

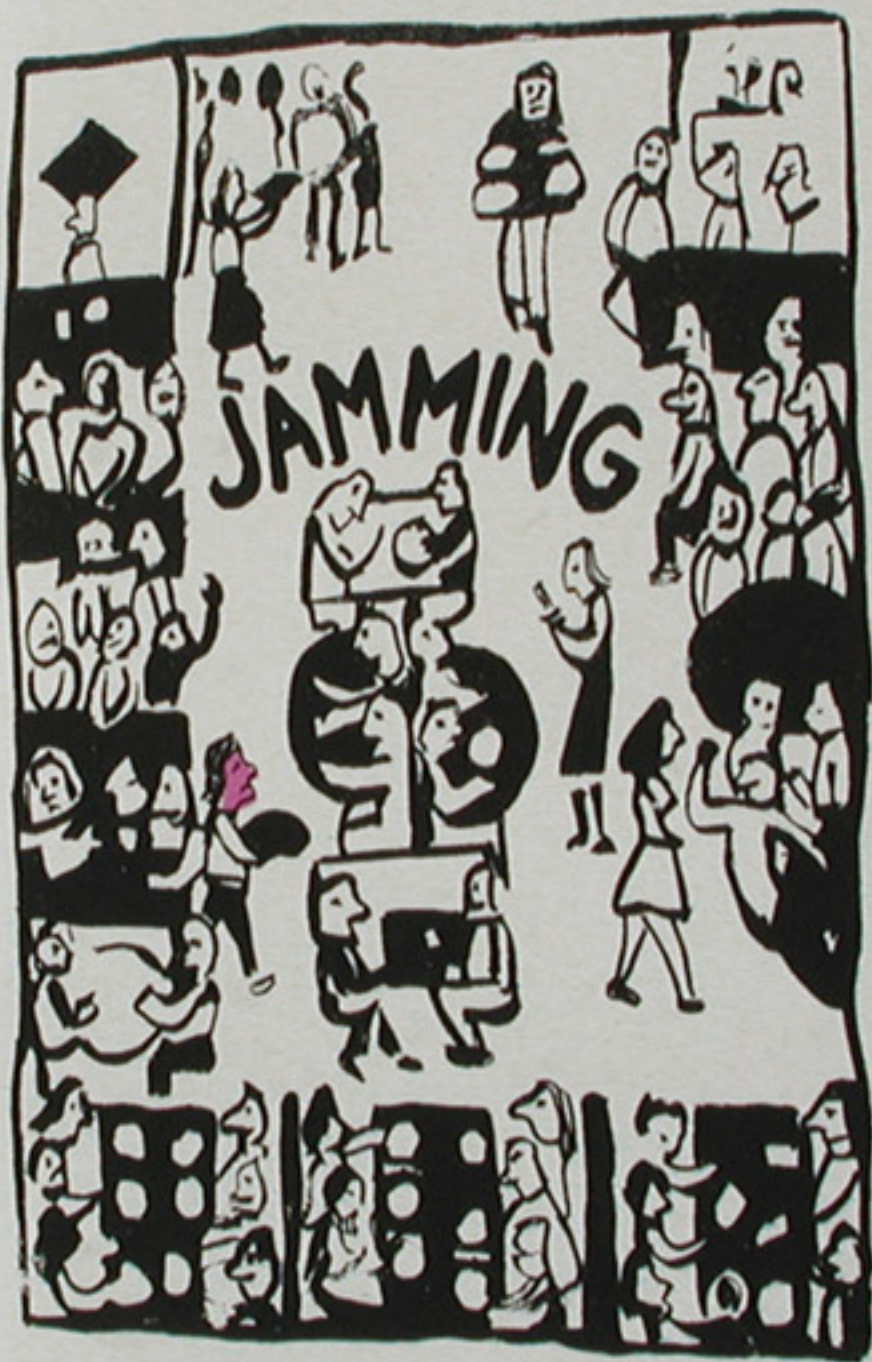
- IN MEMORY OF THE WOMAN  
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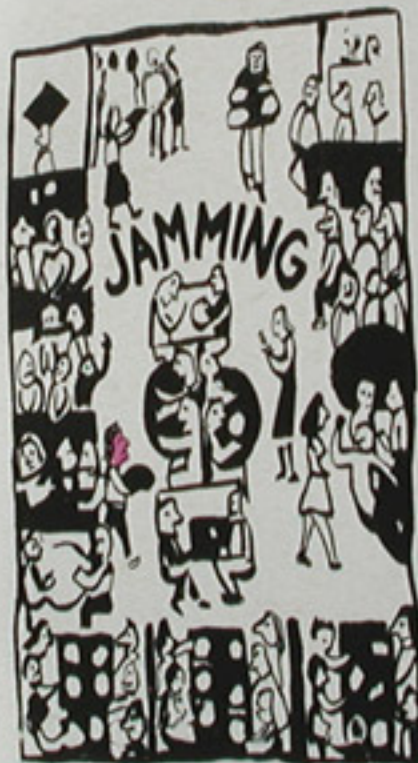


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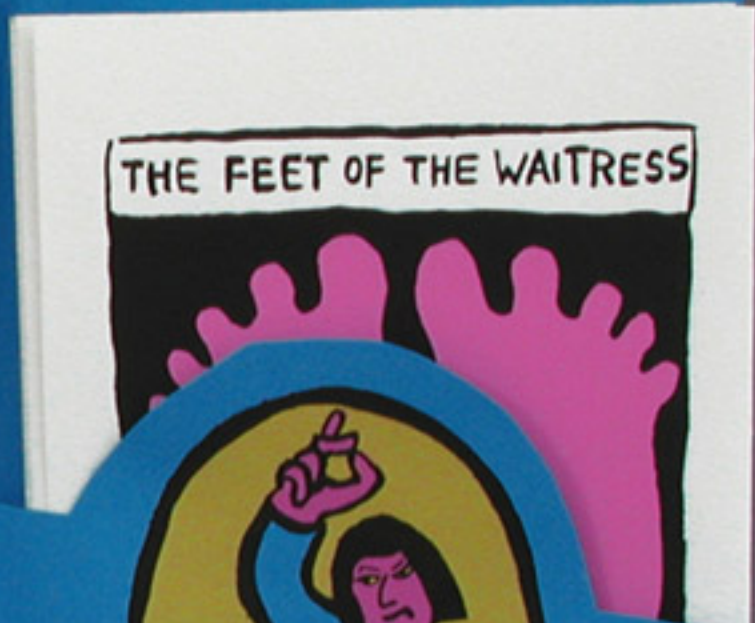


(OR BEWARE A PERSON EATING ALONE IN A FANCY RESTAURANT)  
 I FIRST NOTICED THE BORE AS HE SELECTED HIS VICTIMS, A CHARMING, MID-WEST TYPE FAMILY WHO HAD PROBABLY SAVED UP ALL WINTER FOR A WEEK AT A RESORT TOPPED OFF BY DINNER AT A FANCY RESTAURANT "EXCUSE ME, I'M TERRIBLY SORRY TO BOTHER YOU BUT COULD I POSSIBLY BORROW YOUR SALT?" HE ASKED THE UNSUSPECTING WIFE. "OH ITS NO BOTHER AT ALL," SHE REPLIED. "ARE YOU HERE ON VACATION?" HE ASKED, AS THOUGH HE CARED. "THIS IS OUR LAST NIGHT, AND YOU?" SHE QUERIED, UNFORTUNATELY. "OH I'M A LOCAL ARTIST, BEEN HERE 25 YEARS, OWN A SMALL PIECE OF PROPERTY + JUST MANAGE TO MAKE ENDS MEET. IT'S NOT EASY WITH TAXES BEING SO HIGH BUT I'VE BEEN LUCKY SO FAR. I JUST SOLD A PAINTING TODAY AS A MATTER OF FACT TO A NICE COUPLE FROM N.Y. OF COURSE I GREW UP IN N.Y. MYSELF. WHY, WE WERE PRACTICALLY NEIGHBORS. I'M FROM BROOKLYN BUT I HATE THE CITY. I WOULDN'T LIVE THERE, IF SOMEBODY PAID ME, BUT I GUESS THERE'S NOT MUCH CHANCE OF THAT, HA HA HA... (PAUSING JUST LONG ENOUGH TO REFILL HIS WINE GLASS)... YES SIR, I'VE BEEN AROUND HERE SO LONG IM PRACTICALLY PORTUGUESE NOT THAT I'M KNOCKING THE PORTUGUESE, YOU UNDERSTAND... A DAMNED HARD WORKING LOT, LET ME TELL YOU. I DID SOME FISHING WITH THEM A WHILE BACK + ITS A DAMN HARD LIFE THOSE FELLOWS HAVE OF COURSE, I WOULDN'T TOUCH FISH AS FAR AS EATING GOES... GOOD OLD STEAK + POTATOES FOR ME! HA HA! MY GRAND-FATHER LIVED TO BE 92 + HIS MOTTO WAS "STEAK + CAKE"... NO DAMNED GREENS FOR HIM!... AND GOD KNOWS HOW LONG HE MIGHT HAVE LIVED IF HE HADN'T HAVE BEEN MURDERED... SOMETIMES I TELL FOLKS HE WAS KILLED IN A CATTLE STAMPEED.. HA HA HA! JUST A LITTLE JOKE... MY GOD THE SERVICE HERE IS LOUSY + I'M A REGULAR TOO, CAN YOU BELIEVE THE WAY I'M TREATED? (REFILLING HIS WINE GLASS) YES SIR, THEY ALL KNOW ME HA HA HA.. ALLOW ME TO RECAP: ~~THE DAMNED SERVICE~~

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- ② DON'T SWITCH TABLES
- ③ NEVER PUT YOUR CIGARETTE OUT IN YOUR FOOD
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- ⑤ NEVER SIT AT A DIRTY TABLE
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- ⑨ DON'T COMPLAIN ABOUT THE FOOD AFTER YOU'VE ALREADY EATEN IT
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