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Become the Shadow



BOOK ONE
ENTER KEPHALOS



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FATHER TIME
A.K.A. KHRONOS, KRONOS & POPS



MEET

DEATH
A.K.A. ATHANATOS THANATOS, OLD BONES

TIME
A.K.A. TIME THE YOUNGER & SANDS



KEPHALOS
A.K.A. ARMREST

METHUSTOS
A.K.A. THE MERRY PISSPOT

...AND...

AKANTHA
A.K.A. A THORN IN THE SIDE



...AND...

BLEEDING HEART #I
A.K.A. A PINING PRAT

THE WINE GLASSES
A.K.A. DRINKING BUDDIES

BLEEDING HEART #II
A.K.A. ANOTHER PINING PRAT



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ENTER KEPHALOS...



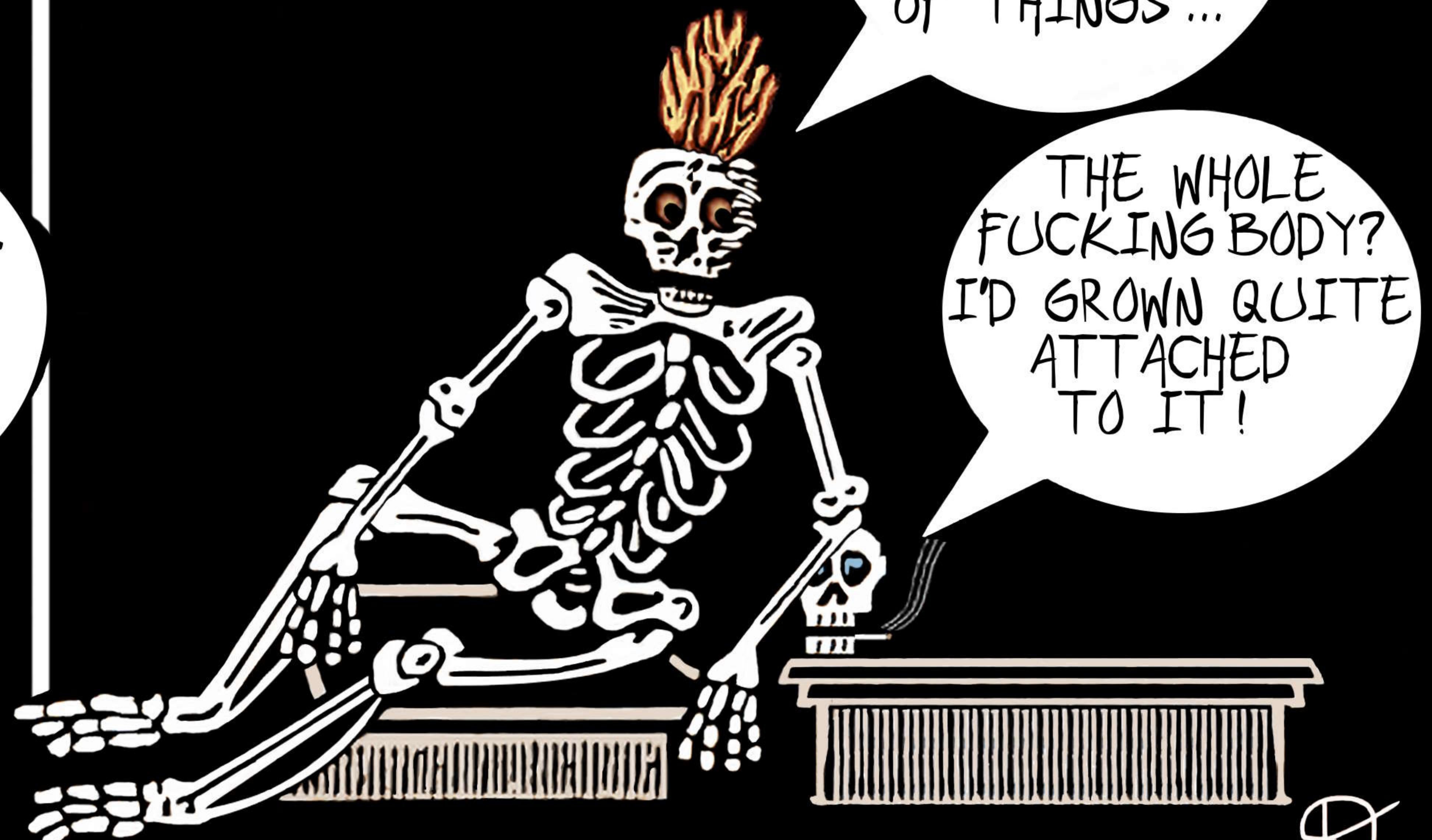
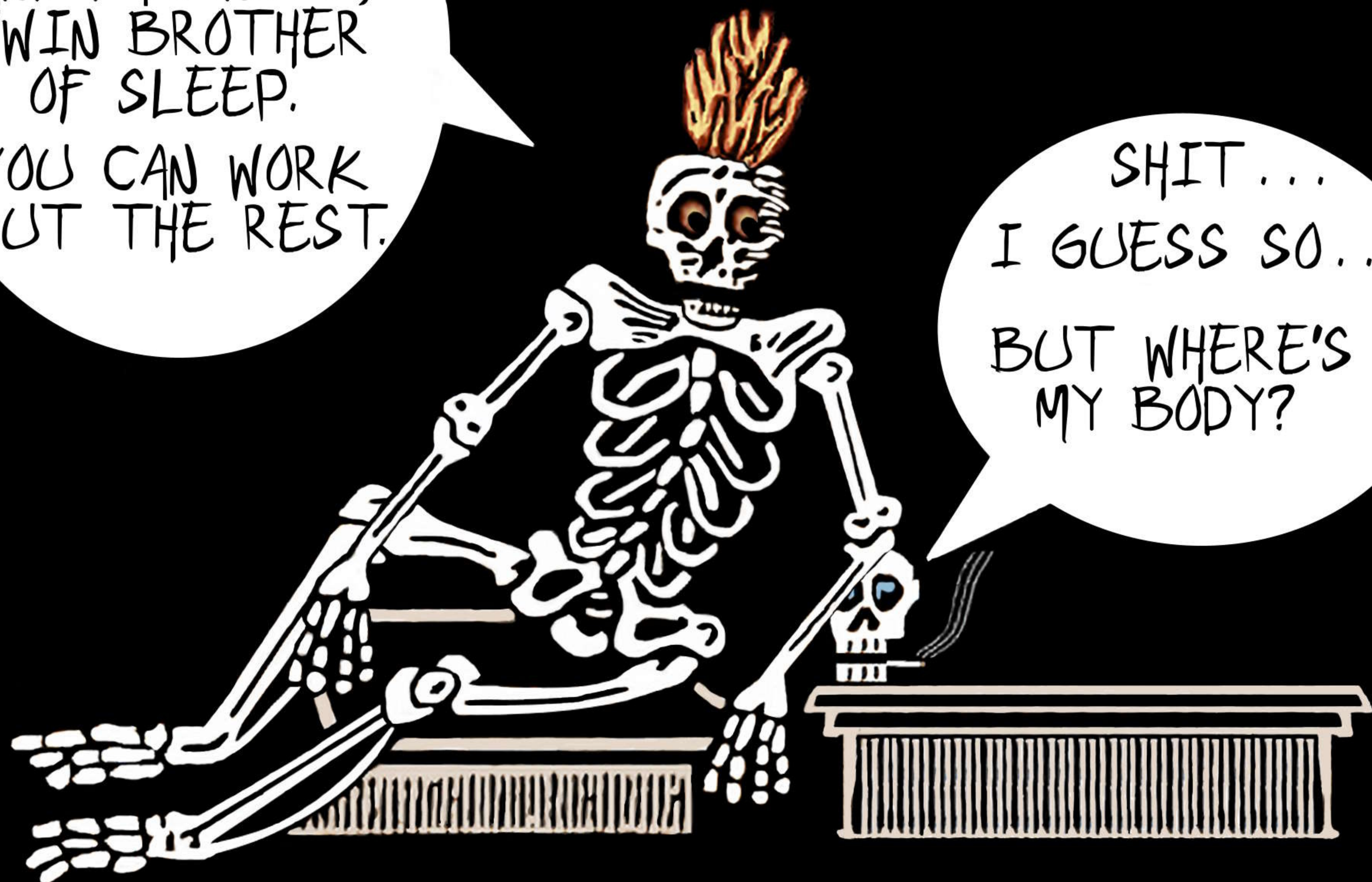
WHAT AM I DOING HERE?
WHERE AM I?
WHO ARE YOU?

I AM DEATH,
SON OF NIGHT
AND DARKNESS,
TWIN BROTHER
OF SLEEP.
YOU CAN WORK
OUT THE REST.

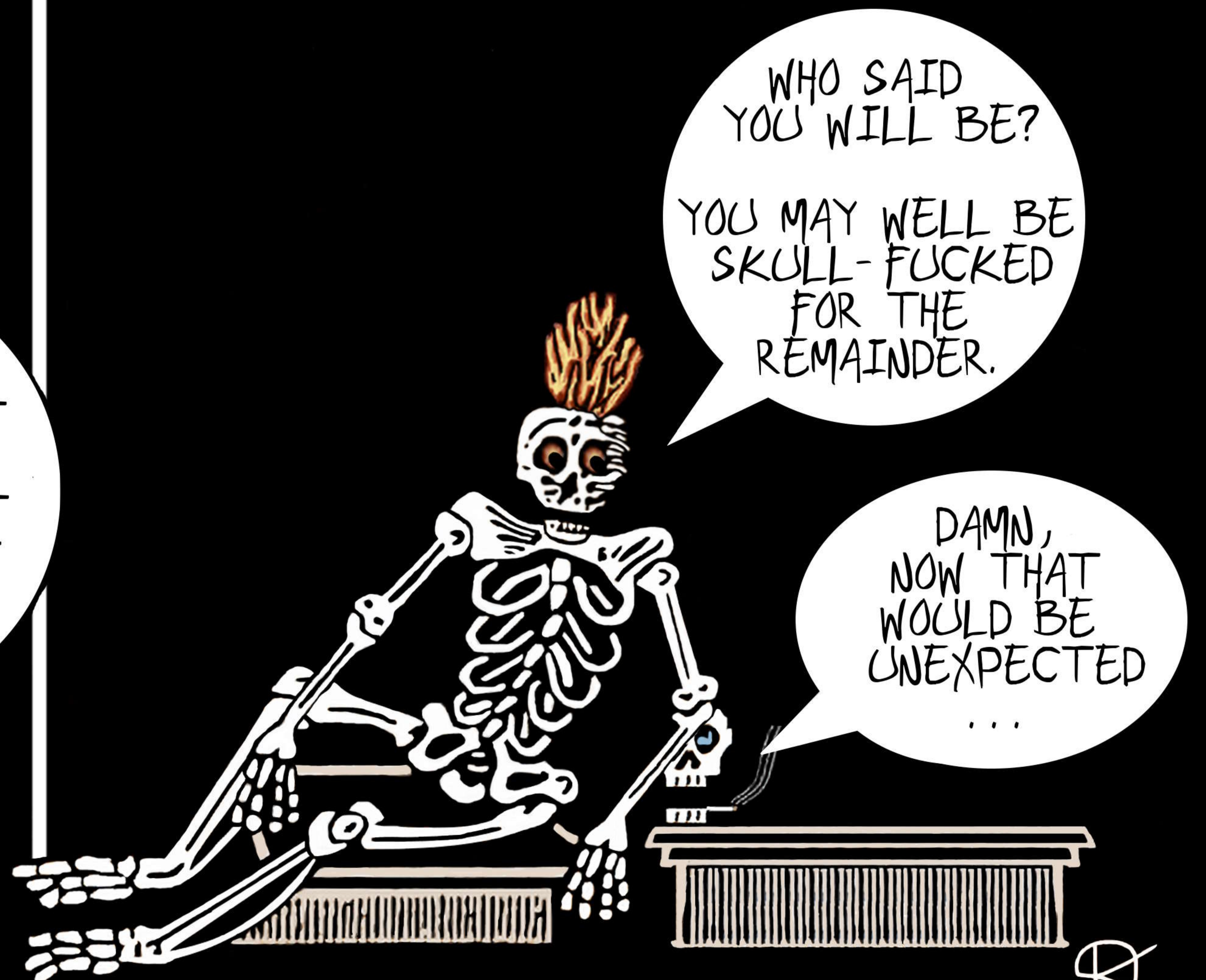
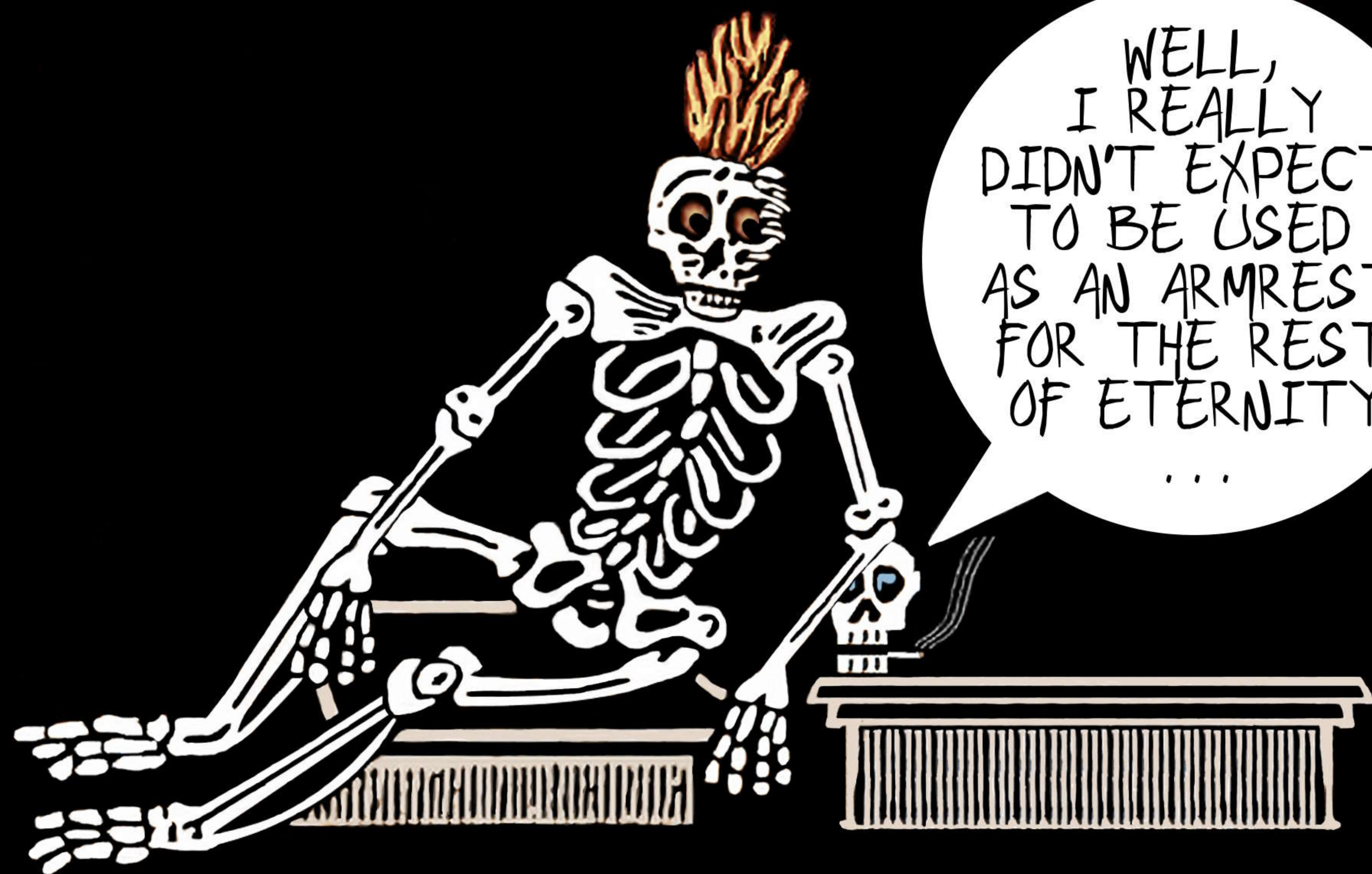
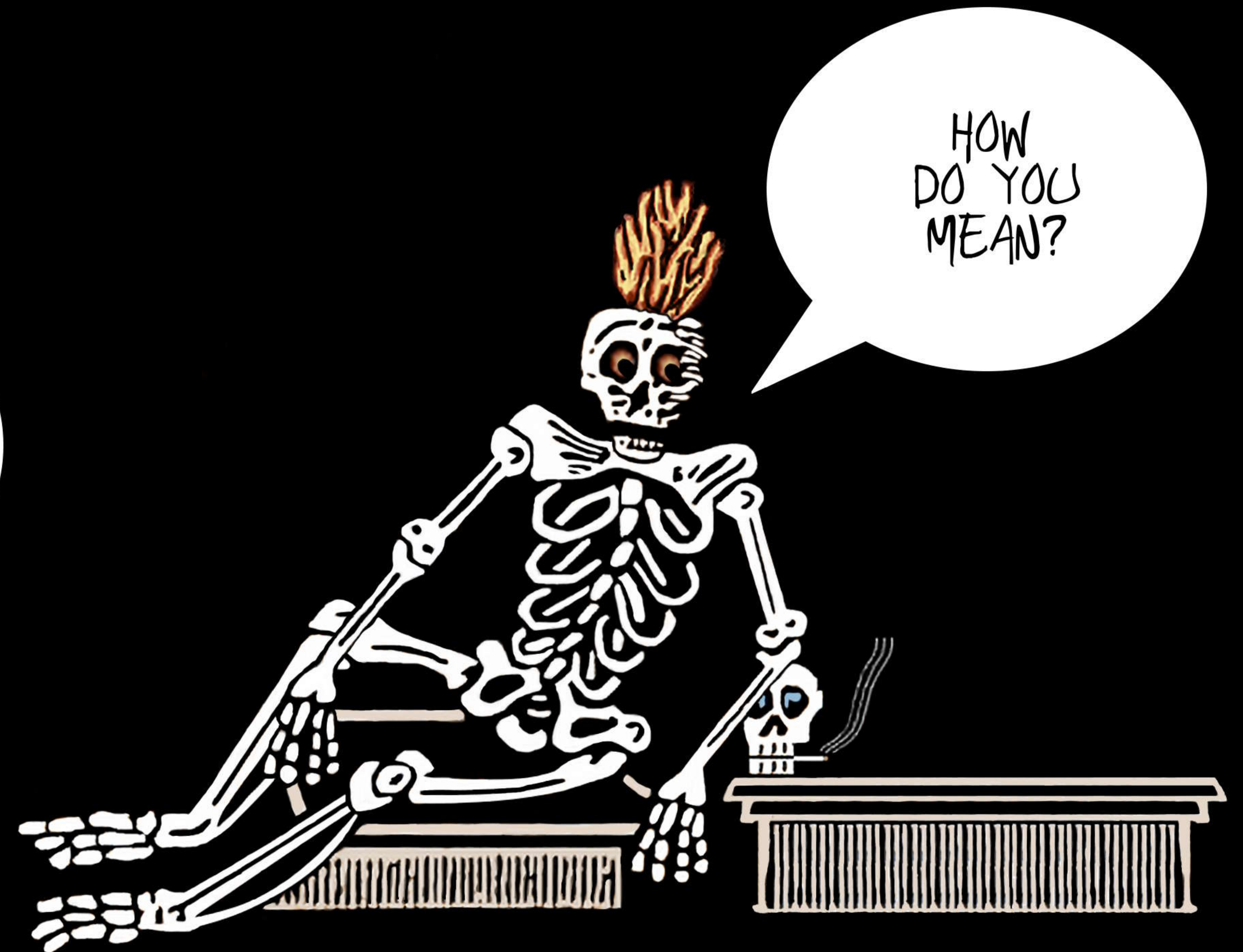
SHIT...
I GUESS SO...
BUT WHERE'S
MY BODY?

LOST
IN TRANSIT
I'M AFRAID...
FAIRLY COMMON
OCCURRENCE
THIS SIDE
OF THINGS...

THE WHOLE
FUCKING BODY?
I'D GROWN QUITE
ATTACHED
TO IT!

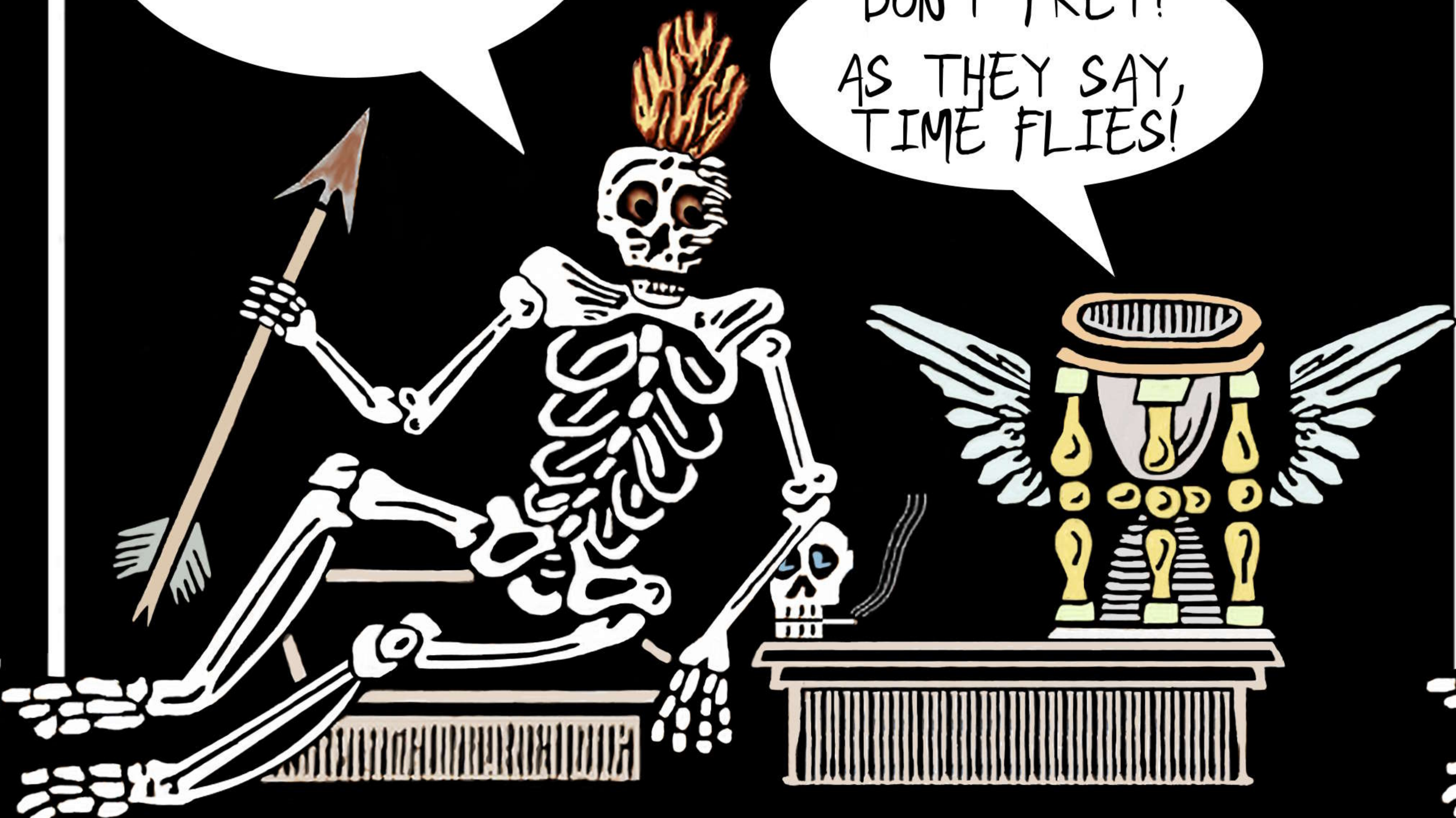


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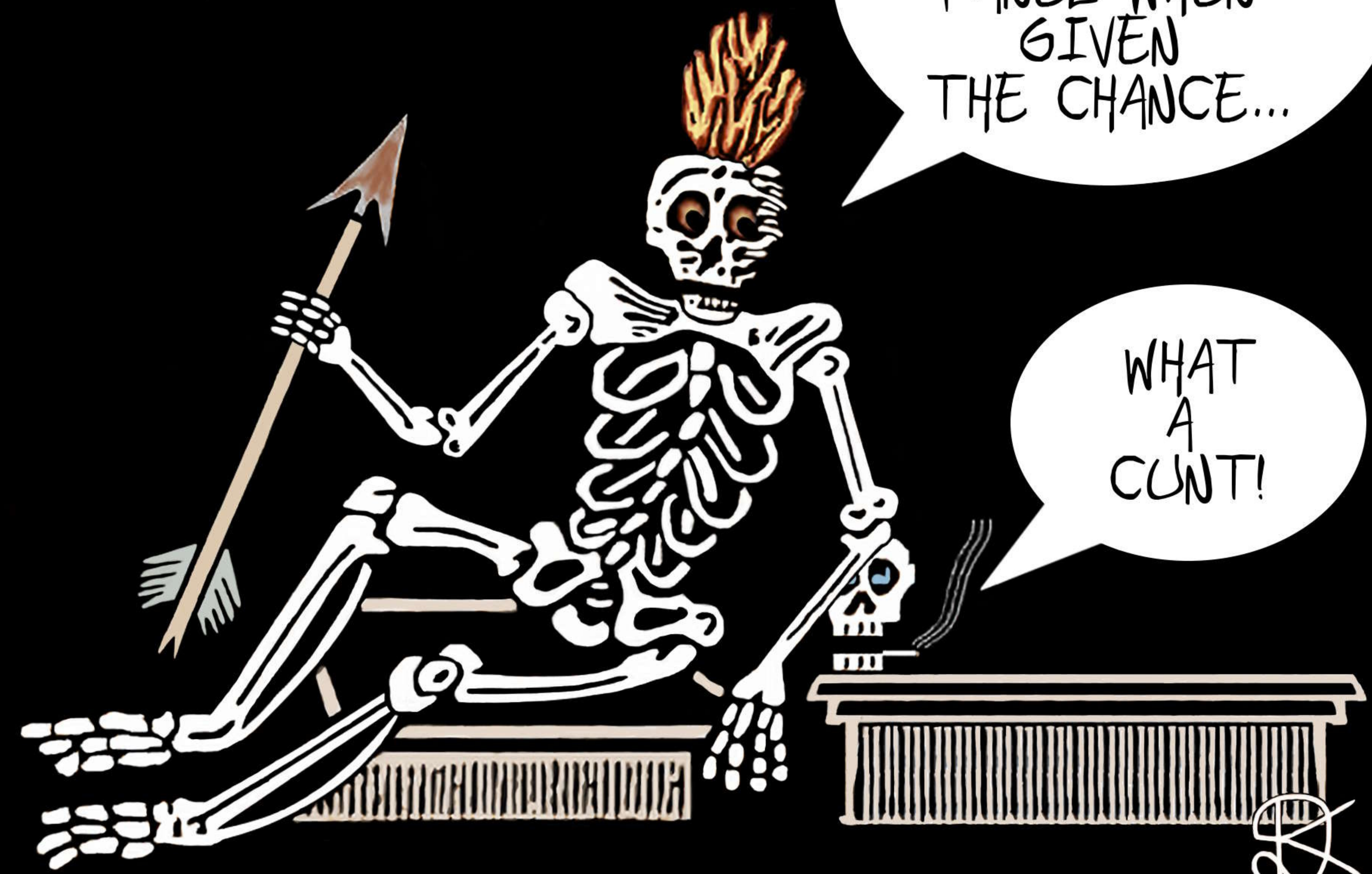
JUST HOW LONG
ARE WE SUPPOSED
TO HOLD
THIS POSE?

DON'T FRET!
AS THEY SAY,
TIME FLIES!

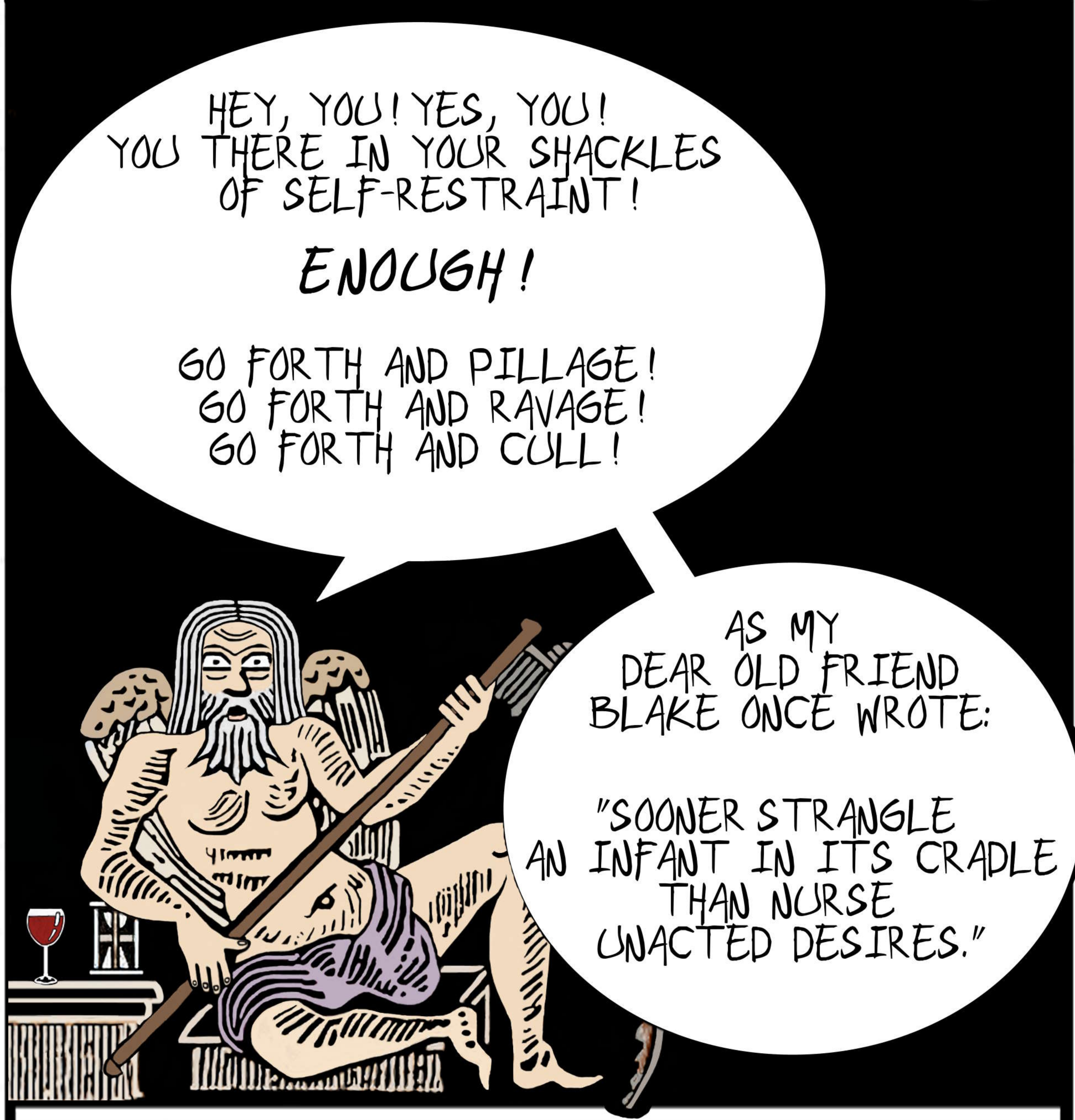


YEAH,
RIGHT OUT OF
THE FUCKING
PANEL WHEN
GIVEN
THE CHANCE...

WHAT
A
CUNT!



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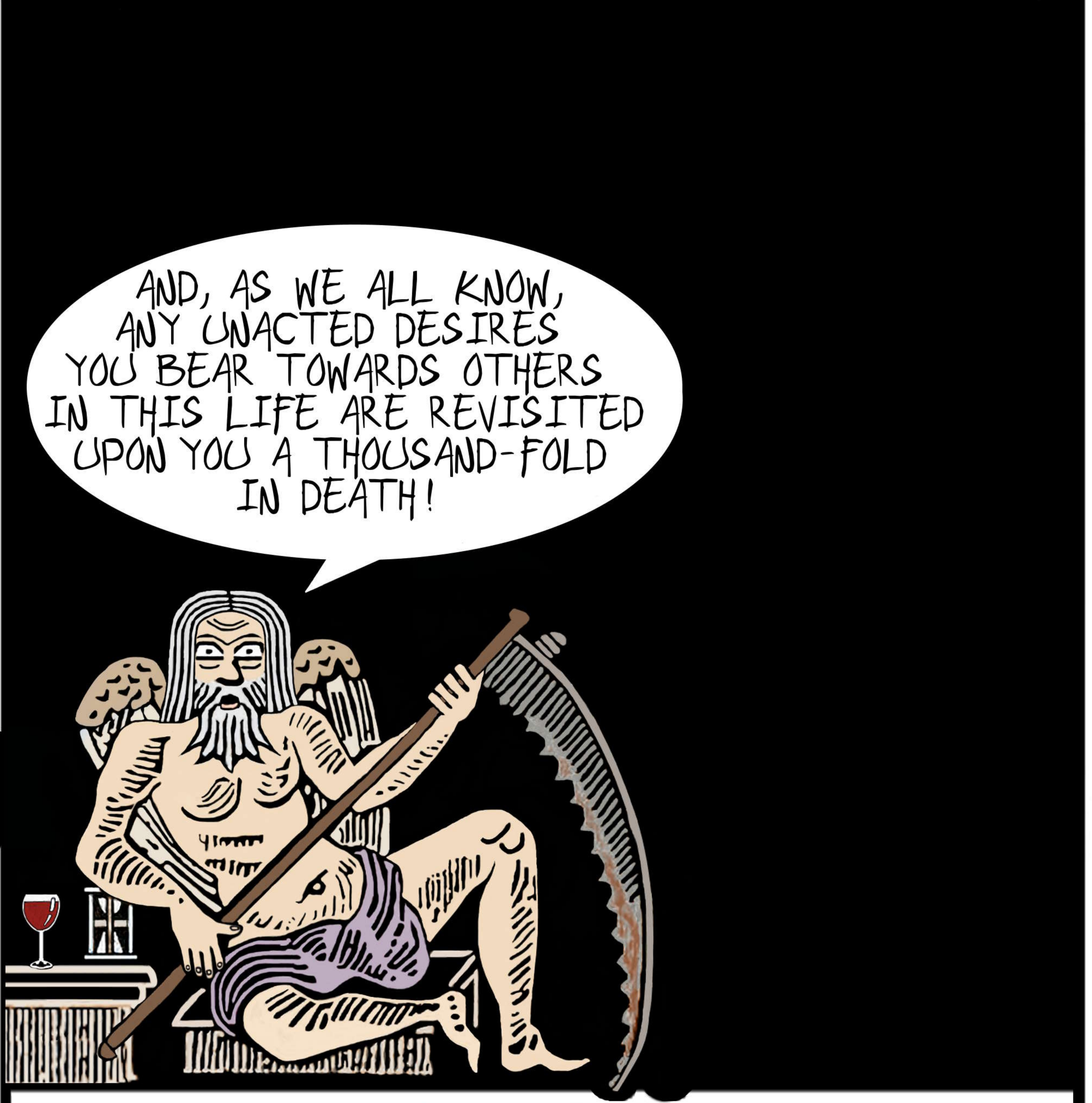
HEY, YOU! YES, YOU!
YOU THERE IN YOUR SHACKLES
OF SELF-RESTRAINT!

ENOUGH!

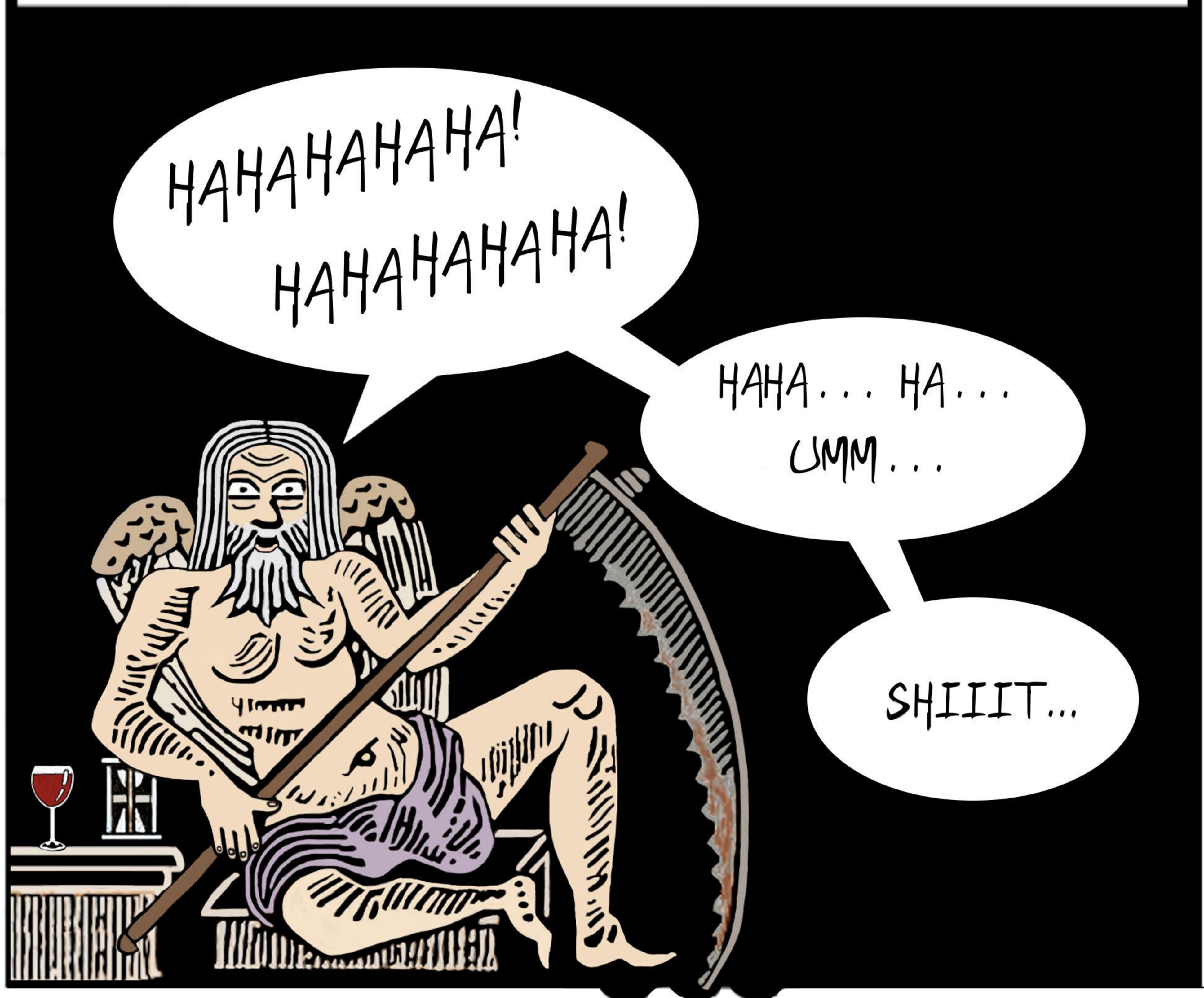
GO FORTH AND PILLAGE!
GO FORTH AND RAVAGE!
GO FORTH AND CULL!

AS MY
DEAR OLD FRIEND
BLAKE ONCE WROTE:

"SOONER STRANGLE
AN INFANT IN ITS CRADLE
THAN NURSE
UNACTED DESIRES."



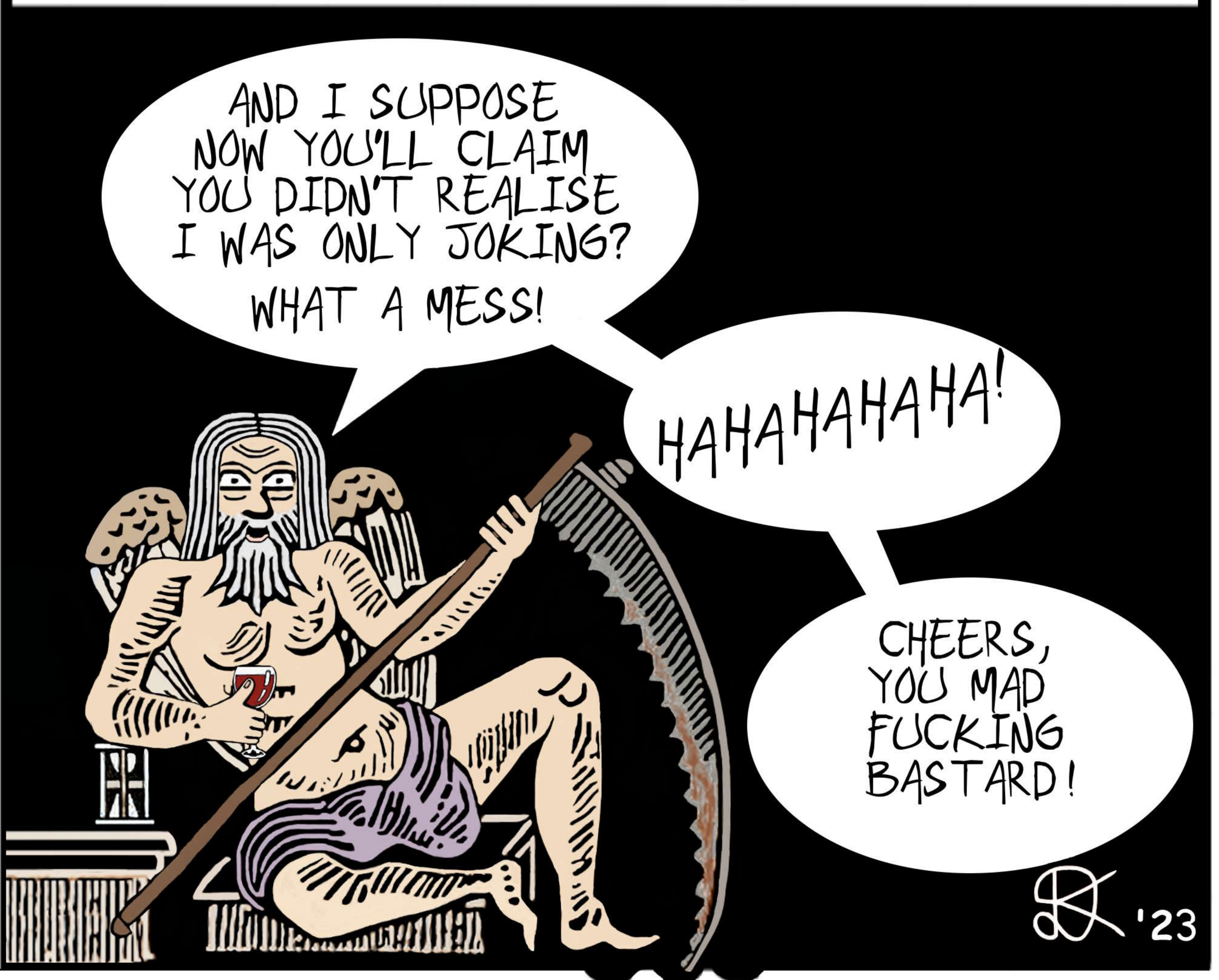
AND, AS WE ALL KNOW,
ANY UNACTED DESIRES
YOU BEAR TOWARDS OTHERS
IN THIS LIFE ARE REVISITED
UPON YOU A THOUSAND-FOLD
IN DEATH!



HAHAHAHAHA!
HAHAHAHAHA!

HAHA... HA...
UMM...

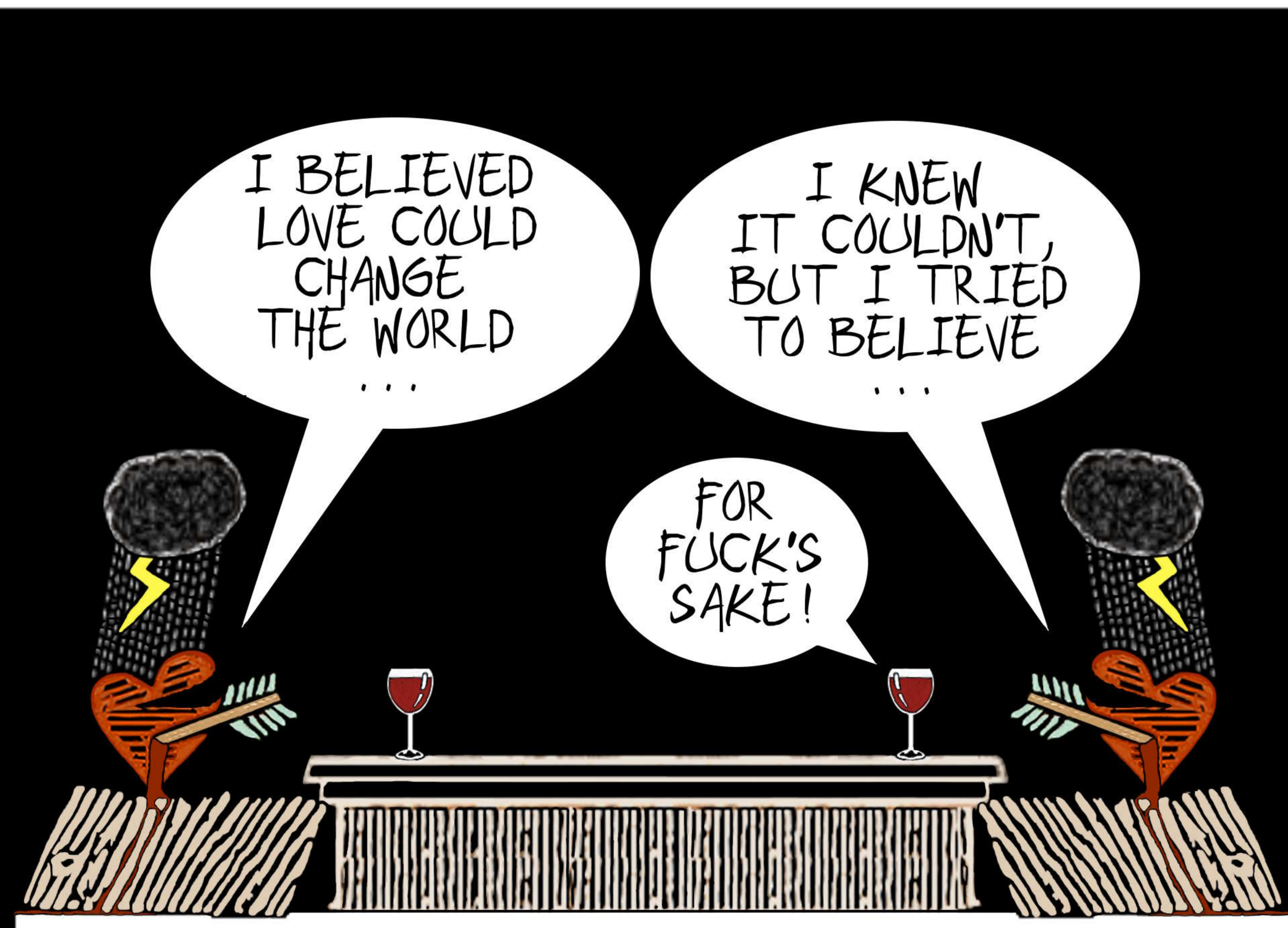
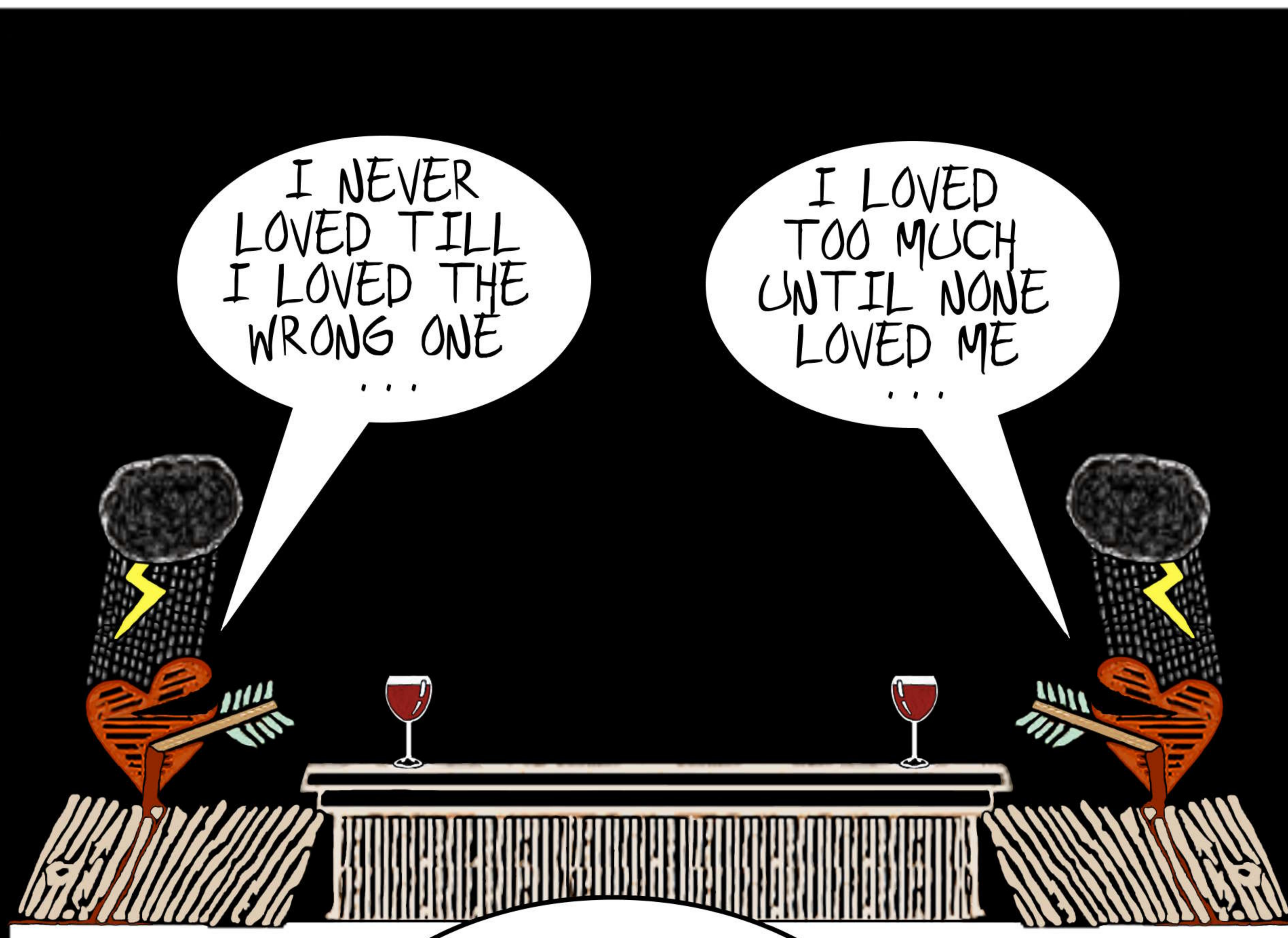
SHIIIT...



AND I SUPPOSE
NOW YOU'LL CLAIM
YOU DIDN'T REALISE
I WAS ONLY JOKING?
WHAT A MESS!

HAHAHAHAHA!

CHEERS,
YOU MAD
FUCKING
BASTARD!



THERE IS SOMETHING SO TRANQUIL ABOUT REPOSE, IS THERE NOT, MY LOVE?



PERHAPS FOR THE FIRST COUPLE OF HUNDRED YEARS OR SO... NOW IT'S ALL BECOMING RATHER TEDIOUS ...

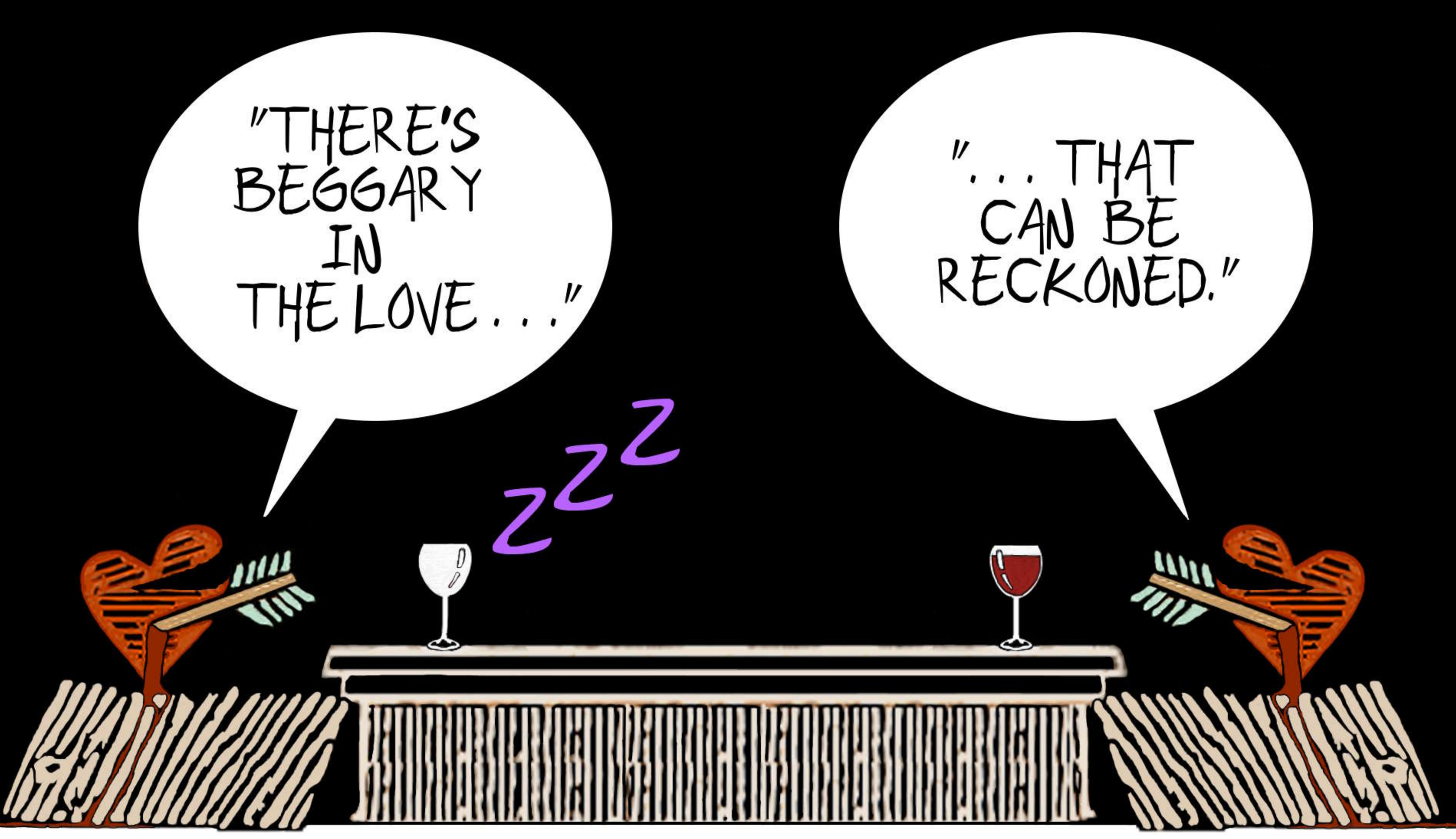
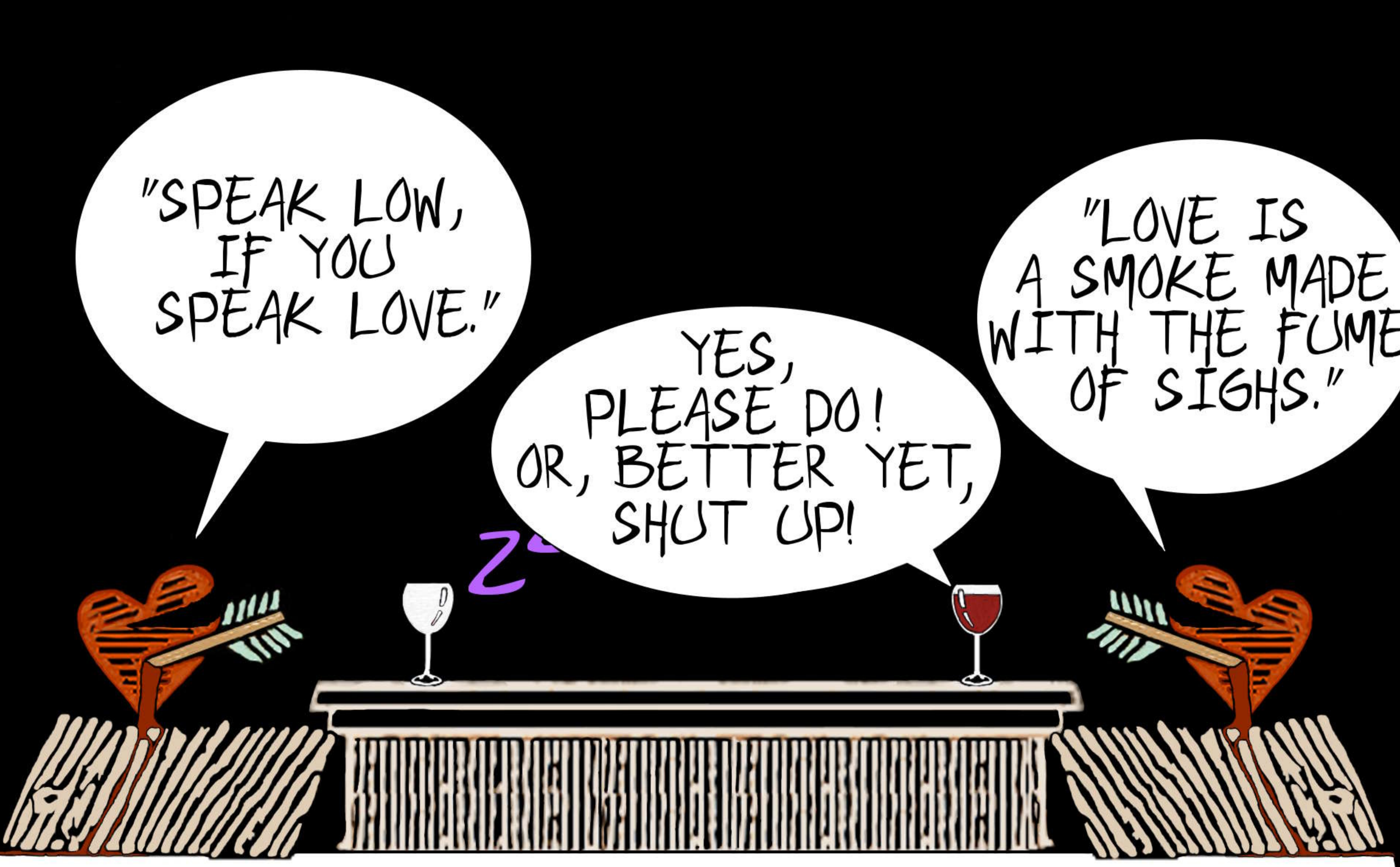
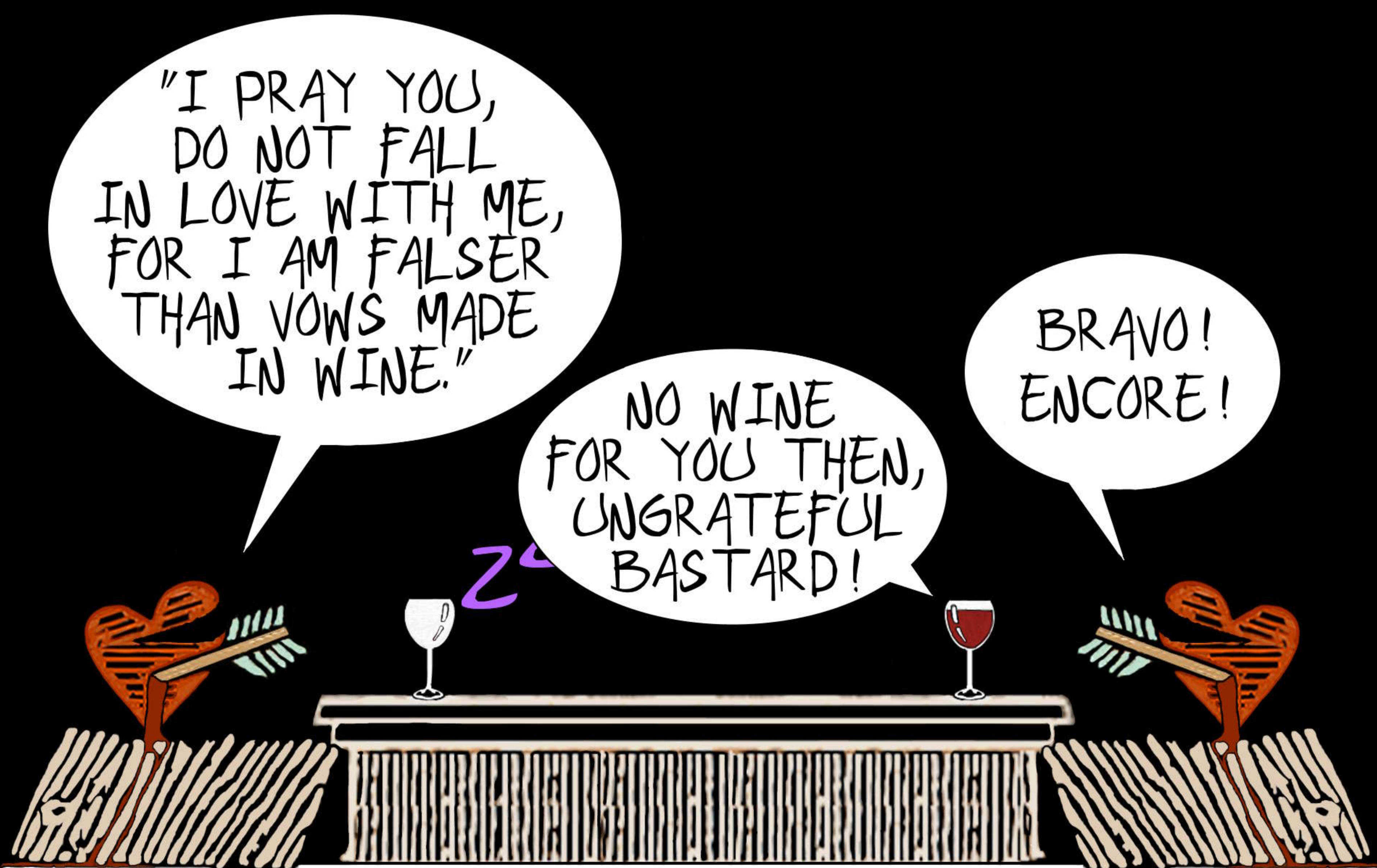
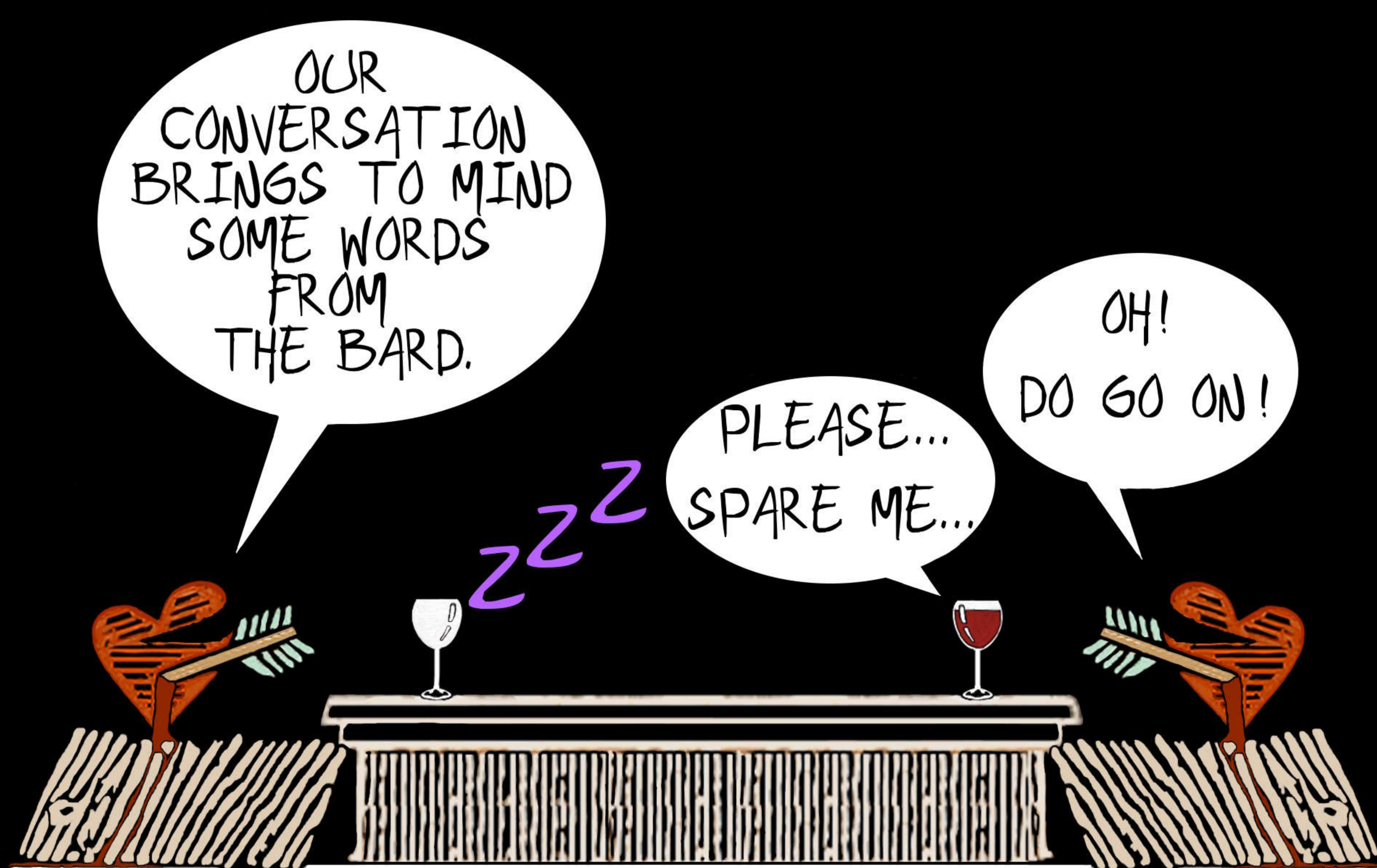
AND I'VE A TERRIBLE CRAMP IN MY RIGHT LEG ...

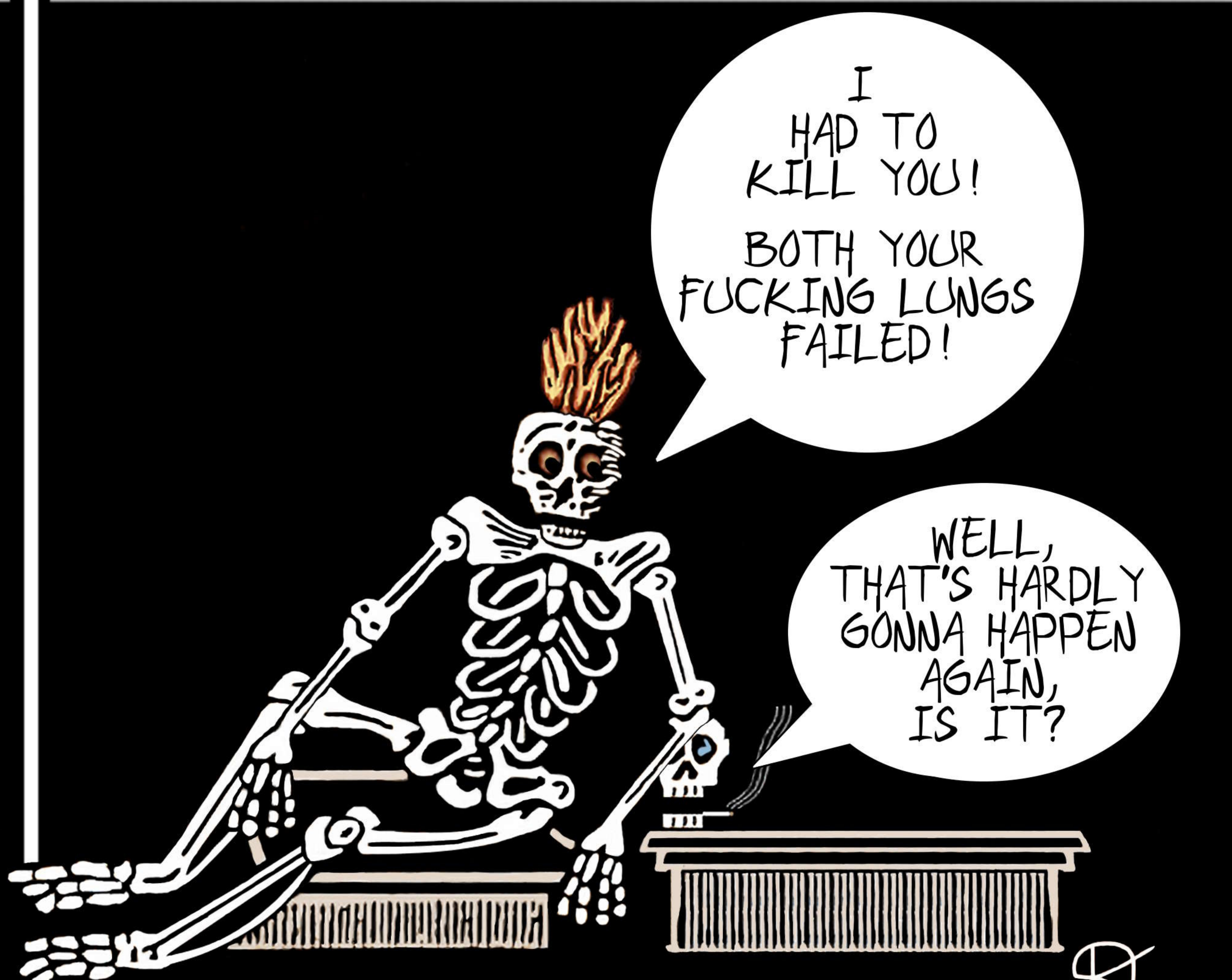
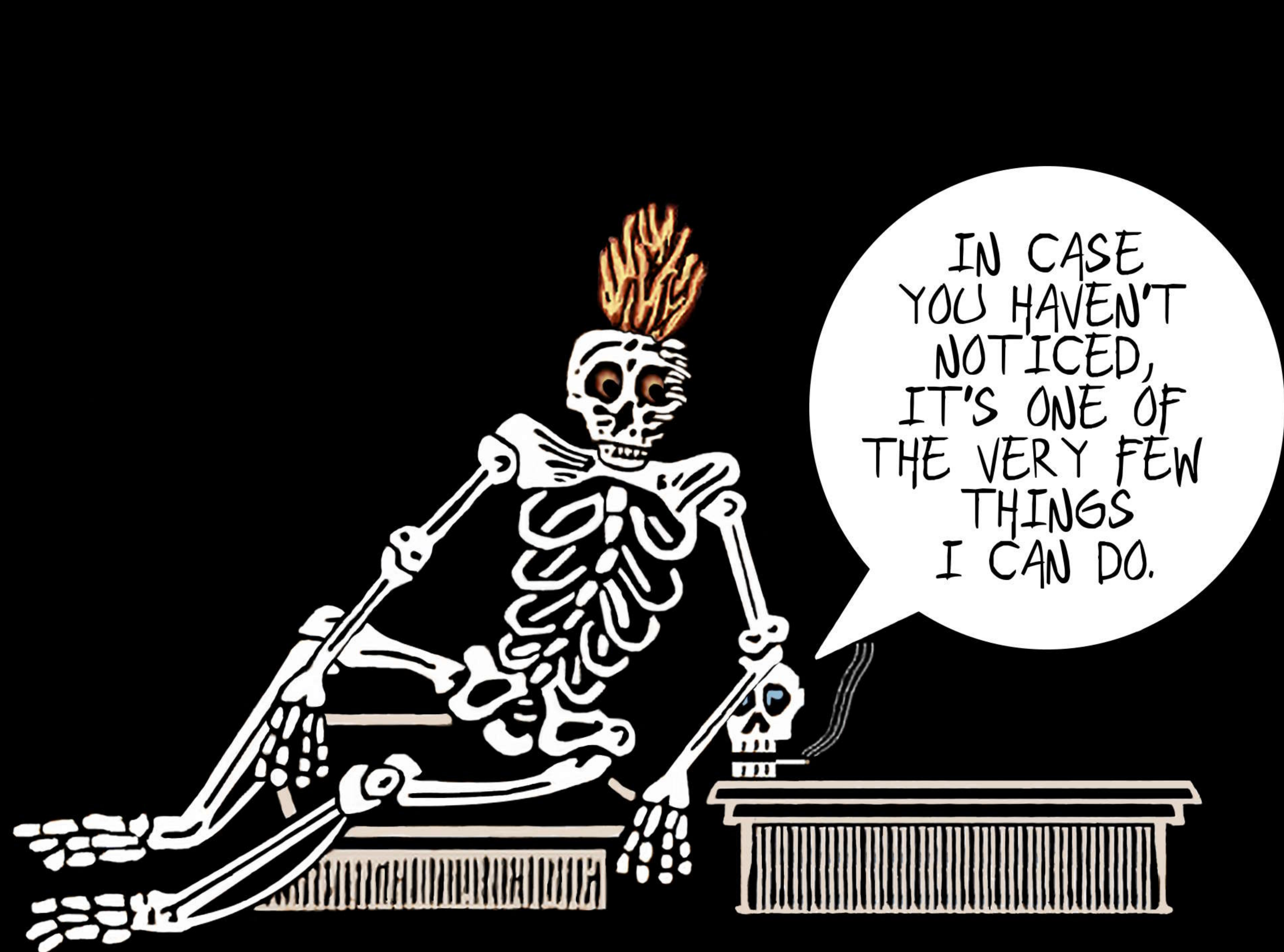
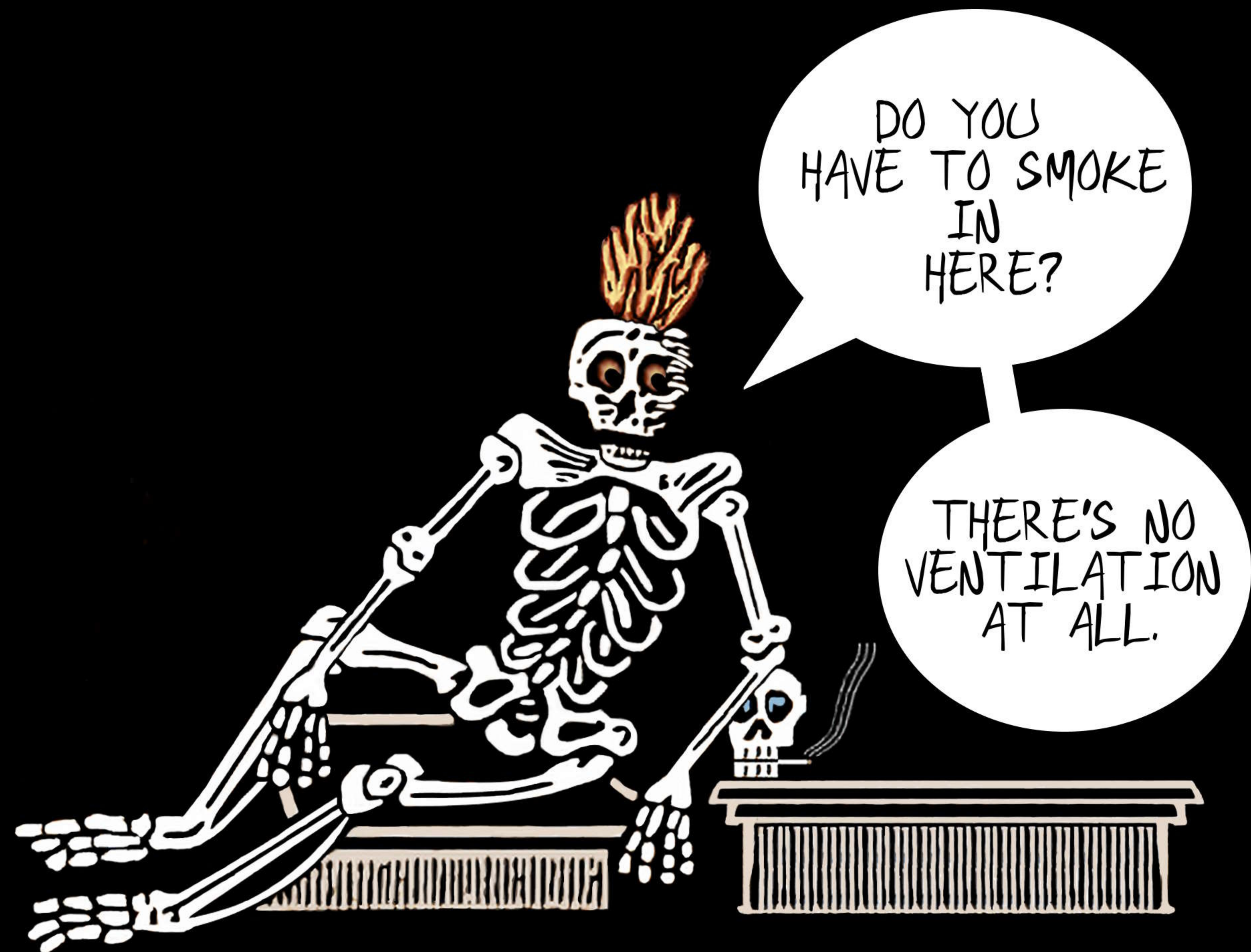


THERE'S JUST NO PLEASING SOME PEOPLE! HAVE SOME WINE AND RELAX WITH ME, MY DEAR.

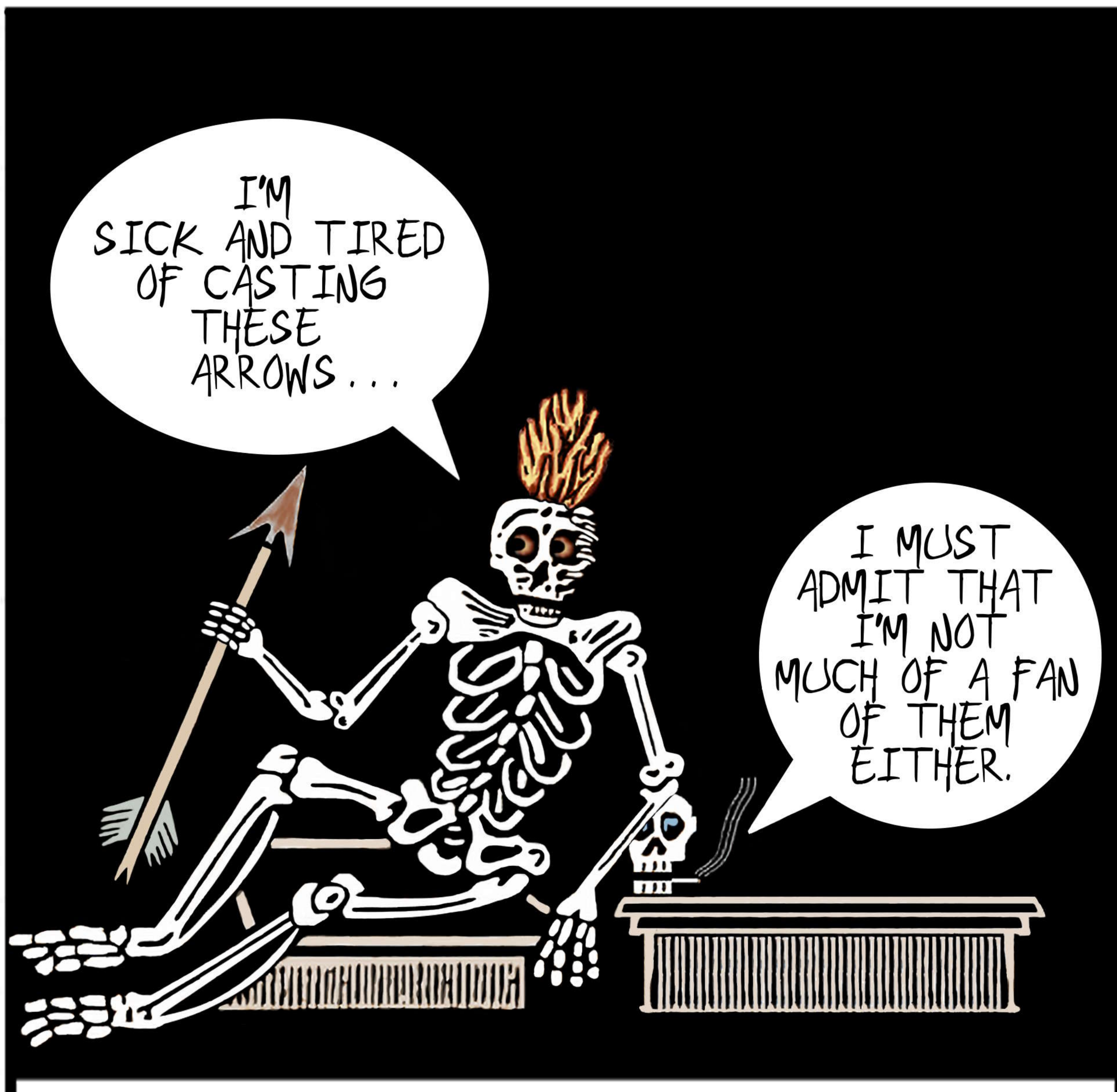
ALWAYS RELAXED! I DON'T THINK YOU EVEN NOTICED YOUR OWN DEATH, YOU PISSHEAD!







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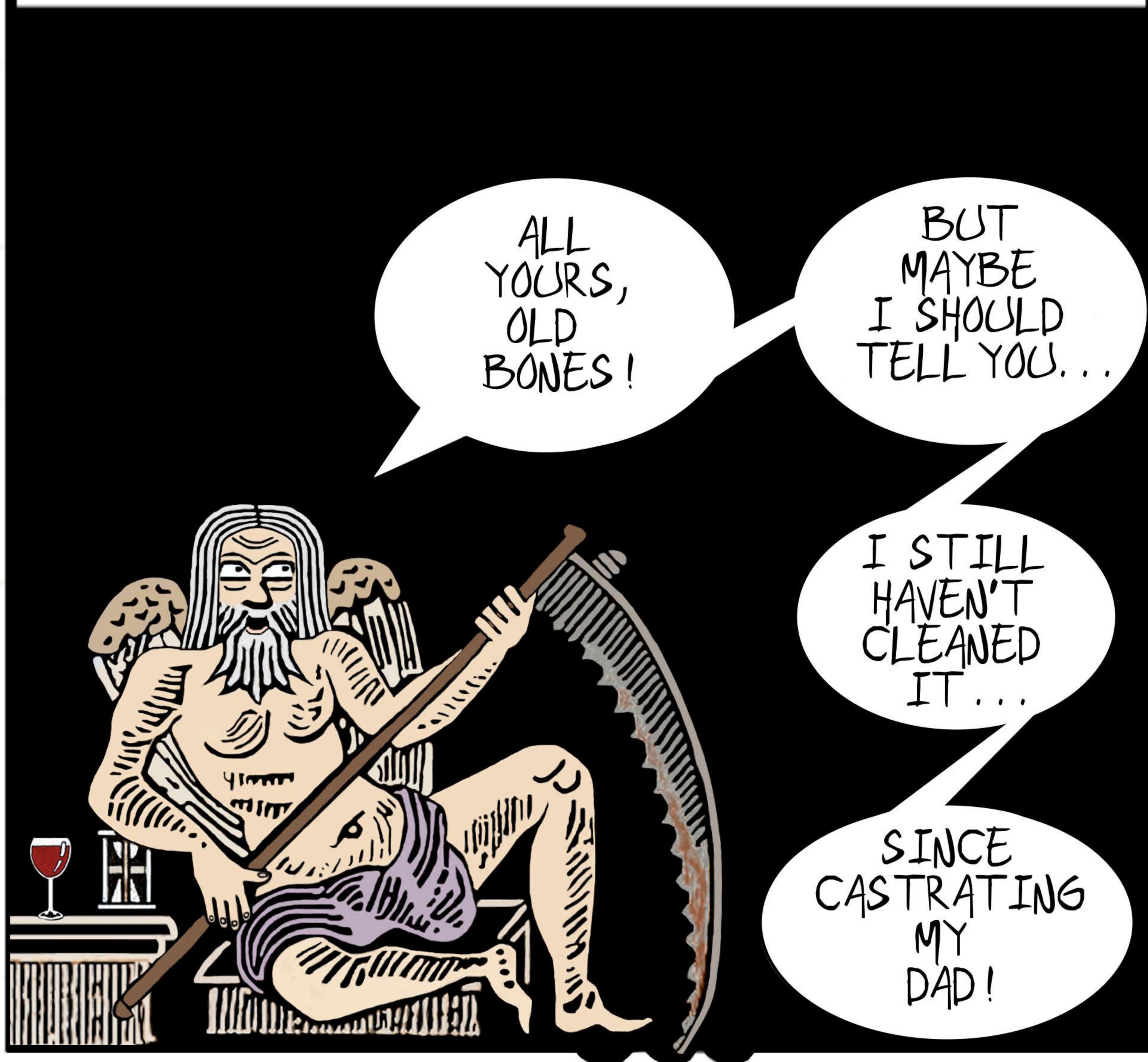


I'M SICK AND TIRED OF CASTING THESE ARROWS...

I MUST ADMIT THAT I'M NOT MUCH OF A FAN OF THEM EITHER.



HEY, POPS! CAN I BORROW YOUR SICKLE?

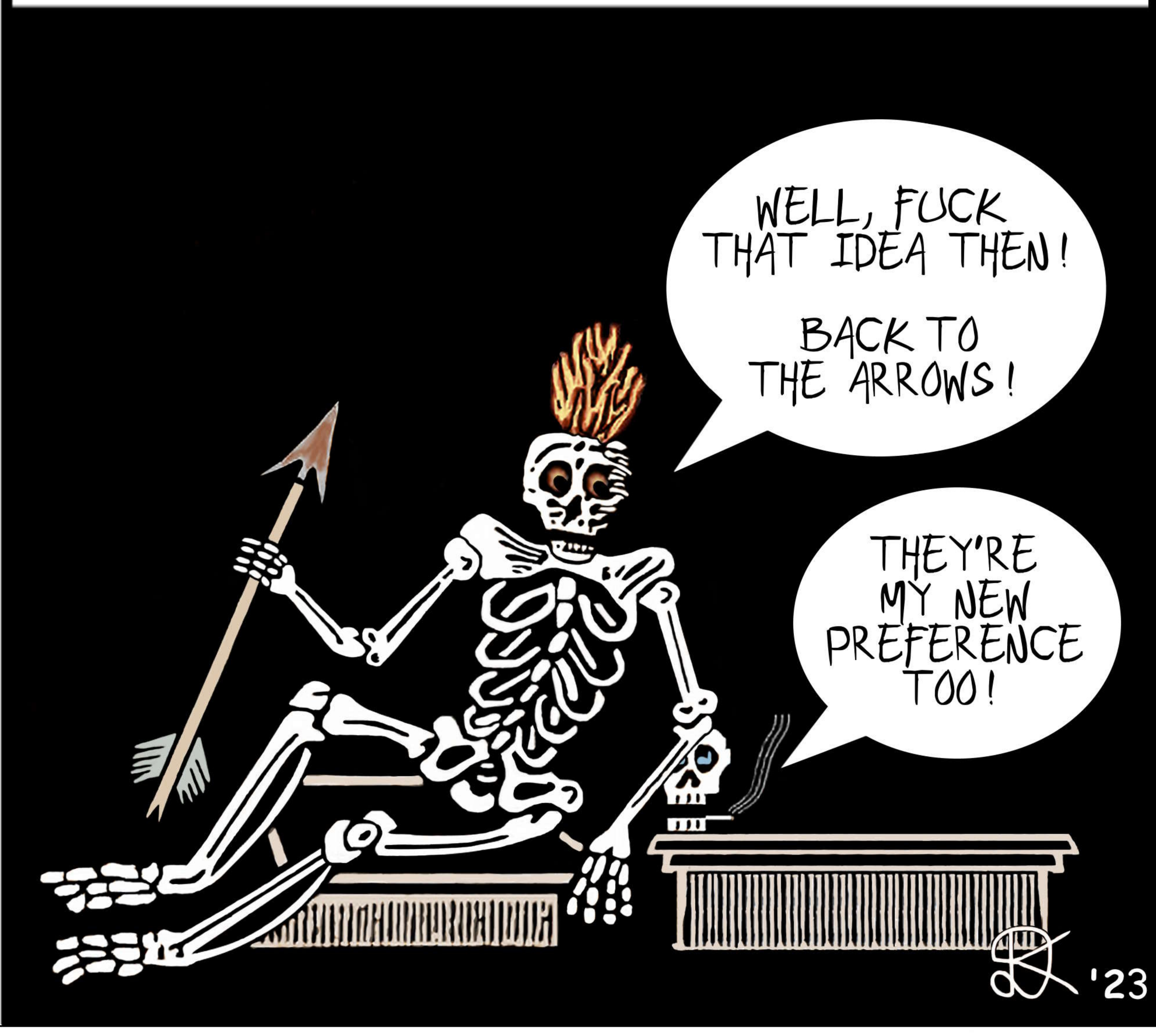


ALL YOURS, OLD BONES!

BUT MAYBE I SHOULD TELL YOU...

I STILL HAVEN'T CLEANED IT...

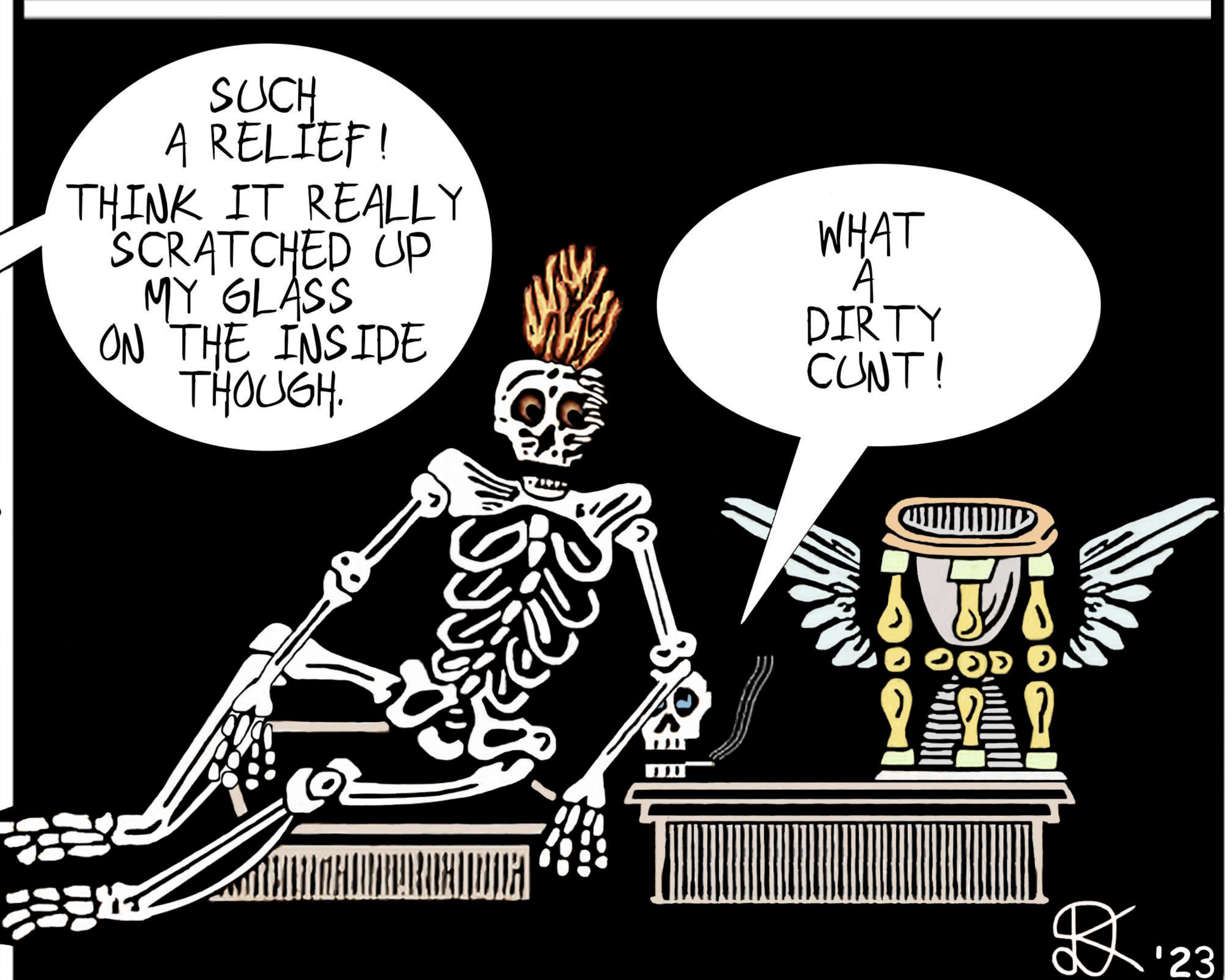
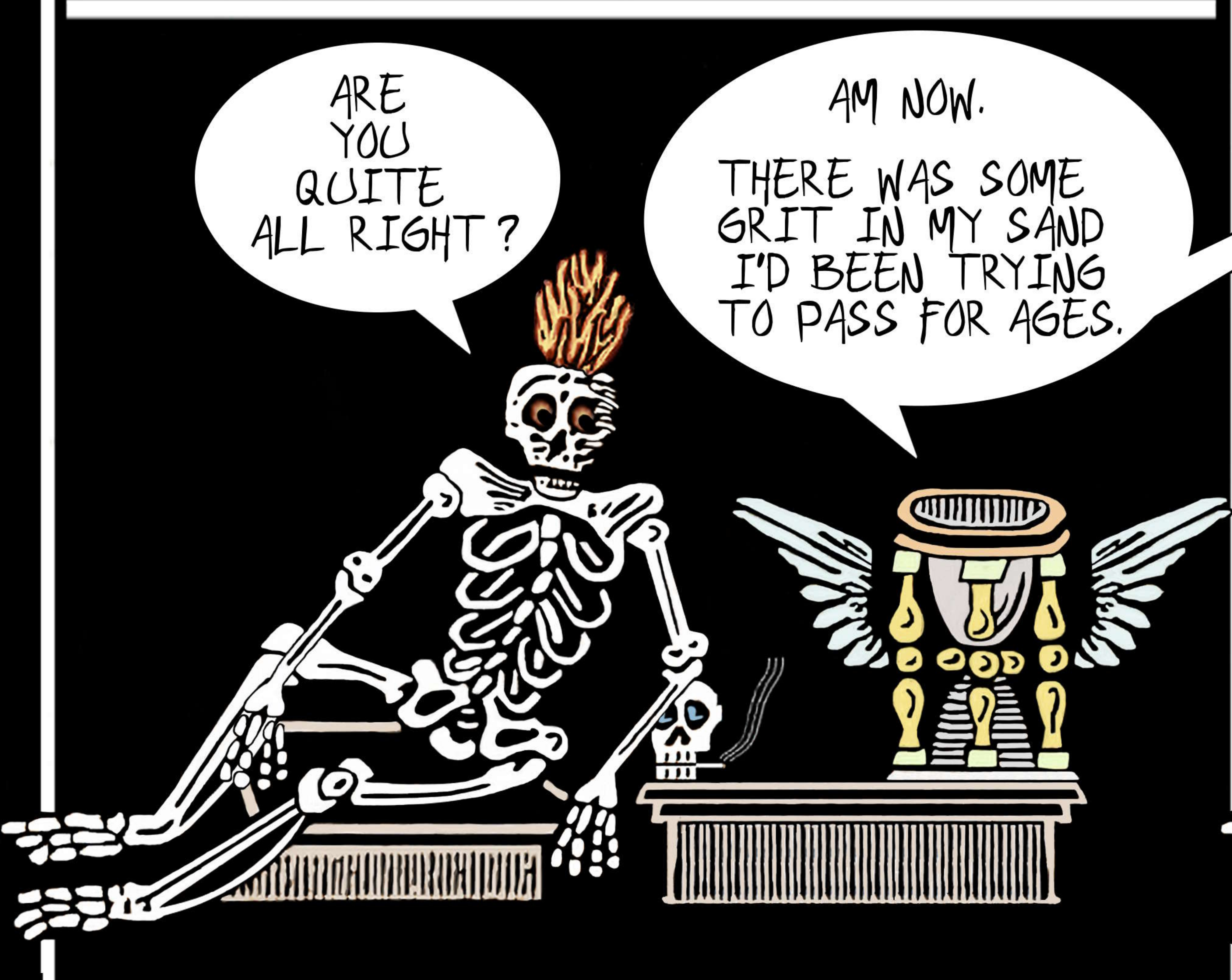
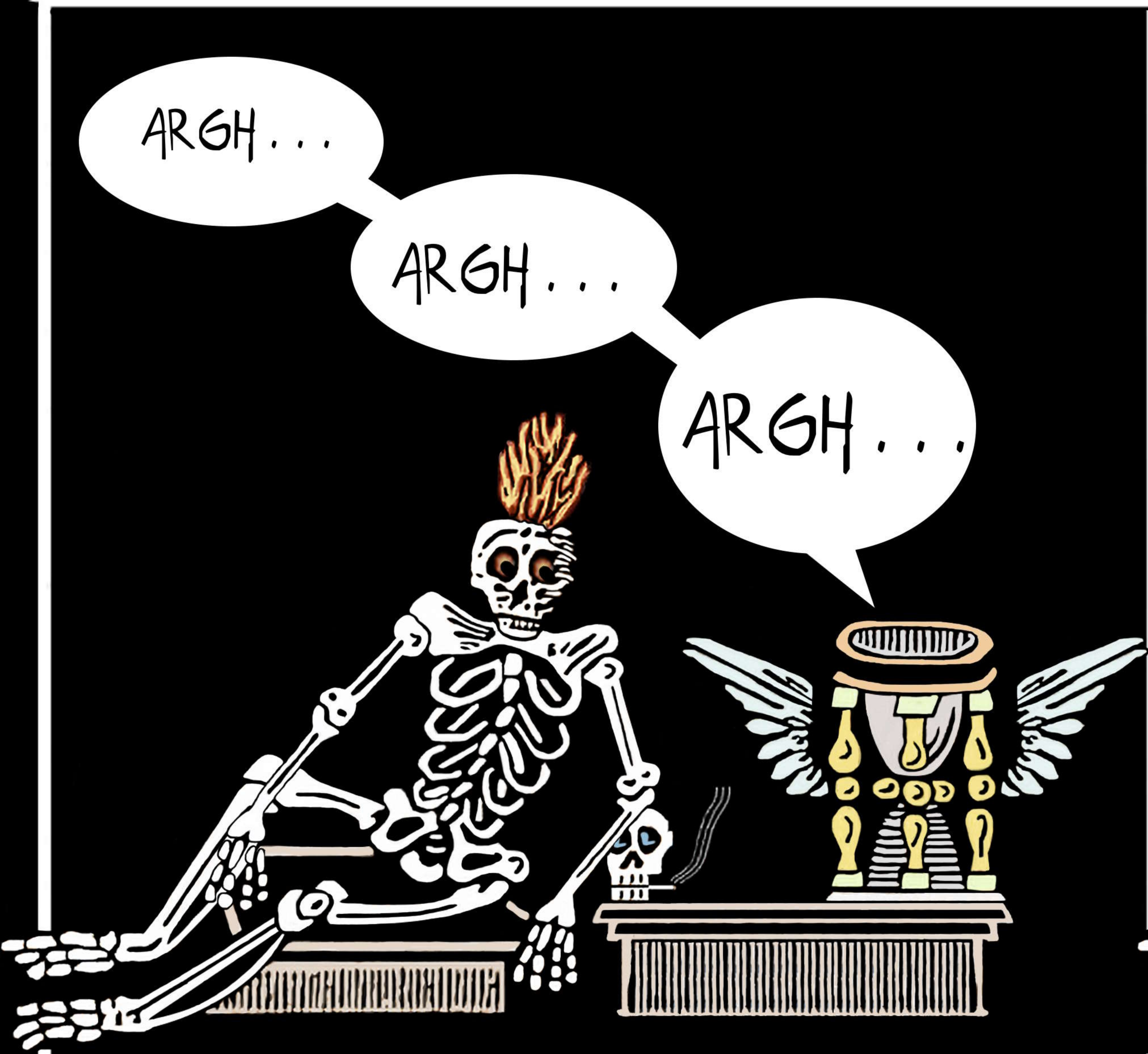
SINCE CASTRATING MY DAD!



WELL, FUCK THAT IDEA THEN!

BACK TO THE ARROWS!

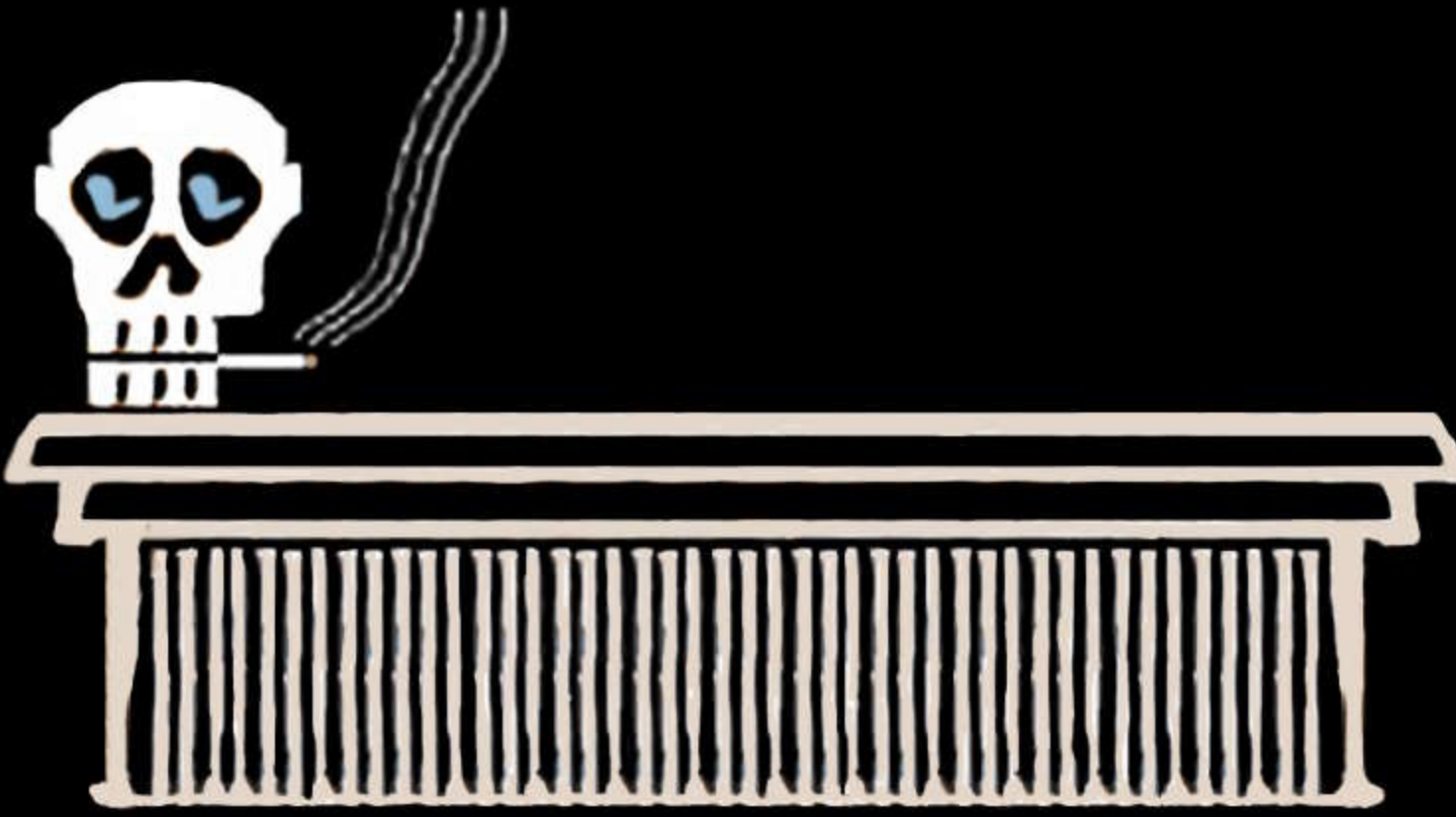
THEY'RE MY NEW PREFERENCE TOO!



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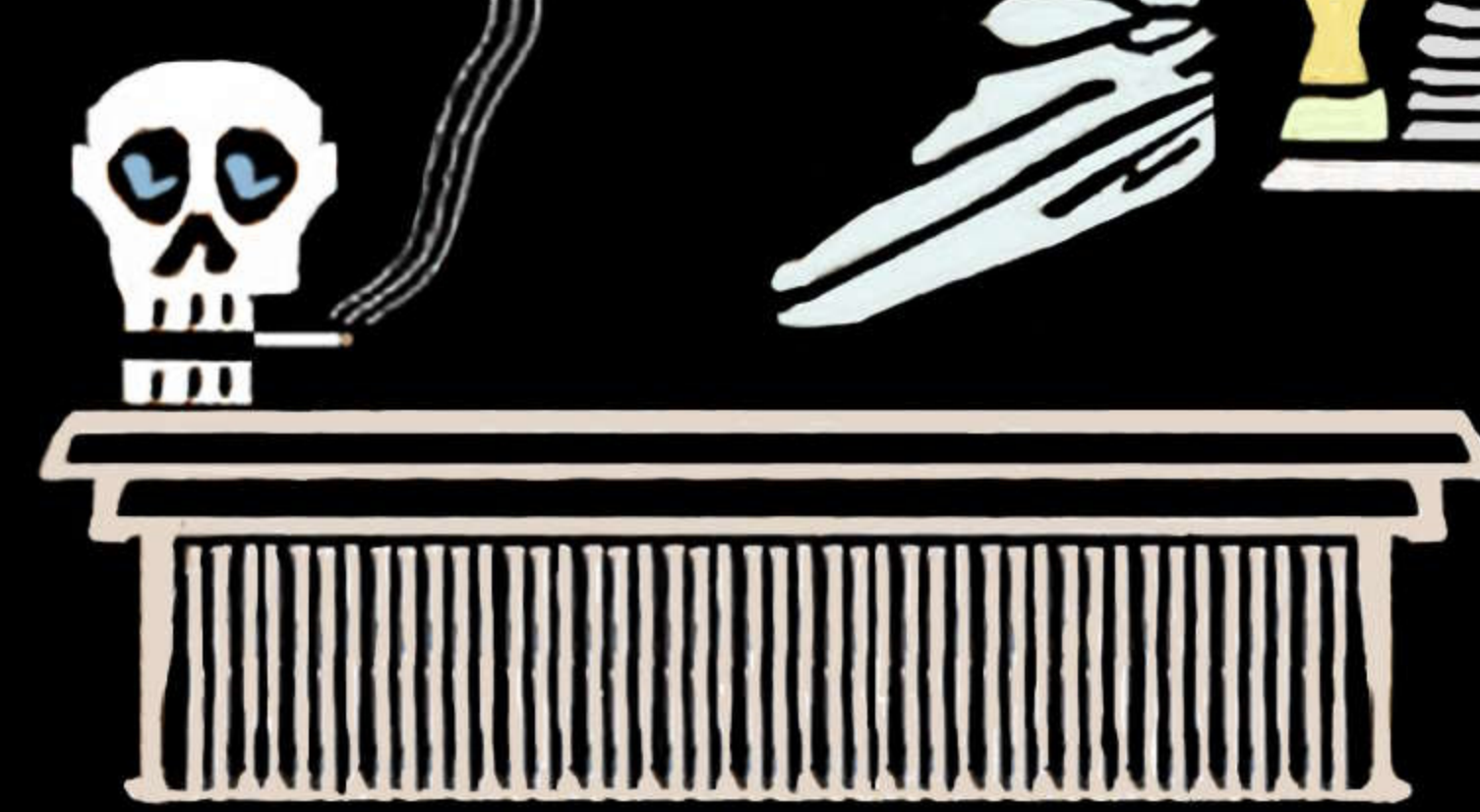
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WHERE'S
OLD BONES?
YOU TWO ARE
NEVER APART!

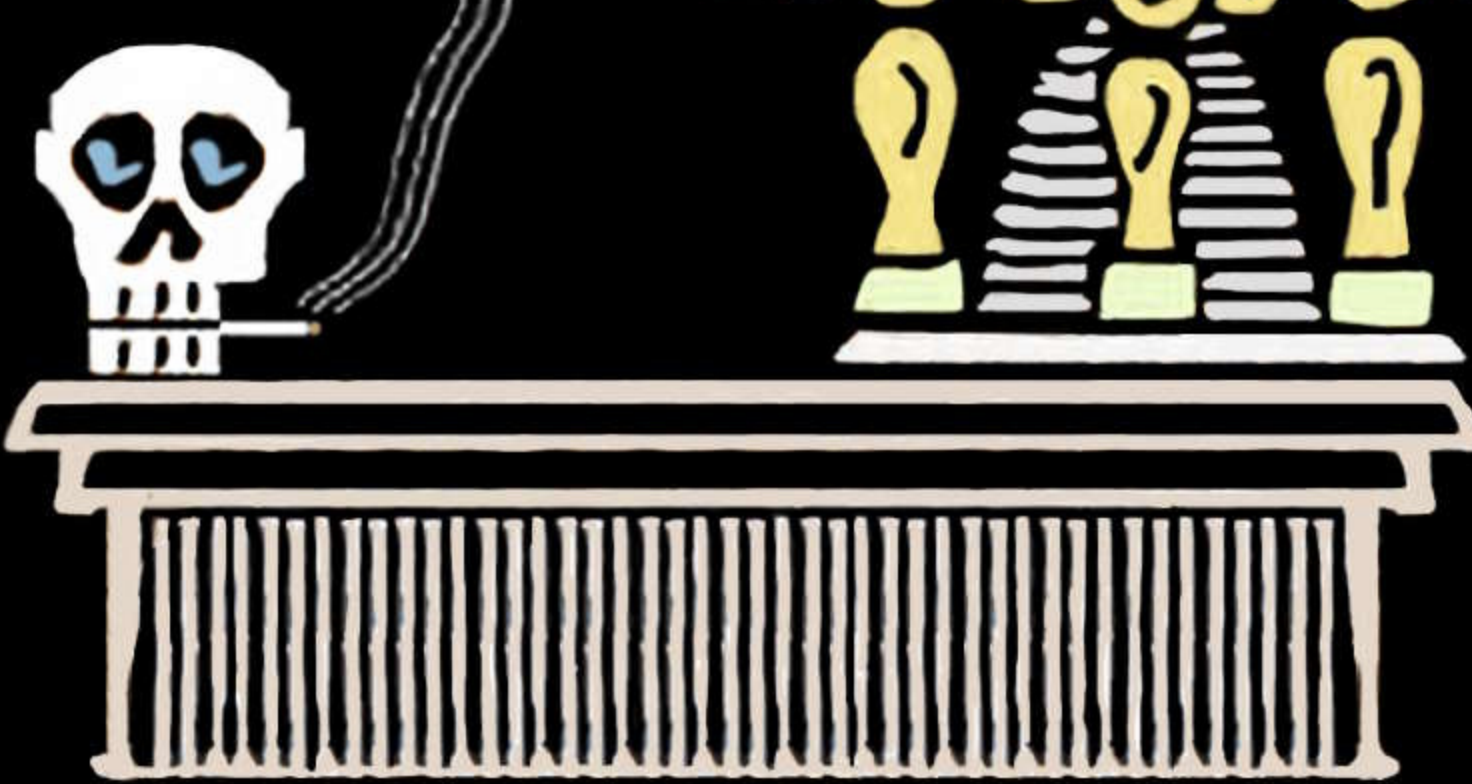


OH, HE'S OFF
COLLECTING SOME
DELIVERY.
PRIVATE, HE SAID.
...AND, ACTUALLY,...

... IT'S HIM WHO
WON'T LEAVE ME ALONE.
I DON'T HAVE MUCH SAY
IN THE MATTER.



AS SAYS
GANYMEDES
ABOUT
ZEUS...



FUCK
OFF,
YOU
CUNTISH
HOURGLASS!

TOUCH
SOMETHING
THERE,
DID I?

HIGH
AND
MIGHTY
DEATH
LIKES
GOOD HEAD,
DOES HE?



SO YOU DON YOUR SUNDAY BEST
AND YOU PUT ON YOUR BEST SMILE
AND YOU BOW BEFORE A HUMAN GOD
THAT THE TRUE DIVINITIES
WOULD NEVER ALLOW TO BE
PART OF THEIR PANTHEON...

SUCH
FUCKING
DESPICABLE
BEHAVIOUR!

AS MY DEAR OLD FRIEND
EVOLA ONCE WROTE:
"CHRISTIANITY IS AT
THE ROOT OF THE EVIL
THAT HAS CORRUPTED
THE WEST" AND...

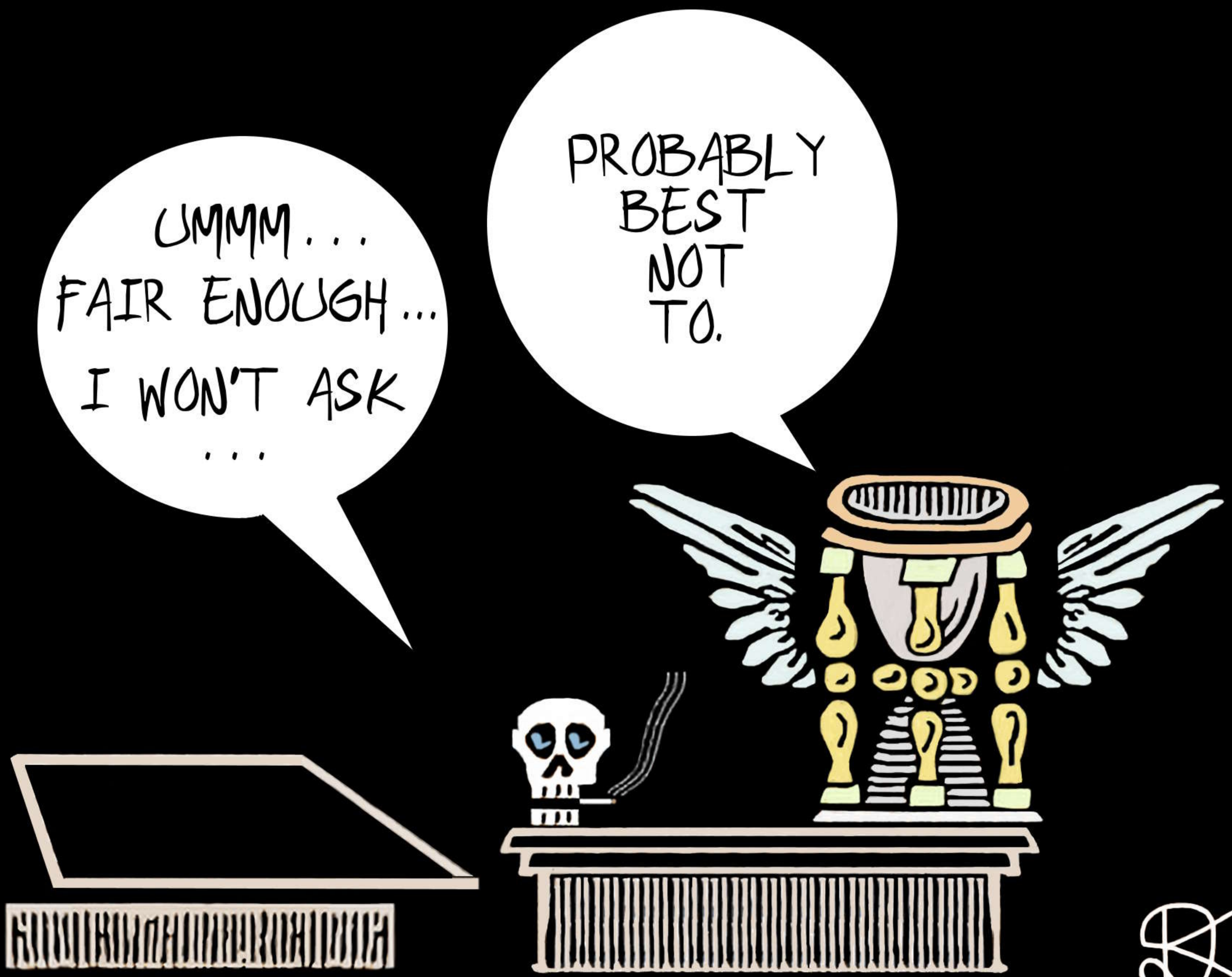
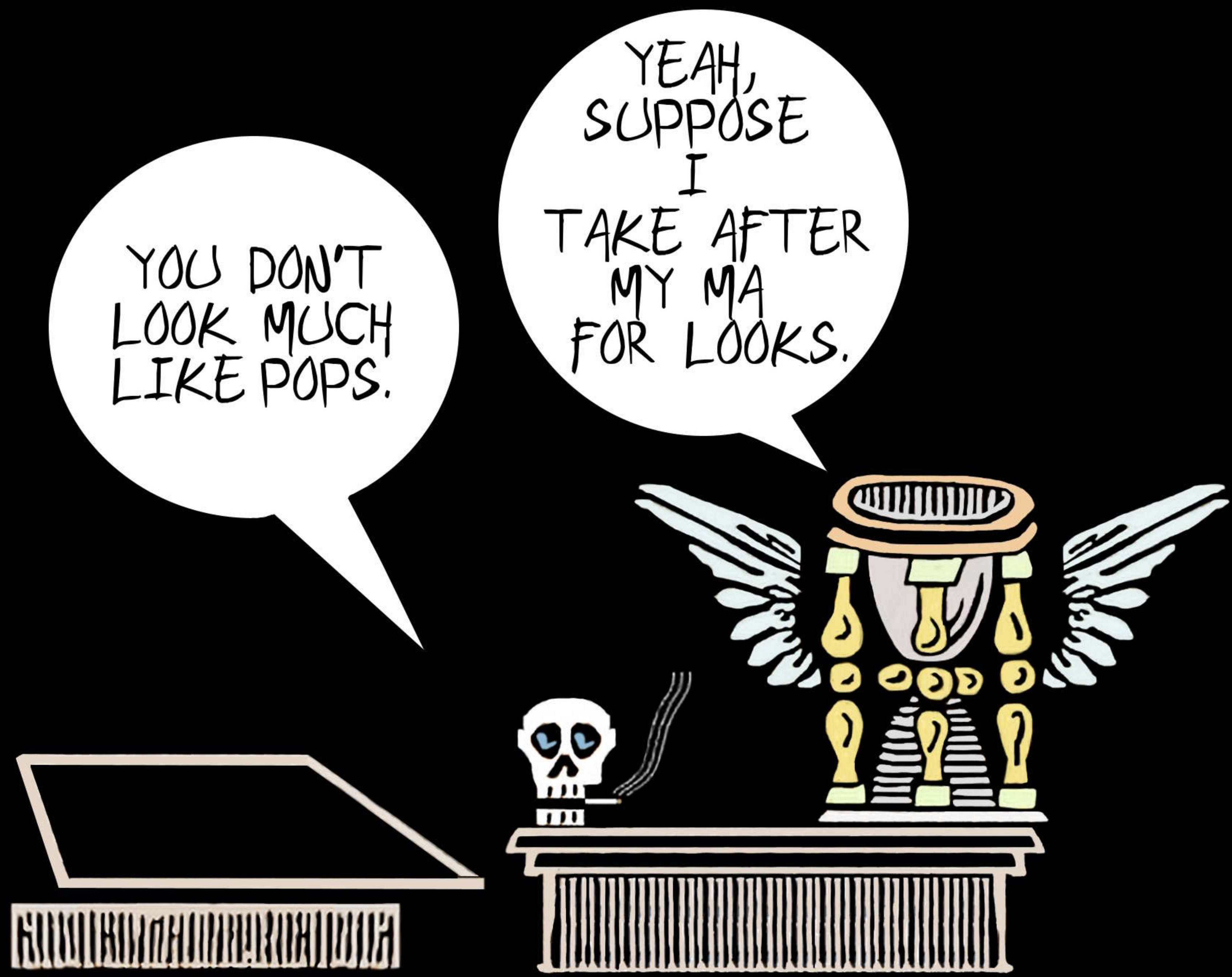
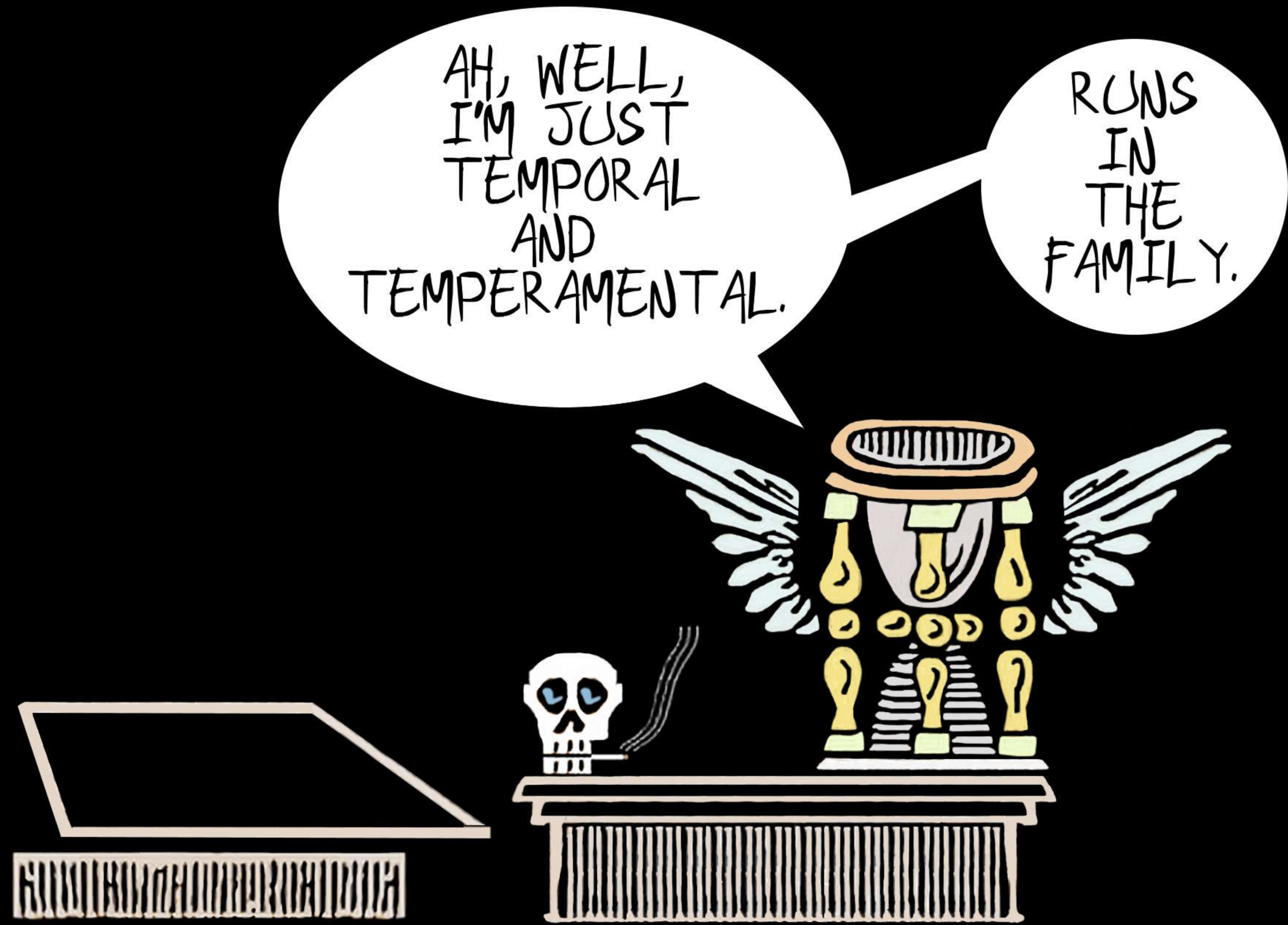
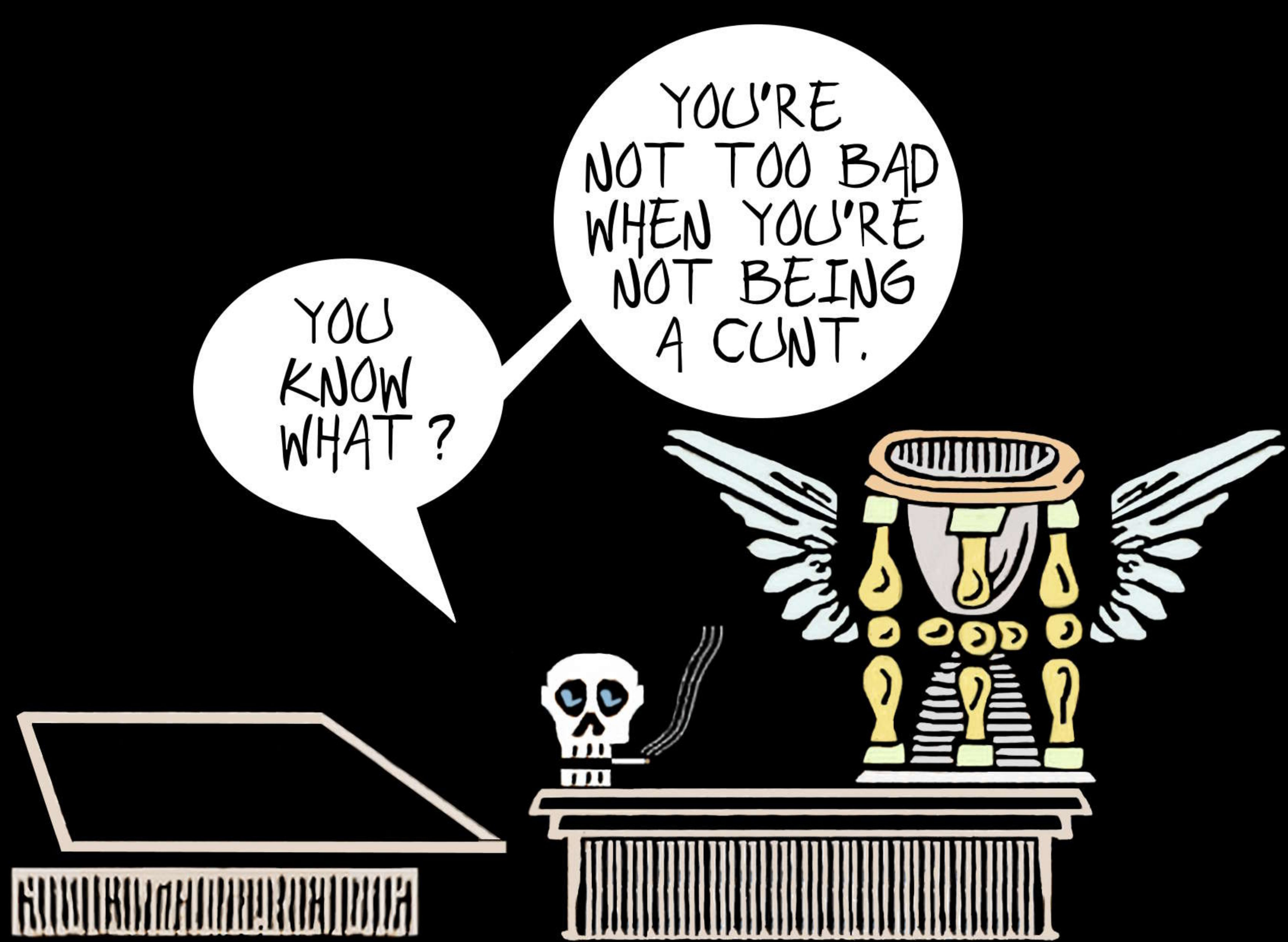
"THE
IDENTIFICATION
OF OUR TRADITION
WITH EITHER
THE CHRISTIAN
OR
CATHOLIC TRADITION
IS THE MOST ABSURD
OF ERRORS."

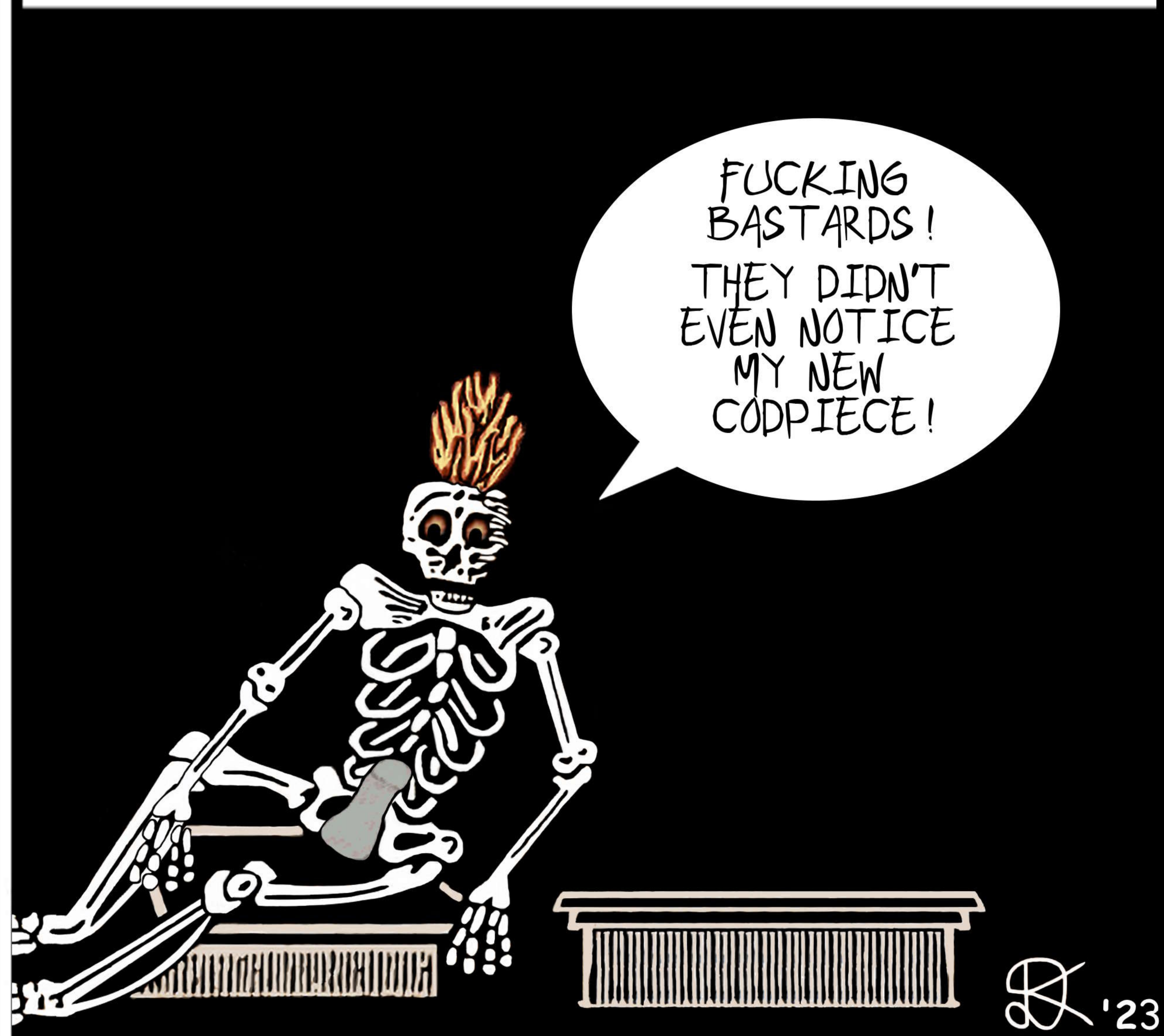
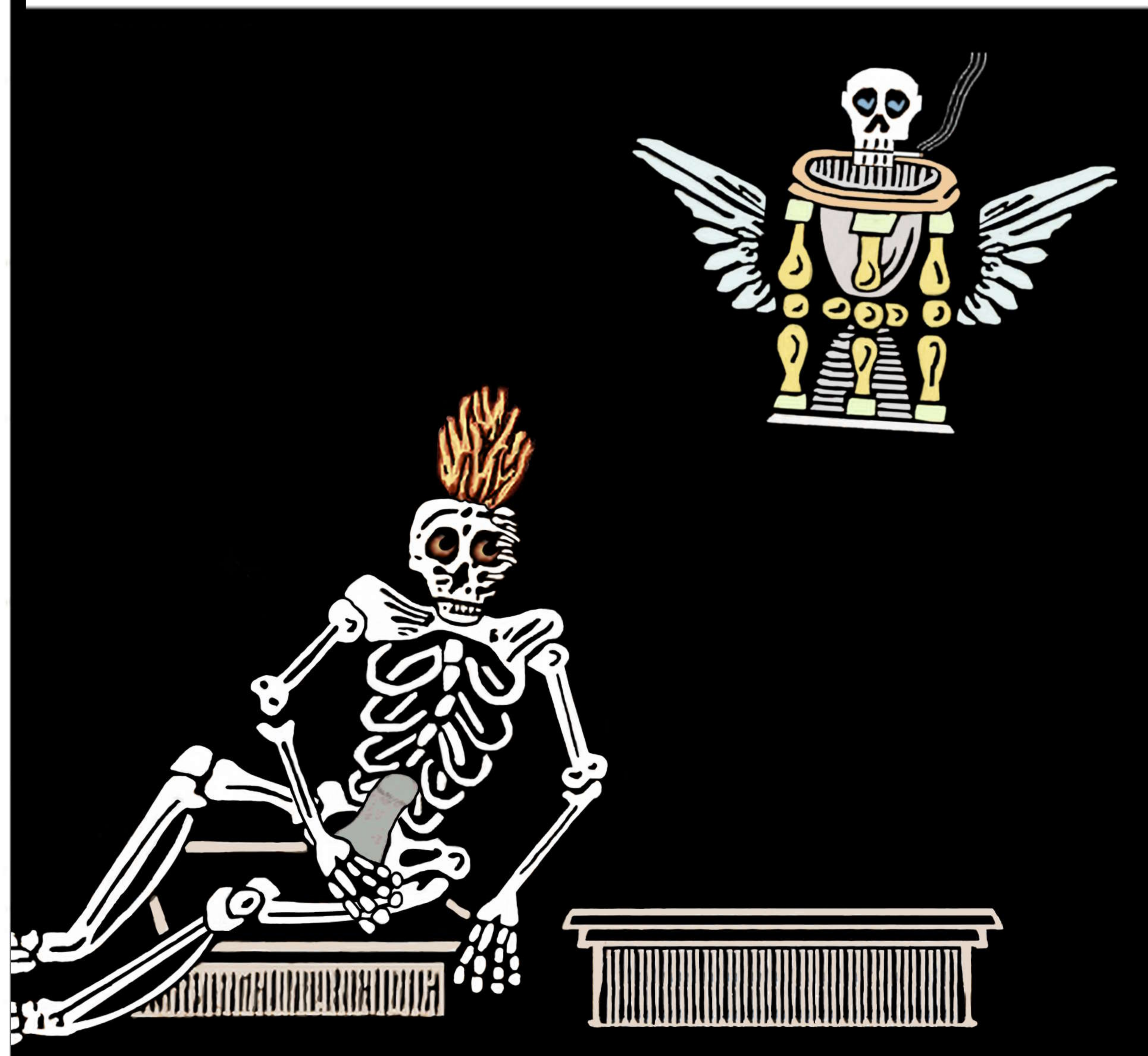
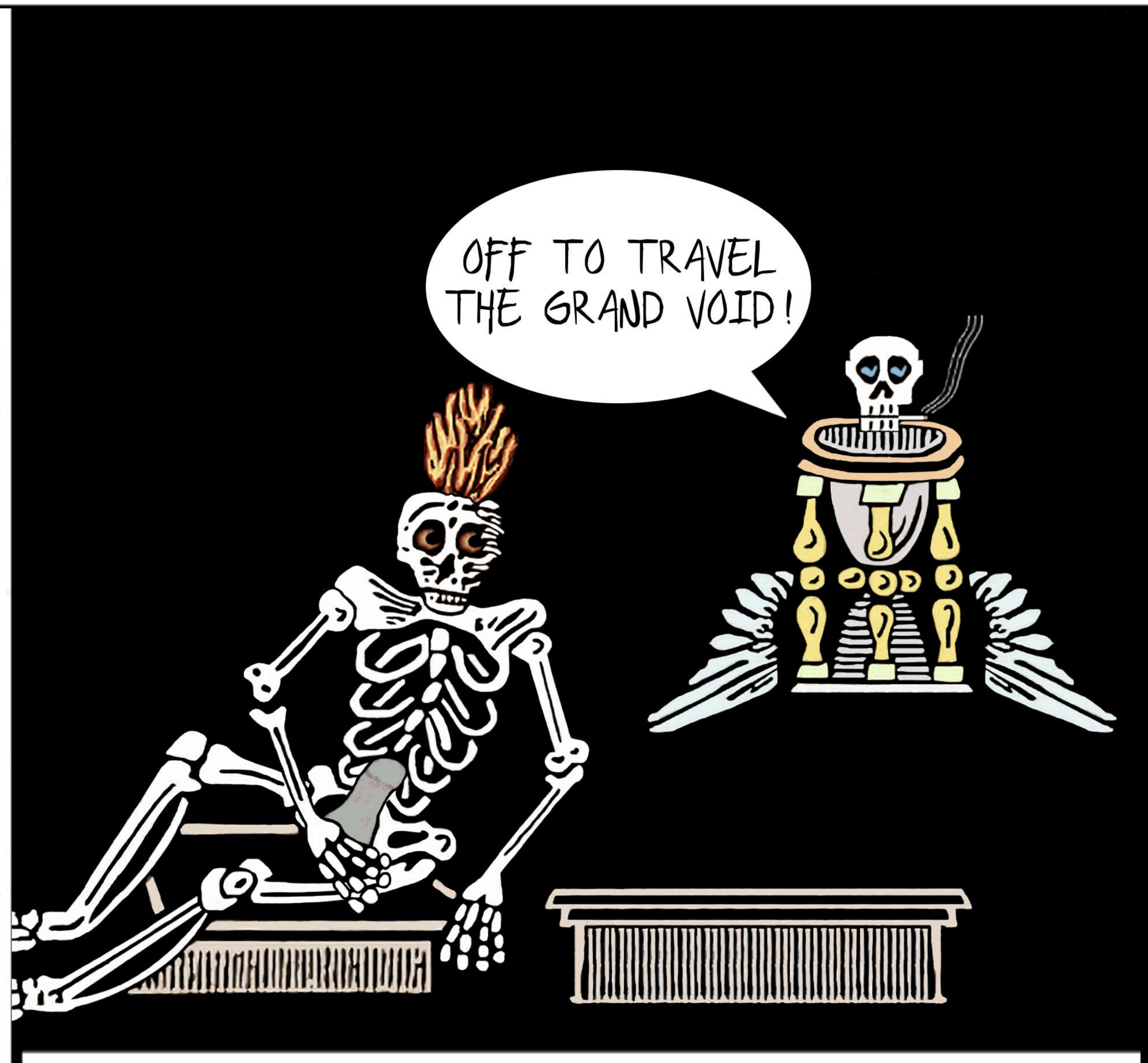
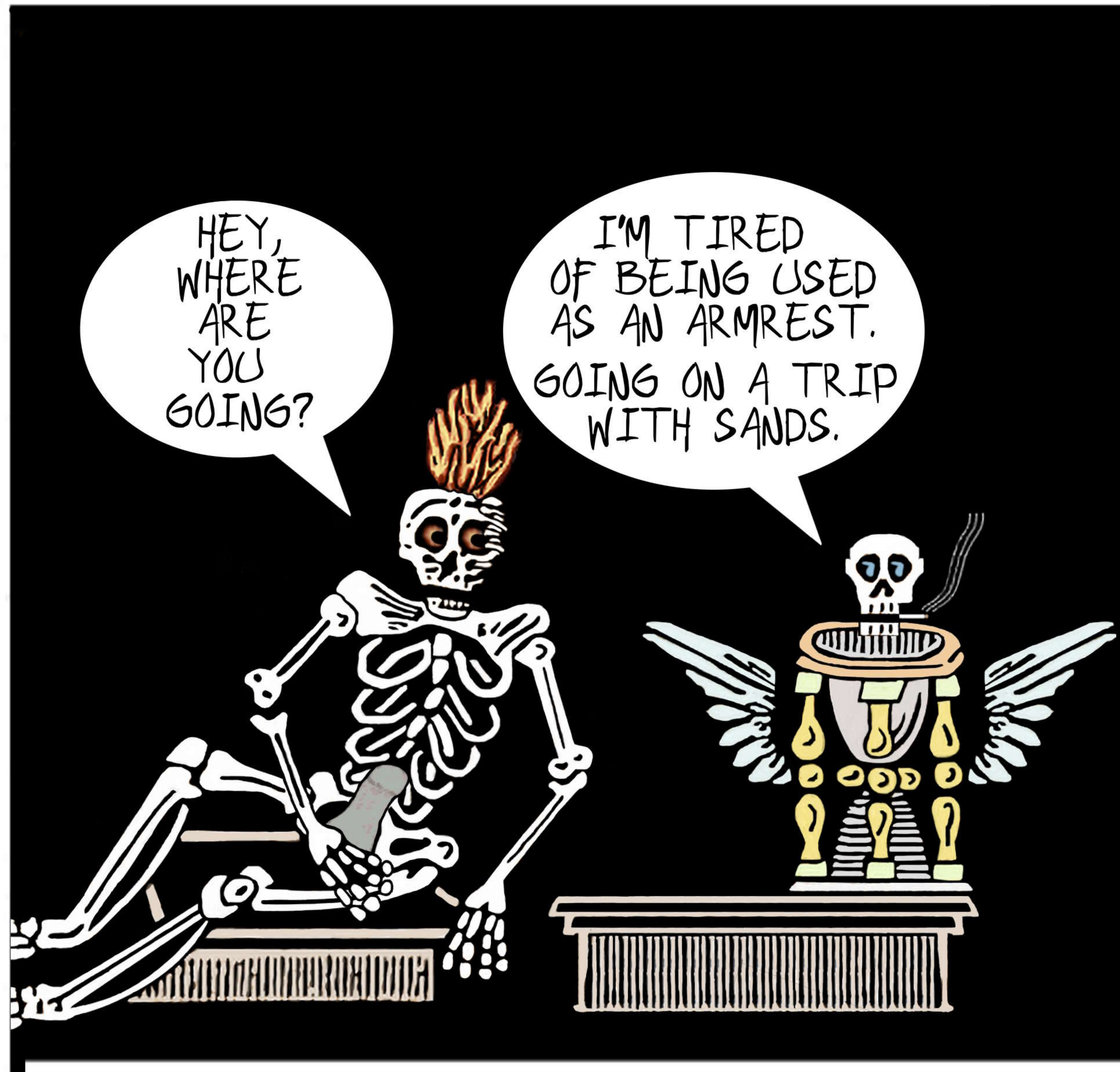
HMM, RIGHT...
SO WHEN
DID YOUR OLD MAN
BECOME A
CARD-CARRYING
ANTI-CHRISTIAN
POLYTHEISTIC
FASCIST?

NAH...
HE'S NOT REALLY.
NOT ALL THE TIME, ANYWAY.
JUST RATHER INDISCRIMINATE
WITH THE BUGGERS
HE QUOTES
AND INCONSISTANT
OVERALL...

HE'LL
PROBABLY BE
SPOUTING OFF
CALVIN
OR
AUGUSTINE
NEXT.

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THIS IS ALL VERY MUCH THE SAME...



IT'S NOT CALLED A VOID FOR NOTHING. WHAT EXACTLY DID YOU EXPECT?

YES, I SUPPOSE SO...



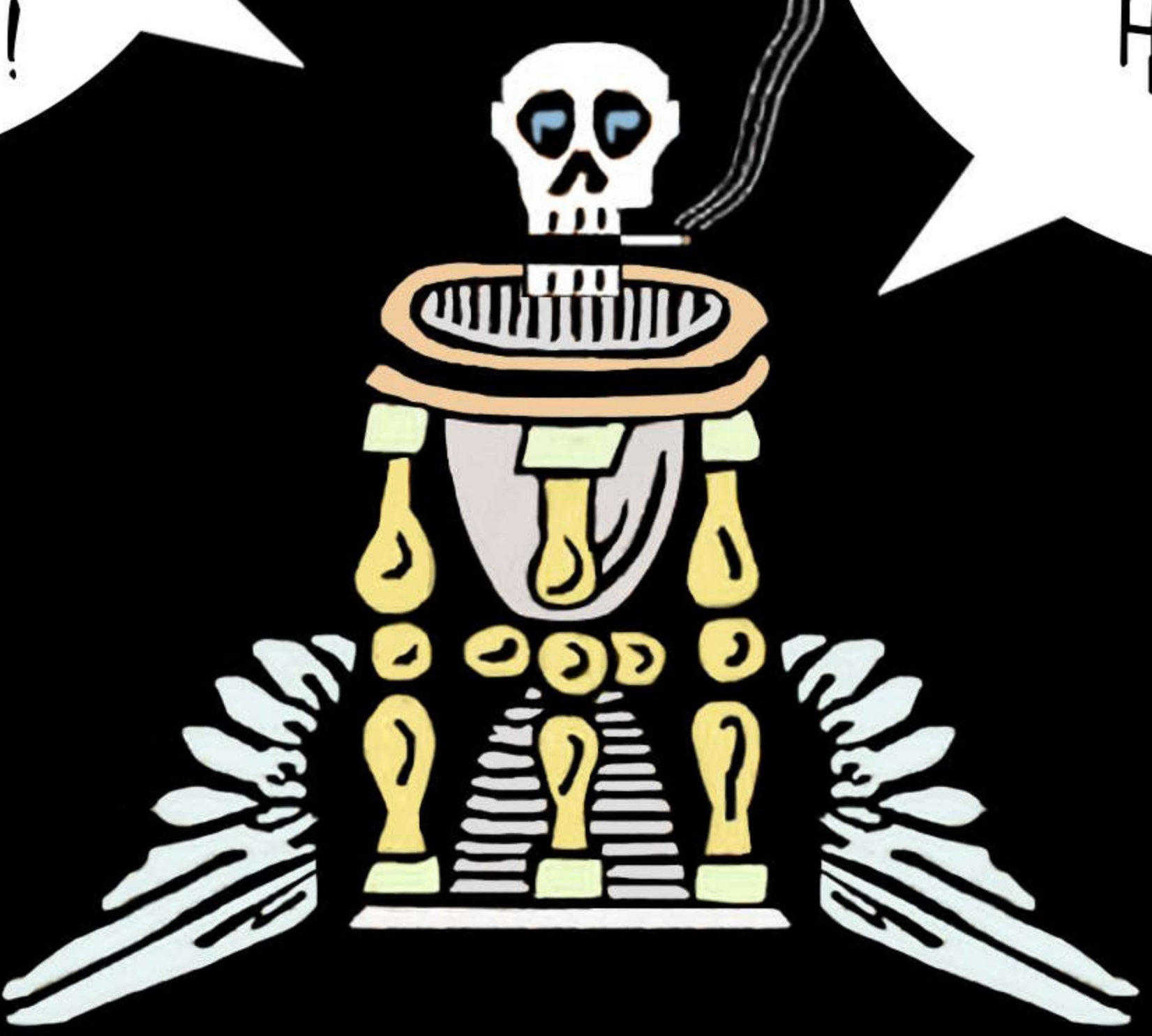
ANYWAY, CAN WE GO BACK?

THIS IS DULL. AND I'M ALMOST OUT OF SMOKES.

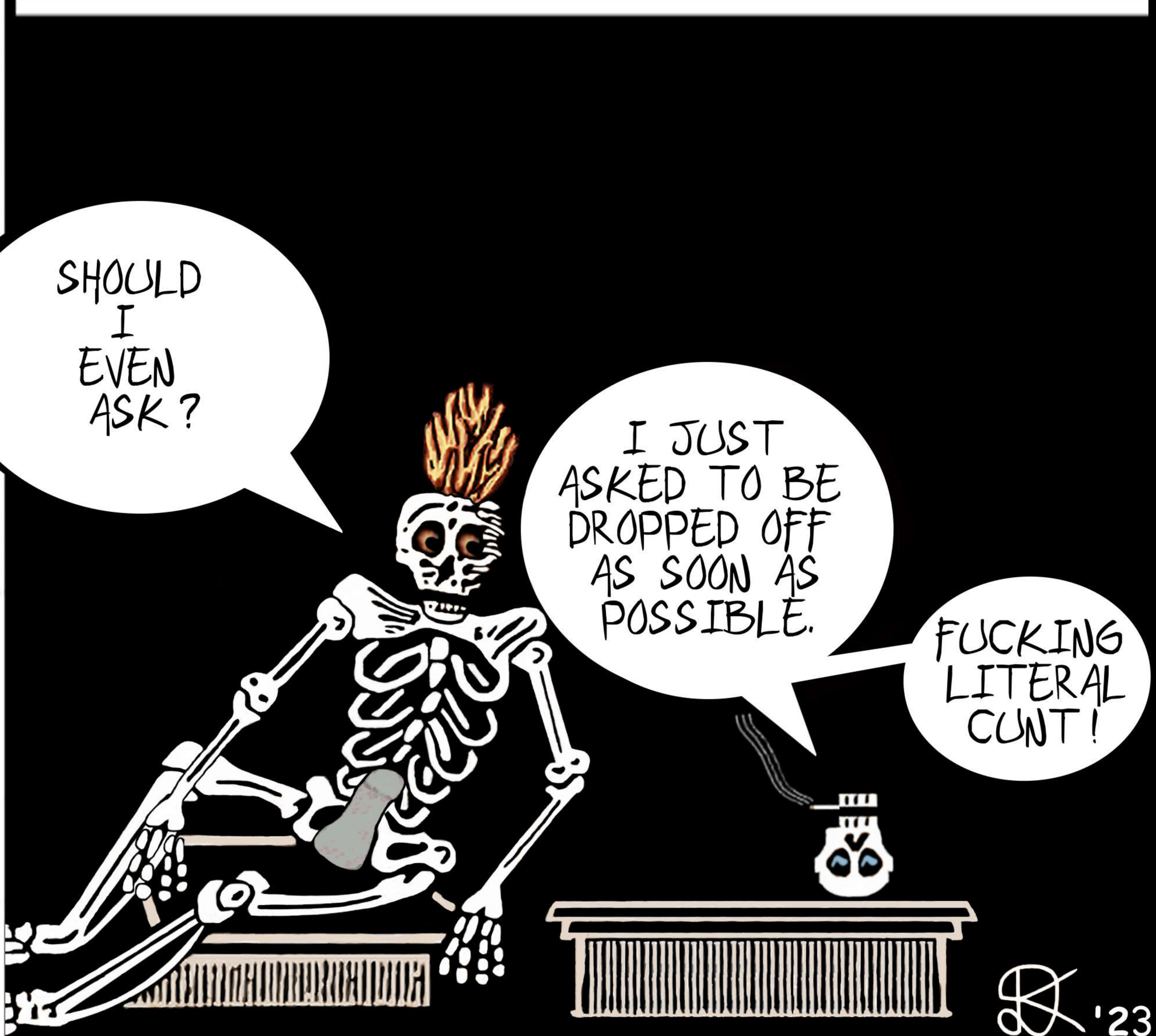
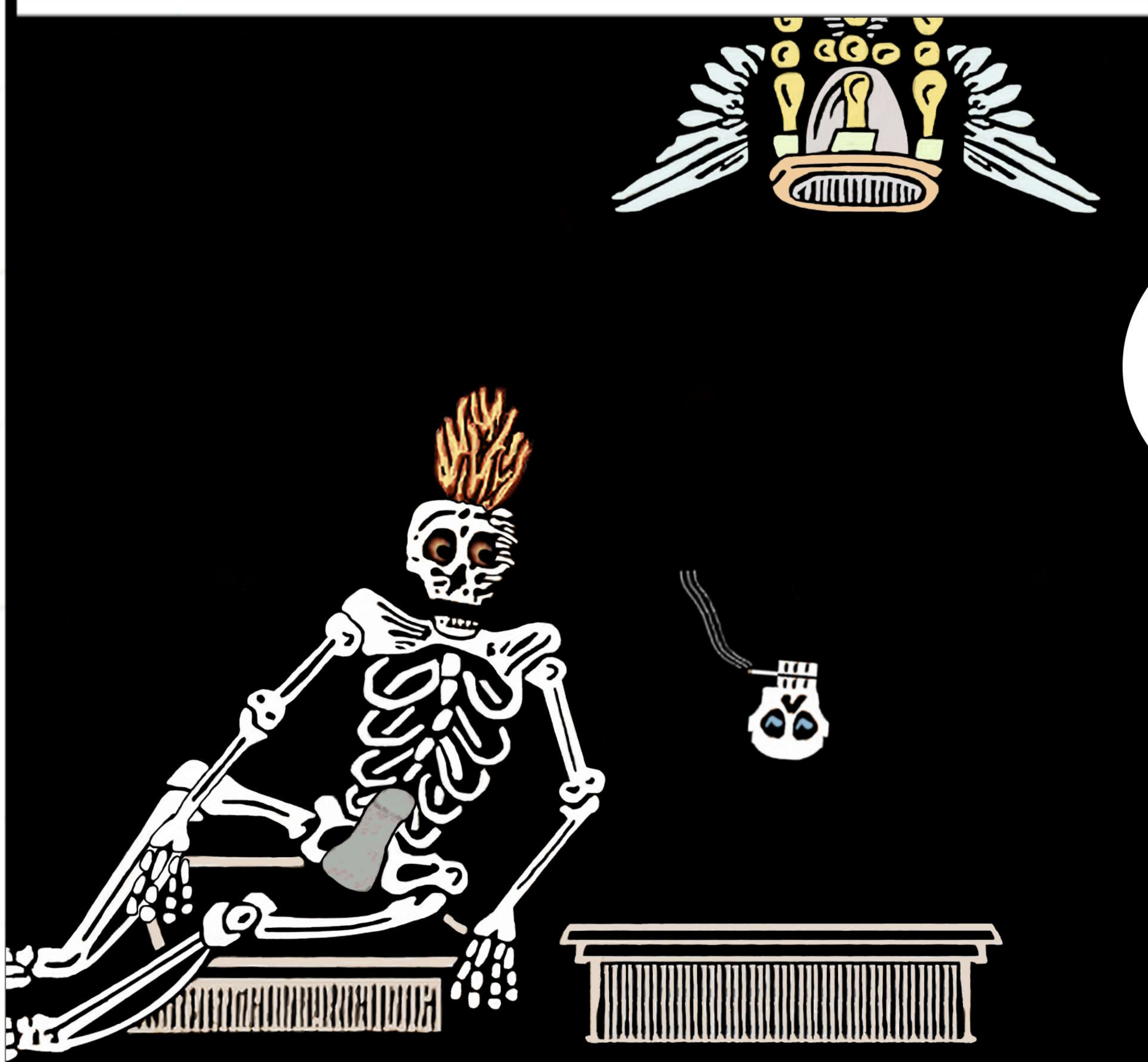
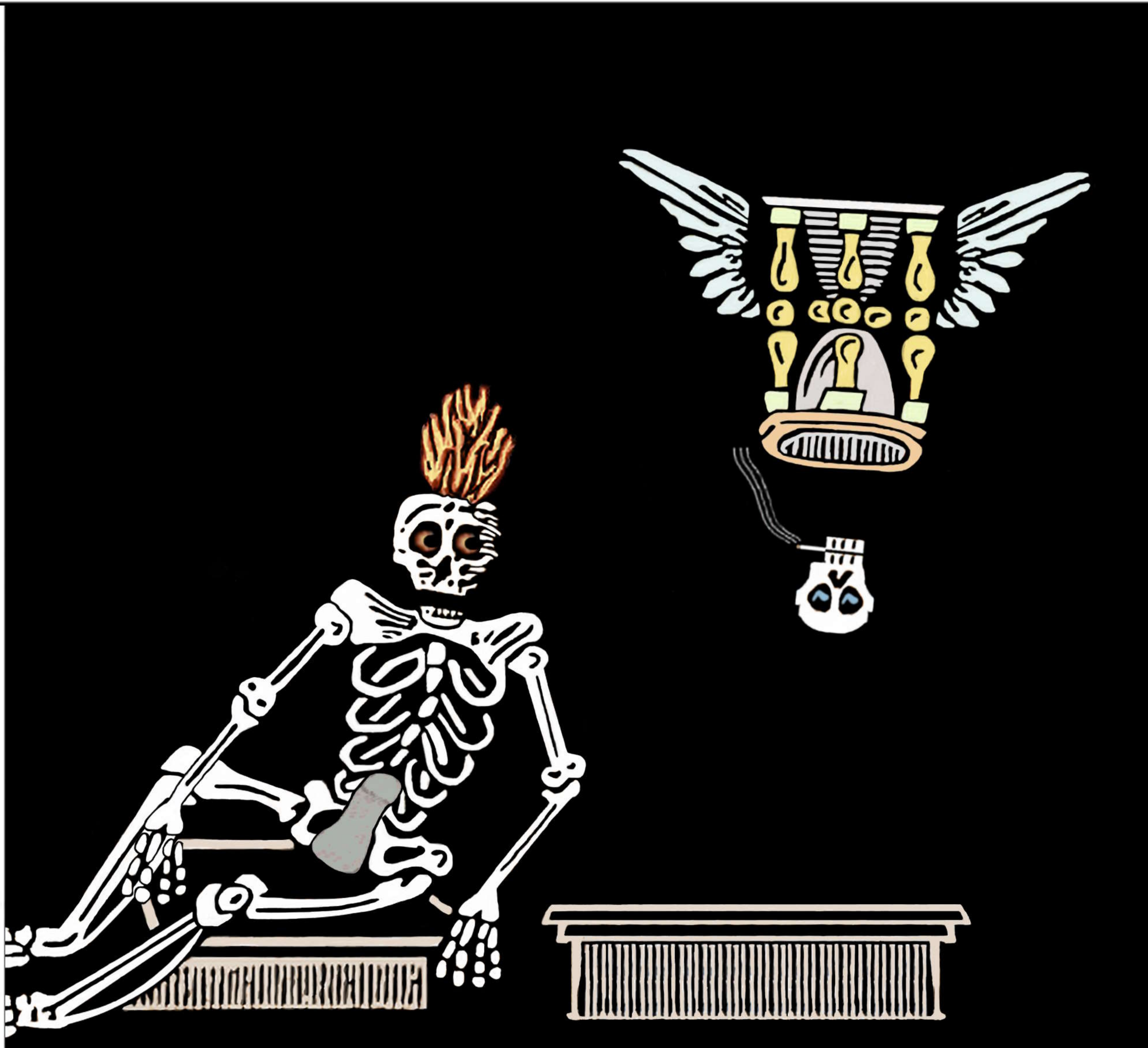
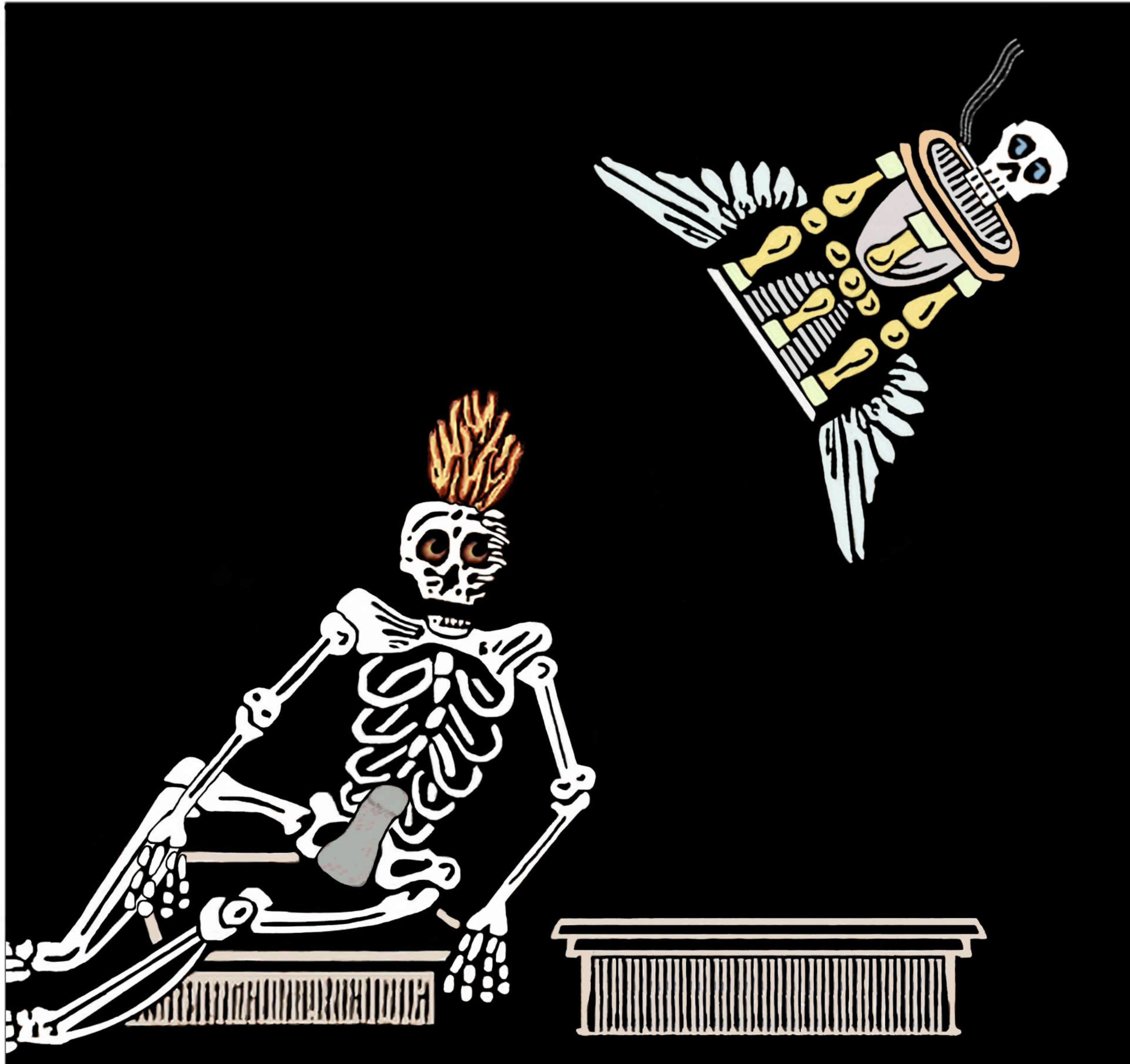
BULLSHIT. YOU JUST MISS YOUR SKELETAL LOVER.



FUCKING HELL, YOU REALLY ARE A CUNT!



AND FOR THAT REASON, I'M FLYING US THE LONG WAY BACK. HAHahaha!



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SO...
WHAT DO
YOU BOTH
THINK OF
MY NEW
CODPIECE?

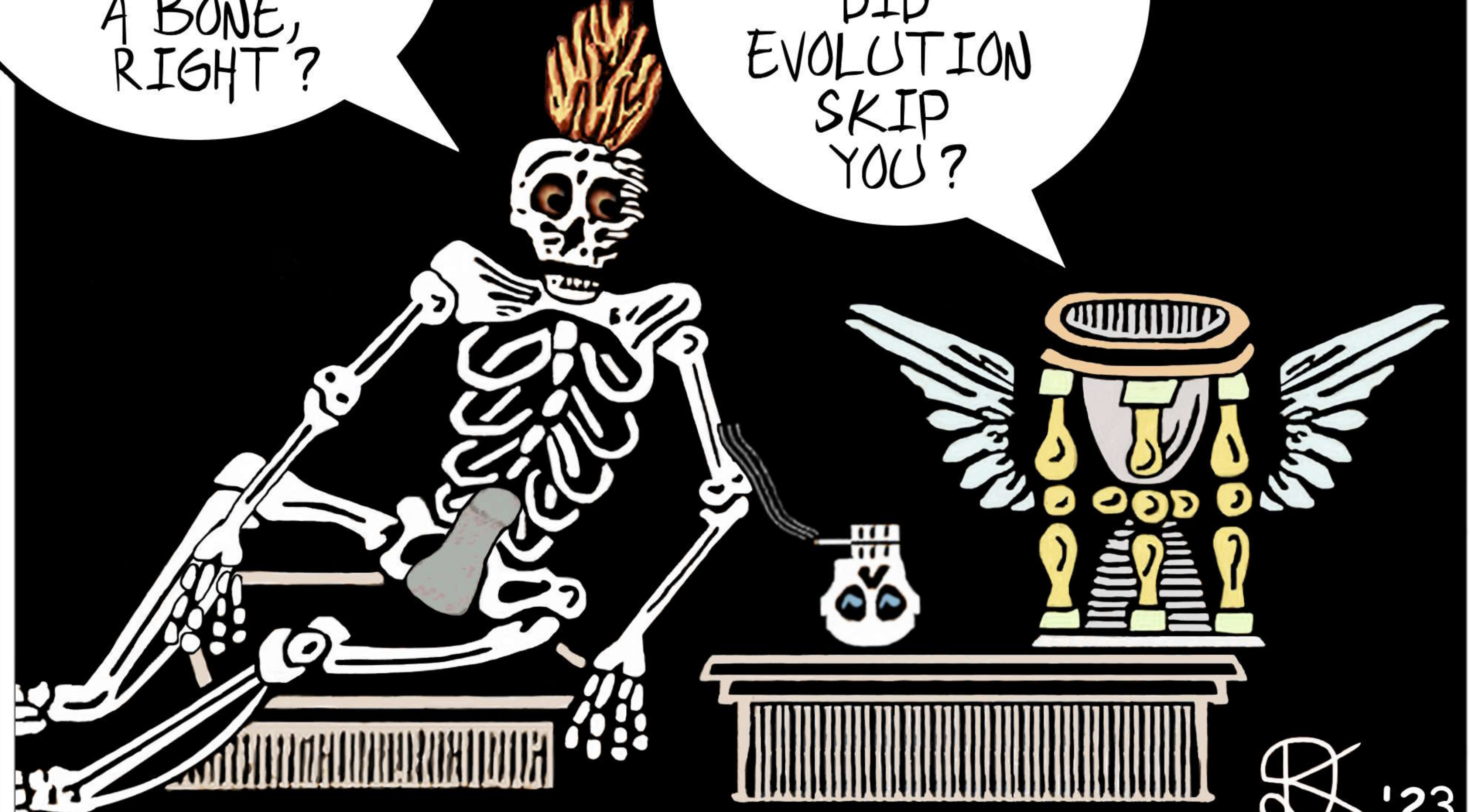
AT
THIS LEVEL
IT'S
A BIT MUCH
REALLY.

WELL,
IT ABSOLUTELY
ACCENTUATES
YOUR
NON-EXISTENT
DICK.

IF THAT'S WHAT
YOU'RE TRYING
TO ACHIEVE.

YOU DO
REALISE THAT
THE PENIS
USED TO BE
A BONE,
RIGHT?

RIGHT...
SO WHERE
EXACTLY
DID
EVOLUTION
SKIP
YOU?



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DOOMED!
YOU ARE ALL DOOMED!

IF ONLY YOU WOULD JUST ACCEPT
THE POINTLESSNESS OF YOUR LIVES
AND DESTROY YOURSELVES!

OR, AT THE VERY LEAST,
STOP FUCKING BREEDING!

THE PROBLEM IS,
AS MY DEAR OLD FRIEND
ZAPFFE ONCE WROTE:
"AS LONG AS HUMANKIND
RECKLESSLY PROCEEDS
IN THE FATEFUL DELUSION
OF BEING BIOLOGICALLY
FATED FOR TRIUMPH,
NOTHING ESSENTIAL
WILL CHANGE."

THAT
CERTAINLY
MAY WELL
BE...

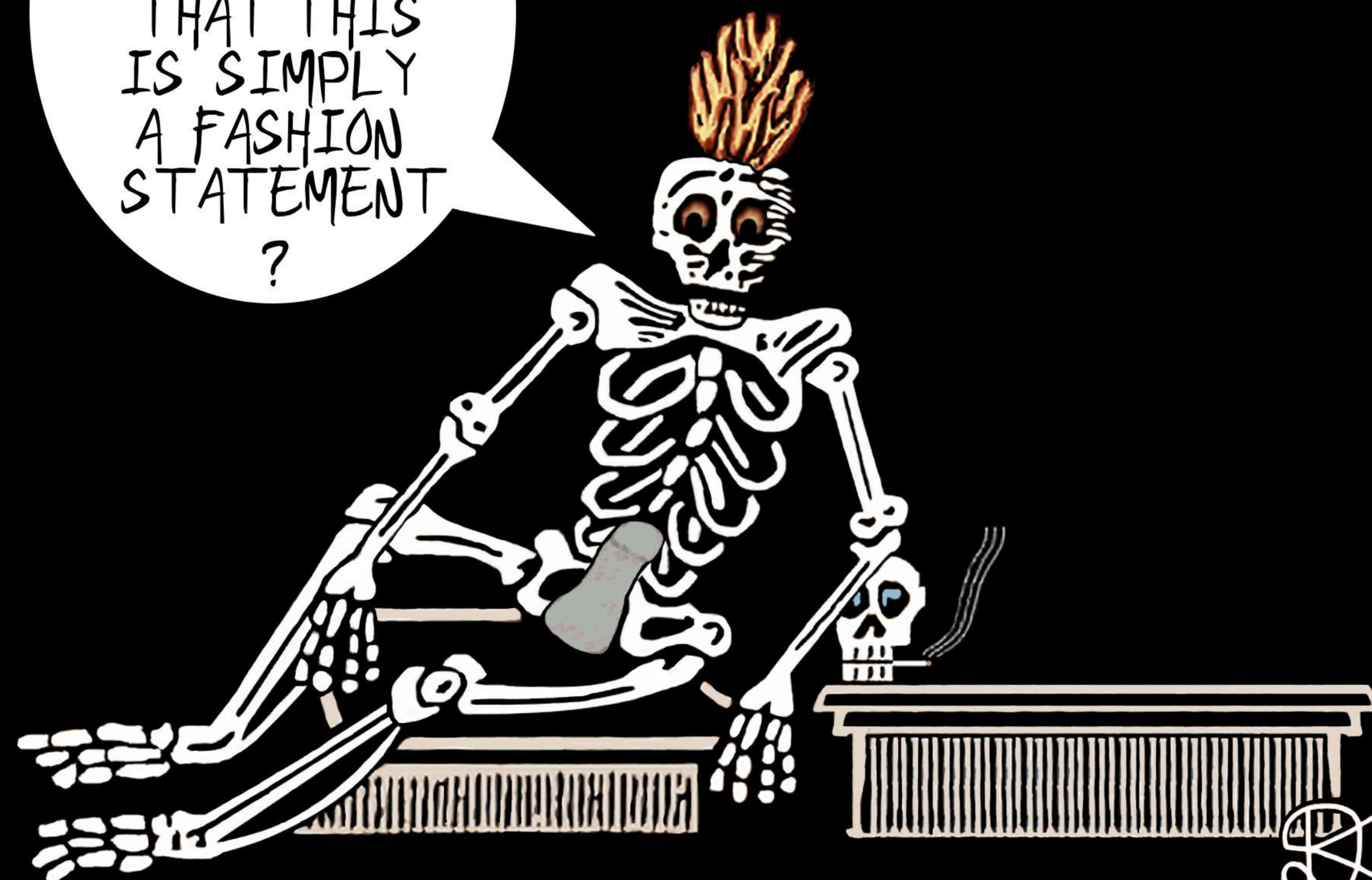
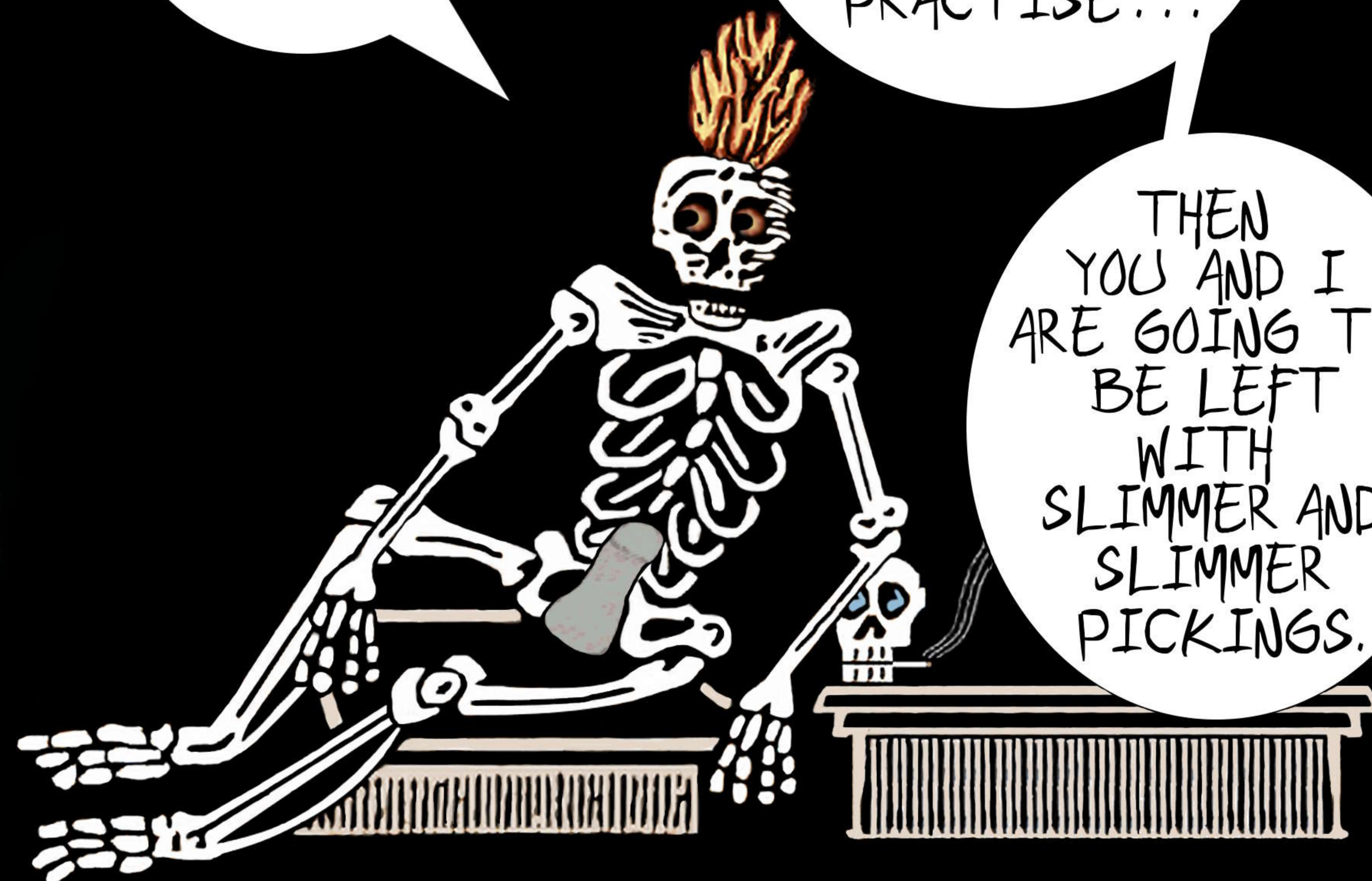
BUT IF
ANTI-NATALISM
IS PUT INTO
WIDESPREAD
PRACTISE...

THEN
YOU AND I
ARE GOING TO
BE LEFT
WITH
SLIMMER AND
SLIMMER
PICKINGS.

AH, YES.
YOU HAVE
INDEED
GOT
A POINT
THERE.

I SUPPOSE THEN
THAT RATHER
ERECT CODPIECE
IS MEANT
TO SYMBOLISE
A SHOW OF SUPPORT
FOR
THE NATALISTS?

WHY
DOESN'T
ANYONE
UNDERSTAND
THAT THIS
IS SIMPLY
A FASHION
STATEMENT
?



I'VE HAD IT!
HUNDREDS OF YEARS
ENTOMBED NEXT TO YOU
AND ALL YOU DO
IS DRINK!

NEVER ONCE
DOES ANYTHING
I WANT TO DO
COME INTO
THE PICTURE!

NEVER ONCE
DO YOU ASK ME TO TALK
ABOUT MY FEELINGS OR
WHAT I'D RATHER BE DOING OR
COMPLEMENT ME ON ANY OF THE
NICE THINGS I WORE
WHILE ALIVE!



AH, METHUSTOS!
IT IS INDEED LIKE
MY DEAR OLD FRIEND
CALVIN ONCE WROTE:

"YET
CONSIDER NOW
WHETHER WOMEN ARE NOT
QUITE PAST SENSE AND
REASON, WHEN THEY WANT
TO RULE OVER MEN. IN A WORD,
IT IS MADNESS. FOR, WERE
MEN MADE FOR WOMEN?"

METHUSTOS, DON'T TAKE
THIS NONSENSE LYING
DOWN!

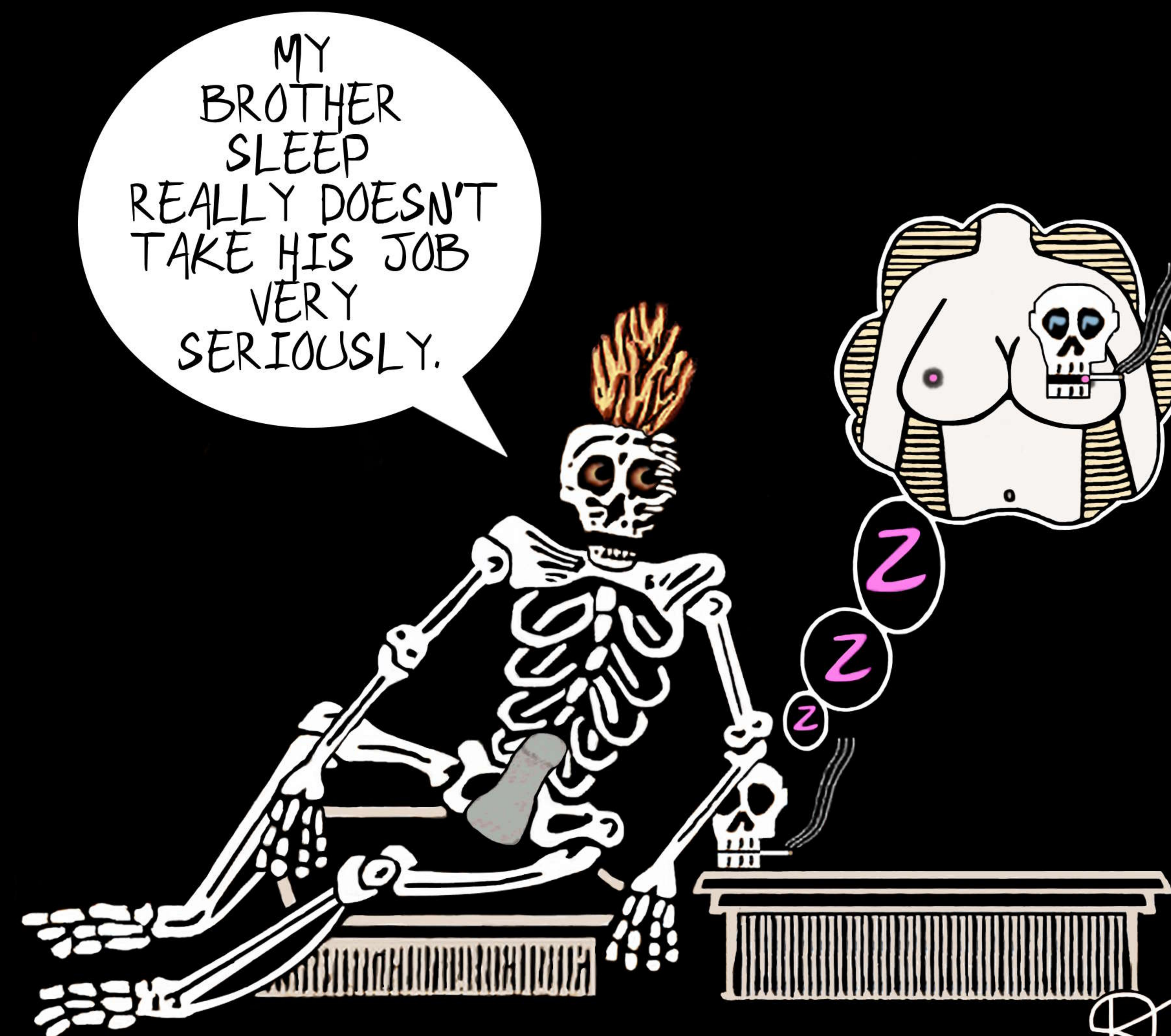
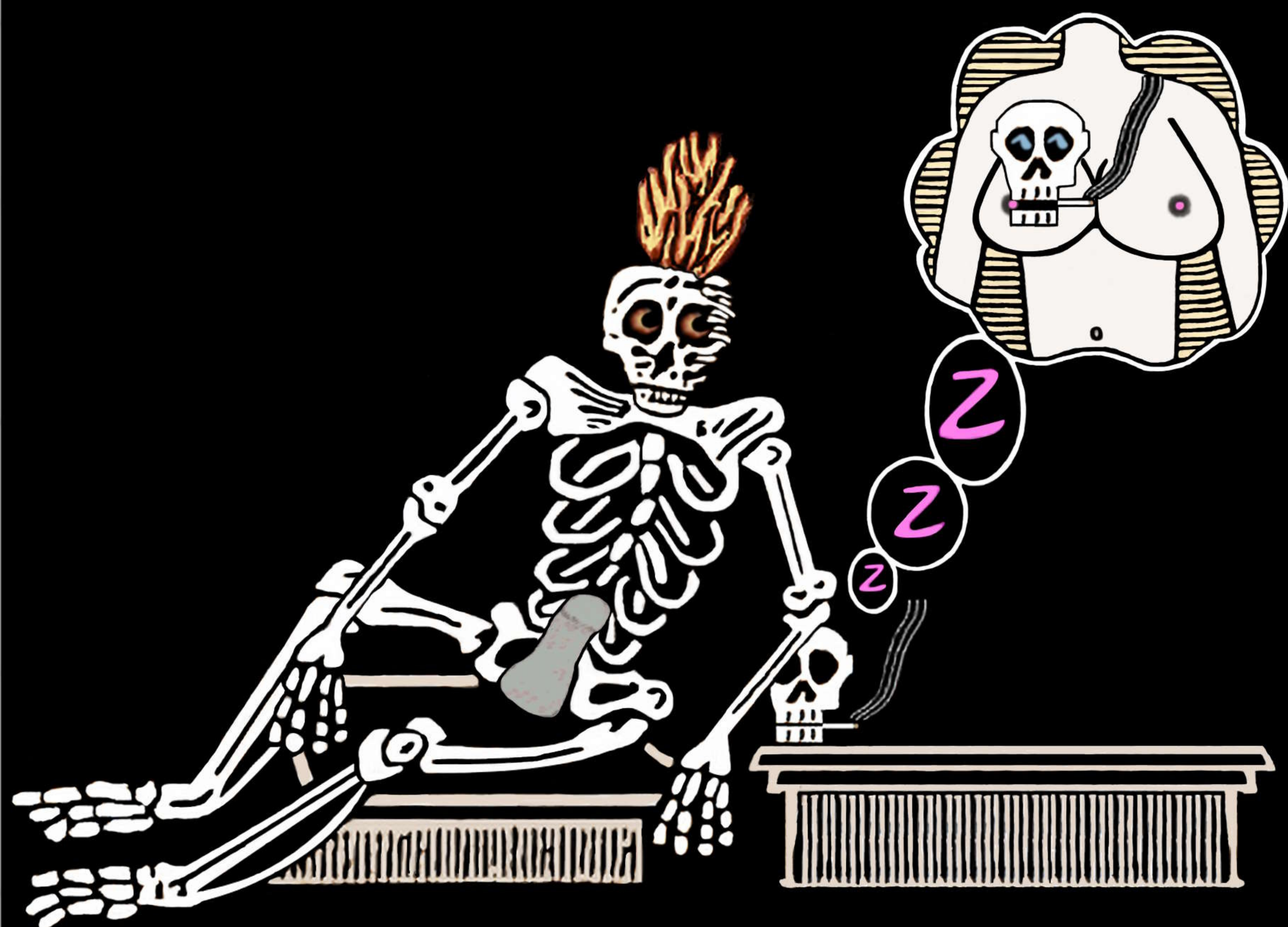
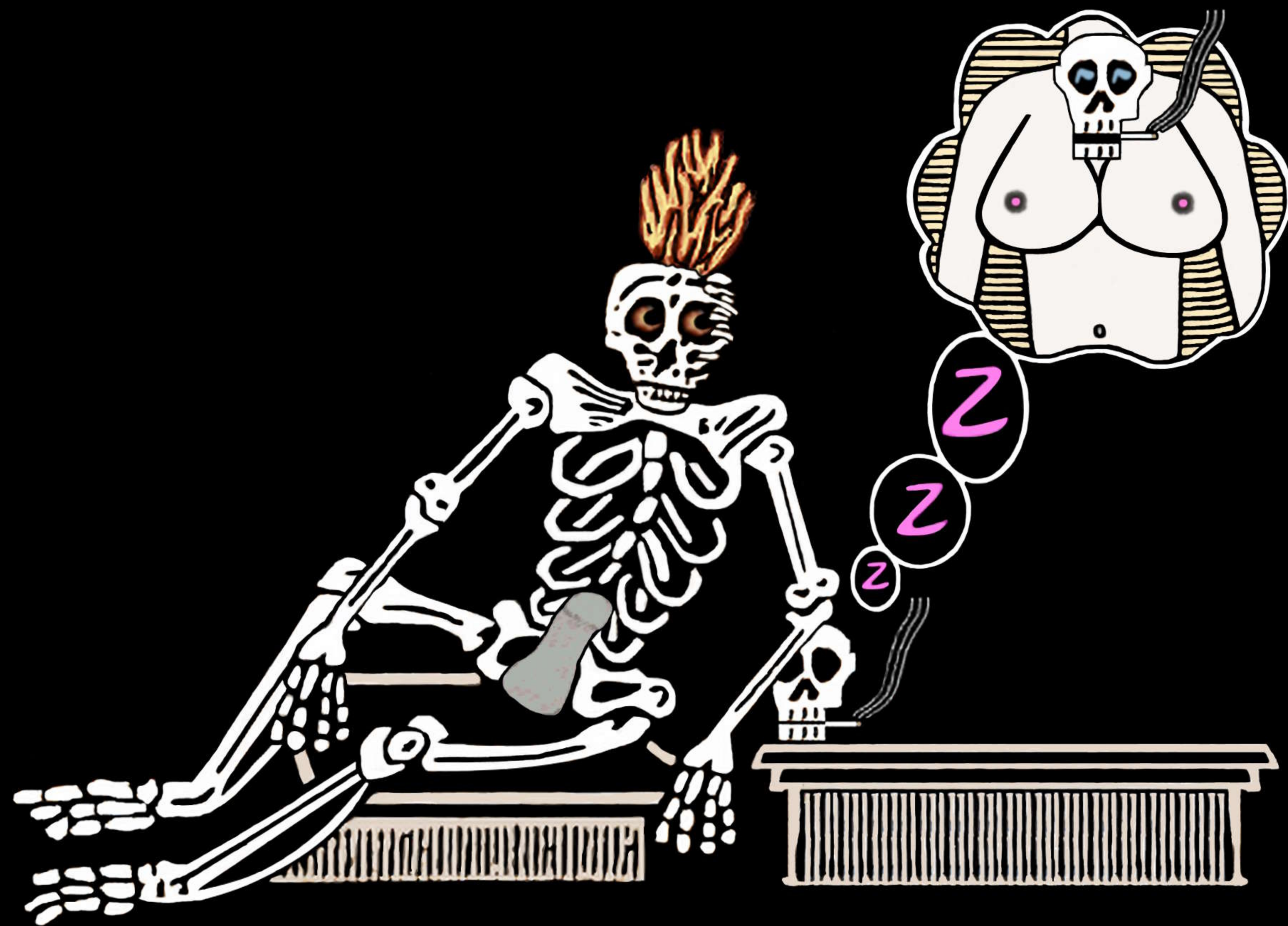
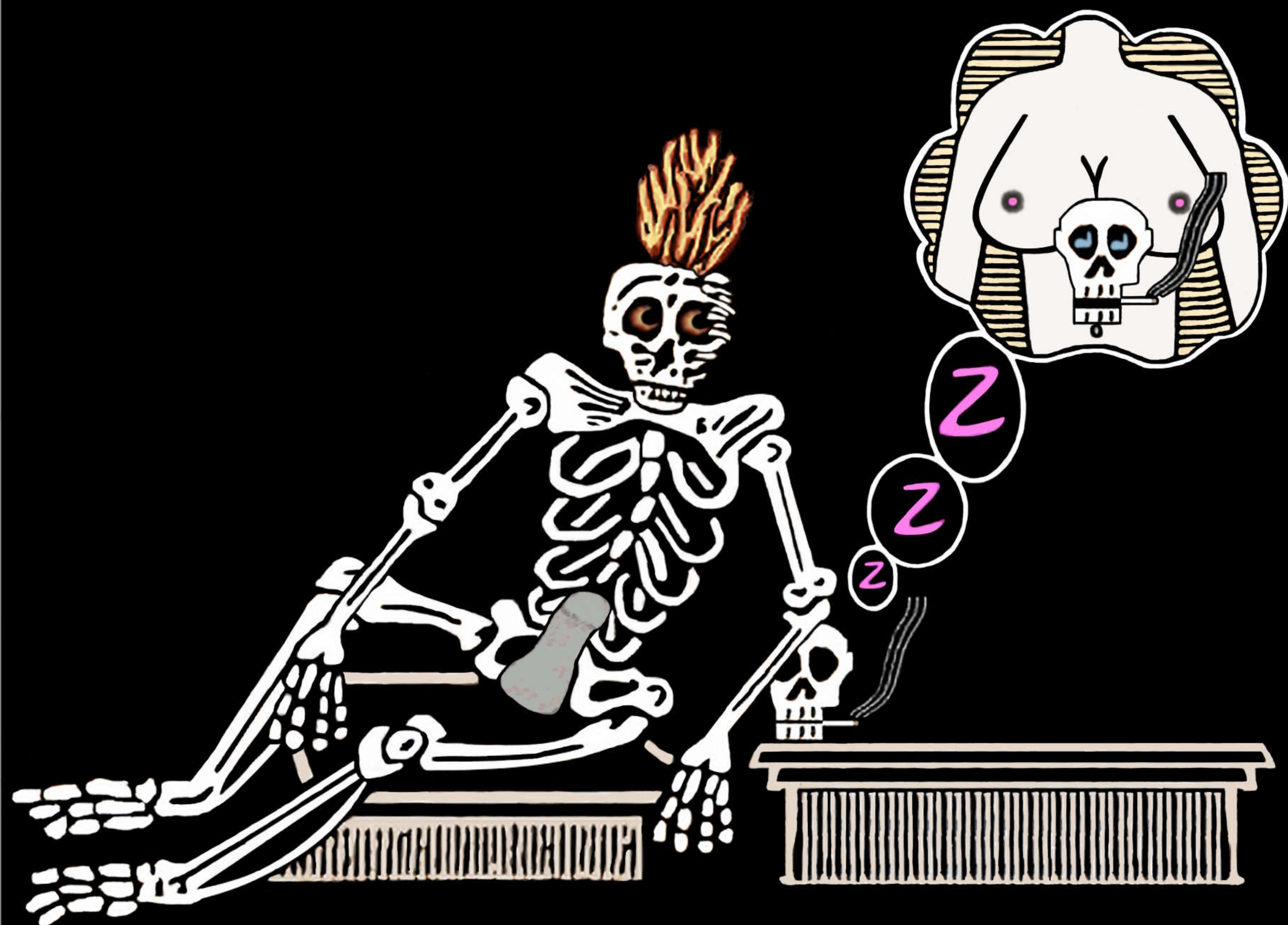
HIC
HEAR, HEAR!
BE SILENT,
THORN IN MY SIDE!



RIGHT, THAT'S IT!
NO MORE DRINKS WITH
POPS!

HIC
AND WE WERE JUST
GETTING STARTED...
MADNESS INDEED.





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MANIFEST
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A.K.A. ERSIN ERGUL



THE KAKANGELIST
A.K.A. I.D. KEMSLEY

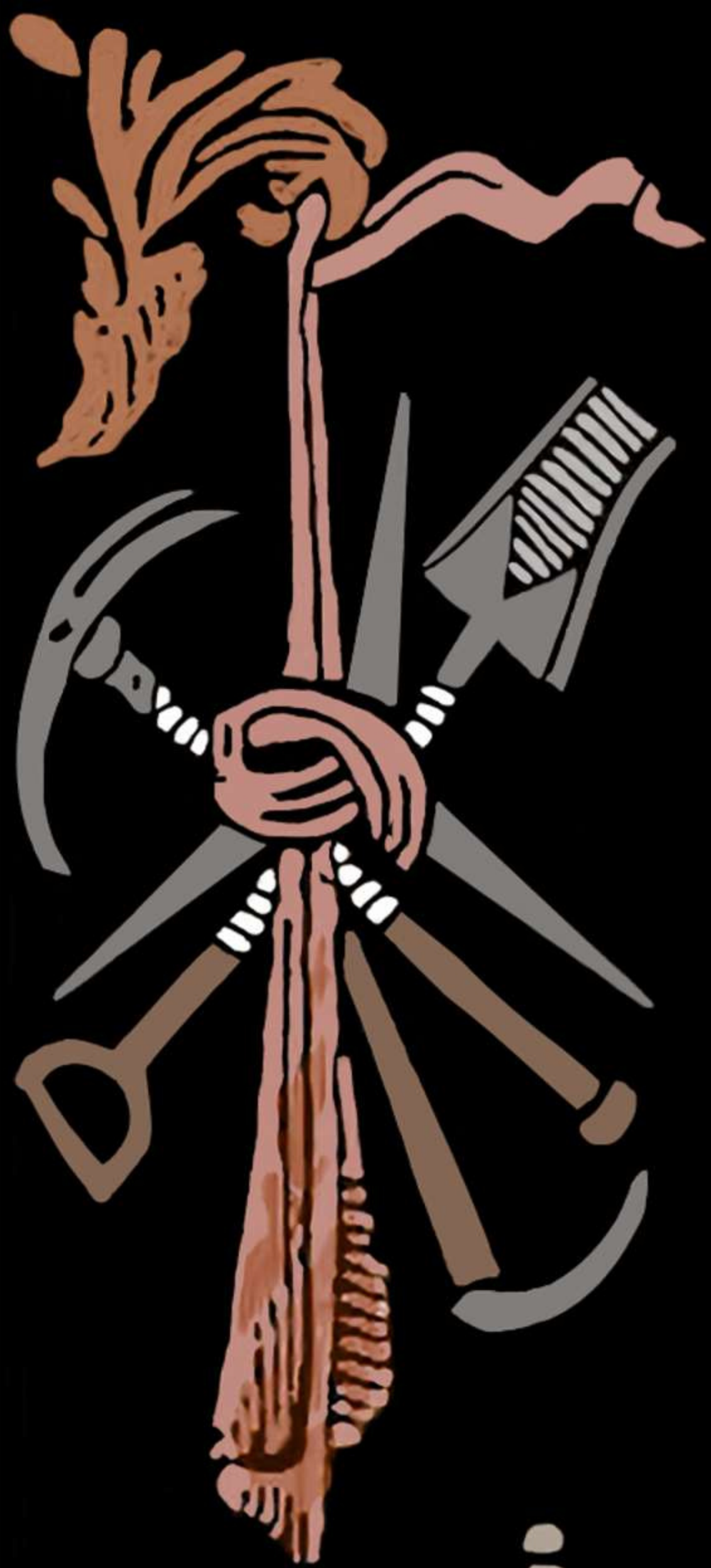




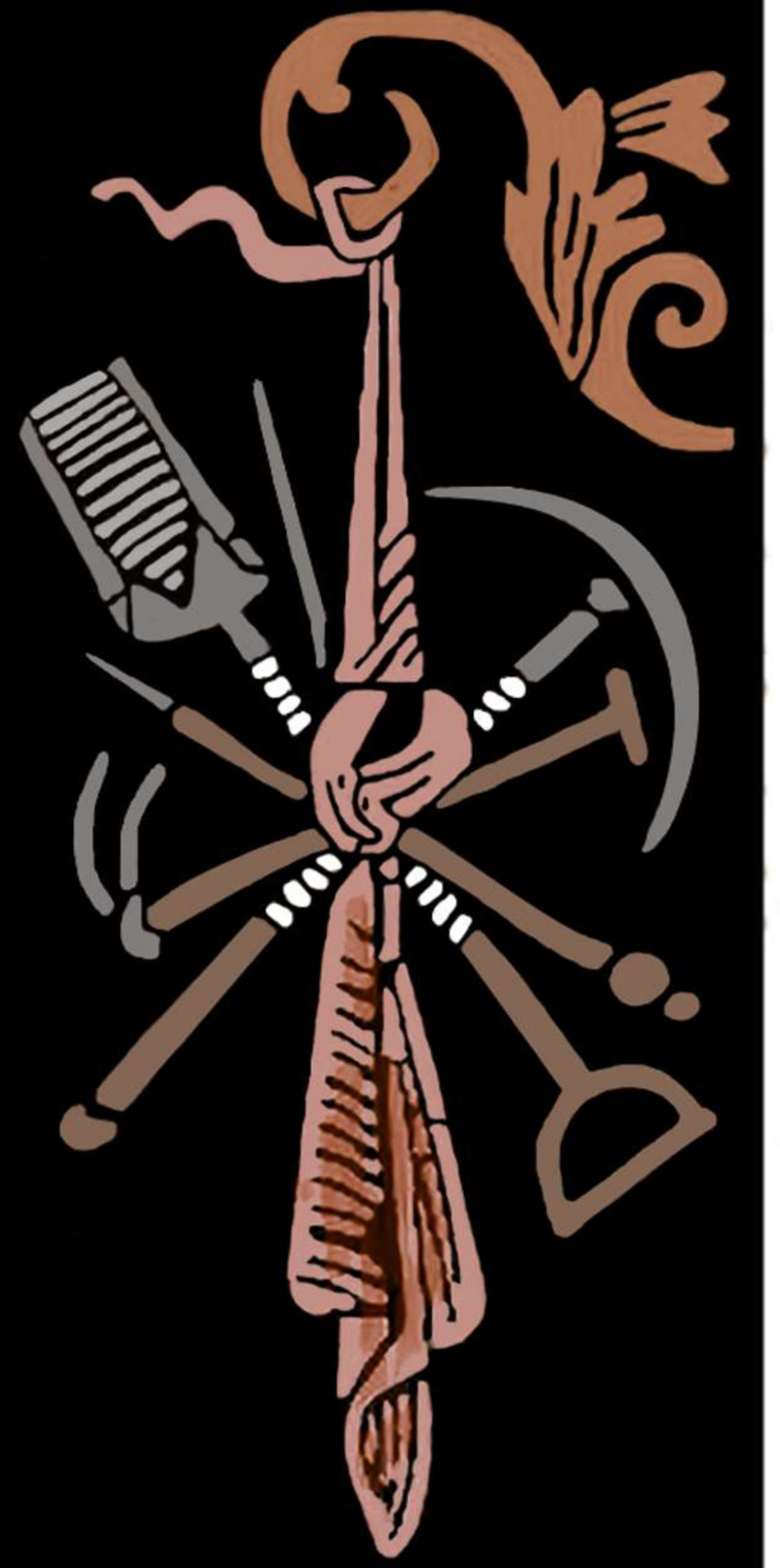
THE COMIC STRIP "SECURE THE SHADOW"
IS THE COMPANION PROJECT TO THE
ALBUM OF THE SAME NAME, BOTH
REALISED FOR THE OVERALL PURPOSES
OF THE DIRECTIVE.



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AND REDRAWN BY THE KAKANGELIST
FROM AN EIGHTEENTH CENTURY FUNERAL
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