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# TRCRADZINE

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## **RADSW X RADLAW X QPIRGs & CO ZINE EVENT – RESOURCES LIST**

### **Collaborator I (Guest speaker): Wayne “Doc” James**

A brilliant “Afro-Mi’kmaq Waseskun resident” (Indigenous Watchdog, 2023). He has experienced policing and incarceration.

### **Collaborator II: RadLaw McGill**

“McGill Radical Law Students’ Association; Challenging structures of power upheld by the mainstream legal discourse” (RadLaw McGill, n.d).

### **Collaborator III: QPIRG-McGill**

The organization is a “justice-driven, student-run, community-based”. It is also a resource center “for building campus-community connections”. (QPIRG-McGill, n.d). It has an alternative library.

### **Collaborator IV: QPIRG-Concordia**

The organization is “a resource for student, community research, and organizing that aims to connect the campus to grassroots community struggles.” (QPIRG-CONCORDIA, n.d).

### **Collaborator V: Midnight Kitchen**

The organization is a “Vegan Soup Kitchen & Food Justice Org on McGill campus since ‘02” (Midnight Kitchen, n.d).

## RADSW X RADLAW X QPIRGs & CO ZINE EVENT – SOCIOHISTORICAL CONTEXT

In 2015, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) released a roadmap of 94 steps to help achieve reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples. These 94 steps are known as the TRC Calls to Action. As a whole, the document holds accountable the many actors complicit in the horrors of residential schools, as well as the institutions that still interfere with Indigenous ways of life. Before reconciliation can even be considered, we need truth.

The sacred teachings are an essential part of Indigenous ecosystems and consciousness. The medicine wheel, the wampum diplomacy system, and the Creator's teachings all existed long before settlers arrived.

First Peoples had a way of life before colonization—one where women held the power. For centuries, women were the ones assigning leadership roles to men. The clan bloodline, its culture, and its spirituality are all gifts passed from mother to child.

The Creator gave Indigenous Peoples instructions to bury their weapons and choose peace and brotherhood over war. In good faith, First Peoples taught settlers their way of life, hoping to live in peace alongside Europeans. While Indigenous Nations living on Turtle Island believed in abundance and love, Europeans believed in scarcity and survival. Our governments were behind the residential school system and enforced segregation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities. **Solidarity is a must. We cannot stay silent.** It is silence that allows governments to continue invading and exploiting Indigenous lands.

### CANADA IS UPHOLDING AN APARTHEID SYSTEM.

Today, residential schools still exist—but now, we call them prisons.

### **MANY INDIGENOUS PEOPLES ARE OVERREPRESENTED IN YOUTH SERVICES AND THE PRISON SYSTEM, along with other minorities.**

Community healing happens through solidarity—solidarity rooted in deep honesty and truth. To practice honesty, we have to be honest with ourselves. We need to connect, people to people. We are not robots—especially as social work and law students. We are in the people's business. We need to be real. We need to speak from the heart. We are living stories, meeting and connecting with one another. It's a powerful thing to truly hear another soul. Remember this: two mountains may never meet—but two people will. Mountains can be the revolutionary ideologies we dream about, or the Eurocentric capitalistic caste systems that try to wear us down. But people travel. Their words travel too—and those words build movements.

We thank Wayne “Doc” James for sharing his words with us.

# 94 CALLS TO ACTION

*As of April 1, 2025 37% of the 94 TRC Calls to Action are either NOT STARTED or STALLED? Why?*

**ONLY 15% OF THE CALLS TO ACTION ARE CONSIDERED COMPLETED - A DECADE AND ALMOST NO PROGRESS**  
**INDIGENOUS WATCHDOG IS ONE OF THE BEST - IF NOT THE BEST - SOURCE TO TRACK THE PROGRESS OF A CALL TO ACTION**

260 years of promises made and promises broken to  
Canada's First Peoples

What progress has been made since the TRC Calls to  
Action were released in June 2015?

Be informed. Speak up. Take action. Only then will reconciliation happen.

**PLEASE VISIT INDIGENOUS WATCHDOG  
TO LEARN MORE**

☐ Not Started  
☐ In Progress  
☐ Stalled  
☐ Completed



Child Welfare (1-5)

Education (6-12)

Language and Culture (13-17)

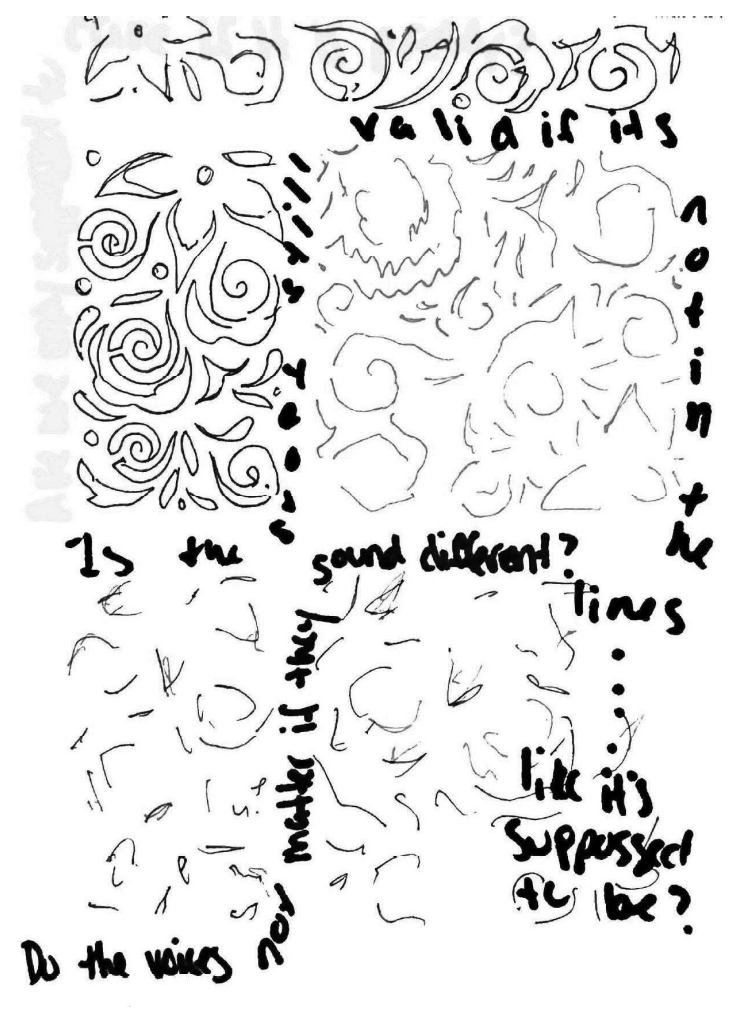
Health (18-24)

Justice (25-42)

Reconciliation CTAs (43-94)

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WHAT  
ABOUT

Hiring!

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que ça

"The truth is NOT  
YET FULLY  
TOLD!"

change!

KNOWLEDGE  
IS POWER

LIBÉRER

THE RIGHT FIGHT

RÉINVENTER

SCREENING TRUTH TO POWER



RIEN NE BOUGE SANS NOUS

EVERY

Nous célébrons! Et nous résiste!  
Nous célébrons! Et nous persiste!

Contre le colonialisme,  
je refuse et je résiste

CHILD

Anarchist

MATTERS



**Too Young**

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ACTION

SOLIDARITÉ

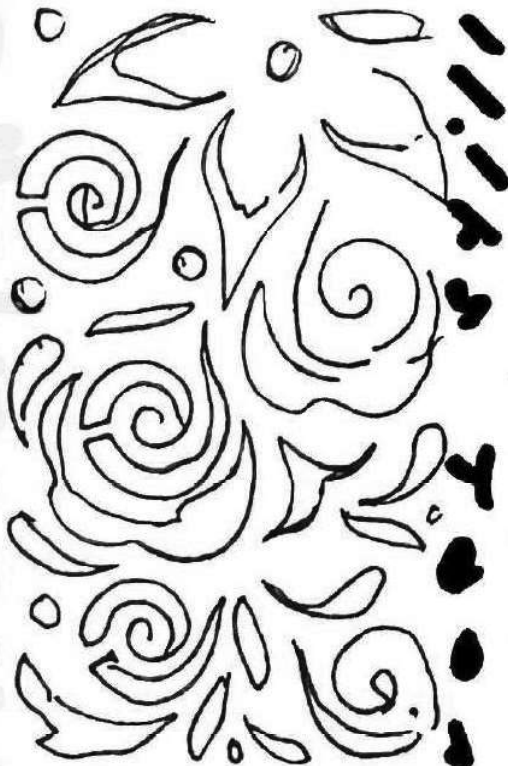
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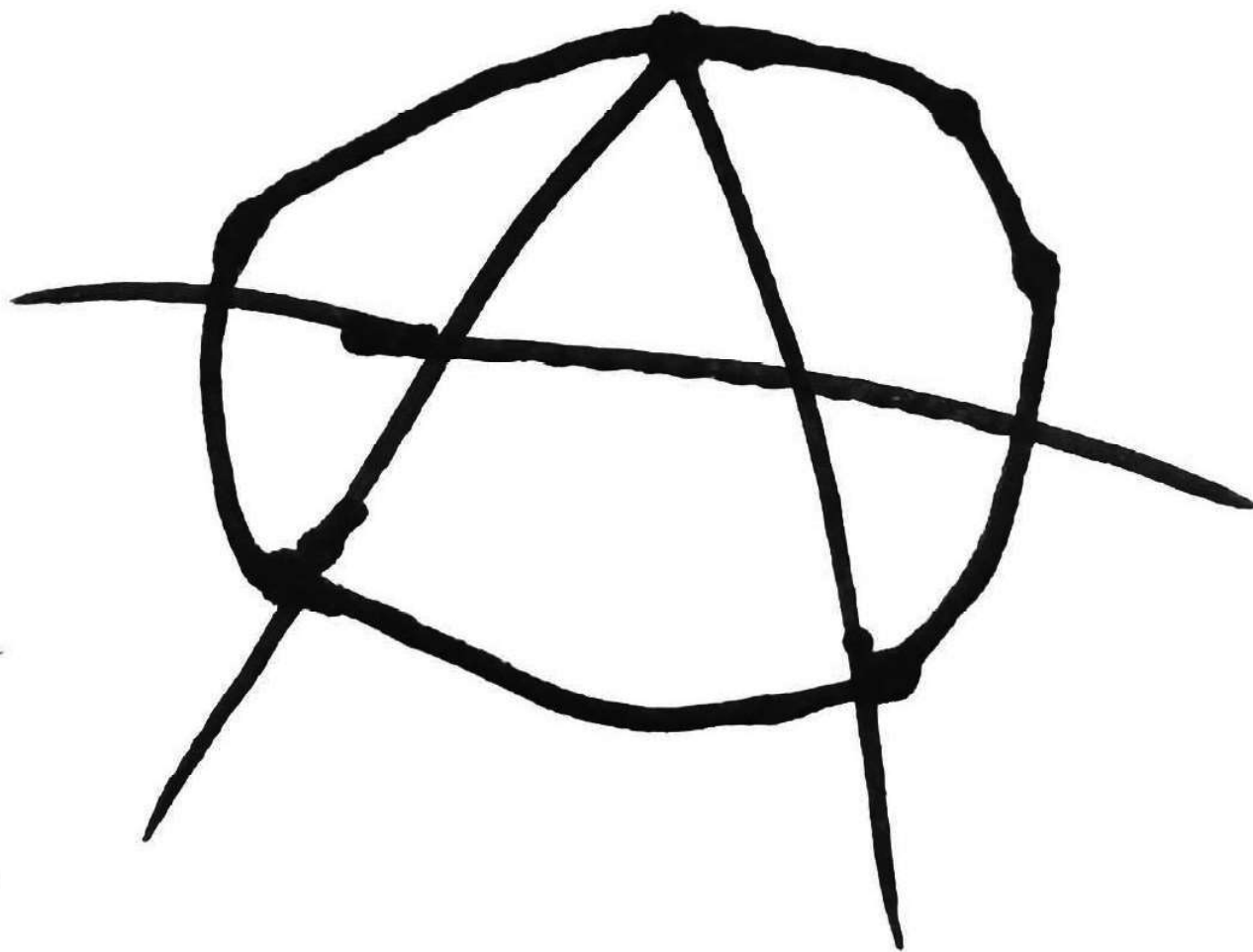
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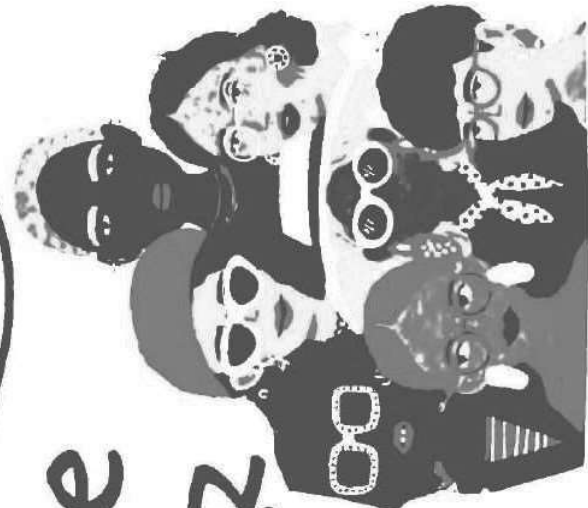


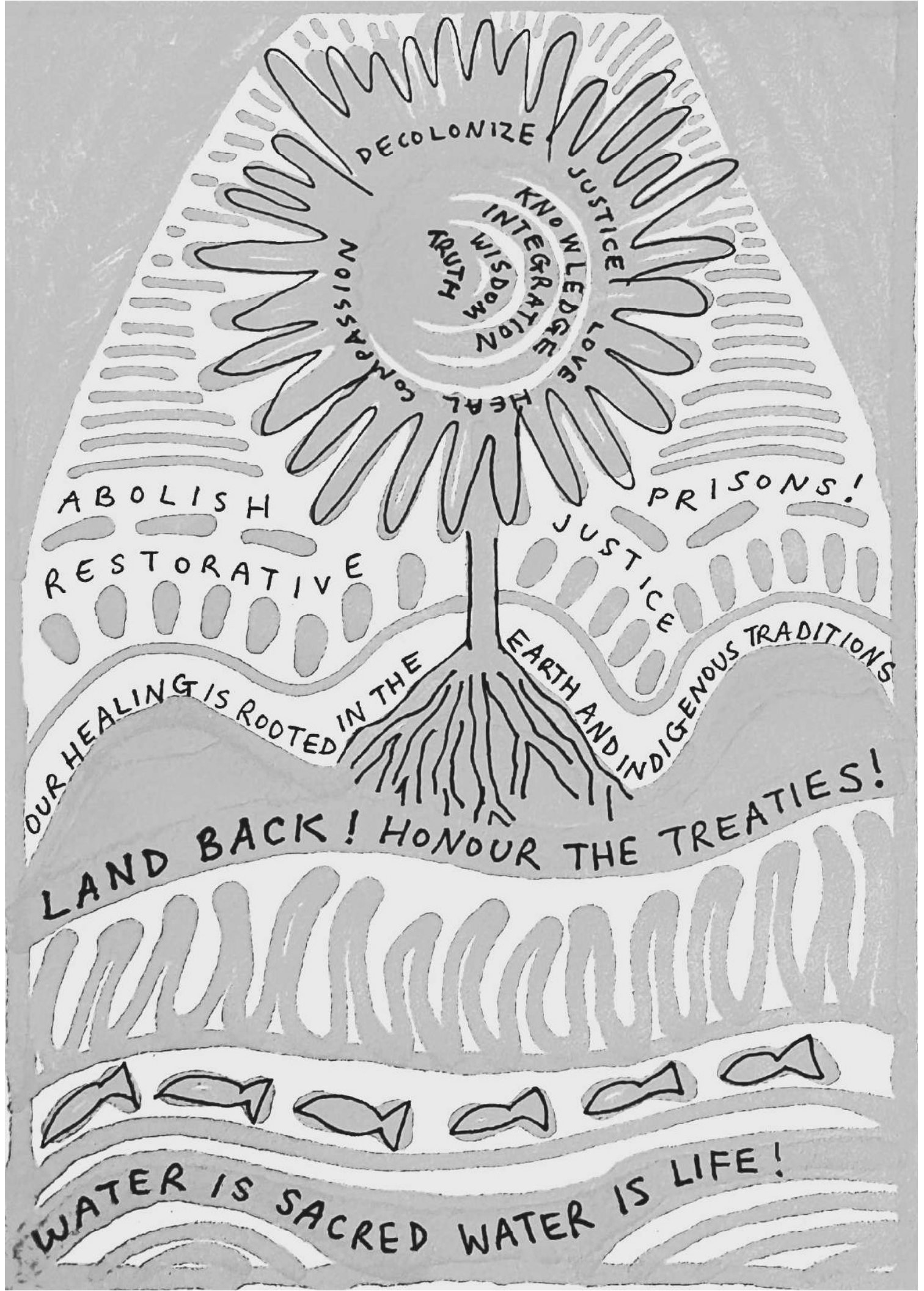
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OUR HEALING IS ROOTED IN THE

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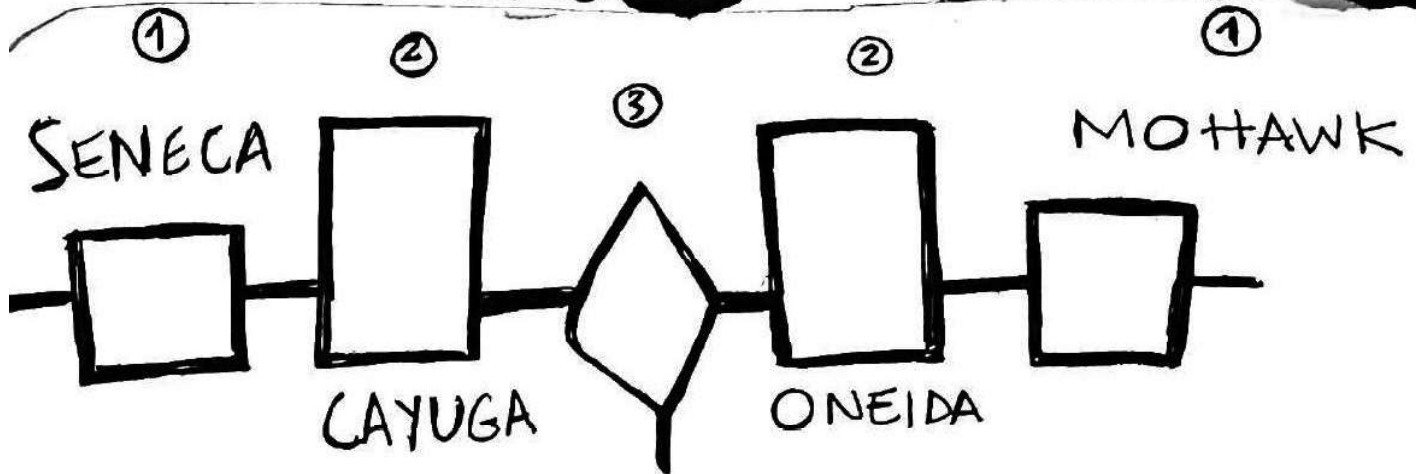
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INDIGENOUS TRADITIONS

LAND BACK! HONOUR THE TREATIES!

WATER IS SACRED WATER IS LIFE!





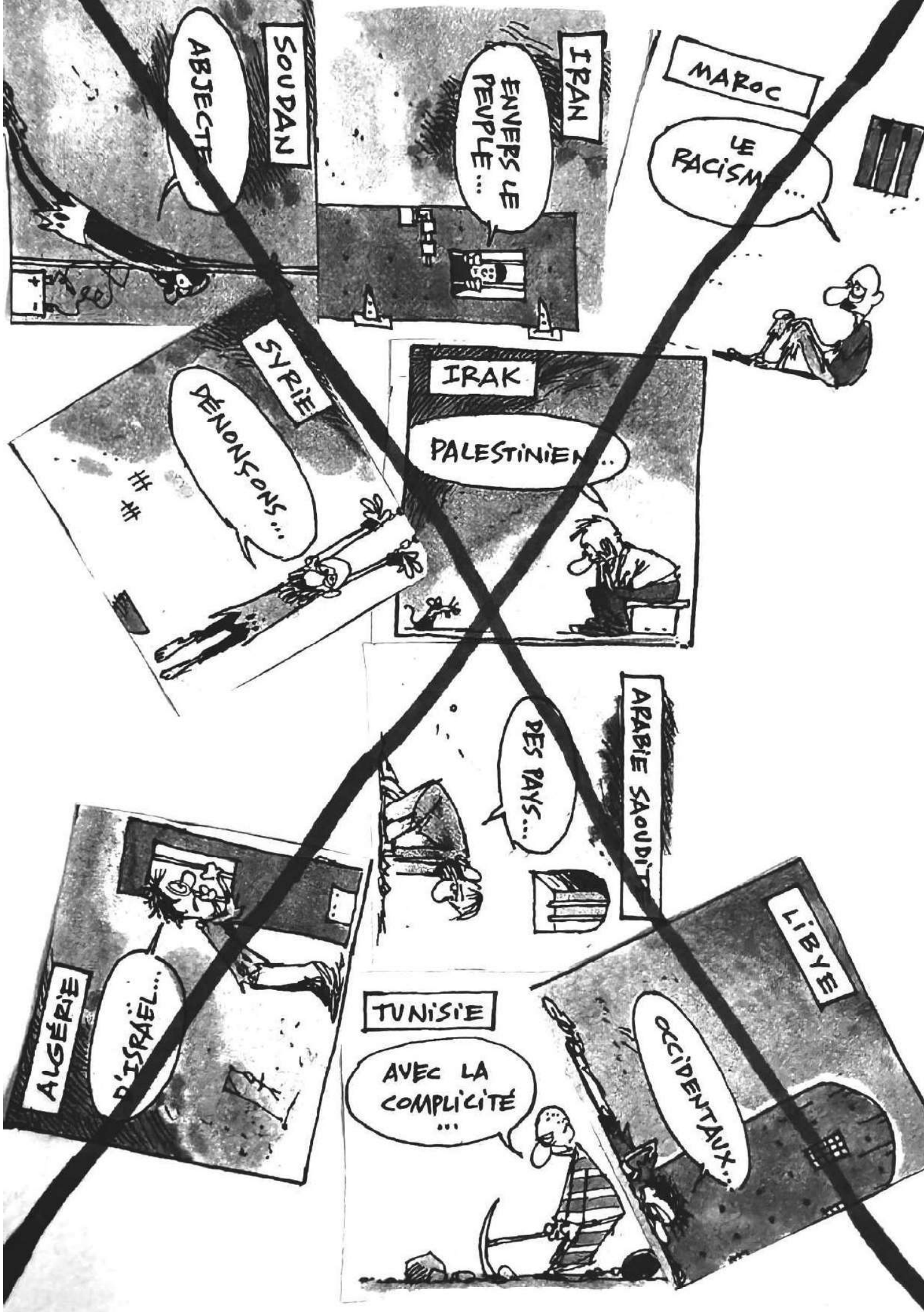
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- ② YOUNGER BROTHERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL
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KEEPERS OF THE WAMPUM
- NO to  
KKKANADA**



# LAND BACK

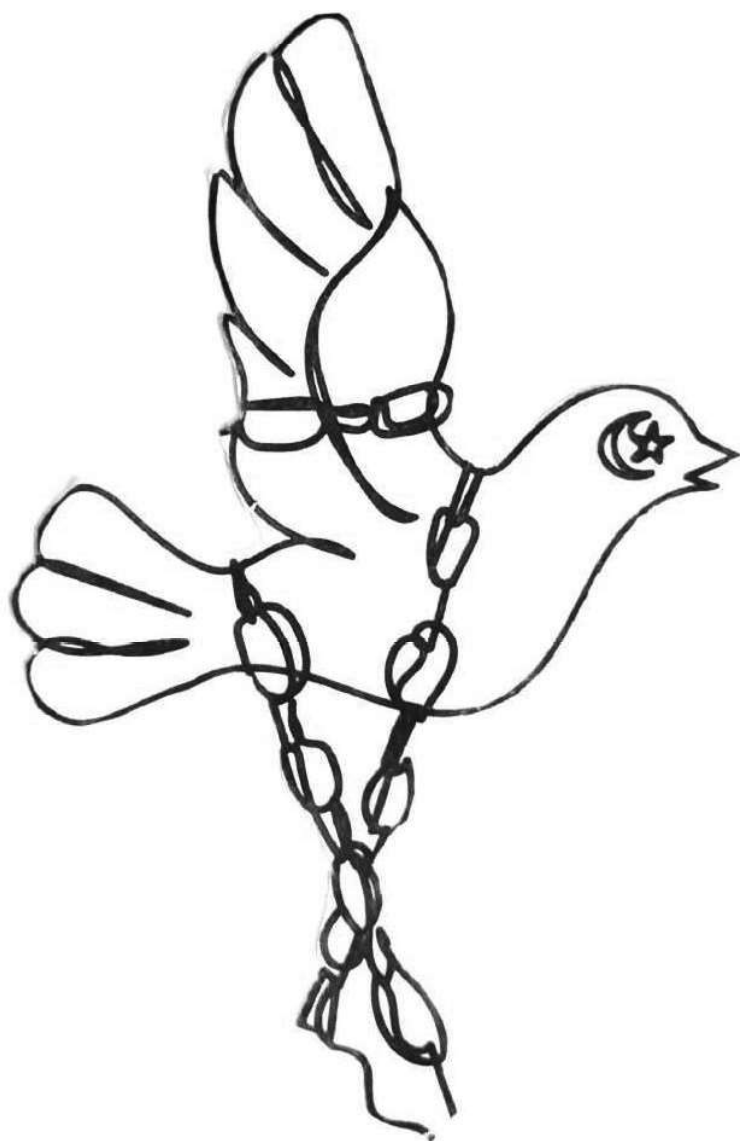
SETTLER COLONIAL STATIS  
AND A CRIMINAL ENTERPRISE

FROM HALSUS SIAS TO  
PALESTINE, OCCUPATION IS  
A CRIME









“Reconciliation cannot happen. At least, not between the Canadian and Quebec states and Indigenous peoples. There never was ‘conciliation’ in the first place—how could reconciliation happen? The colonial nation-states (and, frankly, all nation-states) are by design made to control their territories through violence and repress ways of life that do not replicate capitalism, colonialism, imperialism, sexism, queerphobia, etc.

It is no coincidence that Indigenous peoples are incarcerated at disproportionate rates and pipelines are still being built on unceded territories. The TRC is but an empty symbolic distraction. We settlers of all colors must reckon with what is really required to abolish the state and all the hierarchical structures of power.

To liberate ourselves from the paradigm engendered by the Treaty of Westphalia, the Doctrine of Discovery—terra nullius. Everyone would benefit from societies that do not overwork us while destroying the Earth in the process. But, to get there, we need to create the economic, social, and political structures that can replace the old world, as well as international networks of solidarity. That would be reconciliation.”

## ANYWAYS, Y'ALL SHOULD READ

Tawinikay!



