

THE PINKY SHOW
SEVEN SCENES FROM WORK AND LIFE

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Hi.

The following images are our contribution to Werker magazine's political kitchen calendar, part of Casco's *Grand Domestic Revolution - User's Manual* (GDR) research project. Werker magazine and Casco are based in Utrecht, Netherlands. For more information about GDR:

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Monday : thinking time

Notes: Making quiet time to think is important work. We are trying to understand our thoughts.



Tuesday : the undesirables

Notes: This is our friend Jeanette. For 35 years she was a powerful schoolteacher that fought for her students but now she has stage 4 Parkinson's disease and has had several strokes, which means that she needs help to eat, walk, use the toilet, put on her clothes, and so on. In the middle of the night she screams a lot because her body is so painful to her. Here in the U.S. there are millions of people who need medical care but they don't have it. So we watch her every minute of the day and night, which also means to most people that we are unemployed and therefore lazy and unproductive.



Wednesday : home security

Notes: I don't know how it is elsewhere but around here if you say "home security" most people automatically think you mean putting strong locks on your doors, installing an expensive alarm system with a direct line to a privatized police force, and sleeping with a loaded gun next to your bed. But how about everybody growing their own food at home? Wouldn't that be easier, healthier, more secure, and delicious?



Thursday : information gathering

Notes: If we think of sleeping as simply ‘down-time’ or ‘unproductive’ time, we’re less likely to use it for all the things it’s really good for - searching for hidden information and obscured relationships, working out super-complicated problems, exploring unconsidered or so-called “unrealistic” possibilities, et cetera. Sleeping should be challenging but also fun.



Friday : upward mobility

Notes: Keeping everything in perspective is hard work! For example, what's more important - constantly 'upgrading' the quality of your material surroundings (not to mention your friends and 'associates'), or being able to reach those spider webs that are really high up on the walls?



Saturday : furniture shopping

Notes: Have you ever read Abbie Hoffman's *Steal This Book*? It made a big impression on me. A lot of it is about how to change your relationship to the dominant economy. One small example: instead of buying expensive furniture imported from halfway around the world, find or make substitutes. Make your own out of scrap whatever, trade for stuff, and so on. Here we are at a construction site looking for a table.



Sunday : disappearing work into living

Notes: In this picture Bunny and I are making a Pinky Show video in our living room. If you design your project the right way you won't have to rent an expensive studio, which also means you get to work, sleep, eat, talk, and play (okay, work) with your friends all day, all in the same place. This is a lot more efficient and enjoyable than traveling to and from your job-place everyday just so you can get bossed around by some person who'd like to pay you the bare minimum amount you'd accept in order to feel like it's not worth it to quit.



About the Authors

Pinky (black & white, short velvety fur) and Bunny (grey & white, fluffy long fur) live in the desert near Baker, California where it is very quiet but also very hot during the day. They met in Los Angeles in 2004 while searching for food. They soon discovered that they had a lot of interests in common - history, art, social justice, educational systems, water, death, and so on. In 2005 Pinky & Bunny launched a somewhat misunderstood learning project for cats (human beings also ok) called *The Pinky Show*, and they have been not really internationally famous ever since, but sort of.

Pinky & Bunny work a lot but they also take short naps and drink coffee. Besides working, Pinky also enjoys taking care of her ants and trying to learn how to play musical instruments. Bunny's "relaxational hobbies" include playing computer games, cross stitching, and reading comic books.

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