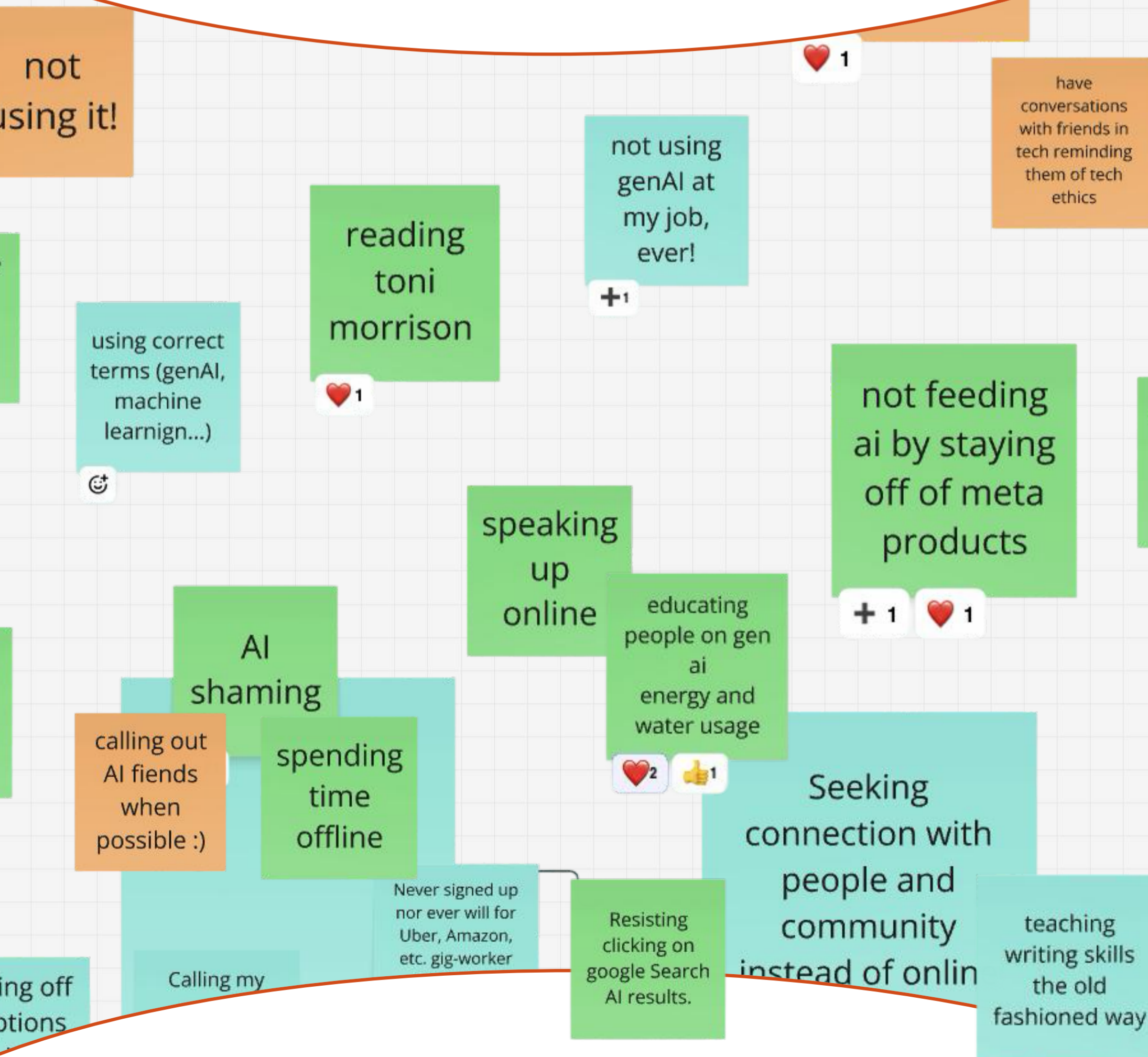


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CRAFTING RESISTANCE

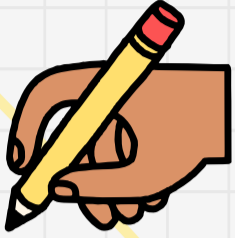
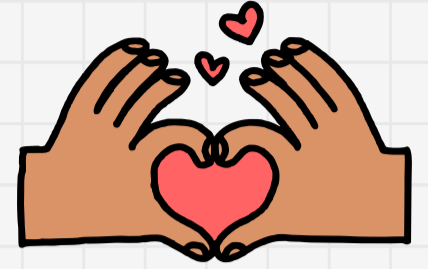
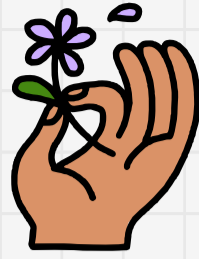




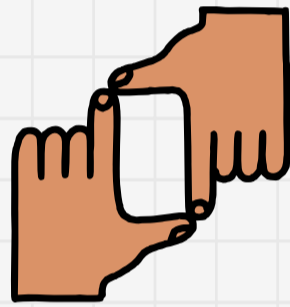
Let's imagine... What if?



The following work was created by participants in a virtual workshop co-hosted with Identity 2.0.



Possible Futures: Crafting resistance was designed to explore your everyday moments of resistance.



We hope these works inspire you to find new ways to critically engage with and resist the unwanted and pervasive incursion of artificial intelligence into various aspects of our lives.



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In the 1920s, Science fiction enthusiasts were disappointed that stories they wrote were not being published.

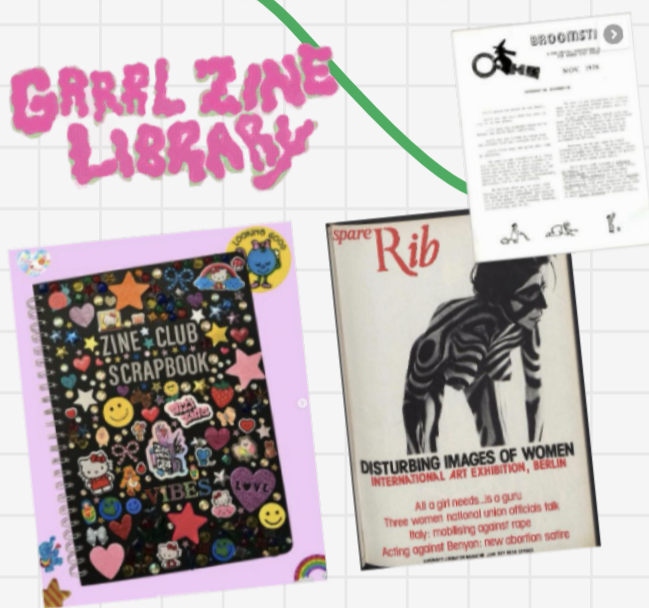
Instead they wrote to each other, calling what they created “Science Fiction Fan Magazines.” These were then abbreviated as “Fanzines” and then shortened even further to “Zines.”



But zines did not begin in 1920. We can find examples from across India and China of pamphlets circulating.

Soldiers in WW1 documented their experiences in written form and tried circulating them when they came back. Even if they weren't called zines, they were being created.

Since then, zines have been used by women's suffrage activists, queer liberation groups, prison abolitionists, and anti-racist organizers to grow and share radical ideas.



Today, zines are used by activists, artists, and everyday people to spread messages, share advocacy, and build community.

They create space to cheaply and freely express ideas, celebrate diverse perspectives, and challenge or resist dominant narratives.

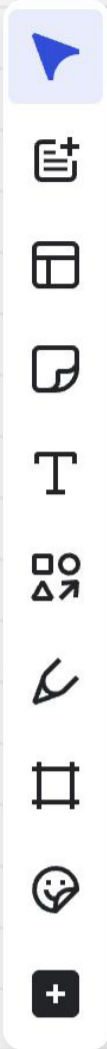


By making zines, we connect to a long history of amplifying voices from people and communities that have been excluded or overlooked.

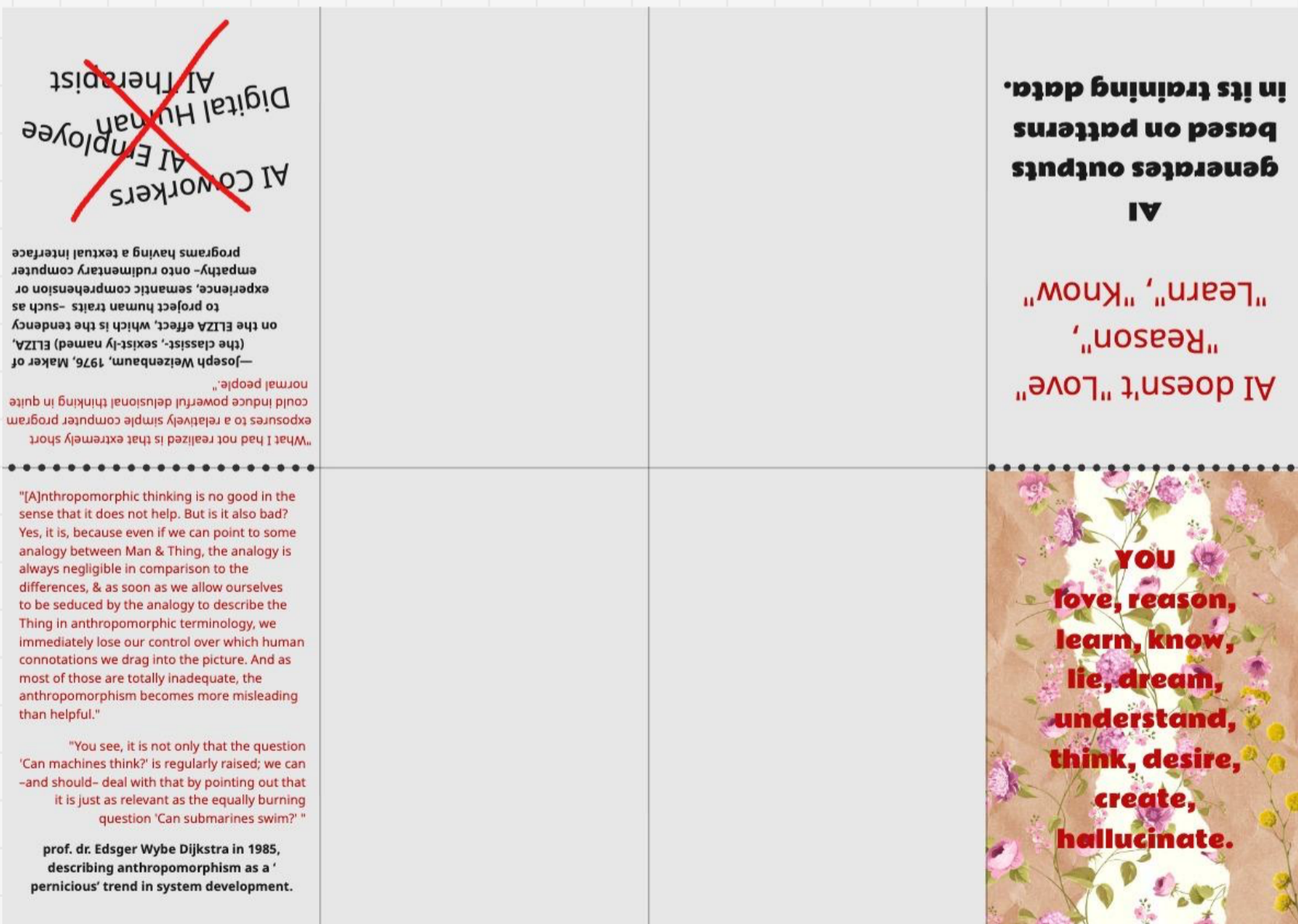
As AI makes the world more uniform, sanitized, and subdued, zines' brash messages, unapologetic design, and overt tones of resistance only get more powerful.

By existing, they prove that humanity, self-expression, and resistance are here to stay.

- Democracy of the medium - the tech is simple: paper, pens and photocopiers
- Offline
- To build community not content
- Purposefully chaotic and undefined
- Created out of passion
- No permission! No right or wrong!!



Full zine by SF



Full zine by Satya

Full zine by Nina Yeboah



The collapse started when Dems pulled all pandemic safety nets. The change was VISIBLE in my neighborhood. The era we're in now is employers leaning into anti-DEI and affecting more high income earners.

They feel like those Facebook Marketplace bots. I think the goal is to get you to spend more time on this site.

I don't think Afropessimism is "us vs them". JonJon Moore did a workshop with @workshops4gaza.bsky.social in 2024 that I found helpful on this. I wonder if the readings are public?
PanAfricanism is also not "us vs them." There are plenty examples of international solidarity.

I searched my top Bluesky posts on January 29, 2026. Here are the first six.

I'm not sure how Bluesky determined what my top posts were. All of these posts were made within the past four days, and were not necessarily the posts I received the most engagement (reposts, likes, comments) on

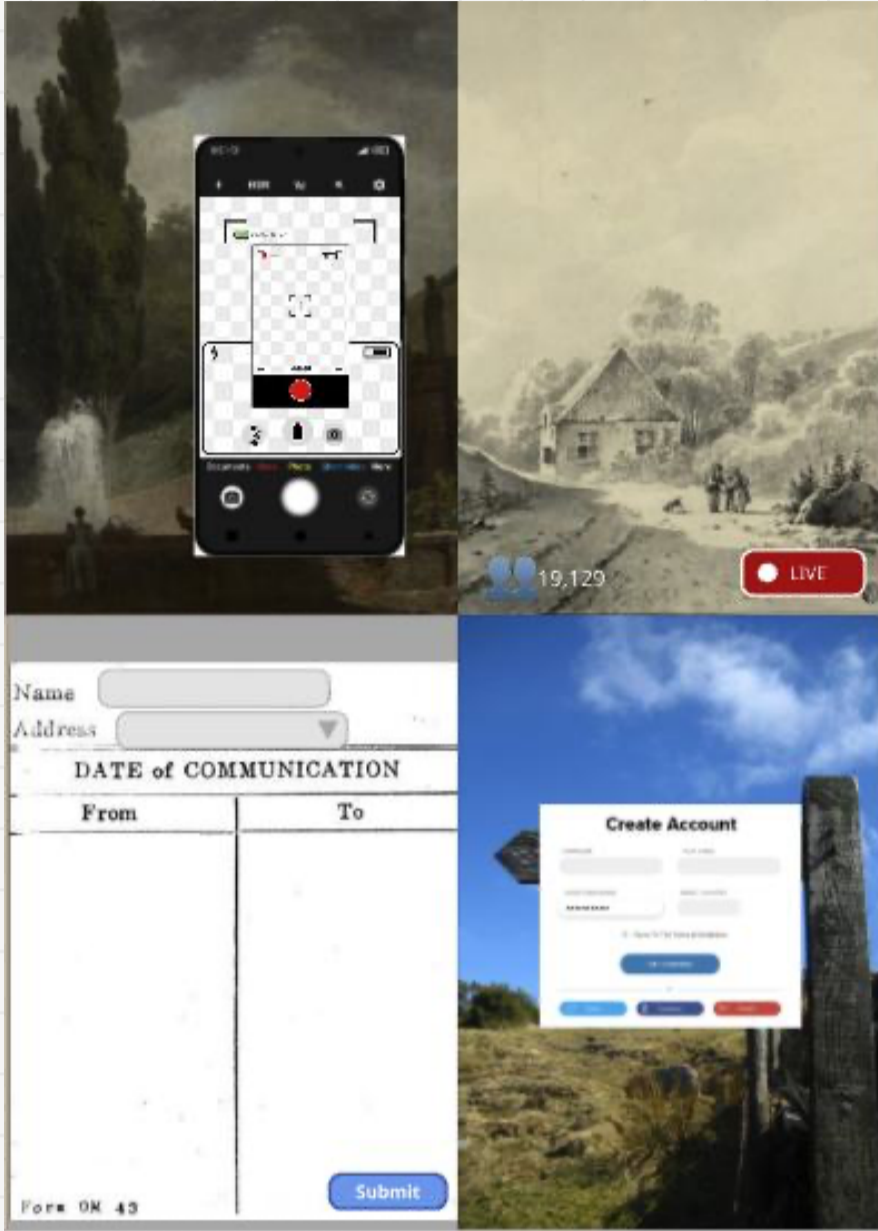
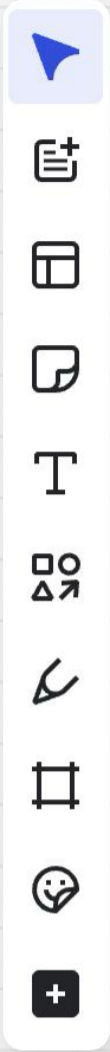
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Y'all forgetting y'all have had COVID 30 times. Your heart def not the same.
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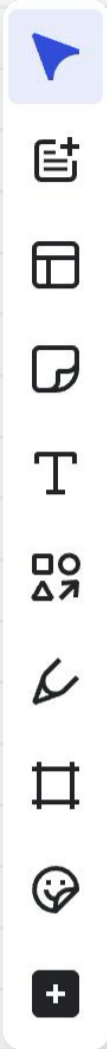
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Full zine by Unknown



Full zine by Satya



Zine extract by Simone Van Taylor



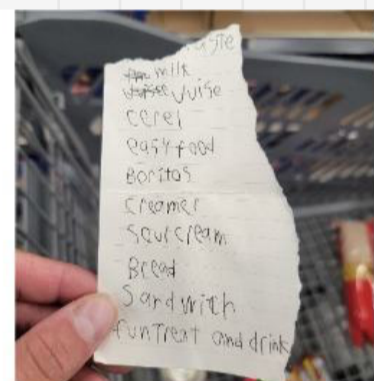
**NO NEW FANCY
INSTA RECIPES**



**GET MARRIED TO THE
FIRST PERSON I MEET**



**NO NEW CLOTHES BC
I CANT HANDLE THE MALL**



**FORGET ALL YOUR
INGREDIENTS**



**HOW TO BE
ANNOYINGLY OFFLINE**

OR

**HOW TO BE
ANNOYING, OFFLINE**

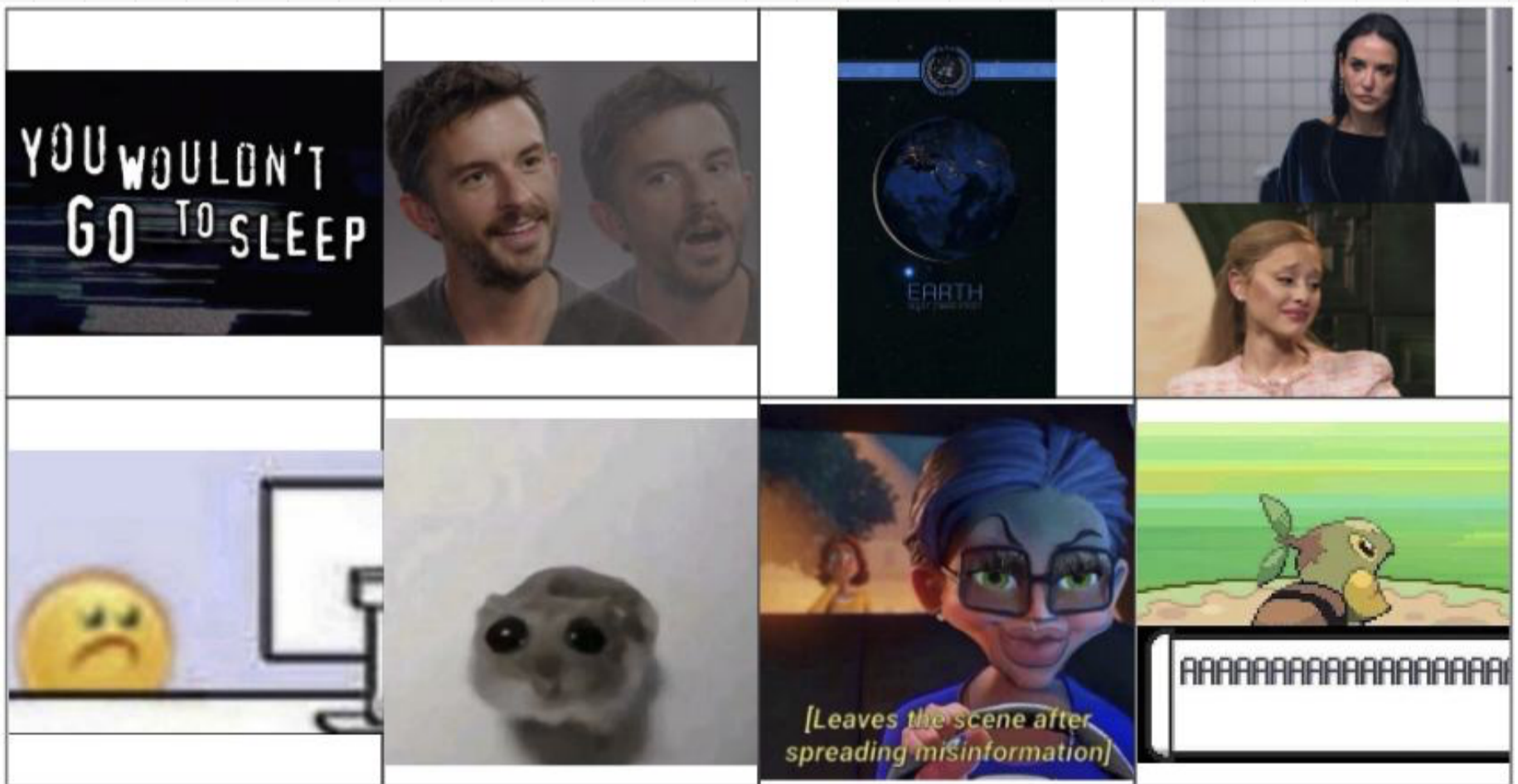
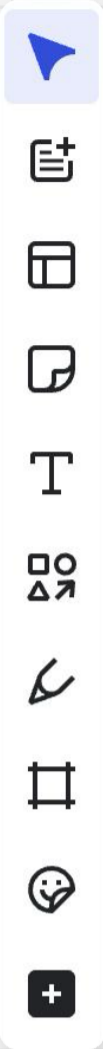


**BE LATE EVERYWHERE BC I
CANT READ MAPS**



**BECOME LOWKEY
A CRIMINAL**

Full zine by @larodoesthings



Crazy 8 Moodboard, Author Unknown

A POEM TITLED

"YO FUCK CHATGPT"

by tezeta

"Chat, plan my itinerary for Japan"

But you will never read Aditya's blog post about how it felt to hold his fiancée's hand and sit by the river at night in Kyoto.

"Chat, give me a plan for cleaning my bedroom"

But how about you call your mother and tell her you're struggling to clean and she will tell you she'll stay on the phone with you while you sort your shirts and trousers.

"Chat, give me a draft essay about xxxx"

But you will never meet your own terror at facing a blank page with the prospect of selecting each and every word that will stain it, and that terror will not be able to shed light on the soul you carry around with you day in, day out...

Art by Elshadai Tesfaye



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Learning how to build my own software

Using a pedometer instead of smart watches

Buying a dictionary

Declaring when you use generative AI

Have a section include that promises what I won't do with AI in class

Use duckduckgo search with AI disabled

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and
nate

making things by hand

Resisting "I built an APP in 2hours?"

buying art from artists

adding -ai when making searches (avoiding google in general)

Turning off AI features on apps/devices

Actively limiting use of it

lucky stack

actively knowing my own limits, patience for detail and complex information

Reading old or out-of-print books

reporting generated/AI slop online.

volunteering with critical AI literacy communities

Try to write my own code instead of asking AI to solve a problem by me

not using it!

Have conversations with friends in person regarding their use of tech

teaching myself how to write

not using genAI at my job, ever!

alternative media, Open source

reading toni morrison

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Learning ML and the math behind LLMs

using correct terms (genAI, machine learning, ...)

not feeding ai by staying off of meta products

sharing stories of AI-induced harm in the criminal justice system

AI is mandatory in my job, however I am trying to work with it as much as I can

AI shaming

Seeking connection with people and community instead of online

Opting out of having my data be used as training for AI

Turning off AI options for all the apps I use

Calling my reps in Congress to speak up about AI

never signed up for a service for 10yo. Answered gov. governor exploited service

lucky stack

Buying local, absolutely only using online delivery only in the worst case.

asking my friends to help with things like ChatGPT to see what my policy is on what's worth following

never updating apple OS on my old iPhone and macbook pro

Learning about how to be more mindful of the tech I use and support

Outside of work