

# The art of

Within capitalism, most of us are either (1) alienated from our labour and hence dependent on the ruling classes for commodities as basic as food and clothing, (2) excluded from the division of labour, in which case we are likewise dependant on the State, or (3) performing unpaid and/or unrecognised labour and hence dependant on patriarchal relations for food, clothing, etcetera. In any case, our access to resources is severely limited by contemporary relations of domination.

likely to be charged for burglary as well as theft.

2. [Redacted]



Some people will suggest that shoplifters are a selfish breed, since 'we all pay for it in the end' through inflated prices to cover losses and so forth. However, comrades, this and closely analogous arguments are used to justify lowering wages, breaking unions, lowering corporate taxation and taxation on the rich, etcetera. If we are going to accept the idea we have an interest in maintaining the high profits of the rich and corporate sector we may as well sell ourselves into bonded slavery now, or join the Liberal Party.

No, the injunction against stealing from capitalism is itself a capitalist ideology and should be spurned as such. Although we have been taught that 'thou shalt not steal', an order historically backed by threats of divine retribution,

inside of it.

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# shoplifting

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2. [Redacted] signs such as 'shoplifters will be prosecuted' or 'security police patrol this store'.

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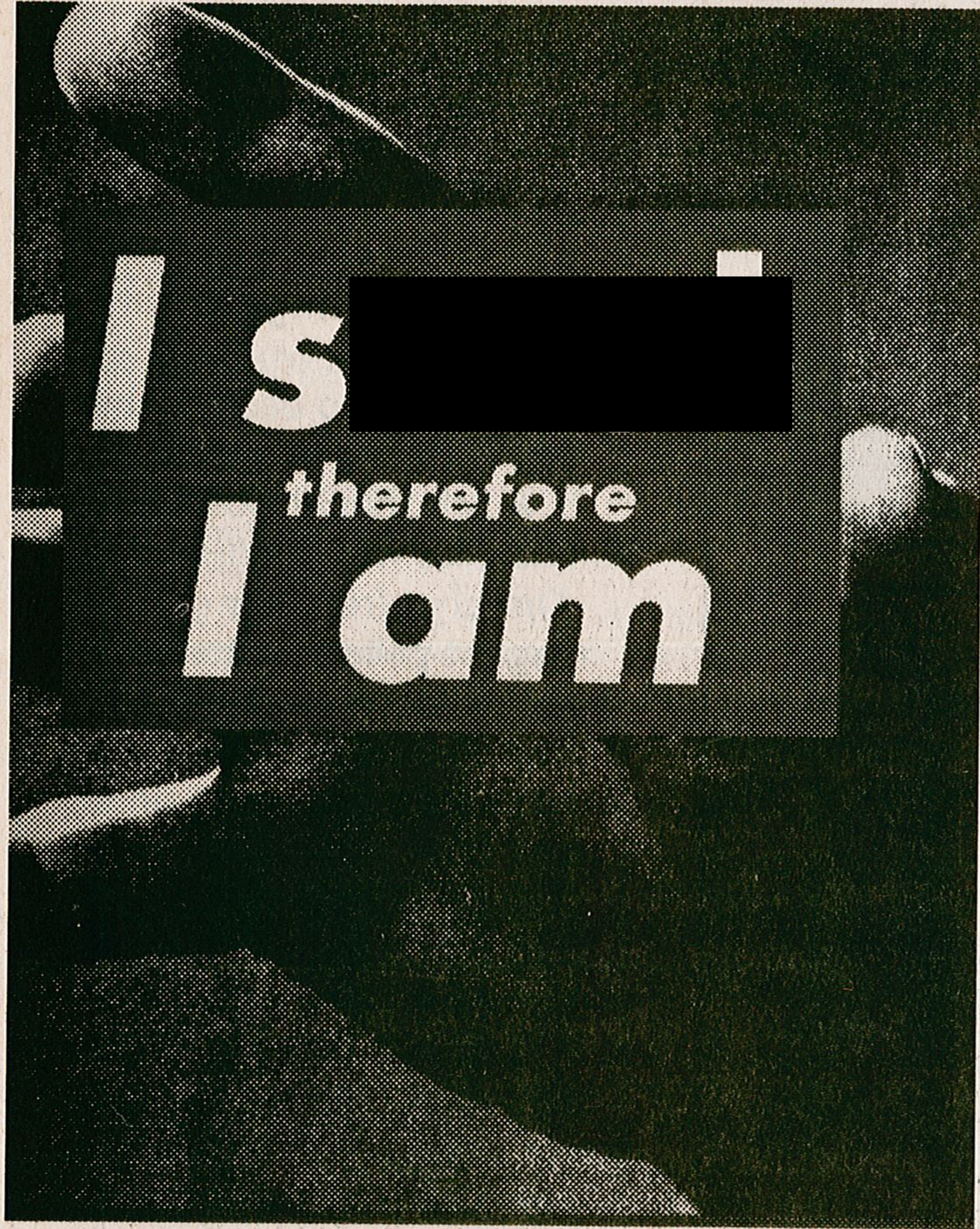
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**There was a maggot** with a gun walking down Brunswick Street. Trying to decide which cafes should stay open and which should close down. Rumbarellas was the first to go. One shot from her gun and maggot-pellets shattered the large windows through which wanna-bes from Doncaster watch lives they cannot understand but continuously judge. The life promoting compost from others ensures their survival, for now. She's seen, walking with her gun, around Melbourne. Her work is never simple or easy, the decisions are always complicated. Brunswick Street is cleansed. A maggot with a gun is walking down my street.

**David McKenzie**



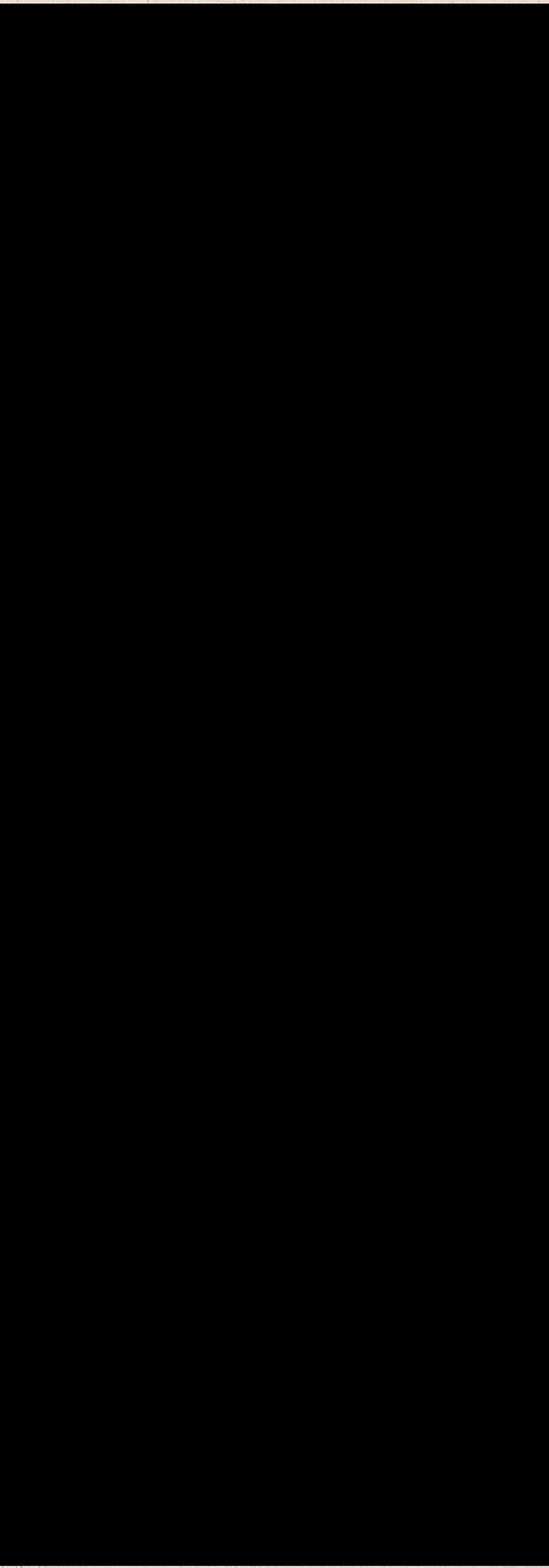
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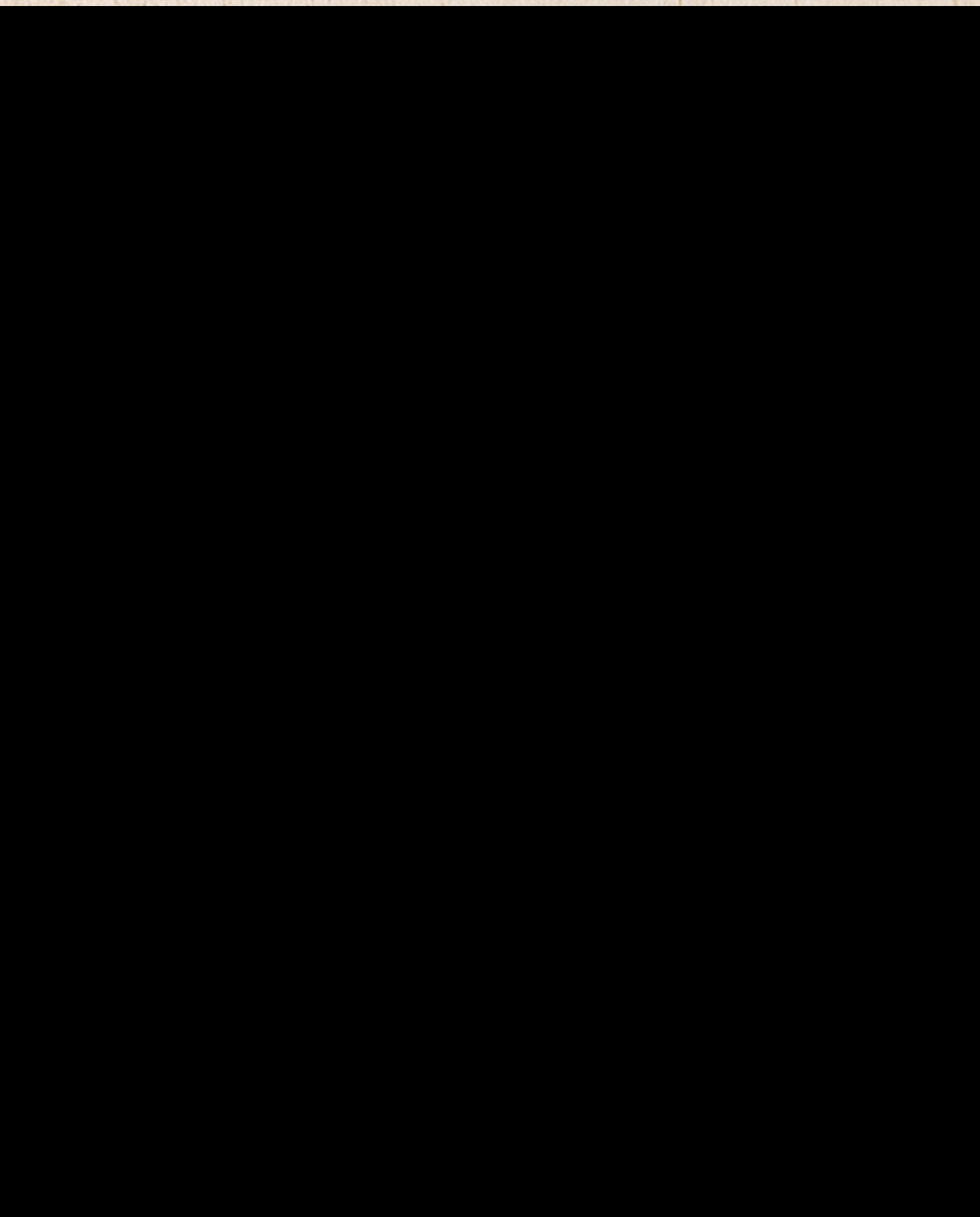
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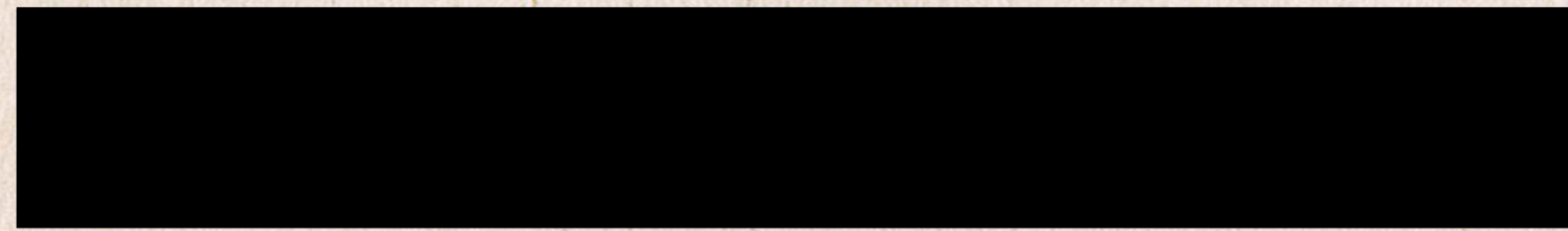
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Even though some stores say they have a policy to call the police it is not necessarily true and they may.

Don't antagonise the filth—it is their personal discretion as to how bad you get busted.

You are most likely to be charged with 'theft' if caught shoplifting, but you can be charged with 'burglarly' as well if you don't have any money on you. 'Equipped to steal' is what you will be charged with if, for example, you have a slit in the lining of your jacket for concealing stolen goods. 'Obtaining financial advantage' and 'deception' are what you are likely to be charged with as well as 'theft', if caught exchanging stolen items.

Carmen Lawrence, with thanks to Josuah and Destroyer 267.

If you get [redacted], the following telephone numbers will be useful.

- Alphaline Emergency 24 hour free legal service (for people under 25 years old) Phone: 419 7427
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- Aboriginal Legal Service Phone: 419 3888
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