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The Political Origins of Inequality

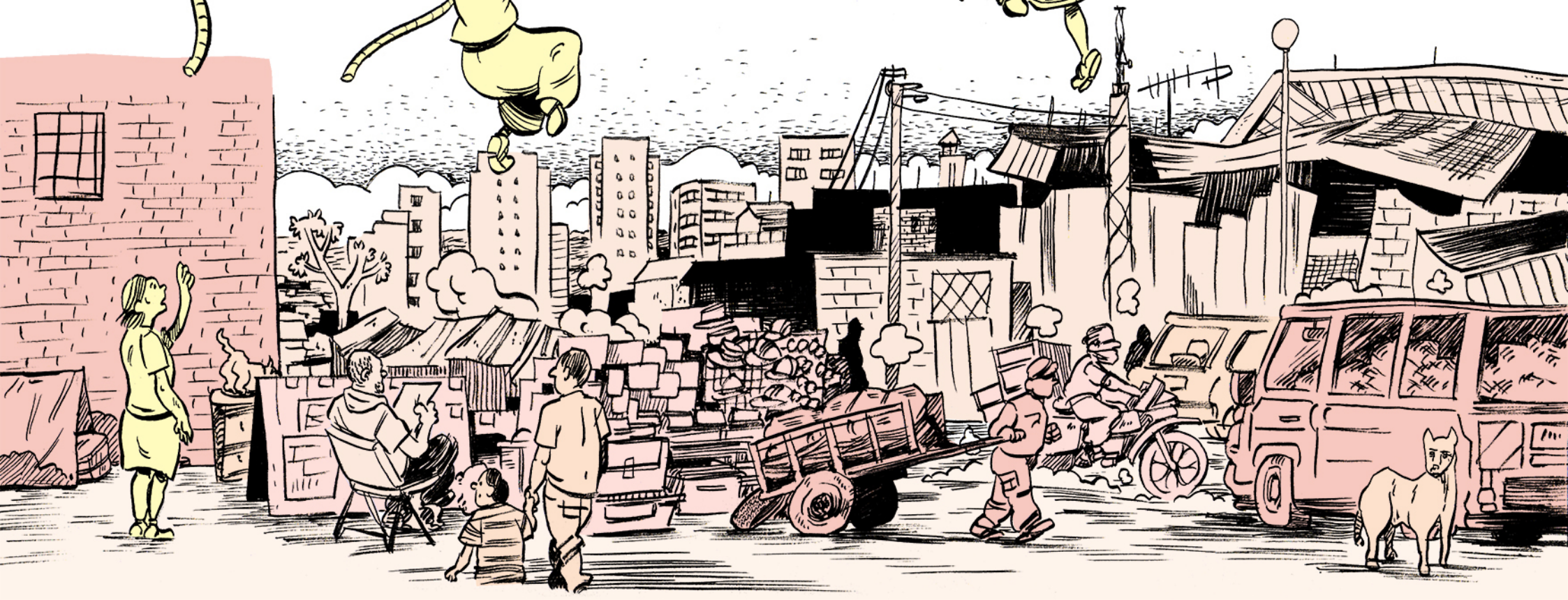
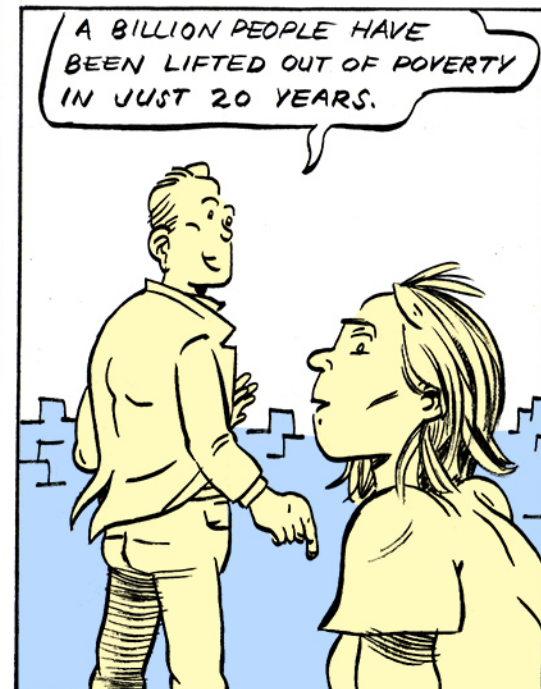
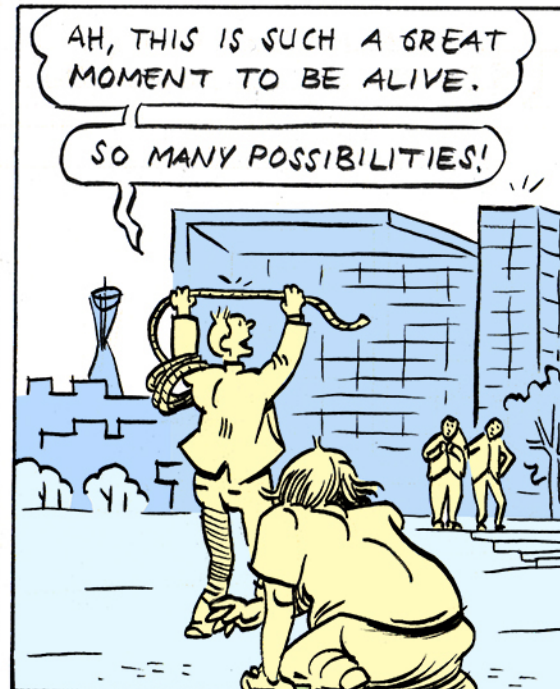
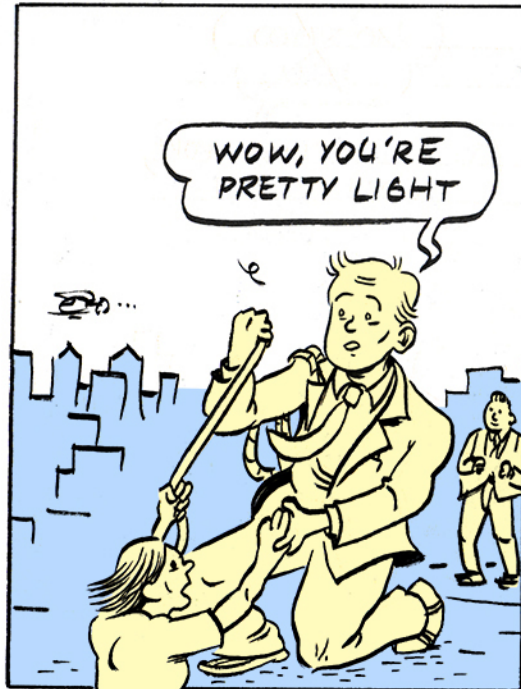
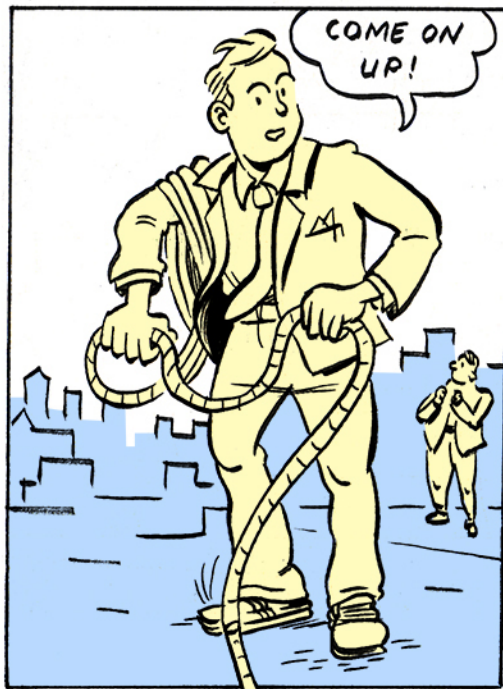
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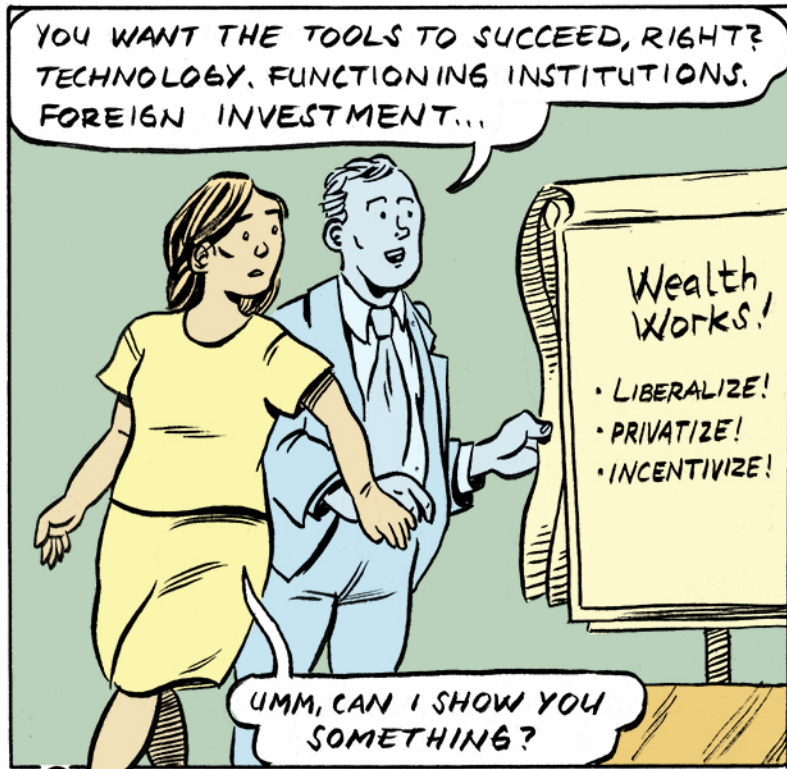
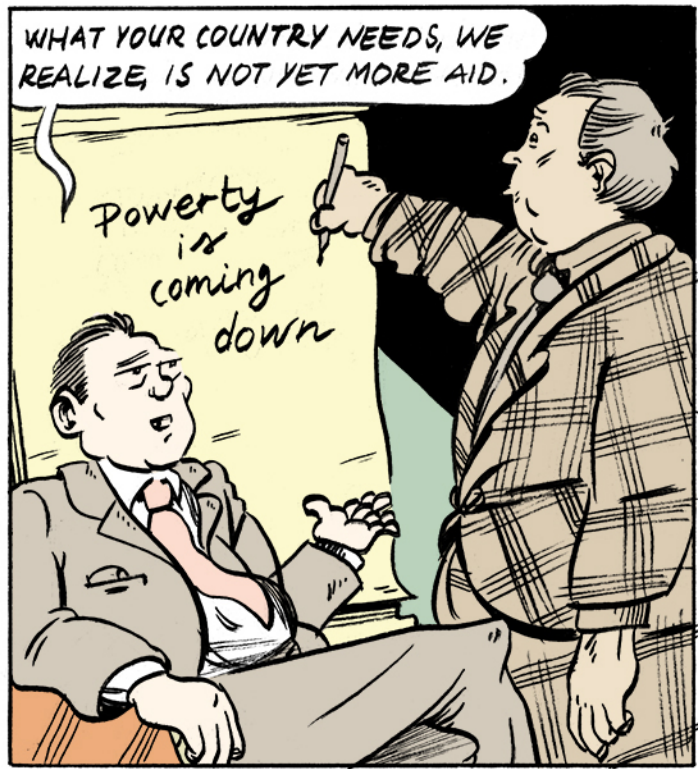
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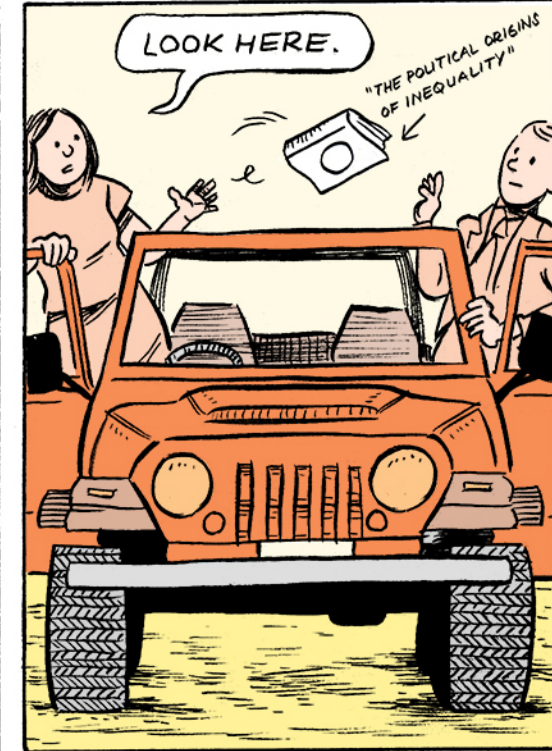
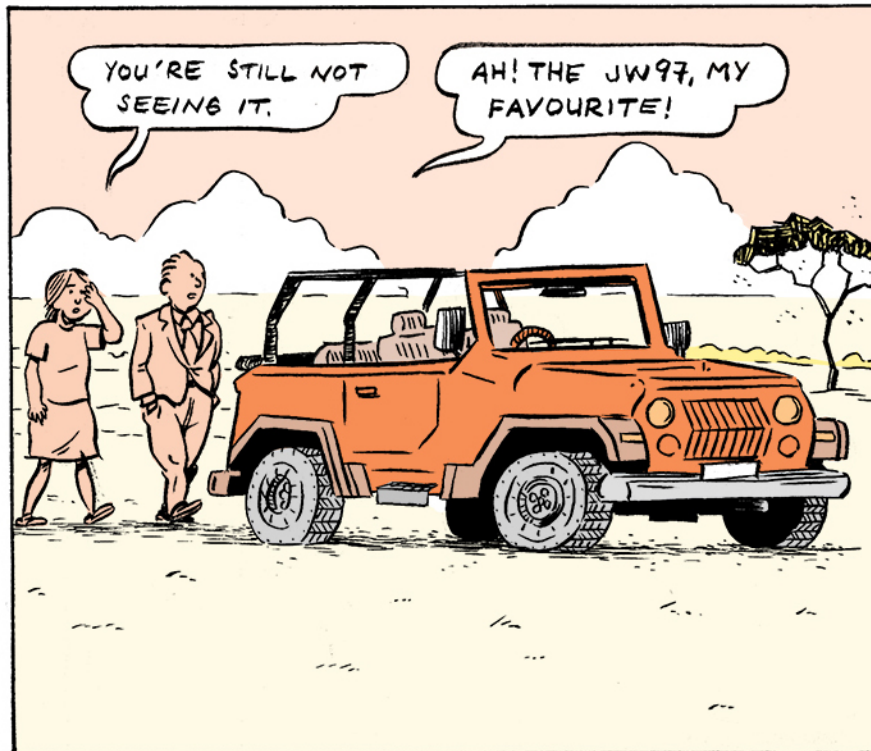
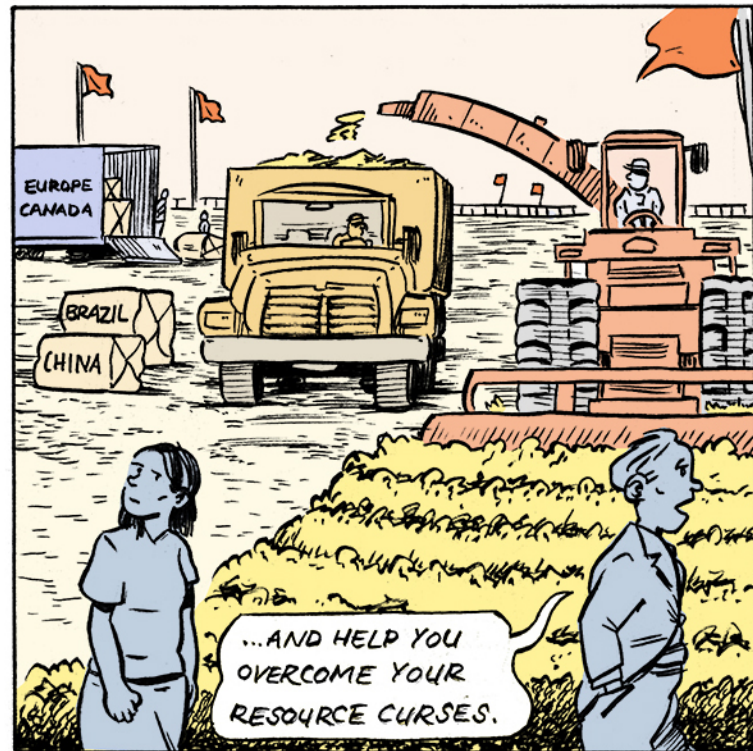
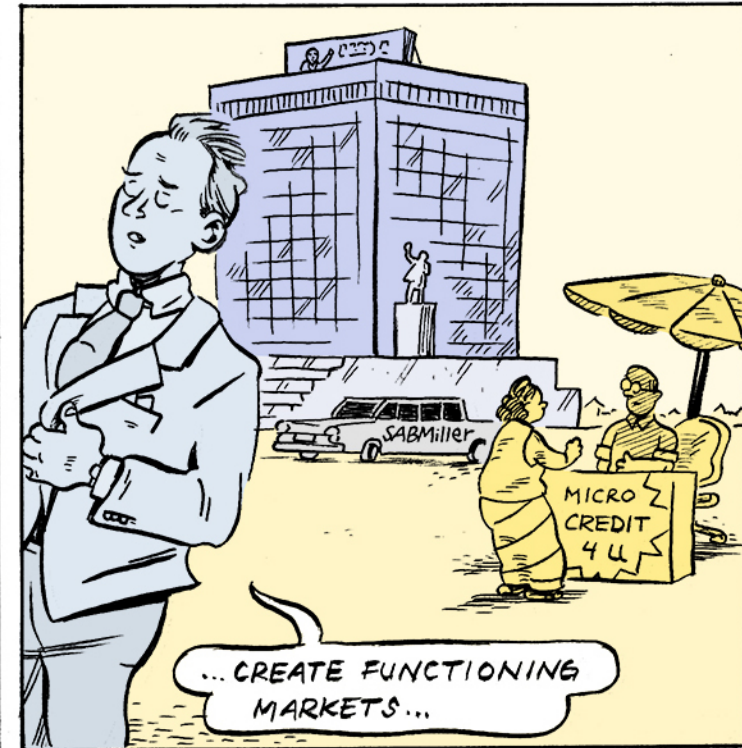
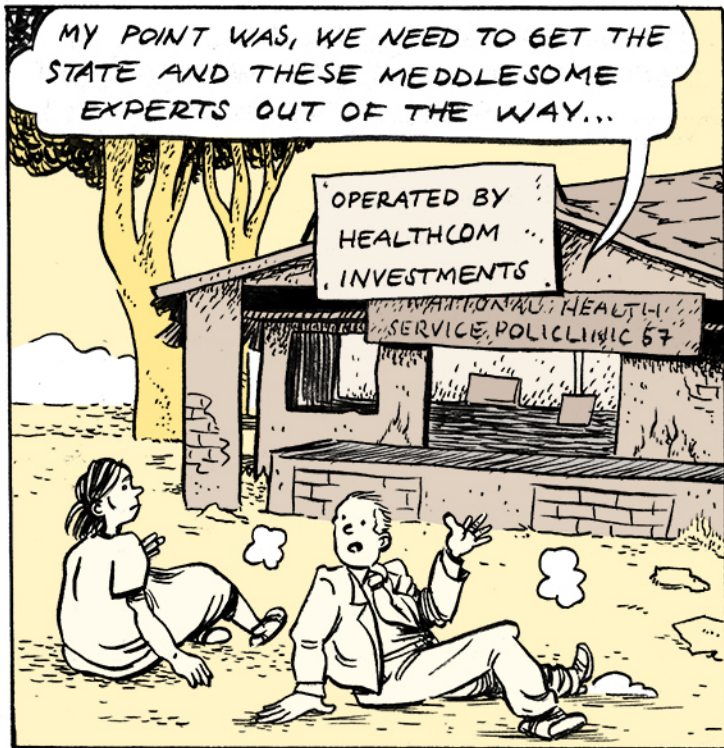
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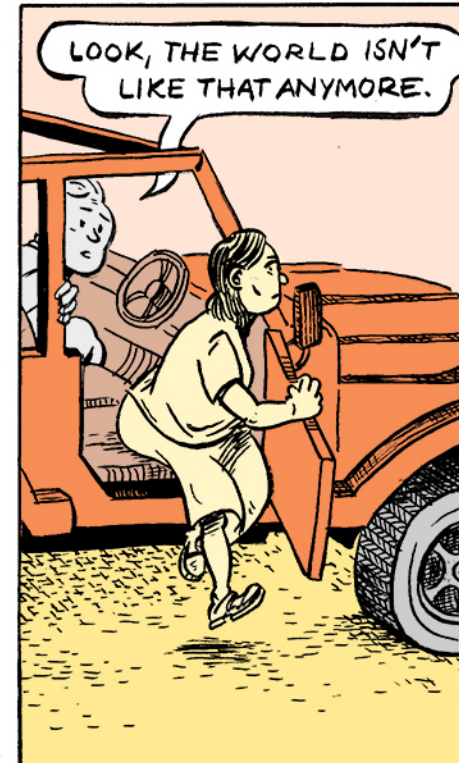
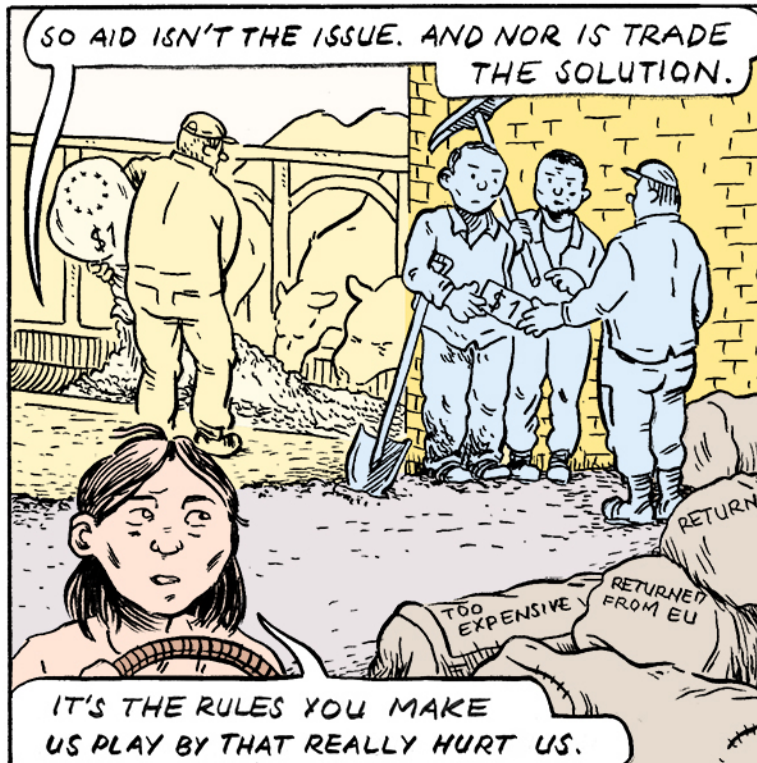
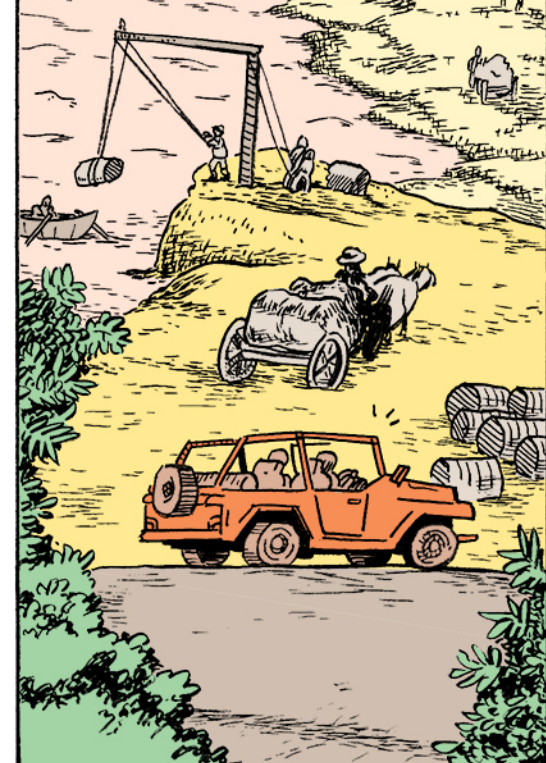
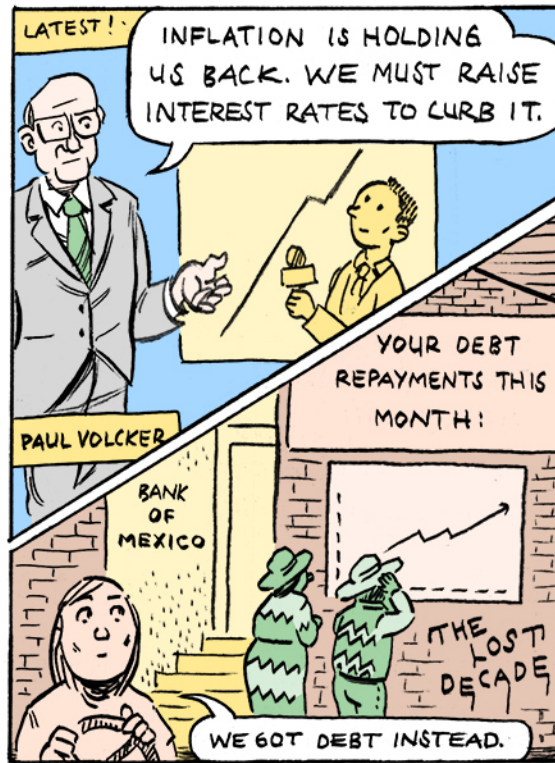
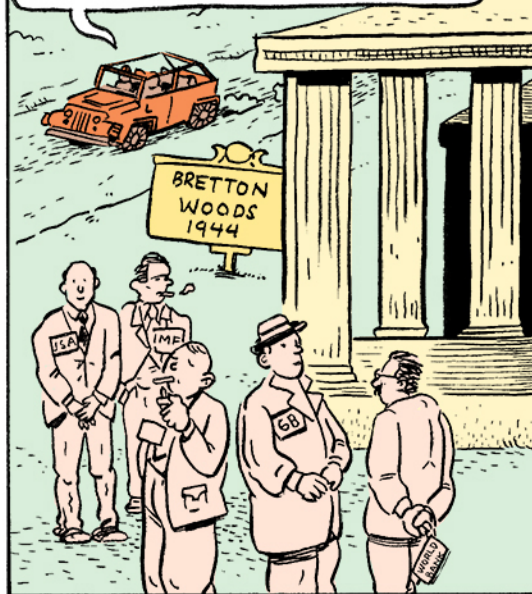


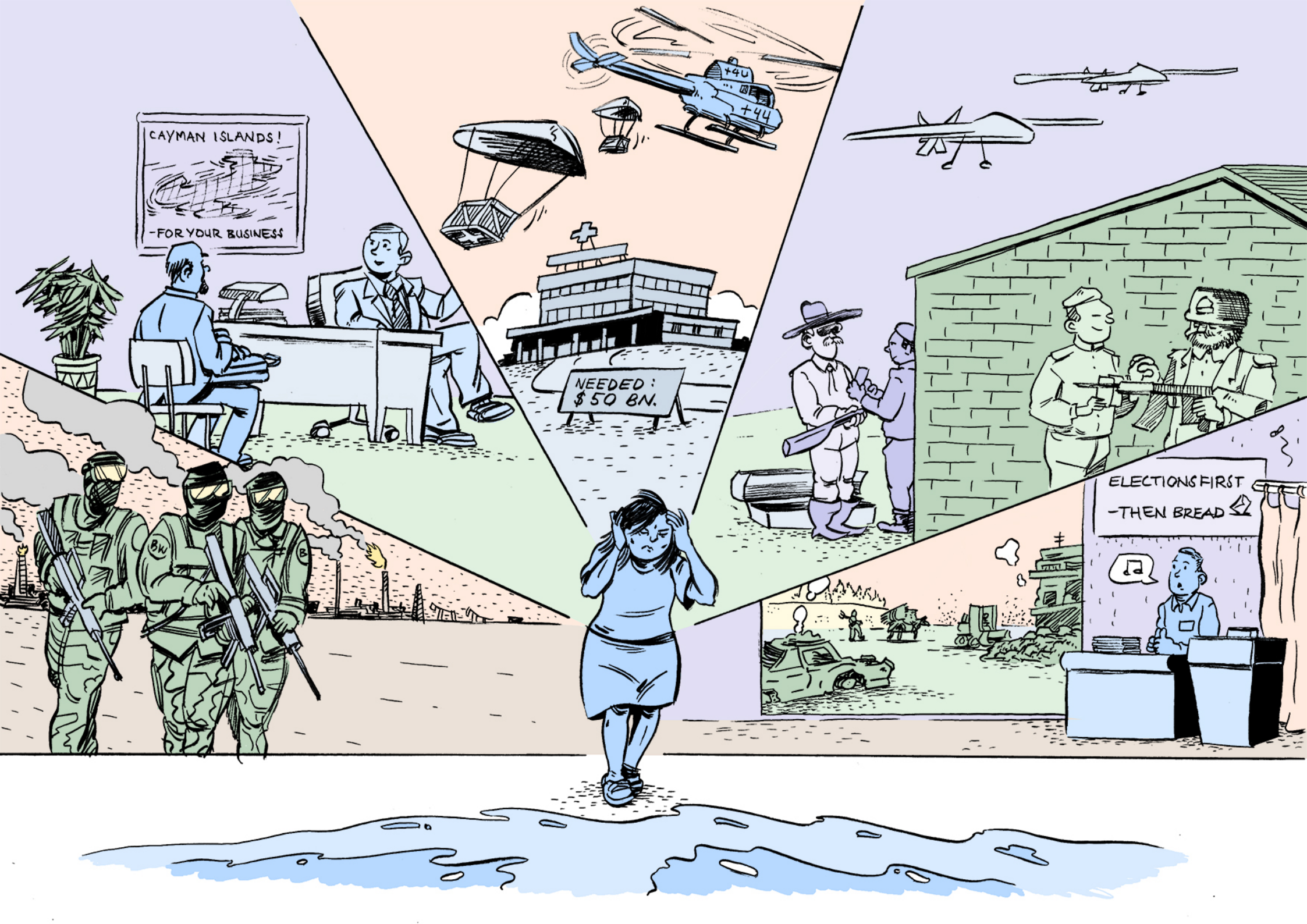


YOU SEE, SOME OF THE WEALTH YOU WANT TO SHARE WITH US WAS OURS IN THE FIRST PLACE...



...AND THE REST IS MOSTLY YOURS BECAUSE YOU HAVE A MUCH GREATER SAY IN THE WAY THAT FINANCE AND TRADE OPERATE.

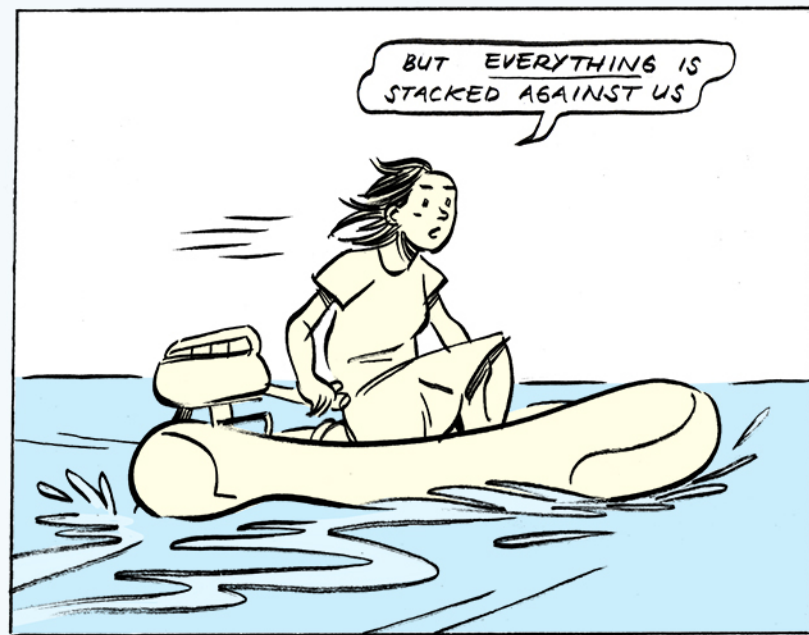
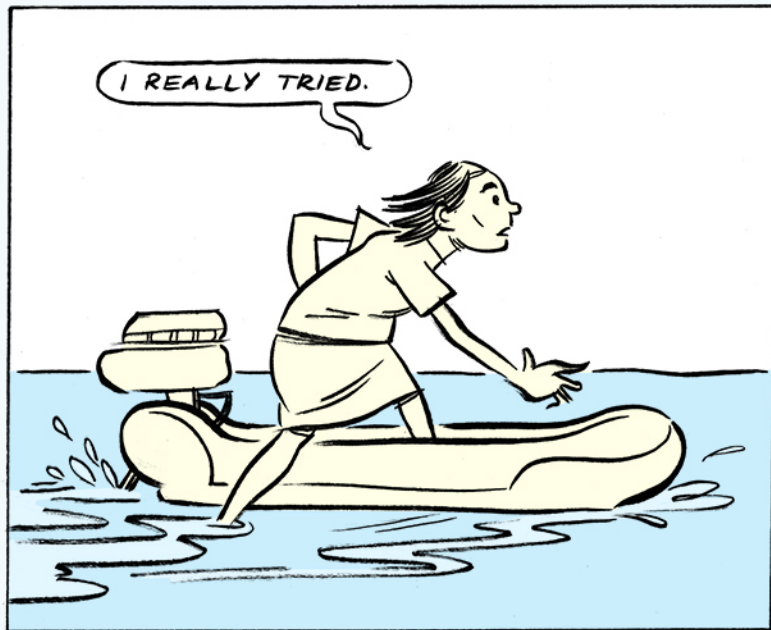




CAYMAN ISLANDS!
-FOR YOUR BUSINESS

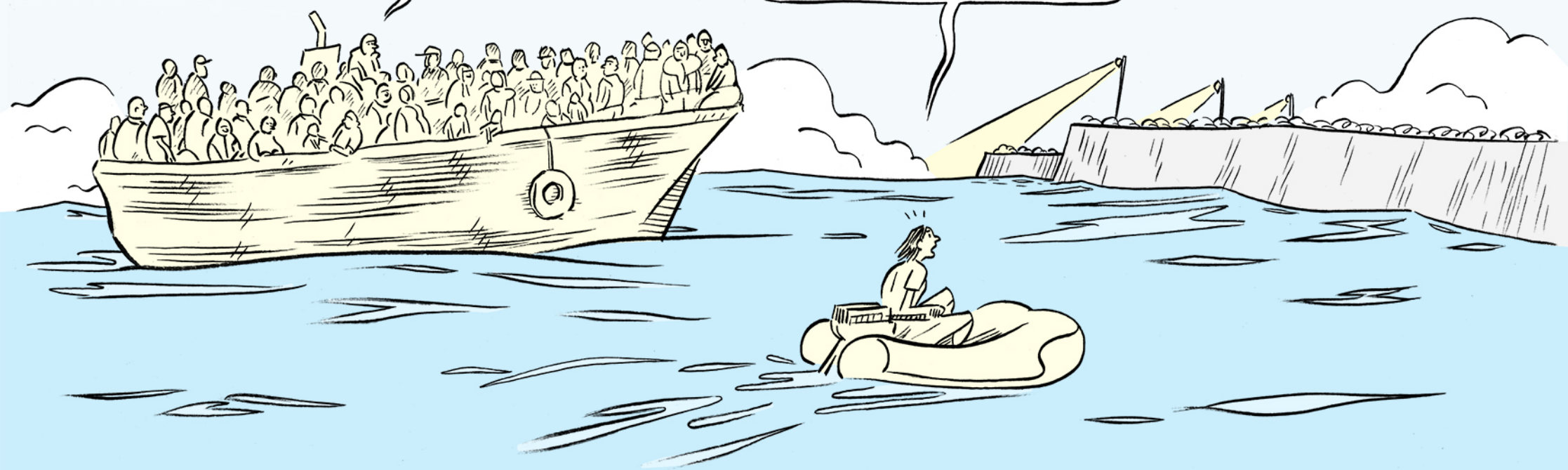
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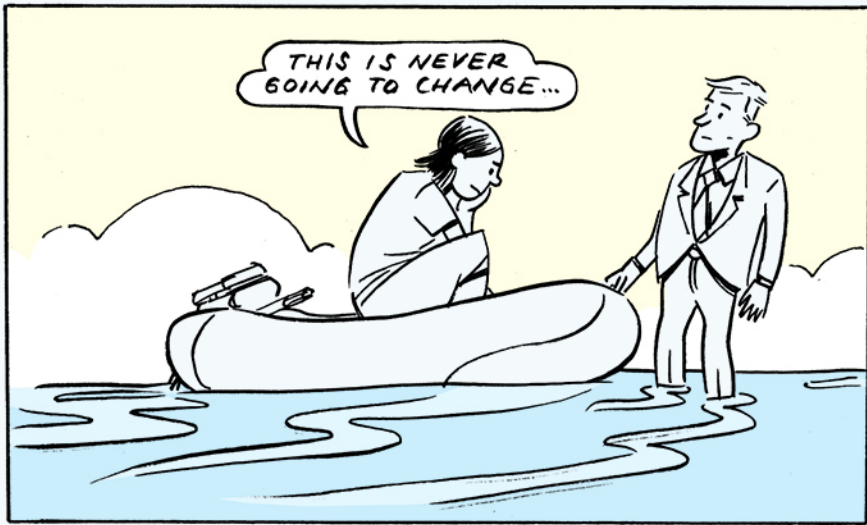
ELECTIONS FIRST
-THEN BREAD



WE'RE ALL IN THE SAME BOAT.

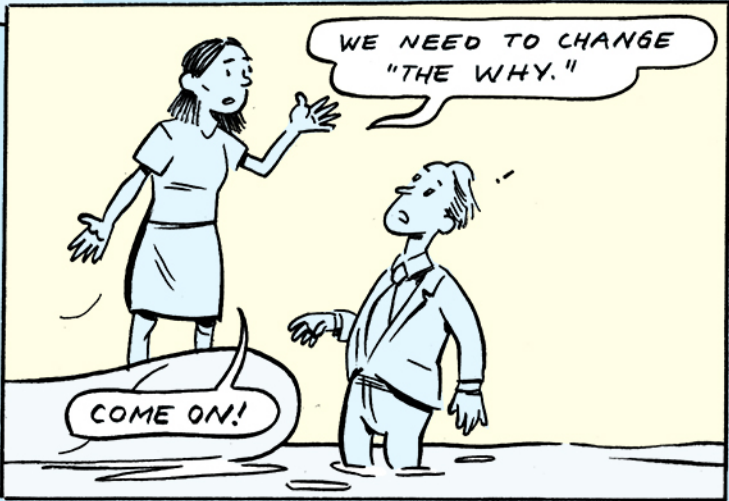
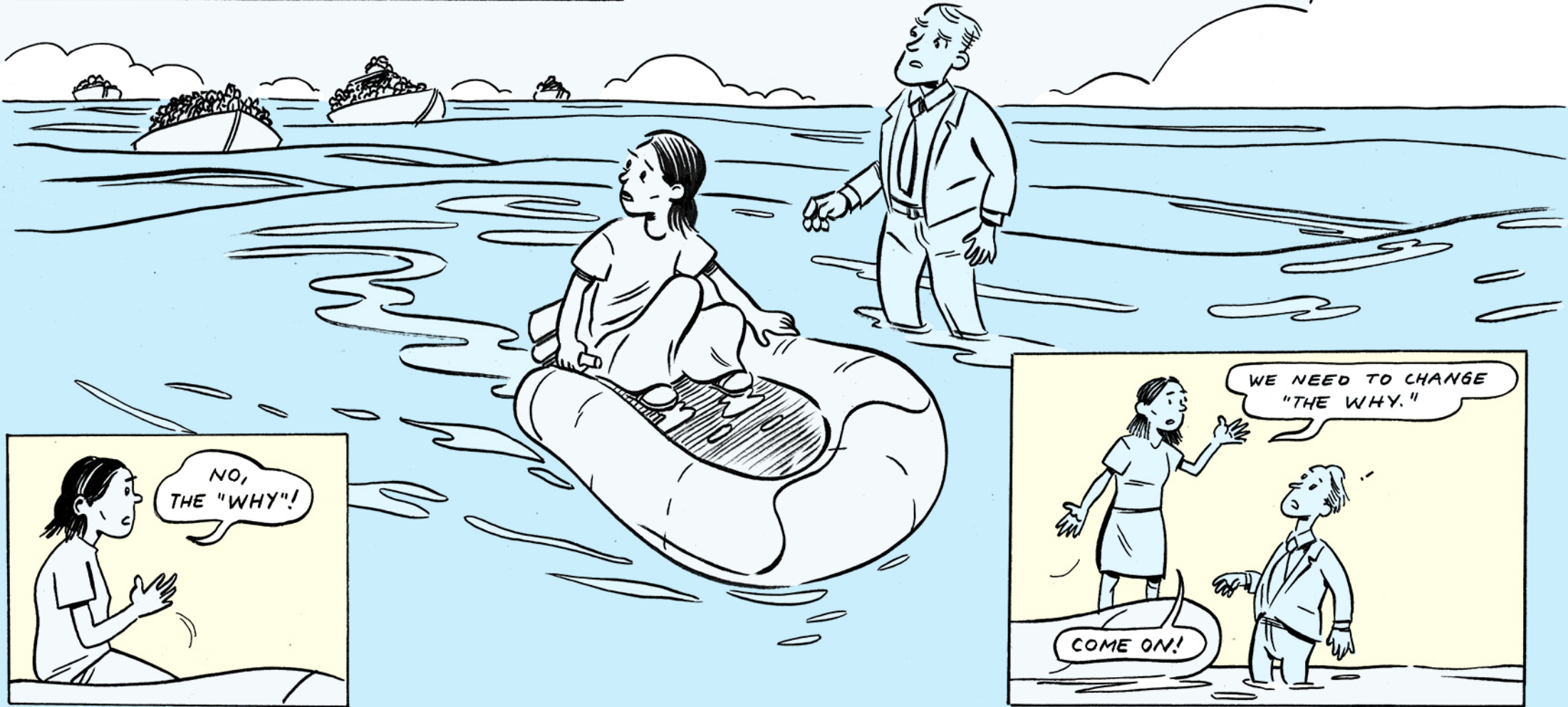
GOING THIS WAY WE ARE.

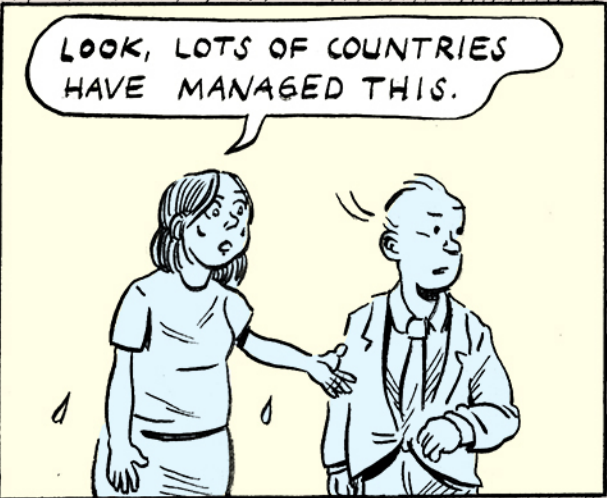




UNLESS WE CHANGE THE REASONS WHY.

THE WHAT?!





LOOK, LOTS OF COUNTRIES HAVE MANAGED THIS.



IT'S TIME WE TRIED FINDING POLITICAL SOLUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS.



BRAZIL

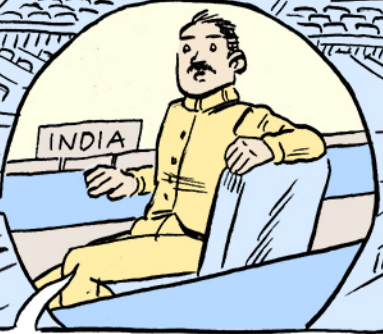
IN PORTO ALEGRE WE GAVE PEOPLE MORE CONTROL OVER LOCAL GOVERNMENT SPENDING. WE'VE HAD SOCIAL DEMOCRATS IN POWER THROUGHOUT BRAZIL'S GREAT LEAP FORWARD.

WE USED THE STATE TO INVEST IN INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES, NOT CUT THEM BACK:



COSTA RICA

THAT'S WHY WE'RE THE LATIN AMERICAN CHOICE FOR INVESTMENTS TODAY.



INDIA

IN KERALA WE INVESTED EVERYTHING IN SOCIAL WELFARE AND WE HAVE THE GREATEST REDUCTION IN POVERTY OF ALL INDIAN STATES.

YOU KNOW, IT'S NOT ALL THAT DIFFERENT TO WHAT WE WERE DOING BACK IN THE 20S AND 30S.



SWEDEN



"WOMAN IN WORK"



UNIVERSAL SOCIAL POLICY

A STATE PENSION FOR ALL!



CLASS COMPROMISE

WE REALLY DO SHARE THIS IN COMMON.



I STILL BELIEVE IN THE MARKET. BUT I SEE THAT WON'T GET US THERE ALONE.

AND IF THERE'S ONE THING I KNOW ABOUT THE MARKET, IT'S THAT WE'LL NEED TO BRING ABOUT THESE CHANGES INTERNATIONALLY:

IT WILL NEVER BE ENOUGH TO ENACT THEM DOMESTICALLY. YOU'D NEED SOME SORT OF BRETTON WOODS ALL OVER AGAIN.



YES, BUT A MORE DEMOCRATIC ONE. AND THAT'S WHERE WE NEED SO MUCH MORE INNOVATION: POLITICAL INNOVATION.

YOU COULD START BY INTRODUCING SOME SORT OF GLOBAL TAX AND SPEND.

BEGIN REGIONALLY TO START WITH, BUT EXPAND THE ONE MODEL OF DISTRIBUTION THAT ALL STATES ACCEPT TO THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL.

MAKE IT AUTOMATIC, SO WE DON'T EVEN HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT AID ANY MORE.

EVEN A MARGINAL, PROGRESSIVE RATE OF TAX WOULD DO WONDERS TO BRING DOWN GLOBAL INEQUALITY.

YOU'D NEED TO FURTHER DEMOCRATIZE THE INSTITUTIONS YOU'D WANT TO RUN THIS SYSTEM TOO.

YOU COULD START BY BRINGING THIS UN CHAMBER BACK TO THE FRONT OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICS, IN PLACE OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

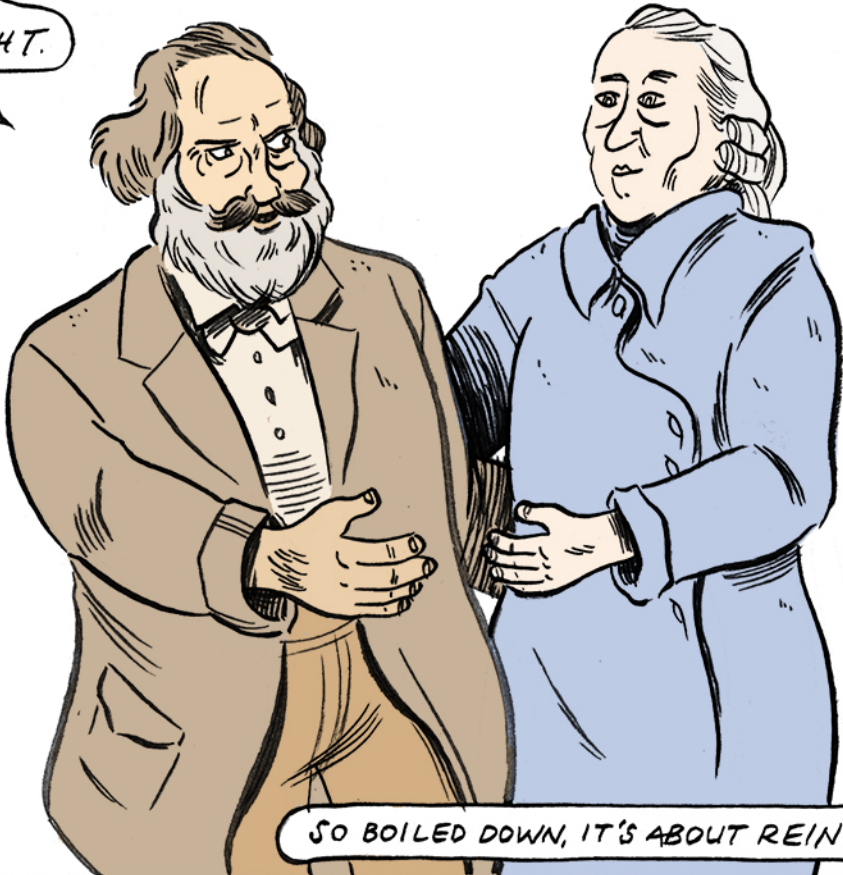


BRING IT BACK TO LIFE YOU MEAN?! BUT THEN YOU'D BE ABLE TO DO SO MUCH MORE. YOU COULD START TO PRIORITIZE CONSTITUTIONAL LAW OVER INDIVIDUAL HUMAN RIGHTS, FOR EXAMPLE.



IF YOU GET THE FORMER RIGHT THEN THERE IS LESS NEED TO WORRY ABOUT RIGHTS INFRINGEMENTS IN THE FIRST PLACE.

YOU KNOW, I TOLD YOU I WAS ALWAYS RIGHT.



AND I TOO.

BUT WE'RE AGREED, AREN'T WE, THAT THE TIMES ARE MOVING ON AGAIN.

THAT'S THE ONE THING WE'VE BOTH BEEN GOOD AT SPOTTING.



SO BOILED DOWN, IT'S ABOUT REINVENTING THESE 3 LESSONS FOR A GLOBAL AGE.

THE POLITICS OF GRAND COMPROMISE.

MIGRANT ASSIST

WORK PASSES →

DISTRIBUTIVE FAIRNESS.

DEMOCRATIC DEEPENING.

Global Public tax
Global Public Welfare



UN GLOBAL INVESTMENT

COMMUNITY
VOTE
THIS
THURSDAY

GUESS I DON'T NEED
THIS ANY MORE.

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