


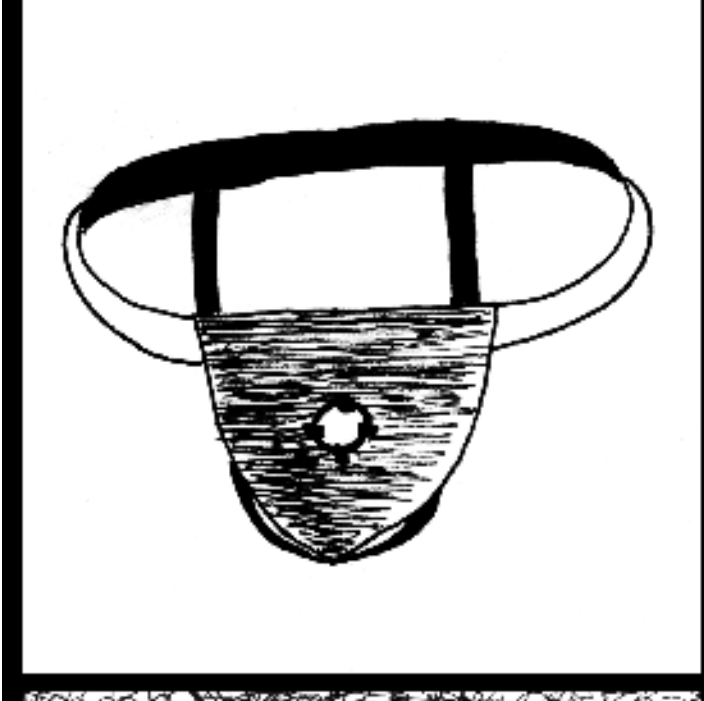


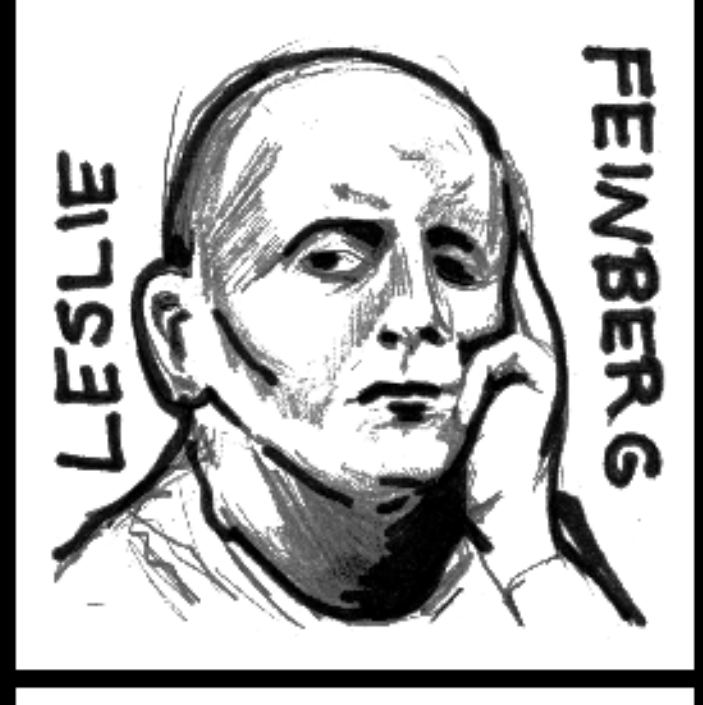
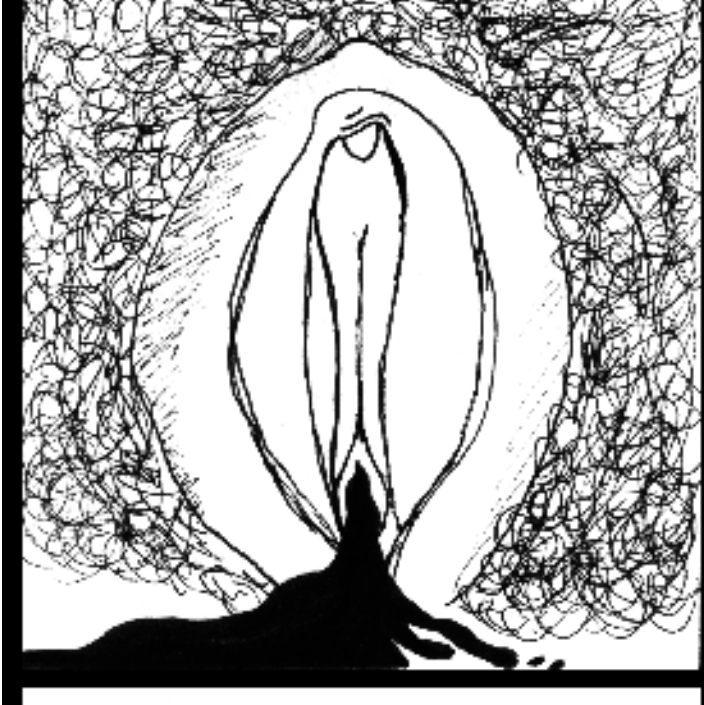
being **QUEER** means I'm being **→ME←** & I'm excited to be with **YOU!**



ALL GHOSTS are GENDER NEUTRAL



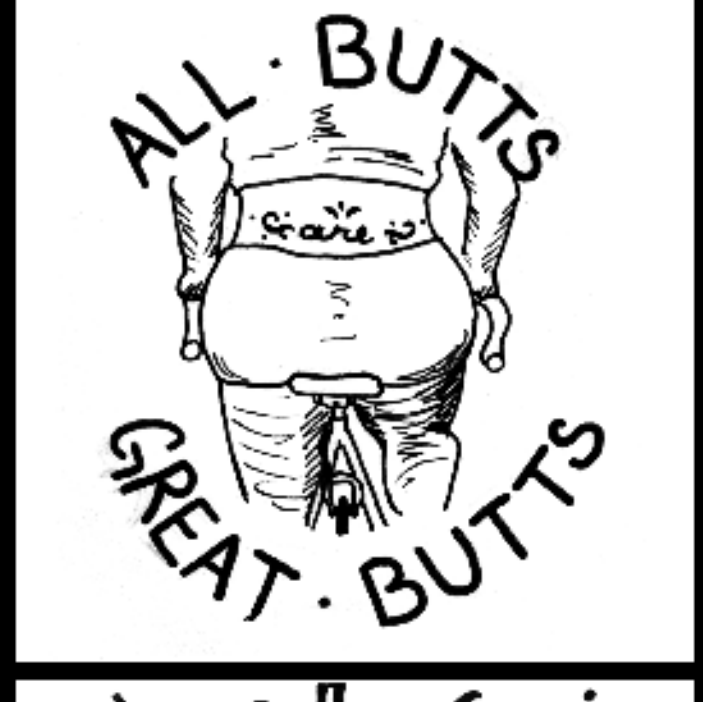





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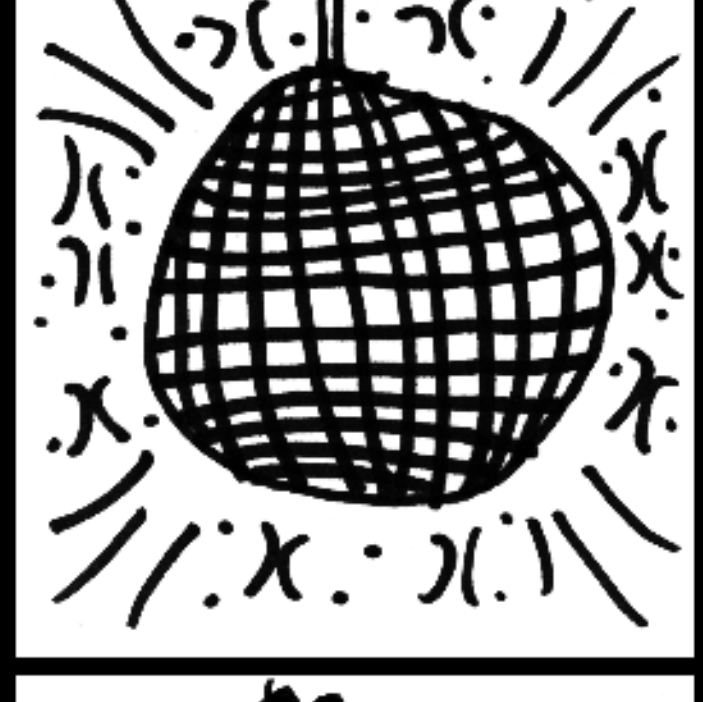
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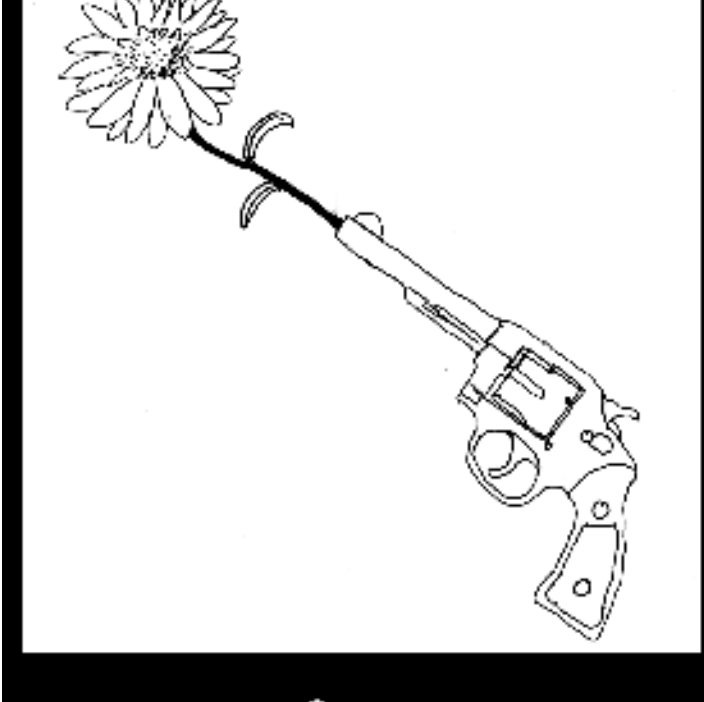



ALL BUTTS GREAT BUTTS



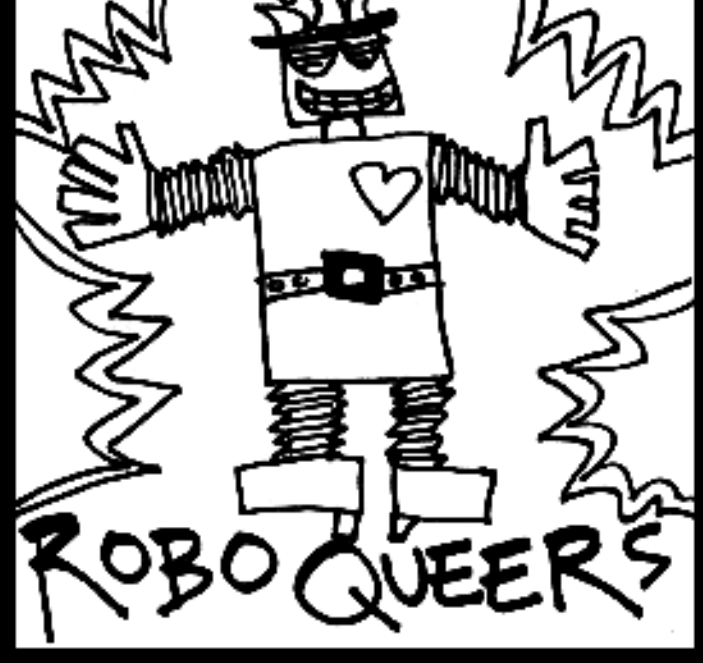
SAFE SPACES FUCKIN EVERYWHERE

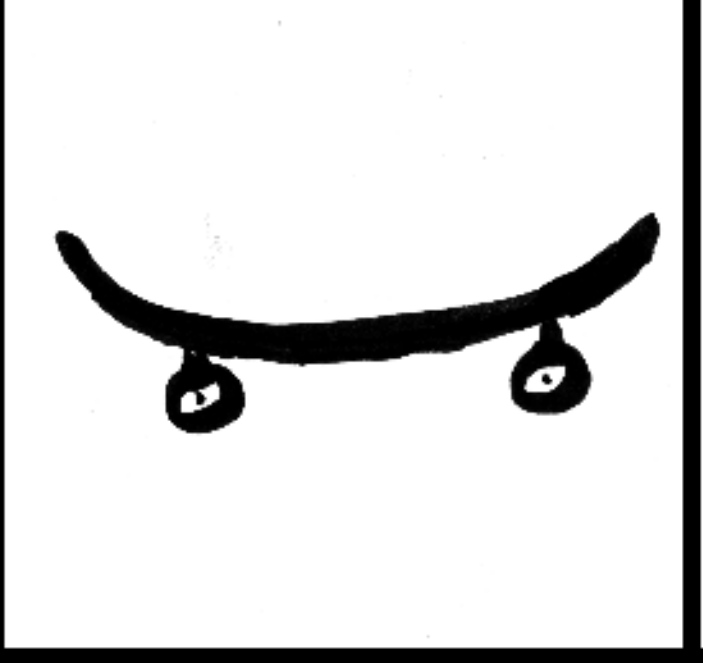







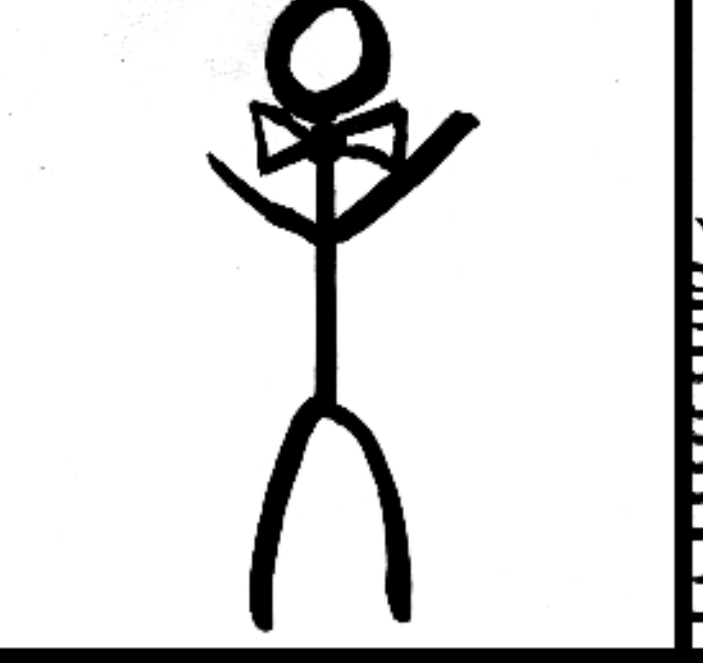
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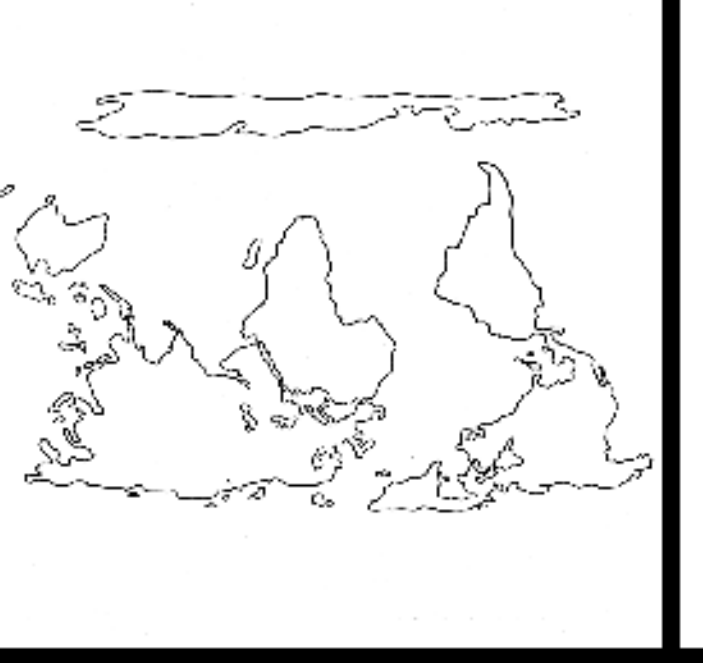


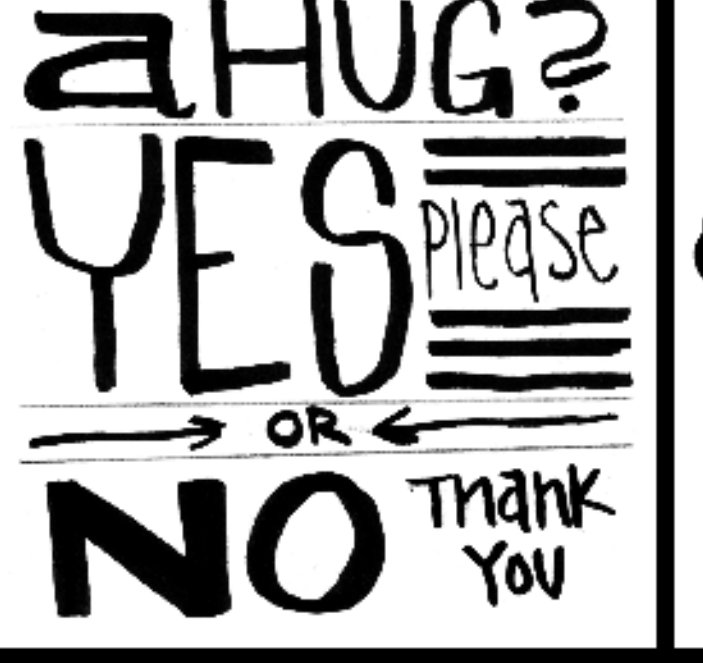
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We Can Do It! & We Can Learn Together!









Welcome...

This is an anti-oppressive community and a supportive and compassionate home.

We strive to be a safer space and seek to actively recognize and confront oppressive behavior by calling it out when we observe it and working to provide positive alternatives.

We ask that all members & guests in this community:

- Refuse to ignore hateful or dismissive comments, whether intentional or unintentional.
- Hold each other accountable for our language and actions, by talking openly without blaming, shaming, or attacking.
- Honor definitions of self (e.g. gender, sexuality, etc) and others' experiences, even when you can't relate to them or don't understand them. Trust others to know what they need.
- Inform ourselves rather than expect others to educate us about their identities. It is not the sole responsibility of the oppressed to defend their identities – the help of allies is critical!
- Maintain awareness of our own identities as they relate to systems of oppression.
- Expect one another to make mistakes and learn from them. We're all working on it – we still like you!
- Spread the word by introducing these aspects of our space to newcomers.

What is oppressive behavior?

Language or actions that disrespect, disempower, or challenge identities marginalized by larger society.

Quite often, the oppressor does not intend harm – and moreover, fails to notice the harm that actually occurs!

This space is safe for:

Queers, gays, lesbians, transgender people, gender non-conforming people, women, people of color, people of size, survivors, immigrants, working-class people, differently abled people, people of all ages, and any other marginalized identities not listed here

This means you are welcome here as your whole self. Your whole self is made up of many different aspects. We ask that you consider the ways you have privilege and the ways you lack it – and that you join us in our commitment to respect and accountability.

Consider this

Derogatory remarks made towards marginalized identities are usually oppressive whereas similar remarks made towards privileged identities are not.

Thus for example, a phrase like "that's too difficult for women to understand" is oppressive, whereas a phrase like "that's too difficult for men to understand" is probably not oppressive. We recognize this concept may be uncomfortable, and we welcome more dialogue about it.

And this

Oppressed communities need space to reclaim and create language surrounding their own identities, and it's important for allies to support the need for this space without co-opting the language.

Thus, I might identify as faggy, but not everyone can call me a fag.

Ways to start:

"Can I give you some safe space feedback?"

"What pronouns do you prefer?"

"Yeah that is pretty funny, but it would be funnier if somehow it could be less sexist."

"Wait sorry to interrupt your story, but I'm pretty sure that person goes by 'they'". (pronoun choice)

"Ok but I don't like to joke about that."

"Something you said the other day rubbed me the wrong way."

"Actually, I think all body types are beautiful."

"I've noticed you've been using the word/phrase _____ lately. What do you think about _____ instead?"


"I like getting hugs, but I need you to ask me first."

"How have I been doing lately with that thing you brought up a while back?"

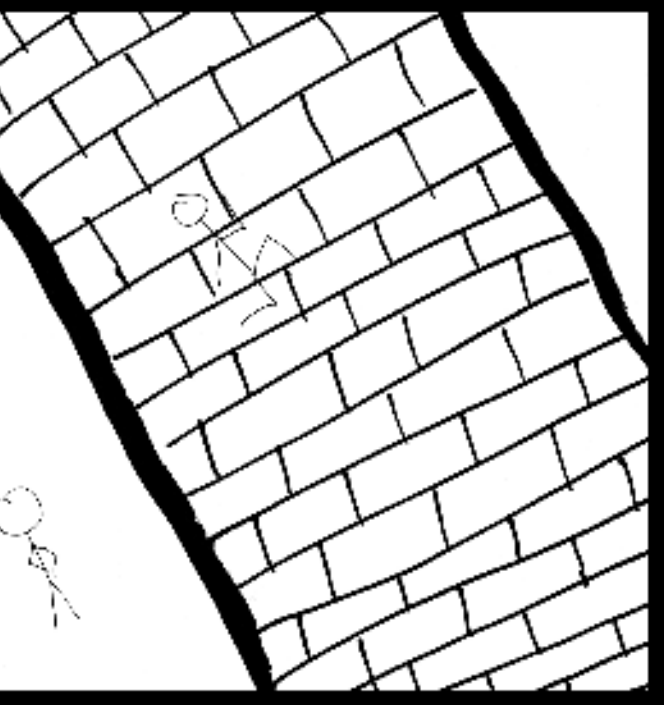
Welcome to our home!


We ask you to join us in making this commitment.

We'd love to talk about this more with you!




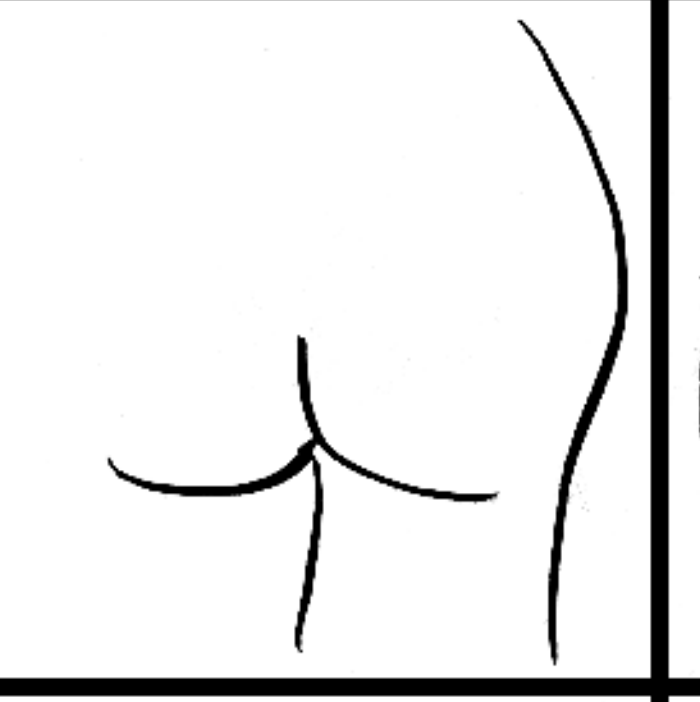
I FEEL STRONGLY about that!




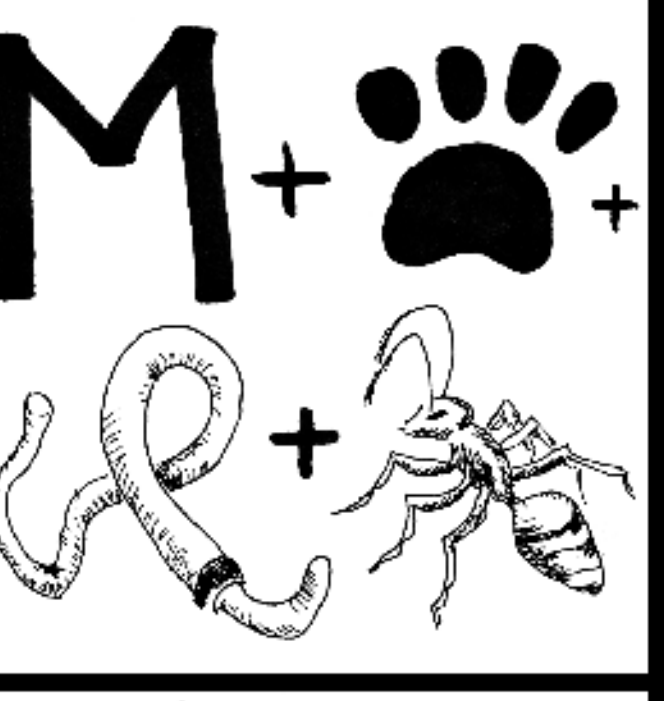



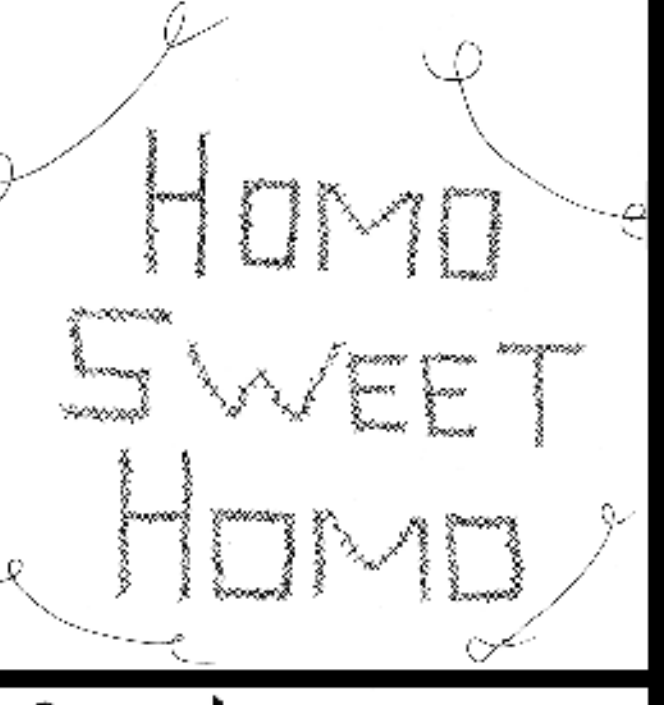

ANGELA DAVIS IS WELCOME IN THIS HOME






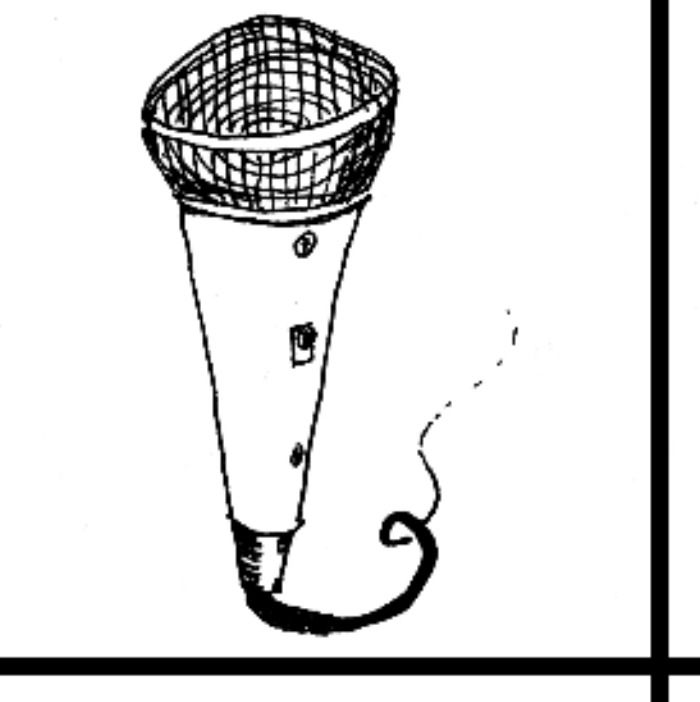







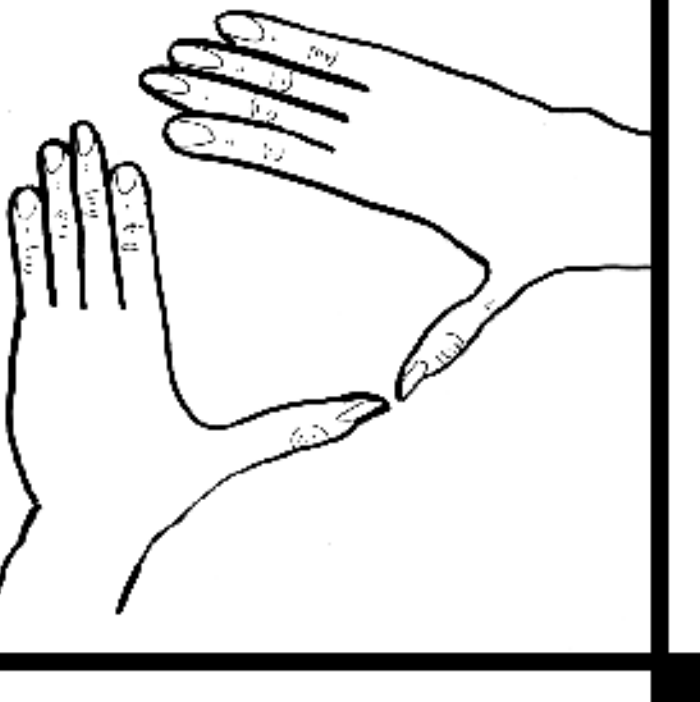


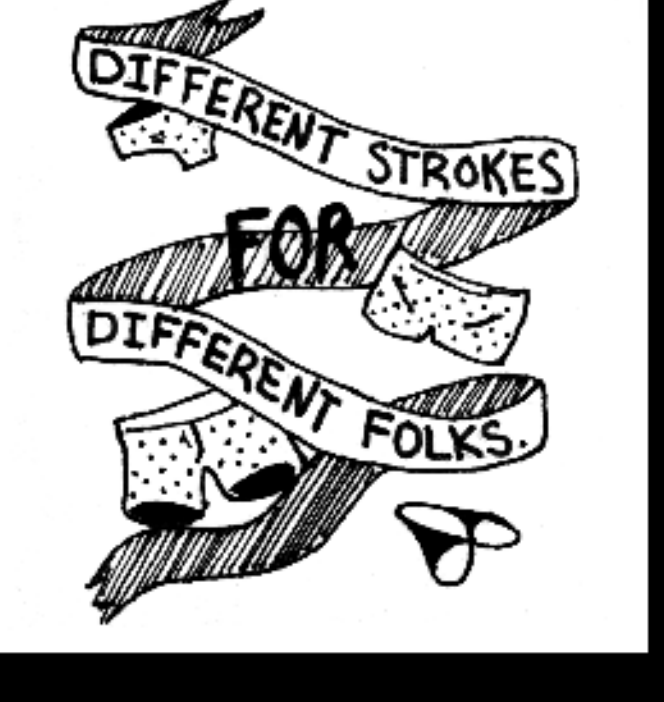
Smash the Patriarchy.





RESPECT THE VAG!











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