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CODY CRITCHELOE'S QUEER PUNK REVOLUTION

I originally met Cody Critchelo, mastermind and frontman of poppy, punky, highly performative music collective Ssion last Fall when he was in New York for a week alongside his queer, colorful Kansas City entourage. Clad in a neon bodysuit and a full face of makeup, I watched him drunkenly make out with my friend in this gross bar while one of his dancers was successfully seducing a HASIDIC Jewish man into the bathroom behind them. Cody and his friends basically looked like a misfit gang of faggy retards—half of them were, like, either naked or burning shit---but they were so funny and weird, a real community of awesome kids. I became totally obsessed.

