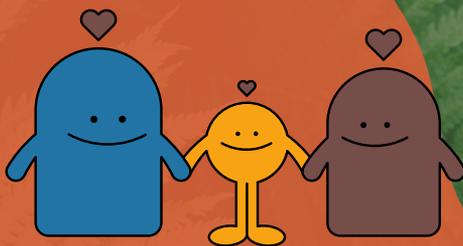
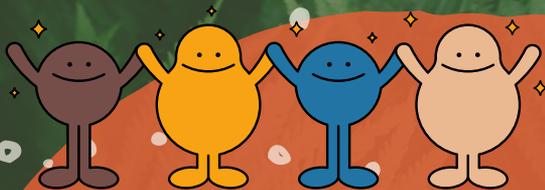


# ***happily ever after***

for everyday  
people



I pissed off my wife in a dream she had last night



So now I have to go buy her flowers & apologize for dream me's actions. Marriage is fun

MARRIAGE IS SIMPLE



YOUR WIFE DOES WHATEVER SHE WANTS AND YOU DO WHATEVER SHE WANTS

*Why do these exist? Why are they unhappy?*



EVERY TIME YOU TALK TO YOUR WIFE, YOU SHOULD ALWAYS REMIND YOURSELF...



'THIS CONVERSATION WILL BE RECORDED FOR TRAINING AND QUALITY PURPOSES'

AS SOON AS YOU CAN ACCEPT YOU WILL NEVER BE RIGHT AGAIN



YOU CAN LIVE HAPPILY EVER AFTER





## ***What is in a fairy tale romance?***

Princesses and  
knights, dragons  
and witches...

Classic fairytales feature:

- A dreamy, young, and most importantly, white woman
- A dashing rogue of a man to steal her from her boring life
- Marriage as the end of the story, the peak for women

And more questionable features for children to uncritically consume

***How can we  
redefine the  
narrative of love?***



An illustration of two women embracing. The woman on the left has long dark hair in a braid and is wearing a patterned orange and white top. The woman on the right is wearing a white top with orange sleeves. They are set against a background of horizontal green stripes.

***This zine aims to challenge the heteronormative expectations inherent to the classic fairytale by...***

portraying love in all its diverse and beautiful forms, including...

- the reversal of normative gender roles
- the inclusion of people of color and LGBTQ people
- the breakdown of the unspoken scripts of the gender binary

***Ahead lies love that refuses capitalist machinations! No more damsels, no more kings.***



#alphafemaleuniverse

**STEP 1:  
SHUFFLE  
THE  
GENDER  
ROLES.**



#whenshepaysthebills



**STEP 2:  
ADD A  
LITTLE  
COLOR TO  
OUR  
PEOPLE**

a new paradigm:  
women on top.  
women of all ages  
acting on their  
passion and desires,  
whatever that  
might look like. the  
princess is out of  
her tower.



#funnycoupleaestheticmeme

boys will be boys,  
girls will be girls  
boys can be girls,  
girls can be boys  
people can be both  
or neither or  
anything in  
between.

# STEP 3: *De-centering cisnormativity*



here's how a  
straight couple can  
still be queer:  
they're both  
transgender :)

nothing says cis  
isn't the norm like  
normalizing t4t  
relationships



the lens shifts from the  
cis perspective of passing  
to the trans perspective  
of innerstanding

# Welcome to the Rodeo



"take me back  
to the time  
i was yours  
and you were mine  
take me back  
to the world i know  
you were crying  
they don't cry  
when we're gone"

Cowboy romance: the endless frontier has always been a space for those seeking to forge a new way of living. disavowing old roles that no longer serve them, many people have forged new identities at the rodeo.



**the original Cinderellas  
dolloed up and disguised,  
no fairy godmothers present -  
only the hard work of a whole year.  
underneath the glamour,  
always a touch of fear  
that the clock will run out,  
that midnight will strike.  
this was before queer  
became safe to inhabit.**

***Imagine a  
community  
that makes  
love possible.***

before the law validated trans love, gay love, love between people of different races, and other such things, communities had been carving out a space for their own existence and joy out of sheer necessity. we never needed the blessings of an institution to exist. the princess in the tower lives in a privileged isolation, unable to see any other way, but we know better.

"We sit hand in hand in hand  
Time slips past our happy eyes  
Three hearts beating in sync  
Time has shown this love endures,  
Each day we set the table for three  
Time well spent with each other  
Three hearts beating in sync  
Time has shown this love endures,  
Every night we lay side by side by side  
Time lets our souls rest  
Three hearts beating in sync  
Time has shown this love endures."

"The subjects, who represent a range of ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities and professions, agreed on this: For them, more partners means more exploration and more pleasure."



# *No more love triangles*



the advent of the nuclear family came about due to the new lifestyles necessitated by industrial capitalism. two parents, two and a half kids, and a white picket fence. changing economic realities enables new relationship structures. a couple, a thruple, or an expansive polycule? whatever works, works.



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