

Don't give  
a new bill  
to the Old  
Bill!

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THE POLICE AND CRIMINAL EVIDENCE  
BILL IS CURRENTLY BEING DEBATED  
IN PARLIAMENT. IT WILL BECOME  
★ LAW! ★

### WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Join Exeter Campaign Against the  
Police Bill.

March at the National Demonstration  
London, Sat. May 19th.

Go to our benefit gigs:

ROCK AGAINST THE BILL. Exeter Uni.  
8.30. Tues. May 8th. £1.50. Bands + Cabaret.

PUNK AGAINST THE BILL. Riverside,  
Exeter. Tues. May 22nd. Bands etc.

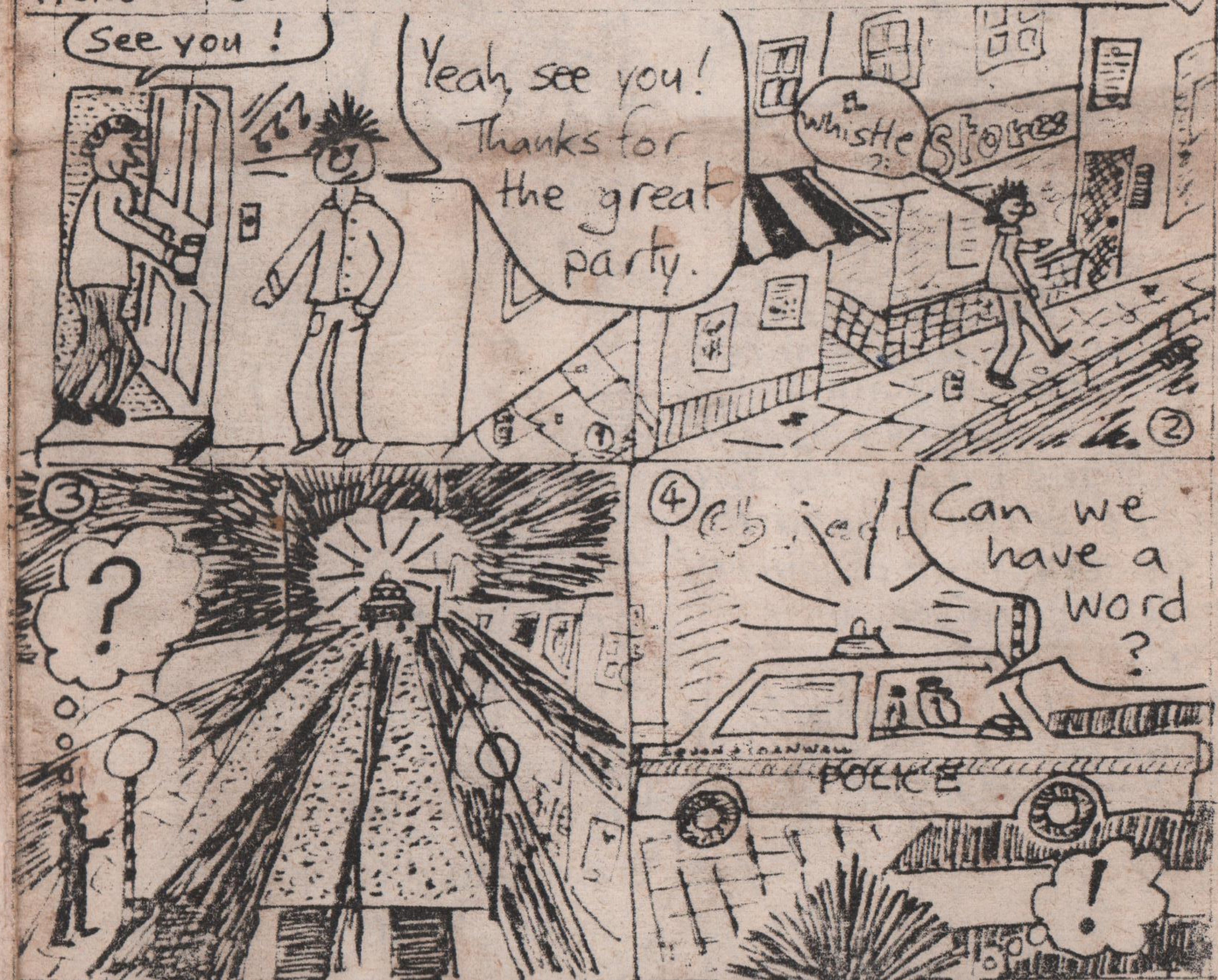
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# The Police Bill

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"An Everyday Story of  
Everyday Folk."

Under the Police and Criminal Evidence  
Bill, the possibility of being arrested  
and held in custody becomes greater.  
HERE IS ONE WAY IN WHICH IT COULD HAPPEN...





Where are you going?

Home.

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PROBABLY LOOK SUSPICIOUS. SO...

Where've you been?

A party.

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You haven't got anything to let us know who you are?

Well, I've not got any proof, but you can have my name and address if you like.

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ACTUALLY, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO TELL THE POLICE THIS. HOWEVER, IT WOULD

YOU DO NOT NOW HAVE TO LET THE POLICE KNOW YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, OR BIRTHDAY, UNLESS THEY HAVE TOLD YOU THEY HAVE "REASONABLE GROUNDS" TO SUSPECT YOU OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY. HOWEVER, WHAT MAKE UP THESE "REASONABLE GROUNDS" IS UP TO THE POLICE.

great, huh?)

OOPS!

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Can you empty out your pockets?

Zzzzzz

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AT PRESENT THE POLICE CAN STOP AND SEARCH YOU IF THEY HAVE "REASONABLE SUSPICION" YOU ARE CARRYING DRUGS, FIREARMS, STOLEN GOODS (IN METROPOLITAN AREAS, SUCH AS LONDON), OR RARE BIRDS' EGGS!

WITH THE POLICE BILL THEY CAN ALSO SEARCH YOU FOR "OFFENSIVE WEAPONS", OR ARTICLES MADE OR ADAPTED FOR BURGLARY. "OFFENSIVE WEAPONS" CAN INCLUDE COINS, KEYS, PENKNIVES, AND METAL COMBS

What for?

There's been a fight tonight...

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Well, here's all I've got.

Well, here's all I've got.

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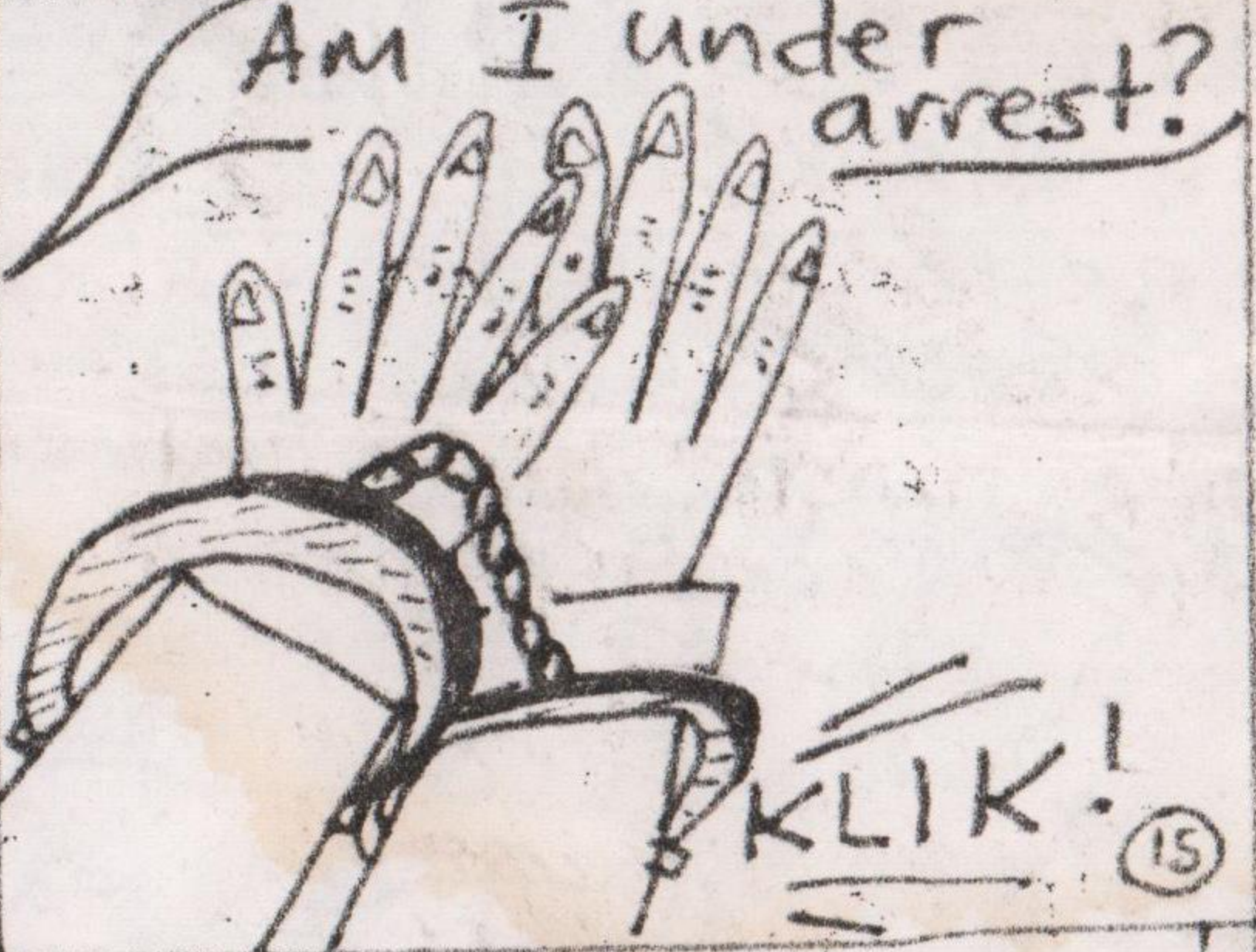
Thinks: What's all this then?





AT PRESENT YOU CAN BE ARRESTED FOR OBSTRUCTING A POLICE OFFICER IN THE COURSE OF HIS/HER DUTY, OR FOR USING "THREATENING OR OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE OR BEHAVIOUR LIKELY TO LEAD TO A BREACH OF THE PEACE."

OO WITH THE P, S POLICE BILL  
 YOU CAN ALSO BE DONE FOR AN "AFFRONT TO PUBLIC DECENCY." THIS IS NOT IN ITSELF A CRIME, AND IT IS UP TO THE ARRESTING P.C. AS TO WHETHER WHAT YOU ARE DOING IS AN "AFFRONT."



UNDER JUDGES' RULES YOU CAN MAKE ONE PHONE CALL, IF YOU ARE ARRESTED. HOWEVER, THIS IS NOT LEGALLY BINDING, SO IT IS REALLY UP TO THE POLICE THEMSELVES.



AT PRESENT YOU CAN REFUSE TO HAVE FINGERPRINTS TAKEN. THE POLICE THEN NEED A COURT ORDER SO AS TO TAKE THEM BY "WHATEVER FORCE IS NECESSARY." WITH THE P & LICE BILL THEY CAN TAKE FINGERPRINTS FROM ANY SUSPECT, BY FORCE "IF NECESSARY." THIS WILL APPLY TO CHILDREN AS YOUNG AS TEN, AS WELL AS TO ADULTS.

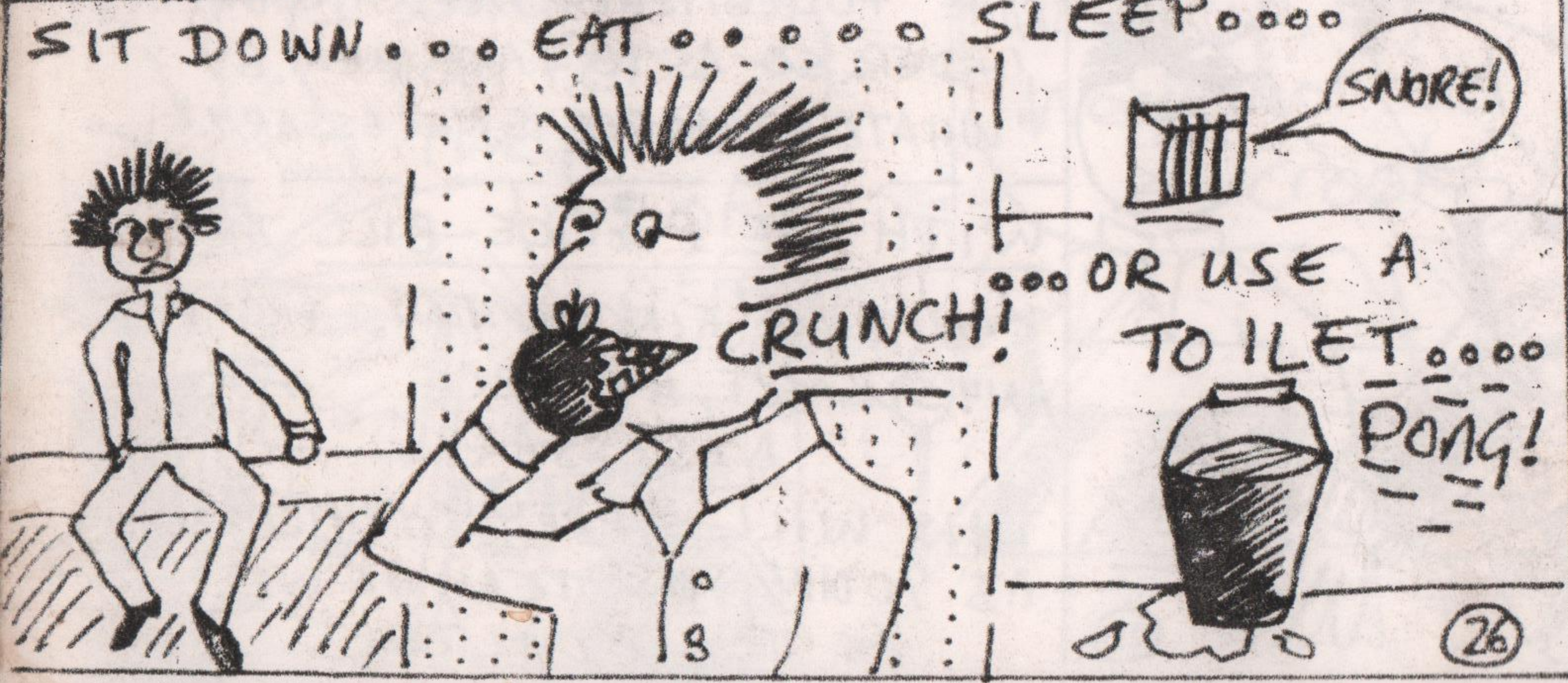




AT PRESENT YOU CAN BE HELD FOR UP TO 24 HOURS WITHOUT CHARGE.  
 UNDER THE POLICE BILL YOU CAN BE HELD FOR 96 HOURS (FOUR DAYS) WITHOUT CHARGE.



AT PRESENT EVERYBODY HAS THE RIGHT TO SEE A LAWYER. THE STATE WILL PAY IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD ONE.  
 UNDER THE POLICE BILL YOU CAN BE REFUSED A LAWYER FOR UP TO 36 HOURS.



... IT IS UP TO THE POLICE. YOU HAVE A "RIGHT TO SILENCE"... BUT EVEN PEOPLE TRAINED TO FACE INTERROGATION WOULD FIND IT HARD TO SPEND FOUR DAYS WITHOUT THESE BASIC NEEDS, AND NOT MAKE ANY STATEMENT WANTED FROM THEM.



UNDER THE POLICE BILL THE POLICE WILL BE ABLE TO FORCIBLY SEARCH YOUR MOUTH, ANUS, OR VAGINA FOR EVIDENCE. THIS MAY BE "FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY."



UNDER THE POLICE BILL: THE POLICE ARE NOT LIABLE FOR WRONGFUL ARREST. THERE ARE NO EFFECTIVE WAYS OF MAKING A COMPLAINT IF YOU GET NICKED BY MISTAKE.