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DEVILS
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the universe took its time on you
crafted you precisely
so you could offer the world
something distinct from everyone else
so when you doubt
how you were created
you doubt an energy greater than us both

- rupi kaur



FETISH is dedicated to all women of color. It is your stories and experiences we share with the world. By sharing your stories, we expose the racist and misogynistic culture of Colorado College. To be a woman of color in America (and beyond) is to live at the nexus of gender and race in a white supremacist patriarchy. The fetishization and sexual objectification of women of color is pervasive and destructive in our campus community. Included within these pages are your stories, poetry, and art. Though it may be small, we are creating a platform upon which your voices may be elevated, and your stories may be heard.

THANK YOU

Racial Climate @ CC

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TC: How do you thin...
... PROVING RACIAL DYNAMIC

How do you interact w/Women of Color on campus? Do you interact w/us at all?

SARCHÉ

I'VE DEDICATED SO...
... YOUR GOALS...
... LIFE...
... SEARCH YOU

"You don't sound black"

Understanding diversity n...
... ed but as a ... so not as
... but rather, as something th...
... all need to live in diversity
... citizens, cause the world is
... And I will also say maybe
... only been here a couple

... So many different names I have been
... called by white boys ... Asian Sensation, sushi
... roll, & tofu mami.
... The professor along w/ 2 other white male
... students joked about how my skirt looked it

I dropped the class b/c his continuing behavior is absolutely terrible. I felt fetishized in a gross way"

TC: WHAT HARDSHIPS D...
... IN ACADEMIA?

"I threw that skirt away. It wasn't even a short skirt."

"It went past my knees."

Do you find certain groups of POC more acceptable or approachable than others? Why?

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... critical of the informa...

A Racist: Can I speak to your supervisor?

Me: I am the supervisor.

Racist: No, I mean someone-- (White ally enters space)

Racist: Are you the supervisor?

"You're like an Oreo"

"I wish I spoke up though, I wish I called him out but I didn't"

"You're like ... not black black though."

Do you have a token POC friend?

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to you wherever you may be

you wanted to write a note that sunk before it could even float

we had this fragile relationship surrounded by a boat

And I thought I could coo...

I always wanted true relationships, while they always wanted jokes

So I went into friendships that weren't really friendships.

floating by like a ghost, feigning hope

I choked:

are you afraid to be seen like this in public?

I've asked this question too many times to too many people

then the answers I always get are soft words that blow gaping holes into my eyes

My soul sinks further, sees into these tears I've cried

And even though I can't swim I accept the blows because swimmers

loneliness I can't rise

And when I fall for you

And there's no one around to witness

Have we fallen together?

Is this a true feeling inside?

Or is this no one else's business?

Are we playing games?

I feel like I can't understand men any more

God is my witness

relationships, I'm always waiting for men to reconsider

waiting as the toll gets bigger

waiting for a non-figure

In the end all I've become is bitter

Bitter born through my senses

Children of the night

Cause I can tell these boys are sick and twisted

Bitter burns through emotion

Boys are like bitter potions

You'll make assumptions of me

Assume I'ma give it up for free

Take it all and then leave

bitter burns through my senses

Bitter black girl victim

(Bitter stop cussing then)

Stop modeling for them

When they get all of me

don't you see?

I can't see myself

I've given all of it away

To people who just take

Traverse in relationships, fake

(This bitter tastes of hate)

I've seen seen as of late

but I can't pose

And I can't speak because my words drown

And your boat sunk before it could even float

I said I didn't feel nothing, baby, but I lied

I almost cut a piece of myself for your life

Guess I was just another pit stop

till you made up your mind

You just wasted my time

I think it's messed up we can have multiple white princesses who look similar, but only one of each minority. Never mind we don't have a Latina

Asian Fetish

AND MORE THAN ONCE. Just name a couple that I am comfortable enough to share here:

1. A fifty-year-old journalist (not a colleague: He is relatively accomplished) invited me for a lunch once, and I just met him in person for the first time.

He basically used his phone to take photos of me while I was eating my food. Even after I said please don't do that, he continued and said, "You are so pretty. I just cannot help it."

Then he kept finding excuses to touch my hand. The way he looked at me was really gross.

Somehow, he also implied that I should feel extremely flattered that a very-accomplished man like him actually took a serious interest in me. OMG, the whole thing is so CREEPY and GROSS.

2. Another time, a guy invited me for a meal, not a date at all. After the meal, he basically grabbed me and kissed me on the lip. He and I are not even friends. We barely know each other. So WTF is this??!!

3. A CC professor used to send me very inappropriate messages. Luckily I never took a class with him, so I just blocked him afterward. I did report this incident.

etc.

To be honest, the thing I regretted most is that, in all of these incidents, I just responded politely, "Please don't." I really should have slapped them in the face!! That's how FURIOUS I feel about those men, and yes, even now

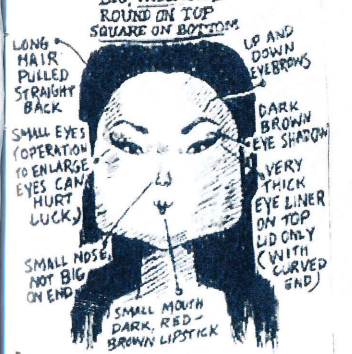
JAPANESE NARROWER FACE



CHINESE ROUND, FLAT FACE



KOREANS BIG, WIDE FACE ROUND ON TOP SQUARE ON BOTTOM



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I LOVE ASIAN WOMEN - Rana Chang
 You go to Asian country once
 and love it so much you study the language
 How is speaking Japanese supposed to impress me?
 Lots of people speak Japanese. Even more people speak Chinese.
 You can speak Sanskrit maybe I interested.

Asian fetish boy claims to know so much.
 Talks about dynasties and Pocky.
 You have a bachelor's degree in our culture.
 (With double major in computer graphics to find job.)
 But when chopsticks aren't available you eat your rice with fork.

You like girls fresh off the plane
 with their soft voices and thick accents.
 They raise them so secure there-even when angry
 they still cute!

Funny you think them naive when
 you the one ready to believe anything
 If I told you the squid eye the best part
 you would proudly eat it, smiling ink in your teeth.

Asian American girl is harder to understand.
 She speaks perfect English and thinks you the foreigner
 that you not go to smart kids camps, never play piano or
 tennis or drive Honda.
 Instead you grow up with curfews, allowance, and dessert
 after supper if you good,
 raised by parents who act like they love each other and
 their kids.

Think you'll ever find your very own china doll
 with strong Asian family allegiance and authentic cooking
 skill?
 Such a woman would never marry a man
 who don't even know when to take off his shoes.
 Who know? Maybe he carry Caucasian disease
 (like skin cancer!)

So you go back to Asia with backpack, notebook, and no fears.
 The people there so hospitable and kind.
 Well, my Asian fetish boy, I invite you. Give me phone call.
 Come visit my hot exotic country. . .
 so that I can rip you off for the tourist that you are.

To answer your call for voices from women of color on campus, I have this:

I am amazed at the shock, awe, and surprise from my male, white counterparts when they find out of my varied

interests. I hike, I shoot, I camp, I box, I play basketball, I watch sci-fi, I am still in school and I am a single mom with intelligence. It is more than the look of total shock that irks me most: why is it a surprise that I am so well-balanced and educated? Why does my ambition raise eyebrows or suspicion and make non-POC people look at me as if I am a different species of creature?

I defy the statistics, I know this. But instead of surprise, I prefer support. Instead of shocked admiration, I prefer truth in appreciation.

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*This happens to staff here @ CC
as well as students!*
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I don't have many experiences with white men past freshman year, but I remember during my FYE, a white male (in an attempt to flirt) asked me if had ever been a video vixen. In the moment I thought, are music videos the only time he's seen attractive black women? Why would he think that this chemistry class is the appropriate time to ask me if I've been a video girl? We are in the same place and space but somehow you think I (at 17) have been working in music videos. Whatever



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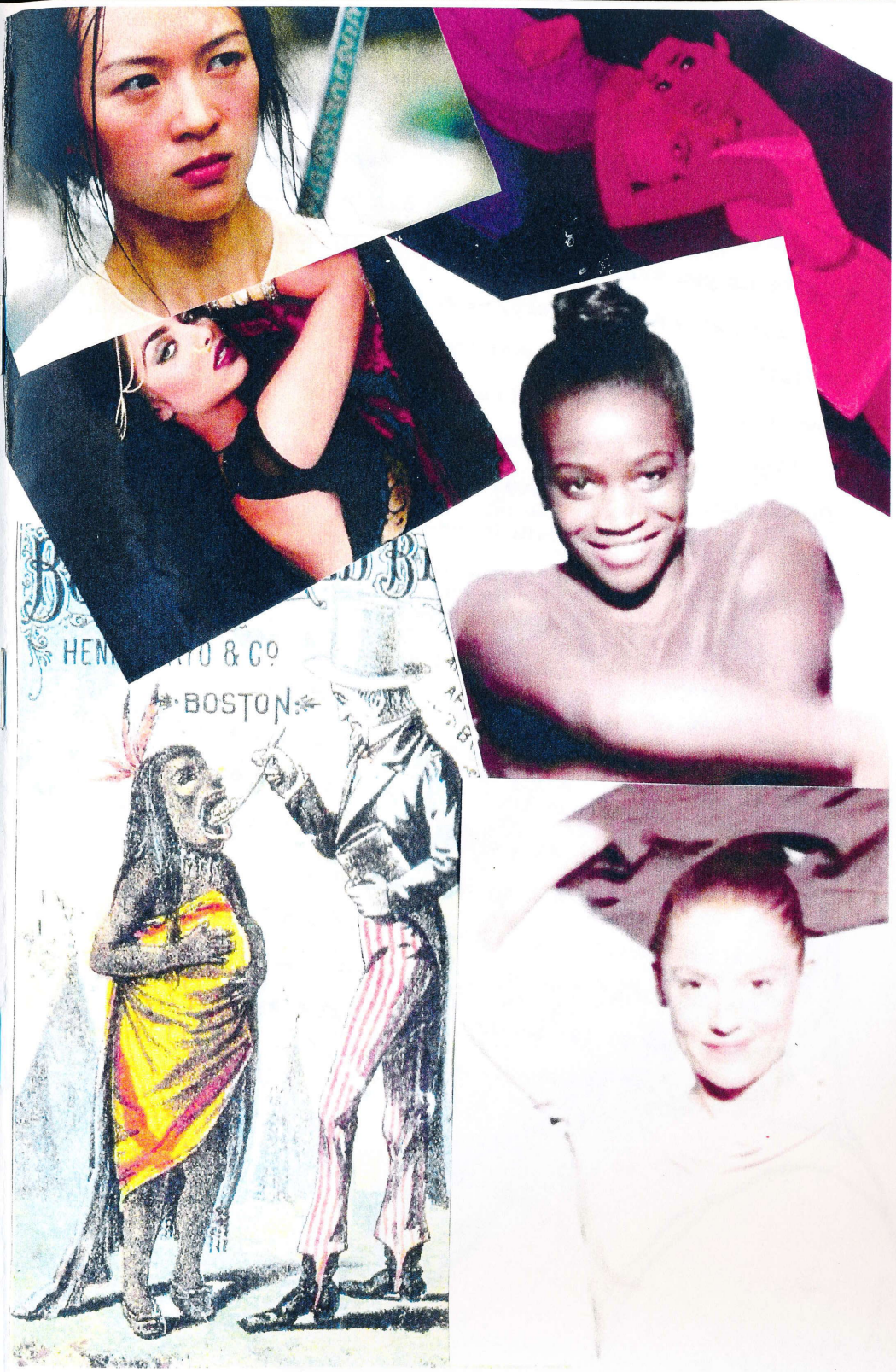
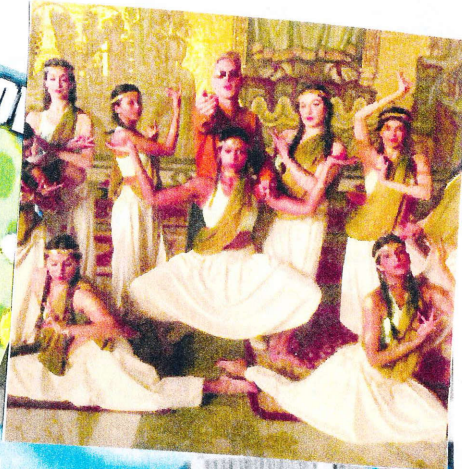
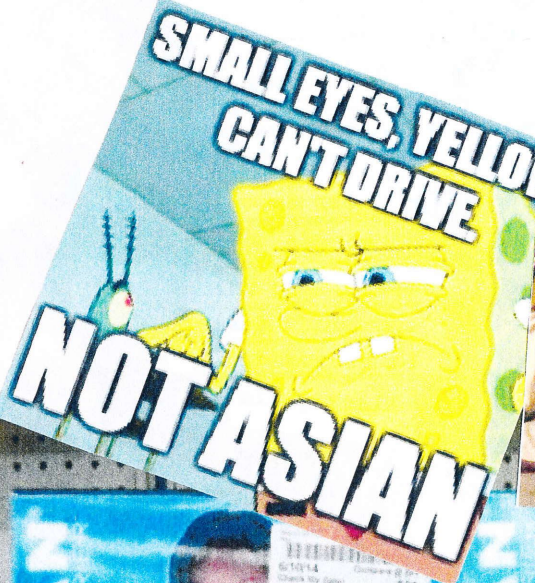
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- do latinas have straight hair

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I'm Feeling Lucky



Being a Muslim in my country, you can be a Muslim as free as you can. Nobody will judge you. Nobody will look at you strangely, even if you are a Christian, nobody will judge you in my country. However, if you are a Muslim in the US, it is kind of difficult. It is a challenge to be a Muslim. When I first came here, I was wearing my Hijab, and somebody in the downtown, he was riding his car, and he hold me, he shouted at me, Go home! You terrorist! And I was like, OK. At that time I figured out that as a Muslim, I am in danger, I am not treated like other people. Because especially I am Hijabi (wearing Hijab), this makes it difficult for other people to understand that it is part of my identity, it is my religion. At that moment, I felt insecure and I had to take off my Hijab for a while. Then I just felt emotionally strange. I did not feel myself. I was not in my own skin. So I decided to put it back, because how it is useful to be accepted by others when in your inside you are not content?

I am a Muslim Woman

By Fatma Zahra

I am a Muslim Woman

I walk with dignity and speak seriously

I am practical and responsible

I am humble, honest and a true person

I am content of my self and I explore my life

for my serenity is my strength

True to those who hear my heart.

I'm neither cheated nor abused

I don't envy other woman

I'm not plagued with depression

I'm certainly not confused

and I don't need to be defensive

because I know myself well with high esteem

and humility to some aspect of life

I established my career with

Allah's guidance

single amount is a product of

my sweat

though you often stare as you see me

my veil signify my being Muslim

I believe in modesty and trying to

lower my gaze

I ain't impressed by money, cars,

clothes or fame

I was taught that peace is not that

absence of war

But peace, is a feeling that

can only come from

remembering your God.

I am a Muslim Woman

I stand up for what I believed

for GOD has guided me to the right path

I prostrate to the One GOD.



May 5th is the National Day of Awareness of Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls

In some tribal communities within the United States, indigenous women are murdered at rate of ten times the national average.

Among all indigenous women between the ages of 10 and 24 in the United States, murder is the third leading cause of death.

The disappearance and murder of Native women is part of a spectrum of violence experienced from birth to death. The Department of Justice reports the rate of violent victimization among American Indian women is more than double that among all women. The disappearances and murders are the end result of this spectrum of violence.¹

So the next time you want to wear a Native headdress, dress up as a "Sexy Indian Princess," or say to Indigenous students, "Native Americans still exist!?" remember this!

¹From Restoration of Native Sovereignty and Safety for Native Women

How do I pay tribute to a flag that bleeds red with the lifeblood of my ancestors?

This great nation was founded on the principles of freedom and equality.

A very valiant notion indeed.

But whom is this freedom and equality for?

It is most certainly not for black and brown bodies.

-Inez Jasper, singer/songwriter

White oppressors colonize our minds,

normalizing the erasure and Genocides of our Indigenous Peoples.

March! The command of soldiers rings loud and clear. For it was never cowboys and Indians that we needed to fear.

Laws and a military created for the benefit of all serve to further the white mans agenda.

Build a wall they shout, but who are you keeping out?

The people who were on this land before arbitrary boundaries existed.

The mestizos who walk with one foot in the land of the Spaniards, and the other in the land of the Indians.

It only makes sense that land is what it all comes down to.

Land bought and sold from treaties never honored.

A force that can never be conquered.

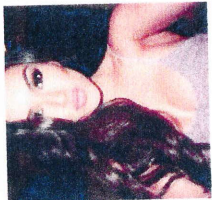
We are still here, we exist.

And as long as we exist, we will continue to resist!

-Inez Jasper, singer/songwriter

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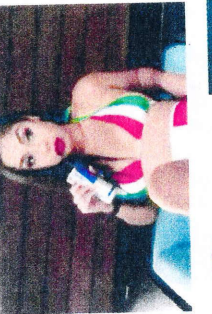
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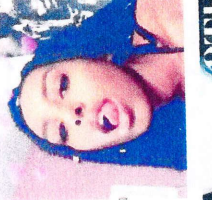
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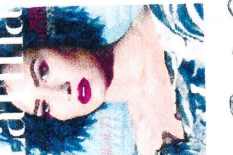
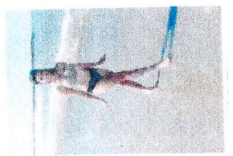
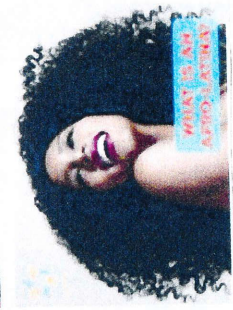
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READER ACTIVITY

Google's search engine is optimized to provide results based upon the searches of its users. While this may seem benign, in reality it reinforces & reproduces the white supremacist male hegemony. We see here that a simple image search for "Latina" produces a slew of sexualized images of women of color, note also the related search terms: "model," "attitude," and "half." This limited perception of Latinas not only perpetuates stereotypes but also defines what does and does not constitute Latina identity. What do you see?



READ

laughs in black

This Bridge Called My Back: Writings by Radical Women of Color

For Colored Girls Who have Considered Suicide/ When the Rainbow is Enuf

Indigenous Women & Work: From Labor to Activism - Williams, Carol

The Private Life of Mrs. Sharma - Kapur, Ratika

We Need New Names - Bulawayo, NoViolet

Trace: Memory, History, Race, and the American Landscape - Savoy, Lauret

Borderlands - Anzaldua, Gloria

Anything written by Rigoberta Menchu

Orientalism - Said

I WANT TO LOVE AND SUPPORT YOU

I am Malala - Yousafzai, Malala

Pandita Ramabai: Life and Landmark Writings

Can you justify capitalism in three words or less?

Most of these are @ Titt Library? And for free?

what is stronger than the human heart which shatters over and over and still lives

- rupi kaur



This zine is only a surface level representation of the various identities and lives of WoC or CC's campus and greater C.Springs area. We have simply used what was given to us to make a space for stories to be told. This zine only represents a fraction of the experiences and intersecting identities of WoC or CC. Thank you again to the WoC who have contributed to this zine, for without you, this project would not have been possible. We respect you and value your presence and energy on this campus.

