



“The Power of Gathering: A Revolution in a Fragmented World”

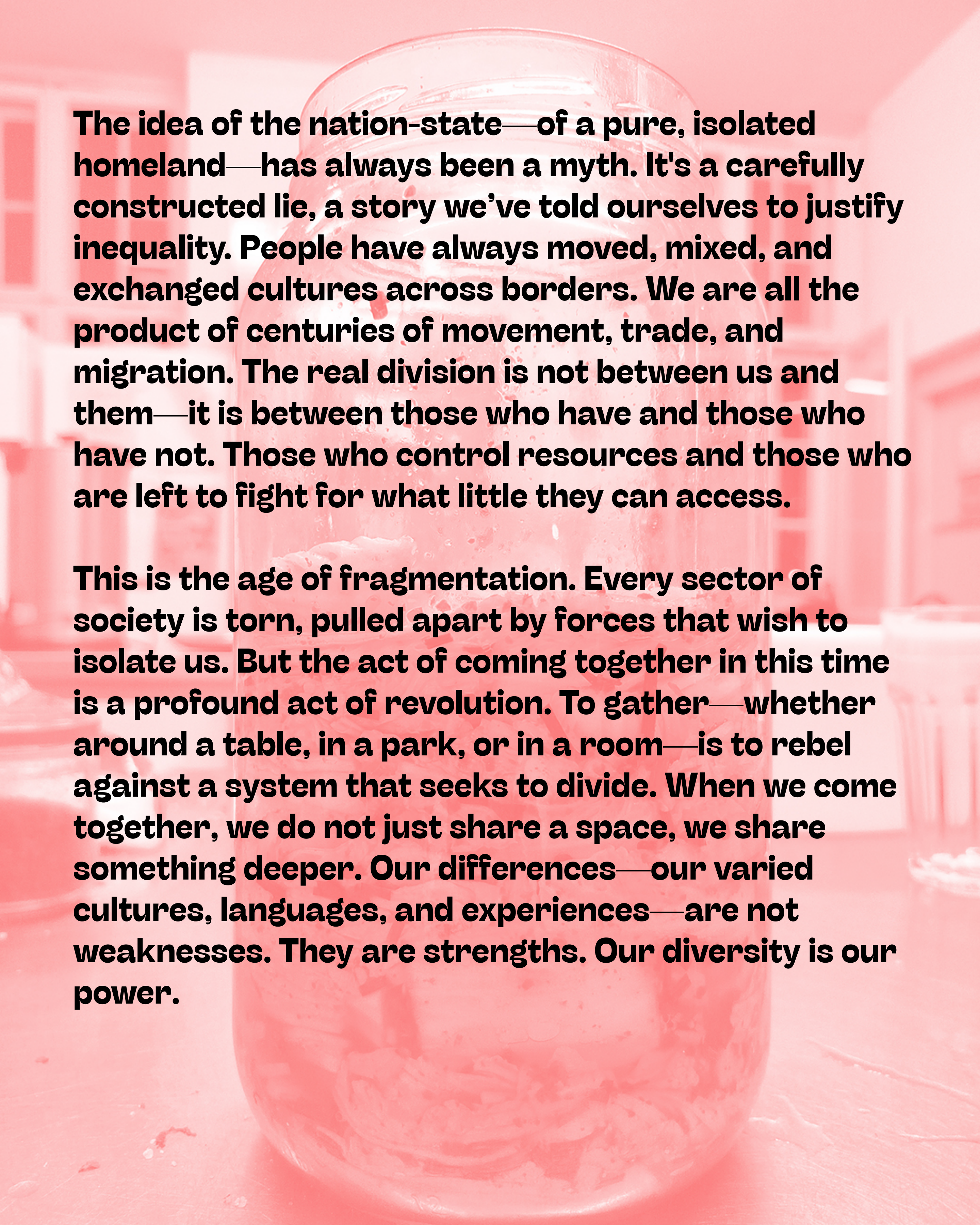




In a world marked by division and fragmentation, one question haunts us: How do we navigate this time, this moment, torn apart by countless divides?

Everywhere we look, we encounter borders—of race, of wealth, of belief. These boundaries don't just exist on maps, they thrive in our minds, reinforcing the isolation of groups and fueling conflict. The battle is everywhere: the environmentalist versus the car owner, the migrant versus the nation, the privileged versus the underprivileged. In this age, protection is no longer about safeguarding shared values or the common good—it has become a shield for those who already possess more than enough.

Security today has little to do with safety; it is about preserving the status quo—protecting the bubble of privilege that shields those within from the 'other,' those seen as outside the circle of belonging. The divisions grow sharper with each passing day, and the stakes higher. Election season arrives, and the focus is on borders—yet what are these borders really? The geographic ones? Yes, but they are also something much deeper, something more insidious. They are walls built to keep resources, power, and opportunities locked behind the gates of a select few.



The idea of the nation-state—of a pure, isolated homeland—has always been a myth. It's a carefully constructed lie, a story we've told ourselves to justify inequality. People have always moved, mixed, and exchanged cultures across borders. We are all the product of centuries of movement, trade, and migration. The real division is not between us and them—it is between those who have and those who have not. Those who control resources and those who are left to fight for what little they can access.

This is the age of fragmentation. Every sector of society is torn, pulled apart by forces that wish to isolate us. But the act of coming together in this time is a profound act of revolution. To gather—whether around a table, in a park, or in a room—is to rebel against a system that seeks to divide. When we come together, we do not just share a space, we share something deeper. Our differences—our varied cultures, languages, and experiences—are not weaknesses. They are strengths. Our diversity is our power.





In a world where the dominant narrative is about separation, gathering is a radical act. It challenges the belief that we must stand apart. When we gather, whether physically or in spirit, we create common ground from our differences. We begin to imagine a new world, one where unity doesn't mean uniformity, but rather the celebration of what makes each of us unique. When we gather, we build something greater than ourselves—a collective strength that transcends borders and barriers.

And food, in its simplest form, is one of the greatest ways to bind us. Food connects generations. It carries memories, histories, and emotions. A meal is not just nourishment; it is a bridge across time. Every dish has its own story, a history that links us to the past, to ancestors, to cultures long gone. But it also ties us to the present, bringing people together, offering a space to share, to listen, to learn.



Each time we sit down to eat, we participate in a kind of time travel—reaching into the past, connecting with the present, and even imagining the future. Through food, we can revisit our histories, relive shared memories, and think about the world we want to build. We bring our heritage with us, but we also bring a willingness to listen to others, to respect their heritage. In the act of sharing a meal, we reshape our collective future.

in a world that pushes us toward individualism, toward ownership, we must remember that success is never a solitary journey. Success is always collective. The billionaires and power brokers who seem to stand apart from the masses are not isolated geniuses—they are beneficiaries of centuries of collective knowledge, labor, and exchange. They may own vast fortunes, but they did not build them alone. Their success is built on the backs of many, on the combined efforts of countless others who contributed to the systems they now control. If we are to stop the cycles of exploitation, we must acknowledge that true success, true progress, can only be achieved together.





The world tells us to be separate. To protect our own. To hold on tight to what we have. But gathering is an act of resistance. To come together, to share our stories, to exchange ideas and experiences, is to reject the narrative of division. It is to say, with every act of unity, that we will not be torn apart. Together, we are stronger. Together, we are more.

**Gathering is revolutionary.
And in this fractured world, it
is the only way forward.**