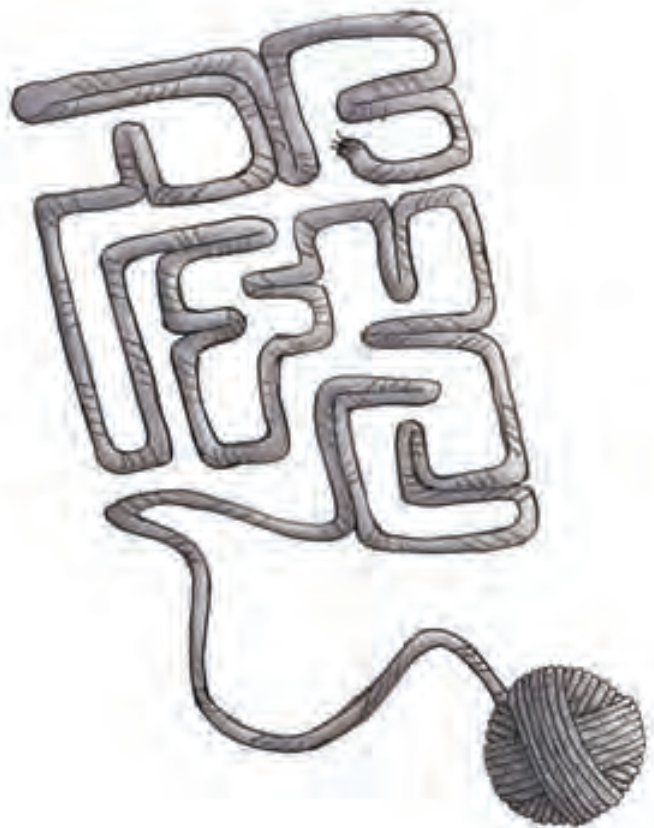


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Man's relationship with his historical past is in itself a singular story. It is a story continually written and rewritten; a story that embodies and echoes the distinct characteristics of each era, the point of view and the ideology behind every new writing, reproduction and reenactment.

The inspiration for **WOW (V for V)** is based on the events which occur in Greece during the Memoranda years, as I perceive them living in Greek society. At a time of an economic, political, social and humanitarian crisis, a time of violation of the constitution as well as the dissolution of European ideals and institutions that led Greece to a tragic ending in July of 2015, I watch fellows sink into wretchedness, friends emigrate, children become malnourished, and ideals collapse.

The story of **WOW** unfolds in the real and a parallel fantasy world, focusing on the negotiations of the Greek Finance Minister, Yanis Varoufakis, with his allies and opponents in the arena of the Eurogroup.

Ariadni Krissa Kousela



In 21st century Europe, European countries have become trapped in a tremendous labyrinth. A labyrinth created by the European elite in order to implement economic experiments of strict fiscal austerity, called memoranda, on the people. This is where the mercenary army of the elite, the "Troikans", have settled along with the captive beast, the European Minotaur. This European Minotaur, a manifestation of the dreadful Global Minotaur, is kept alive at all costs by ruthlessly devouring countries, their peoples, and all individuals who defy power and struggle for self-determination and for their human rights.

The Troikans are financial fiends, an aberration of the European Minotaur, and bloodthirsty fanatics, particularly popular for their power. They live among us, at times taking human form, at times as savage beings. They administer the memoranda by infiltrating a country and invading the conscience of political powers and the media.

The aim of the European elite is to wipe out peoples and, in the end, to be remembered as myths, while people in debt, unable to consume material goods and deprived of any vision, have to work tirelessly to barely cover their basic needs.

$$s = s(r - g, \Omega, \frac{D + P}{Y}, F, \lambda, B)$$

$$B = B(\sum_{i=1}^F D_i)$$

$$s'_{r-g} < 0, s'_g < 0, s'_{\frac{D+P}{Y}} < 0, s'_F > 0, s'_\lambda > 0, s'_B > 0$$

$$D = \Phi[(s - s^*)/B]$$

$$s^* = s^*(F, D/Y) \text{ with } \frac{\partial s^*}{\partial F} < 0, \frac{\partial s^*}{\partial D/Y} < 0$$

In 2015, in a small European country called Greece, an innovative and unconventional economist, who has already written about the beast called the Global Minotaur, decides to use his economic theory and equations to lead his country out of the labyrinth of memoranda. He takes action by placing himself at the service of the Greek people and taking up the position of Minister of Finance in the new Greek government. The Minister, Yanis Varoufakis, code name **V**, decides to expose those hiding behind the European Minotaur. The name **V** was given to him by Marx, Keynes, von Neumann and Smith on Lake Como a few months after his birth. **V** stands for solidarity, prevalence and the victory of the peoples: **V** for **V**ictory. Beyond the symbolism, the name also has supernatural qualities that the economist utilizes when confronted with the dark forces of bankcracy, the Troikan army, and the representatives of the financial elite who dominate the world. **V** makes the first decisive move in order to meet with the European elite, to come up against the Troikans and to pick up the edge of the skein. His aim is to kill the beast, that is the European Minotaur, so as to put an end to its economic tyranny.

Blinded by their own omnipotence, the nurturers of the Minotaur belittle **V**'s abilities. **V**, however, enters the center of the labyrinth armed not only with his theories, equations and supernatural powers but also with the hopes of the people and the invisible support of an evolved version of the mythical Ariadne.

V's ally, Ariadne, enters the labyrinth unravelling her magical mitos* to debilitate the Troikans and along with **V**, to extricate the European peoples, leading them once again into the sun.

*mitos = thread



Since the birth of science, Lake Como has carried out a perpetual economic, political and philosophical forum. It is where prominent figures of human society and world history gather together.

These personalities observe the course and progress of peoples from another parallel space-time reality without openly intervening in the spatial and temporal dimensions of humans. They play intellectual board games and philosophize. They analyze their theories and pit against each other creatively, watching people now applying their theories, now bypassing them.

Their goal is to discretely imbue people with universal ideals and values, focusing on a common good for all peoples. After successive assemblies and egalitarian dialogues, the figures of the forum carry a secret vote by which they elect a person from Earth's space-time; a person whose life and deeds play a key role in the fortunes of the peoples. Also, after a draw, representatives of the forum are chosen to take their elected one under their wing from the moment of his birth until his demise.

In recent years, this imaginary forum, alarmed by the course of Europe with the advent of the Troikans, has reinforced its efforts to keep the peoples from perishing in the labyrinth, and from being devoured by the European and Global Minotaur!

Amidst the financial and humanitarian crisis ravaging Greece, the invisible hands of Karl Marx, John Maynard Keynes, Adam Smith and John von Neumann come to assist Greece, through their chosen one, Yanis Varoufakis. Will the Finance Minister of Greece manage in the year 2015 to satisfy the figures of the forum, defeat the dark economic forces of the European elite, and bring spring to Greece and to the rest of Europe!



American mathematician and economist John Forbes Nash Jr., who was awarded the Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences for his contribution to Game Theory, passes away in May of 2015 and begins his journey to Lake Como. He is another one of those immortals who chooses to join the group of the perennial economic, political and philosophical forum. Marx, Keynes, Smith and von Neumann anticipate him to form their team.

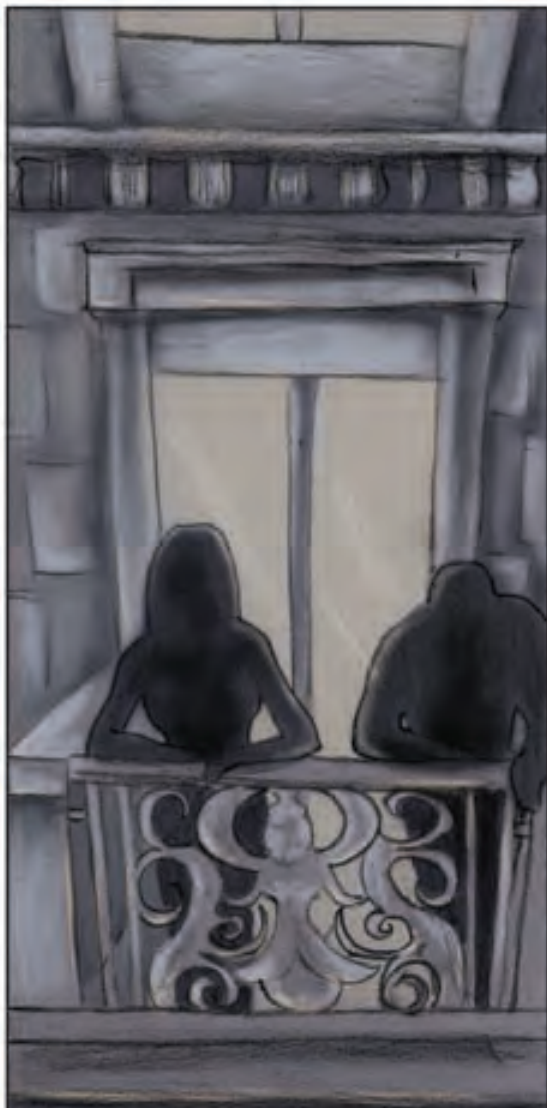
Before settling in on Lake Como, the renowned mathematician and economist decides to make a stop in the impoverished Greece of 2015 so as to observe her closely and converse with the country's Minister of Finance, Yanis Varoufakis.

Besides, an old friendship bonds them. They have travelled together to Ancient Corinth, which Nash adores. As a token of his gratitude for this journey, and in solidarity, Nash never abandons the man who comprehended and appreciated his theories, as only few have. He remains by his side to remind him how crucial but also tough it is to fight for Equilibrium.



**THE RESIGNATION
DEMANDED BY THE
CREDITORS**

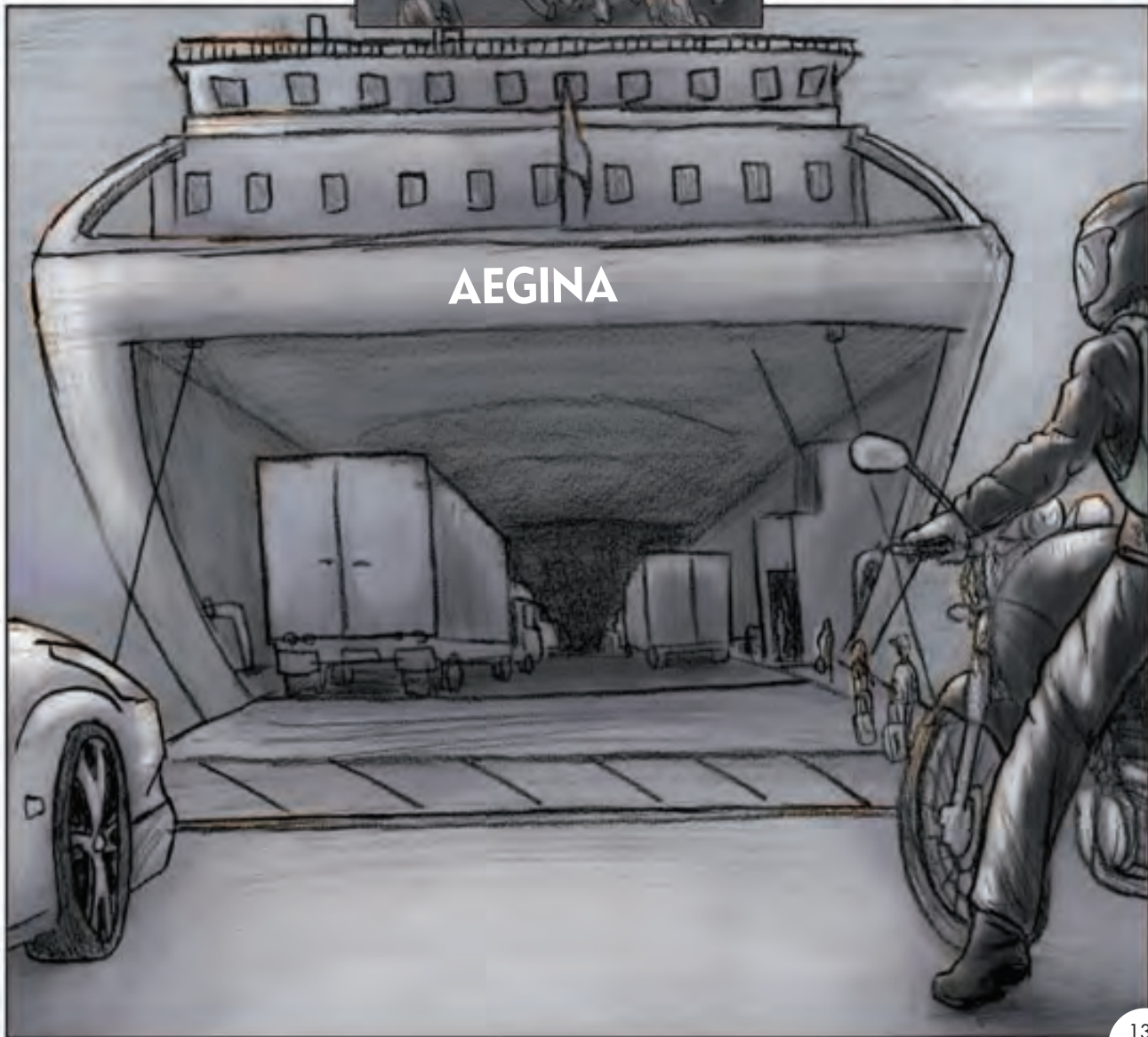






I'M
RECONSTRUCTING. THE
STRUGGLE MUST BECOME
A EUROPEAN ONE.

THE EUROPEAN
PEOPLES KNOW SOMETHING
IS ROTTEN IN THE KINGDOM
OF EUROPE.



AEGINA

THE HUGEST
LOAN IN HUMAN HISTORY WAS
IMPOSED ON OUR BANKRUPT STATE,
ESCALATING THE SELF-SUSTAINING
CRISIS.

THE IRONCLAD
ENEMIES REFUSED TO
DISCUSS ANY PLAN TO
REVIVE GREECE!





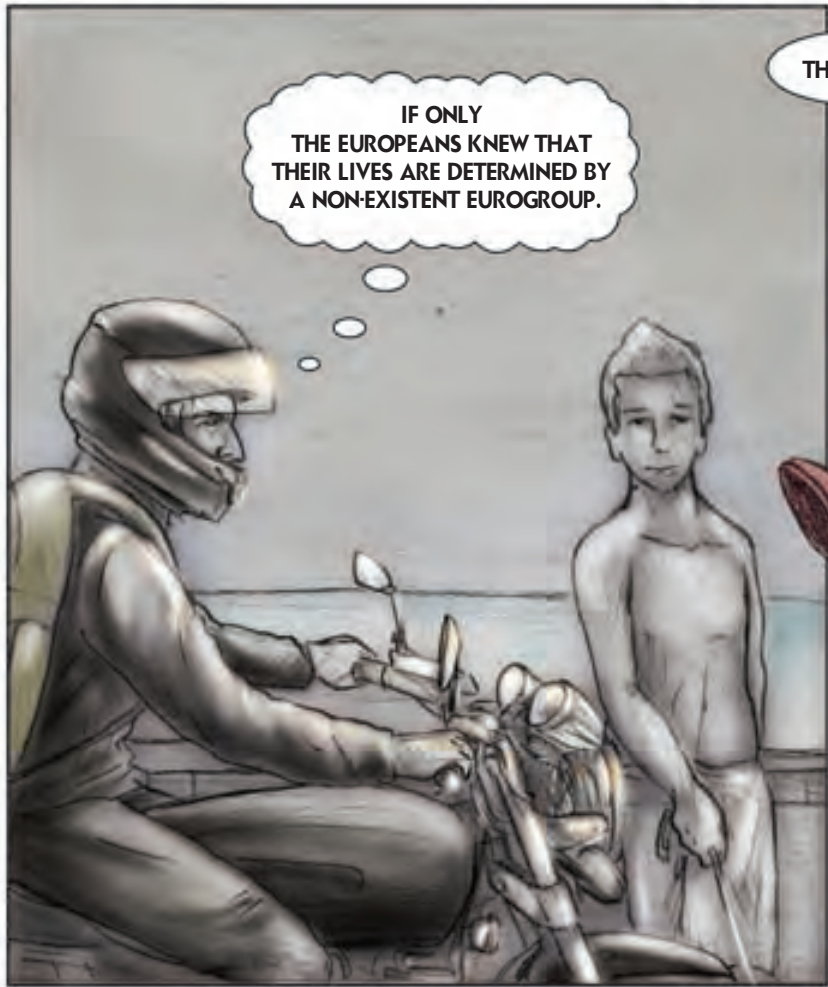
**V's CODE ROOM
IN AEGINA**



MY LAST SUMMER IN AEGINA... I'LL MISS YOU. I'LL MISS MY GRANDMA, TOO!

YOU'RE LEAVING FOR GERMANY, AFTER ALL?

MY PARENTS GOT A JOB THERE.



IF ONLY THE EUROPEANS KNEW THAT THEIR LIVES ARE DETERMINED BY A NON-EXISTENT EUROGROUP.



THAT'S TRUE!



YOU RELINQUISHED THE GREEK PARLIAMENT AT A CRITICAL TIME!

THE COUNTRY WILL BE RUINED IF CREDITORS TURN THEIR BACKS ON US! WILL YOU NOT MAKE A STATEMENT?



THE TROIKA DICTATES THROUGH ITS BLIND INSTITUTIONS!



MEDIA TROIKA

LATER IN V'S
CODE ROOM

IT'S ALL VERY
WELL TO GIVE AUTHORITY
TO ALEXIS, BUT DO WE
KNOW WHAT HE WILL
SHOW UP WITH?



JUST
IN TIME...

JOHN F. NASH



GOODNESS!

WHAT
COLORFUL SHIRTS!







WHENEVER
THEY MADE COMMENTS ABOUT MY
CLOTHES, I KNEW THEY WERE JUST
AVOIDING A TALKING ABOUT MY
MODERATE PROPOSALS!

AS A MATTER
OF FACT, SOME
APPEARED TO ENJOY
IT VERY MUCH!



IT'S NOT
JUST YOUR CLOTHING!
I MUST CONGRATULATE YOU
ON YOUR IMPRESSIVE
VINYL COLLECTION!





THEY COULDN'T
BEAR MY PRESENCE AT
THE EUROGROUP...



... IT WAS TOO DIGNIFIED
FOR THEIR OWN TASTE!





SOME PEOPLE DESCRIBED YOU AS OVERCONFIDENT. THEY PROBABLY IGNORE THE FACT THAT SOCIETIES DO NOT CHANGE WITH MEDIOCRITY.



... BUT ABOVE ALL, NOT LETTING THIS SMALL EUROPEAN COUNTRY BE BETRAYED.



WHAT INTERESTED ME WAS TO SERVE THE GREEK PEOPLE'S MANDATE TO NEGOTIATE...



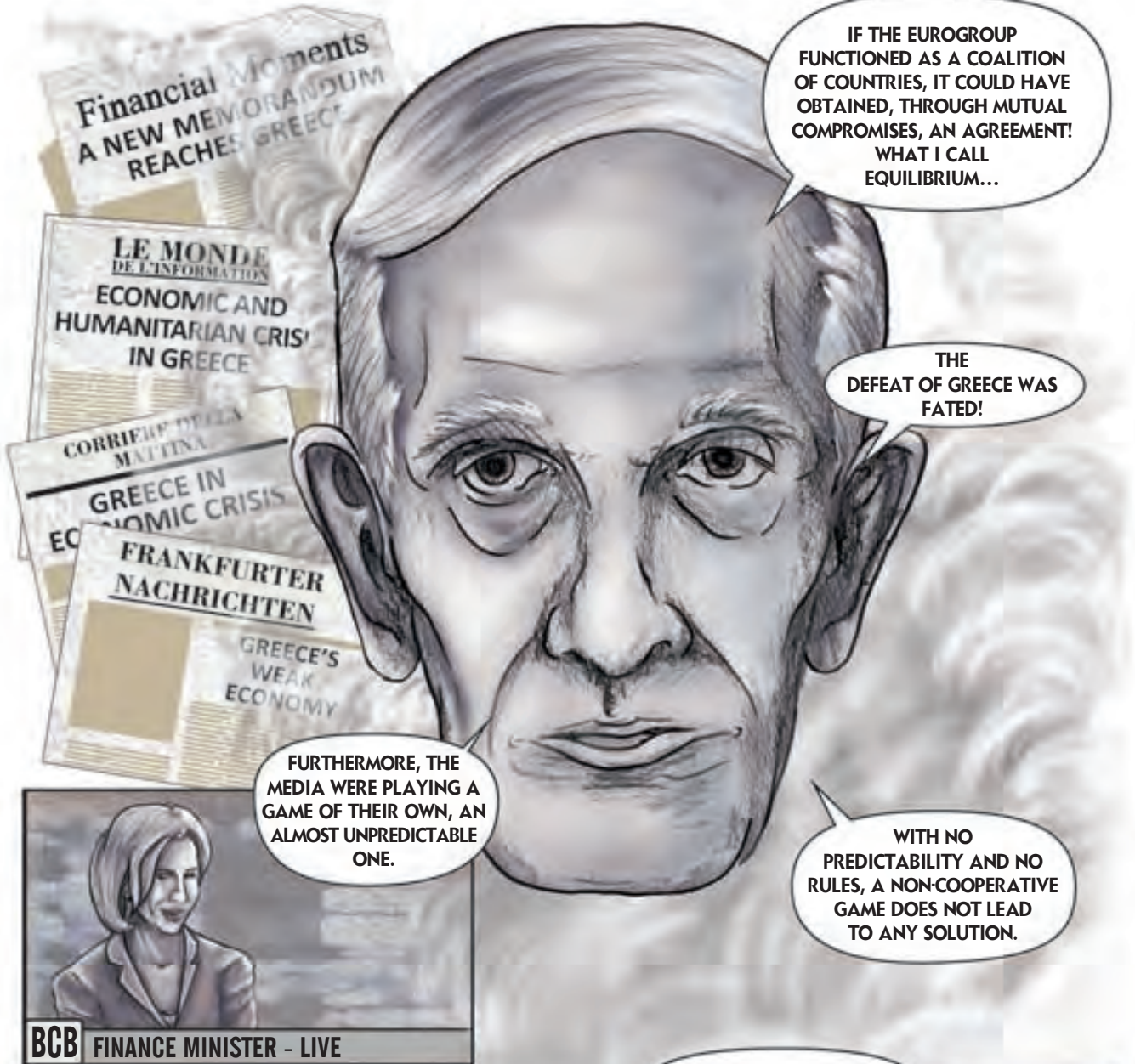
IT IS BELIEVED THAT DURING THE EUROGROUP NEGOTIATIONS,

YOU HAD NOT REALIZED THAT THE GAME WAS COMPETITIVE AND NOT COOPERATIVE!

A CONFLICT WHERE YOUR DEATH, YOUR DEFEAT WAS THEIR LIFE, THEIR VICTORY!



THE EUROGROUP HAD DECIDED TO CRUSH YOU, NO MATTER WHAT YOU DID. THAT WAS NOT A COOPERATIVE GAME. AM I RIGHT?



Financial Moments
A NEW MEMORANDUM
REACHES GREECE

LE MONDE
DE L'INFORMATION
ECONOMIC AND
HUMANITARIAN CRIS'
IN GREECE

CORRIERE DELLA
MATTINA
GREECE IN
ECONOMIC CRISIS

FRANKFURTER
NACHRICHTEN
GREECE'S
WEAK
ECONOMY

IF THE EUROGROUP FUNCTIONED AS A COALITION OF COUNTRIES, IT COULD HAVE OBTAINED, THROUGH MUTUAL COMPROMISES, AN AGREEMENT! WHAT I CALL EQUILIBRIUM...

THE DEFEAT OF GREECE WAS FATED!

FURTHERMORE, THE MEDIA WERE PLAYING A GAME OF THEIR OWN, AN ALMOST UNPREDICTABLE ONE.

WITH NO PREDICTABILITY AND NO RULES, A NON-COOPERATIVE GAME DOES NOT LEAD TO ANY SOLUTION.



BCB FINANCE MINISTER - LIVE



YOU ASKED ME IF YOU WERE RIGHT...

YES AND NO...

FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, IT WASN'T A GAME. I SAID IT AGAIN AND AGAIN. AS A GOVERNMENT, WE SUGGESTED A VERY MODERATE PROPOSAL AND WE INTENDED TO STICK TO IT TO THE END.

AND IF THE CREDITORS PRESSED THE EXTERMINATE BUTTON BY CLOSING OUR BANKS, THEN WE TOO WOULD PRESS OUR OWN RESPECTIVE BUTTON. I WAS DETERMINED, AND I BELIEVED THAT ALEXIS AND OUR "WAR CABINET" WERE JUST AS DETERMINED.



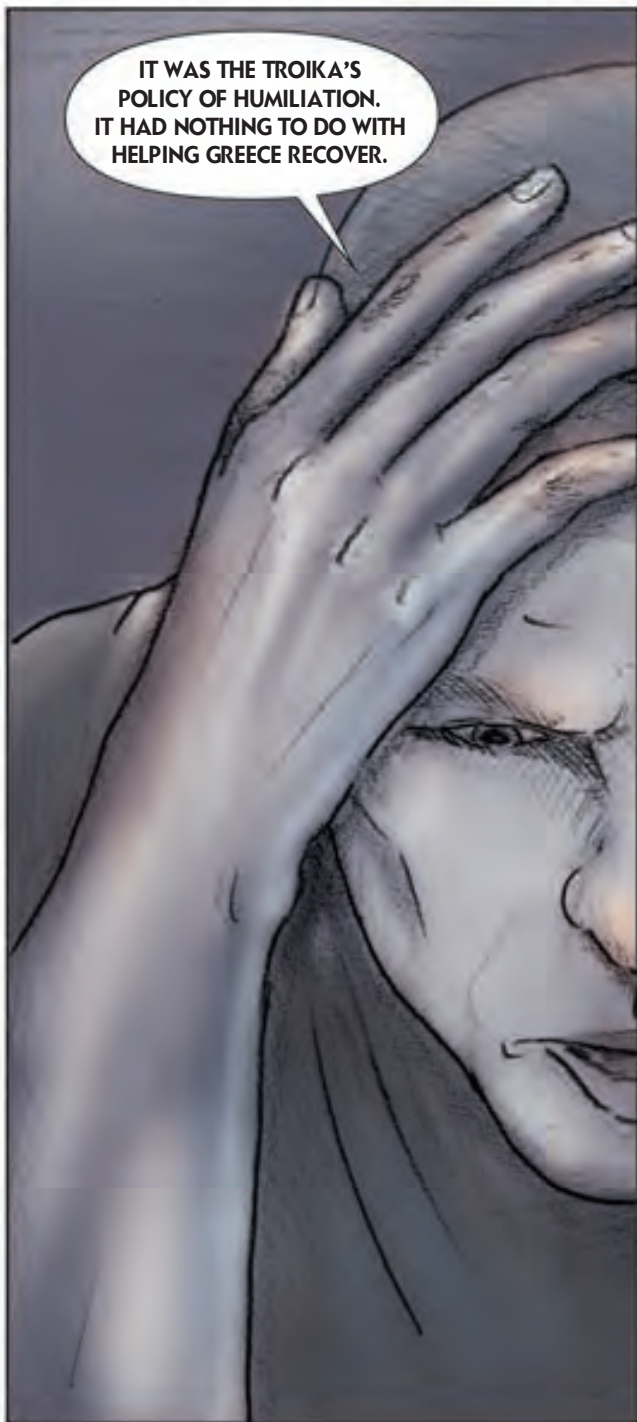
THE
BEST THING FOR
THE MANY...



INVOLVES
BEHAVIORS THAT
SERVE THE DECISION-
MAKERS AS WELL
AS THE GROUP.



THE PRIME
MINISTER HAS
ACTED AGAINST
HIS OWN BEST
INTERESTS AND
THOSE OF HIS
COUNTRY!



IT WAS THE TROIKA'S
POLICY OF HUMILIATION.
IT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH
HELPING GREECE RECOVER.



THE SIGNING OF THE
THIRD MEMORANDUM WAS
A COUP AGAINST THE
DEMOCRACY OF A EUROPEAN
COUNTRY. THE PRIME MINISTER
CAPITULATED UNCONDITIONALLY,
BETRAYING THE TRUST OF THE
GREEK PEOPLE.

AS IF HE
WERE THE FIRST!



EUROPE IS DISINTEGRATING BECAUSE ITS ARCHITECTURE IS COLLAPSING UNDER THE DOMINANCE OF THE EUROPEAN MINOTAUR.

A BEAST NONE OTHER THAN THE GLOBAL MINOTAUR.

IT IS AN UNDENIABLE FACT THAT THE EUROPEAN UNION WILL EITHER UNDERGO DEMOCRATIZATION OR DISINTEGRATE.



INDEPENDENCE NATIONS DEMOCRACY



YOU ENTERED A LABYRINTH WHERE THE BATTLE WAS WAY TOO TOUGH.

THE MIND PERFORMS A SPECIFIC FUNCTION BASED ON CERTAIN CAPABILITIES AND VIRTUES THAT IT MUST EVOLVE.



**TROIKANS VS V
THE ATTACKS INSIDE THE
EUROGROUP MEETINGS**



WITHOUT BREAKING EUROPEAN TABOOS, UNITE GREECE WITH THE PEOPLES OF EUROPE! AS LONG AS THE PEOPLES OF EUROPE UNITE, THE EUROGROUP KINGDOM WILL LANGUISH.



GREECE AT AN IMPASSE!
EUROGROUP REFUSES TO RESPOND TO GREEK PROPOSALS

GREECE BAILOUT - EUROZONE BAILOUT!

CREDITORS VOICE DOUBTS ABOUT THE GREEK GOVERNMENT!

LETTER OF MINISTER OF FINANCE TO THE EUROGROUP

FINANCE MINISTER OF GREECE IS AN ERRATIC MARXIST!

NEGOTIATION THRILLER BETWEEN GREECE AND CREDITORS





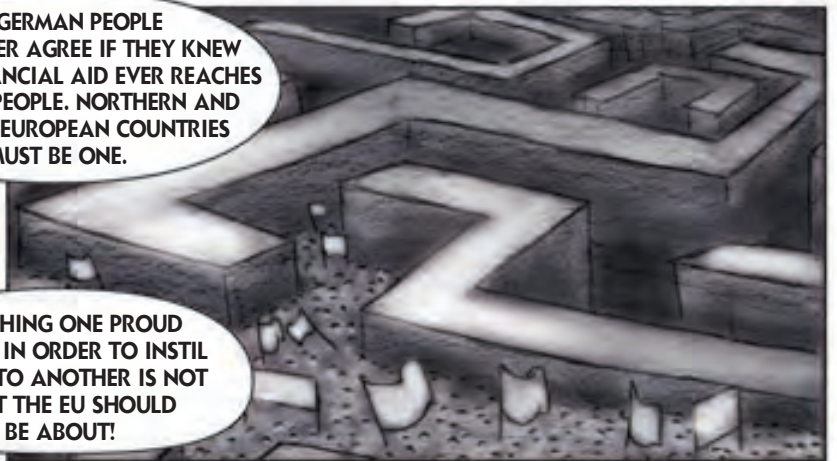
STAY STRONG...



LUCKILY THERE ARE HONEST ALLIES IN THIS BATTLE!



THE GERMAN PEOPLE WOULD NEVER AGREE IF THEY KNEW THAT NO FINANCIAL AID EVER REACHES THE GREEK PEOPLE. NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES MUST BE ONE.



PUNISHING ONE PROUD NATION IN ORDER TO INSTIL FEAR INTO ANOTHER IS NOT WHAT THE EU SHOULD BE ABOUT!



**JAMES K. GALBRAITH,
ECONOMIST**

EUROPEANS MUST LEARN THE TRUTH ABOUT GREECE. THE COUNTRY IS BEING LOOTED AND SELLING OFF ITS ASSETS TO PAY OFF AN EVER INCREASING DEBT. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM EUROPEAN COUNTRIES GOES DIRECTLY TO FOREIGN BANKS.

I'M AFRAID THE FUTURE OF GREECE AND EUROPE IS AT STAKE BECAUSE EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS ARE BEING MANAGED BY INDIVIDUALS WHOSE WEAPON IS ENFORCEMENT.

WELCOME TO THE POISONED CHALICE!

THE SEIZURE OF GREECE BY THE TROIKAN ARMY WILL ULTIMATELY KILL EUROPE ITSELF.





WHAT ABOUT ICELAND?



HEAD OF IMF

I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH LONGER I CAN BACK-BURNER THE REPORT...



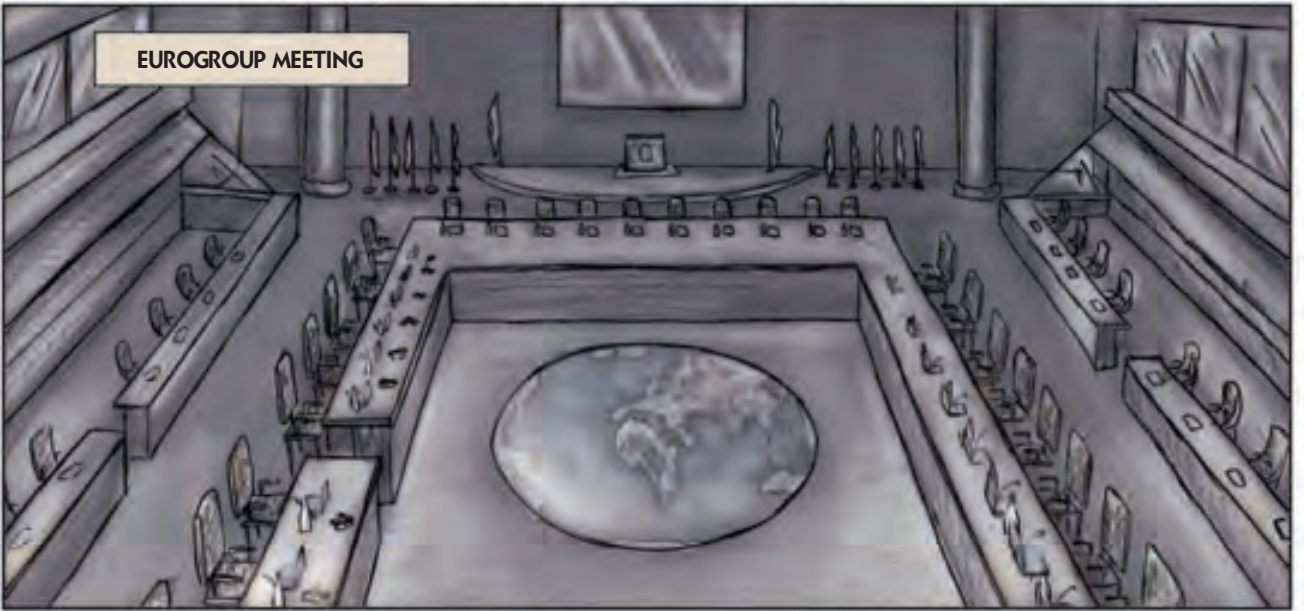
... ABOUT THE SUSTAINABILITY OF THE GREEK DEBT.

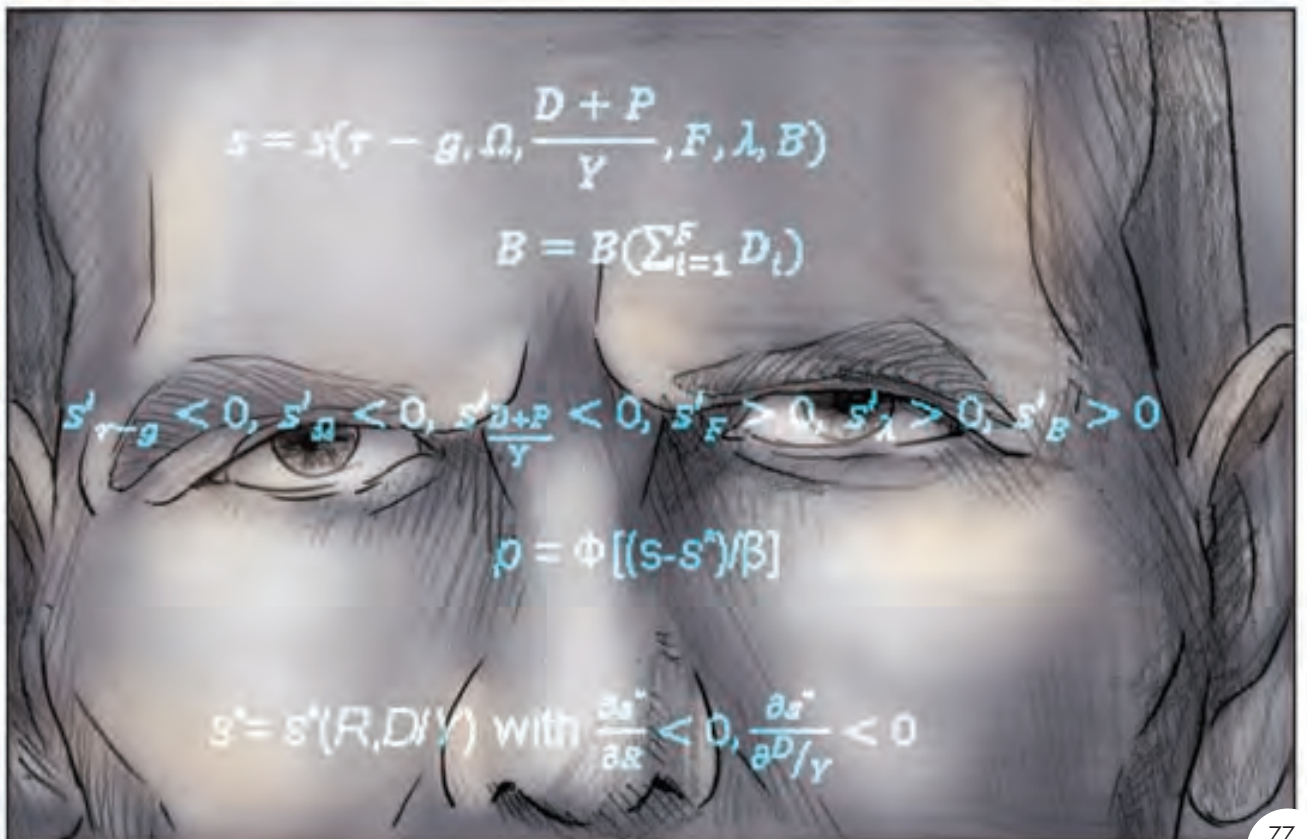


THE EFFECT OF IGNORANCE IS BENEFICIAL...



EUROGROUP MEETING





WHEN BANKRUPT
BANKCRACY CRUSHES THE PEOPLES OF
EUROPE AND THE WHOLE WORLD, WHEN THE
PEOPLES' MOST BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS ARE
BEING THREATENED, THEN THEY MUST FIGHT
FOR THEIR FUTURE!

YOUR AVERSION
TOWARDS US TROIKANS
WILL UPSET THE
EUROGROUP MEETINGS...







DEAR PARTNERS,
WE ARE WORKING TO HAVE
SOUND AND SUSTAINABLE
PUBLIC FINANCES, AND FOR THE
STABILITY OF THE FINANCIAL
SECTOR.

WE ARE
PROCEEDING WITH
STRUCTURAL
REFORMS.



YOUR PROGRESS IS NOT
SATISFACTORY. THE NORTHERN
COUNTRIES DO NOT AGREE TO THE
GREEK DEBT RELIEF!

WE PROPOSE A
BRIDGE PROGRAM... AND WE ASK
FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON A DEBT
RESTRUCTURING BASED ON A FISCAL
CONSOLIDATION, RECOVERY AND
GROWTH OF GREECE.

THERE WILL
BE NO FURTHER
NEGOTIATIONS. YOU
MUST IMPLEMENT THE
AGREEMENTS!

POOR AND STUPID!

