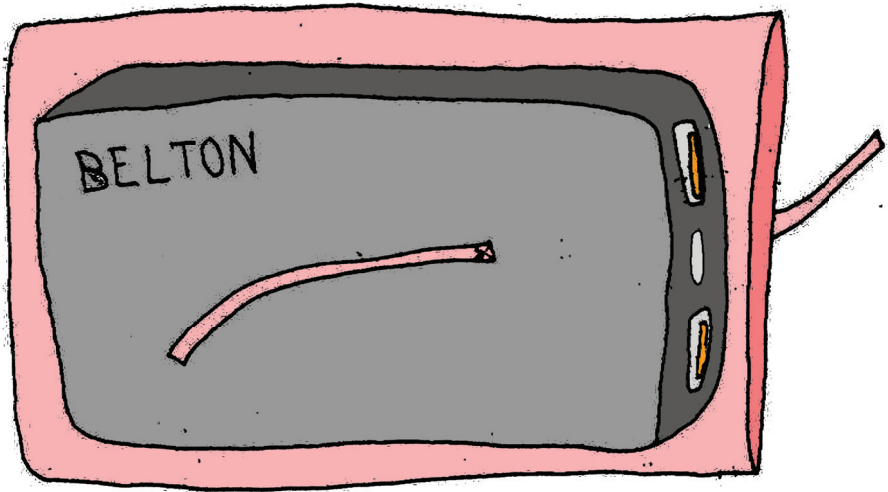
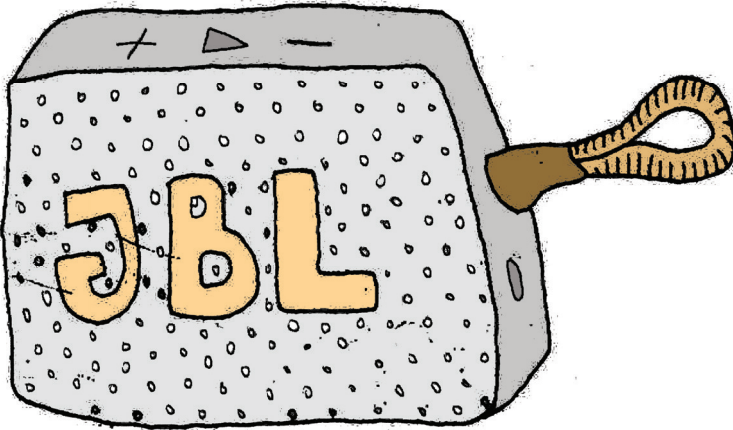


THE STEALING OF MY THINGS

(MY SPEAKER AND POWERBANK)

A PERSONAL STORY ON HANGING OUT WITH
ANARCHISTS AND PEOPLE ON THE MOVE



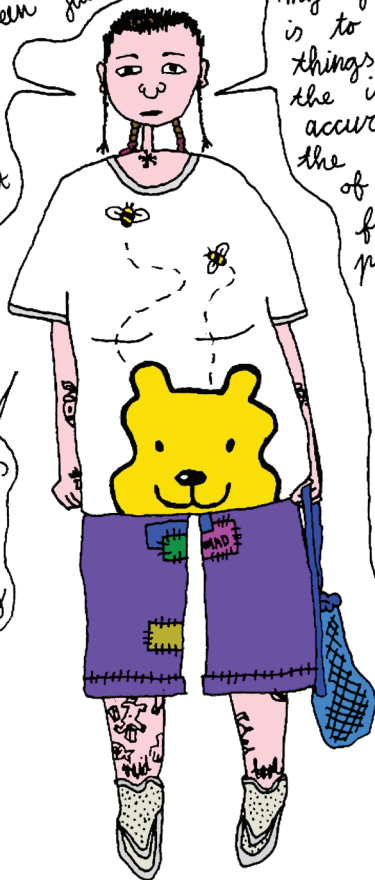
ON THE BORDER OF FRANCE AND ITALY
IN VENTIMIGLIA

by Repelsteelbe

the situation in this somewhere of 2023. The characters are based on people, looks and names are changed.

I'm describing mine happened between juli & august

The donations I get for this mine will go to the group I was staying with.

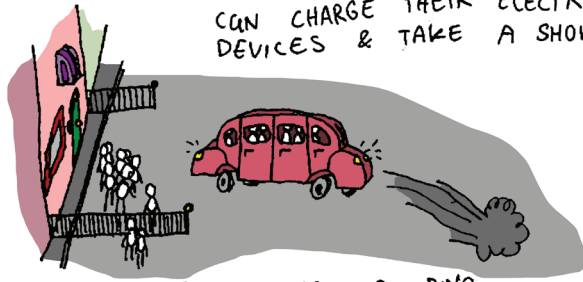


my goal with this mine is to describe the way things happened around the incident somewhat accurate, especially the emotional reactions of myself I didn't filter. I'm not proud of the things I said and did here and write it down to learn for myself, but also for others to know the kind of situation and social dynamics that can happen volunteering with anarchists on the border.

Also I just like writing and reading personal stories.

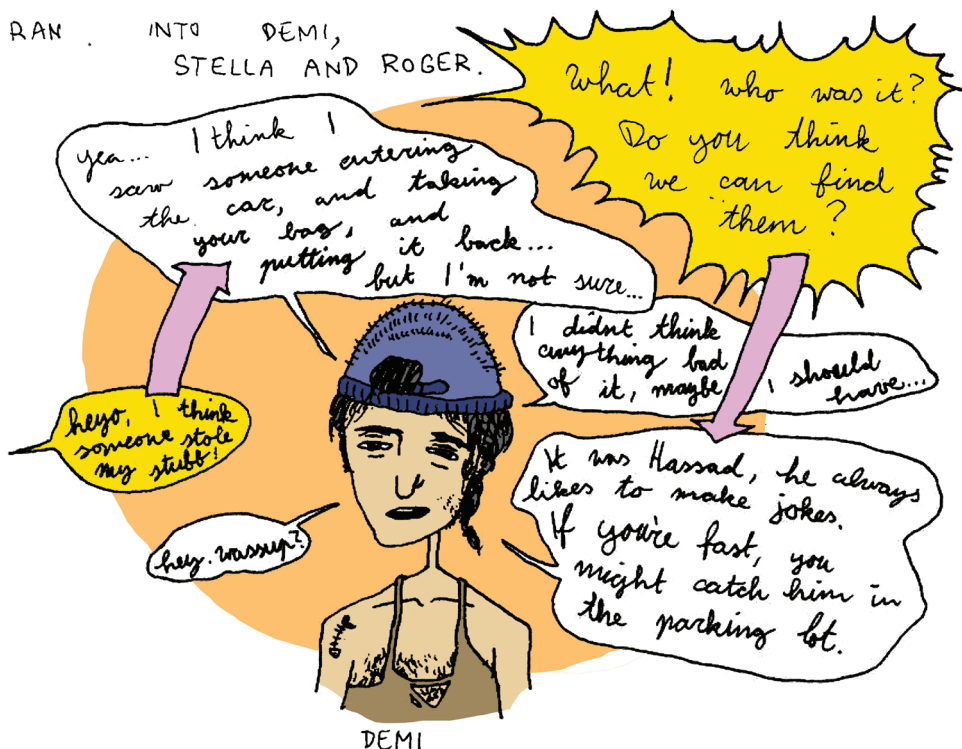
I've been thinking a lot about this one

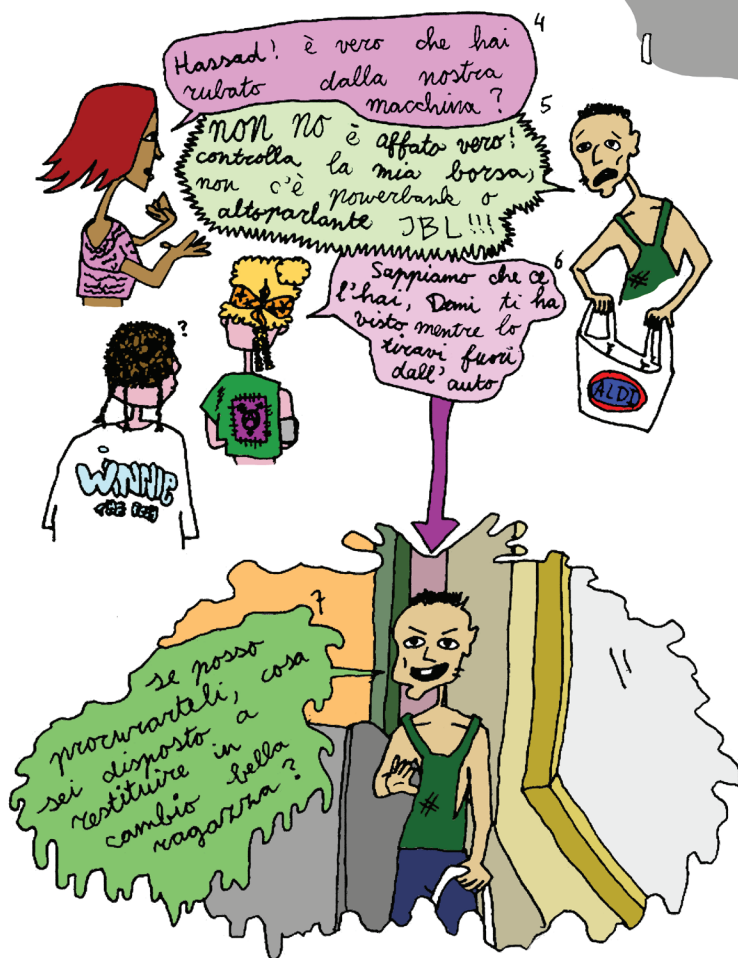
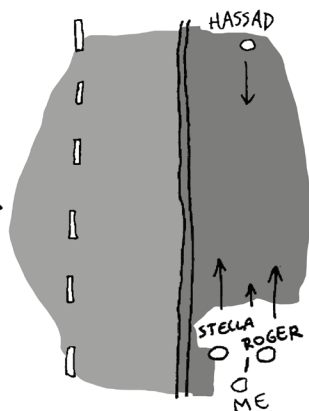
AFTER THE CITY, WHERE A GROUP
TO THE SHIFT¹ WE DROVE DOWN
WITHOUT NAME OR LEADER²
COMMUNALLY RUNS A SPACE
WHERE PEOPLE ON THE MOVE
CAN CHARGE THEIR ELECTRICAL
DEVICES & TAKE A SHOWER



WE WENT INSIDE THE BUILDING
FOR A SHORT WHILE, SUCH A SHORT
TIME THAT APPARENTLY
THE DRIVER DIDN'T THINK LOCKING THE CAR
WAS NESSECARY...

A PERSON ON THE MOVE³ MOVED HIMSELF INTO THE CAR
 FOUND MY BAG WITH MY SPEAKER ATTACHED TO IT
 AND DECIDED TO TAKE MY SPEAKER
 AND FROM THE INSIDE OF THE BAG, MY POWERBANK
 AND RAN OFF TO THE PARKING LOT
 TO QUICKLY SELL THESE THINGS
 FOR ONLY €20,-
 MEANWHILE, I REALISED MY BAG WAS STILL
 INSIDE THE CAR. I WENT TO GRAB IT AND LEAVE.
 WHILE LEAVING I NOTICED MY MOST IMPORTANT
 STUFF WAS GONE. I SIGHED AND HONESTLY DOUBTED
 TO GO BACK. I MIGHT AS WELL BUY NEW ONES
 RIGHT AWAY, I THOUGHT TO MYSELF, BUT I REALISED
 THAT THIS CITY DID NOT HAVE THE GOOD-QUALITY-FOR-
 CHEAP KINDA STORE I NEEDED. I WENT BACK AND
 RAN INTO DEMI,
 STELLA AND ROGER.





I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND ANYTHING OF THE ITALIAN CONVERSATION, BUT I DID UNDERSTAND STELLA AND ROGER WANTED TO LEAVE AFTER THE SEXUAL INTIMIDATION. ALMOST CRYING I WENT BACK TO DEMI, WHO WAS HANGING OUT WITH A BUNCH OF PEOPLE ON THE MOVE, WHO CAME UP TO ME ASKING WHAT'S WRONG. I TOLD THEM: HASSAD STOLE MY THINGS! WHEN HASSAD SHOWED HIS MEAN SMILING FACE AROUND THE CORNER, THE PEOPLE START ATTACKING HIM.

الأشياء إليك أيها العضو التنا سلي
ي السرير!
Per favore, rimetti
giù quella pietra.

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THE FIGHT ESCALATED QUICKLY, EVERYONE IN THE SQUATTED RUINS WHERE WE WERE STANDING JOINED IN AND THEY STARTED THROWING STICKS, A COUPLE OF PEOPLE GRABBED STONES, OR THREW BEER BOTTLES. HASSAD GOT A HOLD OF A PLASTIC CHAIR, THAT HE THREW AND DESTROYED. THE MEN CARRIED/ PULLED/ DRAGGED HIM DOWN THE ROAD, TOWARDS THE PARKING LOT WHERE HE

SOLD MY STUFF 15 MINUTES EARLIER. THE ACTIVISTS TRIED TO STOP THE FIGHT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE AND EVENTUALLY IT CALMED DOWN, RIGHT BEFORE THE POLICE ARRIVED. I TRIED TO TALK TO PEOPLE TO SAY I WANTED THE FIGHT/HASSAD TO GO BACK TO THE PARKING LOT, TO GET SOME HELP TO GET MY STUFF BACK OVER THERE. THE ACTIVISTS STOPPED ME FROM DOING THIS BECAUSE THEY JUST WANTED THE FIGHT TO CALM DOWN, AND THEY CALMED ME DOWN BY SAYING TO ME THAT THE STUFF WOULD PROBABLY TURN UP THE DAY AFTER, WHICH THEY SAID NORMALLY HAPPENS. THEN I STOOD THERE CRYING BECAUSE OF HOW INTENSE

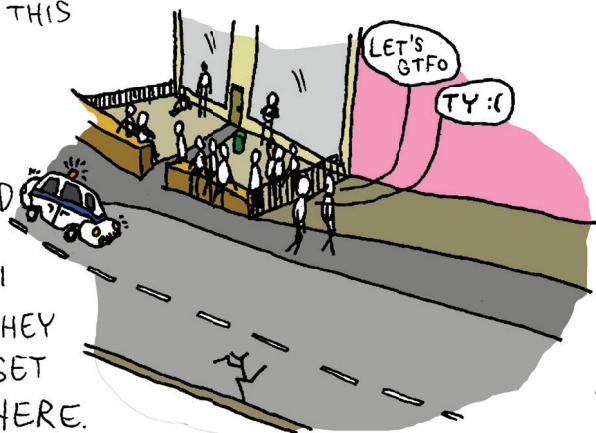
THE SITUATION WAS, AND BECAUSE I LOST THIS

STUFF THAT WAS EMOTIONALLY VALUABLE TO ME.

SOME OTHER COMRADES ARRIVED

AND ASKED ME WHAT'S WRONG. I

EXPLAINED AND THEY SUGGESTED TO GET A BEER SOMEWHERE.

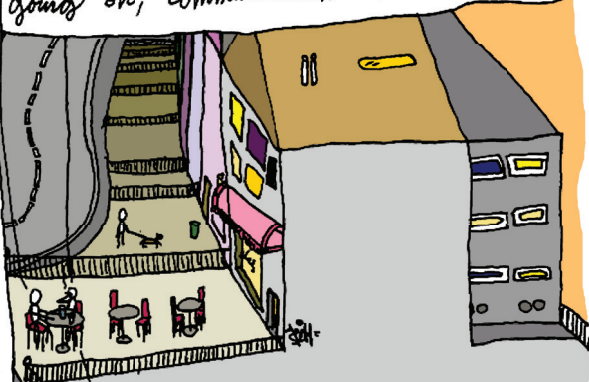


what they said to you about the stuff re-appearing tomorrow sounds a bit strange... I don't believe that's true. A lot of people's stuff gets stolen, and nobody gets it back.



shit, I already expected they were just trying to calm me down. Maybe lying is more normal in Italian culture? Or... more normal to just not tell stuff. I couldn't understand anything that was going on, communication was so hard.

Yea it's better to lower your communication or efficiency standards here, especially as someone from the north. Time goes different here, and for communication, that is very hard because in our group also nobody knows each other very well. Everyone just visits for some weeks or so, doesn't speak Italian Arabic or Italian, just like you and I basically



I wish just to get my stuff back... Is there like money available in case our stuff gets stolen?

I guess you can suggest it to the group. Also, that girl Roger probably wouldn't like if you suggest that. She got a lot of her stuff stolen here and never got money for it, and she's... well... violent.

What do you mean? How do you know? Well, remember when a couple of days ago, when we had the meeting about personal stuff, where you didn't understand a thing and decided not to join the follow-up meeting? [yea...] Well that meeting was about her. She is dating a person on the move, one of the guys that attacked Hassad today actually, but she is racist to him and abuses him. 8

I guess it's
no surprise a
white person
with dreadlocks
is racist

WE WENT SKIPPING
(TAKING FOOD FROM THE TRASH),
GOT A LOT OF FOOD FROM A
LOCAL SUPERMARKET TRASH SPACE,
WHERE WE BROKE THE DOOR WE
CLIMBED OVER. AT LEAST WE HAD
A LOT OF YOGHURT. WHEN WE
ARRIVED HOME, FOOD WAS READY
AND IT WAS TIME FOR
A MEETING.

guys, can we also
please talk about what
happened today in the city.
the subjects brought up right now
are a direct consequence of the
event of today and it's important
to not talk around it so that
everybody understands.

DEMI MENTIONED HE
DIDN'T WANT TO GO
DOWN TO VENTI

TOMORROW
BECAUSE HE
GOT THREATENED
BY HASSAD

I am very upset
and feel very alone in my
quest to get back my stuff or
have any justice in the situation.

I also got threatened
by Hassad today

23:30



me too, actually.
He said he would kill me
if I ever showed my
face again. *wow*

Hassad has been a problem
for everybody there,
actually, he keeps
stealing from all the
other people on the move.

remember back when he lived here, he tried to
have sex with a girl when she was asleep?

What? that's
attempted rape

How is he not
cancelled¹⁰ from
the space yet?

because, he is a fragile
person, in a fragile
situation, you cannot just
cancel someone like that.

He actually has his own
apartment in a quite stable
squat right now.

Yea everyone
hates him there,
that's why they were so
eager to jump him today

all of that does not even
matter, he tried to rape
someone, he steals from
everyone, he shouldn't
be there?!

we cannot decide today whether we want to cancel
him today, we should organise a separate meeting.

Why? everyone is here right now. Does anyone
think we should not cancel Hassad?

silence

How do we cancel him?

We just don't
let him enter!

then
it's
decided

A COUPLE OF DAYS LATER HASSAD SHOWED UP
IN THE SPACE AGAIN AND NOBODY STOPPED HIM
OR SAID ANYTHING. THE GROUP DID START
A DONATION POT SO THAT I COULD BUY
A NEW POWERBANK BEFORE HITCHHIKING TOWARDS
MY NEXT DESTINATION IN AUSTRIA!

ENDNOTES

- 1) I AM NOT EXPLAINING WHAT THE "SHIFT" MEANS EXACTLY, BECAUSE I DON'T THINK PEOPLE WOULD FEEL COMFORTABLE WITH ME SPREADING THAT INFORMATION IN PUBLIC, EVEN THO IT CONTAINS NOTHING ILLEGAL.
- 2) THE GROUP DOES HAVE A NAME, CONTACT ME FOR DETAILS
- 3) PEOPLE ON THE MOVE ARE UNDOCUMENTED PEOPLE WHO AIM TO GET DOCUMENTS IN ANOTHER COUNTRY THAN THEIR CURRENT COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE
- 4) HASSAD! IS IT TRUE YOU ROBBED ELECTRICAL DEVICES?
- 5) NO THAT IS NOT TRUE! YOU CAN CONTROL MY BAG, THERE IS NO SPEAKER OR POWERBANK!
- 6) WE KNOW YOU DID IT, DEMI SAW YOU ENTER THE CAR.
- 7) IF I RETURN IT TO YOU, WHAT WILL YOU GIVE ME IN RETURN, PRETTY GIRL?
- 8) WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU, STUPID FOOL!
- 9) PLEASE, PUT THAT ROCK DOWN.
- 10) TO CANCEL SOMEONE IS TO EXCLUDE THEM FROM GROUP OR SPACE (IN THIS CONTEXT)
- 11) VENTI IS AN ABBREVIATION FOR VENTIMIGLIA, CITY.

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