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The Birth of Humankind

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THERE WERE HUMAN BEINGS LONG BEFORE THERE WAS HISTORY. THE FIRST HUMANS EVOLVED RIGHT HERE, IN EAST AFRICA.



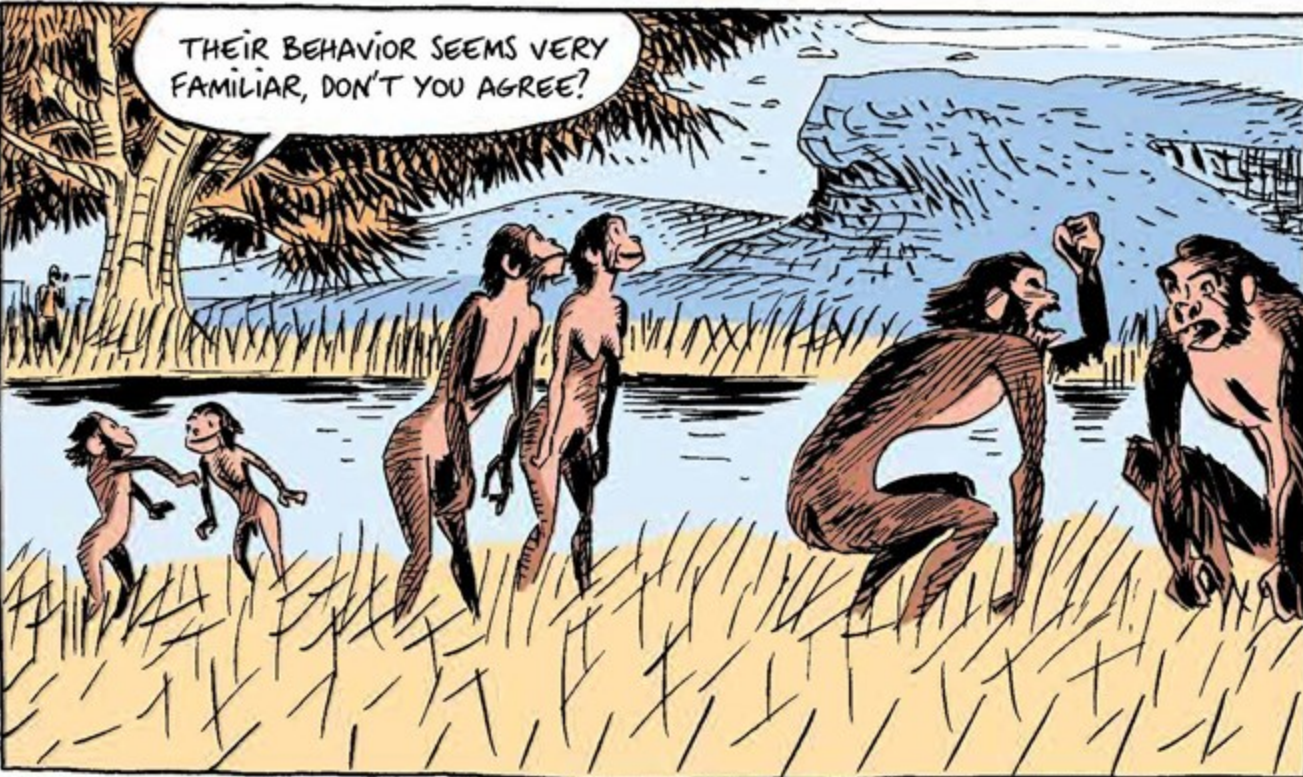
2.5 MILLION YEARS AGO.

SEE THAT LITTLE GROUP OVER THERE?

THEY ARE OUR ANCIENT ANCESTORS.



THEIR BEHAVIOR SEEMS VERY FAMILIAR, DON'T YOU AGREE?



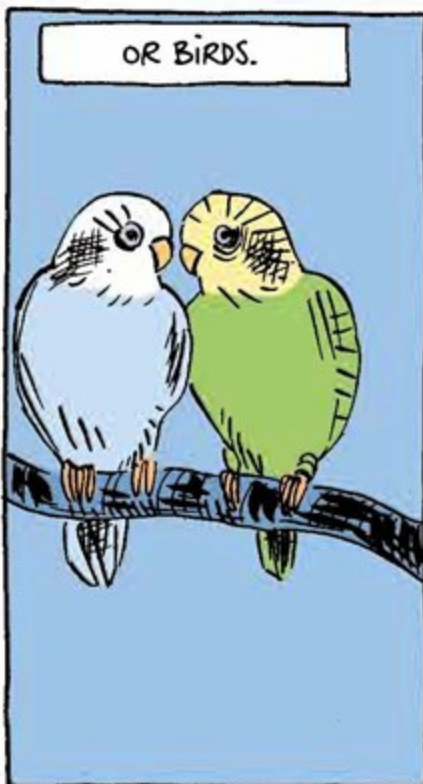
YET THERE WAS NO REAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THEM AND GORILLAS...



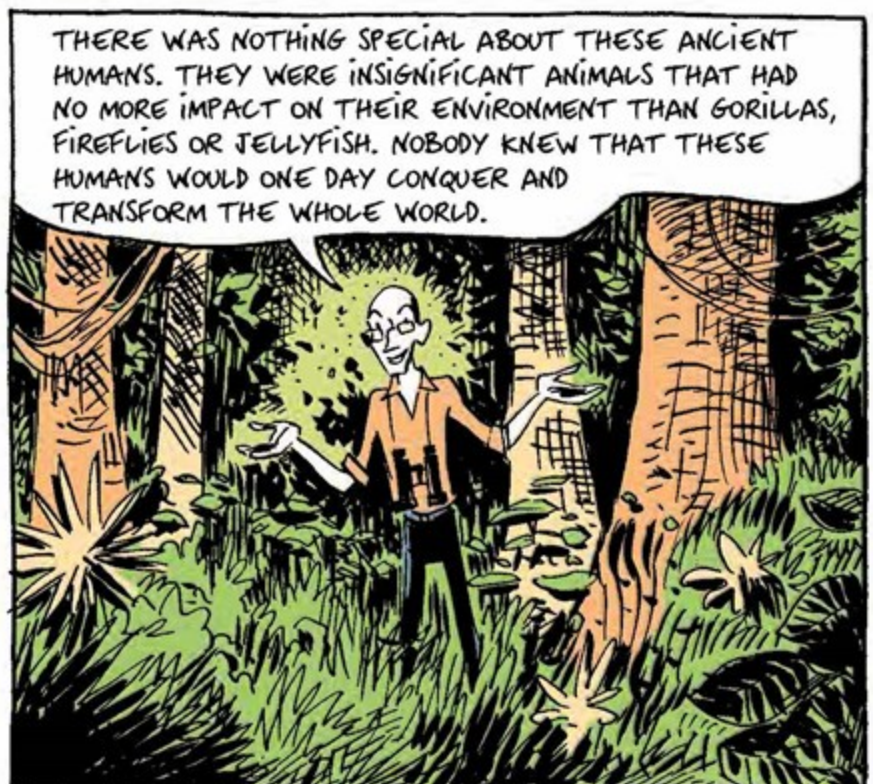
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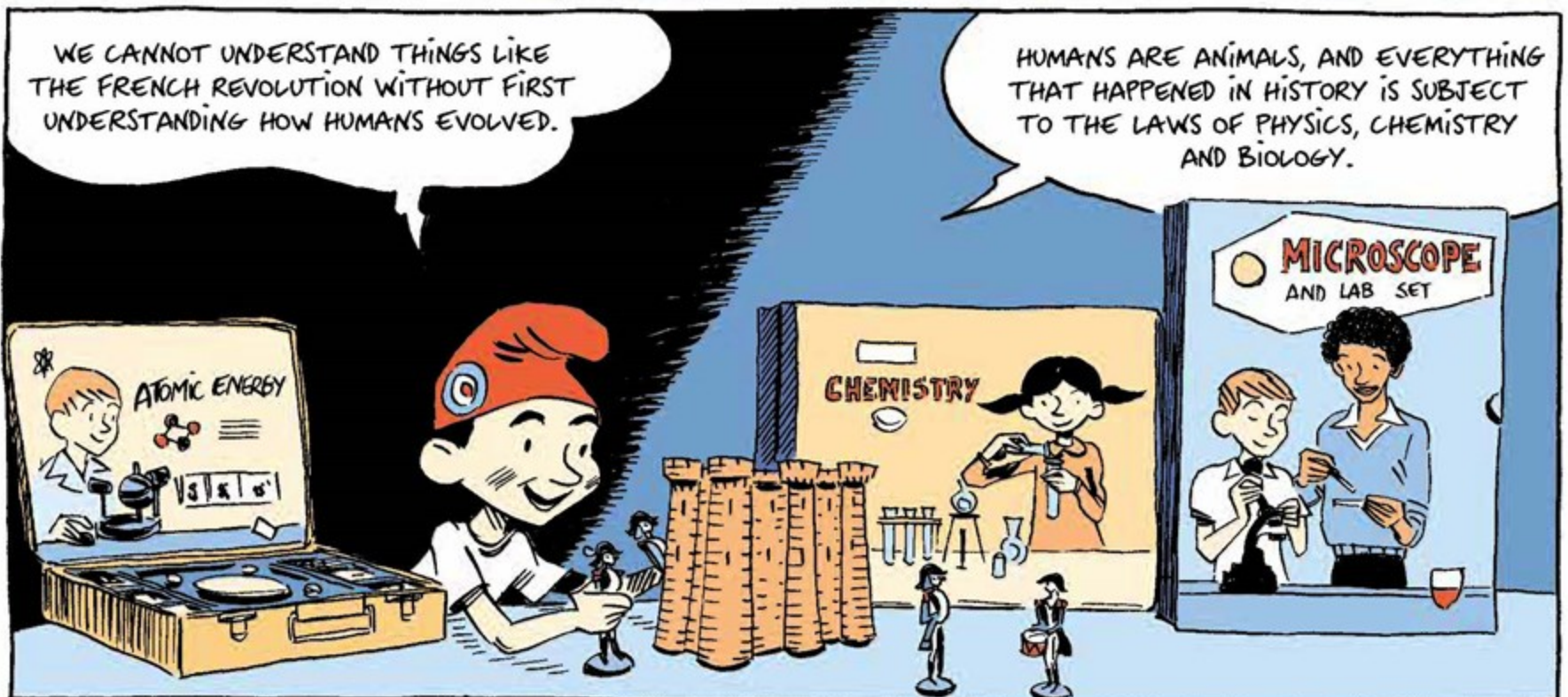
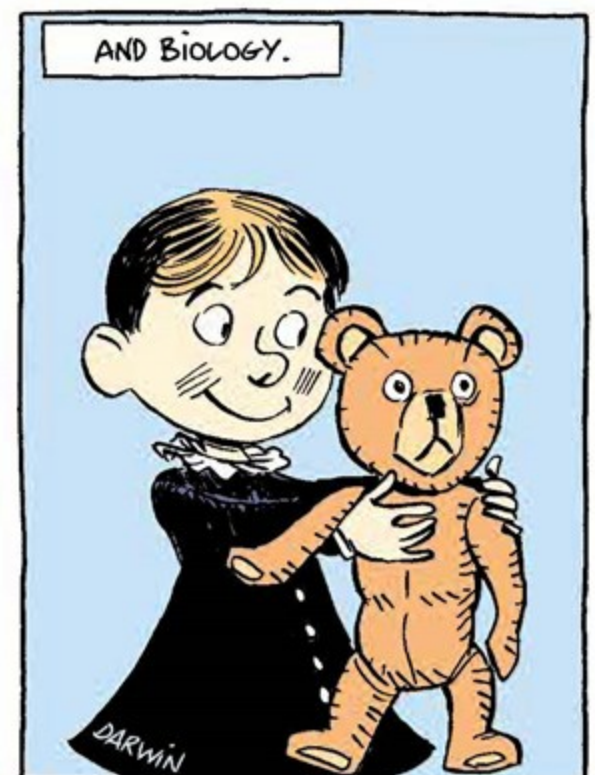
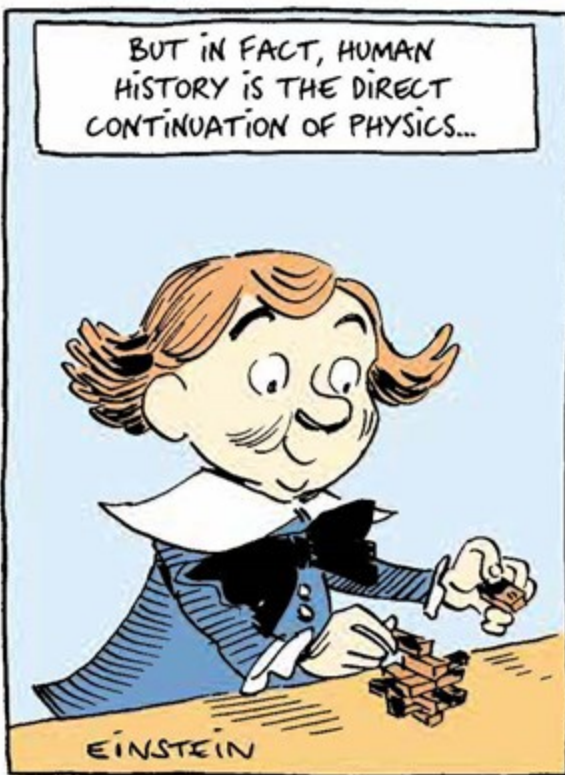
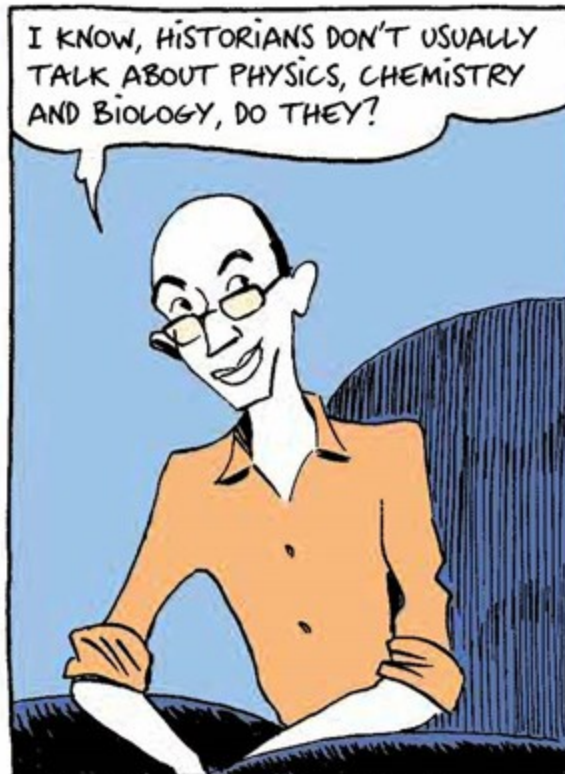
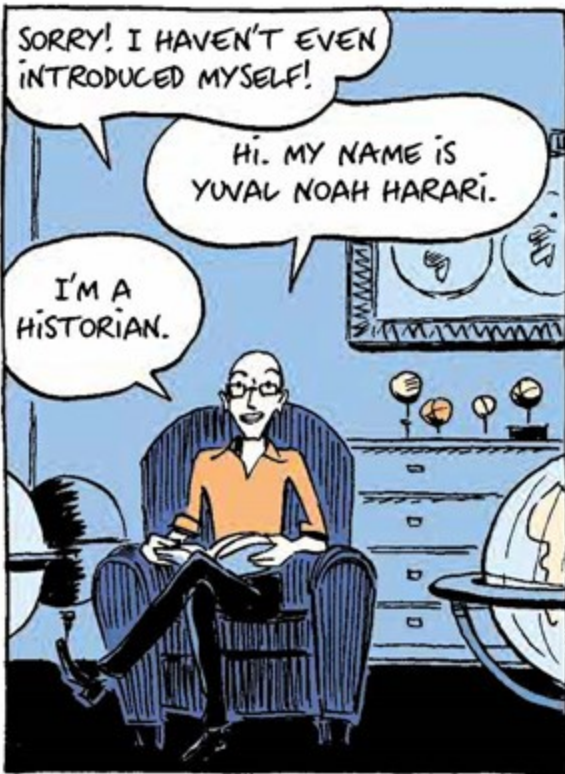


OR BIRDS.



THERE WAS NOTHING SPECIAL ABOUT THESE ANCIENT HUMANS. THEY WERE INSIGNIFICANT ANIMALS THAT HAD NO MORE IMPACT ON THEIR ENVIRONMENT THAN GORILLAS, FIREFLIES OR JELLYFISH. NOBODY KNEW THAT THESE HUMANS WOULD ONE DAY CONQUER AND TRANSFORM THE WHOLE WORLD.





ABOUT 300,000 YEARS AFTER THEIR APPEARANCE, MATTER AND ENERGY STARTED TO COALESCE INTO COMPLEX STRUCTURES CALLED ATOMS.

THESE ATOMS THEN COMBINED INTO MOLECULES.


THE STORY OF ATOMS, MOLECULES AND THEIR INTERACTIONS IS CALLED CHEMISTRY.

ALMOST 4 BILLION YEARS AGO, ON A PLANET CALLED EARTH, CERTAIN MOLECULES COMBINED TO FORM PARTICULARLY LARGE AND INTRICATE STRUCTURES CALLED ORGANISMS.

THE STORY OF ORGANISMS IS CALLED BIOLOGY.

LASTLY, ABOUT 70,000 YEARS AGO, A CERTAIN TYPE OF ORGANISM - HUMAN BEINGS - STARTED TO FORM EVEN MORE ELABORATE STRUCTURES CALLED CULTURES.

THE SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENT OF THESE HUMAN CULTURES IS CALLED HISTORY.

A man with glasses, wearing an orange shirt and black pants, sits in a blue armchair reading a book. The background is a vast, blue, star-filled space with a central point of light radiating outwards, surrounded by spiral galaxies and various celestial bodies. Two speech bubbles contain text about the Big Bang and physics.

ABOUT 14 BILLION YEARS AGO, MATTER,
ENERGY, TIME AND SPACE CAME INTO BEING IN
WHAT IS KNOWN AS THE BIG BANG.

THE STORY OF THESE
FUNDAMENTAL FEATURES OF
OUR UNIVERSE IS CALLED
PHYSICS.

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- Harper Perennial will also simultaneously publish a hardcover library edition of *Sapiens: A Graphic History* (9780063055087).

Summary

The smash #1 *New York Times* and international bestseller recommended by President Barack Obama and B...

One hundred thousand years ago, at least six different species of humans inhabited Earth. Yet today there is only one—homo sapiens. What happened to the others? And what may happen to us?

In this full-color illustrated adaptation of his groundbreaking book, renowned historian Yuval Harari tells the story of humankind's creation and evolution, exploring the ways in which biology and history have defined us and enhanced our understanding of what it means to be "human." From examining the role evolving humans have played in the global ecosystem to charting the rise of empires, *Sapiens* challenges us to reconsider accepted beliefs, connect past developments with contemporary concerns, and view specific events within the context of larger ideas.

Featuring 256 pages of full-color illustrations and easy-to-understand text, this adaptation of the mind-expanding book furthers the ongoing conversation as it introduces Harari's ideas to a wide new readership.

Contributor Bio

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