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Activist Anger



After all, ..

Who Said It Was Simple By Audre Lorde

There are so many roots to the tree of anger
that sometimes the branches shatter
before they bear.

Sitting in Nedicks
the women rally before they march
discussing the problematic girls
they hire to make them free.
An almost white counterman passes
a waiting brother to serve them first
and the ladies neither notice nor reject
the slighter pleasures of their slavery.
But I who am bound by my mirror
as well as my bed
see causes in colour
as well as sex

and sit here wondering
which me will survive
all these liberations.

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A Zine about Activist Anger
collected by Siobhán Clancy
and Emma Campbell



I had no epiphany, no singular revelation, no moment of truth, but a steady accumulation of a thousand slights, a thousand indignities and a thousand unremembered moments produced in me an anger, a rebelliousness, a desire to fight the system that imprisoned my people.

Nelson Mandela

Those who are
enabled by a system
often will and do deny
its very existence. So
much of our struggle
is a struggle to
expose the violence
of the system.

Sara Ahmed

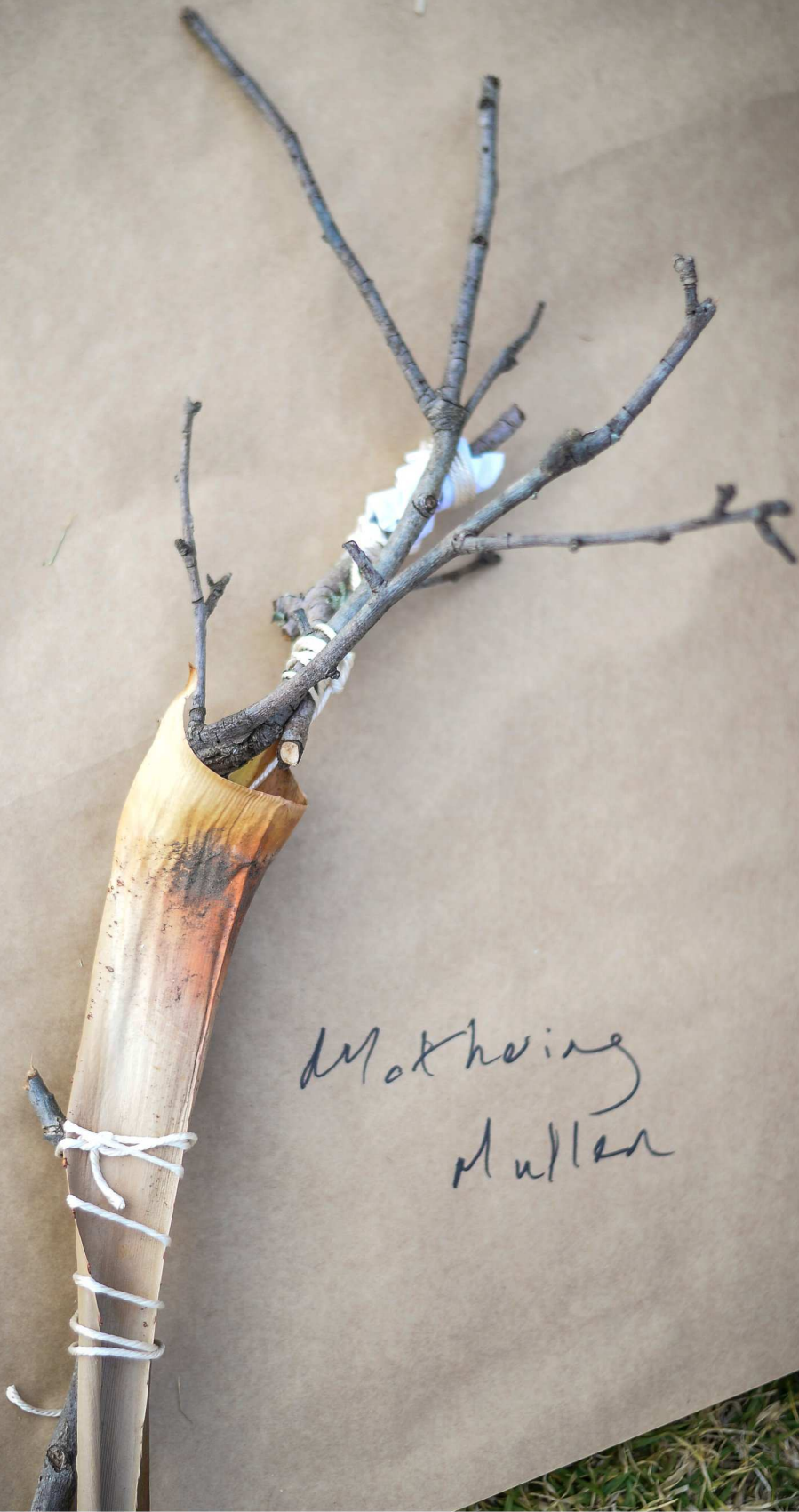


Anger is an energy for change. I honoured the anger and didn't see it as just "mine", but as something collective I could help to transition and that could help to transition me. It felt sacred at times. I think it has been there all along, cooped up in a too small space. I made sure to express it when I felt it. Bitterness is anger gone off.

Anger is freeing.

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Anger leads to action, which is the following step in consciousness development. Later, as consciousness development proceeds to steps of affiliation and analysis, the anger does not disappear. Instead, the individual episodes of anger and action are replaced by collective anger and action against the perceived source of injustice.

David Adams





[I felt] Anger at having marginalized and minority voices, including my own, left out of some public engagements / speaking panels etc because -as I was told by some fellow campaigners, "no one cares" about you.

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AAARRGGG!



We can recognise not only that we are not the cause of the unhappiness that has been attributed to us, but also the effects of being attributed as the cause. We can talk about being willful subjects, feminist killjoys, angry black women; we can claim those figures back; we can talk about those conversations we have had at dinner tables or in seminars or meetings. We can laugh in recognition of the familiarity of inhabiting that place, even if we do not inhabit the same place (and we do not). There can be joy in killing joy. Kill joy, we can and we do. Be willful, we will and we are.

Sara Ahmed

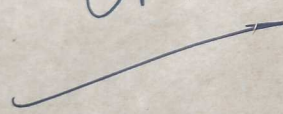


Frustration

"Premise of rage"



Just
Fuck
OFF



I'm frustrated. I'm angry. And I'm not afraid to show the gut bloating, stomach churning, throat crushing, blood boiling, leg trembling, knuckle wrenching, breast burning, mouth screaming R A G E that could spill out of me any minute if I have to hear one more time about how I don't understand why we need to be civil.

Siobhán Clancy

...although the referendum only lasted a few months, it was merely a crystallisation of the experiences feminist abortion activists seem to face in general, but felt all the more for the intensity of the time period and the levels of jeopardy.

Emma Campbell



Passive

"Bound with
Rage"



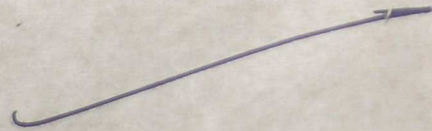
What made me most angry was not being able to express the anger, frustration and hurt I was feeling. Having to push it all down and say 'ok well I guess we'll have to agree to disagree, thank you for your time'.

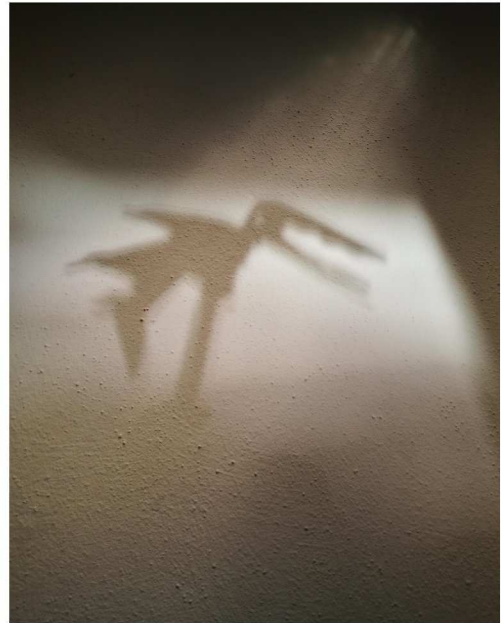
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Meet the three Erinyes of angry feminists Shrill, Uncouth and Emotional





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Passive





