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IS PRISON ABOLITION A
HARD THING TO EXPLAIN
TO PEOPLE?

I GET THE
SAME
QUESTIONS



WHO'S LEFT: **PRISON ABOLITION**

"WHAT ABOUT BAD
PEOPLE? WHAT ABOUT
RAPISTS?"

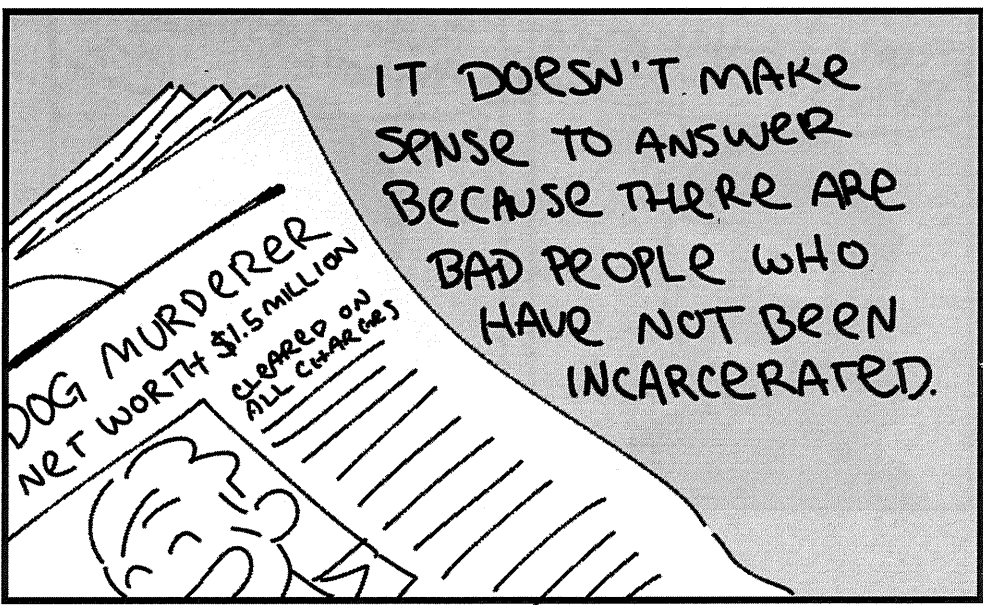
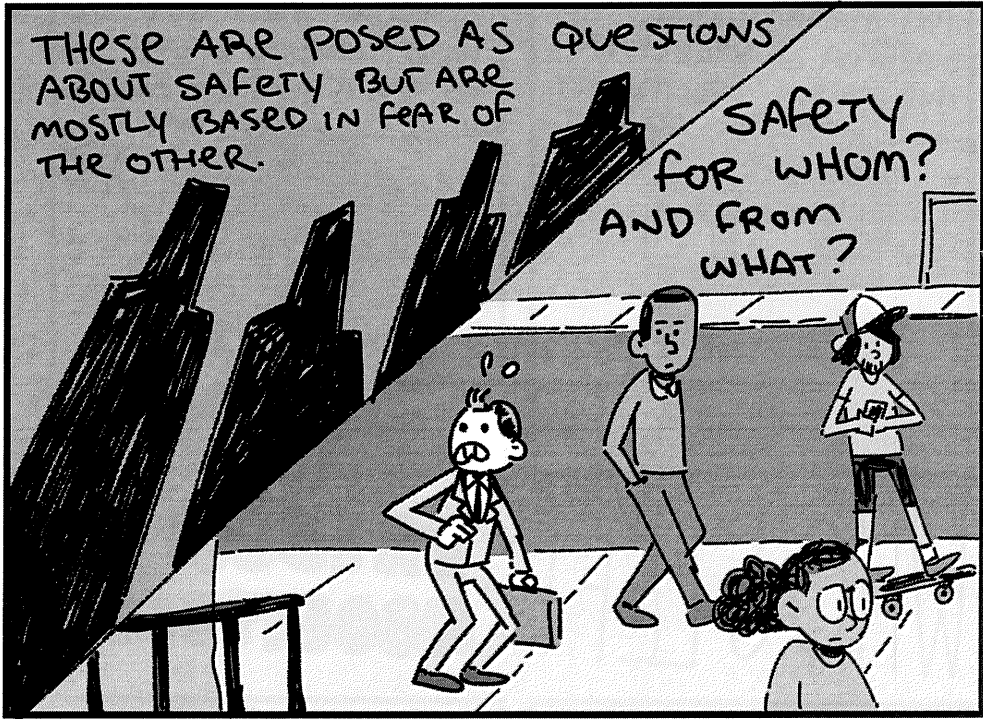


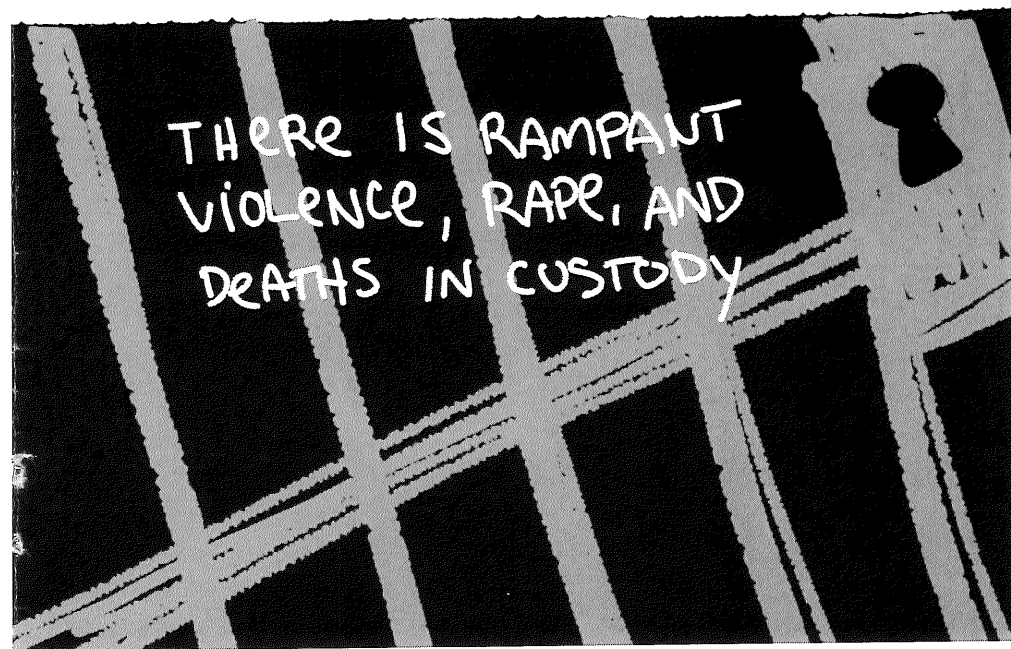
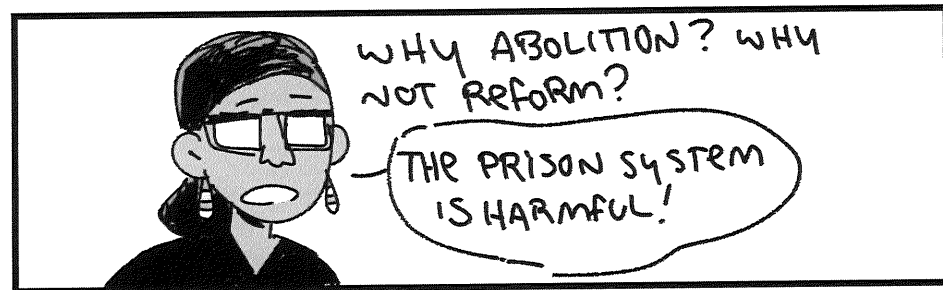
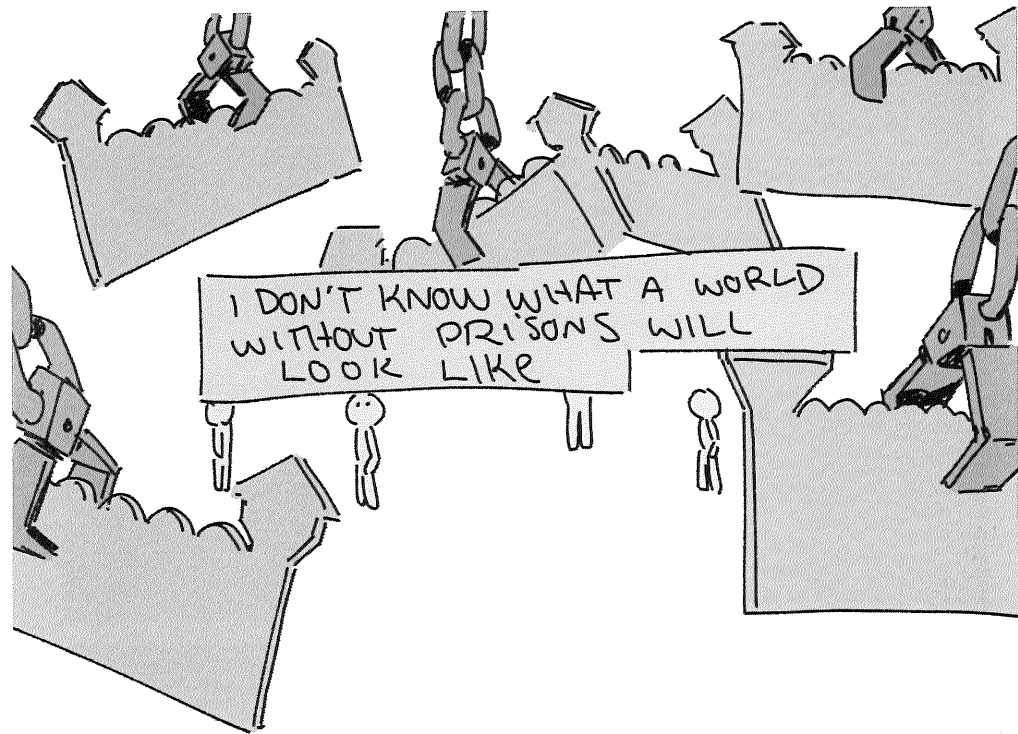
I DON'T ANSWER
THOSE QUESTIONS
ANYMORE



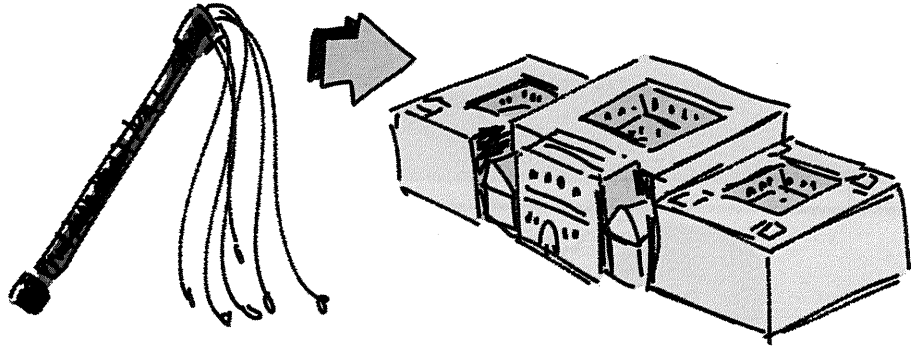
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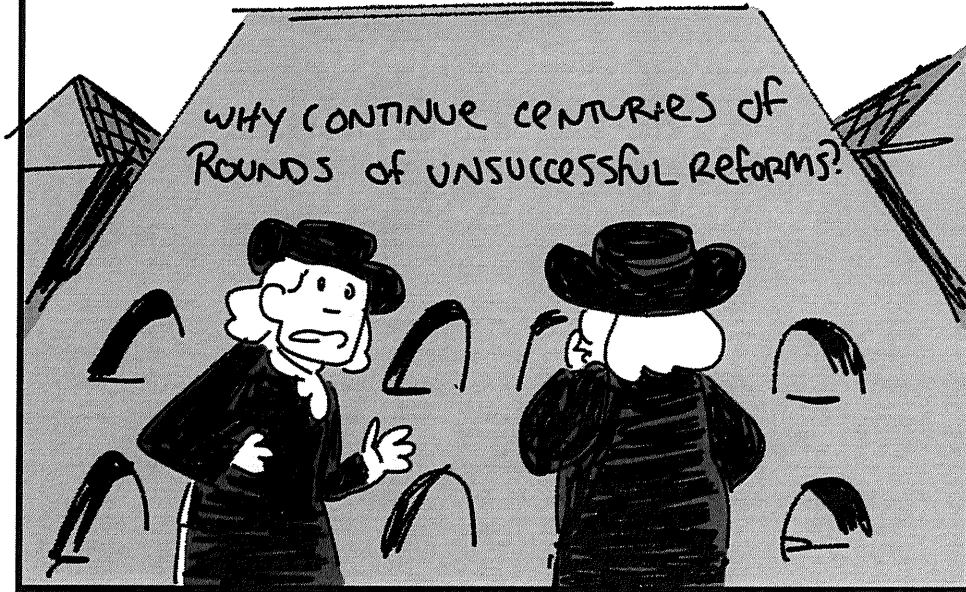




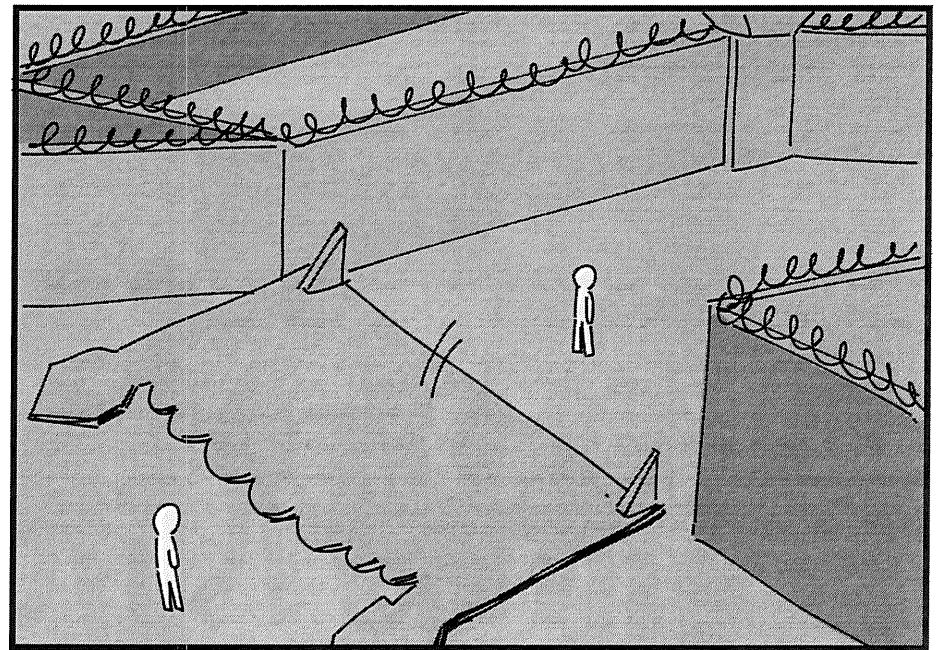
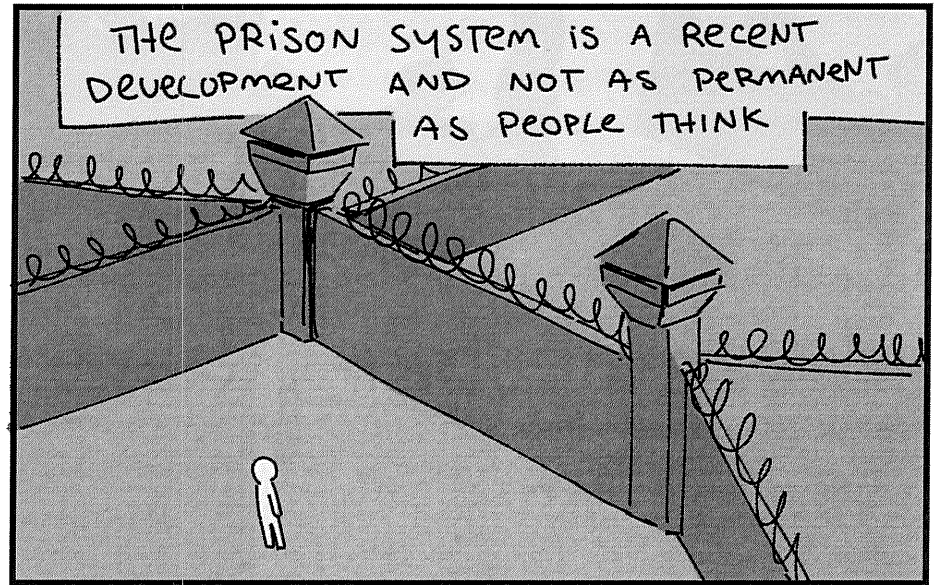
THE PRISON ITSELF WAS A REFORM
OF CORPORAL PUNISHMENT.

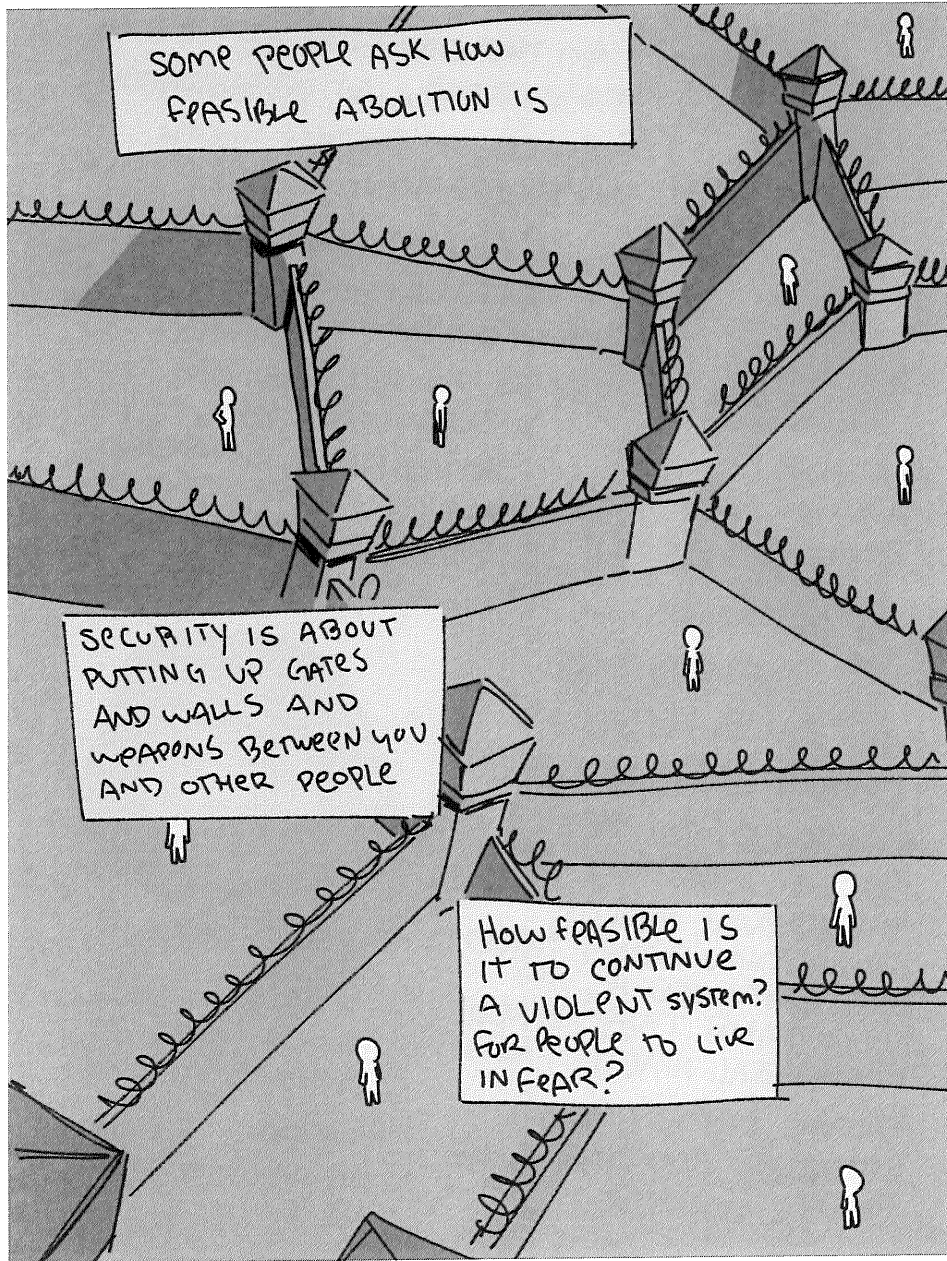


WHEN PRISONS FIRST CAME INTO
USE IN THE LATE 1700S, QUAKERS
PUSHED FOR REFORM.



THE PRISON SYSTEM IS A RECENT
DEVELOPMENT AND NOT AS PERMANENT
AS PEOPLE THINK

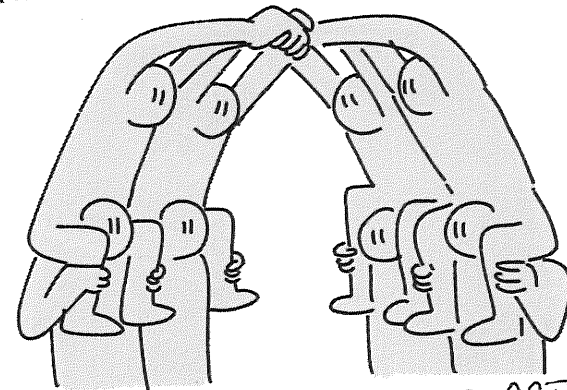




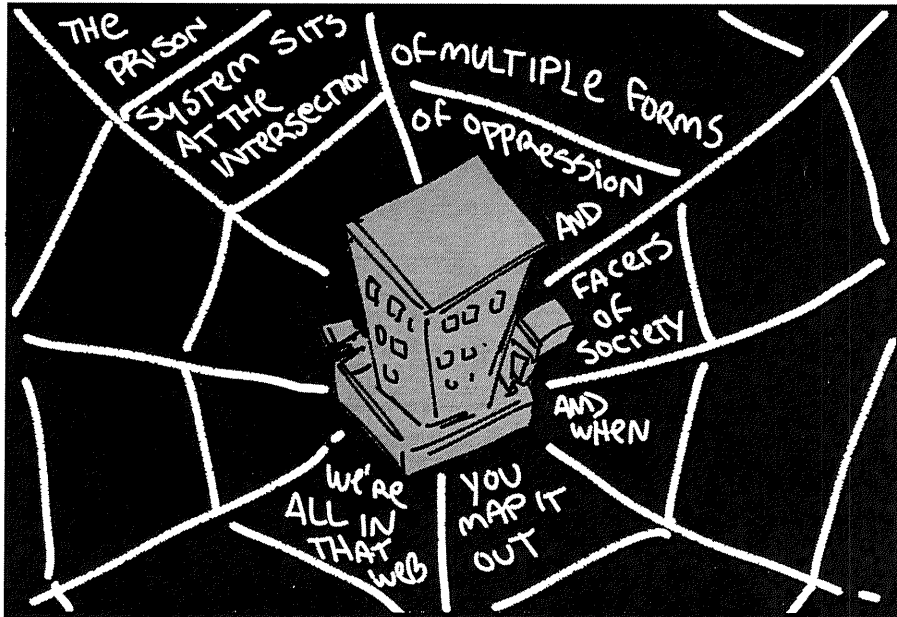
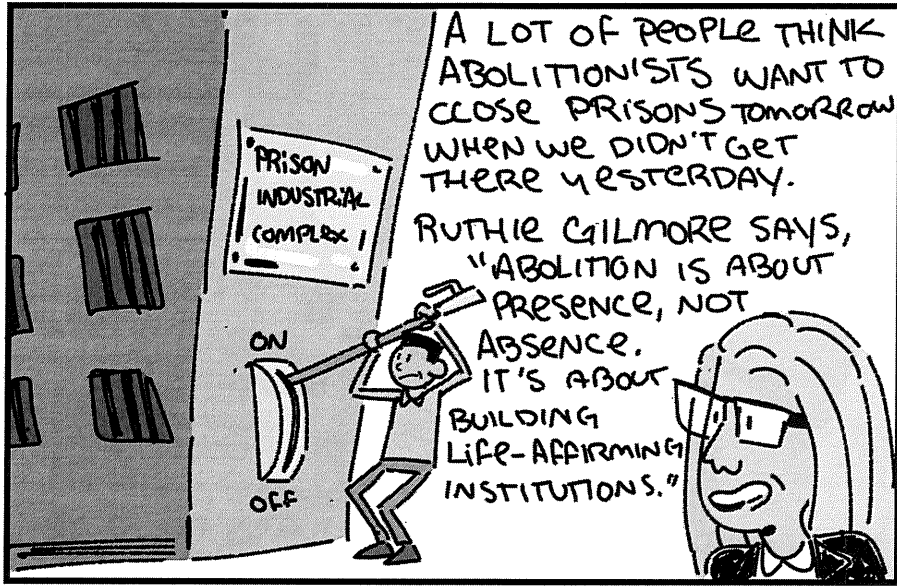
SO WE HAVE TO CREATE THE CONDITIONS THAT DECREASE THE DEMAND FOR POLICE AND SURVEILLANCE. YOU NEED JOBS, HEALTHCARE, HOUSING, PEOPLE NEED TO BE ABLE TO LIVE THEIR LIVES.



YOU NEED TO CREATE STRUCTURES TO ADDRESS HARM AND HOLD PEOPLE ACCOUNTABLE. PEOPLE THINK ABOLITIONISTS MINIMIZE HARM BUT WE TAKE IT VERY SERIOUSLY.



SAFETY IS A COLLECTIVE ACTION.



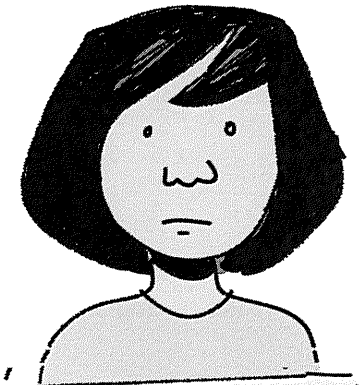
I AM THE DIRECTOR OF PROJECT NIA, AN ORGANIZATION FOCUSED ON ENDING YOUTH INCARCERATION.

I ALSO WORK WITH SURVIVED + PUNISHED, A PROJECT DEDICATED TO THE RELEASE OF SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC + GENDERED VIOLENCE IMPRISONED FOR SURVIVAL ACTIONS.

SURVIVED AND PUNISHED'S

FREE BRESHA

CAMPAIGN SUCCESSFULLY MANAGED TO KEEP BRESHA MEADOWS IN THE JUVENILE SYSTEM RATHER THAN BEING TRIED AND SENTENCED AS AN ADULT, AND TRANSFERRED TO A MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY BEFORE FINALLY BEING RELEASED, AVOIDING A 25 TO LIFE SENTENCE.



BRESHA MEADOWS WAS ARRESTED AT 14 FOR FATALLY SHOOTING HER ABUSIVE FATHER IN SELF-DEFENSE.