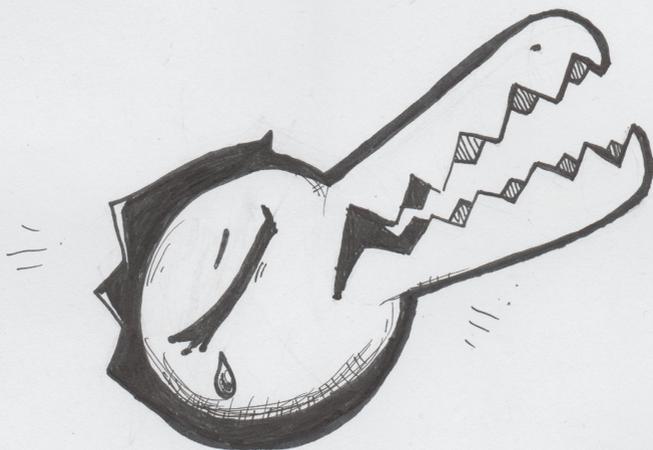




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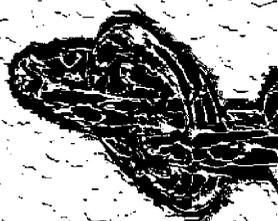


this is a disorganised little zine about
socialism & modern life, featuring art, comics & an
essay. Some of the stuff is about America, most
is pretty general. ENJOY!



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HE SUCKS

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DO FUCK

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I used to care about appearances man,
but lately i've had trouble even bothering.

it's depression



i look like some slovenly jackass in a hoodie.
wonderin man where'd the good times go



Strange Garfings in the shadow of Doom's day

but aint that narcissistic. there were
no good times. for john it was reagan
and thatcher. for me it was bush and
blair. for odie it'll be trump and may.

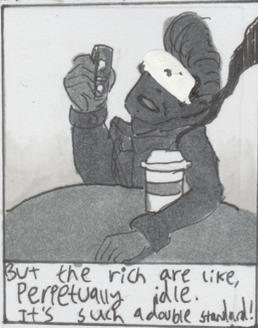
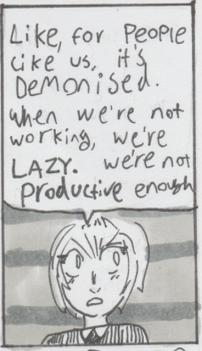


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just when we were
young and didnt give a shit

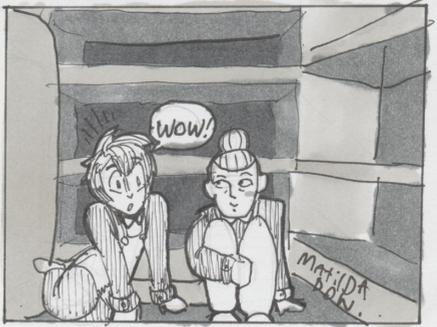


i still wanna try tho.
someone's gotta
make those good times real





We mythologise our moments of free time, then ennobise them as they pass.



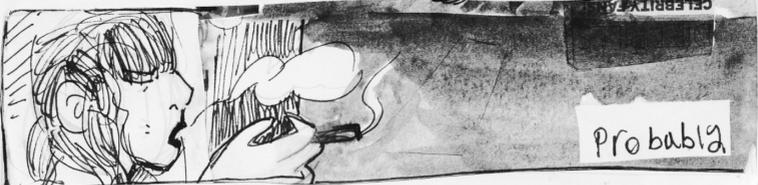
little PEARL'S of LIGHT



They're
AWAKE
too.



I wonder
if they
ALL feel
so HELPLESS



Probably

'Six die' as US train crashes off bridge

AT LEAST six people were reported to have died and 77 were injured yesterday when a train derailed on a bridge in the US, sending carriages crashing down on to a highway. The Amtrak train, with 82 passengers and crew, was on the first day of a new route in

Neoliberalism Demands Free Education

"Millennials will not find jobs" is the lament of the generations before us - we cannot find work or we do not want to work. Each prospect is equally terrifying to generations who unconsciously see labor to produce value as the most important measure of humanity. This paradigm means that not having a job is seen as either failure of the system that was supposed to train the person in question and provide them with a job, or of that person's character. I will discuss one aspect of this paradigm in this essay: Modern liberalism demands that education be free.

I'm not alone in my experience of going online to search for jobs, spending a half-minute reading through the description of one position, and getting to the bottom to see that they require three years of experience which I do not have, or a degree which I do not have, or both. I did get a Bachelor's degree, but every job I've found in my region, in my field, either asks for a Master's degree or lists experience as required. I'm fresh out of college, so I have no experience, and I'm fresh out of money, so I can't go back to school. (More on school affordability later.) Employers are not exactly replete with options, but as I understand it, they don't mind not being able to fill a non-essential position for half a year or more. It is cheaper to hire someone who's already had work experience than to take on a risky new candidate who would need to be trained for several months (or in the case of some industries, years).

Being made homeless is an issue for 30% of Scots

Disaster: A derailed Amtrak carriage dangles perilously over Washington state highway. REX SHUTTERSTOCK

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Companies like to get experienced workers and hold onto them, which is why the United States this June 2017 was posting low numbers for new unemployment claims. For those who didn't achieve a college degree of some sort, the job market is that much scarcer. Employers effectively screen out lower-income people who couldn't afford to go to college. They also screen out people who could not complete college because of discrimination and/or mental illness - money is not the only barrier to acquiring a degree. Employers justify this with the claims that anyone who couldn't complete college a) doesn't have the requisite skills and b) probably just didn't have the wherewithal and endurance to work, anyway. More so if you didn't complete high school. But here's the truth:

a) School doesn't prepare you for entry-level work. 2 out of 7 friends who have my degree are actually working in the field we studied. Four of them get to use their civil-environmental engineering knowledge every now and then - design a stormwater detention swale, or help design a wetland. For the most part, they're looking at subdivision maps and figuring out where streets can go. One friend and I can't even claim that - we haven't broken into engineering at all. On the whole, we're not working in the field we trained for, and all of us had to have significant training in our current positions.

b) School is not work. There are similarities. But completing homework and going to classes is only a 9 to 5 for the most rigorously organized. For the rest of us, school involves some degree of procrastination and feverish overwork. An engineering company does not want its engineers to only start working on a proposal the night before it's due - that leaves no room for editing and supervision. Similarly, the millions of manual jobs in the United States, and in the EU, do not train a person the skills needed in school. There are similarities, because both work and school are a form of labor, but each is structurally different.

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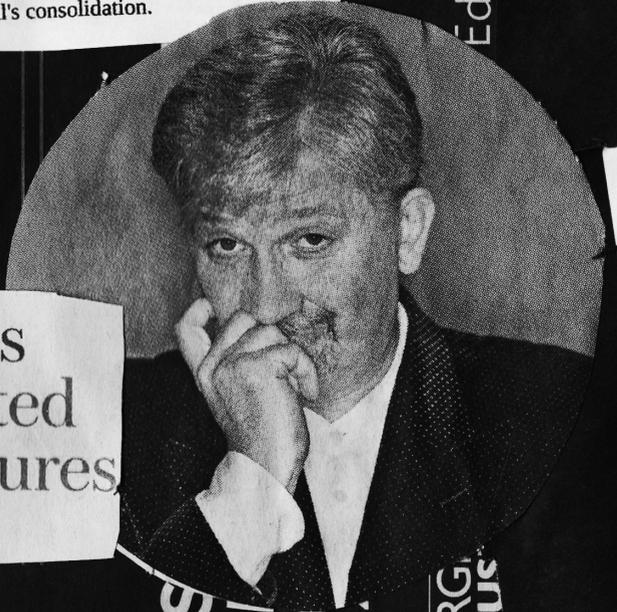
Employers persist in requiring experience and education. They can get the workers they need from the aging generations who can no longer afford retirement - why would they choose the more expensive option of training young workers? The root of the problem is in this disincentive to train new workers. Companies will not suffer the cost of training someone because the separation of Company | Society gives them the right to demand pre-trained workers. Society at large - the government and the people - sees this lack of trained workers and tries to assign blame. It is the fault of the youth, who don't stay in school and get the education they need. Or it is the fault of the government, which fails to provide free schooling to the workers. Don't get me wrong - free schooling would be a godsend. Within capitalism, it is a sorely needed patch to reduce systemic inequality. But the suggestion of implementir free school only enters the conversation because companies are unwilling to pay for it themselves. We end up with a game of chicken: Will Capital continue to let employment decline? Or will the State subsidize Capital by giving free education to (a larger portion of) the people? I do not expect Capital to ever pay for schooling/training on a large scale, because in the unregulated markets of today competition would kill any companies who tried. No - we get small grants here and there, and now and then a scion with a burgeoning rags-to-riches story is picked for a full scholarship. Meanwhile, tuition costs rise. Will government fund college? It is possible, and it is already being done in some countries. Government does effectively provide funding for some training programs at community colleges - again, within capitalism, this is not the worst thing thing. But even if the United States does create free college for all, it will not catch the most disadvantaged. It would only enable Capital's consolidation.

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...likely to weigh heavily.
 But critics of Stagecoach are unlikely to be sympathetic. The transport operator owns 90pc of a joint venture with Virgin Trains, which will end control of the East Coast mainline just three years into its eight-year contract.

The political tide against the company is growing as the rhetoric ramps up. Labour is claiming the business has been bailed out because its premium shares to the Government of £800m are well short of the figure that was due over the franchise. Extra diesel on the station bonfire being stoked by opposition, even though Stagecoach says it has lost £200m on the contract and invested £140m in improving service.

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Employers will not pay for education and training. They demand trained workers from society, and we struggle to provide them. This is not a fault of the companies, inasmuch as companies cannot be faulted for acting the way they were designed to act, but this is a fault of liberalism. In the past, workers could be trained on the job because their lives were effectively owned by their employer (a very undesirable situation, to be clear). Today, liberalism separates an employer's rights and an employee's rights, meaning employers are allowed to choose their employees, while employees are allowed the option of choosing their employer or surviving. Non-workers are allowed no options, as they are either immoral or victims of a larger force (note the distinction between victim and actor). Liberalism is at its best when it tries to account for the deficiencies of capitalism - but it cannot abolish capitalism outright, which means that it cannot end the distinctions between classes and between workers and non-workers.









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