The Super Happy Anarchon Fun Pages!

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Featuring:
- Flashbacks!
- Bicycles!
- Gun Shows!
- Slang!
- Etc.!

Free like beer,
Free like speech!
Look! An issue that came out on time! This is pretty exciting to me, hopefully I can keep it up. So the economy is collapsing, and people all over the world are waking up from the dream of capitalism. We can’t let this opportunity get away from us. We need to stay relevant. We can’t get bogged down by infighting, and we can’t be so conservative— anachronism is a living, breathing thing. Sure, the situationists are neat, Emma Goldman is neat. But those things are gone. We need to realize that everything has changed. The old paradigms of radicalism are neat, but they’re behind us. The future awaits!

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Welcome to the “clips” issue of SHAFF! Just like “saved by the bell,” we’re going to flashback to our favorite issues, because we’re too lazy to write original content.

Are you using the royal “we”?

Hey there kids! Remember: “destroy what destroys you!"
Boy, we've had a lot of fun over the years. Do you remember the time we tried to assassinate Henry Clay Frick but failed?

I dunno. The paper says he should be here to give a speech.

Oh. That paper is from 1892. I guess that explains a lot.

And then we just attached this USB cable to the God database...

you know that Wikipedia isn't God, right?

silence, infidel!

And then the look on your face when it actually worked... was nothing compared to the look on your face when I stole it to go back in time to kill Makhno instead.

You did what? I stopped platformist anarchism before it even began. The post-left owes me a debt of gratitude!

Ah, memories. Remember when you accidentally set that soup kitchen on fire and then justified it as a blow against liberal charitrous activism?

this isn't funny.

Yeah, "accidently..."
But it hasn't been all fun and laughter around here, no siree. We've dealt with some pretty serious issues, like the time that you started taking caffeine pills so you could keep up your grades...

Wahoo! I'm on crazy pills, what's next? Crack cocaine? If I don't get an A+ I'll kill myself!

Umm... that wasn't me. That was Jessie from "Saved by the Bell."

Well, what about when you started selling pot to your therapist? And then your roommate walked in on it?

Oh no! My father was killed by a drug overdose, and now the same thing is happening to you!

Okay, you clearly watch too many sitcoms. I have no idea where you got that from.

And then there was the time that your partner had a gambling problem, and you had to sell your pride to pay off their debt.

You... you said you'd never tell anyone about that!

I have pants on my head. Laughter: 8/1
Yeah, remember when you were a bad houseguest?

Who used my towel and then left it on the floor? And peed on it?

Or that time you were traveling and...

Woops! I slipped and fell face-first into dog poo

Or that time you got really drunk at that dance party?

Hey everyone! As of today I insist you call me count dancula! If you don't, I'll yell at you for not respecting security culture.

None of those things actually happened. You're just making up embarrassing stories about me. Well that's what nemesis are for.

We're not nemesis, we're lovers.

You say potato, I say...

No, nemesis and lovers are not the same thing!

And besides, it's nemises, not nemesis.
I'm so sick of all these false solutions to environmental problems. New lightbulbs, solar panels, hybrid SUVs, soy, bicycles...

wait. Bicycles?

Yeah, especially fixies.

what do fixed-gear bicycles have to do with environmental problems?

Eh, nothing I guess. I just hate bike jocks.

The fixed-gear is like a reversion to antiquated technology! The ratcheting mechanism, the derailleur, these things were invented for a reason.

yeah, what's next? A return to penny farthings?

Woo!

So do you take back all the smack you were talking on fixed-gear riders?

No.

I'm just transferring my condemnation to their short-brimmed hats.

I mean, hey, check it out! They invented a messenger bag with two straps! They call it a "backpack!"

Wow, and I thought I was full of needless hate.
Hey, the show is a benefit. We're asking 3-5 bucks.

Sorry, I don't have any money. You want one of these fancy beers I bought?

Hey, the show is a benefit.

Isn't that your $1000 bike locked up?

Hey, the show is a benefit.

Uh, I'm, uh... with the band?

Sigh.

Hey, we're asking like 5 bucks.

I don't have any money. I'm a traveling direct action activist.

It's a benefit.

Every show is a benefit. I don't have or use money. I only came because this is the main social event of the week.

It's for the Earth. First, folks who got arrested.

None of whom could have afforded to come, since they, like me, spend all of their time as volunteer activists.

You're right. And I have a solution for both our problems.

Yeah?

Boltcutters

Hey, that's my bike!
Alright, I'll holla at you if I see the 5-0.

Huh?

six up!

what?

I said cheese it, it's the fuzz.

what the hell are you talking about?

We'd rather that there isn't a pervmen.

Oh, the police are here.
Hey, cool, there's a gun show this weekend! You mean this gun show?

Hey, Koala, want to go to the gun show with us? Is it this gun show?

Hey, squid, wanna come to the gun show? Hemp... know any good vets in town? Is this going to be a joke involving muscles? Cause these pythons are sick!

So first I saw the homeland security recruiting booth, then a table of Nazi memorabilia.

But then I had a great conversation about the legal rights of homeowners to shoot police on their property. I'm so conflicted.

Not everything is either awesome or oppressive. It's okay to have mixed feelings about things.

I'm just not used to it.

Check out these sweet post-leftist bumper stickers I bought! "Impeach Obama", "Destroy Communism", "Obama is a socialist and wants to take your guns away!"

Uhm, those aren't post-left stickers, those are right-wing stickers. You say potato, I say... No, No, No!

I shoplifted you a machete. Really? For me? Friends?

Friends.
The problem with anarchists is that they're great at knowing what they're against, but they don't know what they're for.

Actually, that's not true at all. For over 150 years we've been presenting clearly articulated visions of potential political, economic, and social systems.

Nope. Anarchists are just anti, anti, anti.

Anarchism just isn't feasible. It wouldn't work.

Tell that to the Ukrainian peasants who organized an anarchist society, to the Spanish workers, to the uncounted tribes, to the Koreans who...

Nope, anarchy is just a pipe dream.

Anarchism is just a phase, you'll grow out of it.

I'm five years older than you!

That's it. I'm done listening to you.

See, anarchists are afraid of debate and critique.
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I've figured out a way to sort generations of us, anarchists. This can't be good. It's based on which RNC protest they went to: 2000, 2004, or 2008.

What about anarchists who've never been? What are they, cowards?

Well, what about anarchists who've been to more than one? What are they, stupid?

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