

DON'T
CALL THE
POLICE

FEBRURARY 2016

ARTISTS, ACTIVISTS AND ORGANIZERS OF COLOR IN CHICAGO SHARED THEIR EXPERIENCES, THOUGHTS, AND VISUALIZATIONS OF ALTERNATIVES TO CALLING THE POLICE IN BOTH THE U.S. AND THE UK. WE HOPE THIS ZINE GIVES YOU INSPIRATION AND INFORMATION TO THINK ABOUT ALTERNATIVES TO CALLING THE POLICE THAT COULD POTENTIALLY WORK IN YOUR OWN DAILY LIFE.

TW: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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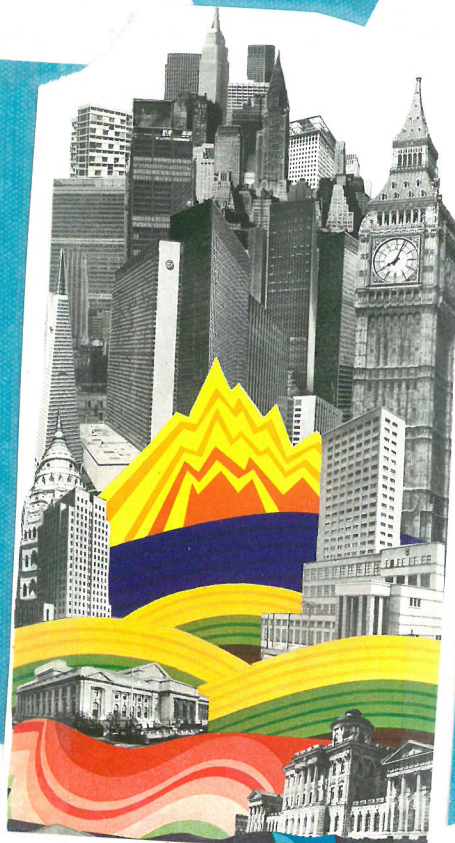
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Capitalism;
a corrosion
continually cutting
and
casting away
humanity
from humans
and
singing
from songbirds;
the constructor of walls
and fences
hollowed-out
between hearts and souls.

We are lost.
In the midst
of the suffocating
mist
of lost words
but we breathe
in
and with a heavy sigh
breathe out
the infinite galaxy
and

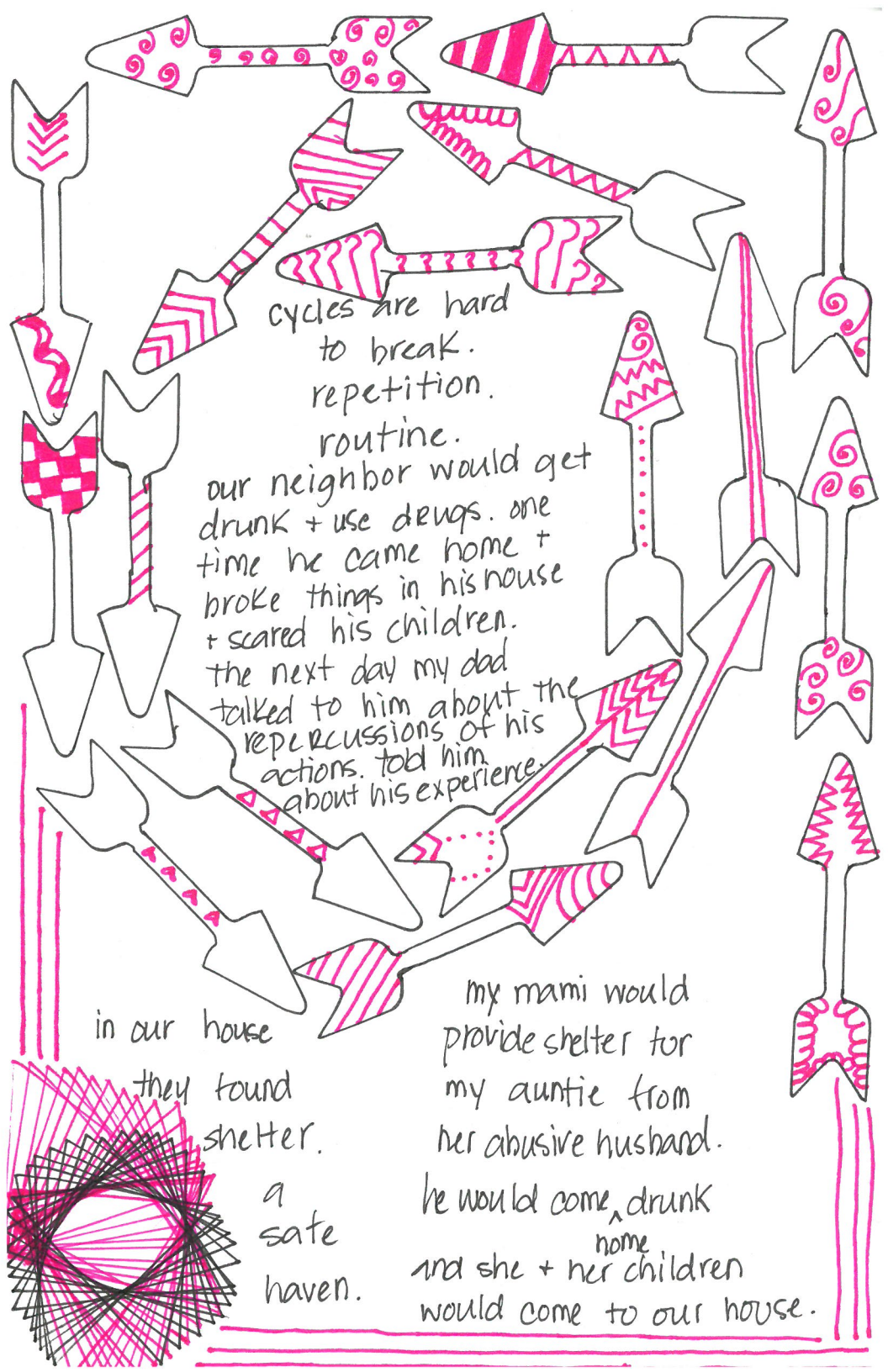
Spirits of our ancestors
we are one.

We
re-tune our heartstrings
to the symphony
of the sea
soaking
the shores
of our souls
we breathe.



Every mixer en mi familiar has experenced domestic violence. we knew this and we talk about it but the answer to dealy with it is always calling the police. So what do you do when althughn your partner is abusive. They are undawanted and knew that calling the Police may place them in deportatin procedys?! They hurt me but I knew that having them detainil and deportad is not what will bring me pece and healing.

I called on family that night. That was my answer. That night we had argus about... well who knows now... but they became aggressive - towards me and towards themselves. I felt afraid and left our apartment. I knew they would follow so I had to call someone. I called my primo who picked me up and took me to his apartment. I felt safe because he just picked me up. no questions asked and provided a safe and warm place for me that ~~that~~ night.



cycles are hard
to break.
repetition.
routine.

our neighbor would get
drunk + use drugs. one
time he came home +
broke things in his house
+ scared his children.
the next day my dad
talked to him about the
repercussions of his
actions. told him
about his experience.

in our house
they found
shelter.

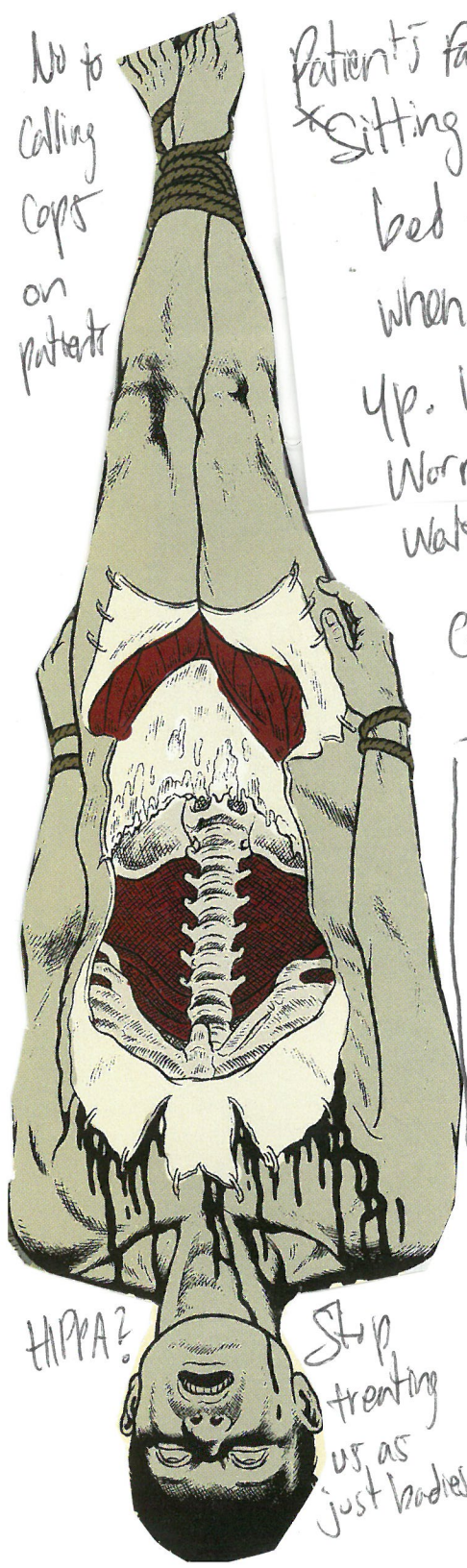
a
safe
haven.

my mami would
provide shelter for
my auntie from
her abusive husband.

he would come ^{home} drunk
and she + her children
would come to our house.

No to
Calling
Cops
on
patients

Patient's family:
*Sitting at the edge of the
bed asking myself
when you would wake
up. Worried about police.
Worried about ICE. Please
wake up from your
Coma.*



Physician-what ever
happened to patient
confidentiality? Who do I
call about the cost?

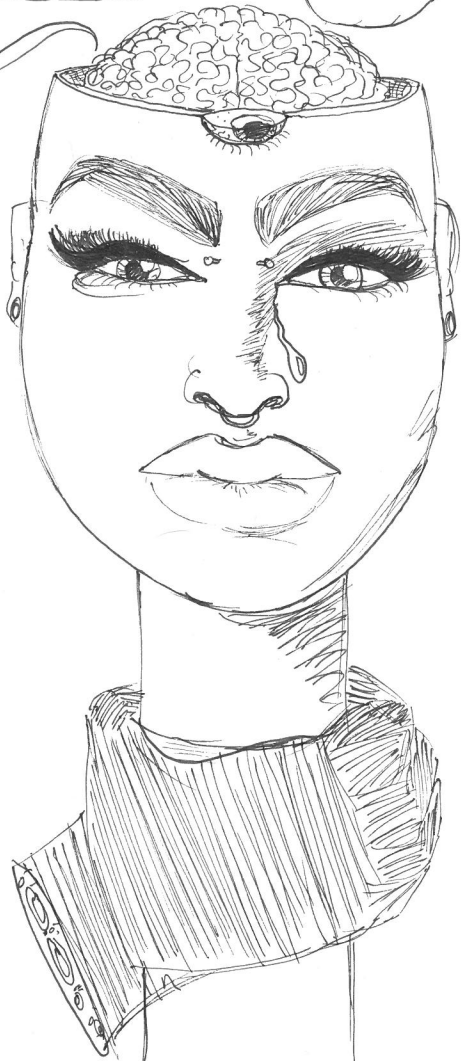
Why am I being forced
to call ICE?

HIPAA?

Stop
treating
us as
just bodies.

TELL US EVERYTHING

...but will you listen



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you shouldn't have to prove your sanity to no one

friends help friends
problem-solve
mental health concerns





I never called the police on him

But the thought crossed my mind when he yelled

so loud the neighbors heard

I never called the police on him

But the thought crossed my mind when he forced me out of his car

in an area far from home

I never called the police on him

But the thought crossed my mind when he left

bruises on my wrists and collarbone

I never called the police on him

But the thought crossed my mind

when he screamed at my roommate over our intercom

I never called the police on him

But the thought crossed my mind when I remembered

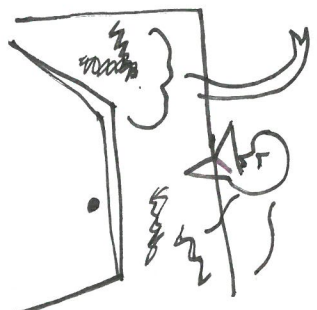
he was trying to get into medical
school to become a doctor

But one day I teamed up with my mentor

and threatened a restraining order on his ass

I never called the police on him

But sometimes just the empty threat of it can be enough.



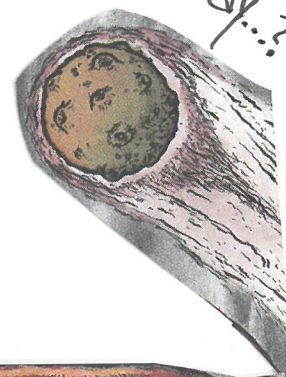
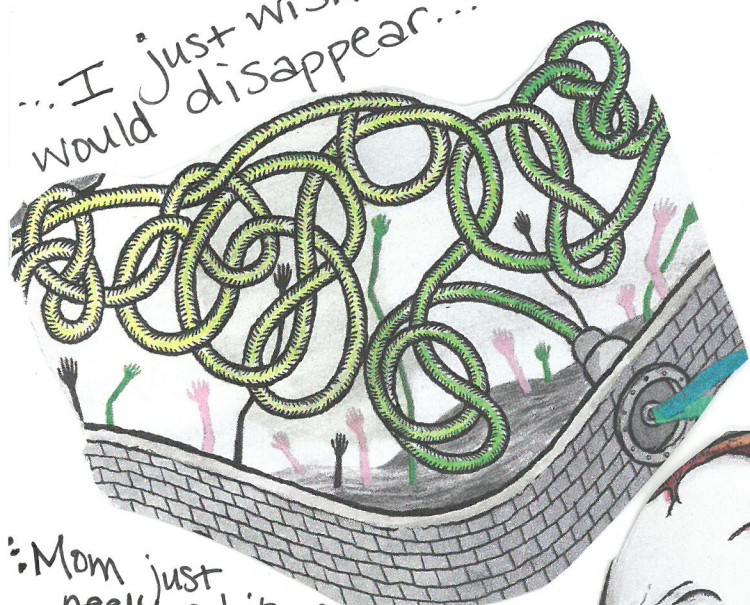
No!
Stop!

Laying in bed...
Wishing it ^{was} all a nightmare...
imaging the worst shadows on the ceiling.

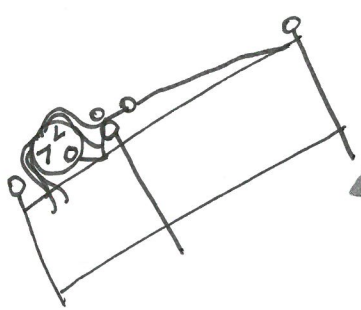
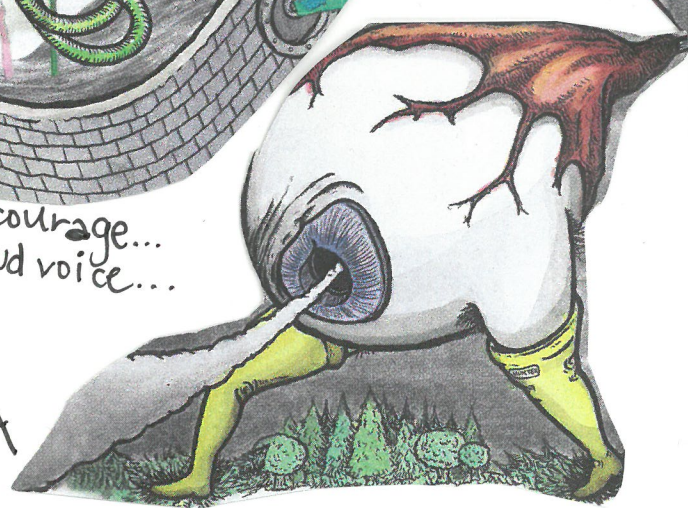
...Can't call the cops...
when he's undocumented.

... What if they take all of us away...?

... I just wish he would disappear...



... Mom just needs a bit of courage...
strength, use her loud voice...

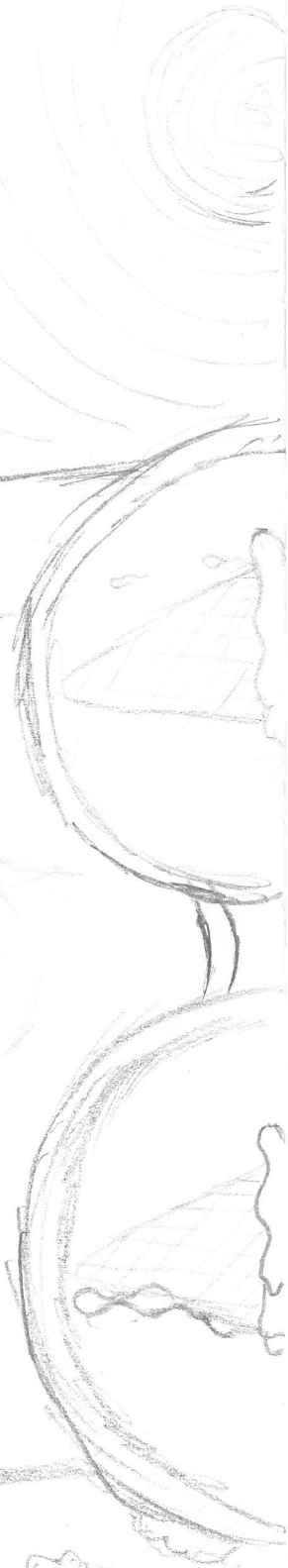
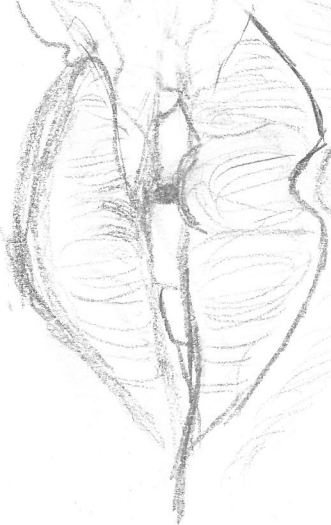


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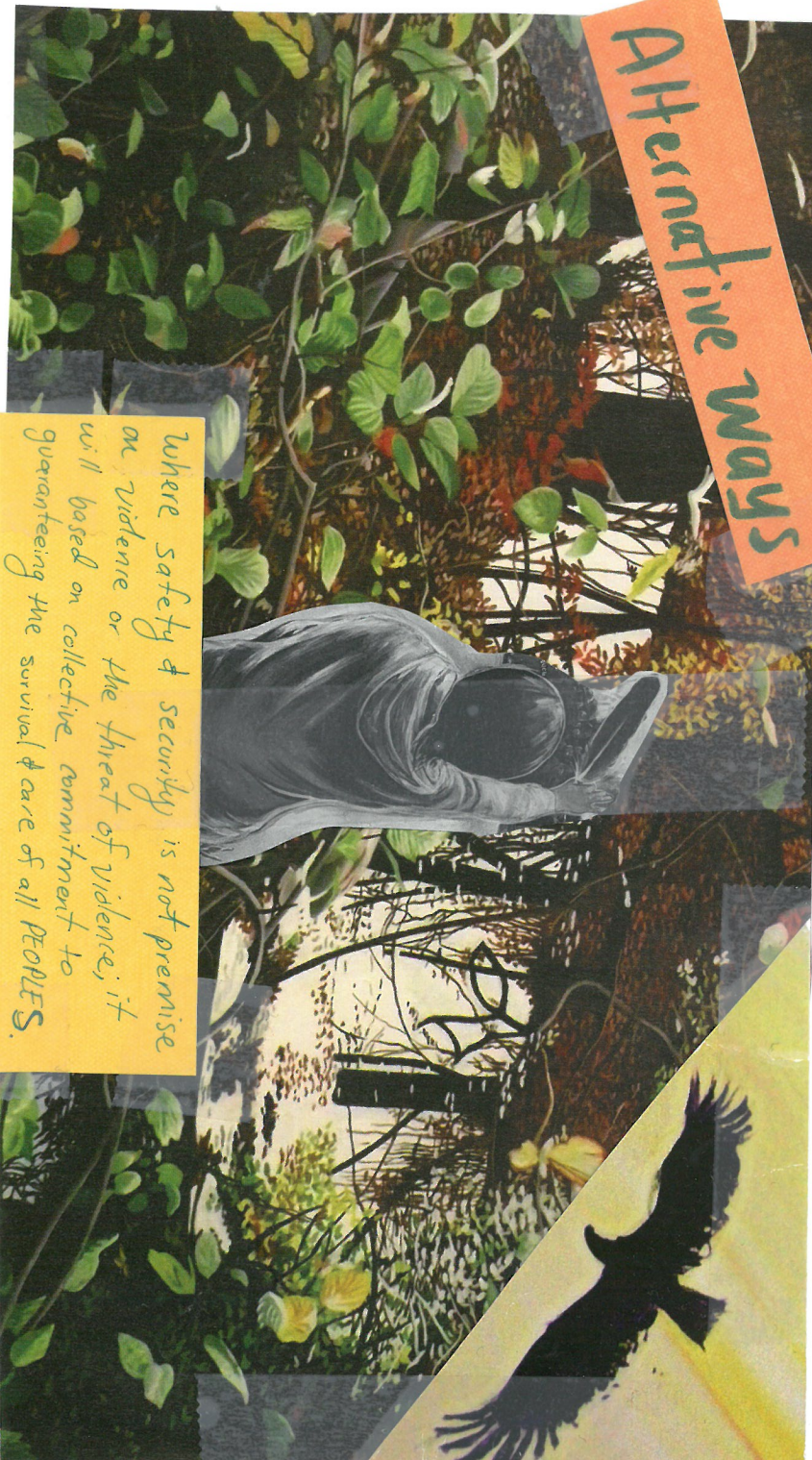
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Marie



Alternative ways

Where safety & security is not premised on violence or the threat of violence, it will be based on collective commitment to guaranteeing the survival & care of all PEOPLES.



DONT LOOK FOR A SMILE HERE!!!

I stopped smiling at cops

They always stare at me

Never a smile on their faces.

"They will protect you,"

said NO ONE EVER

With SKIN the color of mine.

"Esperamos por ~~dos~~ horas y

nunca llegaron!" dijo mi madre

When her car was broken into.

(I wonder if they would have showed
when the man gave her a black eye!)

I refuse to smile to someone

I can't rely on.

That my mom can't rely on.

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU ARE APPROACHED BY A PREVENT OFFICER (UK)

A PREVENT OFFICER IS OFTEN A POLICE OFFICER WHO IS CONTACTING YOU BECAUSE OF A REFERRAL BY YOUR DOCTOR / NURSE / TEACHER / PROFESSOR / SOCIAL WORKER BECAUSE YOU HAVE DEMONSTRATED SIGNS OF EXTREMISM (OPPOSITION TO BRITISH VALUES)

THEY WILL VISIT YOU AT HOME / SCHOOL / WORK FOR A 'CHAT'. IF YOU SPEAK TO THEM THEY MAY ASK YOU QUESTIONS ABOUT SYRIA, PALESTINE OR TERRORISM EVEN IF YOU HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THEM. THEY MAY ALSO ASK YOU IF YOU PRAY OR READ THE QURAN. THE WAY YOU ANSWER MAY GET YOU LABELLED AN EXTREMIST.

DON'T WORRY! YOU HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING WRONG. UNLESS YOU ARE BEING DETAINED YOU CAN REFUSE TO SPEAK TO THEM WITHOUT A LAWYER.

SEARCH BOYCOTT PREVENT FOR MORE INFO.

A GUIDE FOR MUSLIMS

GETTING

TO KNOW

YOUR

NEIGHBORS

Make your presence known!

Invite them over for

TEA



Don't let an emergency be your first-time meeting...

A familiar face in a hard time goes a long way. ♡