

Dialogue with a Rapist 1978 Bermondsey London



Time: 2 am 5th February 1978
Location: St James Road, Bermondsey, London

Man: be quiet, I've got a knife

Woman: FOR CHRIST'S SAKE! YOU MUST BE JOKING! YOU'RE NOT SERIOUS!
Man: no I'm not joking... see? I want you



Woman: JUST FUCK OFF - GO ON FUCK OFF!
Man: no... you've got to come around here... if you do as I say you won't get hurt much

Woman: no No NO!
Man: stop STUGGLING - I'LL HURT YOU!!
Woman: YOU'VE GOR THE WRONG WOMAN - THE WRONG WOMAN! CREEP! I COULD KILL YOU... DON'T YOU REALISE? You knife me... I don't care... fucking RACIST!

Man: I just want a woman... any
Woman: ... come on I MEAN IT!
Woman: ... listen, LISTEN! NO WAY! you are stupid... STUPID! oh god... you can't be any more than eight-
Man: That's right
Woman: you're not bad looking... can't you pick up girls in Discos?
Man: they're crap



Woman: I could try and tell you... god I'm so drunk... I can't get the words together... you don't come from around here... you don't know what you are doing... you don't know what the people are like around here... national front... if I was a different woman, younger, more frightened... oh shit...
Man: Tell me
Woman: ... and this woman was really frightened of black people, ... prejudiced... and you could do... what you... wanted to do...
Man: Yeah. Go on

Woman: afterwards she would be very upset... as of course she would be... and she ran into a pub, and there was a lock-in... thirty drunk guys... never mind you, they would beat up every black person in the radius of six miles... and next time it might be a young black girl walking down this street and this other woman ... the one you might have attacked... her husband, her brothers... you know... men would be waiting... think of your mother... your sisters... Christ don't you realise? It just gets bigger and bigger... sixty people...

Man: you sound as if you're on my side
Woman: Well... no... don't like people putting knives against my throat... but I realise the oppression... can sympathise with your anger, but it's always women who have to pay in the end. You are just so silly... arn't you
Man: yes I suppose so
Woman: you won't do this again will you
Man: I guess it was a silly thing to do... no
Woman: I am going now...
Man: Where do you live?
Woman: Oh... just around here somewhere.
Man: I'll follow you home if you like
Woman: I think I'll look after myself thanks - 'bye!

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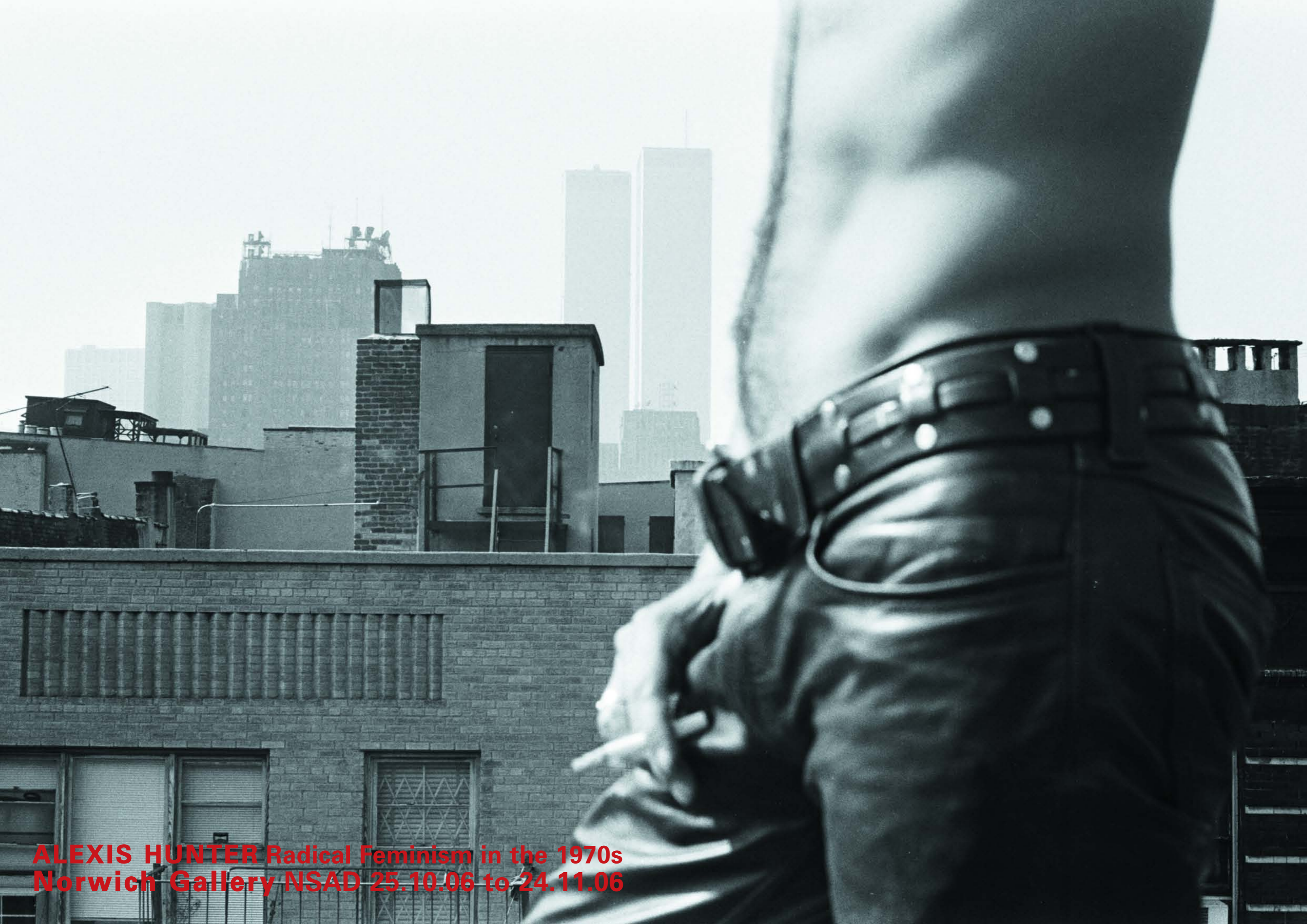
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