

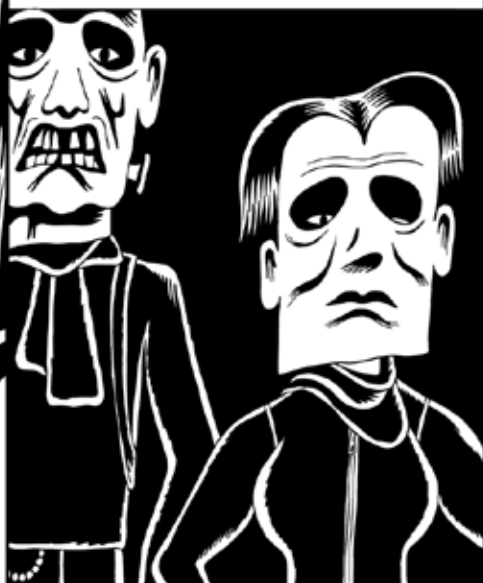
The Organizer



THE AGENCY I WORKED FOR IS AN ACRONYM YOU'D RECOGNIZE, BUT PERHAPS NOT THE ONE YOU'D EXPECT



IT SOUNDS VERY DRAMATIC TO BE AN "INFILTRATOR," BUT THE DAY TO DAY WAS VERY BENIGN. ONCE A WEEK, I'D REPORT BACK ON MY GROUP'S ACTIVITIES TO THE AGENCY



THERE WAS FREQUENTLY VERY LITTLE TO REPORT. I NEVER KNEW WHAT THEY GLEANED FROM MY DISPATCHES



I WONDERED WHAT THEY MADE OF THE MINUTIAE OF OUR GROUP CHATS, OUR MEETING NOTES-- ARGUMENTS ABOUT PROCEDURE, STACK, INTERPERSONAL CONFLICT



WE PERFORMED OUR LITTLE RITUALS
AROUND SECURITY



THE MASKS WERE ONE OF THEM.
"SKELETON'S" IDEA, WE'D GO ON NOT
KNOWING EACH OTHER'S FACES



AT THE DEBRIEF LATER THAT
NIGHT, I'D START AN ARGUMENT



I WOULDN'T PARTICIPATE IN THE
ARGUMENT. I'D INSTEAD SET TWO
OTHER MEMBERS OFF AGAINST EACH
OTHER. I'D INSTIGATE IN A WAY THAT
WASN'T OBVIOUS



MY ROLE WAS CHALLENGING. IF I WAS PERCEIVED AS OVERLY PASSIVE, THAT'D DRAW SUSPICION. ASSUMING A LEADERSHIP POSITION WOULD ALSO BE SUSPICIOUS



I HAD TO REMAIN INNOCUOUS WITHIN THE GROUP, BUT ALSO INDISPENSIBLE TO IT



I FOUND MYSELF RELYING ON CERTAIN WORDS TO BLEND INTO CONVERSATION



"MILITANCY." "CAPACITY." "ESCALATION"



THESE WORDS SEEMED TO MEAN
SOMETHING AT SOME POINT IN TIME, AND
DIDNT ANYMORE



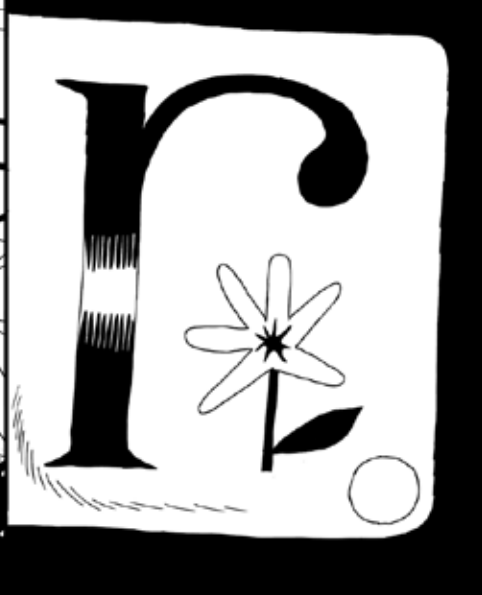
"WE MUST ESCALATE," I'D SAY AT A
MEETING. "NOW IS THE TIME TO ESCALATE.
THE POLITICAL MOMENT IS RIFE FOR
ESCALATION"



THE GROUP WOULD NOD APPROVINGLY.
LATER THAT WEEK, WE'D SPRAYPAINT
A WINDOW, OR SOMETHING



I KEPT A FAKE JOB, WHICH IS OF COURSE
MOST JOBS

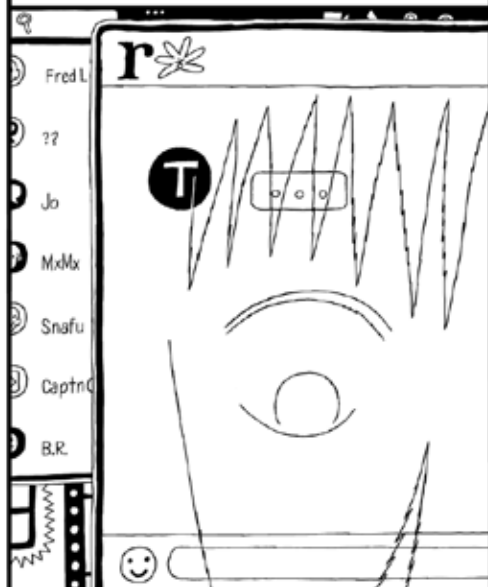


I DESIGNED UI FOR A DATING APP CALLED *RILE*. IT WAS INITIALLY DEVELOPED FOR WEALTHY AND CELEBRITY USERS, CAPITALIZING ON A SCANDAL FROM A FEW YEARS PRIOR WHERE A PUBLISHING MAGNATE'S POLYAMORY WAS OUTED VIA ONLINE PROFILE



What **riles** you up?
Here at *rile*, we know privacy is
currency. Making connections.

RILE DIDN'T SUCCEED AS A DATING APP, BUT BECAME KNOWN AND USED FOR ITS ENCRYPTION SERVICES



RILE OFFERED ENHANCED LEVELS OF PRIVACY FOR ITS USERS, INCLUDING MULTIPLE LAYERS OF MESSAGE ENCRYPTION



Greg T Hey what's up



FF Just following up on yester



Crow lol hell naw



QQC okok, see you there



Timothy

ITS ENHANCED SECURITY WAS USED FOR A RANGE OF PURPOSES: DRUG DEALS, CRIMINALIZED ORGANIZING ACROSS THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM, SUPPORT NETWORKS FOR VICTIMS OF ABUSE, WHISTLEBLOWING, SEXUAL PREDATION



Yo,

MY OWN GROUP USED IT EXCLUSIVELY
FOR CORRESPONDENCE



TO AVOID FEDERAL REGULATION, RILE HAD
TO STILL ADVERTISE ITSELF AS A DATING
APP FIRST AND FOREMOST



WHEN I HAD INFORMATION FOR THE
AGENCY, I'D GO SWIMMING

