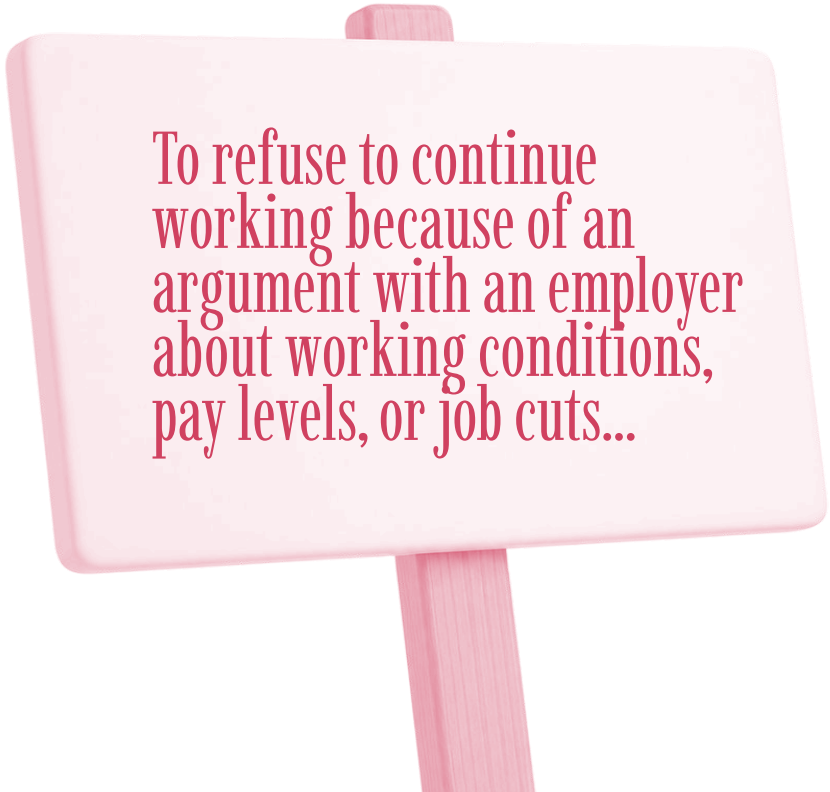
WHY PALO STRIKES BACK

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what is strike?

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How to strike?

Refuse

What to refuse?

Work

What counts as Ph.D. work?



PhD work keeps the university running.

- **Education**: TAing, grading, instructing, tutoring, and supporting undergraduates.
- **Service & Admin**: committees, department events, recruitment, and admin tasks.
- **Research**: designing studies, collecting and analyzing data, writing papers, and finishing the dissertation.


Financial Insecurity
Harassment
Low Stipend
What makes
Ph.D.
Excessive Workload
Lack of Childcare
Anything Else?
School
Professor
Check
Where to strike?
Depart-ment
Govern-ment

One Body Two Positionalities?

Graduate students don't fit neatly into one role. They are students, researchers, and employees. These overlapping roles shape what a strike means, what it puts at risk, and why walking out is rarely simple.



if i go on strike, research just completely stops...

I'm a student, not a worker...

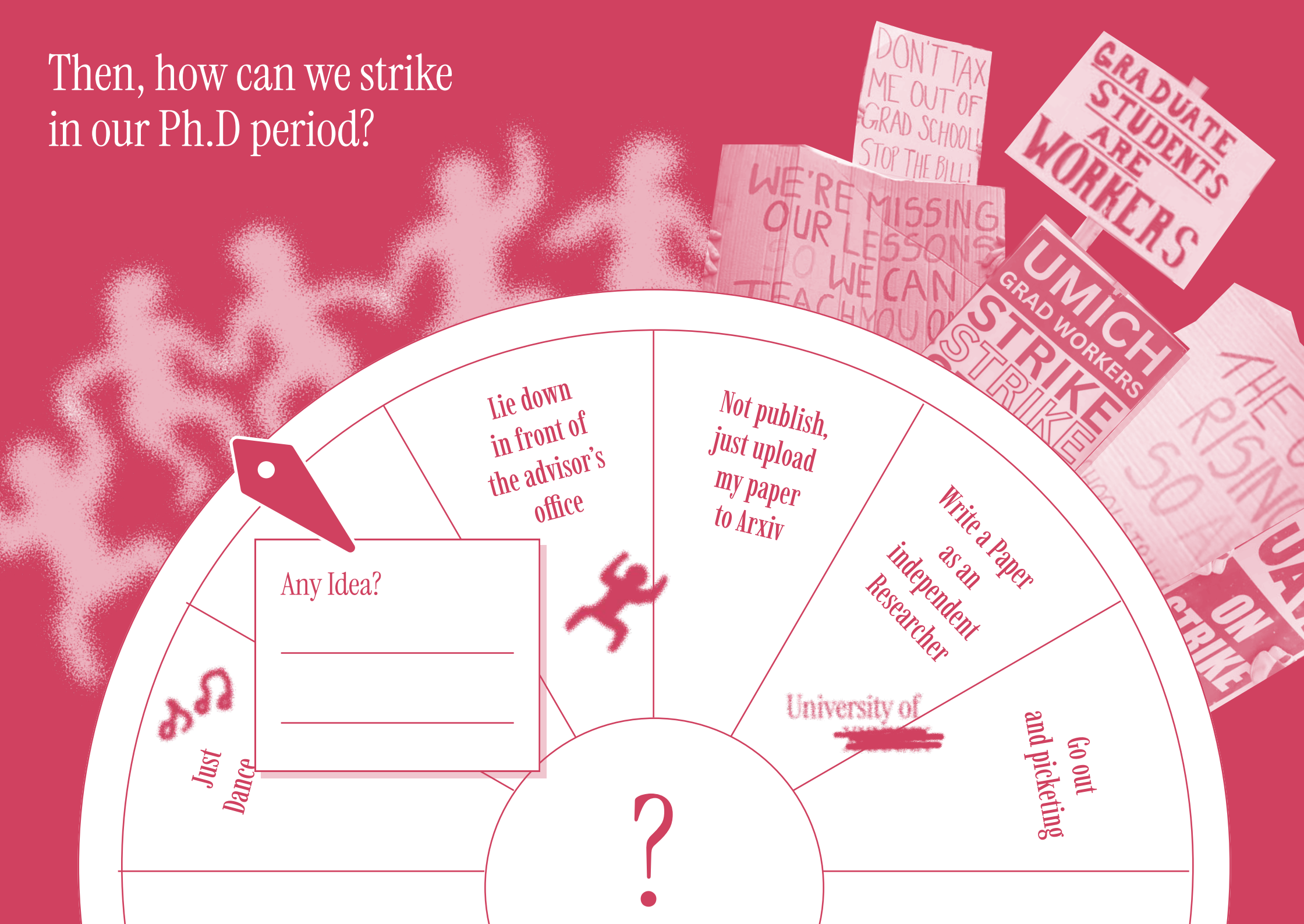
Doing PhD is only five years anyway, so it'll be over eventually...



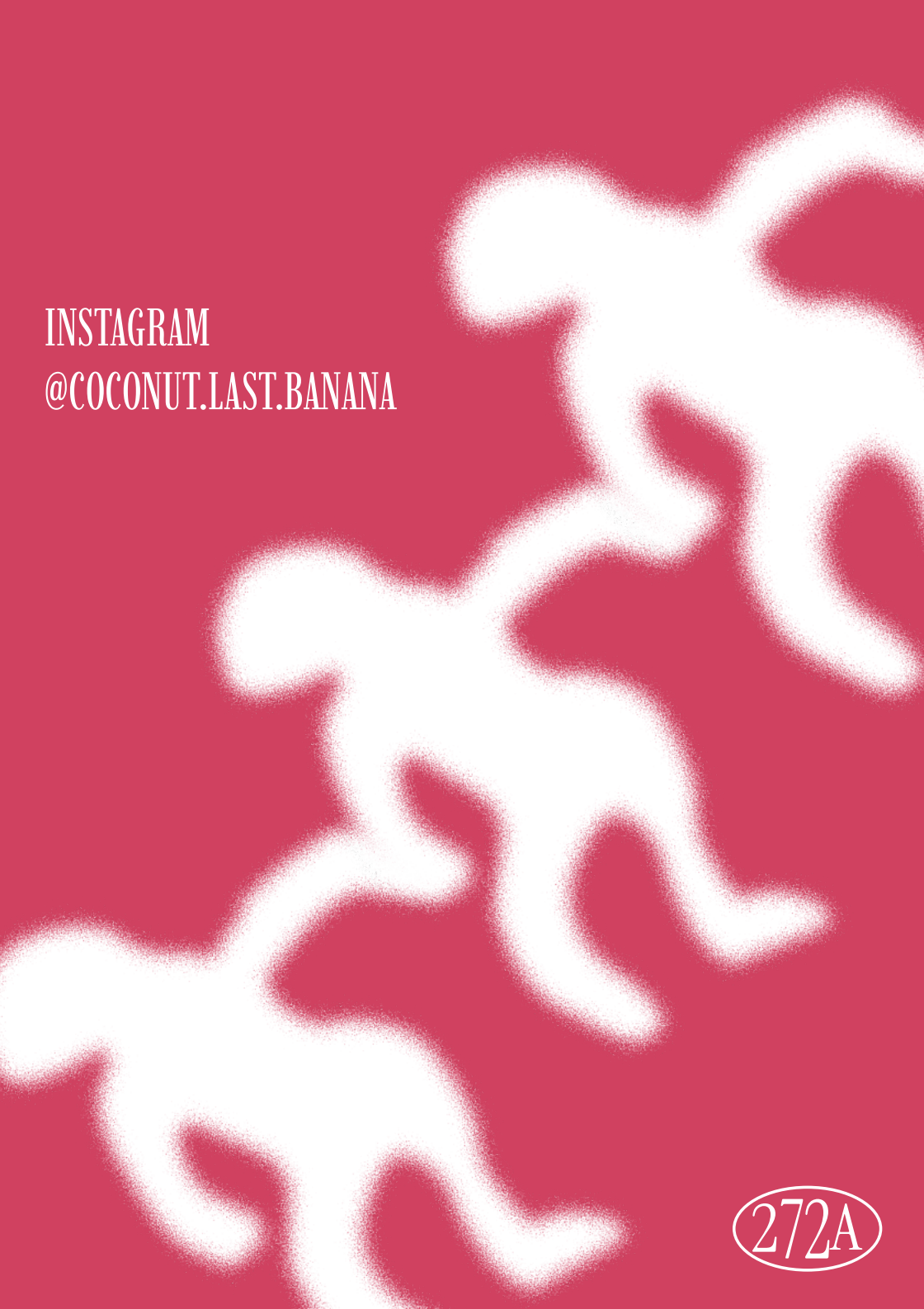
going on strike just feels way too risky... as an international



Then, how can we strike in our Ph.D period?



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