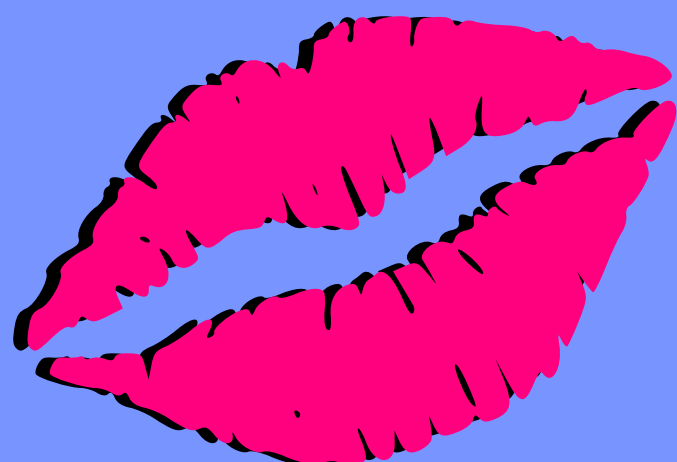
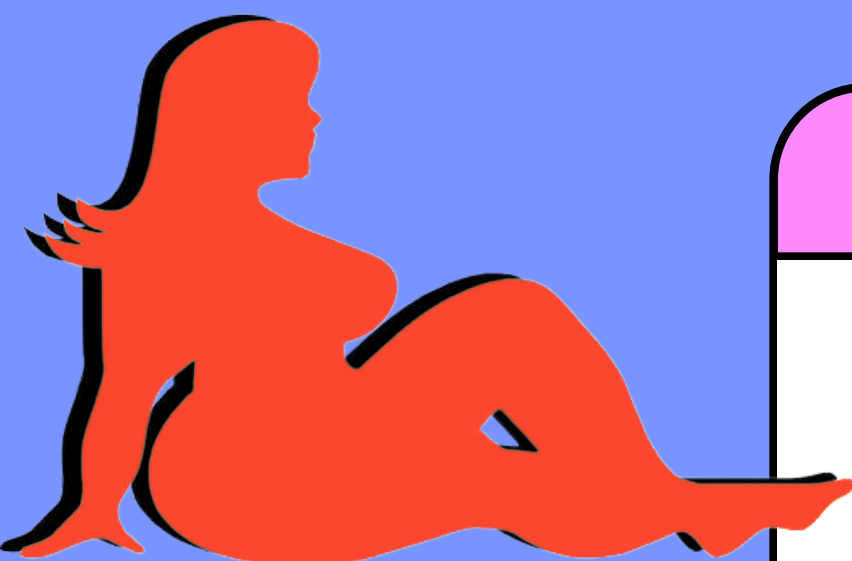
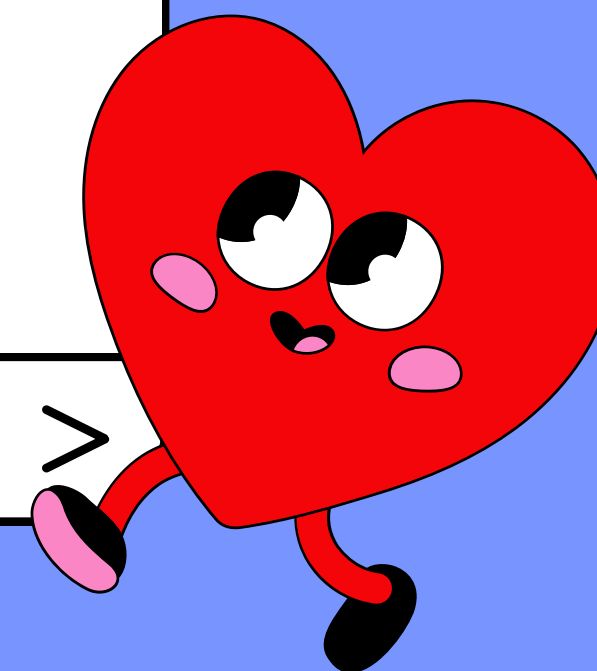
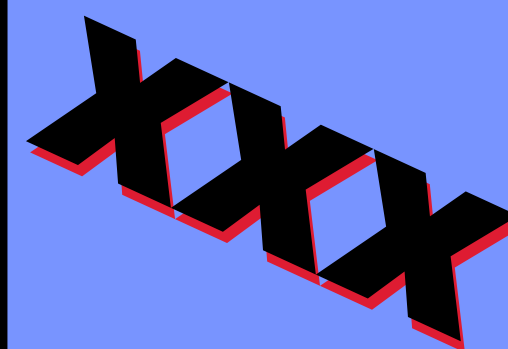
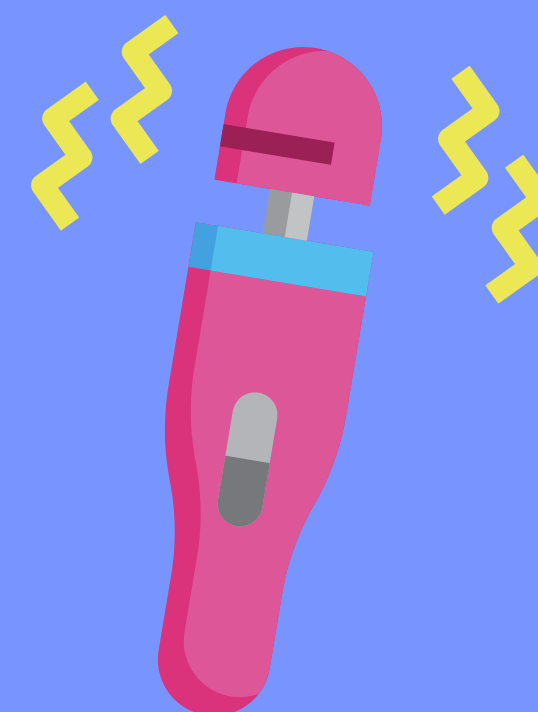


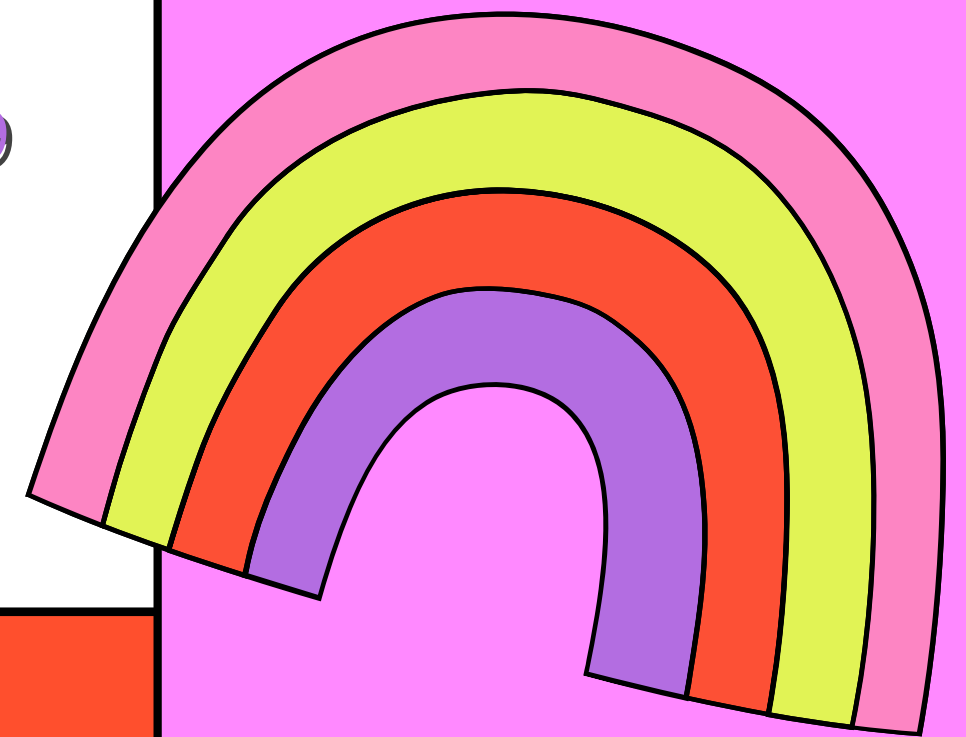
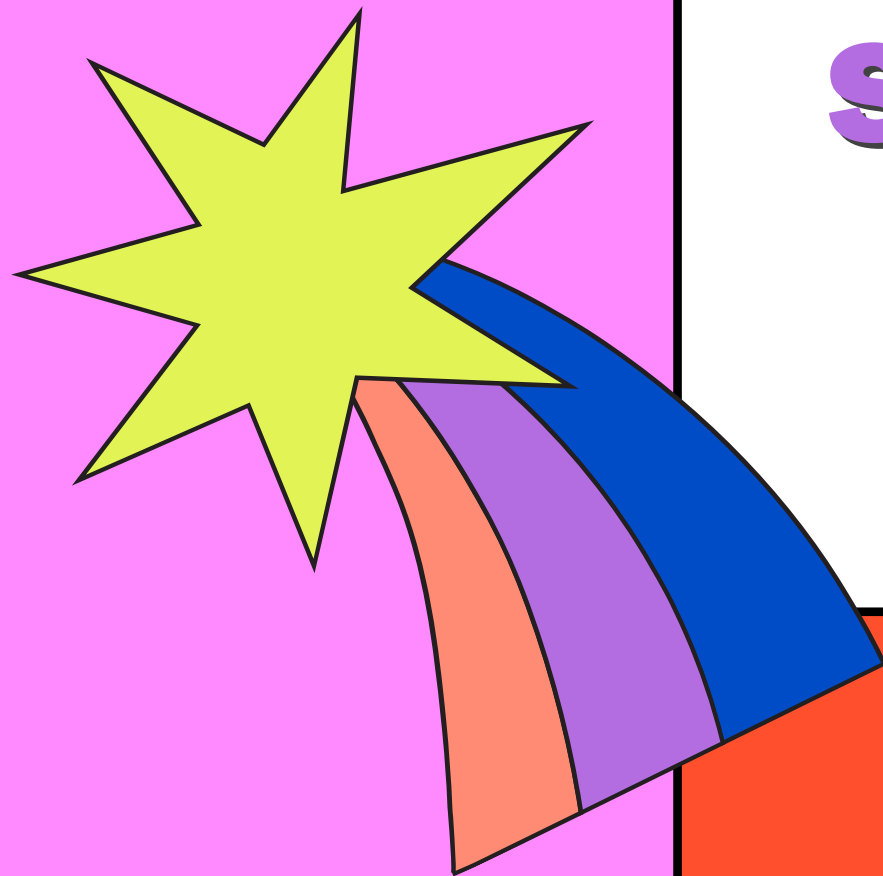
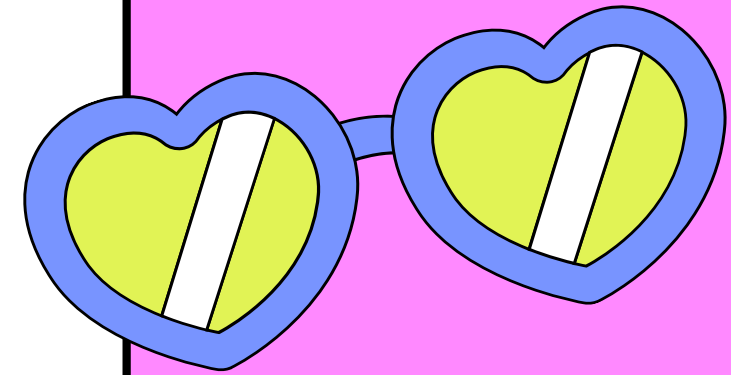


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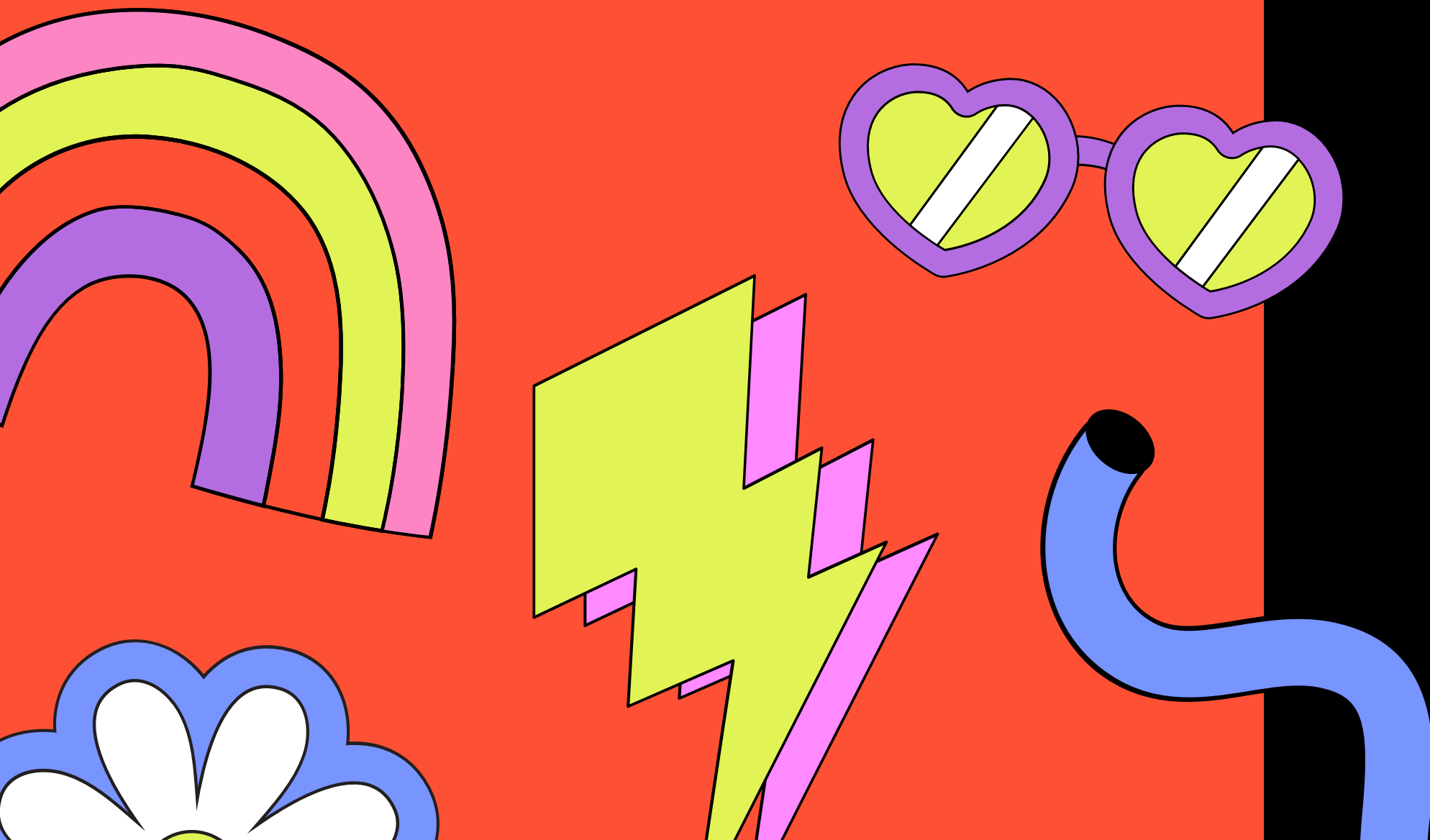


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HOW DOES WHOREPHOBIA MANIFEST?

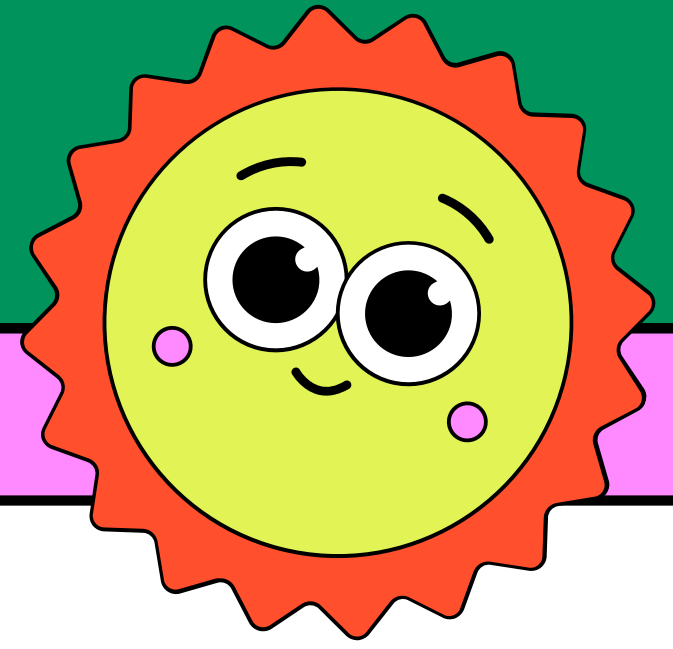


- Reinforces harmful tropes:
 - Disposable Sex worker– SWer is vulnerable, only does street-based work and is always being dehumanized
 - Sex work= "dirty work"– SWers being seen as inherently "dirty" and shameful
- Suppressing sex work, sex educator and sex tech accounts on various platforms, especially Instagram
- Public shaming through flagging content and profiles (both on social media and dating apps)
- Removing compensatory options for sex content creators and swers
- Continues to downplay and limit bringing awareness to the harm that swers face, especially those who are Black trans women

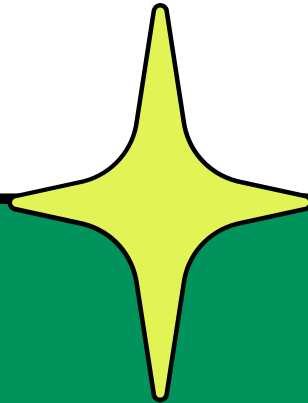
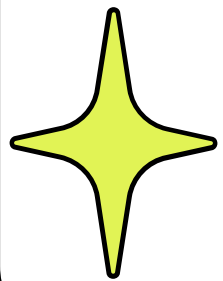
SEX-BASED CONTENT CREATORS AND NAVIGATING DIGITAL SPACES

- Similarly to influencers, sex-based content creators have to deal with parasocial relationships that can assist in turning fans into customers but are not devoid of harm
- Using intentional misspelling or omission of words to avoid censorship (i.e. seks, seggs and s3x instead of sex)
- Having to use terms that are rooted in white supremacy and fetishization in order to drive traffic (i.e. "ebony", "bbw", etc.)





**WHEN IS IT OKAY TO
"SELL SEX"?**



WHOREPHOBIA & THE HOE/HEAUX AESTHETIC

"I said dance, not f*ck.
Don't get it confused."–
Cardi B



Whorephobia fuels the appropriation of whore/hoe/heaux culture while continuing to demonize the actual whore/hoe/heaux themselves, especially those who are further marginalized

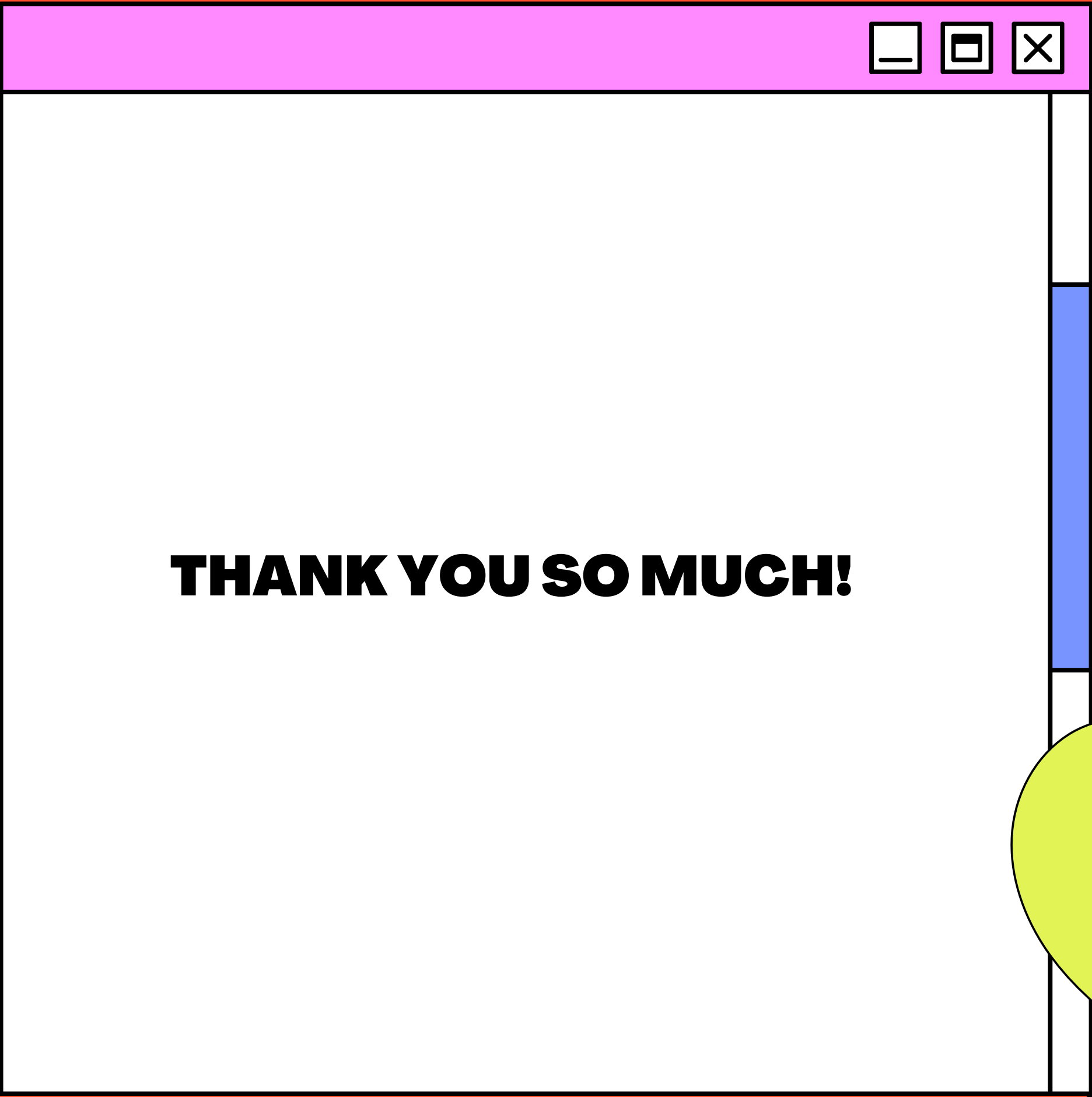
Examples?

- Women rappers benefiting from "selling sex" yet constantly using their platforms to shun and shame sex work
- Sports Illustrated and Playboy making and maintaining mostly white, cishet male target audiences by featuring women that are thin, lighter-skinned and fit Eurocentric beauty standards
- Men on dating apps talking about wanting women and gender expansive folk that are "fun, NSA, freaks, kinky" yet disregarding the consent of, being openly whorephobic towards and slut shaming people who exhibit these qualities
- Shunning trans women but getting BBLs, implants and facial feminization surgery

DEPICTIONS OF SEX WORKERS IN MEDIA: ZOLA

- Based on a true story by Zola, a former sex worker who shared her experience on Twitter
- Zola's retelling of her story via Twitter revolutionized the internet by influencing Twitter to roll out Threads
- Trigger warnings: nudity, strong language, sex, violence, sex work





THANK YOU SO MUCH!

