Wherever an employee operates a cash register for a boss, a robbery is taking place. Capitalists accumulate wealth by paying workers less than the value they produce, so that many people’s labor fills the pockets of a few. Work is a stickup—the greatest heist of all time. It has created the worst inequalities in history, giving a small number of people control over most of the earth.

If your life were truly in your hands, would you use it to enrich bosses and stockholders? Would you get up early every morning just to compete against people like yourself? Would you give away the fruits of your labor to corporations, landlords, and tax collectors? We only do these things because the world is held hostage from us—because we think we have no other choice.

When someone tries to rob you, what do you do? Do you hand over whatever they demand? Or do you defend yourself?