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ACTION PHILOSOPHERS!

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PLATO!

WRESTLING SUPERSTAR
OF ANCIENT GREECE!

with:



NIETZSCHE--
The Übermensch!



Features a preview of
RESURRECTIONISTS!

**HARDCOVER COLLECTION
= ON SALE NEXT WEEK! =**



MEET ACTION PHILOSOPHER #1:

PLATO!

"PLATO" MEANS "BROAD" OR "FLAT" AND WAS THE **STAGE NAME** OF A PRO WRESTLER BORN **ARISTOCLES** ON THE ISLAND OF AEGINA IN 428 B.C.!

APPARENTLY HE ADOPTED THIS **NOM DE GUERRE** BECAUSE OF HIS EXCEPTIONALLY **BROAD SHOULDERS**.*

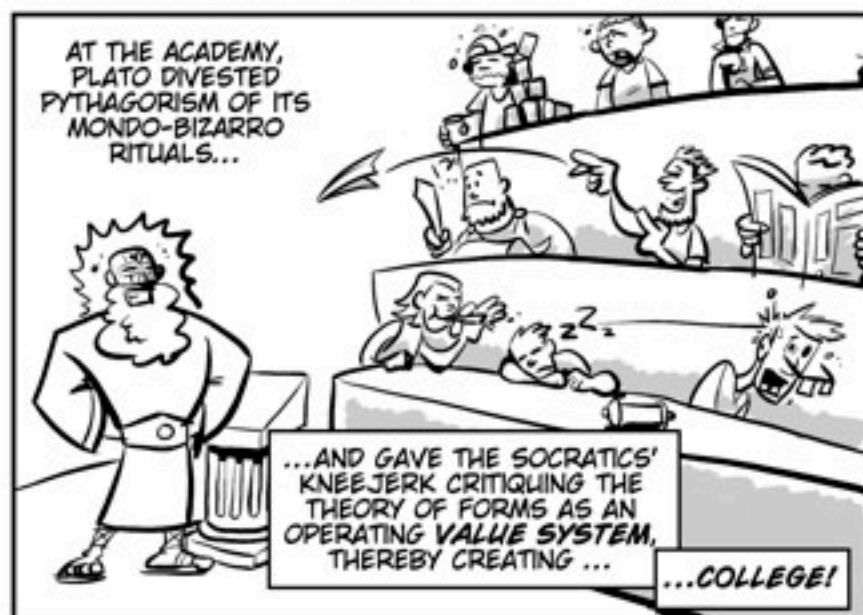


*YES, REALLY.

THOUGH TWO-TIME CHAMP OF THE **ISTHMIAN GAMES**, PLATO NEVER QUALIFIED FOR THE **OLYMPICS**, NECESSITATING A CAREER SWITCH.

PLATO'S MIGHTY HEART BREAKING...





IN THE APOLOGY PLATO TRANSFORMS TRANSIENT CRACKPOT SOCRATES INTO HISTORY'S FIRST **LIBERAL MARTYR**!



PLATO'S ACADEMY THRIVED FOR CENTURIES AS A CENTER FOR MATHEMATICS AND ETHICS--TWO SUBJECTS DEPENDENT ON **ABSOLUTES**!



HERE CHILDREN WOULD BE TAKEN FROM THEIR MOTHERS AT **BIRTH** AND RAISED IN STATE ORPHANAGES, SO THEY WOULD THINK OF THE **GOVERNMENT** AS THEIR PARENTS.



SCHOOLING DETERMINED A CITIZEN'S PLACE IN SOCIETY. ALL THOSE WHO FLUNKED **GYM** BECAME **FARMERS** TO GROW FOOD FOR THE GOOD OF ALL.

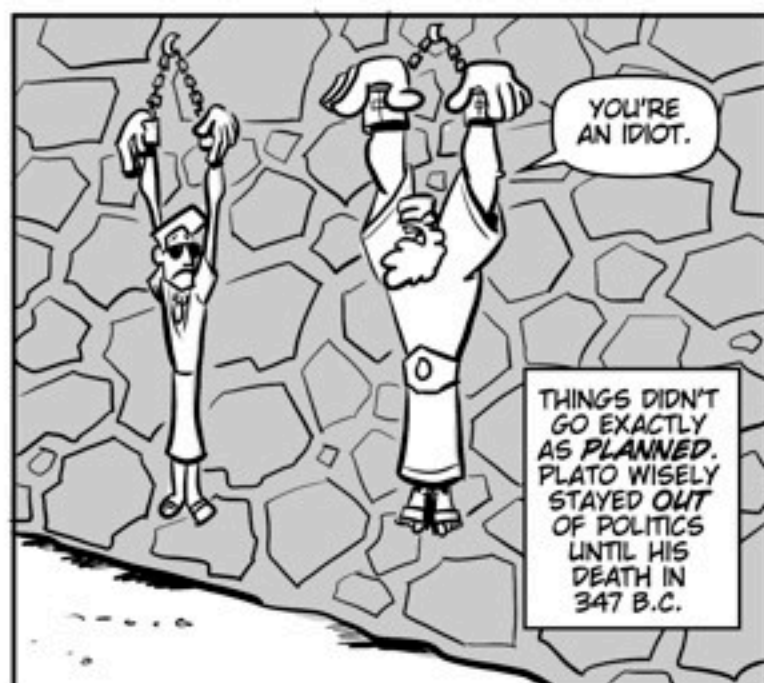
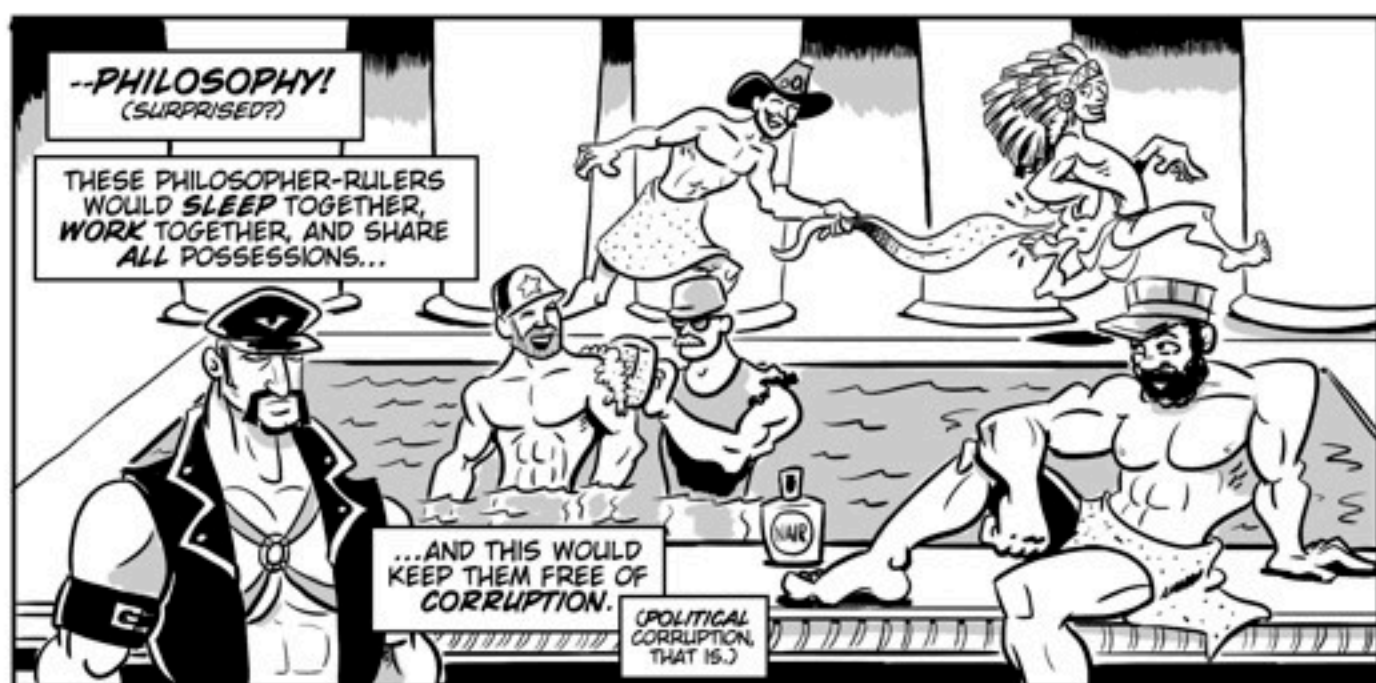


IF YOU PASSED **GYM** BUT FLUNKED **MATH**, YOU'D ENTER THE **MILITARY**.



BUT IF YOU EXCELLED AT **GYM AND MATH**, YOU WERE ONE OF THE **ELITE**, DESTINED TO **LEAD** THE REPUBLIC, AND YOU WOULD GET TO STUDY--





NEVERTHELESS, THE *FUNDAMENTALS* OF ACADEMIC LIFE HAVE CHANGED LITTLE SINCE PLATO INVENTED THEM...

...SO IF YOU EVER THOUGHT YOUR PROFESSORS WERE A LITTLE *DICTATORIAL*... OR JUST PLAIN OUT TO *LUNCH*...

...THE *SUBLIMINAL REINSCRIPTION* OF PHALLOCENTRIC SPECIESIST HEGEMONY IN 1980S VIDEO GAMES IS MOST APPARENT IN THE *PSYCHOSEXUAL TROPES* OF "BURGERTIME"...



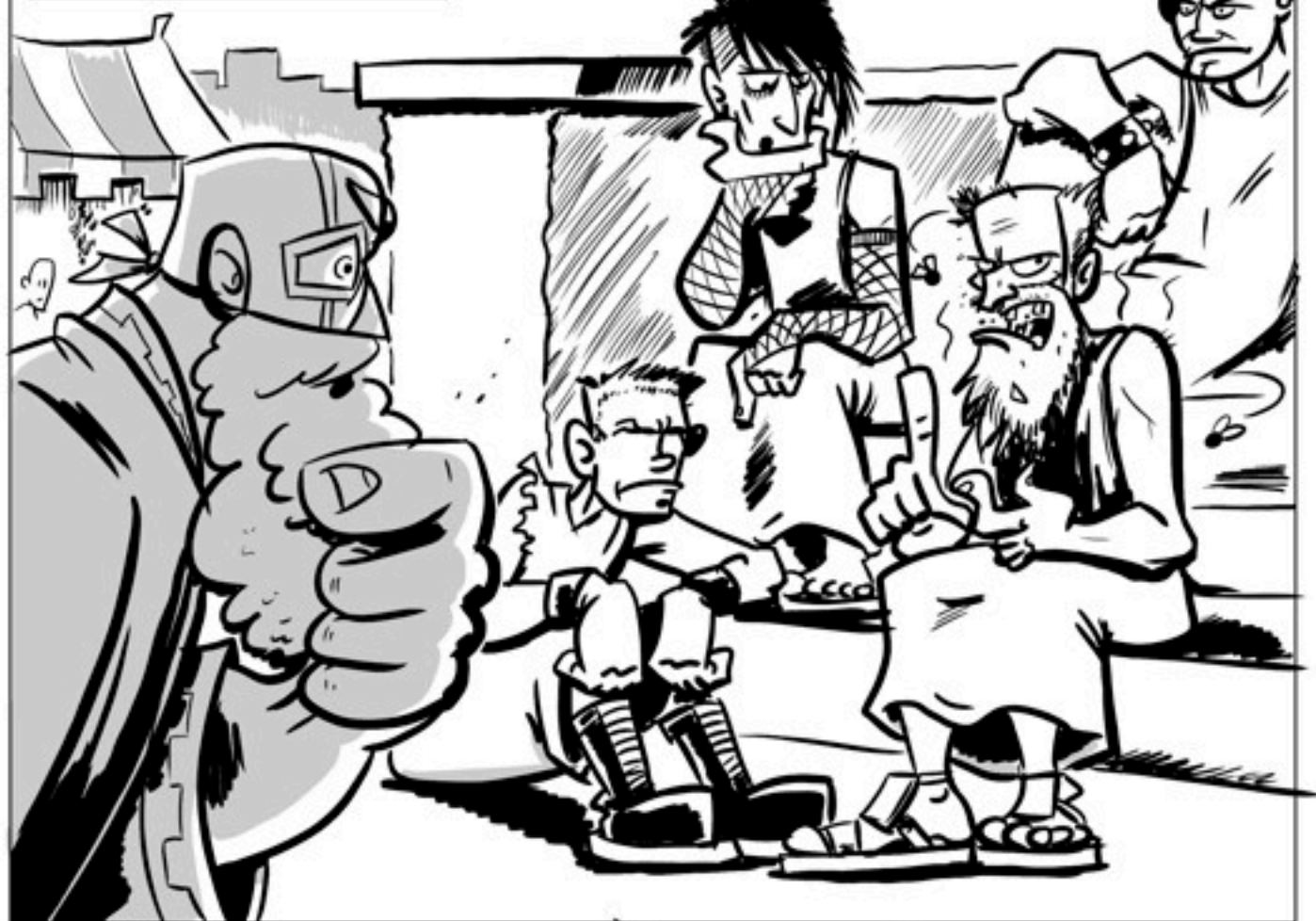
...WELL, NOW YOU KNOW WHERE THEY WERE *LUNCHING*.



OHHHHH...
REALM OF
IDEAS...



WHILE DABBLING IN POETRY
AND POLITICS IN *ATHENS*,
MR. BROAD FELL IN WITH THE
WANDERING SAGE *SOCRATES*
AND HIS YOUTHFUL STUDENTS.



SOCRATES
GOT INTO THE
PHILOSOPHY
RACKET WHEN
FAMED
"PSYCHIC
FRIEND," THE
ORACLE AT
DELPHI, TOLD
HIM...

NO MAN IS
AS WISE AS
SOCRATES!



COOL!

HE WENT ABOUT **PROVING** THIS BY SHOOTING DOWN ATHENIAN CONVENTIONAL WISDOM IN BACK-AND-FORTH " **DIALECTIC**" CRITIQUES:

SO IF RELIGION IS B.S., THEN YOU TELL ME--WHAT IS TRUTH?

I DO NOT KNOW.

WHAT? THEN HOW CAN YOU BE **WISER** THAN EVERYBODY ELSE?

BY ZEUS, YOU'RE A **PAIN IN THE ASS.**

BECAUSE I **KNOW** THAT I DO NOT KNOW.



SOCRATES ENCOURAGED HIS **STUDENTS** TO GET IN THE ACT, AND YOU KNOW HOW MUCH YOUNG PEOPLE **HATE** SHOWING UP THEIR ELDERS...

IF YOU BOYS ARE SEARCHING FOR **TRUTH**, YOU SHOULD LOOK TO **ZEUS**!

ARE ZEUS'S ACTIONS **ARBITRARY**, OR IS **HE** GUIDED BY TRUTH TOO?

OF **COURSE** ZEUS IS GUIDED BY TRUTH!

WELL, IN **THAT** CASE, I SHOULD JUST LOOK FOR **TRUTH**...

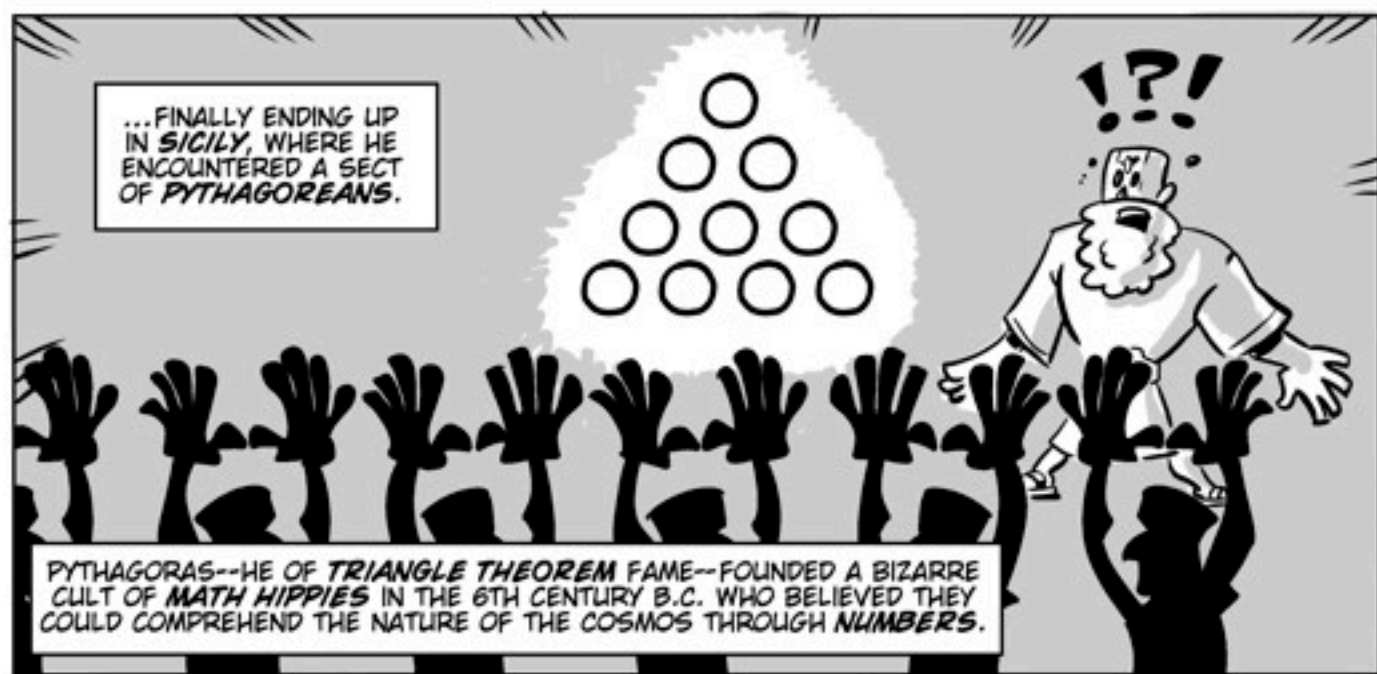
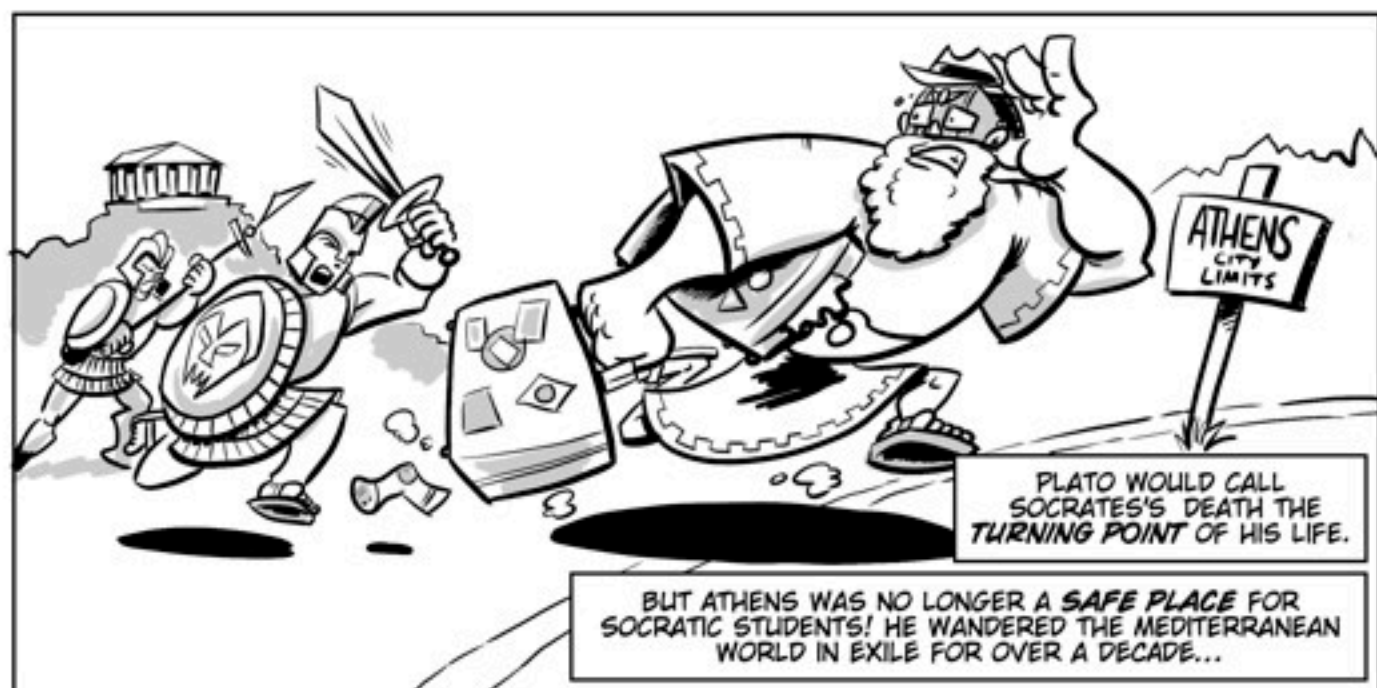


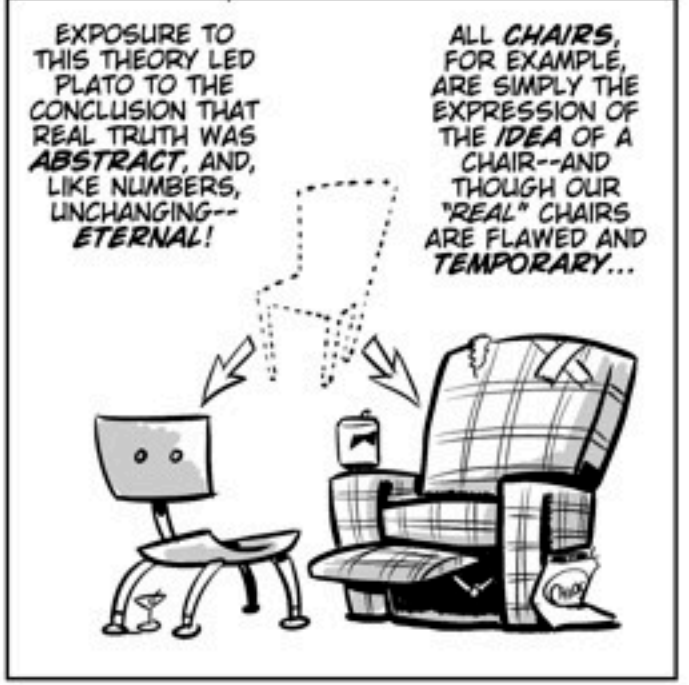
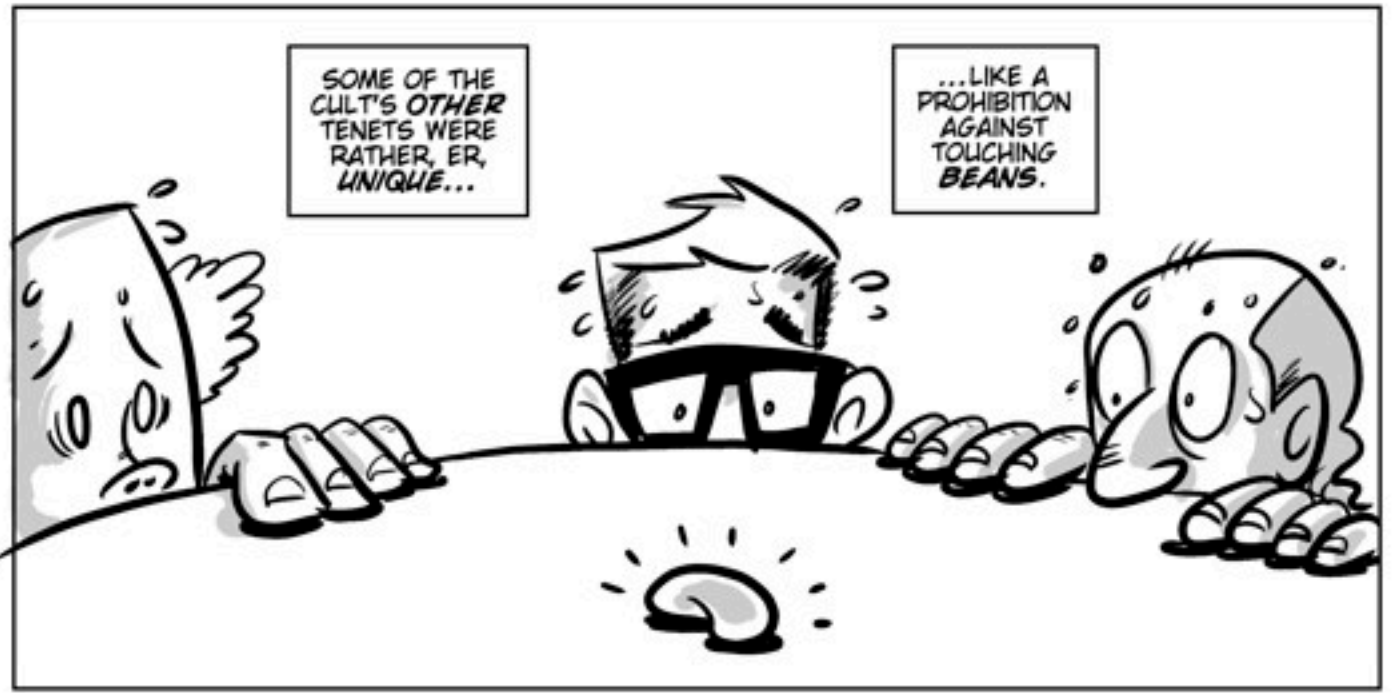
=GASP!
CHOKE! =

...FOR A **WISE** MAN WOULD NOT **NEED** ZEUS!









...THE IDEA OR **FORM**
OF A CHAIR IS ETERNAL
AND **UNCHANGING!**



PLATO ILLUSTRATED THE
RELATIONSHIP OF FORMS
TO OUR WORLD THUSLY:

"IMAGINE THE
CONDITION OF MEN
AS LIVING IN A SORT
OF UNDERGROUND
CAVERN.



"HERE MEN CAN ONLY SEE
IN FRONT OF THEM.

"HIGHER UP, AND SOME
DISTANCE BEHIND THEM,
IS THE LIGHT OF A
BURNING FIRE.



"BETWEEN THE FIRE AND
THE MEN IS A PARAPET.
BEHIND THE PARAPET
IMAGINE THERE ARE MEN
CARRYING ALL KINDS OF
OBJECTS--INCLUDING
FIGURES OF MEN AND
ANIMALS--WHICH PROJECT
ABOVE THE PARAPET.

"IN ALL WAYS, MEN WOULD
CONSIDER REALITY TO BE
NOTHING ELSE THAN THE
SHADOWS OF THOSE
ARTIFICIAL OBJECTS!"



FOR PLATO, THOUGH, THE
HIGHEST *DUTY* OF THE
PHILOSOPHER WAS TO LOOK
BEYOND THESE SHADOWS OF
OUR PERCEIVED REALITY...

...AND UNCOVER THE FORMS
THAT *PROJECTED* THEM!

PLATO
SMASH!!

GAGHH!!



IN FACT, PREFERRING
THE IDEAL TO THE
PHYSICAL WAS *SUCH* AN
OBSESSION OF PLATO'S...

LAAAAANCE!
I WANT OUR
RELATIONSHIP
TO STAY
PLATONIC!

WHACK!

...THAT HIS
NAME BECAME
A *SYNONYM*
FOR IT!



ALAS, PLATONISM DID NOT SERVE ITS CREATOR WELL WHEN HE BECAME COURT PHILOSOPHER TO DIONYSIUS, KING OF SYRACUSE.

MUST YOU
BE SO...
CARNAL?

GLORF!
SNORF!
MUNCH!
REND!
(ETC.)



YOU
SPEAK LIKE
A GERIATRIC
FOOL!

AND YOU
SPEAK LIKE
A TYRANT!*

* ACTUAL
EXCHANGE!



-SIGH!-
PLATO HAVE THIS
PROBLEM WITH
AUTHORITY...

DIONYSIUS DECIDED TO
HUMILIATE PLATO ...

