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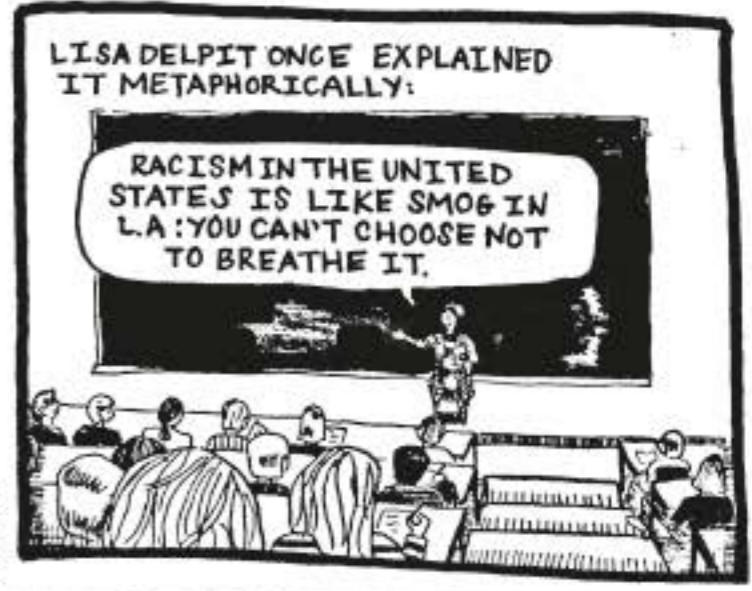
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"ALL THAT CAN SAVE YOU NOW IS YOUR CONFRONTATION WITH YOUR OWN HISTORY."



DEMENTIA DOESN'T CREATE RACISM, OF COURSE - IT REMOVES FILTERS. MY GRANDFATHER DIDN'T TURN RACIST - THE THINGS HE WAS SAYING MUST HAVE ALWAYS BEEN, ON SOME DEEP, HIDDEN LEVEL, PART OF HIS CONSCIOUSNESS.



DOES THE SAME FATE
AWAIT ME?



MAYBE. BUT WHAT IF
BALDWIN WAS RIGHT?

AVERAGE WHITE FAMILY.

a confrontation

MOM! TOM JACKSON
SAYS HE'S FOR
MONDALE!



OF COURSE HE IS.
THOSE PEOPLE WANT
A FREE RIDE.

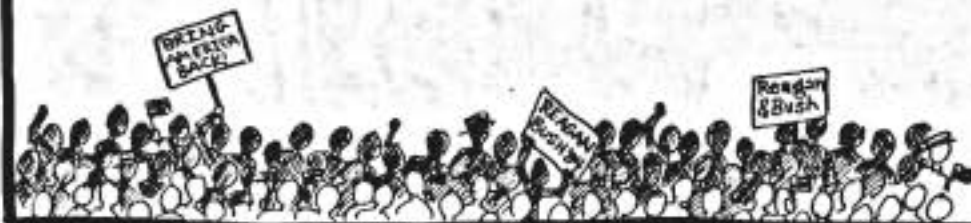


NO WAY!
FOOTBALL
PLAYERS
ARE RICH!

I'M NOT TALKING
ABOUT FOOTBALL
PLAYERS, HON.



IT WAS 1984. RONALD REAGAN HAD MADE HIS NAME BY CAPITALIZING ON WHITE VOTERS' ECONOMIC FRUSTRATIONS. HE DESCRIBED THEM AS "HARD WORKING AMERICANS" WHO FOUND THEMSELVES STANDING IN THE GROCERY LINE NEXT TO A "YOUNG FELLOW" BUYING A T-BONE STEAK WITH FOOD STAMPS. HE ORIGINALLY SAID "YOUNG-BUCK," BUT EVEN WITHOUT THE RECONSTRUCTION-ERA RACIAL SLUR, THE FELLOW'S BLACKNESS WAS CLEAR ENOUGH: CLASSIC DOG-WHISTLE POLITICS.



The tirade
is now.



MOM WAS DEFINITELY ONE OF
REAGAN'S "HARD WORKING AMERICANS."

'NIGHT, MOM.

'NIGHT, HON.



IT SOMETIMES SEEMED LIKE
SHE WORKED AROUND THE CLOCK.

KIDS!
TIME TO
GET UP!



SHE MUST HAVE FELT LIKE
REAGAN WAS SPEAKING
DIRECTLY TO HER.

...DRIVING A
CADILLAC TO THE
WELFARE OFFICE.



MY EXTENDED FAMILY ALL SEEMED TO AGREE. WE
CONSTANTLY CLASHED - THANKSGIVINGS GOT TO
BE PARTICULARLY ANIMATED.

KING DOESN'T DESERVE A HOLIDAY.

HE WAS A COMMUNIST AGITATOR!

YOU'RE ALL FULL OF SHIT.

TO YOUR ROOM!

