

77 River in Sumerian script

I was inspired by the amazing novel

There are Rivers in the Sky

by the Turkish-British author

Elif Shafak

and by the

brave defendants in

Prairieband TX

FREE THEN

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Mama's **ZineLife** Issue 1

you say it
 like "magazine"
 — "zeen" without
 the "maga"

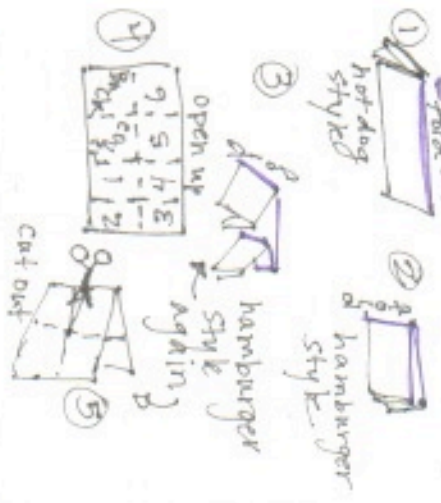
What are zines?

Why are they radical?

How do you get started?



what if —
 You sat with your
 friends at a food
 cart or coffee shop
 or on a bench by
 the River —
 making zines??
 — instead of scrolling —



Zines are meant to
 SHARE your story,
 Your knowledge,
 Your perspective —
 to make your community
RESILIENT

Zines are self-published
 and non-commercial

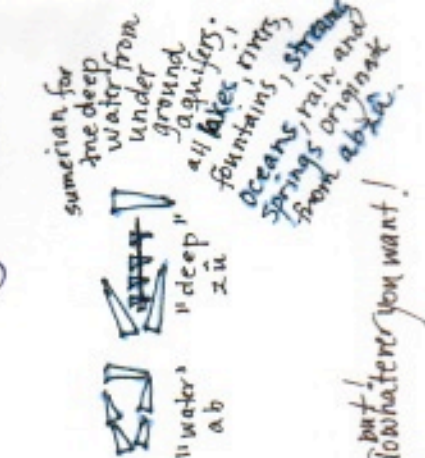
WHETHER you
 count clay tablets
 from Mesopotamia,
 Martin Luther's
 theses OR
 don't start counting
 until science
 fiction fanzines
 at the 1930s,

there are no zine rules! you will
 find zines that are commercially
 published! I don't count those!

Yes you can be
 targeted, prosecuted,
 and imprisoned for
 having zines — which
 is illegal and
 BULLSHIT
 *we know that laws are
 only made to protect the
 people who make them!

Zines don't need
 data centers,
 don't have cookies,
 don't have
 algorithms
 following you
 around.

Zines have been
 the — printed —
 voice of the
 (relatively)
 voiceless for a
 long time.



~ disseminated,
 read and enjoyed!
 Published!

Zines require no
 agents, publishing
 houses, book proposals,
 or million Instagram
 followers to be