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Comic Issue 1

‘Beware, the Kraken’



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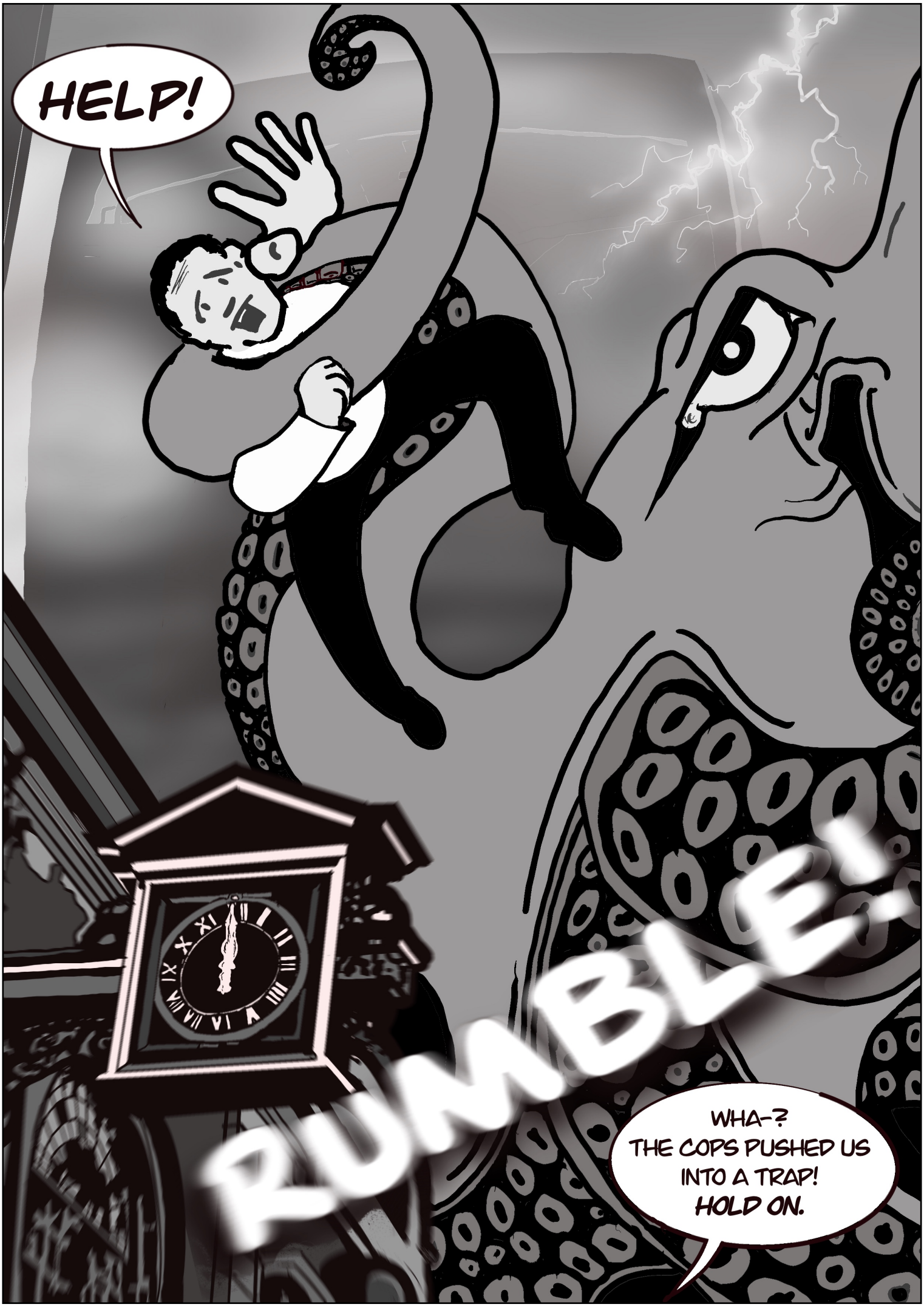

ON TERF ISLAND...
TODAY WE'RE TRAVELLING INTO THE CAPITALIST HELLMOUTH THAT IS LONDON'S FINANCIAL DISTRICT!


THERE'S GOING TO BE A PROTEST HERE AGAINST THE UK'S ARMS TRADE WITH A GENOCIDAL REGIME.
FREE PALESTINE NOW
PREVIOUS GENERATIONS IN THIS AREA KNEW ABOUT HUMAN SUFFERING, CAUSED BY EPIDEMICS OF BUBONIC PLAGUE AND CHOLERA...
STOP FUNDING GENOCIDE
Mon-Fri 7am-7pm


"THE GREAT FIRE..."
"THE BLITZ..."
17,000 CHILDREN KILLED
STOP THE ARMS TRADE
STOP GENOCIDE
PALESTINE
GET BACK!
METRO POLI
"THEY KNEW HOW HUMAN SUFFERING FEELS. BUT NOW THEY ARE GONE AND ALL COMPASSION WITH THEM, USURPED BY SOULLESS CORPORATIONS, OUT OF REACH IN HIGH-RISE BUILDINGS. IT'S AS IF ALL THAT SUFFERING STAINED THE GROUND WITH CENTURIES OF DREADFUL PAIN AND NOW IT'S BEING CONJURED BACK INTO THE WORLD BY AN ELITE OBSESSED WITH WEALTH AND POWER!"


I SAID, GET BACK!
NOW, IF YOU'RE A BUSINESS THAT TRADES OR PROFITS FROM THE SALE OF WEAPONS USED IN A GENOCIDE? *THAT'S* OK.
PROTEST IS A HUMAN RIGHT.
FREE PAL
PEACEFULLY PROTEST AGAINST IT? *THEN* THE STATE GETS ANGRY!
THIS AREA PULSATES WITH MISERY!
MOVE IT!
SHOVE!


I MEAN, WHAT'S THIS CREEPY OLD DOORWAY ABOUT?
Hm...
gulp!
OH SHH-
RUMBLE!
RUMBLE!


HELP!
RUMBLE
WHA-?
THE COPS PUSHED US INTO A TRAP!
HOLD ON.


LOAD...
AIM...
FIRE!
THOK!
CAPITALISM
FREE! FREE! PALESTINE!
AAH
oh.
THANK YOU!


OH CRAP! IT LOOKS LIKE I'M NEXT ON SQUID-FACE'S MENU!
ROARR!
URGH.
PUFF! CAPITALISM IS EXHAUSTING!


IT SHOULD BE SAFE HERE FOR A WHILE.
ALTHOUGH, THIS BUILDING HAS BEEN BURNED DOWN AND REBUILT, TWICE; BOMBED IN THE BLITZ; AND THREATENED WITH DEMOLITION!
SOMETIMES, I THINK I KNOW HOW IT FEELS!
TODAY, IT'S A REFUGE FROM THE CITY.

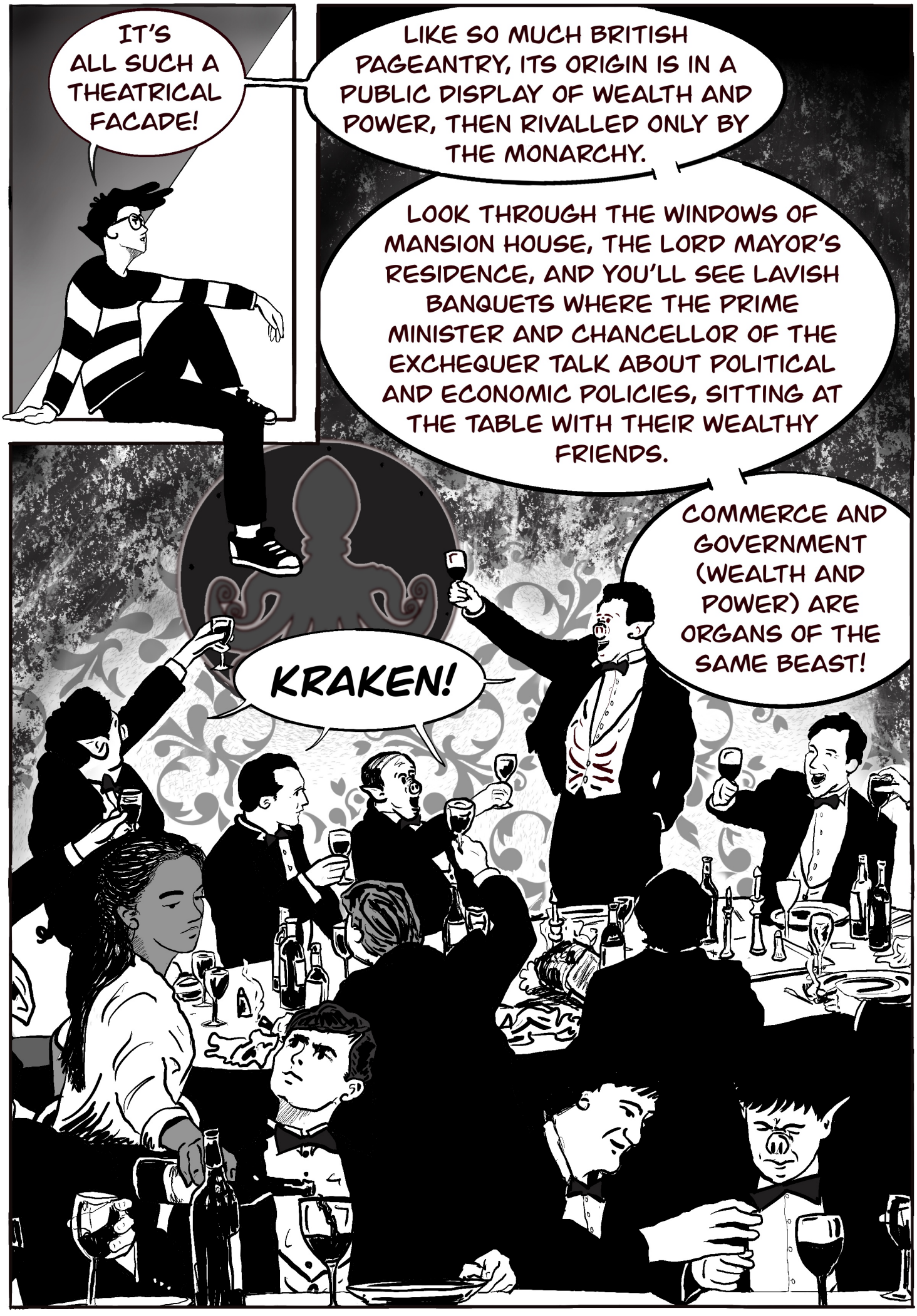
I USED TO COME UP HERE WHEN I WAS A KID TO WATCH THE LORD MAYOR'S SHOW: AN ANNUAL PARADE OF CITY DIGNITARIES, INSTITUTIONS AND BUSINESSES; MILITARY MARCHING BANDS; CHARITIES... A REAL SPECTACLE IF YOU COULD SQUEEZE THROUGH THE CROWDS TO SEE IT!





I CAN'T HELP WONDERING HOW MANY OF THOSE CITY DIGNITARIES, INSTITUTIONS AND BUSINESSES HAVE PROFITED OVER THE CENTURIES FROM WAR, SLAVERY AND COLONIALISM, AND THE EXPLOITATION AND SUFFERING OF OTHERS?




IT'S ALL SUCH A THEATRICAL FACADE!
LIKE SO MUCH BRITISH PAGEANTRY, ITS ORIGIN IS IN A PUBLIC DISPLAY OF WEALTH AND POWER, THEN RIVALLED ONLY BY THE MONARCHY.
LOOK THROUGH THE WINDOWS OF MANSION HOUSE, THE LORD MAYOR'S RESIDENCE, AND YOU'LL SEE LAVISH BANQUETS WHERE THE PRIME MINISTER AND CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER TALK ABOUT POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC POLICIES, SITTING AT THE TABLE WITH THEIR WEALTHY FRIENDS.
COMMERCE AND GOVERNMENT (WEALTH AND POWER) ARE ORGANS OF THE SAME BEAST!
KRAKEN!

I WONDER, LEGEND TELLS OF A TENTACLED SEA MONSTER, THE **KRAKEN,** THAT WOULD DRAG SAILORS TO A WATERY DOOM; A BEAST SO LARGE IT COULD PULL ENTIRE FLEETS OF FISHING VESSELS UNDER THE WAVES!

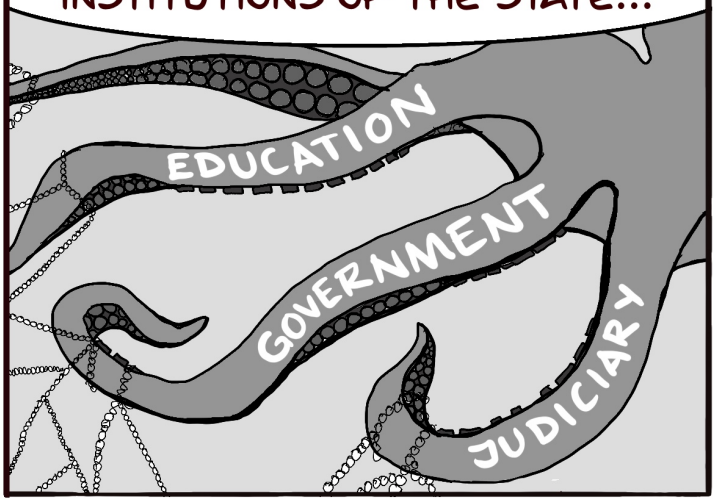


IT'S A TALE THAT'S INSPIRED POETS, WRITERS AND FILM-MAKERS...

Below the thunders of the upper deep,
Far, far beneath in the abysmal sea,
His ancient, dreamless, uninvaded sleep



IT'S ALSO INSPIRED ARTISTIC DEPICTIONS OF CAPITALISM, WITH EACH TENTACLE REPRESENTING INSTITUTIONS OF THE STATE...



AND INVISIBLE CHAINS EXTENDING FROM THEM TO SHACKLE AND CONTROL THE MASSES...

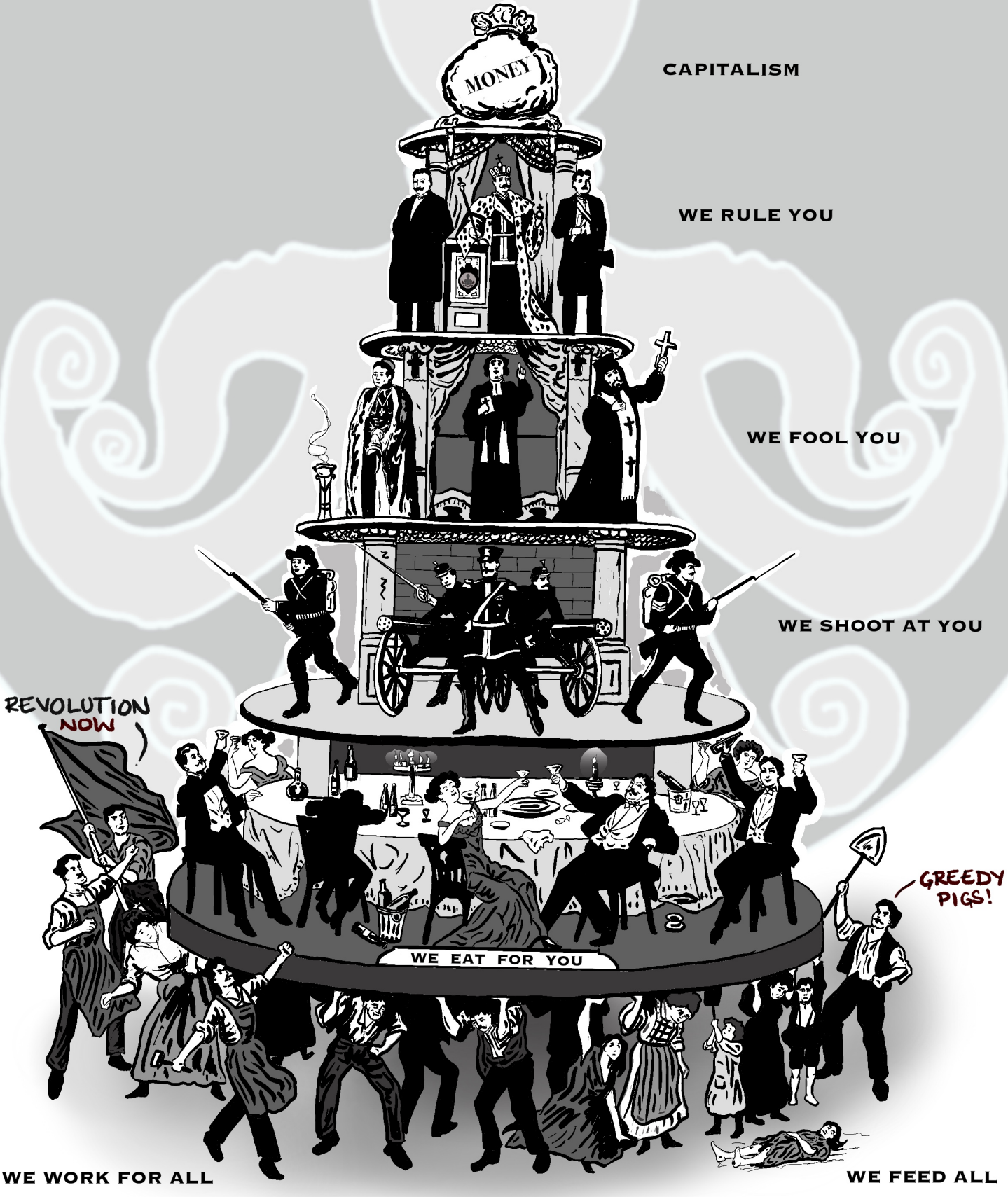


WHAT MONSTROUS CREATION HAVE THEY WILLED INTO BEING?



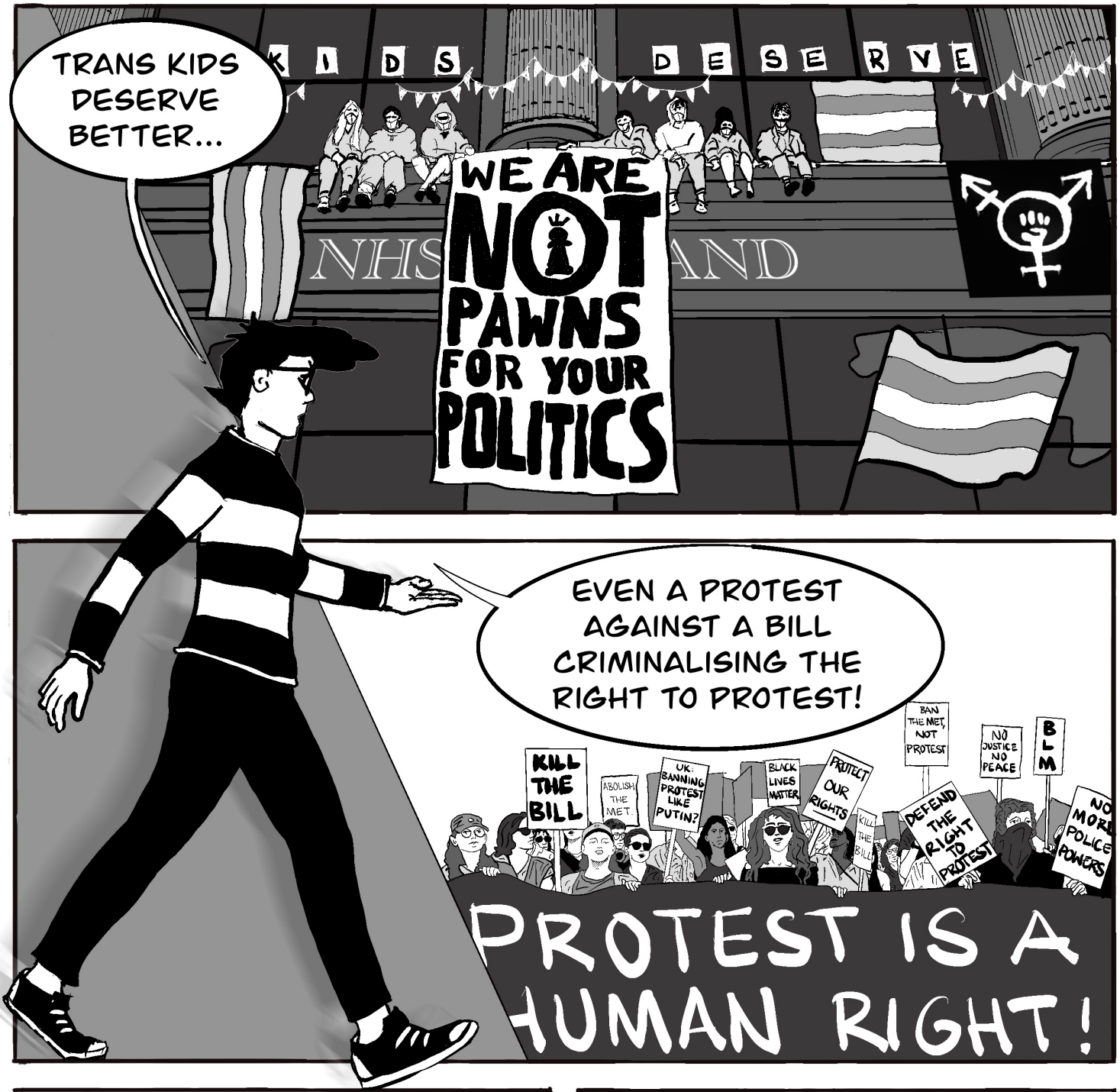
THE PYRAMID OF THE CAPITALIST ~~SYSTEM~~ MONSTER!

AFTER NEDELJKOVICH, BRASHICH AND KUMARICH
PUBLISHED BY THE 'INDUSTRIAL WORKER', CLEVELAND, OHIO, USA IN 1911



"IN THIS SYSTEM OF SOCIAL ORGANISATION, EVEN DEMOCRACY IS AN ILLUSION. NO MATTER WHO YOU VOTE FOR, CAPITALISM ***ALWAYS*** WINS!"


IT'S A RIGGED GAME! CAPITALISM HAS HAD ITS CHANCE... TIME TO GET OUT OF HERE...
MORE AND MORE PEOPLE ARE REALISING IT DOES NOTHING BUT DEVOUR, DIVIDE AND DESTROY!
IT'S UNJUST AND UNSUSTAINABLE.
LOOK AT ALL THESE PROTESTS: DISABLED RIGHTS...
YOU ARE KILLING MY MUM TO BOMB SOMEONE'S SON
NO MORE BENEFIT DEATHS
CUT WAR NOT WELFARE
NO IFS NO BUTS NO DISABILITY CUTS
NO CUTS TO PIP!
THEY SAY CUT BACK WE SAY FIGHT BACK
TAX THE RICH DON'T PUNISH DISABILITY
CLIMATE CRISIS...
JUST STOP OIL
END CLIMATE INJUSTICE
THERE IS NO PLANET B'
WE NEED A CHANGE!
SYSTEM CHANGE NOT CLIMATE CHANGE
STOP £UNDING OUR DESTRUCTION
QUESTION? CAN YOU BREATHE $MONEY£
SAVE THE
STOP SPILLING OIL FOR PROFIT
CLIMATE CHAOS
AS USUAL



"NOT FORGETING: ANTI-RACISM, ANTI-FASCISM, POVERTY AND INEQUALITY, NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT, DOMESTIC ABUSE, INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES, HOUSING, PRIDE, POLICE VIOLENCE, WATER POLLUTION, MISCARRIAGES OF JUSTICE, PRISONS, RIGHT TO ROAM, ASYLUM RIGHTS, SEXUAL ASSAULT, HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE, PUBLIC TRANSPORT, AND..."



CAPITALISM IS IN CRISIS AS GROWING INEQUALITY OPENS MORE CRACKS IN ITS FOUNDATIONS FOR PEOPLE TO PROTEST ABOUT. IN RESPONSE, THE STATE'S GETTING MORE OPPRESSIVE TO KEEP US IN LINE. BUT STILL THE MONSTER DEMANDS ***MORE! MORE! MORE!***

BREAKING FREE

HERE, IN THE SIXTH RICHEST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD, THE STATE IS ***TAKING*** AWAY £4.5 BILLION OF INDEPENDENCE PAYMENTS FROM DISABLED PEOPLE...

REJECTED

PERSONAL INDEPENDENCE PAYMENT REVIEW

BUT ***GIVING*** ITS ALREADY WEALTHY FRIENDS AN ***EXTRA*** £16 BILLION IN DEFENCE SPENDING!

HM GOVERNMENT
Weapons Contract
£16,000,000,000.00

SO, KES, WHAT ***DO*** YOU BELIEVE IN?

HEY, ERRICO!

I BELIEVE THERE HAS TO BE A BETTER WAY FOR SOCIETY TO ORGANISE ITSELF...

THAT MEETS THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR PLANET...

SYSTEM CHANGE NOT CLIMATE CHANGE

QUESTION? CAN YOU BREATHE $MONEY£

STOP £UNDING OUR DESTRUCTION

STOP SPILLING OIL FOR PROFIT

CLIMATE

WITHOUT BEING HOBBLED BY STATE AND GOVERNMENT OPPRESSION...

BAN THE MET, NOT PROTEST

NO JUSTICE NO PEACE

BLM

DEFEND THE RIGHT TO PROTEST

NO MORE POLICE POWERS

AND WHERE CLASS DIVISION AND CULTURE WARS HAVE NO PLACE.

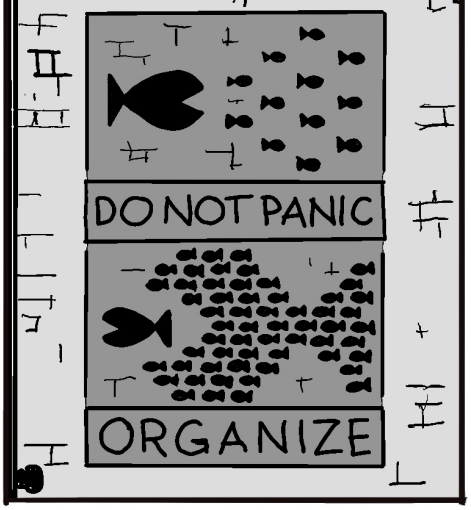
WE ARE NOT PAWNS FOR YOUR POLITICS

I BELIEVE IN **FREEDOM, COOPERATION AND SOLIDARITY!**

BRAVISSIMO, KES! IT'S AS IF YOU CAN READ MY THOUGHTS!

BUT HOW DO WE GET THERE?

TOGETHER, WE ORGANISE!



DIRECT ACTION, VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATION, MUTUAL AID...



ABOLITION, LIBERATION, **REVOLUTION!**



ALL FOR ONE AND ONE FOR ALL, MY FRIEND!

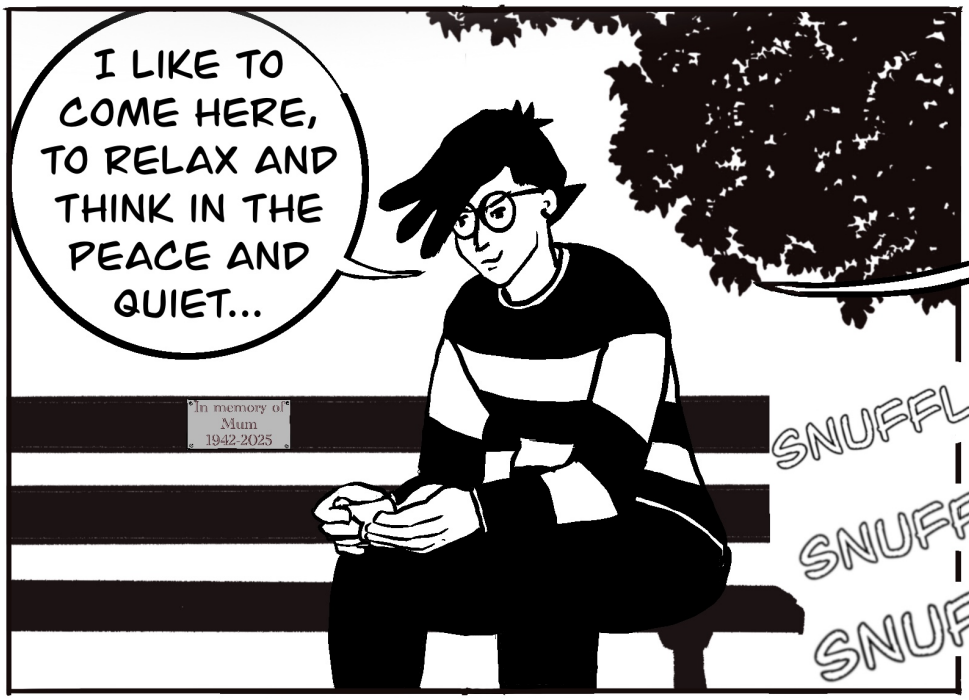
AND **NO** COMPROMISE...

IF TODAY WE FALL ***WITHOUT*** COMPROMISING, WE CAN BE SURE OF VICTORY TOMORROW!



*READ 'BREAKING FREE' BY J DANIELS FOR ANARCHIST ADVENTURES WITH THE CAPTAIN AND HIS NEPHEW!


AND SO...


I LIKE TO COME HERE, TO RELAX AND THINK IN THE PEACE AND QUIET...
In memory of Mum 1942-2025

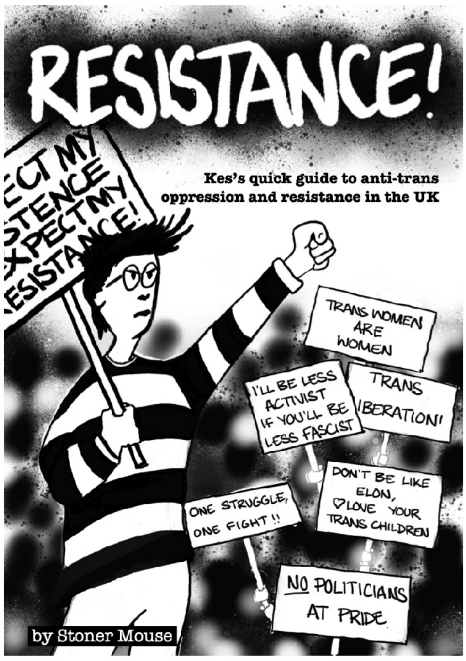

WELL, UNTIL LIONEL THE AUTHORITARIAN HEDGE HOG STARTS MAKING A NOISE!
GRUNT! GRUNT! GRUNT!
SNUFFLE! SNUFFLE! SNUFFLE!


EH! SOMEONE MENTION MY NAME?


YES, ME! WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?


TERRORISING SLUGS AND WORMS! YOU?


JUST THINKING...
NEXT ISSUE: 'PROTECT TRANS KIDS!'



'Resistance! - Kes's quick guide to anti-trans oppression and resistance in the UK' - June 2025.

Readers thoughts:

"Wow it's such a powerful zine! I love all the quotes. An amazing piece of work." Dr H Howitt

"Excellent!" Dr Cal Horton

"Nice one!" Dr Ruth Pearce

“Love it!" Susie Green

"Wow this is absolutely fantastic. So well written and accessible." Anonymous

Kes’s first appearance is in a zine/political pamphlet written in the immediate aftermath of the UK Supreme Court ruling of April 2025, another example of state abuse of trans peoples freedom. Download free at **www.stonermouse.uk**.

In this comic, the banquet drawing is inspired by **George Orwell**’s book ‘**Animal Farm**’, in which the animals look through the farm-house window to see the pigs standing on their hind legs, wearing suits and enjoying drink and cigars with the farmers, celebrating an agreement that betrayed those they claimed to represent.

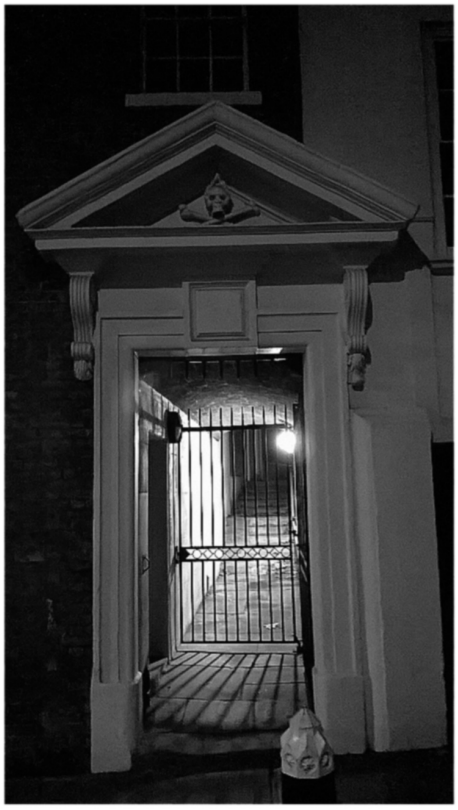
Errico the train guard is a reference to Italian anarchist **Errico Malatesta**. The appearance of The Captain is a reference to **J. Daniels**’ ‘**Breaking Free**’ comic book. Lionel the hedge hog is inspired by a regular visitor to our garden!



The ruin Kes shelters in from the Kraken is based on **St Dunstan’s in the East** (photo left), and the ‘creepy old’ doorway is based on the church-yard entrance to **St Mary at Hill** (photo right), both in Eastcheap, the City of London.

The doorway really does have a flaming skull and crossbones carving above it! (Photos are my own)

Stoner Mouse



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‘Beware, the Kraken’

Join Kes on their first comic book adventure.

Anti-capitalism, a giant monster and an authoritarian hedge hog!

What more could you possibly want?

