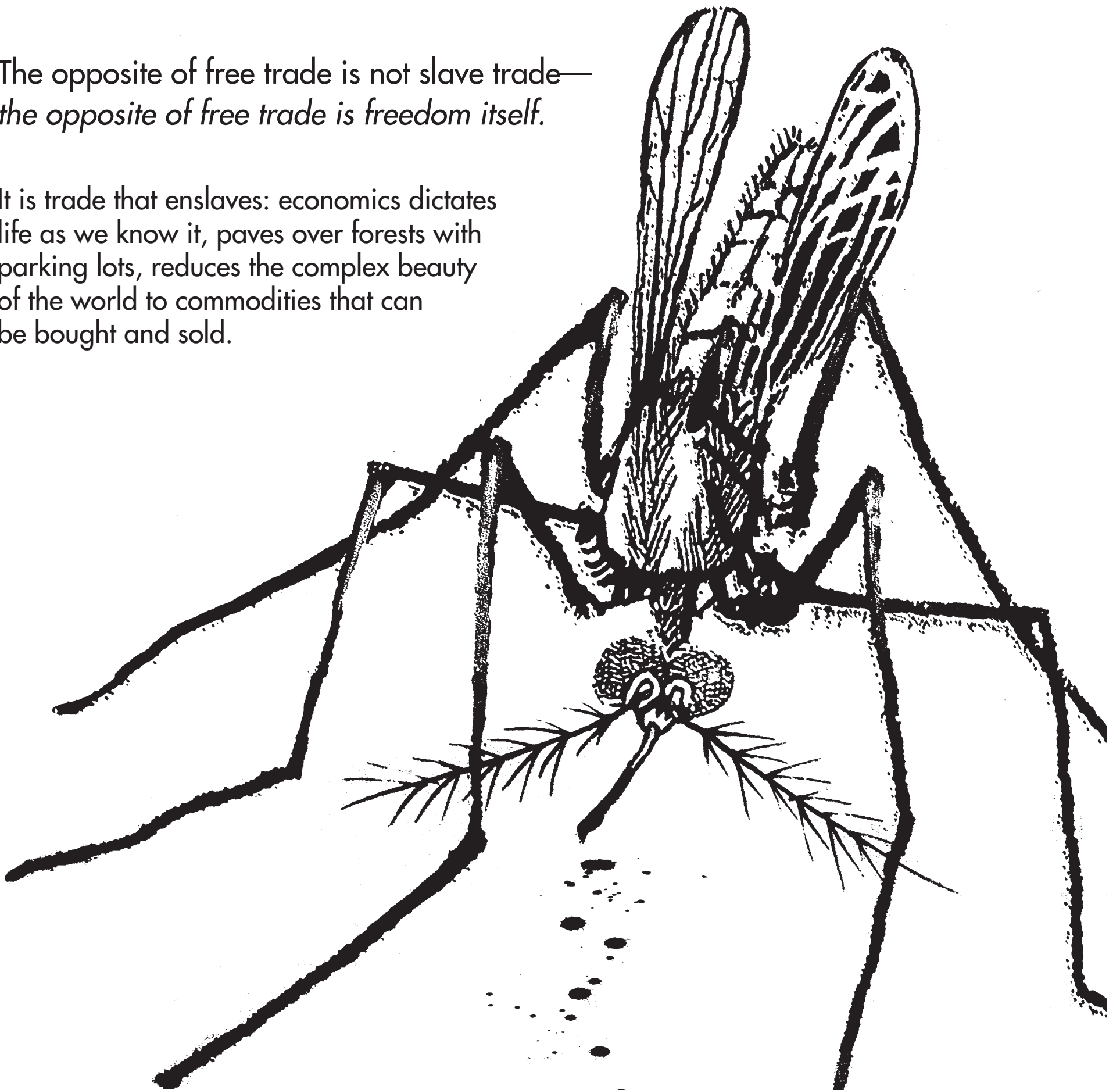


The opposite of free trade is not slave trade—
the opposite of free trade is freedom itself.

It is trade that enslaves: economics dictates life as we know it, paves over forests with parking lots, reduces the complex beauty of the world to commodities that can be bought and sold.



FREE TRADE IS A CONTRADICTION.

Gifts are free; trade is precisely that which is not free—and today, trade is the means by which the rich get richer at everyone else's expense. Some are born into billion-dollar fortunes while others begin life in abject poverty, and starting ahead in the game makes it easy to stack the cards; it's not a coincidence that there are ten thousand homeless people for every Bill Gates.

Those advantages aren't enough for today's fat cats. They want to remove all barriers between them and the maximum profit. If they get their way, there will be nothing to stop them from turning the last of the rainforests into junk mail, from moving the factory that employs your cousins to a country where they can pay fifty nine cents an hour for the same labor, from buying out the last vestiges of democracy.

Some of us believe it is *people* who deserve freedom, not commerce. In our protests against so-called free trade, in our efforts to act according to our consciences rather than in return for cash, we are rediscovering what real freedom is. Don't trade in your freedom—join us.

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