



# WORLDS END



DOOM, DESPAIR, DENIAL, DEPRESSION,  
IT'S THE END OF THE WORLD!!!

THESE ARE COMMON REACTIONS WHEN PEOPLE LEARN  
ABOUT THE REALITY OF CLIMATE CHANGE.

SIMILARLY, SOMETIMES WHEN PEOPLE THINK ABOUT  
CAPITALISM IT CAN SEEM AS THOUGH NOTHING CAN BE  
DONE TO CHANGE IT, THAT IT'S TOO BIG, TOO STRONG,  
MAYBE THAT'S JUST THE WAY THE WORLD IS.

BUT THINGS CHANGE,

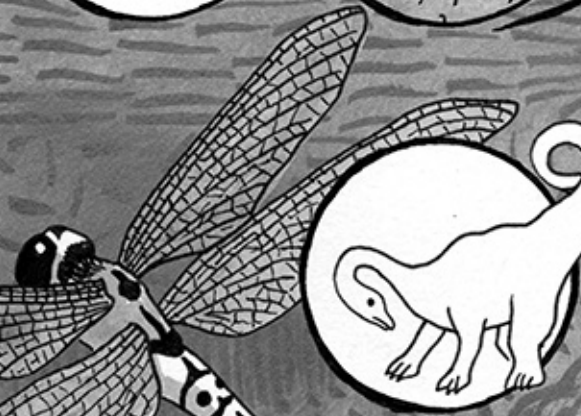
WORLDS END, NEW ONES BEGIN.

PART OF WHAT PREVENTS ACTION ON THESE BIG ISSUES  
IS THE WAY PEOPLE TEND TO TALK, THINK AND FEEL  
ABOUT THEM. USING WORDS AND PICTURES WE WANT  
TO HELP PEOPLE UNDERSTAND CLIMATE CHANGE AND  
CAPITALISM AND ENCOURAGE A DIFFERENT APPROACH,  
ONE THAT BUILDS OUR POWER TO FIGHT THEM.

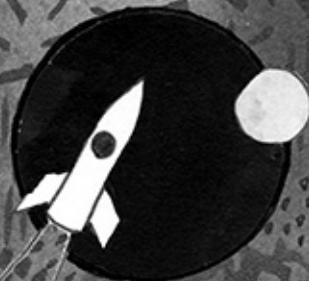
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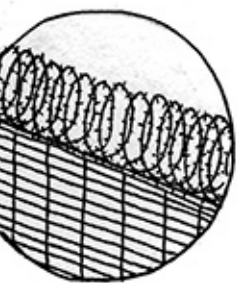




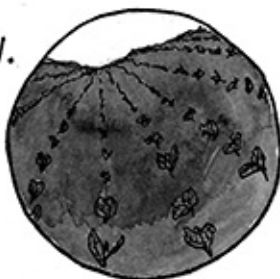




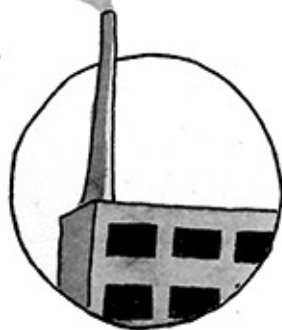




HERE WE ARE THEN.



HUMANS INHABIT MOST OF THE PLANET

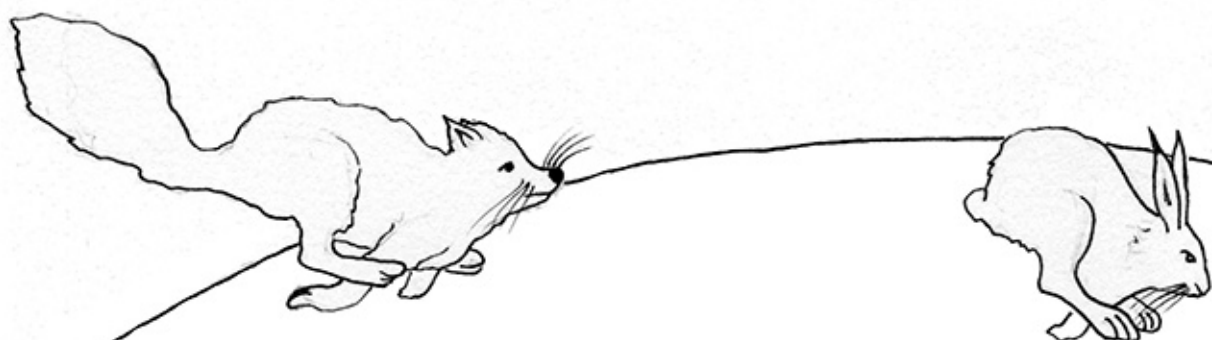


AND CAPITALISM DOMINATES HUMAN SOCIETIES.

BEFORE EXPLORING CAPITALISM, LET'S LOOK A BIT MORE AT CLIMATE CHANGE.




AS THE PLANET WARMS, THE CLIMATE SYSTEM RESPONDS  
IN A VARIETY OF WAYS.




SOME RESPONSES WILL ACT TO  
REDUCE THE WARMING (NEGATIVE FEEDBACK),  
OTHERS TO EXACERBATE IT (POSITIVE FEEDBACK).

FOR EXAMPLE, AS ICE  
AND SNOW MELT



THE EARTH'S SURFACE  
BECOMES DARKER

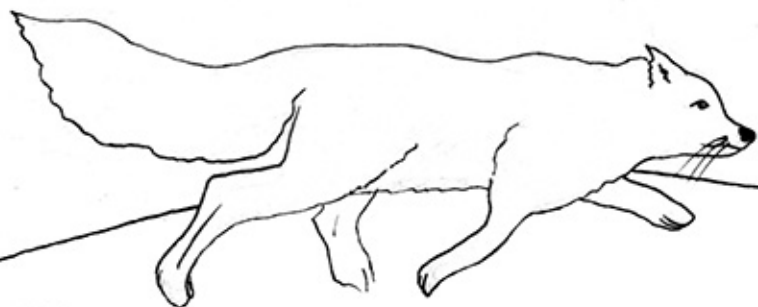
ABSORBING MORE SUNLIGHT AND WARMING FURTHER.



THIS CREATES A POSITIVE FEEDBACK LOOP.

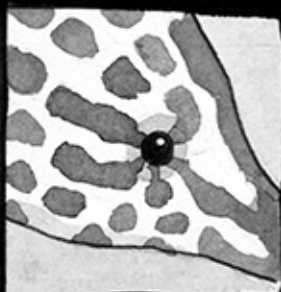


CLIMATOLOGISTS ALSO PREDICT  
THAT THERE MAY BE VARIOUS  
'TIPPING POINTS'  
IN THE CLIMATE SYSTEM.



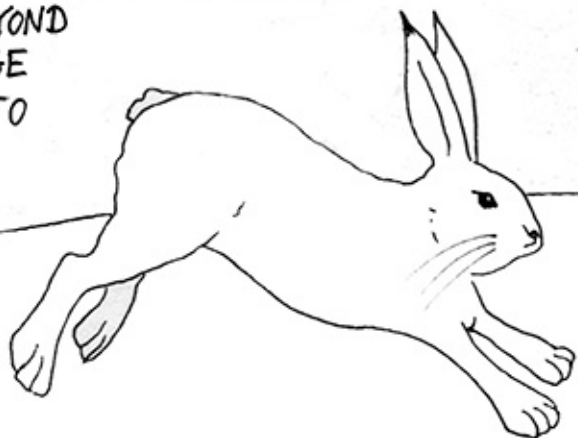
IF WE GO BEYOND A CERTAIN  
AMOUNT OF WARMING

THERE WILL BE  
IRREVERSIBLE CHANGES TO THE CLIMATE.



PASSING ONE TIPPING POINT DOES NOT NECESSARILY CAUSE A DOMINO EFFECT OF ONE TRIGGERING ANOTHER LEADING TO 'RUNAWAY' CLIMATE CHANGE, WHERE THINGS ARE COMPLETELY OUT OF OUR HANDS.

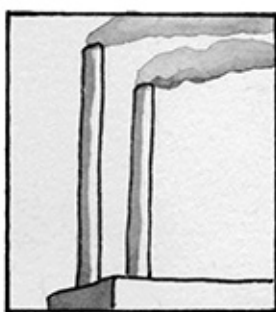
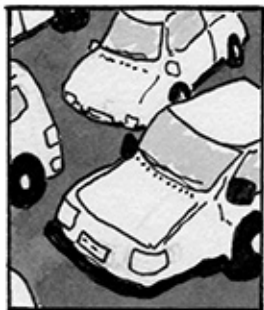
WE MAY, FOR EXAMPLE, GO BEYOND ONE TIPPING POINT BUT MANAGE TO REDUCE EMISSIONS ENOUGH TO PREVENT PASSING ANOTHER.



WHATEVER WE DO,  
THERE ARE BIG CHANGES AHEAD.

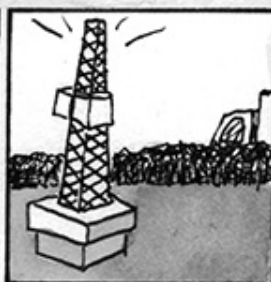


EVEN IF WE  
STOP  
EMISSIONS  
NOW

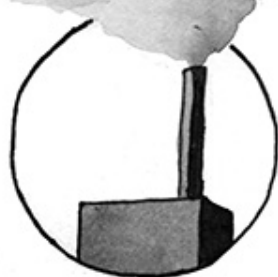
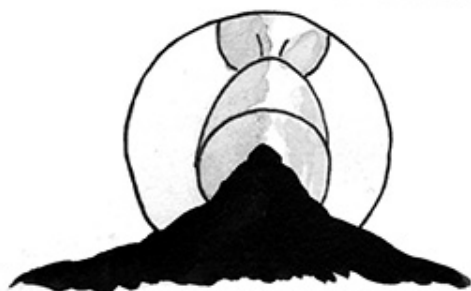
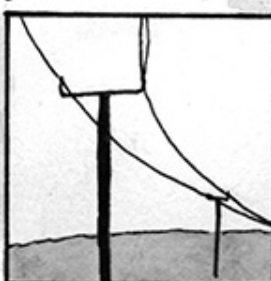
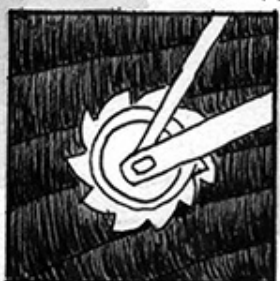


THE GASES  
ALREADY IN THE  
ATMOSPHERE  
WILL KEEP  
WARMING THE  
EARTH.

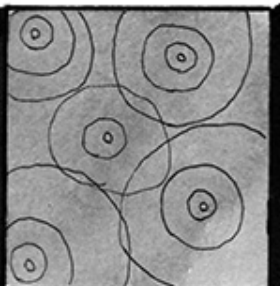




BUT IF WE KEEP INCREASING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS



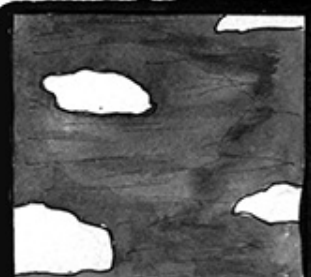
THE WORLD WILL WARM SO MUCH BY THE END OF THE CENTURY



THAT IT COULD RESULT IN HUMAN DEATH AND SUFFERING ON AN UNPRECEDENTED SCALE, AS WELL AS THE EXTINCTION OF MOST SPECIES ON THE PLANET.



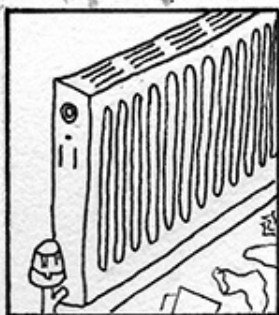
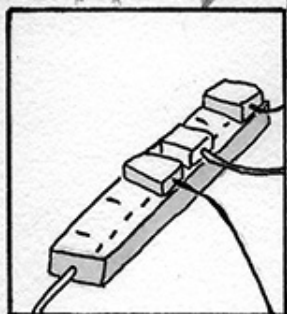
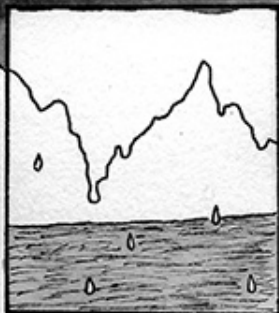
THAT'S NO EXAGGERATION.



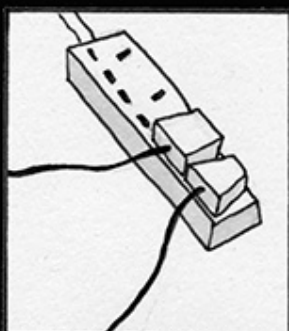
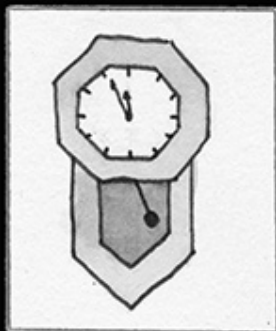


DESPITE THE ENORMITY OF  
THE PROBLEM

AND THE ALARMING IMPLICATIONS  
OF POSITIVE FEEDBACKS AND  
TIPPING POINTS



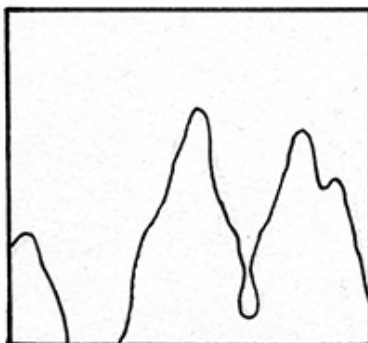
IT'S STILL  
NOT TOO  
LATE.



WHAT WE DO IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS AND DECADES COULD SHAPE LIFE ON EARTH FOR CENTURIES TO COME.

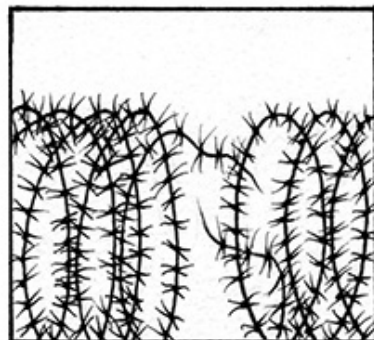


YES, IT'S BIG  
AND SCARY

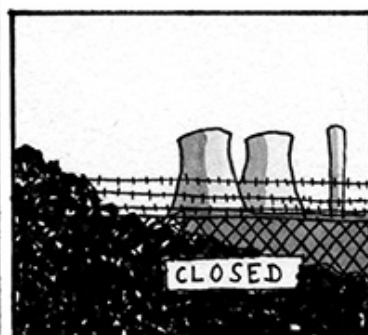


POSITIVE  
FEEDBACKS AND  
TIPPING POINTS  
AREN'T LIMITED TO  
PHYSICAL SYSTEMS  
LIKE THE CLIMATE,

THEY ALSO  
OCCUR IN  
SOCIETY



BUT WHILE THE  
FUTURE IS UNCERTAIN,  
IT'S ALSO UNWRITTEN.



AND SOMETIMES  
HUGE, SEEMINGLY  
IMPOSSIBLE CHANGES  
HAPPEN VERY QUICKLY



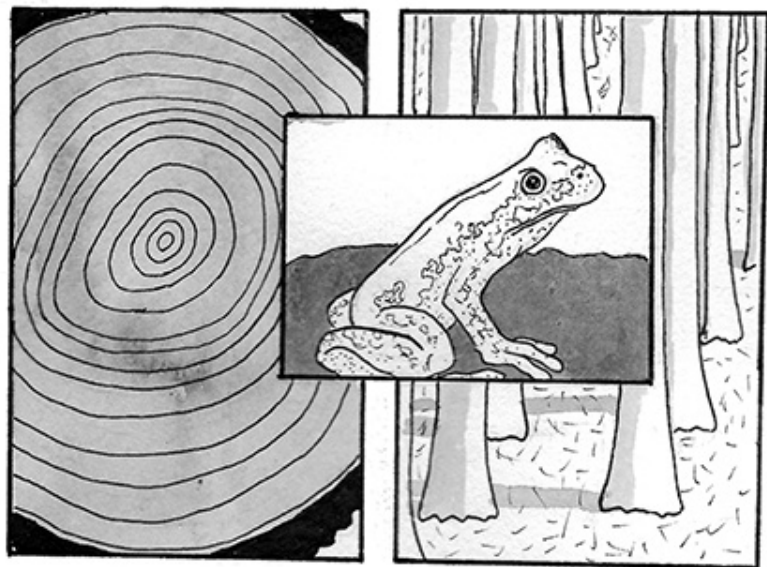
THROUGHOUT HISTORY



ANCIENT,  
SEEMINGLY ETERNAL  
CIVILISATIONS

HAVE COLLAPSED  
WITHOUT WARNING.





SO THAT'S WHAT  
IS GOING ON WITH  
THE CLIMATE.

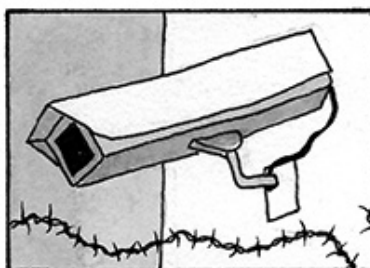
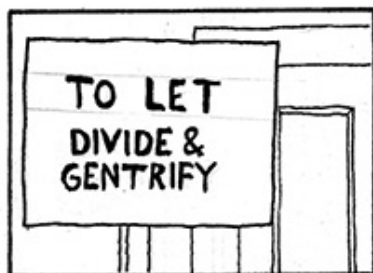
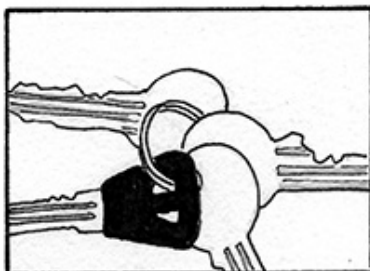
WHAT ABOUT  
CAPITALISM?

UNDER CAPITALISM, MAKING MONEY  
IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN  
ANYTHING ELSE.

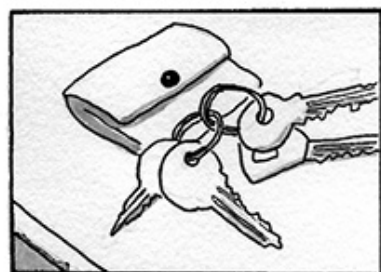
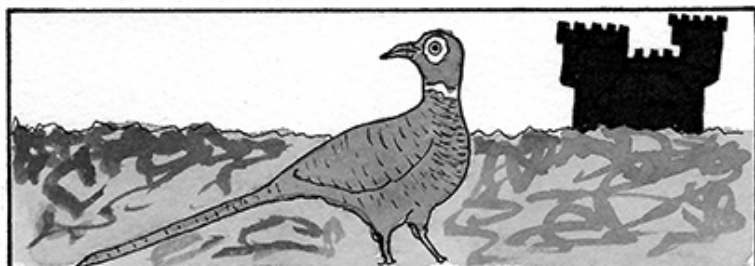


PEOPLE, OTHER SPECIES  
AND OUR ENVIRONMENT  
ARE EXPENDABLE IN  
THE INTERESTS OF  
PROFIT.

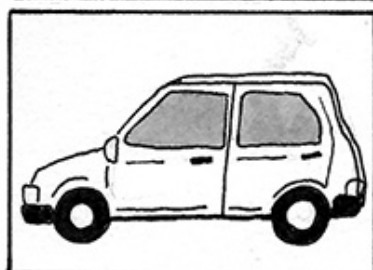
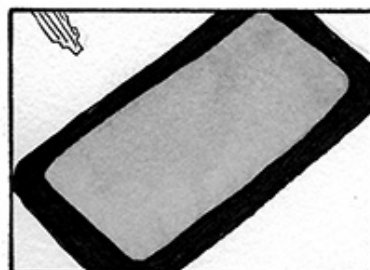
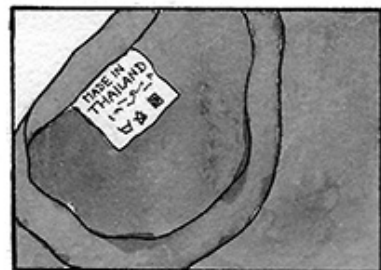
CAPITALIST SOCIETY  
IS BASED ON THE  
PRINCIPLES OF  
PERSONAL PROFIT  
AND PRIVATE PROPERTY



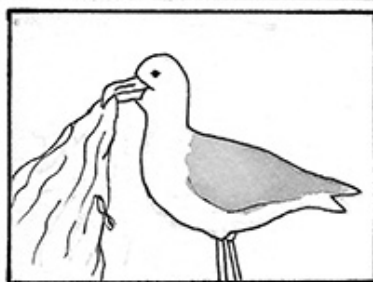
WITH WEALTH AND  
POWER CONCENTRATED  
IN A SMALL SECTION  
OF THE POPULATION.



IT HAS ONLY BEEN  
AROUND FOR A  
FEW HUNDRED YEARS

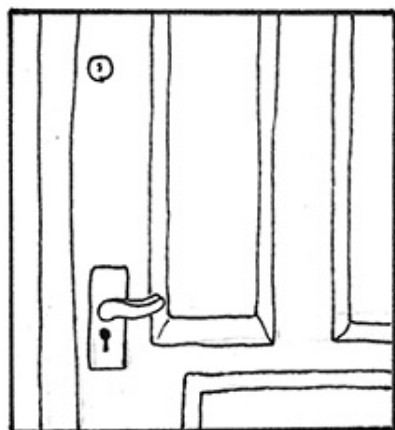


BUT NOW EXISTS  
IN SOME FORM IN  
ALMOST EVERY PART  
OF THE WORLD.

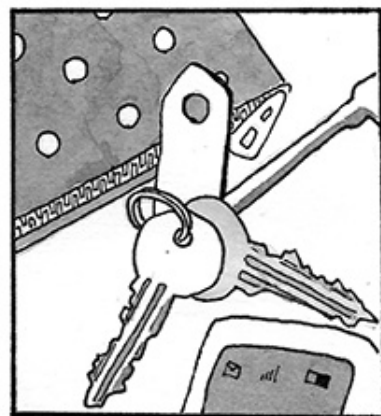




CAPITALISM  
EXISTS IN MANY  
VARIETIES AND  
IS NOT JUST AN  
ECONOMIC SYSTEM.



IT INCLUDES  
SOCIAL VALUES AND  
CULTURAL PRACTICES  
THAT PEOPLE ACT OUT  
EVERY DAY,

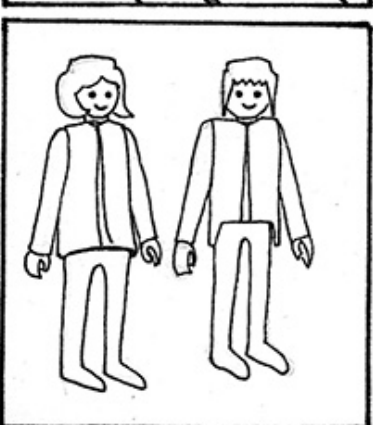
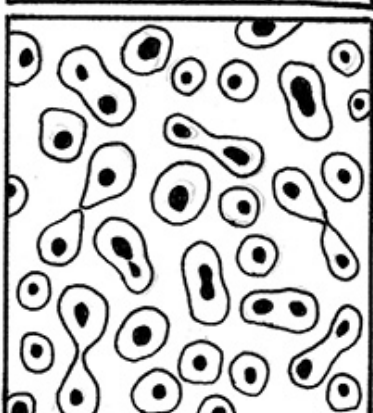
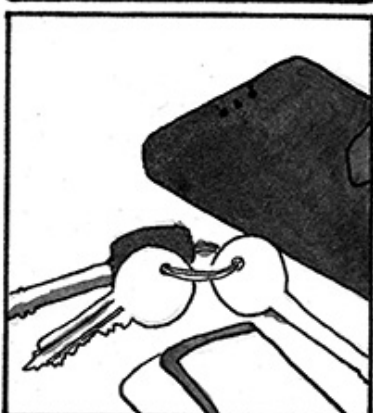
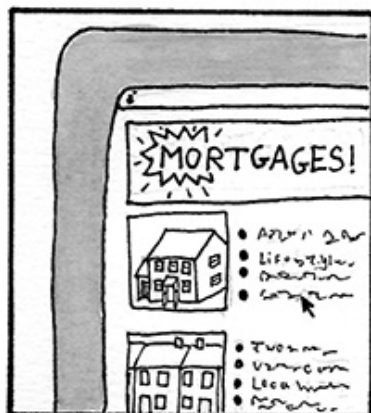


AND THE THINGS  
THEY CONSIDER  
IMPORTANT.

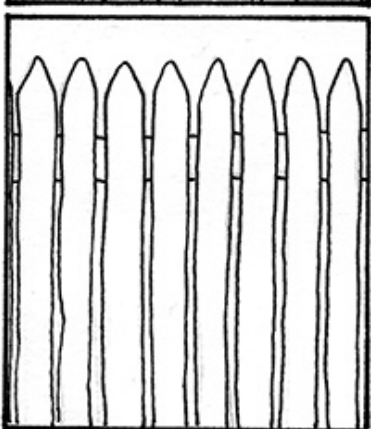




FOR EXAMPLE, FROM AN EARLY AGE CHILDREN LEARN THAT THINGS CAN BE BOUGHT WITH MONEY AND THAT PEOPLE OWN THINGS.



SO WHILE MUCH OF OUR LIVES ARE MADE UP OF THINGS WE DO FOR FREE OR OUT OF LOVE, WE ALSO ALL PLAY A PART IN THE CONTINUATION OF CAPITALISM



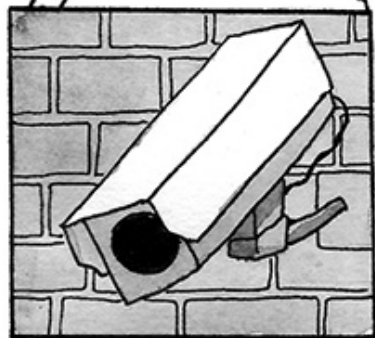
OFTEN WITHOUT REALISING IT.



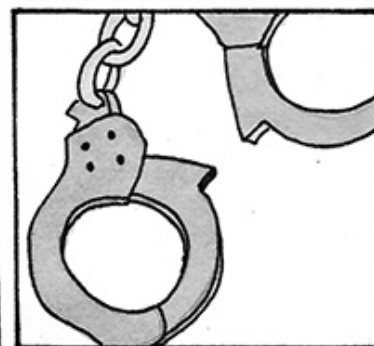
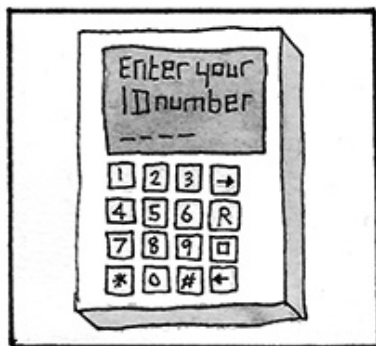
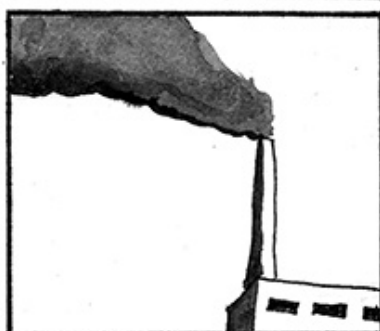
EVEN IF  
YOU'RE AWARE OF  
THE SYSTEM YOU'RE  
TRAPPED IN

IT'S NOT  
EASY TO  
REMOVE  
YOURSELF

CAPITALISM  
TODAY INCLUDES THE  
STATE: GOVERNMENT  
INSTITUTIONS, POLICE, COURTS,  
ETC, OFTEN USING VIOLENCE  
WHEN PEOPLE STEP  
OUT OF LINE.

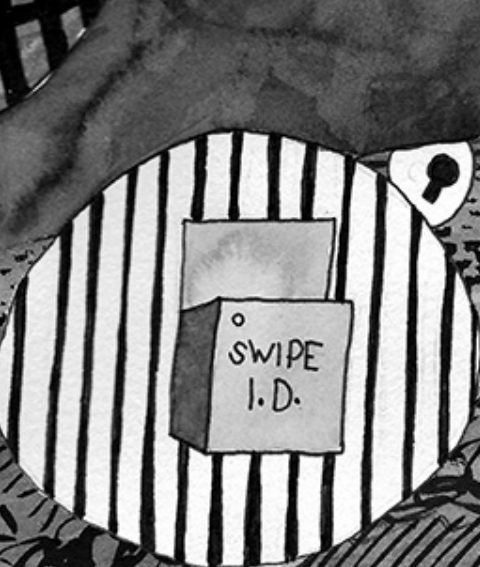
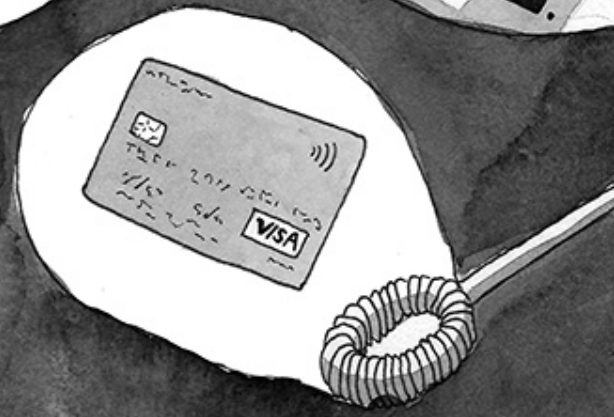


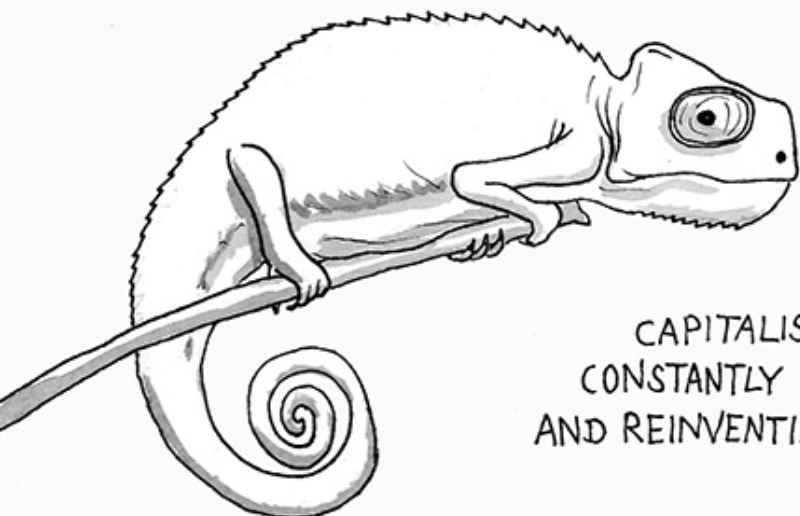
FOR EXAMPLE, IF YOU TRY  
TO LIVE YOUR LIFE IGNORING  
PRIVATE PROPERTY, YOU'RE  
LIKELY TO GET IN TROUBLE  
WITH THE LAW.





THE STATE  
ALSO ACTS TO  
PROTECT THOSE WHO  
BENEFIT MOST FROM  
CAPITALISM FROM THE  
EFFECTS OF THE POVERTY  
AND INEQUALITY  
THEY CREATE.

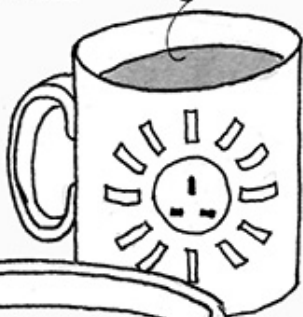
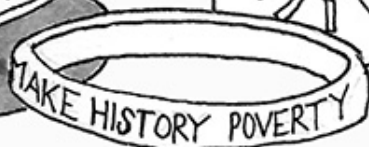
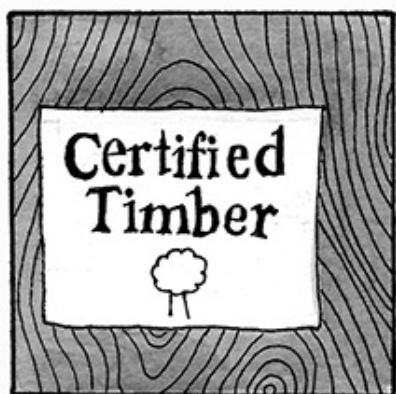




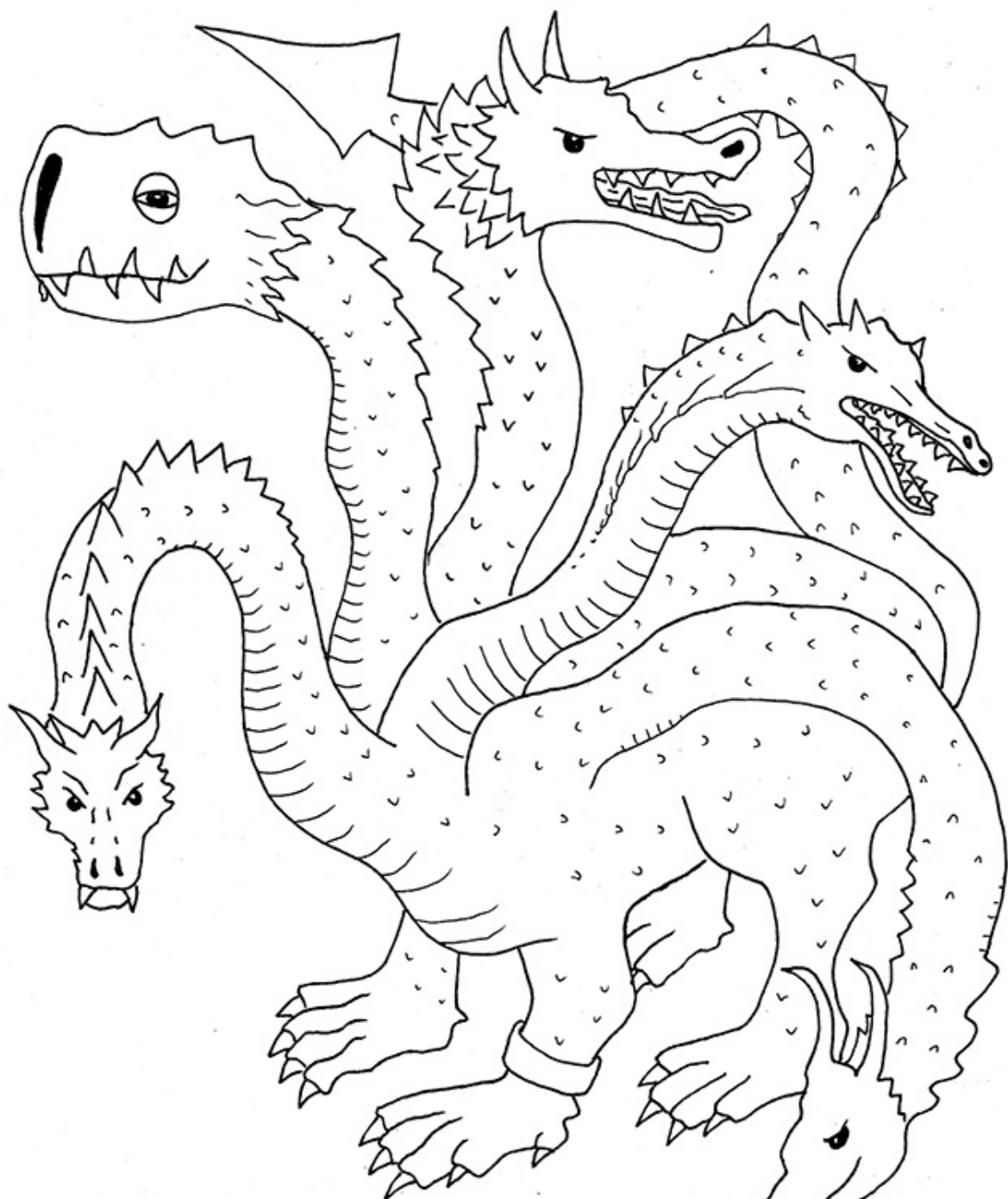
CAPITALISM IS ALSO  
CONSTANTLY EVOLVING  
AND REINVENTING ITSELF.



OFTEN THINGS  
WHICH OPPOSE  
CAPITALISM END  
UP BECOMING  
PART OF IT AND  
MAKING IT  
STRONGER.







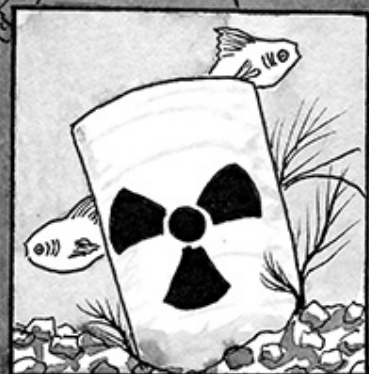
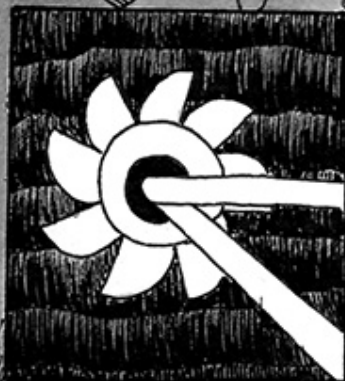
SO CAPITALISM COMES IN DIFFERENT FORMS;  
IT IS SIMULTANEOUSLY FORCED ON US AND  
CREATED BY US; AND IT CHANGES ALL THE  
TIME, ADAPTING TO THE FORCES AFFECTING IT.

IF YOU CHOP ONE HEAD OFF, TWO GROW BACK!  
TO KILL IT, WE NEED TO STRIKE AT ITS HEART.



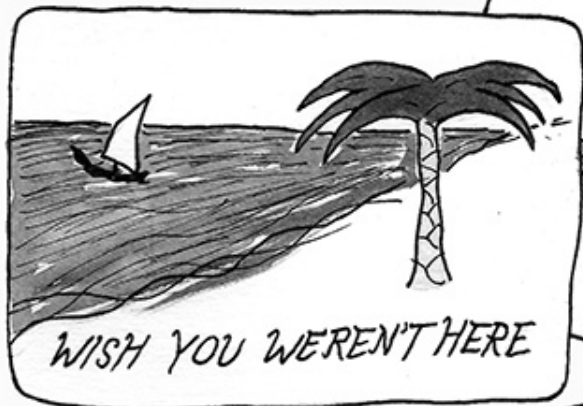
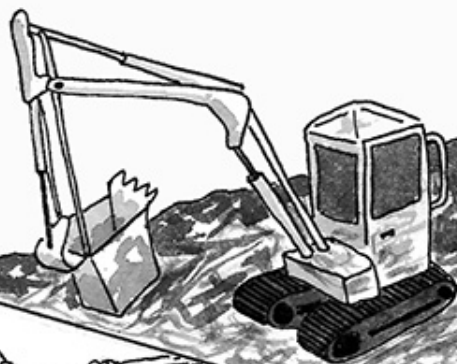
# CLIMATE CHANGE AND CAPITALISM

CAPITALISM IS A DRIVING FORCE BEHIND CLIMATE CHANGE.  
IT IS BASED ON EVER-INCREASING PROFIT AND ECONOMIC GROWTH,  
MEANING EVER-INCREASING RESOURCE CONSUMPTION  
AND EVER-INCREASING DESTRUCTION OF OUR ENVIRONMENTS.





NATURE IS VIEWED  
AS SOMETHING TO BE  
EXPLOITED.



WISH YOU WEREN'T HERE



HUMANS ARE  
SEEN AS ABOVE OR  
MORE IMPORTANT  
THAN NATURE,  
INSTEAD OF BEING  
PART OF IT.

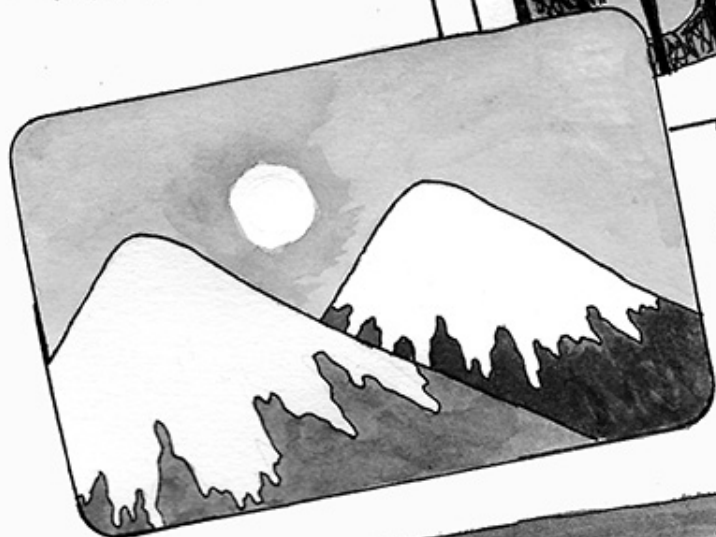


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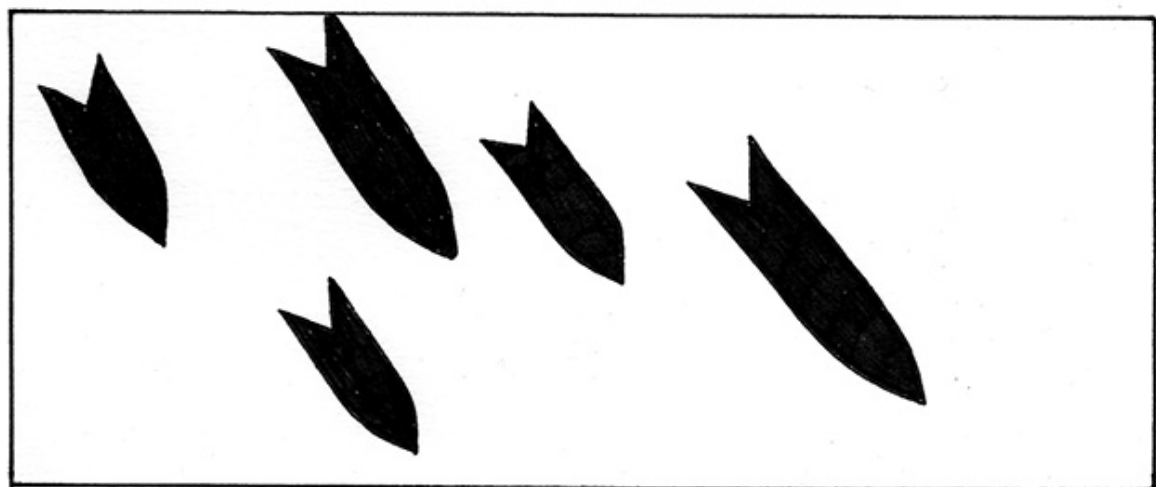
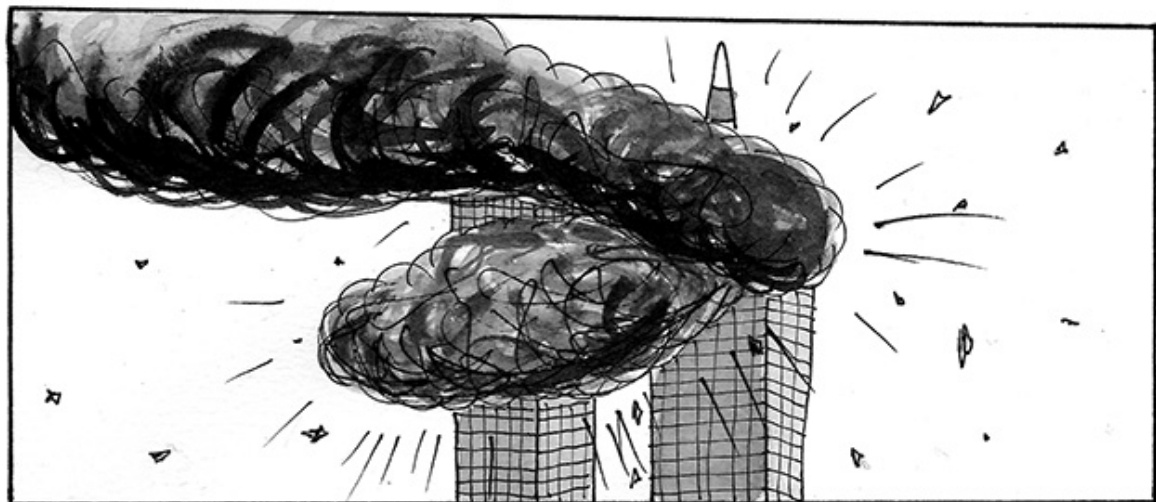
Lonely?

ARE  EARTH

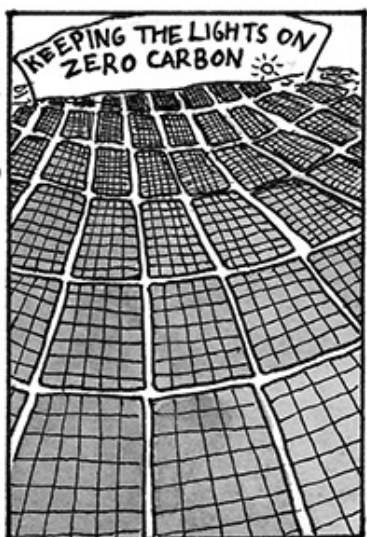
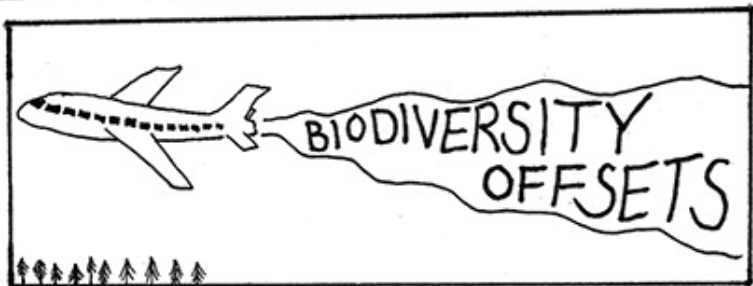
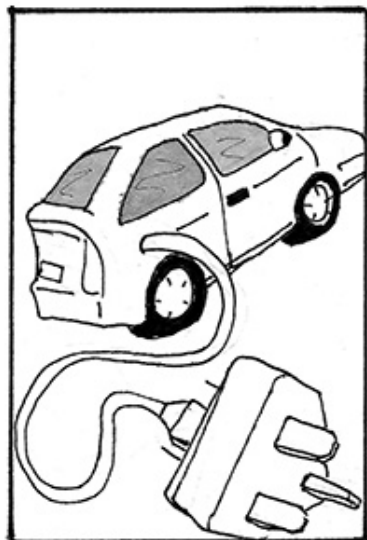
CLIMATE CHANGE IS  
ONE SYMPTOM OF THIS  
RELATIONSHIP, WHICH  
HAS ALSO CAUSED OTHER  
ECOLOGICAL CRISES.

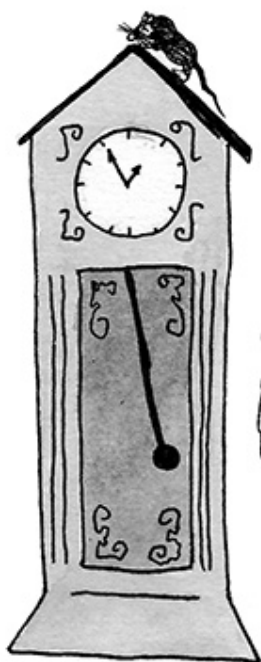


CAPITALISM DOESN'T JUST CREATE THESE PROBLEMS,  
IT ACTUALLY THRIVES ON CRISIS.

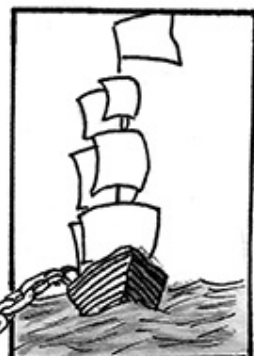








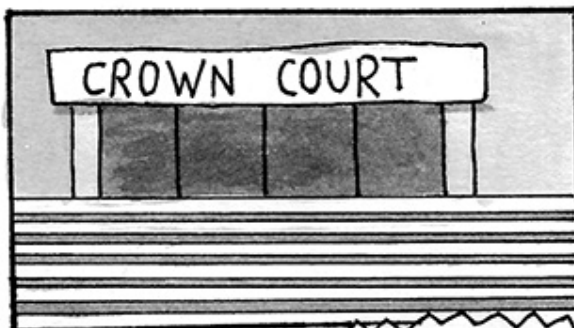
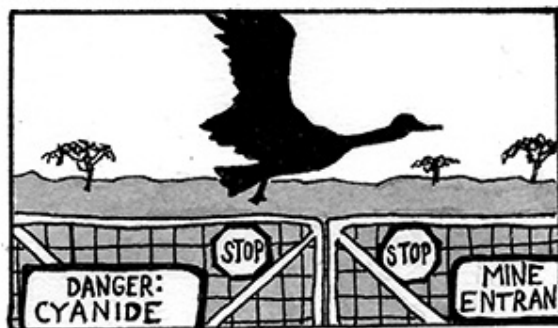
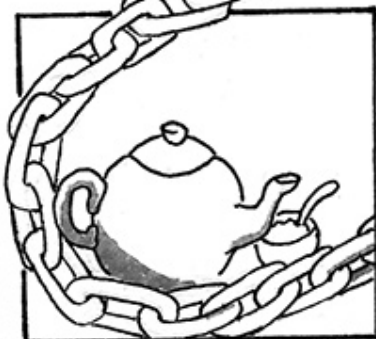
OPPOSITION TO CAPITALISM  
ISN'T JUST ABOUT  
PROTECTING NATURE.



CAPITALISM IS  
ALSO BASED ON THE  
EXPLOITATION OF  
PEOPLE.

IT RESULTS  
IN THE EXTREME  
SUFFERING OF  
CERTAIN GROUPS

THROUGH OPPRESSION AND  
INEQUALITY



AND THE ALIENATION  
OF ALL OF US FROM THE  
THINGS THAT GIVE OUR  
LIVES MEANING

REMINDER

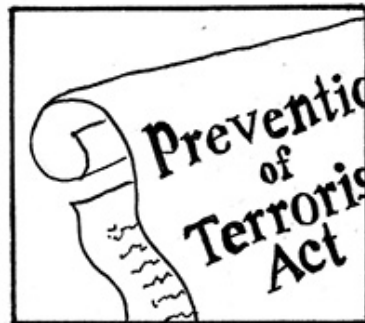
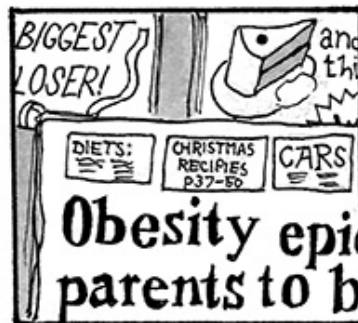
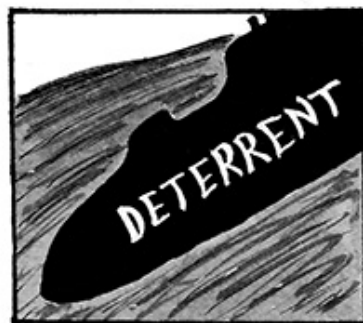
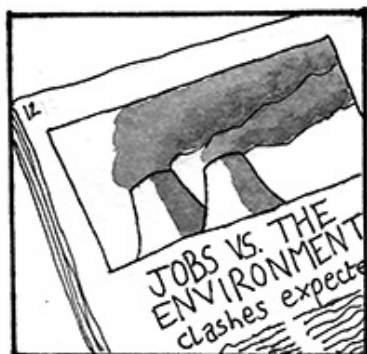
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IT IS ROOTED  
IN A HISTORY OF  
MURDEROUS  
COLONIALISM



AND SETS ALL OF US, AS INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS,  
AGAINST EACH OTHER.



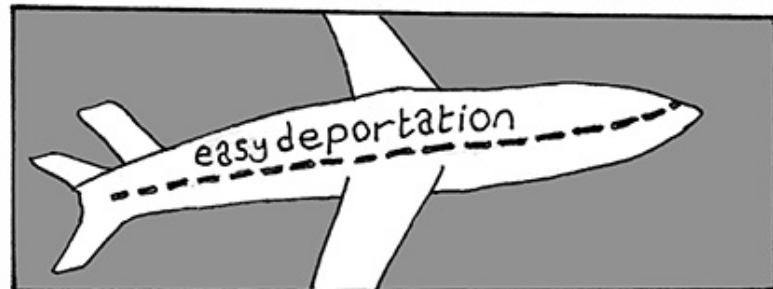
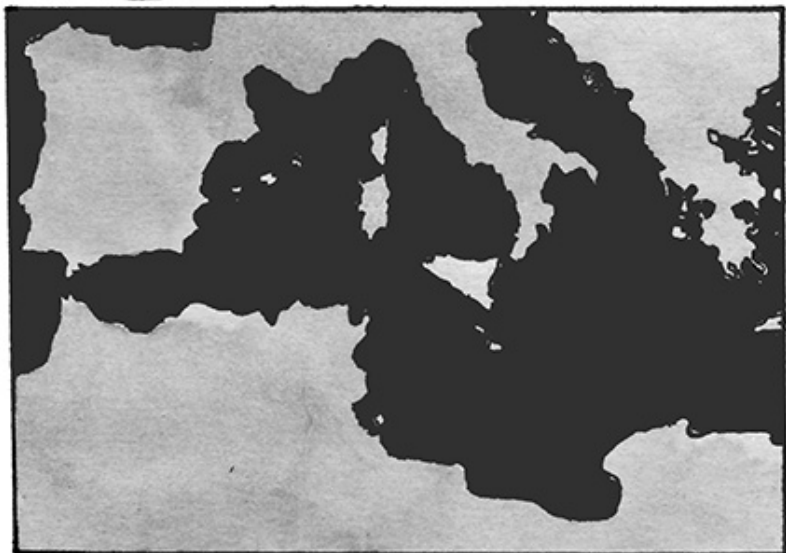
CAPITALISM IS ONE WAY FOR THOSE WITH POWER OVER  
OTHERS TO MAINTAIN THEIR DOMINANCE.

WITHOUT DESTROYING IT, FREE, EQUAL AND DIVERSE  
SOCIETIES WILL NEVER BE POSSIBLE.

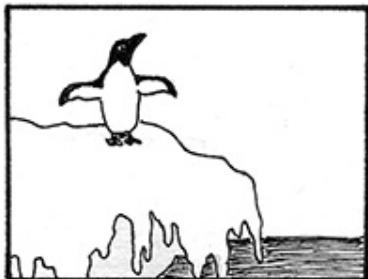
IF THINGS UNDER  
CAPITALISM  
DON'T SEEM SO  
BAD TO YOU



COULD THIS BE  
BECAUSE OF WHERE  
YOU'RE VIEWING  
IT FROM?

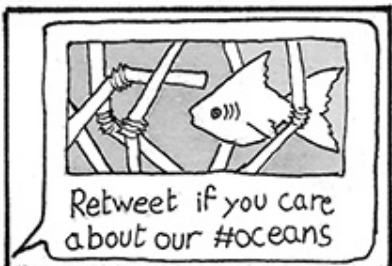






SOME SAY  
CLIMATE CHANGE  
IS TOO URGENT,

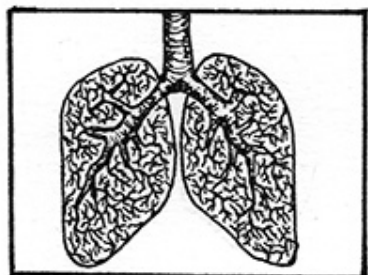
THAT WE ONLY HAVE  
TIME TO REFORM  
CAPITALISM,  
NOT REPLACE IT.



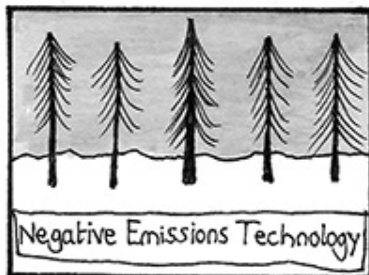
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**CLIMATE  
EMERGENCY**



URGENCY CAN MAKE  
US FEEL WE HAVE TO  
WORK WITHIN THE  
SYSTEM, OR RELY ON  
TECHNOLOGY TO SAVE US.



Negative Emissions Technology

THESE APPROACHES  
TEND TO IGNORE

WHO HAS  
POWER IN OUR  
SOCIETY

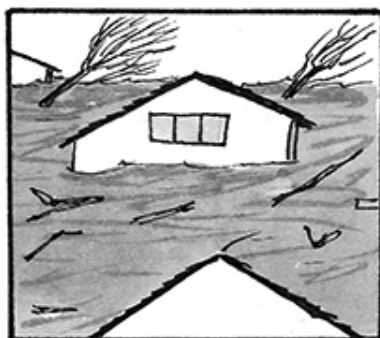
**PRIVATE  
PROPERTY**

TRESPASSERS WILL  
BE PROSECUTED

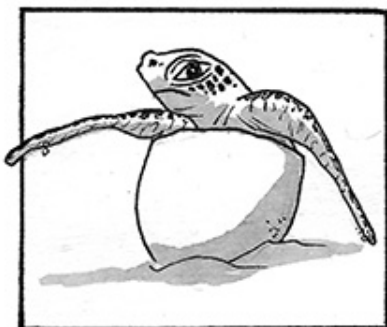
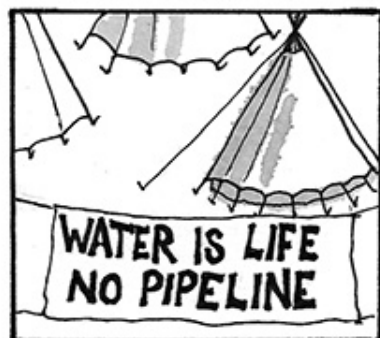
AND HOW  
IT IS USED



IT'S TRUE THAT WE  
NEED TO REDUCE  
EMISSIONS AS  
FAST AS WE CAN

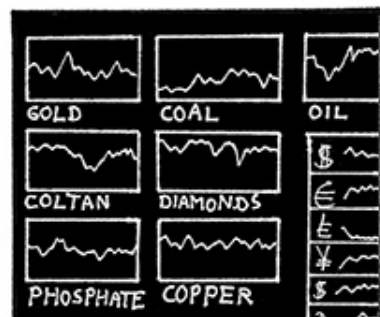


AND THAT INSPIRING  
STRUGGLES AGAINST  
FOSSIL FUELS  
CONTINUE TO  
FLOURISH AROUND  
THE WORLD.



HOWEVER, TO STOP  
THE VARIOUS  
ECOLOGICAL CRISES  
BECOMING  
CATASTROPHIC

WE NEED TO  
ATTACK THEIR  
ROOT CAUSES.



CAPITALISM CAN'T BE  
REFORMED OUT OF  
BEING EXPLOITATIVE  
OR OPPRESSIVE,  
THAT'S ITS NATURE.



Re: Your student loan

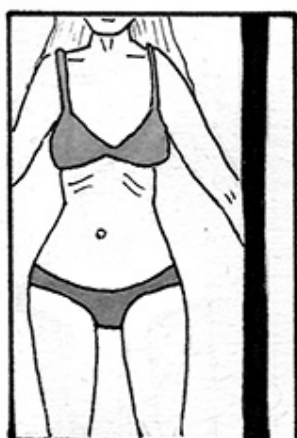
Amount owing:  
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MOST OF US ARE  
EXPLOITED BY CAPITALISM.

TALKING ABOUT HOW IT IS  
ALSO CHANGING THE CLIMATE  
CAN HELP BRING BOTH  
THINGS INTO FOCUS.



# IT'S NOT ALL ABOUT CAPITALISM—



BUT CAPITALISM AND OTHER FORMS OF OPPRESSION SUCH AS RACISM, SEXISM AND CLASS TEND TO REINFORCE EACH OTHER.

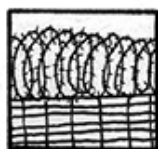
INSTEAD OF SEEING THESE STRUGGLES AS SEPARATE, WE NEED TO FIGHT THEM TOGETHER, NEVER LOSING SIGHT OF HOW INTERCONNECTED THEY ARE.



OUR DIVERSITY CAN BE A SOURCE OF STRENGTH, NOT SOMETHING THAT PULLS US APART.







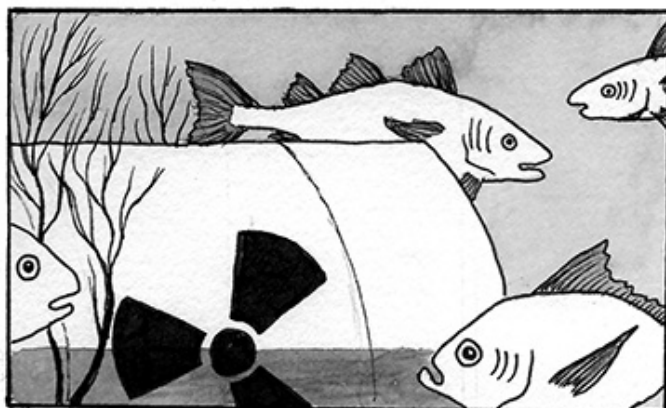
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THESE ARE HUGE ISSUES

- HOW CAN WE HOPE TO CHANGE THEM?



THE SCALE OF THE PROBLEMS WE ARE FACING MAKES IT EASY TO LOSE HOPE

BUT HOPE CAN ALSO BE DANGEROUS.



THINGS WILL ONLY CHANGE IF PEOPLE WORK TOGETHER TO CHANGE THEM



JUST TELLING PEOPLE CLIMATE CHANGE IS REALLY BAD DOESN'T ACHIEVE MUCH EITHER.



News just in: apparently climate change is actually really bad.



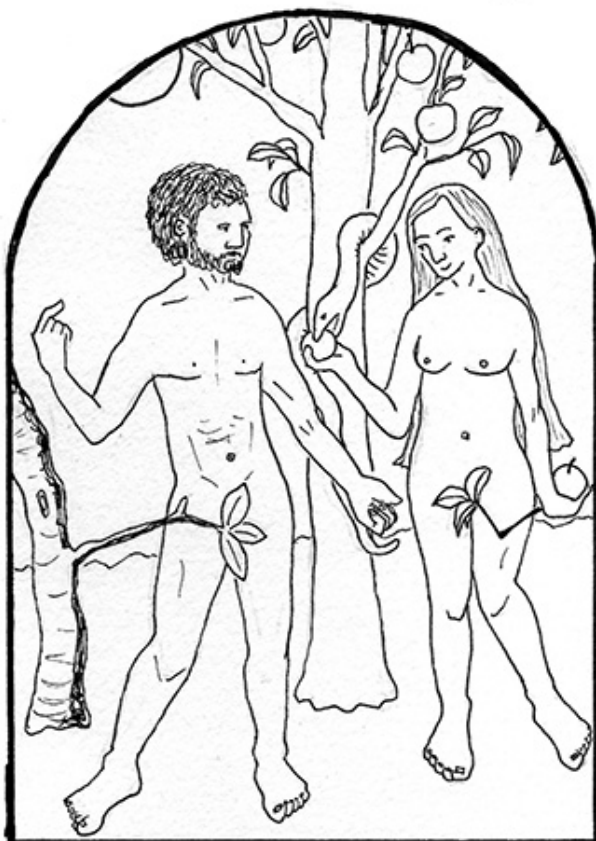
"The Government Must Do Something."

our correspondent conducted some interviews...

"It's an emergency - like a war."



OR DESPAIR.



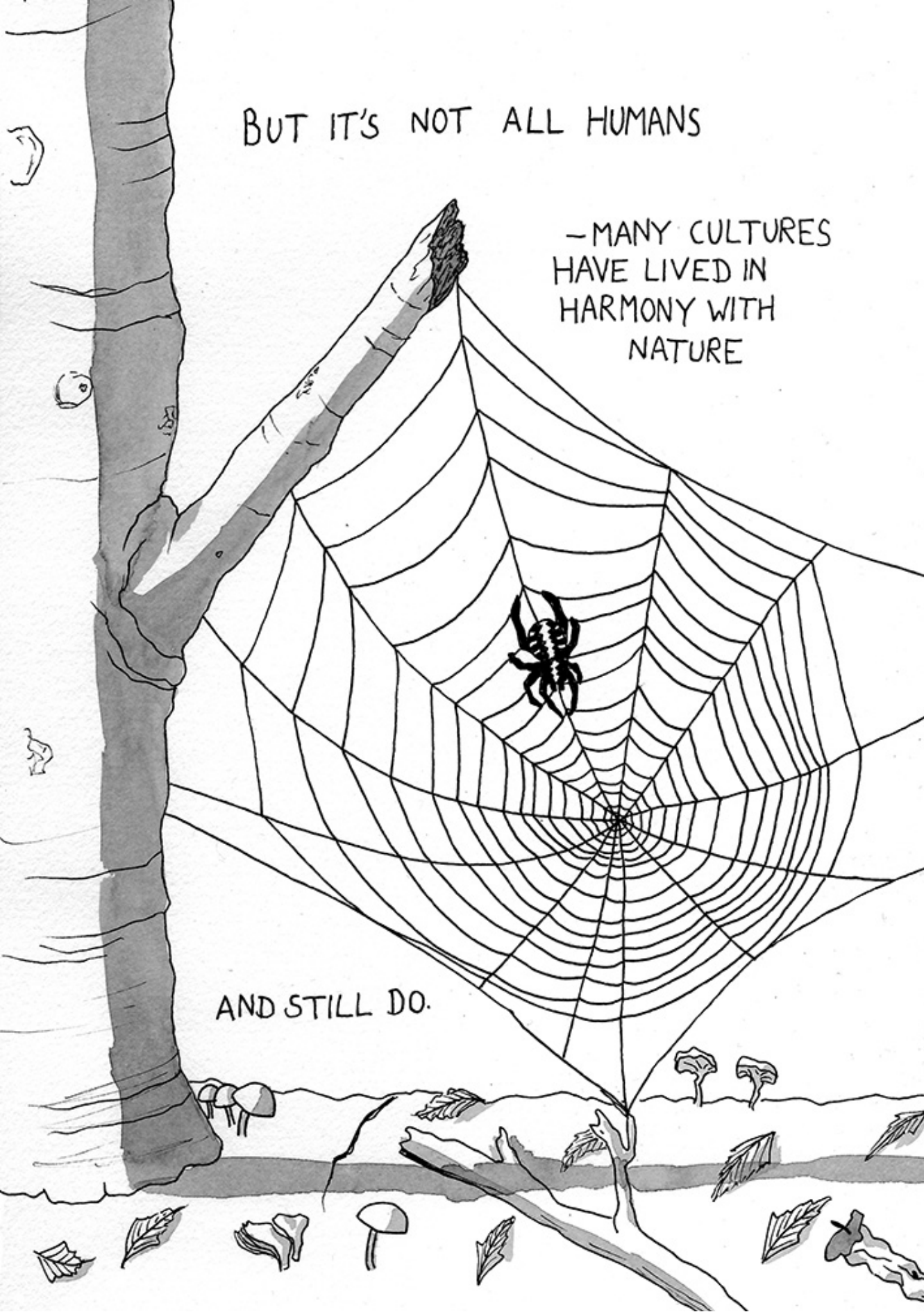
OUR IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT LEADS MANY TO SEE US AS A DESTRUCTIVE FAILURE, A 'CANCER SPECIES' ON THE PLANET.



BUT IT'S NOT ALL HUMANS

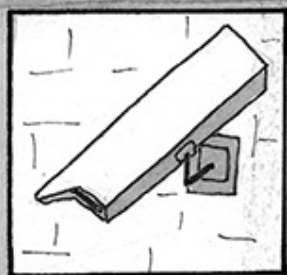
- MANY CULTURES  
HAVE LIVED IN  
HARMONY WITH  
NATURE

AND STILL DO.



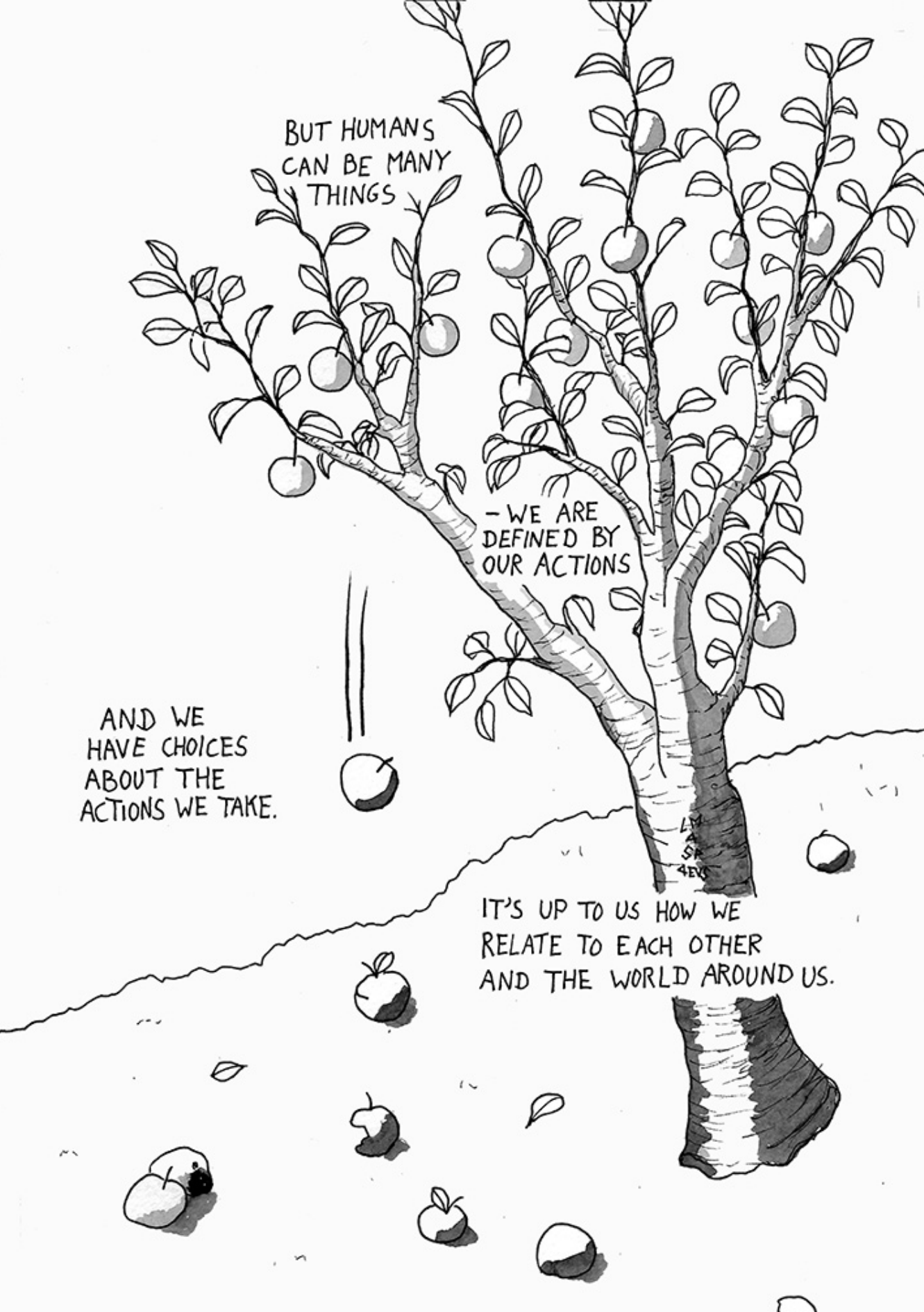
CAPITALISM ALSO TAKES A  
NEGATIVE VIEW OF HUMANS  
(MISANTHROPY)

BECAUSE IT IS BASED ON THE  
PREMISE THAT WE WILL MAKE  
SELFISH INDIVIDUALISTIC  
CHOICES.



THE IDEA THAT WE ARE  
INHERENTLY BAD CAN PREVENT  
US FROM IMAGINING OTHER  
POSSIBLE SOCIETIES AND TAKING  
ACTION TO MAKE THEM REAL.





BUT HUMANS  
CAN BE MANY  
THINGS

- WE ARE  
DEFINED BY  
OUR ACTIONS

AND WE  
HAVE CHOICES  
ABOUT THE  
ACTIONS WE TAKE.

IT'S UP TO US HOW WE  
RELATE TO EACH OTHER  
AND THE WORLD AROUND US.

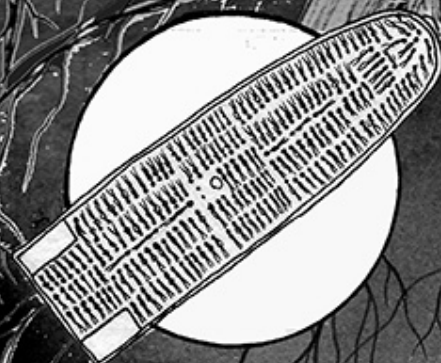
ONE WAY WE CAN  
BUILD A SENSE OF  
AGENCY, AND OF OUR  
COLLECTIVE POWER



IS TO LEARN FROM  
AND IDENTIFY WITH  
HISTORICAL  
STRUGGLES



THAT HAVE  
FACED SEEMINGLY  
IMPOSSIBLE ODDS



BUT HAVE NOT  
GIVEN UP



AND IN SOME  
CASES EVEN WON





PEOPLE HAVE BEEN FIGHTING OPPRESSION FOR AS LONG AS THERE HAS BEEN OPPRESSION.



THE STRUGGLES THAT EXIST TODAY



ARE JUST THE LATEST CHAPTER IN THE LONG STORY OF RESISTANCE, THE FIGHT FOR FREEDOM AND A MEANINGFUL EXISTENCE.

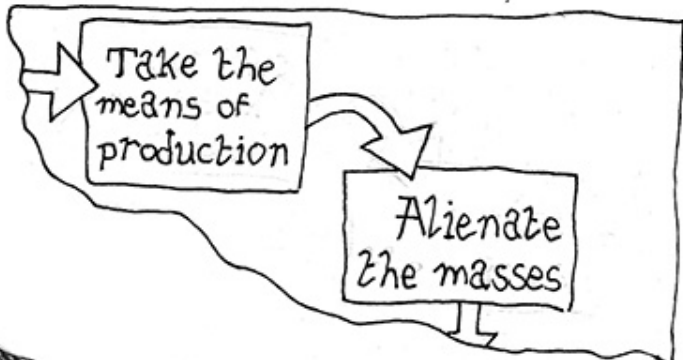


WE ARE PART OF THAT STORY.



# SO HOW CAN WE DESTROY CAPITALISM, AND WHAT IS THE ALTERNATIVE?

CAPITALISM WASN'T CREATED TO A BLUEPRINT



-IT EVOLVED BASED ON THE NEEDS AND VALUES OF THOSE WHO HAD POWER



Vagrancy Act

WE NEED TO END THEIR POWER



AND BUILD SOCIETIES BASED ON EQUALITY, NOT EXPLOITATION,



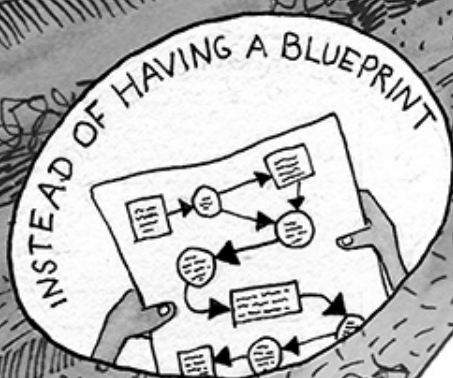
Criminal Justice Act

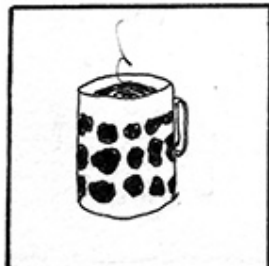
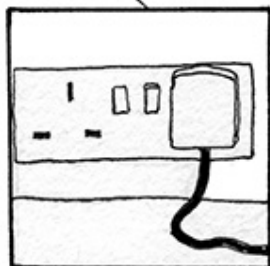
AND SELF DETERMINATION, NOT DOMINATION.



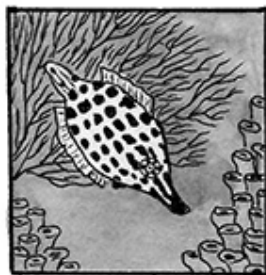
PART OF THE PROBLEM IS THE  
POWERFUL GRIP CAPITALISM HOLDS  
ON OUR IMAGINATION.

A LOT OF PEOPLE FIND IT  
EASIER TO IMAGINE  
THE END OF THE WORLD  
THAN THE END OF CAPITALISM.

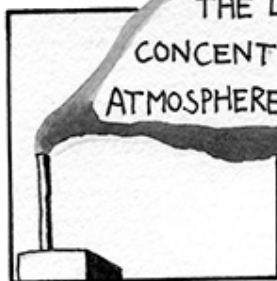




WE ARE HEADING FOR A WORLD IN WHICH LIFE AS WE KNOW IT, HUMAN AND OTHERWISE,

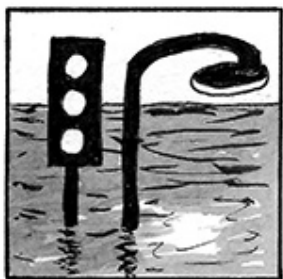


WILL BE DRASTICALLY CHANGED.



THE LONGER GREENHOUSE GAS CONCENTRATIONS IN OUR ATMOSPHERE RISE,

THE MORE SERIOUS IMPACTS BECOME,



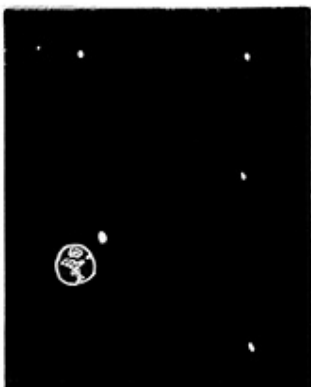
THE MORE



TIPPING POINTS WE PASS,



THE MORE SPECIES BECOME EXTINCT



AND, CRUCIALLY, THE LESS AGENCY WE HAVE OVER THE FUTURE OF OUR WORLD.



BUT WHAT WE DO IS  
STILL IMPORTANT



INSTEAD OF PUTTING OUR  
FAITH IN SOME FUTURE  
REVOLUTIONARY MOMENT

WHERE ALL OPPRESSION AND  
INEQUALITY WILL BE  
ERADICATED



WE NEED TO ACT IN THE HERE AND NOW.

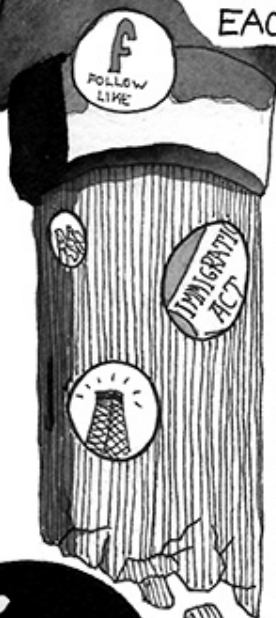




THERE HAS ALWAYS  
BEEN STRUGGLE  
AND CONFLICT

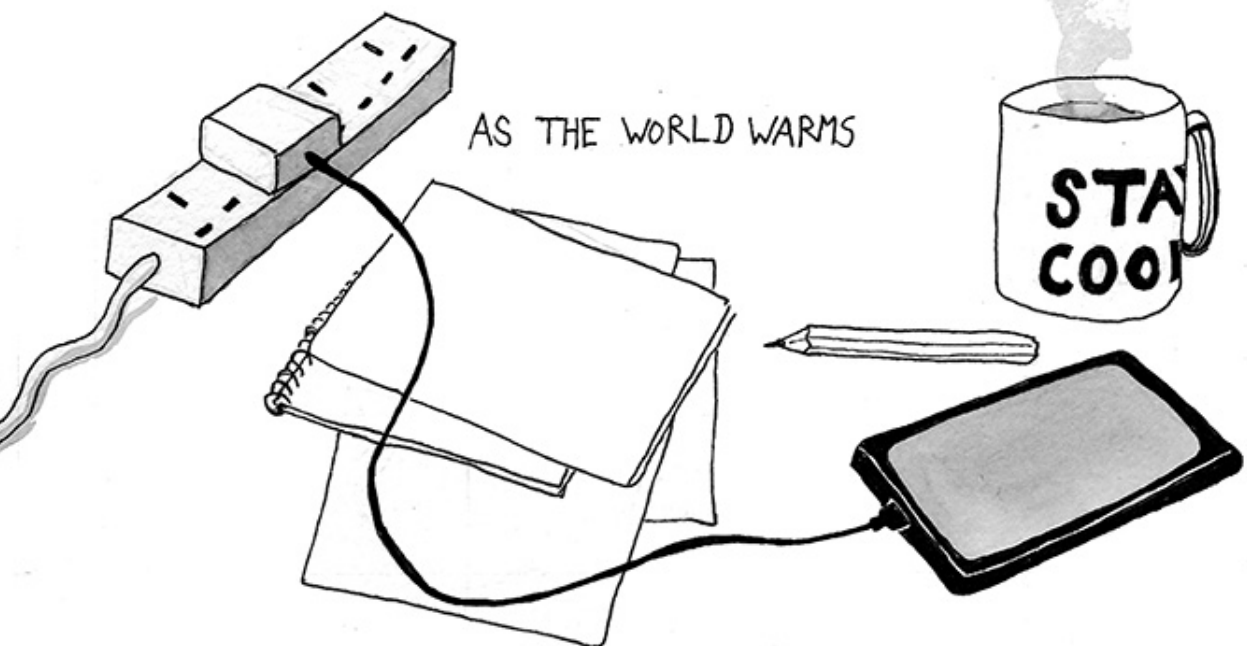


BUT THE STRUGGLE  
IS DIFFERENT FOR  
EACH GENERATION.

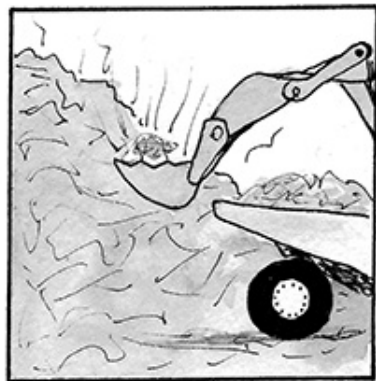


FOR US, NOW,  
IT INVOLVES  
TAKING DOWN  
THE SYSTEMS THAT ARE  
DESTROYING THE  
NATURAL WORLD

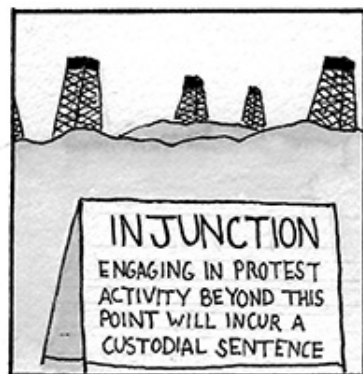
SO THAT THOSE  
WHO COME AFTER  
US HAVE A CHANCE  
TO LIVE, STRUGGLE  
AND BE FREE  
THEMSELVES.



AND IMPACTS ON  
SCARCE VITAL  
RESOURCES  
INCREASE

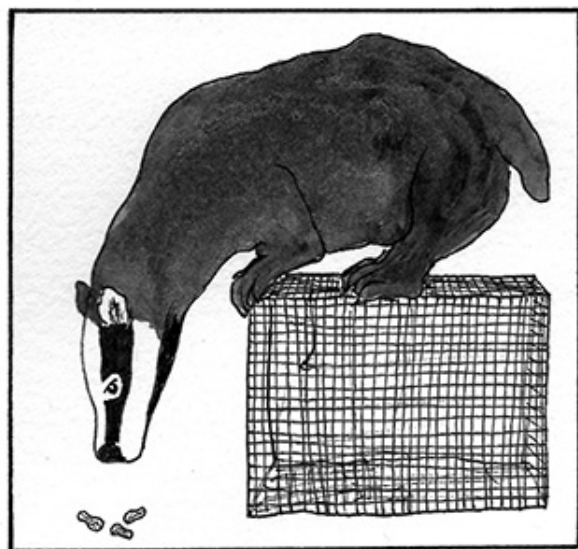


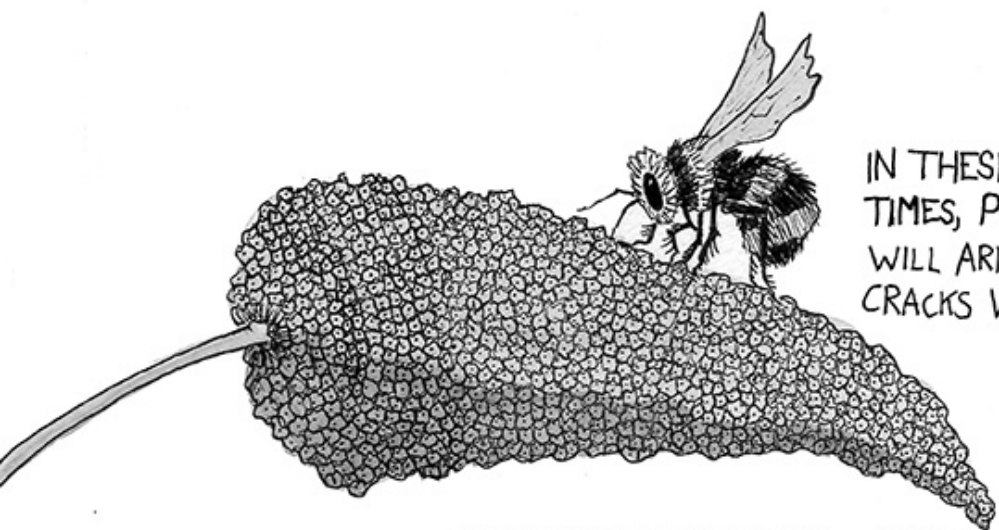
WE CAN EXPECT A RISE IN  
MILITARISATION, SECURITISATION AND REPRESSION.





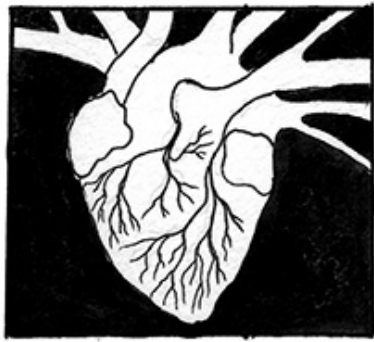
BUT THERE WILL ALSO BE A RISE IN  
DISOBEDIENCE, RESISTANCE AND REBELLION.





IN THESE TURBULENT  
TIMES, POSSIBILITIES  
WILL ARISE AND  
CRACKS WILL APPEAR.

WE NEED TO  
BE BOLD



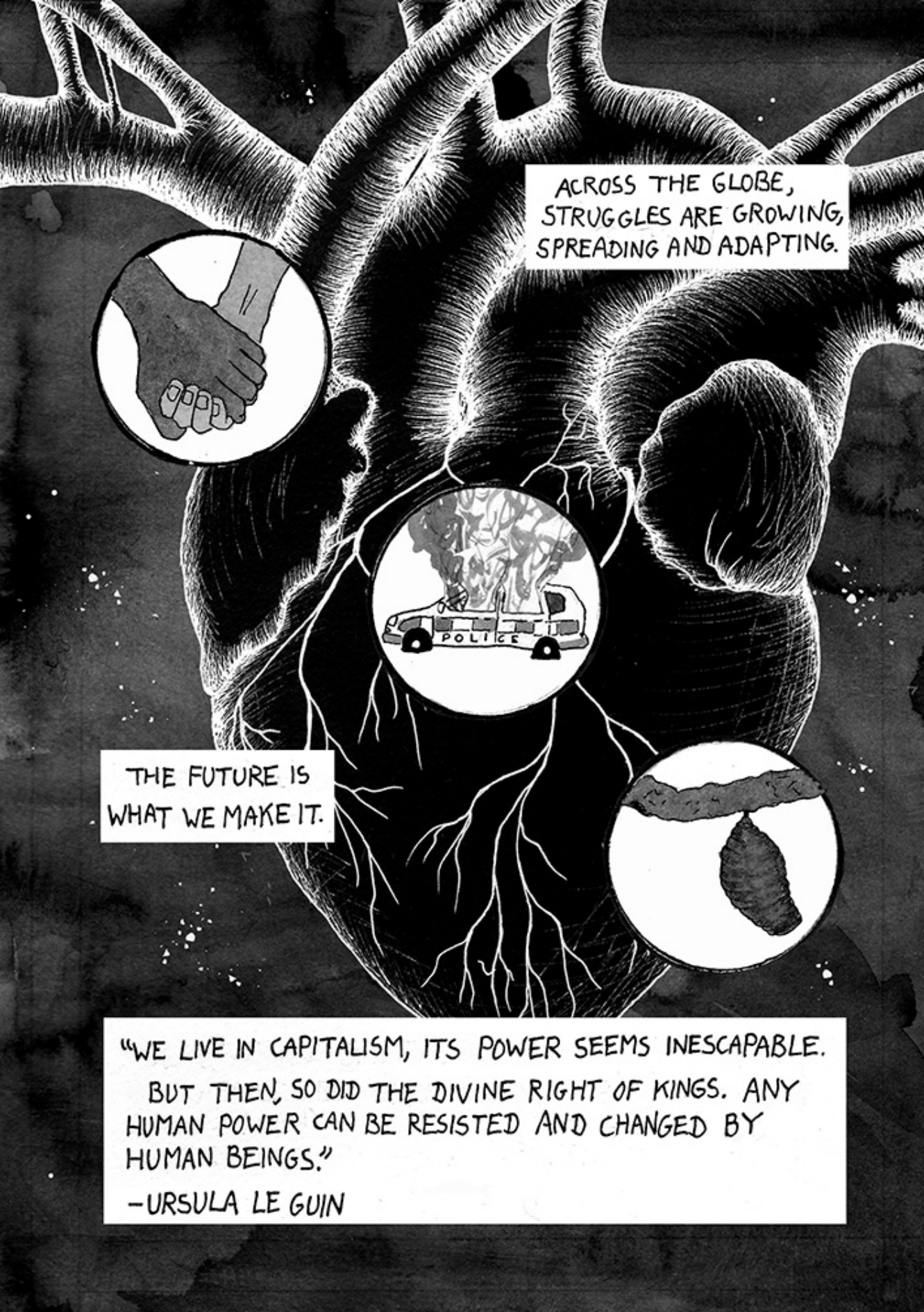
AND, USING A DIVERSITY OF TACTICS AND STRATEGIES,  
ATTACK CAPITALISM AND OPPRESSION IN ALL ITS MYRIAD FORMS.







ALL THE WHILE IMAGINING  
AND CREATING OTHER  
WAYS OF LIVING.



ACROSS THE GLOBE,  
STRUGGLES ARE GROWING,  
SPREADING AND ADAPTING.



THE FUTURE IS  
WHAT WE MAKE IT.



"WE LIVE IN CAPITALISM, ITS POWER SEEMS INESCAPABLE.

BUT THEN, SO DID THE DIVINE RIGHT OF KINGS. ANY  
HUMAN POWER CAN BE RESISTED AND CHANGED BY  
HUMAN BEINGS."

-URSULA LE GUIN

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**NEW ONES BEGIN**