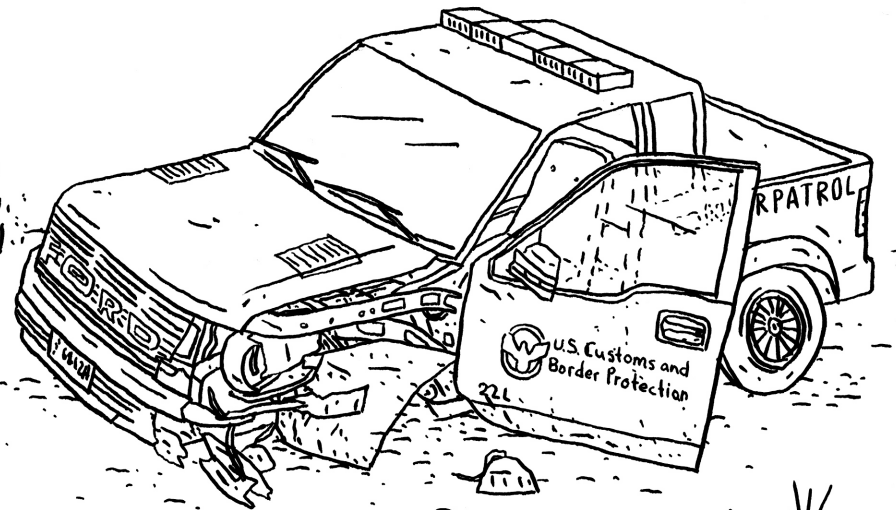
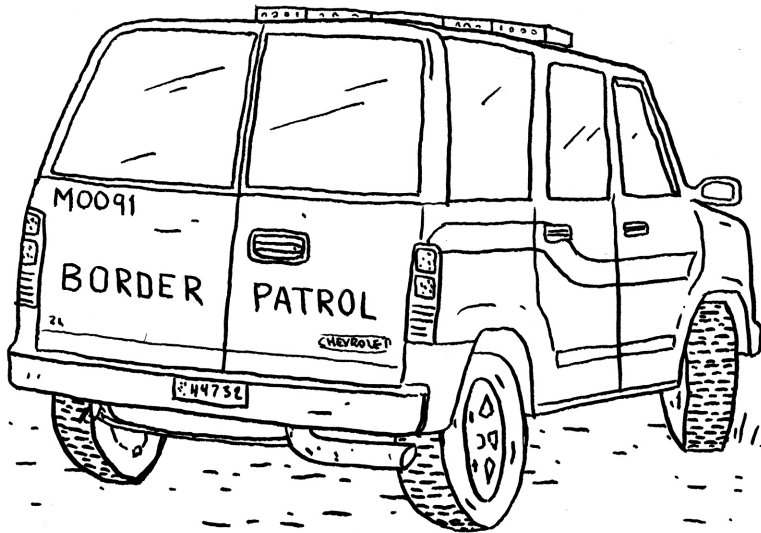


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for those taking
a crowbar to the
walls of the state

Further Reading

Fatima Insolación "The Insurgent Southwest"
Martha Escobar "No One is Criminal"
Crimethinc "Designed to Kill"
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Chaparral Respects No Borders
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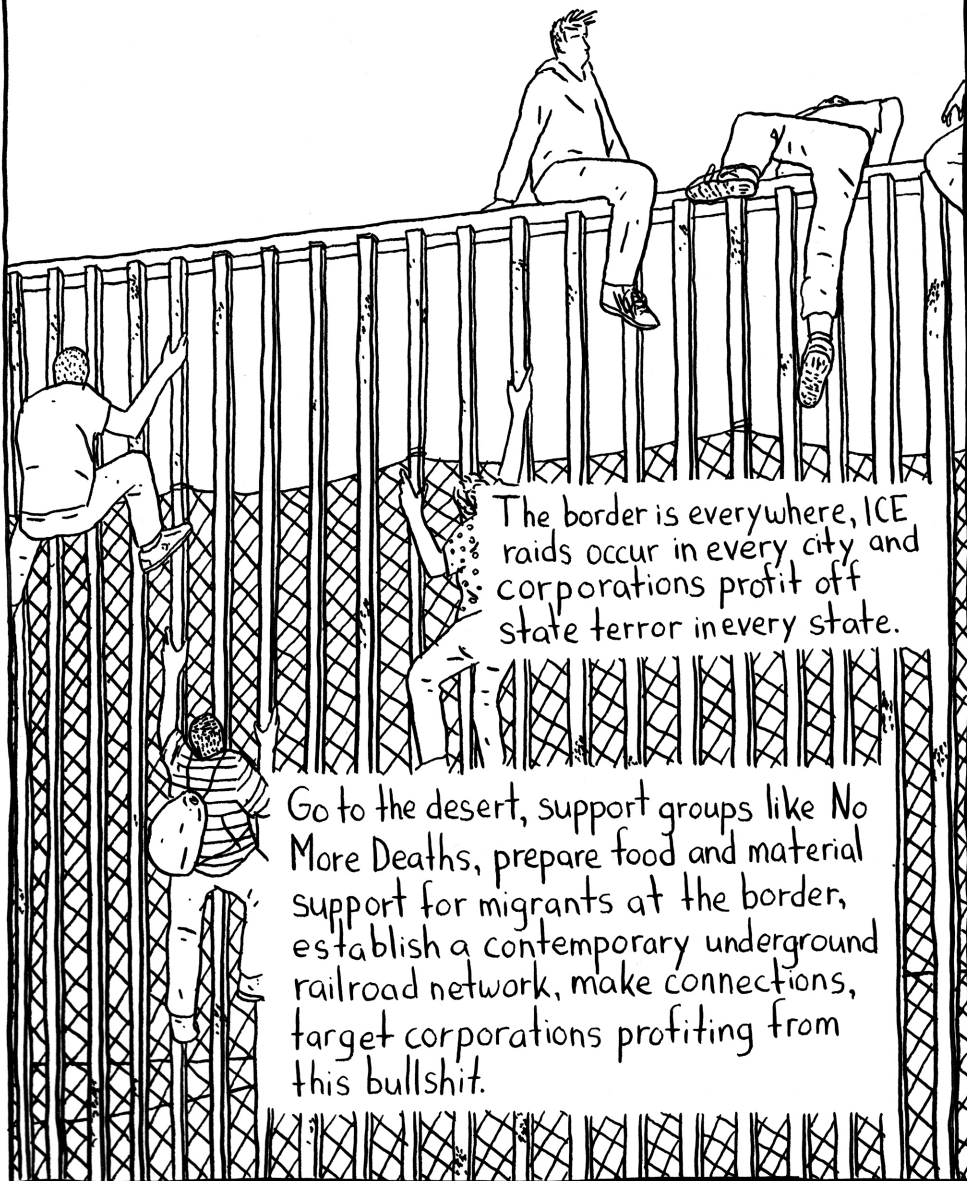
Enclave Caracol (Tijuana)

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No More Deaths (Tucson)

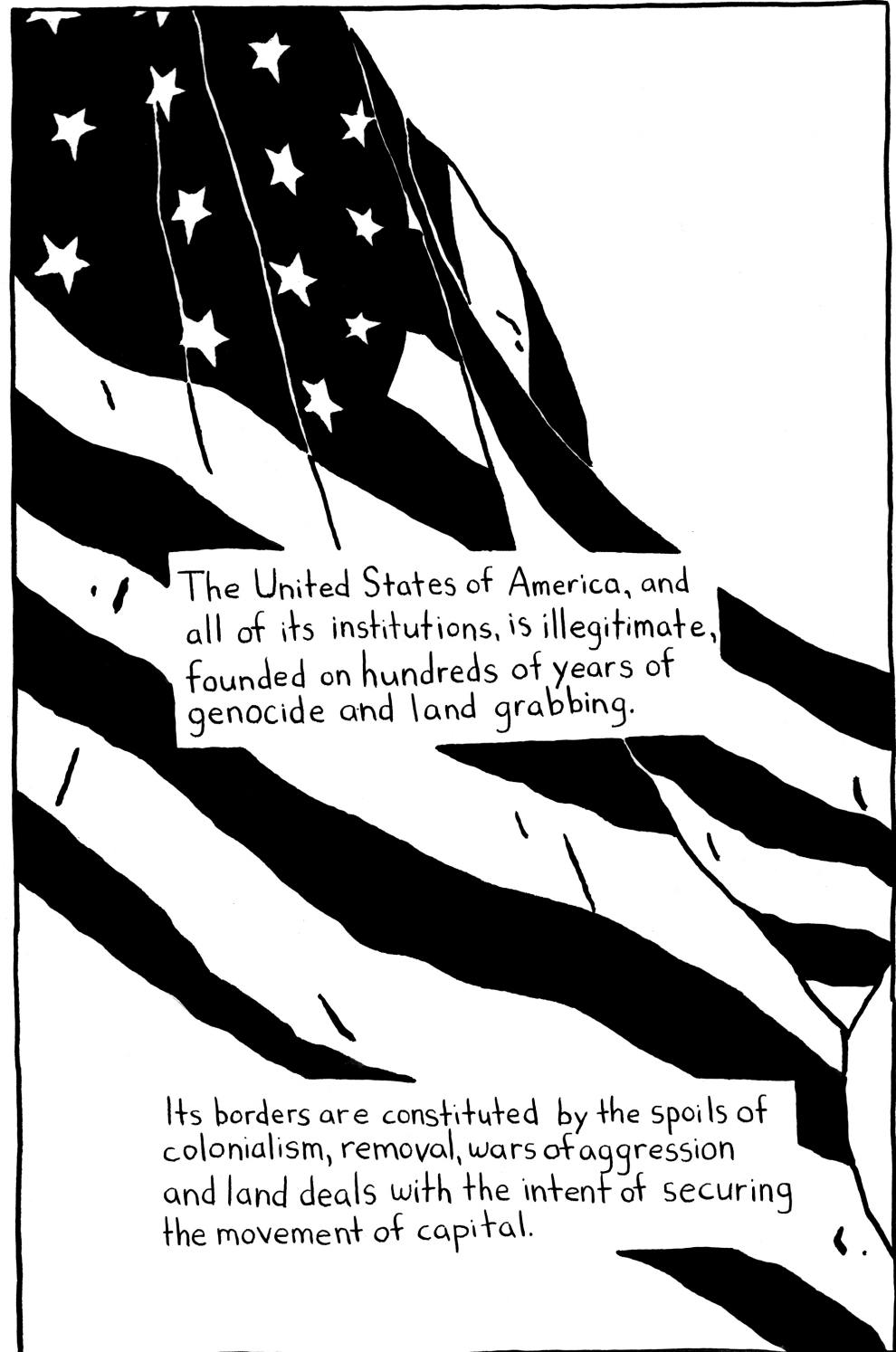
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We must conspire together, to destroy the border,
and therefore the United States of America.



The border is everywhere, ICE
raids occur in every city and
corporations profit off
state terror in every state.

Go to the desert, support groups like No
More Deaths, prepare food and material
support for migrants at the border,
establish a contemporary underground
railroad network, make connections,
target corporations profiting from
this bullshit.



The United States of America, and
all of its institutions, is illegitimate,
founded on hundreds of years of
genocide and land grabbing.

Its borders are constituted by the spoils of
colonialism, removal, wars of aggression
and land deals with the intent of securing
the movement of capital.

Over the past 25 years, under both Democratic and Republican leadership, border policy has grown more extensive and more violent.

Sealing off border cities, the border fence steers migrants deep into the remotest deserts.

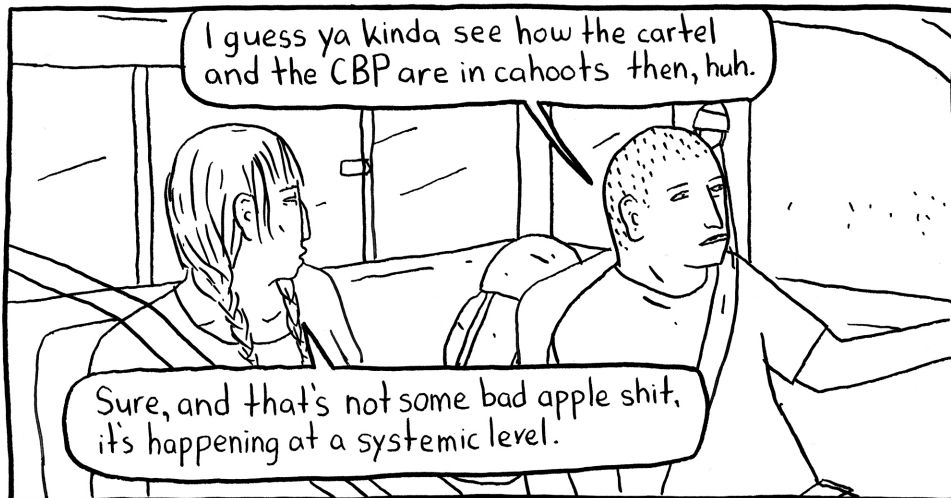
and U.S. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) often funnel people into the busiest routes, laying in wait miles and miles north along the same route.

People have been moving forever.

While the U.S. government has played a major role destabilizing Central America, which has contributed to the movement of people north,

a perfectly acceptable reason to cross is because you fucking want to.

As thousands swell at the border, we ought to create relationships that realize our collective desire to subvert the state and the associated system of economic oppression.



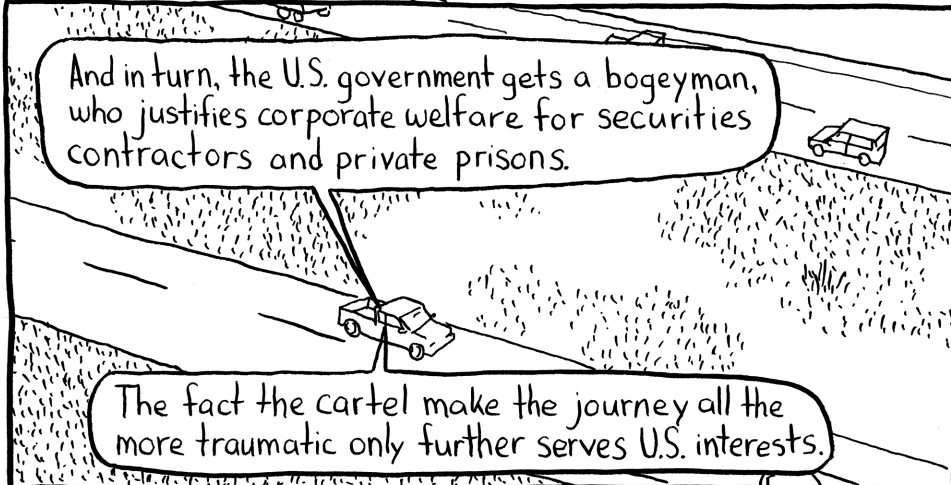
I guess ya kinda see how the cartel and the CBP are in cahoots then, huh.

Sure, and that's not some bad apple shit, it's happening at a systemic level.



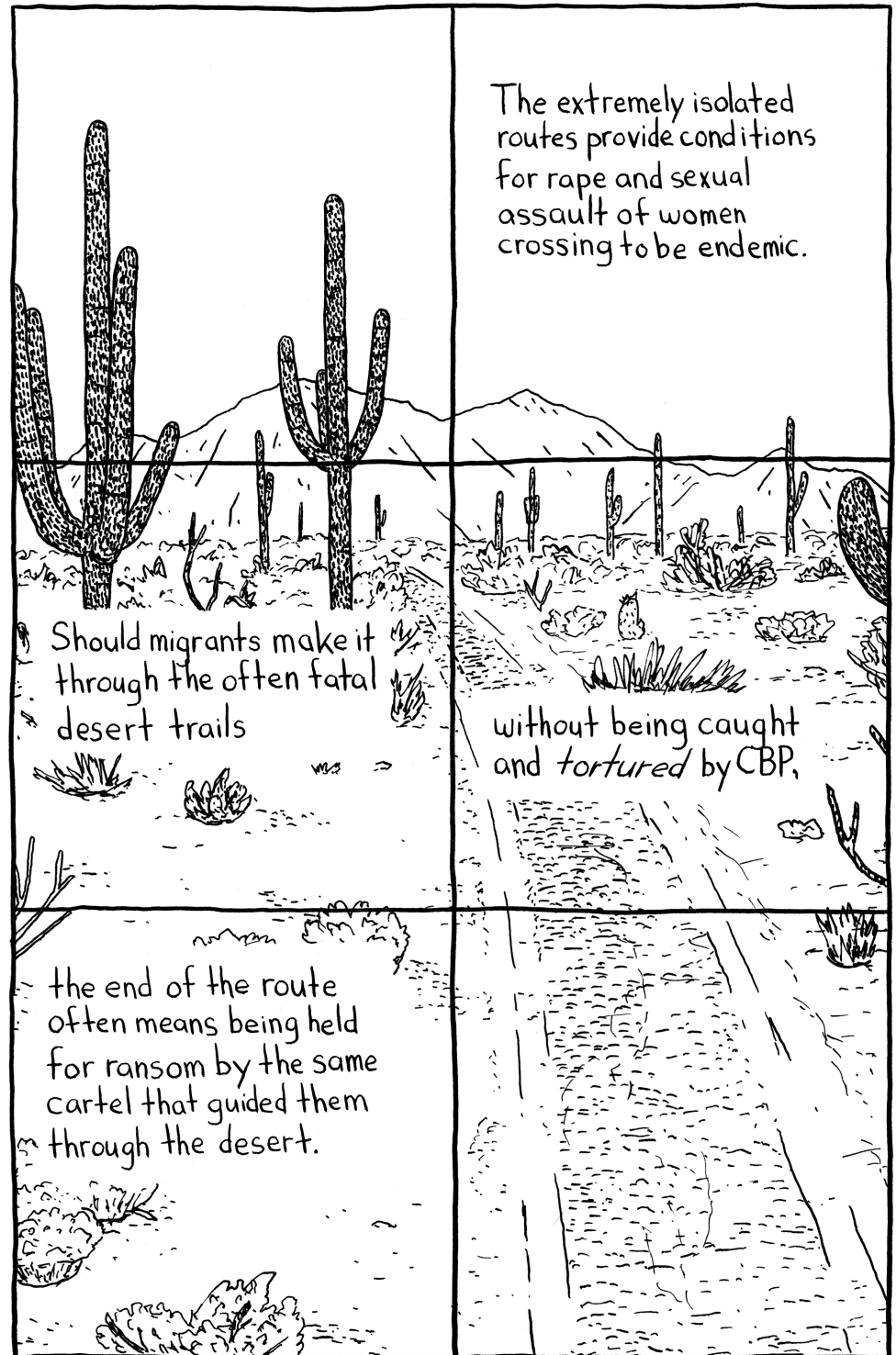
Like the border being more difficult to cross increases the value of smuggling people through,

Same goes for the war on drugs, raising the value of drugs way over their material value.



And in turn, the U.S. government gets a bogeyman, who justifies corporate welfare for securities contractors and private prisons.

The fact the cartel make the journey all the more traumatic only further serves U.S. interests.

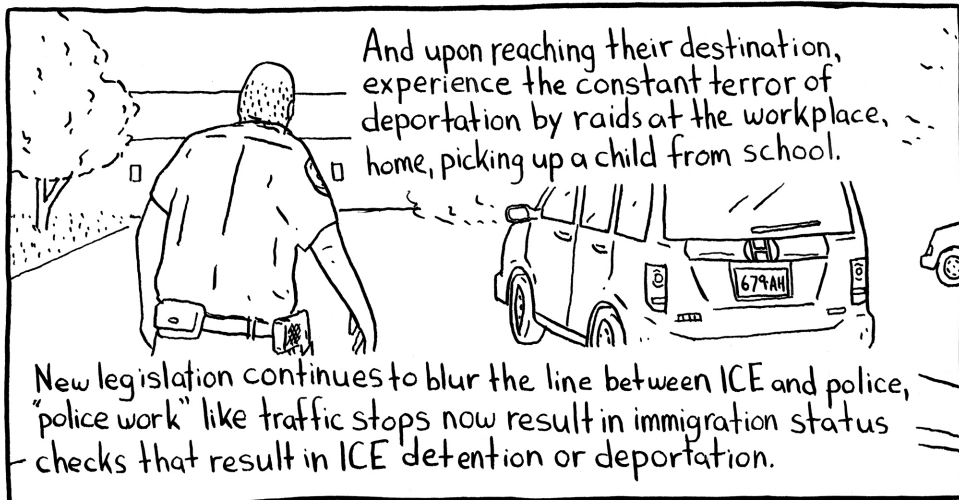


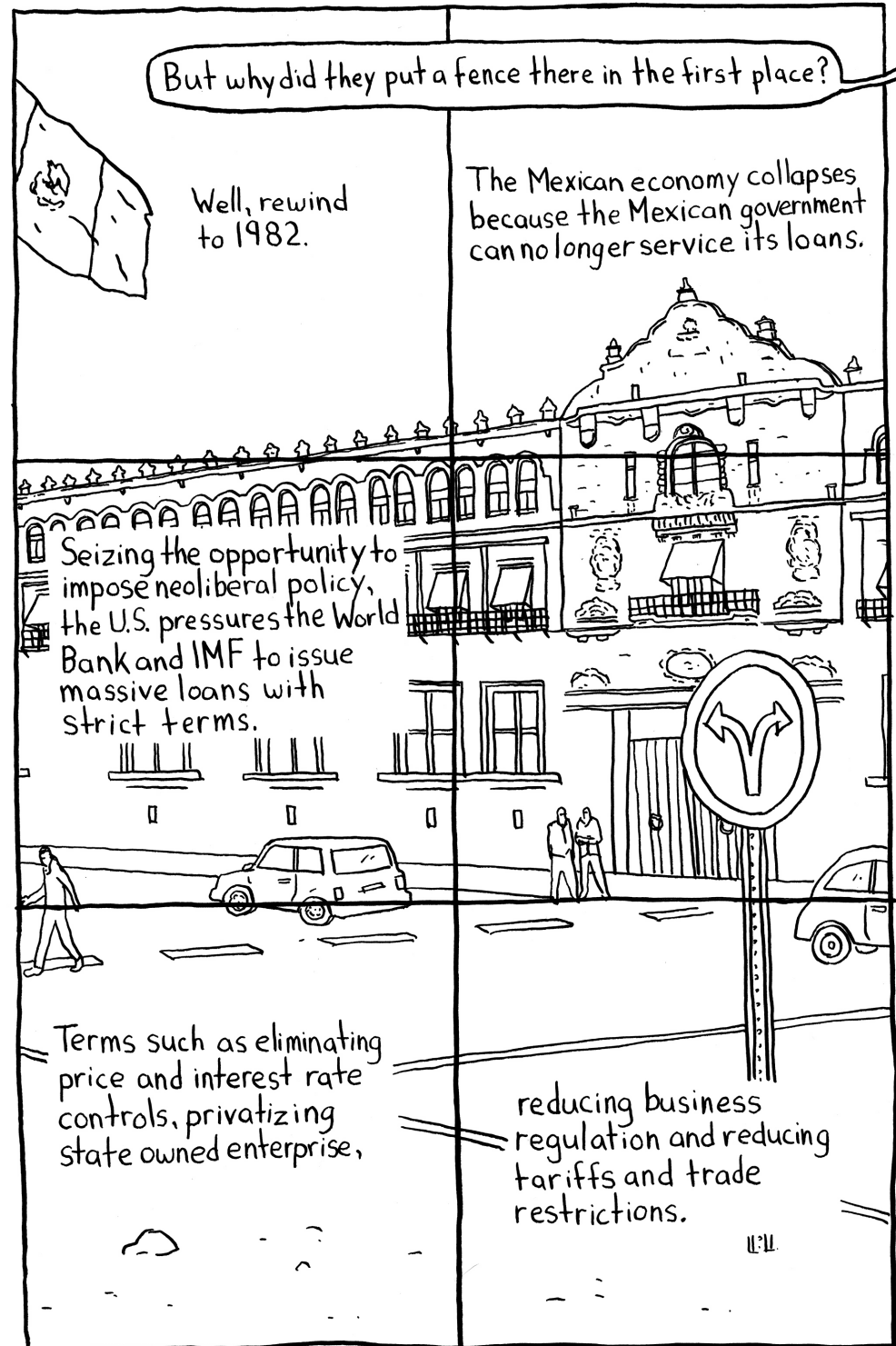
The extremely isolated routes provide conditions for rape and sexual assault of women crossing to be endemic.

Should migrants make it through the often fatal desert trails

without being caught and tortured by CBP,

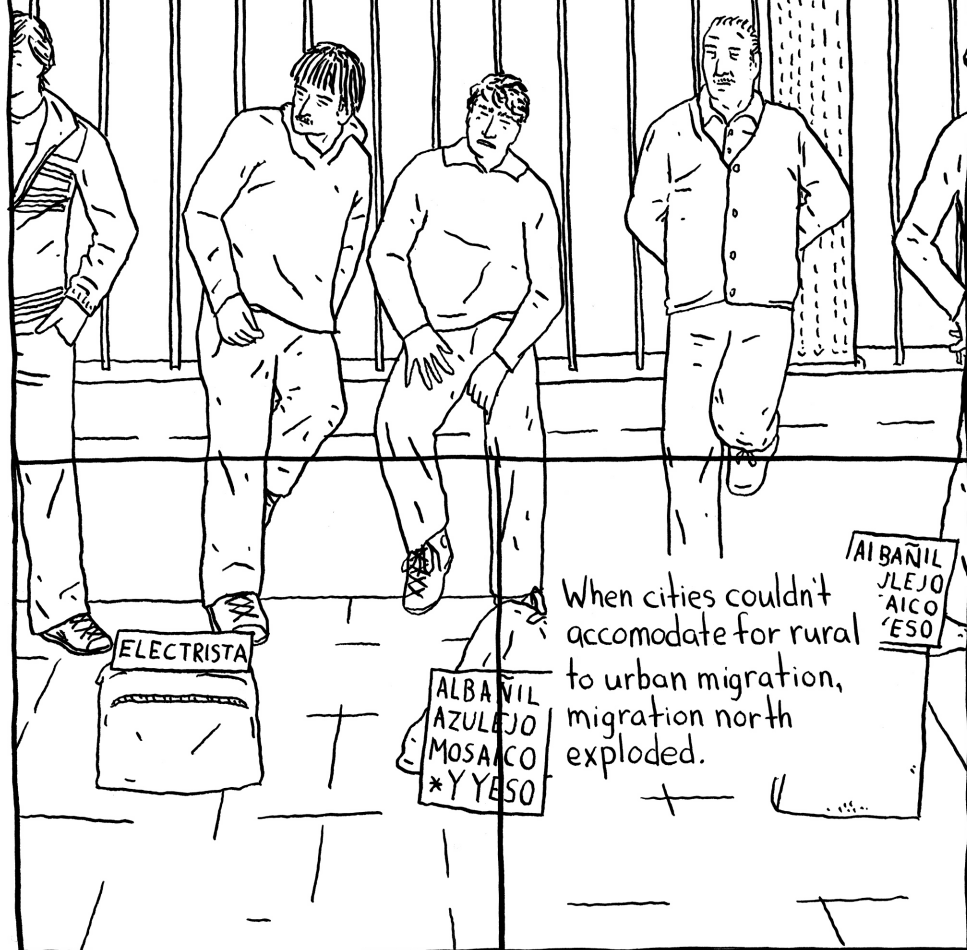
the end of the route often means being held for ransom by the same cartel that guided them through the desert.





Coupled later on with NAFTA, these policies resulted in local businesses unable to compete transnational corporations, public sector layoffs and a reduction to the social safety net,

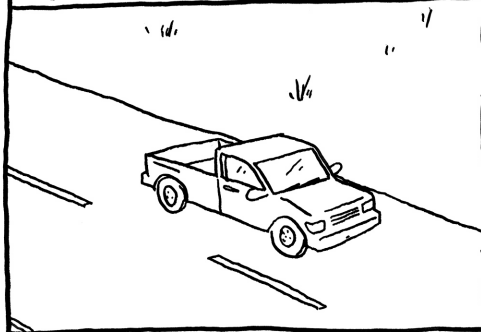
while private sector job creation did not offset unemployment at expected rates.



When cities couldn't accomodate for rural to urban migration, migration north exploded.



I drove with my friend Eliza to the Southwest, to drop her off at the border with Tijuana, where the migrant caravan had just arrived.



I mean, okay, in some contexts, coalitions are useful, blah, blah...



Didn't George Bush say something like:

"this is the beginning of immigration reform" when they made the border fence?

Nonprofits are a fucking plague.



They just steer good energy in like 'safer,' reformy directions.

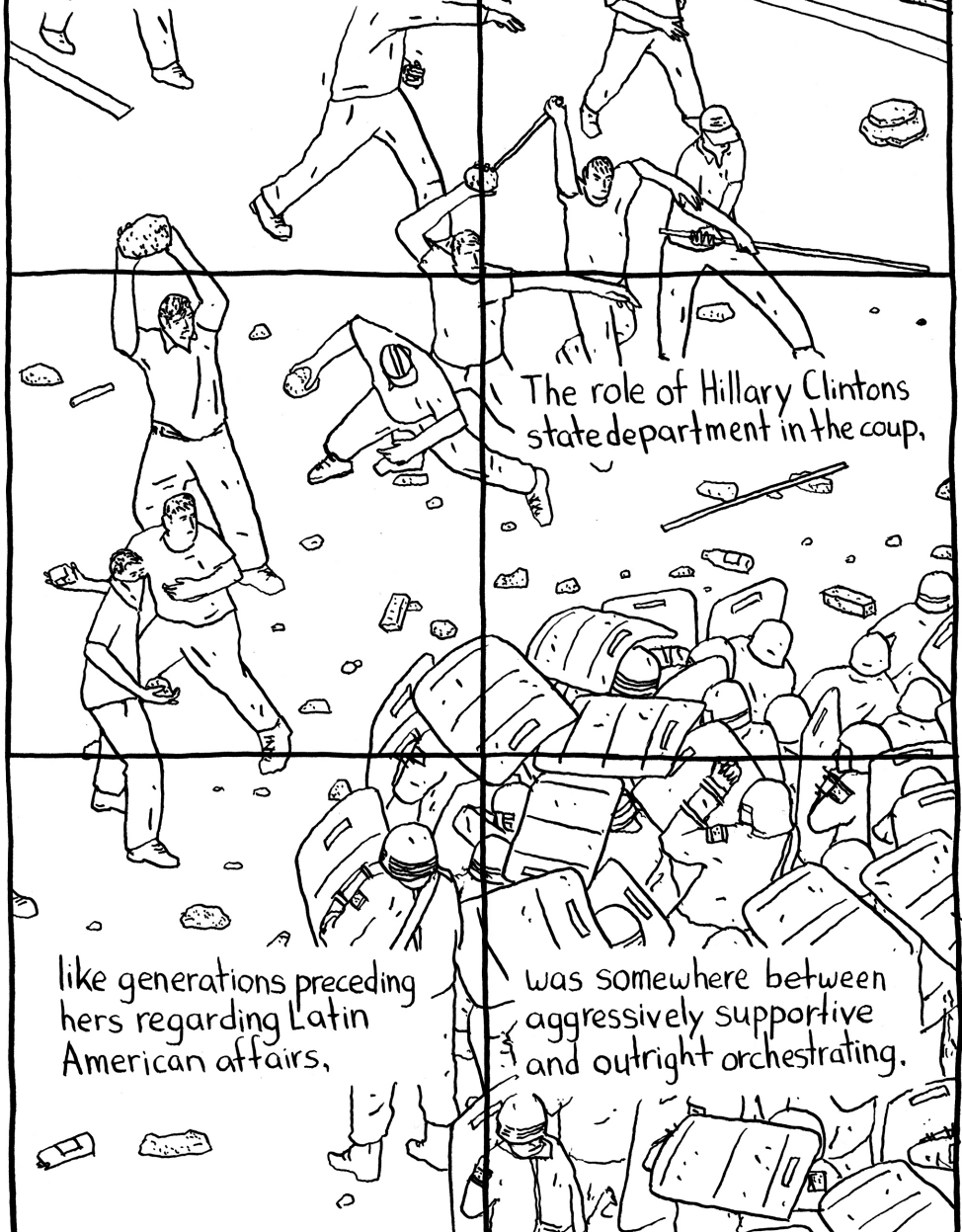


It is an important step toward immigration reform.



It was when they were expanding the border fence in 2005, but yeah.

In 2009, a coup in Honduras replaced democratically elected, leftist president, Manuel "Mel" Zelaya, with an extreme right-wing government.



The role of Hillary Clinton's state department in the coup,

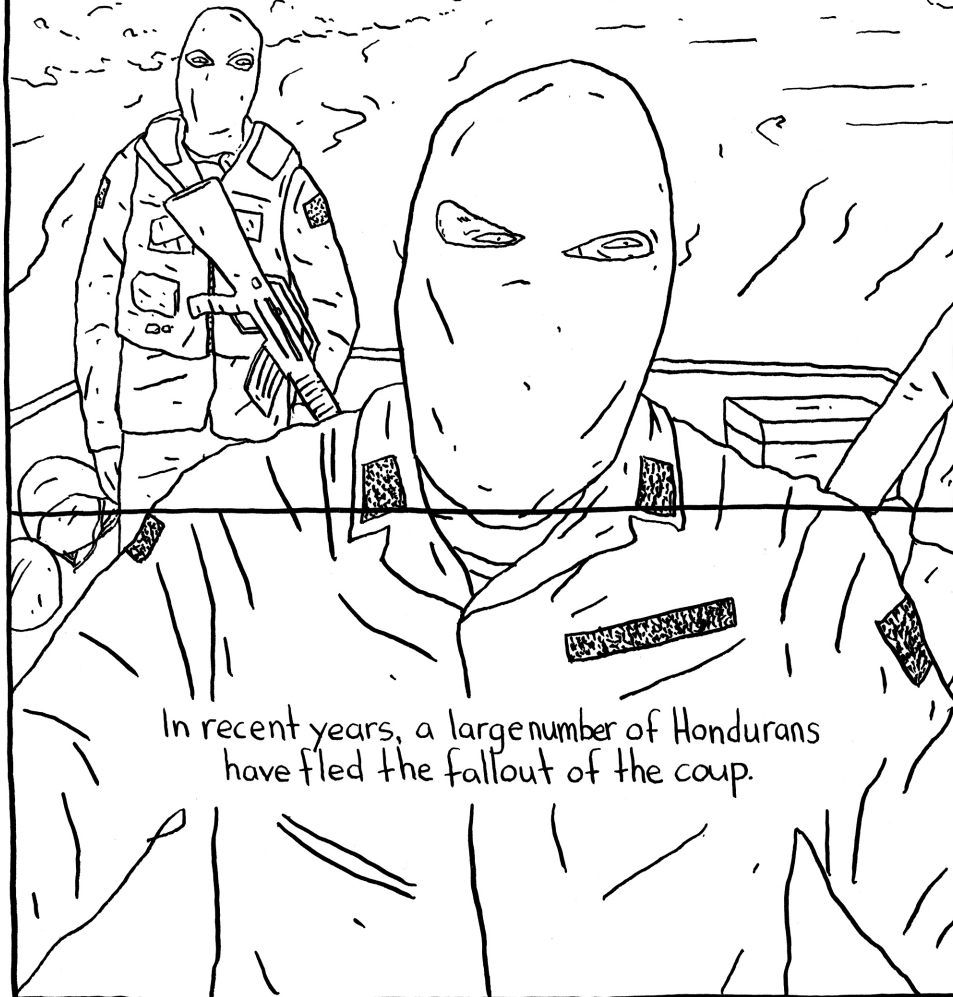
like generations preceding hers regarding Latin American affairs,

was somewhere between aggressively supportive and outright orchestrating.

What followed was a rise of paramilitaries
assassinating indigenous and environmentalist
leaders as well as peasants with impunity,

the wholesale takeover of vast
Honduran natural resources by
transnational corporations

and a surge of killings of LGBT people.



In recent years, a large number of Hondurans
have fled the fallout of the coup.



The establishment of these
categories ("deserving"/"undeserving",
"good"/"bad") acts as a soft
control that extends the border
to the entirety of the so-called
United States of America.



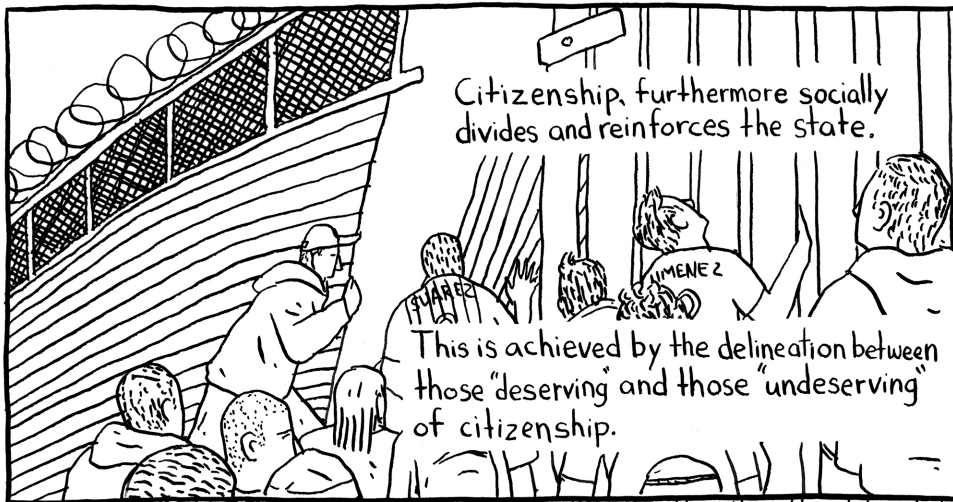
When we reinforce these categories,

or push for the border to
remain with some reforms,

or accept the legitimacy of
citizenship to a country
on stolen land,



we reinforce the walls
of the state.



Citizenship, furthermore socially divides and reinforces the state.

This is achieved by the delineation between those "deserving" and those "undeserving" of citizenship.



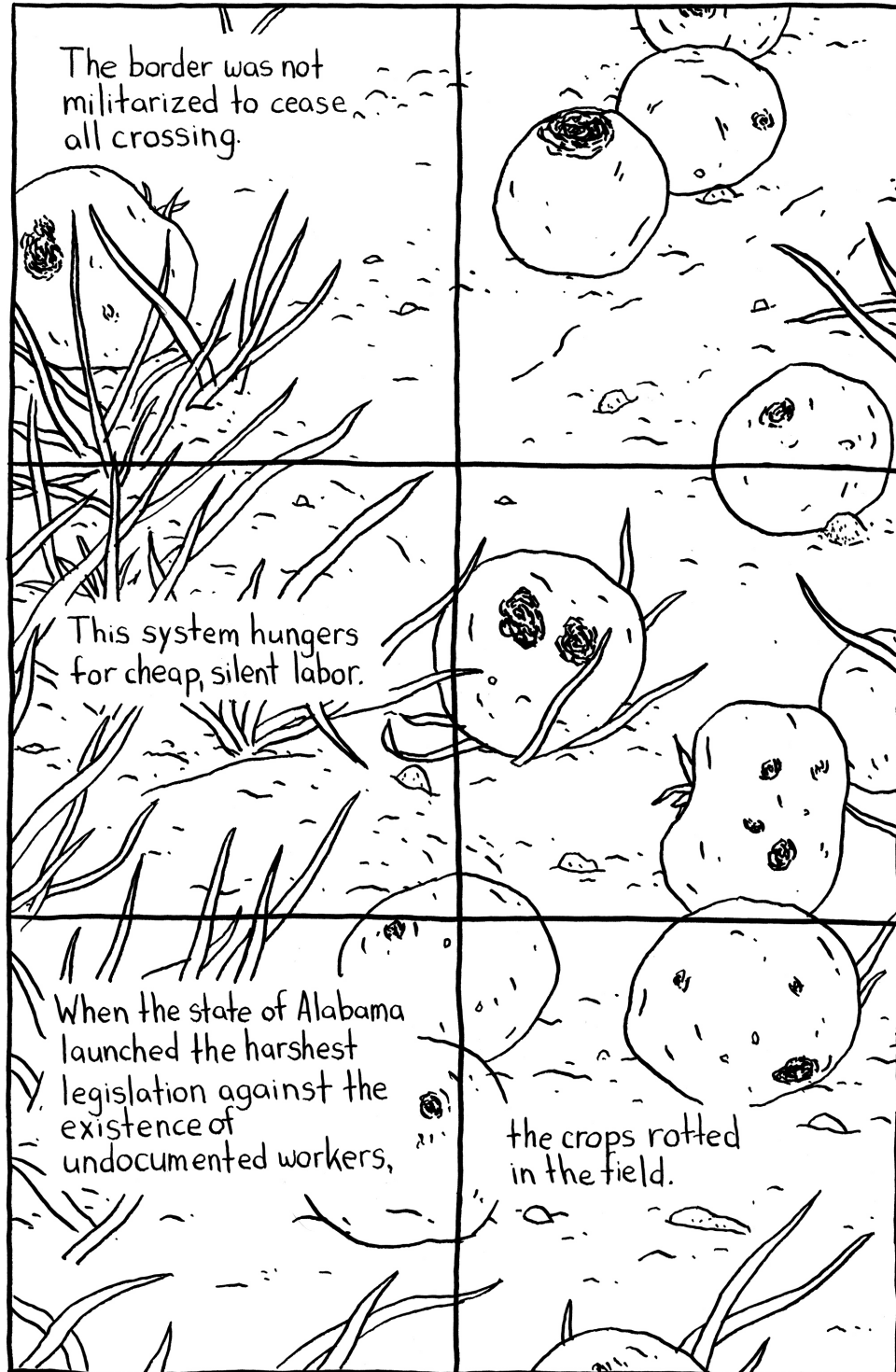
A defense is sometimes called upon in migrant rights circles of the "upstanding member of society" as opposed to a "criminal."

Martha Escobar writes that this "rationalizes the violence that occurs to those that do not fit this category."



"When we claim that immigrants are not criminals, the fundamental message is that immigrants are not Black, or at least, that immigrants will not be another Black problem."

In following this path, latinx migrants participate in Black subjugation, on the side of whiteness.



The border was not militarized to cease all crossing.

This system hungers for cheap, silent labor.

When the state of Alabama launched the harshest legislation against the existence of undocumented workers,

the crops rotted in the field.

As the route becomes more expensive,
more deadly and more traumatizing,
migrant workers are less likely to
speak out about low wages, workplace
hazards and abuses.

The growth of the border fuels
tech contracting for sensors,
cameras and communications.

The private prison industry lobbies
legislation that increases sentencing
and moves people without papers
from jail to ICE detention facilities
beyond their sentence.

At least enough people need to be
let in to fill their prisons.

As an illegitimate entity, the U.S. and associated
citizenship is supremely arbitrary.

An economically driven concept, the
benefits of having citizenship rests on
the backs of those who don't.

Fatima Insolación writes "The
value of papers is based on
created scarcity. Papers hold a
manufactured worth and are
effective tools of control, because
not everyone can obtain the "right
kind of documentation."