

# LIFE OF THE MEND

THE CONDITION OF CRAFT

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MEND THE WORLD

WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS TO BE SELF-EVIDENT

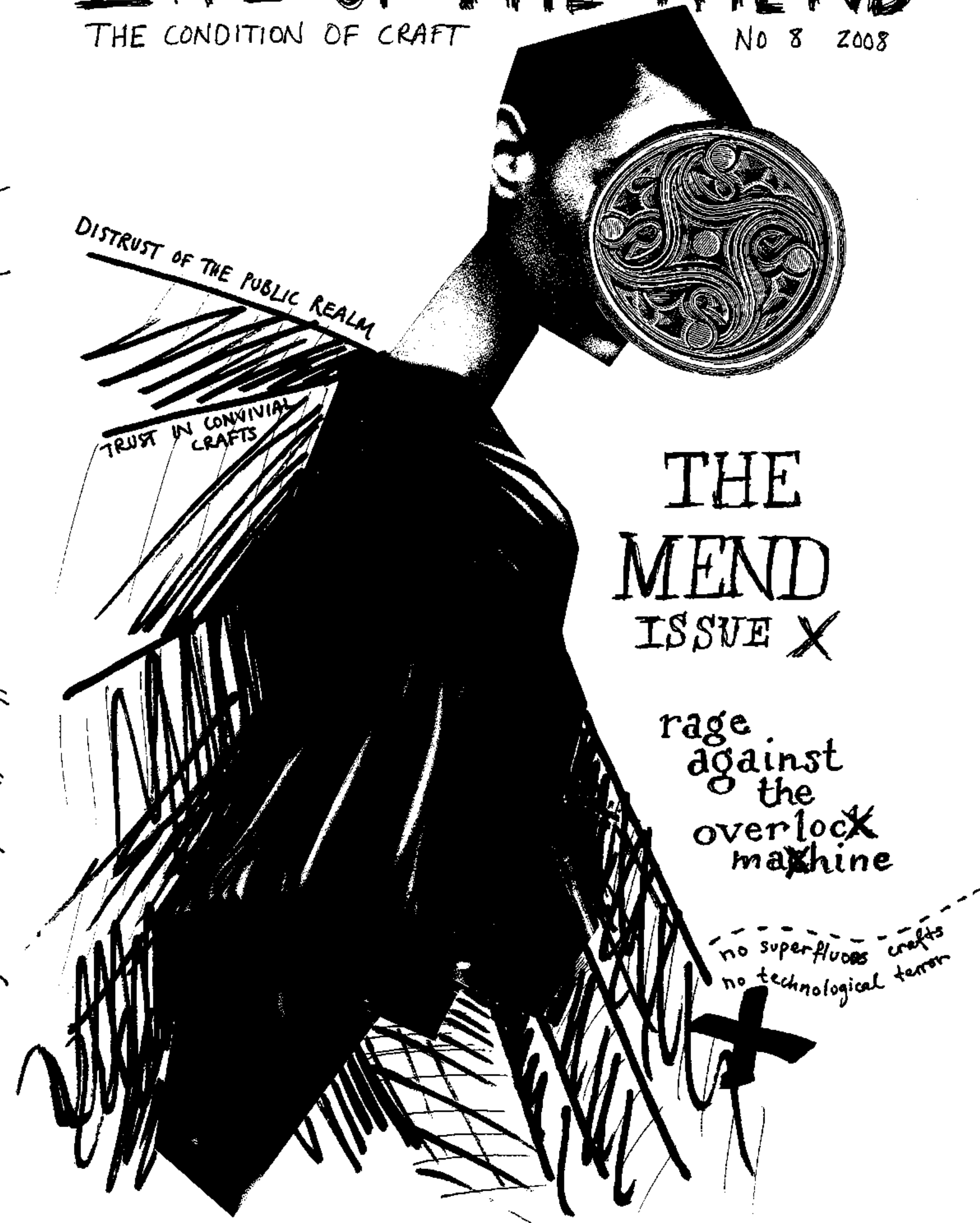
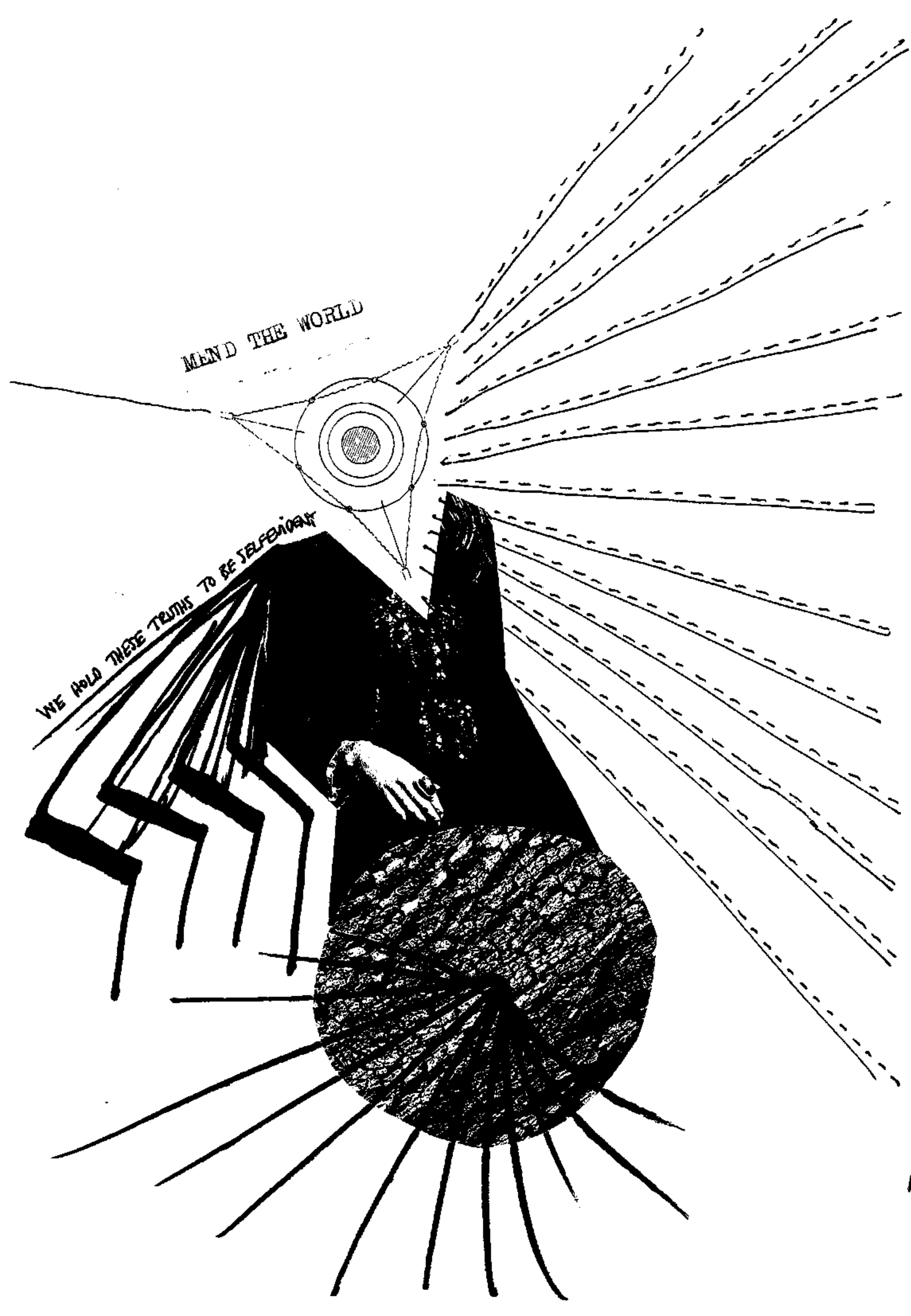
DISTRUST OF THE PUBLIC REALM

TRUST IN CONVIVIAL CRAFTS

THE  
MEND  
ISSUE X

rage  
against  
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overlock  
machine

no superfluous crafts  
no technological terror



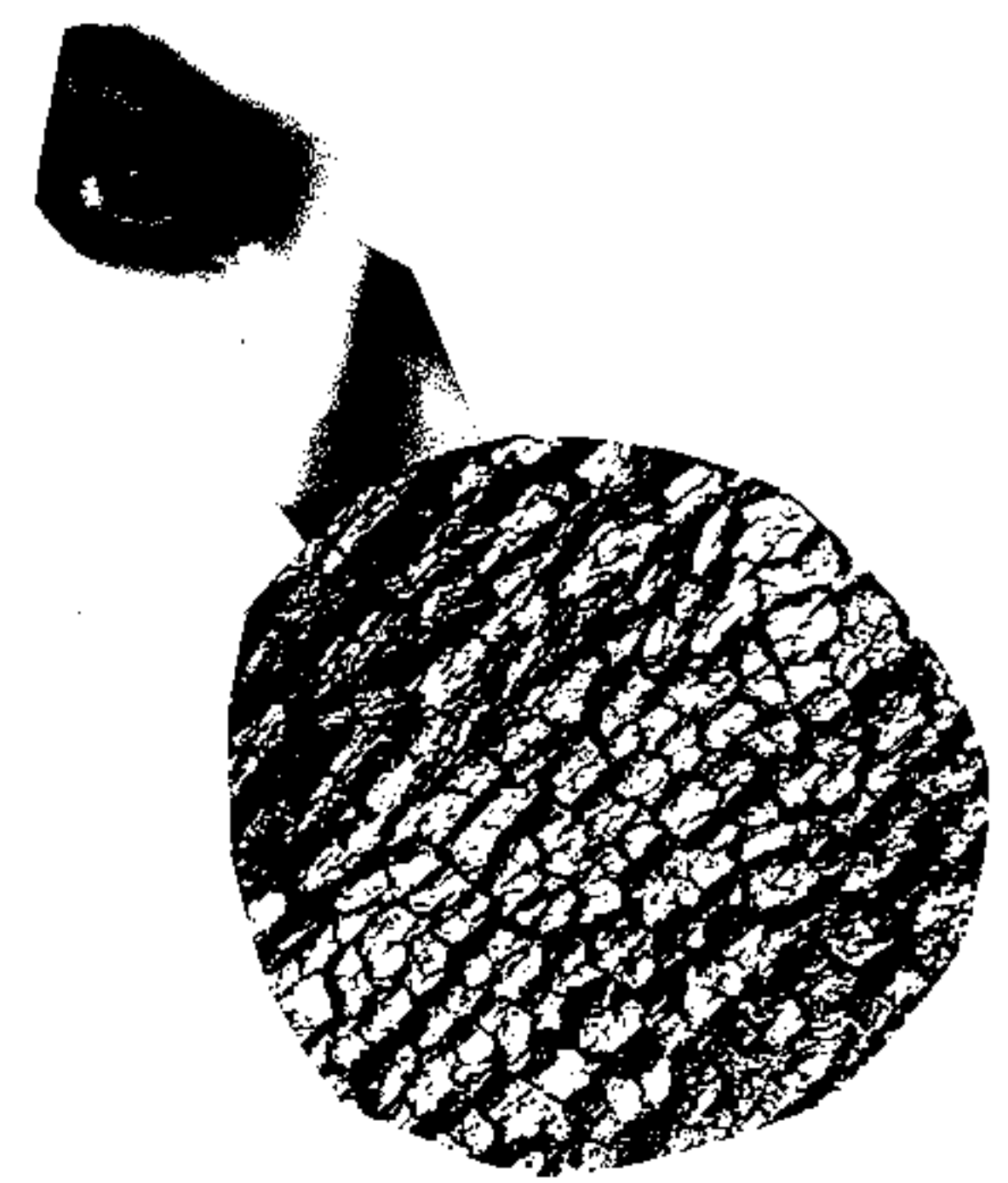


MEGAN:  
 "I feel we live in continual fear, at the danger of violent death. I see no pleasure in fashion anymore. Only the contrary. I see a great deal of grief, in keeping company with only other consumers. I feel we need to start anew. A new life."

beyond things  
 philosophy: the relation of man to himself.



beyond desire  
 erotics: the relation of man to man.



beyond fashion  
 politics: the relation of man to mankind.

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TRUST IN THE PUBLIC MAN  
NOT THE CONSUMING MAN

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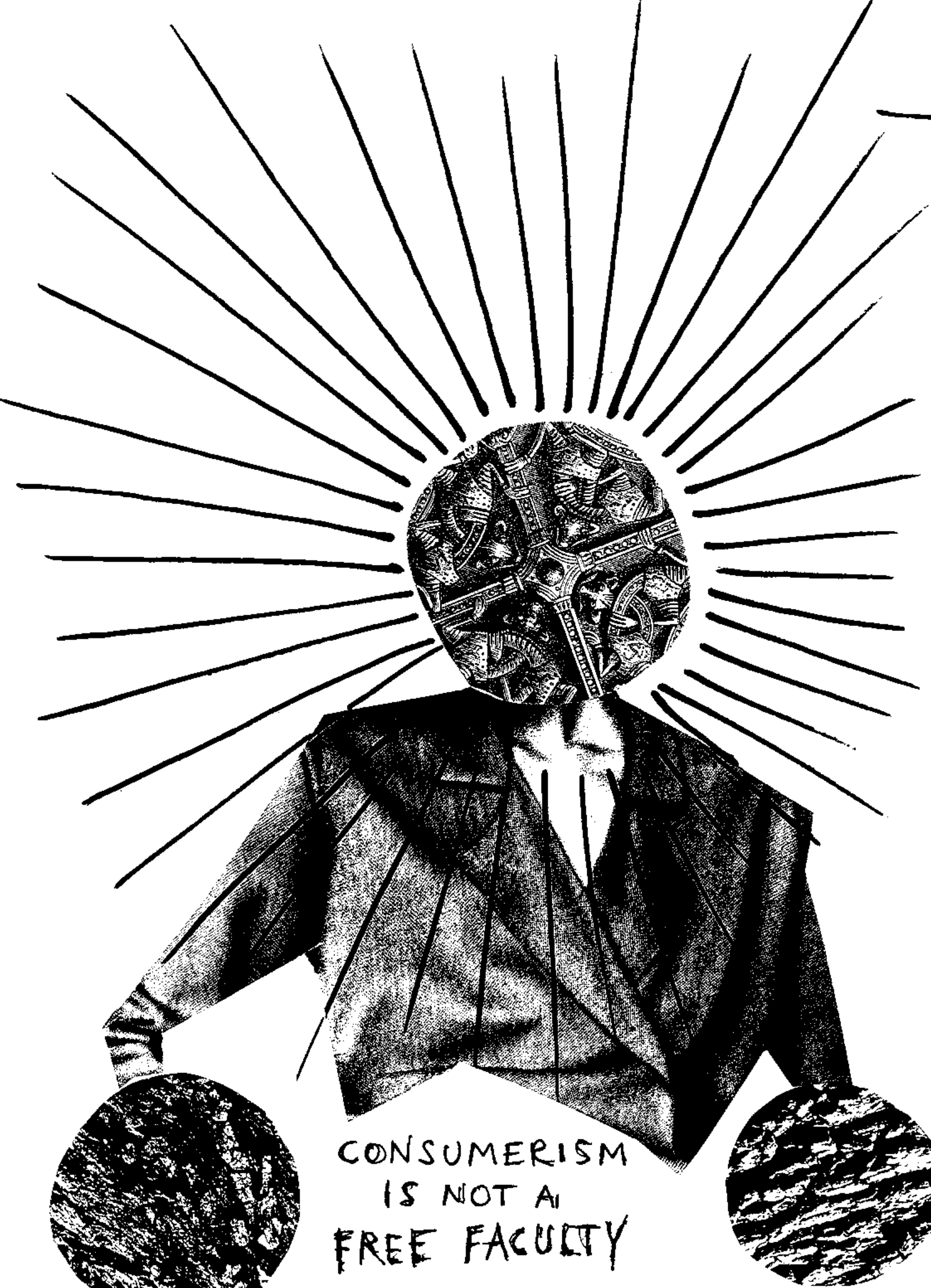
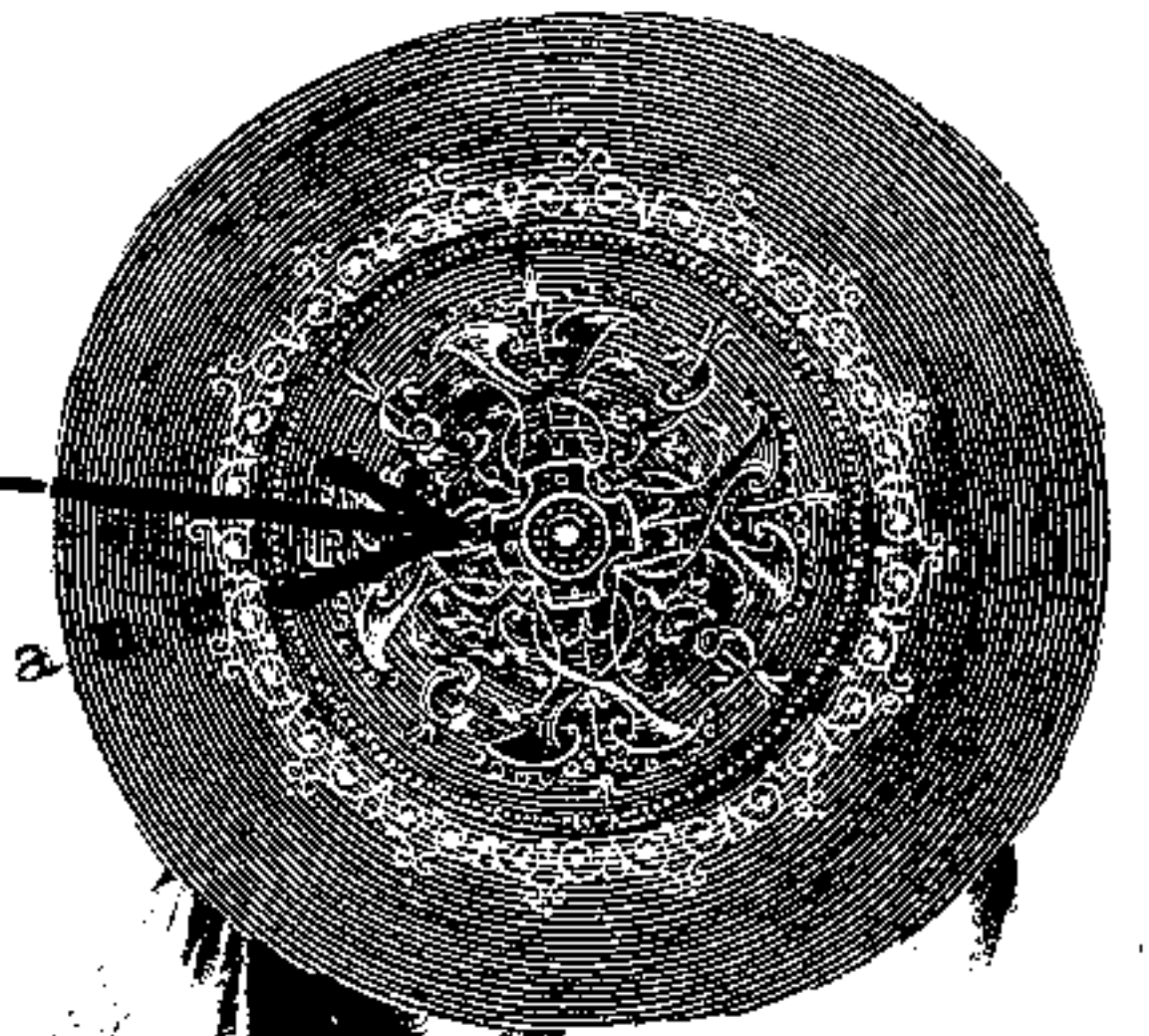
" I think our craft is the best way to challenge the tyranny of absolute power in fashion. With music we mobilize. With craft we build, we build a new form of sovereignty!"

SOVEREIGNTY  
OF CARE  
= DIGNITY

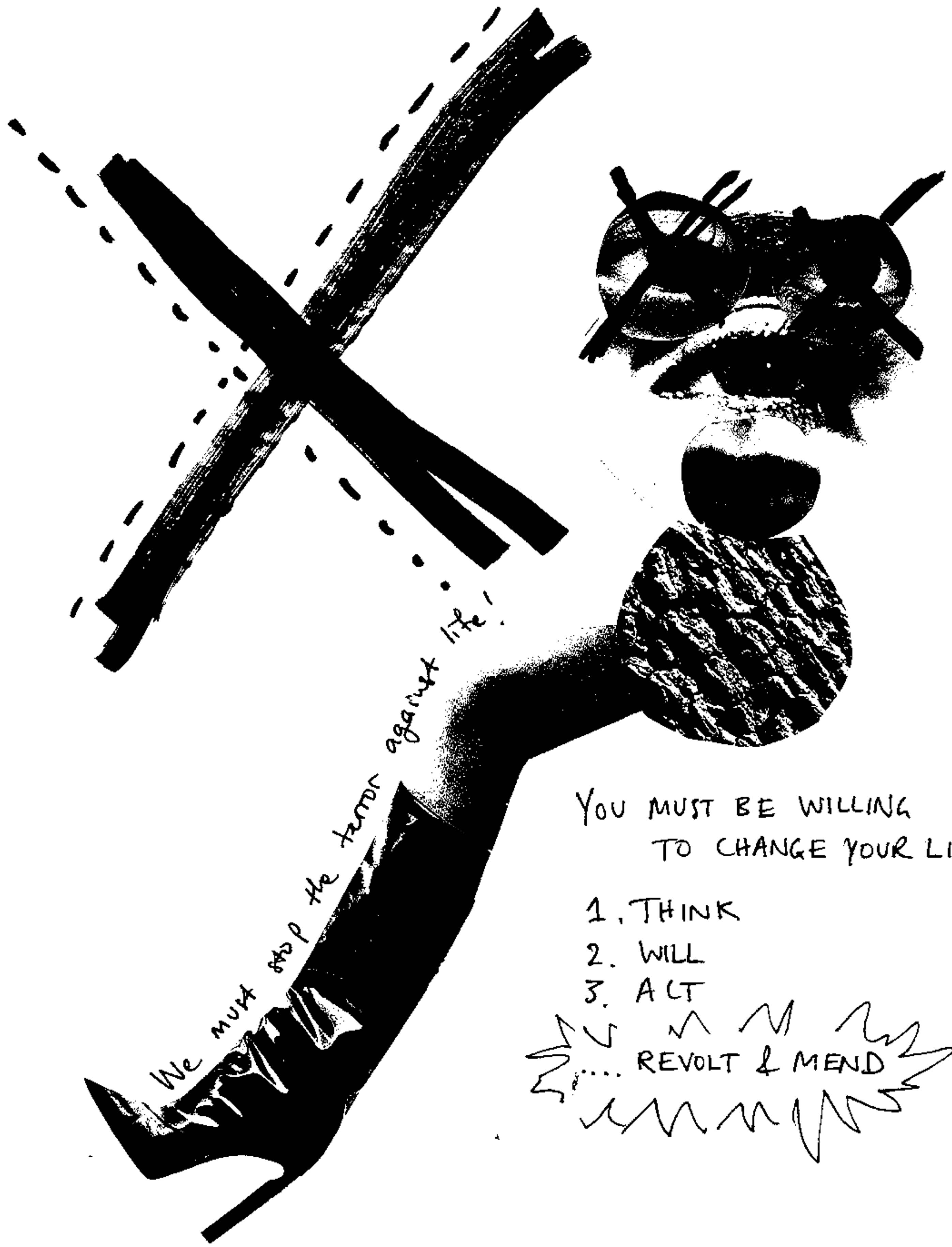
CHARACTER  
IS  
DESTINY

By mending - you reinsert a new world into the existing world.

Your love is the weight of your soul.



CONSUMERISM  
IS NOT A  
FREE FACULTY



SARA:

"What are we doing when we judge others? What do we think? I think our movement challenges the thoughtlessness of fashion. We must form our own lasting institution of craft, of making better and more public judgments - open for debate, rather than mere propaganda. We must push for change."

Joy: - "so you mean an enlargement of power, a judgement-power?"

SARA: "For sure! It is in our hands!"

"THE WILL TO CHANGE IS OUR ORGAN FOR THE FUTURE"

BODY MUST DANCE

HANDS MUST ACT

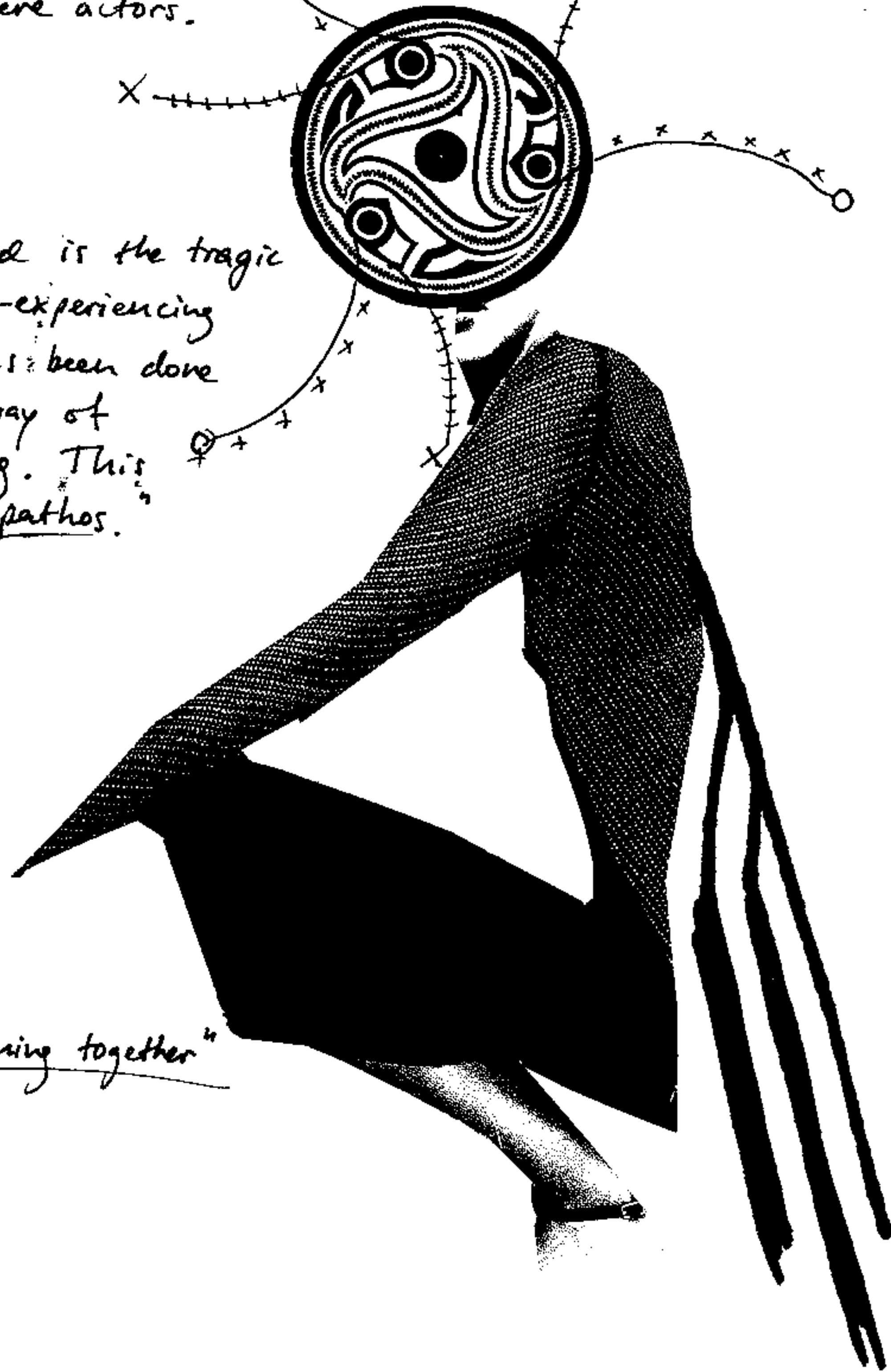


STATEMENT BY JESPER S.

"I say action is intimately bound to the condition of mortality. Most of us spend the day as if we hope to be immortal, we fail to address the urgency of living a full life. It is only through action that we can return to live life at its fullest. In action we reveal who we truly are, and thus we become our own story, not mere actors."

"The mend is the tragic hero, re-experiencing what has been done in the way of suffering. This is true pathos."

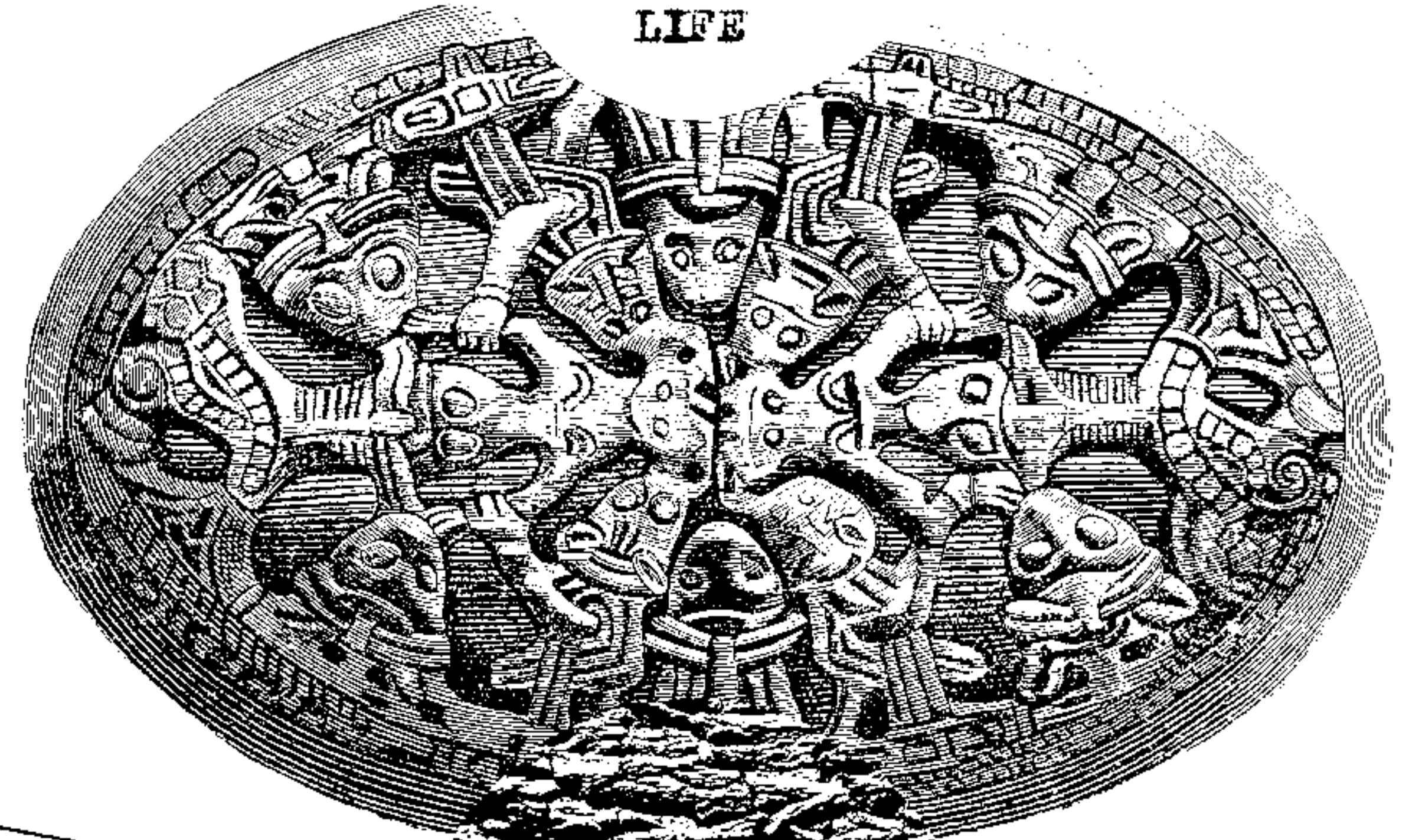
"It is a coming together"



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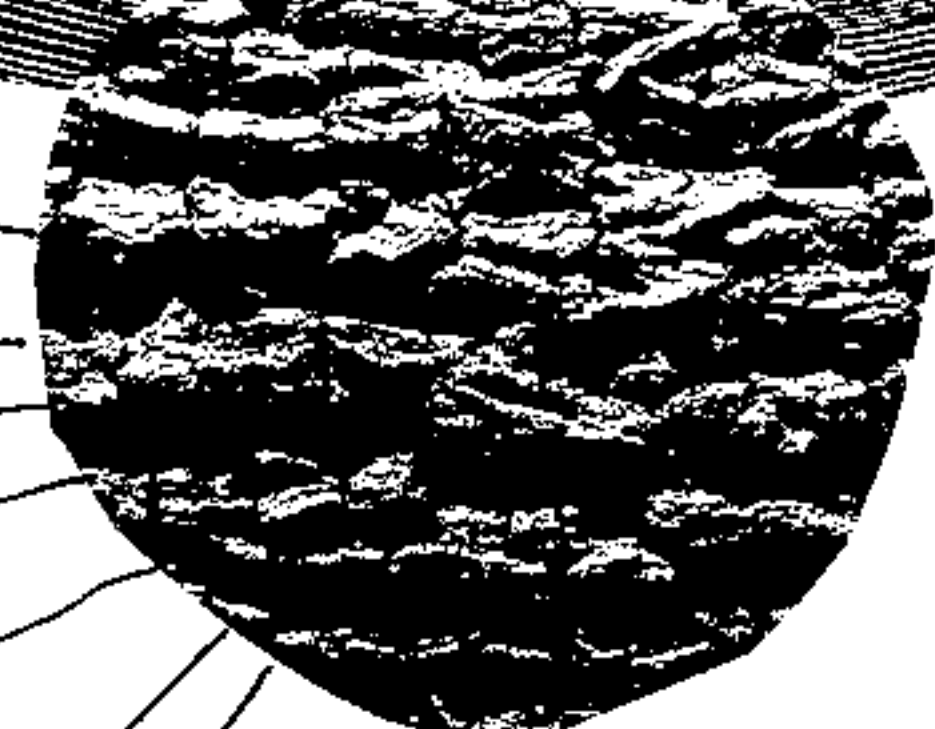
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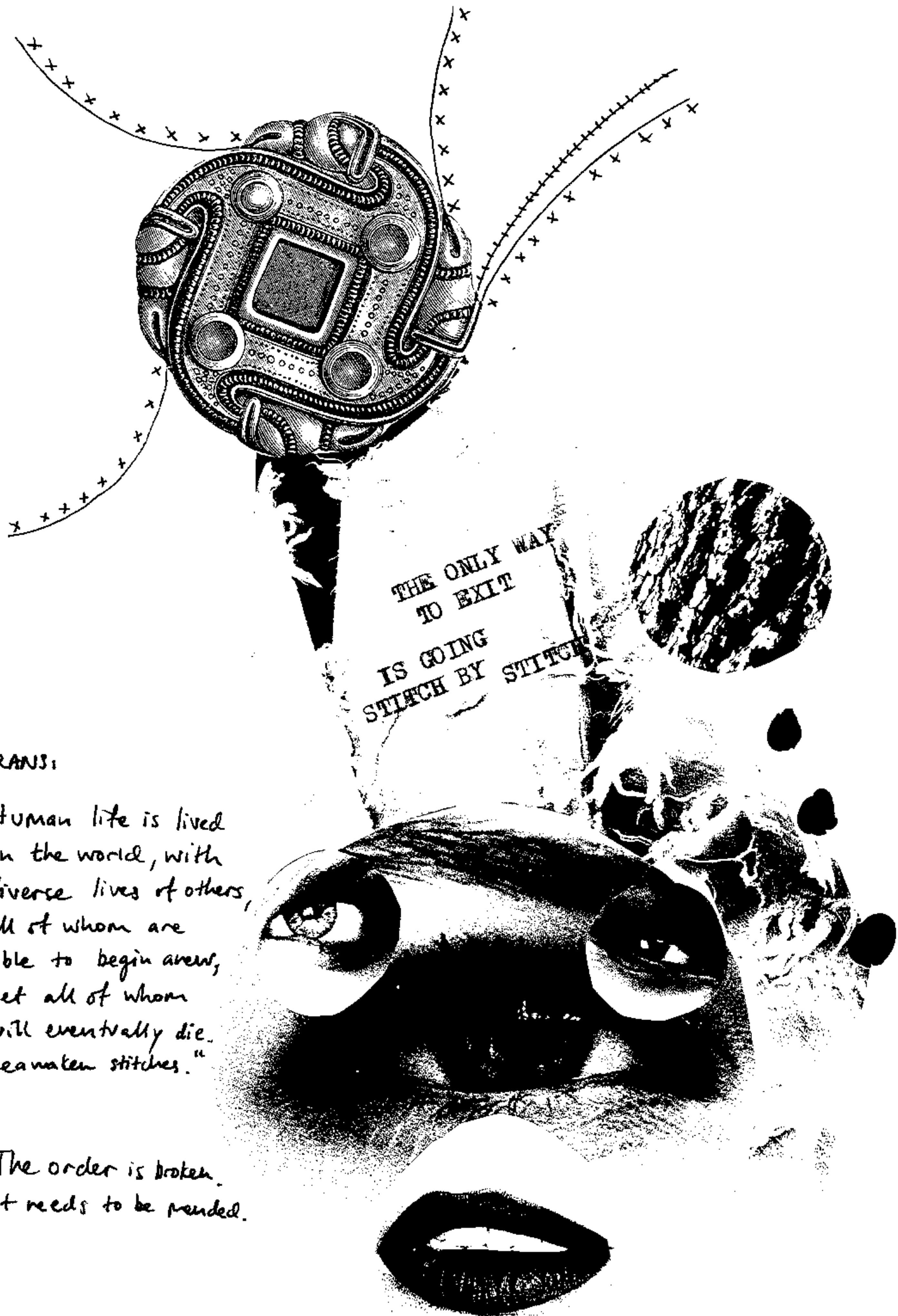
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CRAFT  
IS THE  
PROMISE  
OF  
POLITICS

VIOLENCE IS NEVER POLITICS - ONLY POWER IS POLITICAL.  
SO... TAKE POWER!



FRANS:

"Human life is lived in the world, with diverse lives of others, all of whom are able to begin anew, yet all of whom will eventually die. Reawaken stitches."

The order is broken.  
It needs to be mended.