For so long we have proposed considering the politics of this or the politics of that – the politics of transgender, the politics of sex, the politics of performance, the politics of resistance – what if politics itself, as a concept and a framework is not the solution but the problem. In other words, what if this need to legitimate everything via the political as we currently understand politics (activities associated with governance) is part of the problem in that it leads only to certain kinds of projects — the propulsive projects that engage making, doing, being, building, becoming, knowing, declaring, proposing, dealing, moving and so on. At the same time, this definition of the political disallows other projects that involve unbuilding, unmaking and destitution and declares these to be violent and worthless. Using three examples of “exit routes” from this current formulation of politics and violence, I offer a new vision of unbuilding the world.

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