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american dream



you've turned your way toward
privilege- what is the american
dream? it has always been a
false reality easily fed to the
masses.

i remember a young man coming into
my previous workplace, stating after a
few phone calls that he was planning
an interview with one of the managers.
but- what do you know; she comes out,
they exchange a few words, and he
leaves. not only was it ironic they
planned to meet, but he was also told to
visit another location hiring several
districts away. what makes the scenario
even more puzzling was the large
hiring banner that greeted anyone at the
location's doorway. make it make
sense.

my job itself then ghosted me.

moral management seemed to
have failed. the cult of the
individual has harmed us and the
accumulation of capital only
advanced these truths.

exploitation, visibly,, emerges.

laziness is neglecting your employees disabilities or ghosting them. many of this comes from the companies themselves maintaining power, controlling labor and avoiding accountability.

perhaps humanity could consider inter-generational solidarity to conclude the cycle of perpetuated abuse.

when we talk about things in our landscape becoming worse, i would rather define it as the worst of the worst only becoming visible. we are breaking into authenticity, a culture shift. the underlying truths are becoming more recognized, everywhere.

have you ever watched or read *grapes of wrath*?

back in highschool, one of my closest teachers put on the 1940 film on for us. between some of the muffled dialogue and a few peers complaining, i didn't remember much. yet i remember the main role of the lead individuals; a group of workers scouring the united states to find work following the great depression. they confront moral dilemma, becoming ill and dying along the way. and yet, much of this suffering exists due to scabs.

systemic exploitation and class conflict has been a reoccurring issue for awhile now. at this point, humanity, at least in the western world, is controlled by the system to keep people competing for jobs as opposed to unionizing.

in grapes of wrath, you will always come across someone who has had their dignity taken away by the powers that be, and are willing to be exploited for more.

these individuals are considered "scabs". they continue working despite acknowledging that they will be paid little to nothing. they know companies will continue pushing exploitation, yet these individuals believe this may be the only option in the face of death. they think and believe that revolution and collective resistance is not an option. this ultimately pits workers against each other rather than uniting as one.

sound familiar?

at what point does individual survival need to be collective action? at what point does one have to confront difficult moral choices, and understand that change is inevitable?

scabs are not the cause, yet, are the result of an economy that creates suffering. it is a system that is also at the core to blame for a cycle of perpetuated abuse.

its up to the individual to thrive in collectivity and confront the compliance they provide to the system.

shall we come from
a place of
empathy rather
than competition?

humanity must
choose to
recognize
when our own
survival is
weaponized
against us.

