What the heck is going on in 2021? How have last year and this year mirrored or amplified ongoing issues regarding caregiving labor and gendered performance? Is feminism taking a back seat as mothers and fathers turn to homeschooling? As salaries fade, hardship and isolation fray nerves, and as illness coupled with civil disobedience take shape on the streets, what are we going to do?

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