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**What is fate—
what did you make of it,
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George Grosz
1893-1959



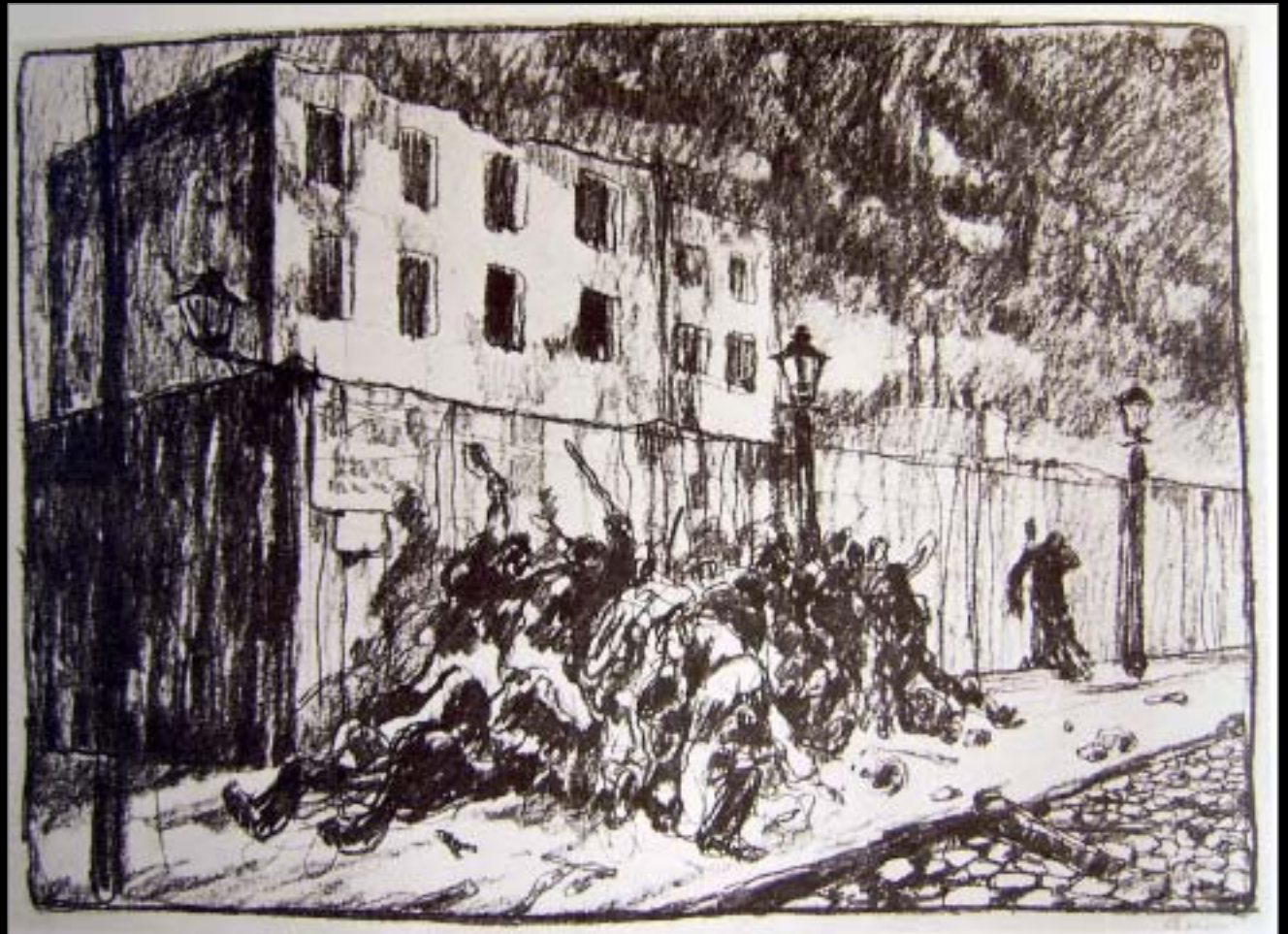
George Grosz, Self Portrait in 1915

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Street Fight, 1912



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End of the Line, 1913



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Pandemonium, 1914

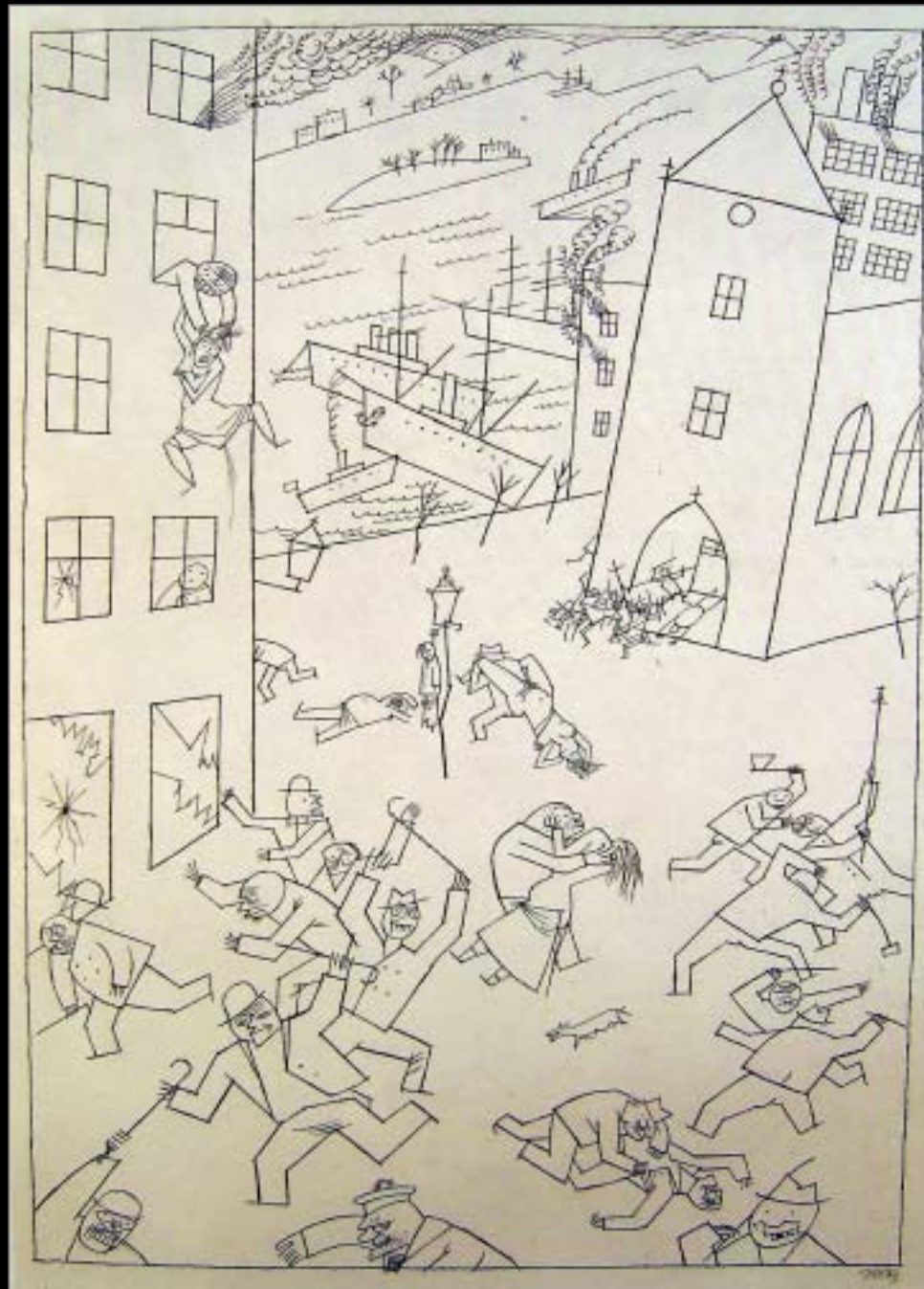


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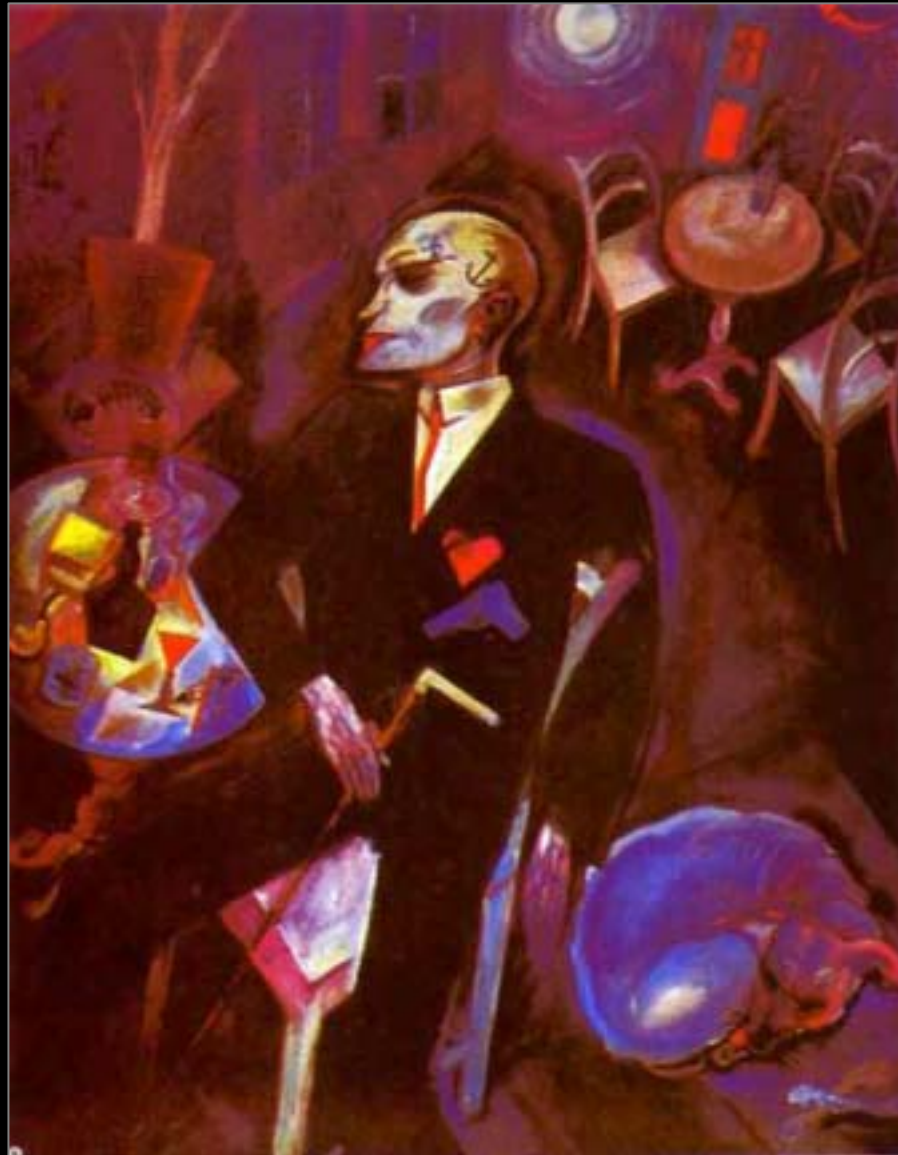


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Love Sick, 1916



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Suicide, 1916



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*Sex Murder in
Ackerstrafie, 1916-17*

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“For me, all these strange
painted murders,
department store fires,
pursuits of criminals,
executions and natural
disasters... had the
romance of a world
untouched, full of great
danger and bloody
adventure.”

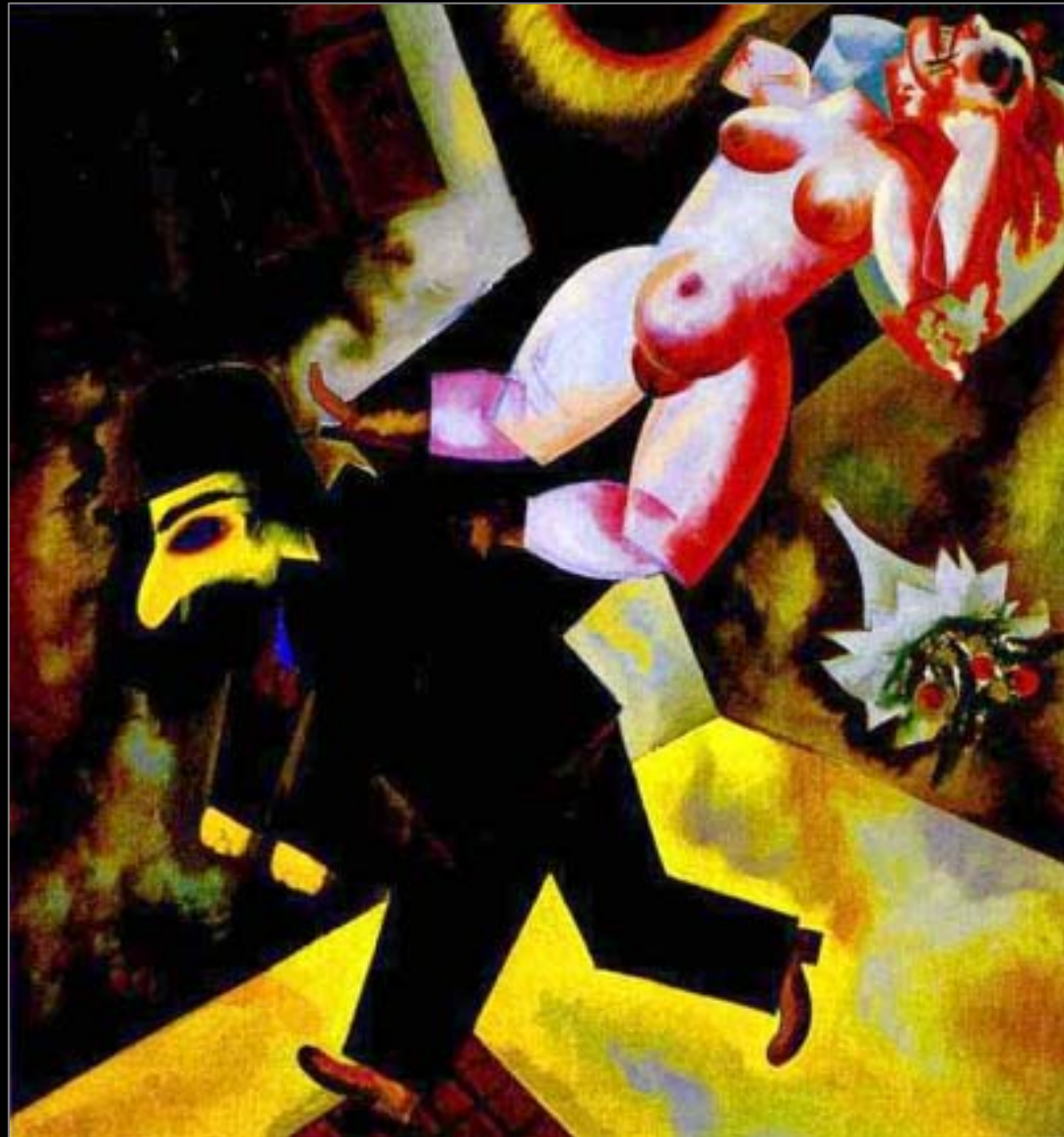


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*John, the Woman Slayer,
1918*



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*To Oscar Panizza,
1917-18.*

“At night,, down a strange
street, a diabolical
procession of inhuman
figures parade by, their
faces eloquent of alcohol,
syphilis, plague. One is
blowing a trumpet,
another yelling hurrah.
Death rides among this
multitude, on a black
coffin, symbolized straight
forwardly as a skeleton.”



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*And Grants to the
Unemployed His Daily
Death Benefits, 1920's*



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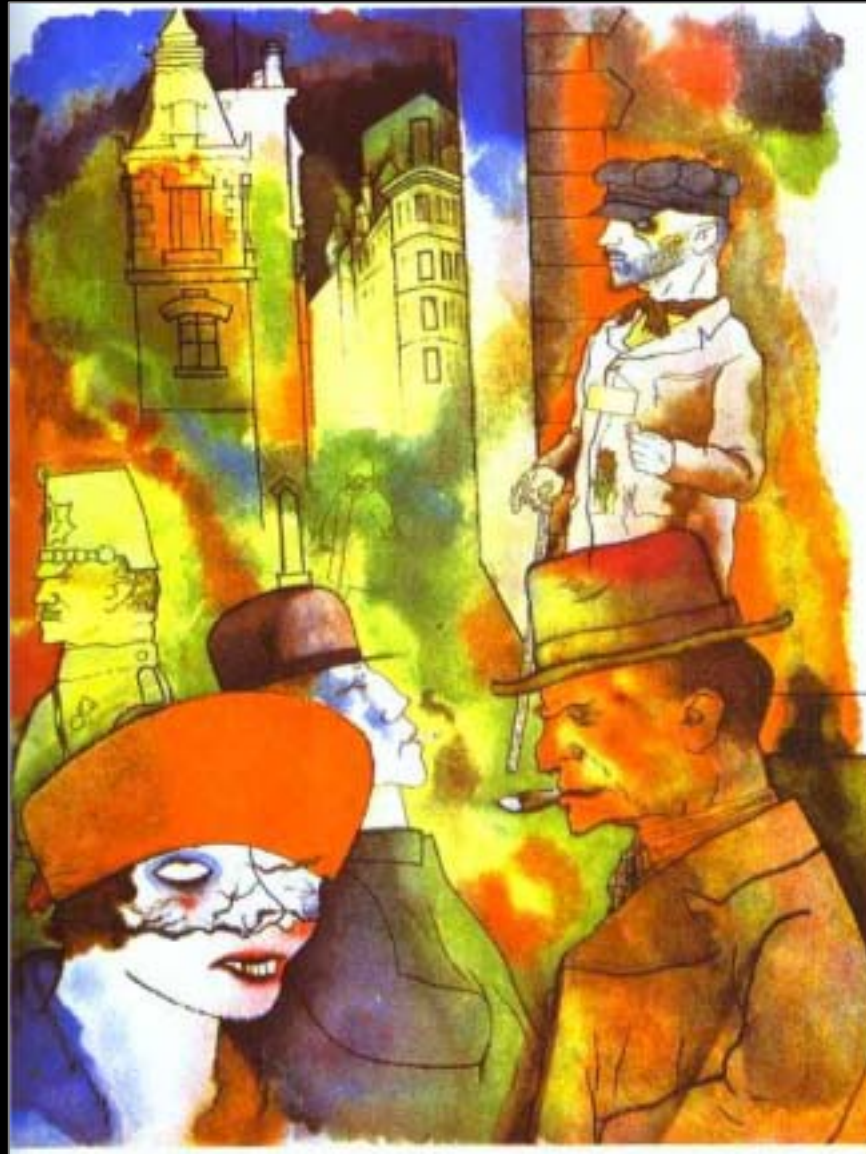


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Gray Day, 1920's



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The White Slaver, 1920's



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*Beauty, Thee I will
Praise, 1920's*



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The Waltz Dream, 1920's



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Orgy, 1920's



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The Pillars of Society,
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The Savior, 1930



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Early 1930's



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*Lower Manhattan, mid
1930's*



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Self Portrait, 1938



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***Arnold Newman:
Portrait of George Grosz.
1942***



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Glad to be Back, 1943



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The Wanderer, 1943



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*The Painter of Holes,
uprooted, 1947-48*



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*The Enemy of the
Rainbow, ca.1952.*





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