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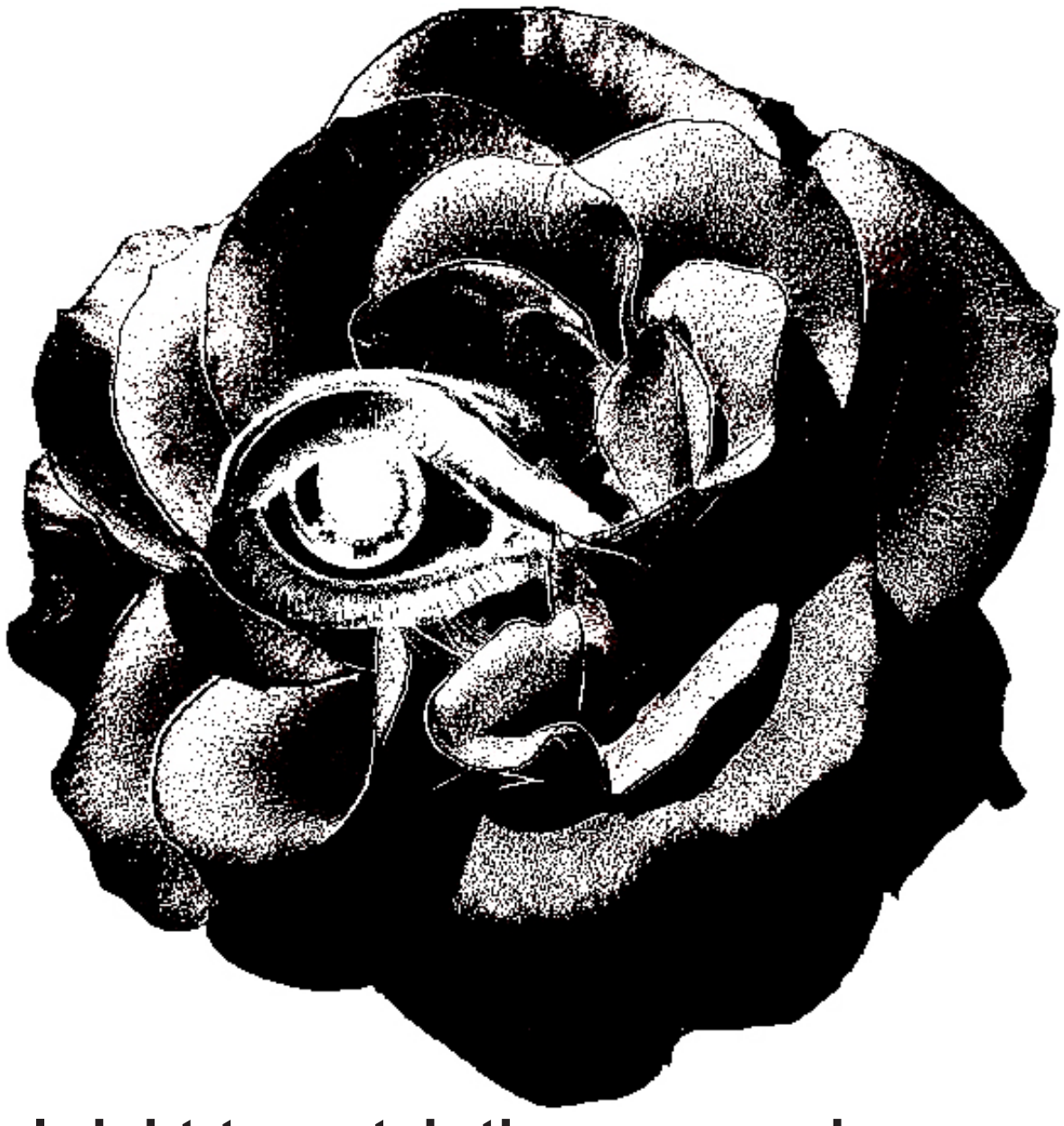

It's your legal right to watch the cops and your presence may stop them from violating someone's rights! If they talk to you, tell them, "I'M HERE TO OBSERVE. I DO NOT INTEND TO INTERFERE." This means staying 10 or more feet away from the action and not doing anything to distract the officers or other people involved. If police tell you to go away, ask them where they want you to stand and move there.

If something seems wrong or illegal, get the number on the police car. Write down what you saw, when and where. This information may help someone get justice for police violations!

This is not legal advice. However, Rose City Copwatch knows that these verbal techniques, when used properly, help keep people out of jail and other trouble. Rose City Copwatch believes that using these verbal techniques, in every single interaction with the police, serves to build a community culture of resistance to police incursion, surveillance and bullying. For this reason, we see non-cooperation as equally important whether or not one has "something to hide."

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