I get it now. I invest in capital and then exchange something intangible and renewable for money.

So, like, I bought this gun for $150, but now I'm robbing you, exchanging your continued life without the interference of bullets for the contents of your wallet.

excellent!

soon, my boy, you'll move up to insurance!

I heart the people who have gifted couch, floor, tent and guest-bed 'space' to me this year.

I heart to the people who pick up hitch-hikers.

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THE SUPER-HAPPY ANARCHO* FALL 06-WINTER 06-07 FUN PAGES!! #8

- Gift Economics
- Jaaded Individualism
- Logic Explained By The Bad Brains

FREE!
Sorry about how SHAPP has become twice-yearly instead of seasonal. I have no proper excuse.

I love hearing from readers, and Dr. Science-O is always available to answer any pressing concerns. Anyhow, here's where I encourage you to copy this comic and give it away. We put up a new, fancy website, www.tangledwilderness.org, so you can download PDFs already formatted for printing, or you can request copies or flats of any of our zines by writing us at Strangers@riseup.net.

We also have:
- 3 bands
- theory zines
- one good novel
- soon: a fiction zine
- soon: posters
- etc. etc.
(all free)

What are you listening to, Fantasy Metal?
No way. Dragons are lame. This is Viking Metal. It's about Vikings!
But you're wearing a "Fantasy metal" t-shirt. does it look like you changed my clothes?

Dear Dr. Science-O,
B while help you if you ever run into me on some dark night. I'll hold your attention at the point of a broken "Hooz bottle" and explain logic.

"Basic logical arguments can be expressed in the form of two premises and a conclusion."

You see:
- if you are a liberal, you argue such and such way.
- Primitivists argue such and such way.
- Therefore primitivists are liberals.

"This is like saying:
- If you are Julia (the author of this letter), you are punk as fuck.
- The Bad Brains are punk as fuck.
- Therefore The Bad Brains are Julia."

"Apart from some "cosmic connectedness" chutzpah in all of us, bullshit is understood as false."

You can write it out with variables, too:
- if q, then r
- x has quality q
- "x does not = \(\neg p\)"

"So logic and science have not failed. Dr. Science-O was failed."
"Julia"

I think I can speak for all of us here at SHAPP when I say just how horrified we are that The Bad Brains have chosen to write us.

*see SHAPP #6
So what would you like for dinner?

Oh, I dunno, anything.

Free range steak?

Oh no, I don't eat beef.

Chicken?

Nope.

Are you vegetarian?

Well, I don't eat meat.

So maybe some eggs?

I don't eat eggs.

Grilled cheese?

No way, dairy is oppressive.

So you're vegan then?

Hey, don't try to label me!

Unlike some people, I don't define myself by my diet.

So you want a glass of wine with dinner?

Oh, so you're... sigh, nevermind.

Beer?

Don't touch it.

GIFT Economics 101

In order to best understand the gift economy, we need to understand some competing economic theories.

So meet Eric, the capitalist.

Hi, Kids!

Well, kind narrate, I believe in the sanctity of property.

You see, I've had to work, sorta, for everything I own. And since there isn't enough to go around, I hard things.

Hmm... or is that the other way around? Anyhow, the things I own are my capital. And I use capital to make more money.

For example, I own this house, so people have to pay me to live there.

Actually in other space alien

How is that like work?

But what I'm getting at is that if you touch my stuff I'll hire someone to kill you.

And that is capitalism.
Next we'll look at Communism.

**to be fair, Proudhon, who originally said this, wasn't a communist - he was a misogynist, an economic model we looked at in issue #2.**

Dude! Where is my favorite shirt? I'm going on a date tonight!

Woah there, Mr. Property. You can't like, own a T-shirt.

Yeah, man, property is theft.

Okay, okay, where is the shirt that Lenin wear?

Well, uh... we, uh...

Look, just take a shirt off the pile, comrade!

Not so promising either...

We used it to clean up dog poo.

Dog poo?!

Mao or Lenin?

Lenin was ok.

Mao was ok.

Mao or Lenin?

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hey people, I'm going to the corner store to get some juice.
wait up!
I'll come with.

juice? I want some juice.
I'll come too, just a moment.

but...
can't find my other boot...

I don't need boots.

next, barier:
hey, I need a T-shirt. I have these boots.
maybe if you traded your boots for some cotton and then the cotton for a bike wheel, cause I need a bike wheel. 26 inches.
this is stupid. let's print currency.

seriously, where is that boot?

ummm... I'm just getting some juice...

Adventure! we're going on an adventure!

An hour later:

ummm... the store is the other way...
I know, we're going to the park.

well, I'm going to the store...

geez, you're so anti-social.

you know, what I love about our life is how every day holds new adventures.

whereupon we'll come to consensus about whether or not we ought to fulfill the request from your syndicate.

can't I just get a T-shirt? I like the one with all the skulls on it, that one right behind you.

No.

how about you just close your eyes for a moment? I won't tell anyone.

Primitivism...
a okay, we're not going to analyze Primitivist economics as much as take cheap shots at Primitivism.

what's "economics"?

Sounds specious, if you ask me.
great.
So then, what is the Gift Economy?

The Gift Economy is an economy based on giving. Everyday is like Xmas, only without God.

When everything is stripped of monetary value, things are left with only their intrinsic value.

I like this hat, my grandpa knit it.

Since things cannot be bartered, hoarding becomes useless.

I have 1600 T-shirts.

But unlike a communist system, no one forces you to give things away.

Get over yourself.

Yes, you can keep my toothbrush.

Community needs are important, sure, but no one can force you to share with everyone.

Hum.

Unrelated drawing of a potted plant.

So the economic model becomes “don’t be a jerk.”

Look at me! I’m better than everyone!

People will work because no one will feed a freeloader for long, but people will be free to contribute in ways that suit them.

Responsibility and freedom. They go together like...

Okay.

Okay?

Yet don’t join, that doesn’t bother us.

Religious capitalism or state socialism, we don’t care if other people don’t practice the same model as us.

We’re happy getting presents everyday, and we think your suckers, but that’s all.

You know this comic wasn’t very funny.