

Even when we are sincerely convinced

that we are denouncing a society's evils, generated and conducted according to its own logic; we are only confirming the state of things. An order of things where false taboos are very cleverly brought out for public condemnation while the real ones are buried deep. All the same, through expressions, glances, allusions and silences, the aberrations seep through.

In a troubling incantation our society blames women for all ills, for all sufferings. Men are afraid. Afraid of the system that they built and which holds them hostage. Complicit in their own death, they fall all over themselves in their rush to put a victim weaker than themselves into the executioner's hands.

You are like a sheep my brother. You are like a sheep when the executioner dressed in your skin raises his stick. You rush to get back into the flock. And you run towards the slaughterhouse; almost proud... (Nazim Hikmet)

Men talk, talk, talk about women who... women that... They talk about women in order to exorcise their fears and to avoid talking about themselves.

When they talk about "mixing" between men and women it's only to play on the malaise of a society which is sexually sick! And they say watch out for your girls! While no-one seems to mind if they take advantage of boys!

Shhh.... Silence! This is the real taboo which you must

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Might Makes Right

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NEVER discuss. The ethics of violence encourage promiscuity between men. The young and the less young inhabit the same space and the law of the jungle rules!

Prostitution is taken to mean women and only women. Even though we know there is male prostitution, of adults and boys! It's there! For a very very long time it's been part of our customs!! (And since you like to talk about "nature" my good sirs whenever you talk about women, the submission of men to other men is "natural" and is found even among monkeys!)

NO! SILENCE! Only women bleed... and this is reassuring. And women are beaten down. No questions asked. For these slippery semantics of collective cowardice women are sacrificed on the alter of a besieged morality.

Men think that by locking women up, they can lock up their own terrors. When a girl gets home late, she is greeted with anger. She is threatened with losing her chance to study, to work... But when a boy comes home late... things are whispered... things are silenced... fears are buried.

WOMAN becomes the failure, the suffering, the humiliation, in a gigantic marionette show where the puppets pretend to cut loose from their strings. The order of males is the order of violence, and it holds together through the game of complicities and submissions, more or less conscious, more or less desired.

"Machismo" reaps its victims among men as well as among women. The worst of it is, that the majority of people are neither the strongest, nor the richest, etc. But in exchange for the "illusion" of being strong by squashing women, most men submit to the law of those stronger than they are!

Just as women boast of their "protectors" (father, brother, husband...), men have their "protectors" modestly designated as "relations" (the term is suggestive...).

No pity for the man alone, scorn for the abandoned woman. Both are ruthlessly ground up in the gears of a machine whose principles are those of an economic and social order where the strongest rules.

It's the same thing in politics, to bring the poor countries to their knees the Emirs of the Gulf impose their dictates on

OPEC. Iraq invades little Kuwait and FAHD calls upon his "protector" BUSH for help! How splendid are REASONS OF STATE, in a man's world!

Machismo is the real opiate of the people!

Crowds of young people, under-nourished physically and culturally, desperate, shouting at the top of their lungs: "SADDAM chiquour el marican!" "Saddam, the pimp, buggers the Americans!" There, superbly erected as a political credo, is our ultimate value!

(...) IMPERIALISM is happy to encourage this macho symbolism in under-developed countries. Sylvester STALLONE and SCWHARTZENEGGER are never going to be deciding the fate of America! They are for export! It doesn't take much imagination to guess what kind of men will be put into power by our people brought up on various kinds of "Rambos"! This secular drama is repeating itself endlessly and will continue to repeat itself until men understand that they can't build their strength on the "weakness" of women; or, until they wipe themselves out.

Our systems seem to function as if cartoon characters were real people! We gargle with slogans. We Arabize, under pressure, in order to become more independent. Come on! As if the dollars poured into Arabic computer programs were worth less to Imperialism than those spent on French ones!

All the cardboard "SCUDS" which give illusory glory to our young people are not worth one potato dug up from this earth, one lesson understood, one stop light respected, one part produced by Sonacome...etc. They are not even worth one correctly sterilized syringe or a police report given out without a beating at the corner police station!

Furthermore, the potato, the spare parts, and the university theses must profit those that produce them and not those who specialize in manipulating slogans and crowds.