

WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT THE POLICE

... AND THEIR "KNIVES AND GUNS
PROHIBITION ZONES"



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HELLO

MY NAME
IS KIMERA

AND I THINK
IT'S TIME

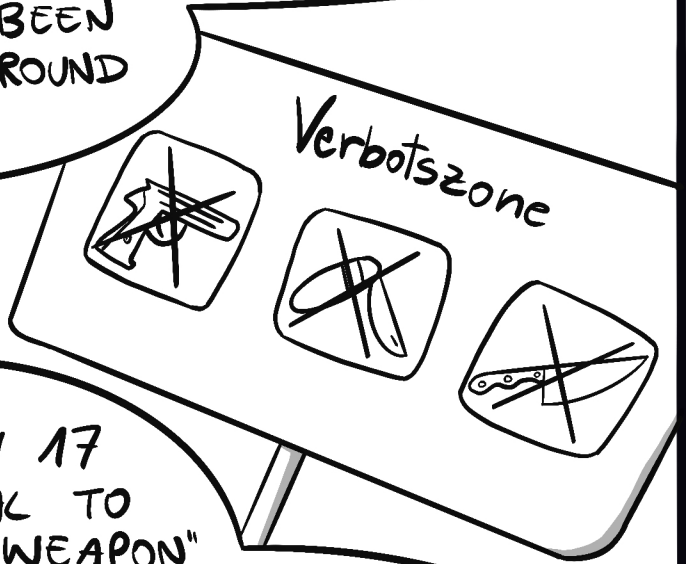
WE TALK
ABOUT THE
BERLINER
POLICE

(THIS WAS MEANT
TO BE A BROADER
COMIC ON POLICE
ABOLITION, BUT YOU
CAN TACKLE JUST ONE
FUCKED UP THING
AT THE TIME, I GUESS)



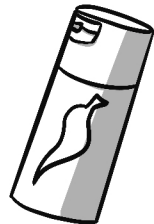
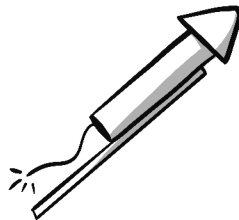
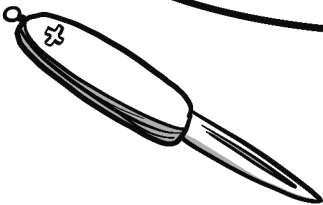
IF YOU ALSO LIVE IN BERLIN YOU'LL HAVE NOTICED THAT IN THE LAST MONTHS

SIGNS HAVE BEEN POPPING UP AROUND THE CITY.



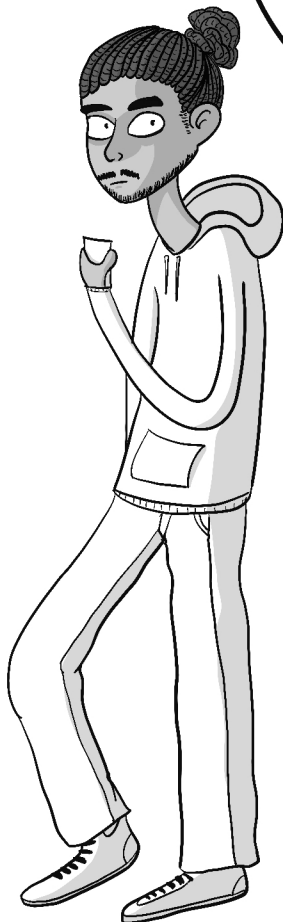
SINCE JULY 17 IT'S ILLEGAL TO CARRY ANY "WEAPON" AT METRO AND TRAIN STATIONS, ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT, AND IN THE SO-CALLED "GUNS AND KNIVES PROHIBITION ZONES".

THIS ALSO INCLUDES PEPPER SPRAY, KITCHEN KNIVES, AND FIREWORKS.



BUT HOW ARE THEY
GOING TO
ENFORCE IT?

WELL, THE POLICE
ARE AUTHORISED
TO STOP, QUESTION,
AND FRISK PEOPLE,
EVEN IN ABSENCE
OF ANY SUSPICION
OR CAUSE.



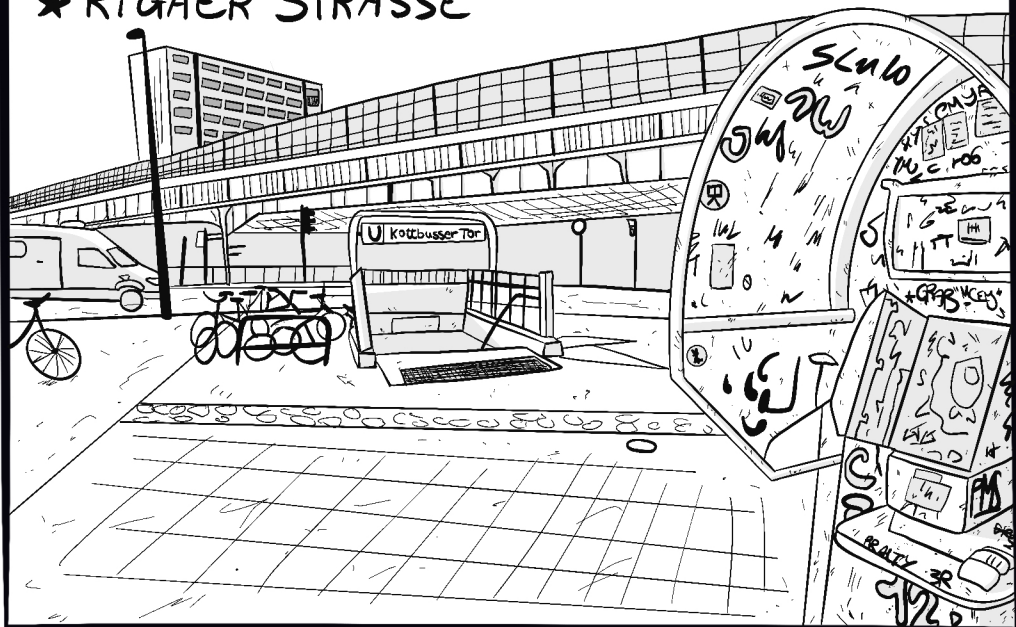
THEY DO THIS
THROUGH
"RANDOM
CHECKS"

BUT THIS IS
NOT NEW.

EVEN BEFORE JULY
17, THEY WERE ALLOWED
TO DO THE SAME THING
IN THE SO-CALLED
"CRIME-RIDDEN AREAS".

FOR INSTANCE:

- ★ GÖRLITZER PARK / WRANGELKIEZ
- ★ HERMANNPLATZ / DONAUKIEZ
- ★ HERMANNSTRASSE / NEUKÖLLN STATION
- ★ KOTTBUSSE TOR
- ★ RIGAER STRASSE



WHAT DO ALL OF THESE AREAS HAVE IN COMMON?

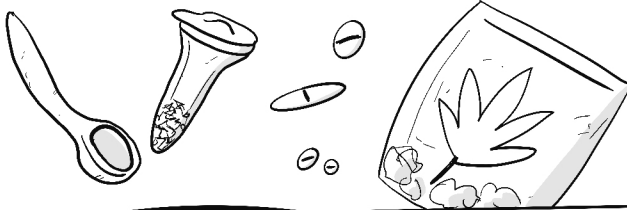
THEY'RE MOSTLY CHARACTERISED BY:

MIGRATION



MOSTLY TURKISH AND ARAB

DRUG USE AND DEALING



AND RADICAL LEFTIST ACTIVISM



FOR THOSE OF
US WHO ARE
AFFECTED, IT'S
QUITE CLEAR.

IT'S A
TOOL USED
TO HUMILIATE
AND CONTROL US.

TO SHOW US
"WHO'S BOSS"

AND THAT WE'RE
ALWAYS A
LEGITIMATE TARGET.

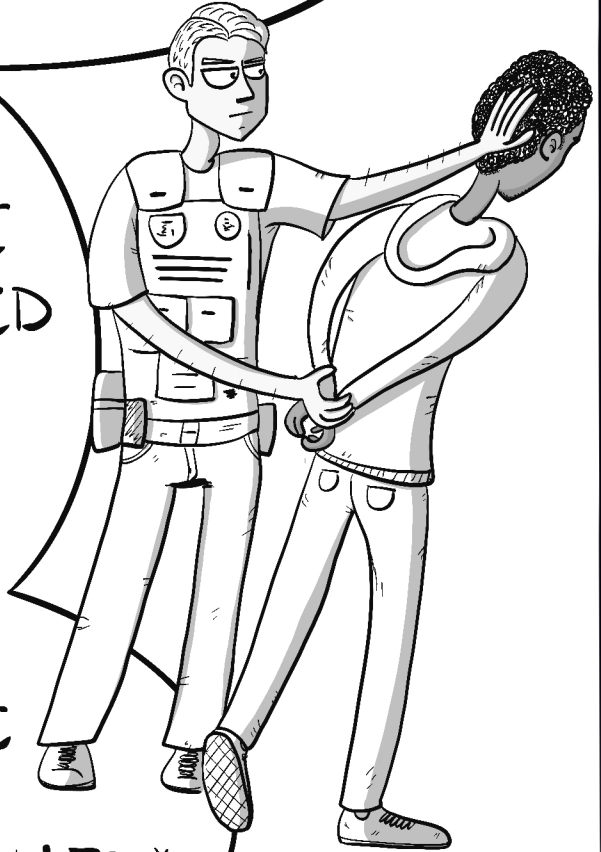


BUT IT'S ALSO USED AS
MIGRATION CONTROL.

IN TWO
MONTHS THE
COPS CHECKED
9542
PEOPLE

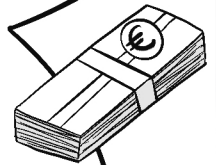
OF WHICH,
154 "RESIDENCE
OFFENDERS"
WERE DETERMINED*.

THAT MEANS PEOPLE WHO
ARE CONSIDERED "ILLEGAL"
BY THE GERMAN STATE.



IN GENERAL, IT'S
ANOTHER TOOL TO
KEEP THE CITY
"CLEAN" AND "PROPER"

FOR INVESTORS,
SPECULATORS, AND
TO FURTHER ADVANCE
GENTRIFICATION.



IT'S ALL SO
AUTHENTIC
HERE



ANOTHER
START-UP!



THEY'VE BEEN TRYING
TO PUSH EVERYONE ELSE
TO THE MARGINS
FOR YEARS.

THE POOR, THE
MIGRANTS, THE
LOWER CLASSES,
THE DISPOSSESSED,
AND THE SO-CALLED
ANTI-SOCIAL ELEMENTS
OF SOCIETY...

DON'T TAKE
IT PERSONALLY

IT'S JUST
BUSINESS



BUT WE'RE
STILL HERE.

AND WE'RE NOT
GOING ANYWHERE.



WHAT ARE THESE NEW
"WEAPONS PROHIBITION ZONES"?
WHY WERE THEY ESTABLISHED
AND WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR
US AND OUR NEIGHBOURHOODS?

IN A SOCIETY WHERE THE TOPICS
OF POLICE & PRISON ABOLITION
ARE STILL LARGELY IGNORED
IN MAINSTREAM CULTURE,
NOW MORE THAN EVER WE
NEED TO TALK ABOUT THE
POLICE.

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