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Three years ago this week, I beat up a man who groped me in a club. It was fucking glorious. Celebrate that anniversary with me! https://t.co/SSFfVCYvA0 #IBeatMyAssaulter

I've lost count of the # times I've been sexually assaulted and I know that my reactions have spanned a spectrum, all of them valid. That night it was: Are you fucking kidding me? And my body went into autodrive; it knew exactly what to do. Tell me your #IBeatMyAssaulter stories

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I know that we can't always fight back. My priority is to survive. I never want what I have shared here to make anyone feel guilty for not beating up her assaulter.

I also know that we are not socialized to fight back. We are not taught to fight back. #IBeatMyAssaulter

Men are not socialized to expect us to fight back. I think of that when I hear of the spike in intimate partner terrorism during the pandemic. I wonder why those men never fear that those women could poison their food or simply kill them in their sleep for being abusive fucks.

I am not asking that question to put the burden of fighting back on women. Many do, and they are punished more severely for fighting back than are the men who beat/assault them. Prisons around the world are full of women who fight back & streets are full of men who assaulted them

What fucking world is this:
- where men still beat and kill us even during a pandemic
- how long must we wait until men stop beating and murdering us, even under #COVID19 lockdown?

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Touch me without my consent and I will break your fucking hand.

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