**Ciro’s in Menands, NY—All Boarded Up**

Did Gucci 7 Get His Way Afterall?

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What is happening here?

Jim said, “I often wondered if there wasn’t other things those girls could be doing like working in office somewhere in downtown Albany, maybe one of the high-rises. Tending desk. They would sure make good receptionists, and probably pull in more per week that what they got at that joint.”

Is there jobs for the girls in Albany? We don’t know that yet. Maybe not, or maybe, *if* they want them. There’s certainly no forcing here. But we at the Gucci Times feel they have more talent than to undress in front of gawking dudes.

Robinson said he was in there once and “I couldn’t even take a leak in the restroom without a bunch of the male staff coming in with me. What was that all about?”

Seven’s final statement about it was, “The boarding was a consequence of the rioting, but my public official had given a specific endorsement in the newsletter for a peaceful protest, like King taught you. We were not behind any kind of violence—especially vandalism. You did this sh to yourselves.”

I was sure that the mothers in Menands didn’t want the place there, and probably the whole Menands police force was against it also. But that was Ciro’s male staff’s “freedom of speech,” and this is mine.

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An article I started long ago was pending in the Gucci Times Volume 2 Issue 18 called “Guccione to Stop Up Ciro’s” and “Girls There Offered New Jobs”, but the article was never written. It seems that Jim7 brought that prophecy to fruition “cause if you drive by the place on Rt 32 in Menands NY you can see plainly the flat black boards covering the windows. In addition to that, the joint is closed.

When I asked Jim7 about this he said, “Didn’t I tell you?” and I heard the sound of chopper blades starting up thereafter.

These two “velvet” drawings were considered starry-eyed corny idealism by many of Robinson’s peers, but somehow one became *real* contrary to their black and white abstract format. Hows come? Could it be the matter of “dudes not being able to draw” that causes this kind of ridicule?