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(to Mimisteward)

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Hi Mimi :)

Thanks so much for the transcription and the kind words. Not too many ppl even let me know they've read my posts, so hearing that you really enjoyed one is a great feeling. I have to admit, you shame me a little bit, too... not on PURPOSE, for sure, but when you compliment my writing as "beautiful", then I look over just the 7 lines of excerpt that came with your comment and see just how much ugly anger I expressed in that tiny space... I dunno. I second guess my choices and re-evaluate my standards. Feel like I should do better.

Something I wrote inspired you, you say? That... that's really high praise. Thank you. I wish I could be more inspiring more of the time. So often, I just feel like I'm screaming into the void, which makes it hard to feel or express anything much more than bitterness. Comments like yours remind me that this IS worth the effort, though; there are connections to be made. Thank you.

So you looked into Proudhon a bit, eh? If you liked what you found, id advise you to not ~~dig~~ too deeply beyond it. As so often happens with "Big Thinkers" or "Great Men," below the surface there be horrors. His attitude toward women was not pleasant, and he wasn't much better in terms of ethnicity or "race". Suffice it to say, his statues, if there were any, might not make it through 2020. But for sure there's a lot of really good thinking that came out of his head through his pen (or quill, I suppose. He's really old.)

The idea that anarchy IS order, and order contains anarchy, has been really inspiring to me. It's certainly not the idea I grew up with. But if this stuff truly piques your interest, there's a whole universe of anarchist philosophy you might dip a toe into, from other classical theorists like Bakunin and Godwin and Kropotkin, to people like Noam Chomsky, Alex Comfort, and Paul Goodman, some of whom are still alive. And younger writers too, although I'm afraid what passes for anarchism right now is often just fascism with a capital A. I'd say, check out Emma Goldman - maybe my favorite anarchist. There was a good special about her on PBS recently. Give it a view!

Thanks again a million times for you know... being awesome! Sincerely & in Solidarity,

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