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Growing up I was told art was a hobby. Acting a hobby. Music a hobby. But to some it is not. It is a need. It is a calling. To say that suffering is just a natural rite of passage for artists misses the point that our society is destroying its best and brightest by trying to make everyone want the same house car and picket fence. I loved my life as an extra. I wanted to grow. Yet to have non artists and artists decide i can not pursue acting as any more than a hobby when i was working 14 hour days on set while in school to get skills to learn film production was wrong. to be told i was blacklisted from sets when i did nothing wrong was a criminal. Art is important. It is needed. And people who negate it as a career are not positive people. We have lost so much by stifling creatives. The constitution gives copyright to individuals for a reason. The arts and sciences are economic stimulus and not burdens. Yet we degrade artists as though they are trash instead of nurturing talent. Ill never be a lawyer. I was never made to be. And without my art and cut off from my union ill never be more than a poor woman on the streets. I do not do theater. If you do not understand why, then you are someone who does not see why ghost ship is a tragedy. Why when the arts sink so does our economy.



