Duty Women

WIVES.

Look this ad over carefully. Circle the items you want for Christmas. Show it to your husband. Get him to go to the store immediately, cry a little. Not a lot. Just a little. He'll do his duty.

CIRCLE ALL THE QUALITY



*redirect the life of each and every
woman to sell themselves to a man,
that they might achieve some small,
uneconomic unit of a home -- upon
which money could be spent.*

Husbands:

Look this ad over carefully. Pick out what you wife wants to have it before she starts to ask.

**Out back the planting:
toes - soil - beetle - breaking.
The rake handle snaps.
The sky opens for a moment
and my heart mirrors.**

**You called it a murmur -
how much we share with
pea pod, with bean.
Imagine the room empty,
the pillars dangling.**

**The brunch guests arrive
and I suppress kisses.
Imagine their surprise.
Maybe there is
something to grow.**

**We, the ground:
stir and aerate,
till ourselves
and see what comes.**





*We all deserve
nutrition and
pleasure*

*Make
all
food
free*



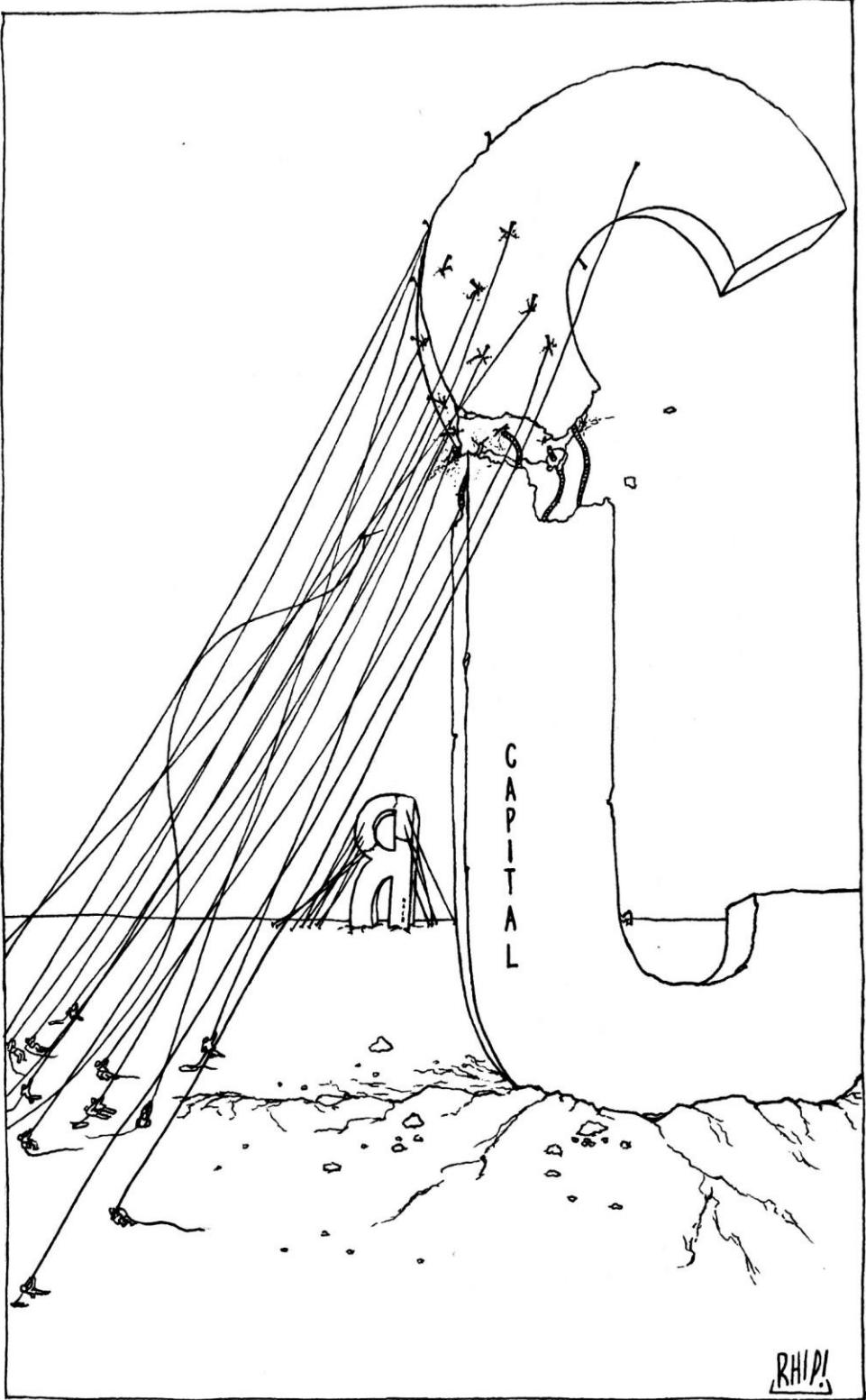
*All food
purchase
under
Capitalism is
unethical*



**Bake solidarity cookies
for your workplace.
Use them to engender
co-feeling and
reciprocity at the
break table.**

**Then agitate, organize,
speak truth to power,
and walk the fuck out
together because that
job is not worth
your life.**

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