

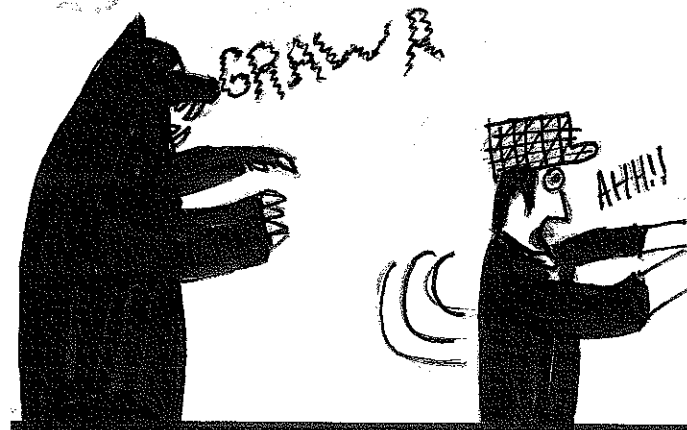
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Sometimes our subjecthood is displayed by turning away...



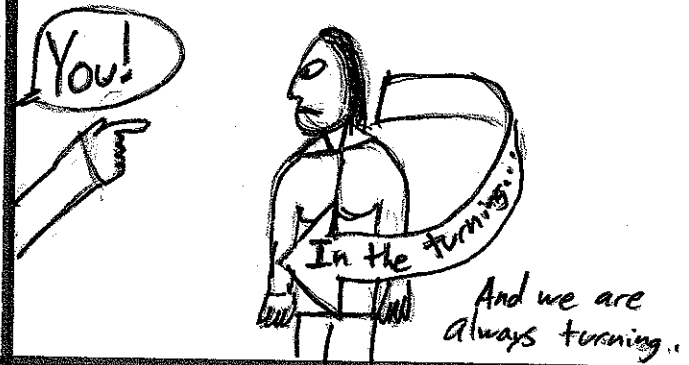
We can be very resistant subjects... even in turning



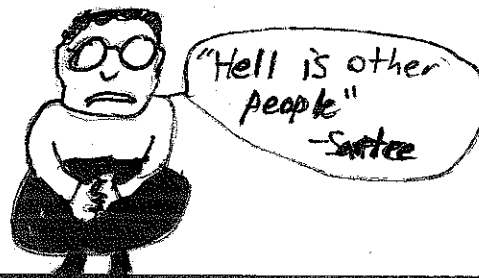
In "Ideology and the Ideological State Apparatus," Althusser proposes that we are "always-already" subjects of the 'system,' as demonstrated by the example of being hailed by a police officer.



When we realize that we are the You being called and turn, we become subjects of the state



Because being a subject means that our knowledge of ourselves, and in turn our actions, are influenced by the presence of the other, we are always-already subjects



That is not to say that we lack agency



We can also be enmeshed in the system without being asked to turn, or being turned to.



-So?

So what? -

-what's the point. It all sounds defeatist and depressing. Even when we resist we are subjects? What's up with that?

Well...

we can always-already resist. we have nothing to lose in discovering how we are made subjects. And as Foucault + Man says...

