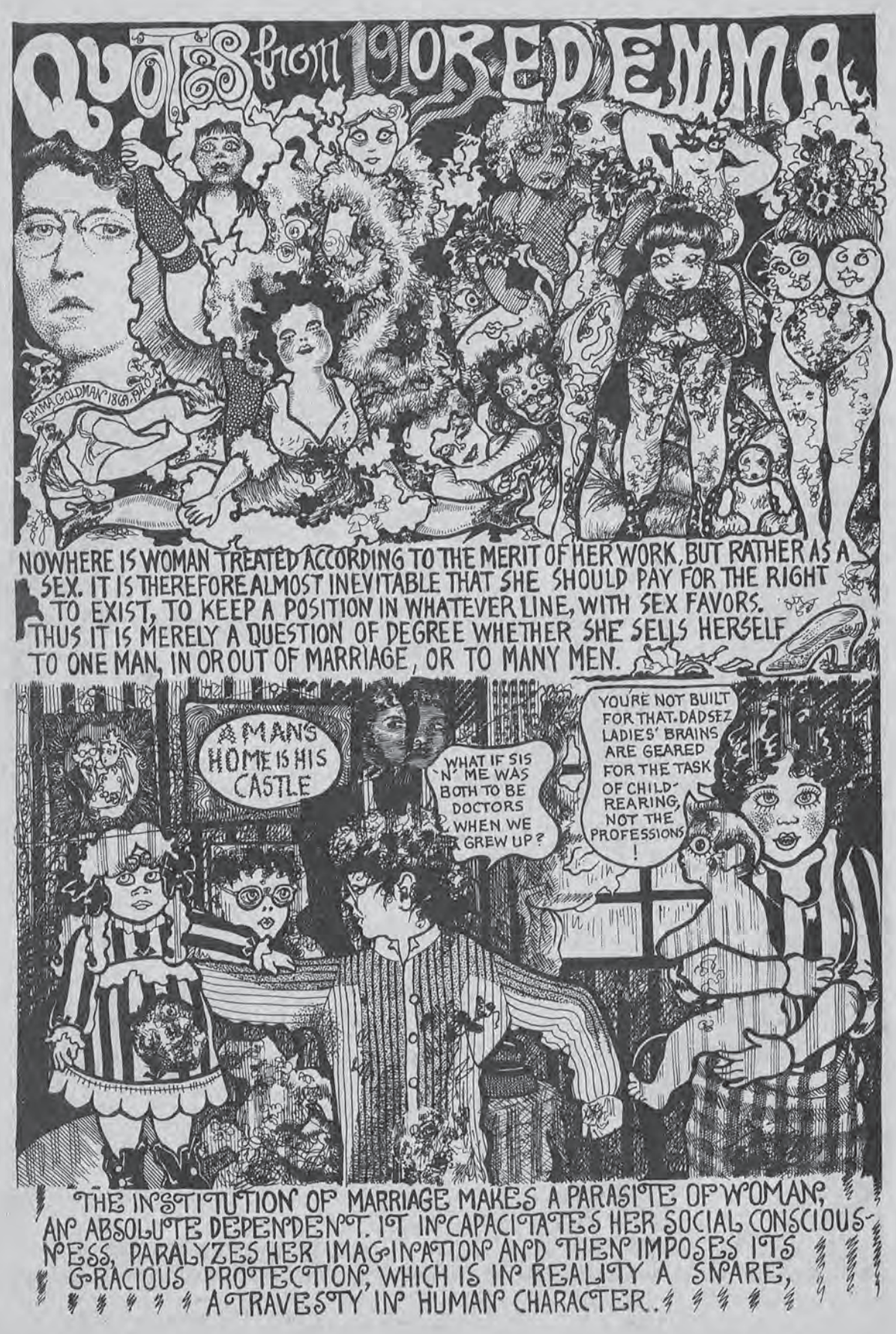
QUOTES from 1910 RED EMMA
EMMA GOLDMAN 1869-1940
NOWHERE IS WOMAN TREATED ACCORDING TO THE MERIT OF HER WORK, BUT RATHER AS A SEX. IT IS THEREFORE ALMOST INEVITABLE THAT SHE SHOULD PAY FOR THE RIGHT TO EXIST, TO KEEP A POSITION IN WHATEVER LINE, WITH SEX FAVORS. THUS IT IS MERELY A QUESTION OF DEGREE WHETHER SHE SELLS HERSELF TO ONE MAN, IN OR OUT OF MARRIAGE, OR TO MANY MEN.
A MAN'S HOME IS HIS CASTLE
WHAT IF SIS N' ME WAS BOTH TO BE DOCTORS WHEN WE GREW UP?
YOU'RE NOT BUILT FOR THAT. DADSEZ LADIES' BRAINS ARE GEARED FOR THE TASK OF CHILD-REARING, NOT THE PROFESSIONS!
"THE INSTITUTION OF MARRIAGE MAKES A PARASITE OF WOMAN, AN ABSOLUTE DEPENDENT. IT INCAPACITATES HER SOCIAL CONSCIOUSNESS, PARALYZES HER IMAGINATION AND THEN IMPOSES ITS GRACIOUS PROTECTION, WHICH IS IN REALITY A SNARE, A TRAVESTY IN HUMAN CHARACTER."

REAL WEALTH CONSISTS IN THINGS OF UTILITY AND BEAUTY
IN THINGS THAT HELP TO CREATE
STRONG BEAUTIFUL BODIES AND SURROUNDINGS INSPIRING TO LIVE IN. BUT IF MAN IS DOOMED TO WIND COTTON AROUND A SPOOL, OR DIG COAL, OR BUILD ROADS FOR THIRTY YEARS OF HIS LIFE THERE CAN BE NO TALK OF WEALTH. WHAT HE GIVES TO THE WORLD IS ONLY GRAY AND HIDEOUS THINGS REFLECTING A DULL AND HIDEOUS EXISTENCE, TOO WEAK TO LIVE, TOO COWARDLY TO DIE. STRANGE TO SAY, THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO EXTOL THIS DEADENING METHOD OF CENTRALIZED PRODUCTION AS THE PROUDEST ACHIEVEMENT OF OUR AGE. THEY FAIL UTTERLY TO REALIZE THAT IF WE ARE TO CONTINUE IN MACHINE SUBSERVIENCY OUR SLAVERY IS MORE COMPLETE THAN WAS OUR BONDAGE TO THE KING.

Woman can give suffrage or the ballot no new quality, nor can she recieve anything from it that will enhance her own quality. Her development, her freedom, her independence must come from and through herself. FIRST, by asserting herself as a personality and not as a sex commodity. SECOND, by refusing the right to dominate her body; by refusing TO BEAR CHILDREN UNLESS she WANTS THEM; by refusing to be a servant to GOD, the STATE, SOCIETY, the husband, the FAMILY, etc.; by making her life simpler, but DEEPER and RICHER. That is, by trying to learn the meaning and substance of LIFE in all its COMPLEXITIES, by freeing HERSELF FROM the FEAR of PUBLIC OPINION and PUBLIC condemnation. Only THAT (and not the ballot) WILL SET WOMAN FREE, will make her A FORCE for REAL LOVE, for PEACE, for HARMONY; a force of DIVINE FIRE, of LIFE-GIVING; A CREATOR OF FREE MEN AND WOMEN.
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