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With the deepening of surveillance, the integration of police forces, the increased use of private security, the existence of courts, repression and isolation, the walls of prison are already built around us. If we don't accept this miserable life offered to us, they'll always have room for us in their overcrowded cells. The fear of being ripped apart from our loved ones and thrown into jail is what we measure, each day, against our existing servitude.

In the streets, prisons, psychiatric institutions, detention centres, there are those who do not come to peace with their exploitation, who do not bury a taste for freedom, for a better life, just because a judge imposes it. There are people who refuse the daily humiliation of obeying guards and bosses. For whom the walls and the barbed wire of the prisons are not yet marked in their brains but are taken as obstacles to overcome.

We desire to stand with comrades and accomplices who refuse to accept this reality, who refuse to be defeated by the System, who taste freedom in the ashes of prisons. We want to shed our fear and together confront the prison apparatus – the surveillance cameras, the police, the alienating consumer culture, the prison itself.

A question is often raised: what do we do with the murderers and rapists? In this question lies the assumption that the current system offers a solution. All the prisons have yet to "correct" the elements of society that breed this violence. Let us think instead about what we can do with each other, how we create communities of self-determination and autonomy that do not breed this rape culture through patriarchy, or genocide through racism.

We want to expand our solidarity in struggle against prison. We want people to join us and directly confront the systems of social control. We want to be everything prison isn't: uncontrollable, joyful, creative...

The location for this demo T.B.A.

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