I wanted to contribute a letter for the next issue of your mag because I loved issue 2, my favourite part was valleanne's spoof/manifesto on jonah and the whale & hobby lobby, and ofc the exclusive squib tune "pauly shore retrovirus". I don't regret-buying and will 'hold the line' on not sharing that.

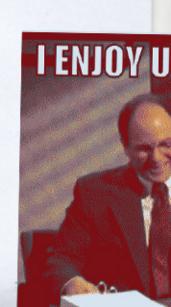
I was inspired by the very revealing honesty in all the letter -s last issue so this email is sorta going that route, a story from my life I thought N.A.T.G.E.O would appreciate...

I've lived in Berlin my whole life, and long before i hit my 2 Os my friends / transient associates from my school years rope -d me into the club scene / rave scene, rave-consciousness. Isve read about raves in other countries, rave cultures, and Berlin seems particularly unique. What feels like mass, nightl -y outer body rituals, faces youll scarcely recognise committi to these physical sacrifices. I'm often reminded of the dynam -ic meditations in Rajneeshpuram, in our case dark halls of sweating, post work shift bodies, giving nights away to travel down an endless escape route. and lots of funky mdma. The swea t was kind of magical, all these beads of ecstatic effort, ref lecting sporadic neon, people get groped on the ass all the ti me (and i might have done it before myself ..), but it seems li -ke nobody cares, knowing they are part (at least then), of a swarm .. in which they are just one cell. But maybe I should sa -y I am not in favour of such groping. still, many people cons -ider it part of the experience. Its complicated, but not what this is about. My friend who got me into rave was ((name repla ced with 'Josef Stalin' for anonymity sake)) Josef Stalin, she was a 19 year old in the 2000s who couldn't figure out if she w as 15 or 35 lol, but dressed like some punk who fell into the future, was basically a piercing fetishist, very shiny face. Everyone seemed to be older than us when she took me to the club but she was adamant we could just assimilate in to the riti -al like tiny water droplets, absorbing into a uniform globule. And, basically we could*! .. I know she wont mind me saying, but at this point Josef Stalin was yet to come out / realise she was trans-sexual / trans gender, and wold always be finding the butchest of straight women to be dating (all of us were a bit too thirsty then, I think it was part of the youth programming) to always get mistaken as the girl lmao. I think at the time we felt like we had realized the reality the spirituallypunishing job market / adulthood had waiting for us before actually getting that first job, so Joself Stalin (admittedly the informal leader of the friend group, the gregarious filler. of the authority vacuum) had us making better aquaintences with the drainpipes, & street sleepers than anyone from our more organic periphery. AT the time i preferree to make friends with people outside my planned trajectory anywary, whether that be wet innanimate street architecture, the local homeless, OR the gyrating, sisyphystically-escaping RAVE CULATISTS. Josef Stalin got me into all sorts of crazy venues (including Berghain), and unintentionally got me into meditation! which feels like a more appropriate form of raving for me, now that im in my late 30s and have a heart condition. She still raves, but balances it with being a kindergarten teacher LOL. There's no real 'end' or climaxing event to this story, sorry if that is a pporoblem, i get the sense U dont go in 4 all that anyway. Back then we would be "rather in a gutter than on a pedestal" as emil cioran would say. Boycott the Life-olympics!!!! Ty for allowing me to relive the past, I encourage more 2 do

the same - all the best to your readers & con tributors.

If anyone involved in N.A.T.G.E.O is also aquainted with the berlin rave scene, a future article on it would be wonderful

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