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Conventions:

WE is capitalised and smaller <-- this is because *WE* are together and also **POWERFUL**.
Important words are Capitalised, bold or ALL CAPS or BIGGER <-- because they are **IMPORTANT** and must be **UNDERSTOOD**.

unimportant words are not capitalised Even if they start at the beginning of the line <-- because *WE* do not accept conventions built on the hetero-patriarchal academic system and because *WE* are free to begin **SMALL** and get **BIGGER**, or start **BIG** and get **SMALLER** (our growth is not policed).

there is no I <-- because this manifesto Centers **COMMUNITY, INTERDEPENDENCE** and foregrounding multiple, vulnerable **WEs**.

direct Instructions are ~~stricken out~~ <-- in anticipation of their timely completion.

1.

a queer crip future grows in the **UNDERLANDS**, the **WASTE-**
LANDS and the **FALLOW LANDS**, out of sight and out of mind,
Rooting, Spawning and Germinating under the soil, in that moist
and fecund undergrowth where we have been forgotten.
Limp, Lamé and Sick bodies, Queer, Sexy, and Sexless bod-
ies; marinating in the forgotten lands – the sisters of Anzaldúa's
Borderlands and Irigaray's Lowlands. WE wait here, Growing
and Shifting, Leaking and Mutating, Fucking and Decaying in
the **WASTELANDS OF THE SICK**. under your dinner parties and
your high houses, your club nights and your art shows, WE are
breeding, building up our strength in numbers, pleaching our
roots together to form Hybrid, Techno-Reinforced, Ism-Resistant
SUPER-CREATURES.

WE are WORKING TOGETHER.

WE are KNOCKING.

WE are HAMMERING.

WE are READY TO COME IN.

2.

a queer future is a humble future.

a queer, crip, and sick future sees the body as it is: Weak, Vulner-
able, Fallible, Ever-Changing, Ever-Moving towards **SICKNESS**
DISEASE AND DEPENDENCY.

~~LET'S CELEBRATE DEPENDENCY!~~

~~LET'S HOLD EACH OTHER IN OUR WEAKNESS!~~

THERE IS NO SHAME IN YOUR WEAKNESS!

THERE IS NO SHAME IN YOUR SICKNESS!

3.

You will never find a greater home than the UNDERLANDS, the WASTELANDS and the FALLOW LANDS.

here WE will let you Be, let you Breathe, let you speak what you know of the cycles of life and the Secrets of the Sick.

there is no demand for productivity here.

there is no race to the finish line.

the Forgotten Bodies do not forget each other.

(there is no need to keep up when you know you will not be left behind)

4.

WE speak in Silence, WE speak in Sign, WE speak in Touch, WE speak in dark rooms and forgotten places. WE speak in cracks of light that sneak under the spaces where you do not let us in.

~~OPEN YOUR DOORS! KNOCK DOWN YOUR DIVIDING WALLS! BULLDOZE YOUR STAIRS AND YOUR INACCESSIBLE SPACES!~~

you have a LOT to learn.

it is not enough to build a ramp, you must also take a ramp down into the Undergrowth with us.

5.

and who is it who says that the abled body is the better body?

the same people who say that the hetero body is the better body!

the same people who say that the white body is the better body!

the same people who say that the cis body is the better body!

a queer future does not tolerate these LIES!

a queer future is an ACCESSIBLE FUTURE!

a queer future demands that WE ARE ALL INCLUDED!

6.

as we begin to acknowledge the fallibility of our Ecosystem
we also acknowledge the vulnerability of our species.

(All of the things that we have taken.

All of the things that we have taken.

All of the things that we have taken.)

**all of the ARROGANCE of the ABLED and the
ANTHROPOCENE.**

these are the Concerns of the Now.

WE are the Cautionary Tales of the Future.

As the **planet** gets SICKER WE will all become SICKER.

As the future comes for us WE will be stripped of our

**SPECIESIST SUPERIORITY
COMPLEXES.**

WE are not discreet and unique entities.
WE are not all powerful and dominating bodies.
WE are not the keepers of all of the prizes.

7.

the sick are used to living off scraps. WE turn scraps into Scaffolds. WE manifest **community** from brightly lit white rooms with only Machines for company. WE build connection out of discrimination and disinterest. WE move **laterally across your hierarchies**. WE lean, we support, we inch forward and sideways and nowhere **Together**. WE collect those who move slowly at the back.

WE are **SOFT** and **OSMOTING**, pooling our **RESOURCES**, our **BODIES** and our **ABILITIES**, **revelling in our queerness and our sickness**.

Hacking/Self-Medicating/Injecting/Tending/Healing/Celebrating/Commiserating/Mourning

Building the futures that WE know that WE deserve.

8.

WE must all be Included!

~~make your spaces Accessible.~~

~~make your Minds and your Bodies and your Projects~~

~~Accessible.~~

~~EMPLOY US!~~

~~PAY US!~~

~~LISTEN TO US!~~

technology offers you so many TOOLS with which to **open up your work and your lives to the ARMIES OF THE SICK***, to those of us fighting with our keyboards, our emails and our internet connections.

So ask yourself:

WHY DOES MY ACTIVISM EXCLUDE THE DISABLED?

Why do I do the BARE MINIMUM or NOTHING AT ALL?

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WE are sick.

WE are queer.

WE are here.

WE are a part of your community.

WE are sick.

WE are queer.

WE are here.

WE are a part of your world.

10.

your body is DECAYING Too. your body is getting older as you sit and process this. if you are LUCKY one day you will be sick too, one day someone you love will need you to Care and Tend to their Ailing Body. and **you will not know how.** because **you have not Listened.** because you think that the weak body is Unworthy, Less Than, Unimportant. because you thought WE had Nothing To Offer and Nothing to Share, or maybe You Didn't Think of us at all.

this is a call to action!

you are the ones who can do the work!

WE are the ones who deserve more from you!

11.

**THE EXCLUSION
THAT WE FACE IS
EXACERBATED
ACROSS LINES
OF RACE, CLASS,**

GENDER, ABILITY AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF CULTURAL NORMS.

12.

**WE MUST PRIORITISE THE NEEDS OF
OUR MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNI-
TY MEMBERS**

WE must learn to LISTEN!

WE must learn to ACT!

it is not enough to tick us off of your Diversity Checklist.

it is not enough for one of us to be the *CHOSEN ONE*.

it is not enough for one of us to have to represent all of us.

WE MUST ALL BE INCLUDED!

these futures that we build are not queer futures if they are not accessible futures.

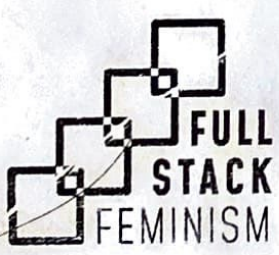
a queer future is only progressive if it is inclusive.

13.

WE ride with our CARE-ASSISTANTS, with our MOBILITY DEVICES, with our OXYGEN TANKS, with our INVISIBLE SICKNESS, our **UNDIAGNOSED, UNRESEARCHED, UNAPPRECIATED BODIES**. WE are Resting and Relapsing. WE are Mourning and Commiserating. WE are Fighting Back and Pushing Through. WE are Rising Above. WE are MUTATING and ENHANCING, **built on the WISDOM OF PLANTS and the thresholds of modern technology**. WE are the Barometers of the HEALTH of our CLIMATES, the PURITY of our WATER, the Pollution of our Cities and the DEVASTATION OF OUR ECOSYSTEM. WE are PRECIOUS and VALUABLE bodies! WE are **GLO-RIOUS** in our SICKNESS and our DIFFERENCE!

~~COME WITH US!~~

~~LET US COME WITH YOU!~~



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