

Freud's Ewige Wiederkehr

How the psychoanalytic movement doesn't stop
making the difference

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Introduction

- Freud's mother tongue
- Adolescence and '*Jenseits des Lustprinzips*'
- Sturm und Drang
- Iris Murdoch: '*Fuck! Fuck! Fuck!*'
- We are *other* than mammals
- The calf-becoming-a-bull knows what to do
- Choice: convention vs invention
- Human greatness

Wiederkehr

- Freud's nine lives
- Newton, Freud and the inverse square law
- Rise and Fall of the Freudian empire
- Measurable symptoms vs subjective reality
- Sofisms about psychoanalysis
- Evolution and expansion

Science

- Scientific comeback
- Treatment of choice
- W.H.O. and Depression
- Symptom and surface
- Diagnostic bible and Dark Ages

Wiederholung(-szwang)

- The stars
- Darwinism
- Genetics
- The parenthood constellation

Schmerz

- Long time dependency
- Translation, language, symbolisation
- Schmerz, Erregungszuwachs, Reizschütz
- Psychic skin
- Descartes modified: *Elle* pense, donc je suis
- Nature and nurture
- Brain and mind

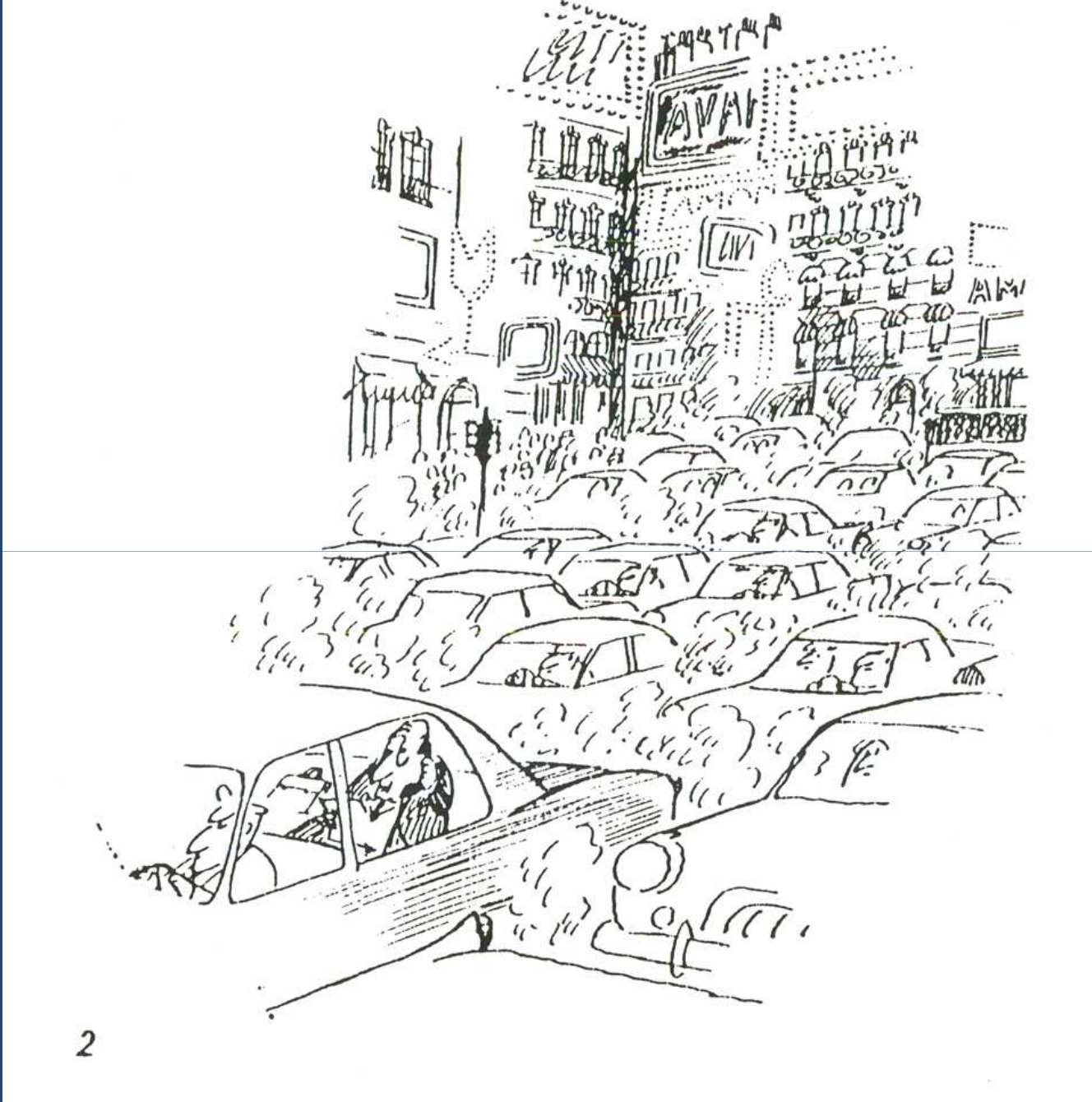
Character is fate

- Heracleitos
- Inside not outside/insight not outsight
- Good news

Different antropologies

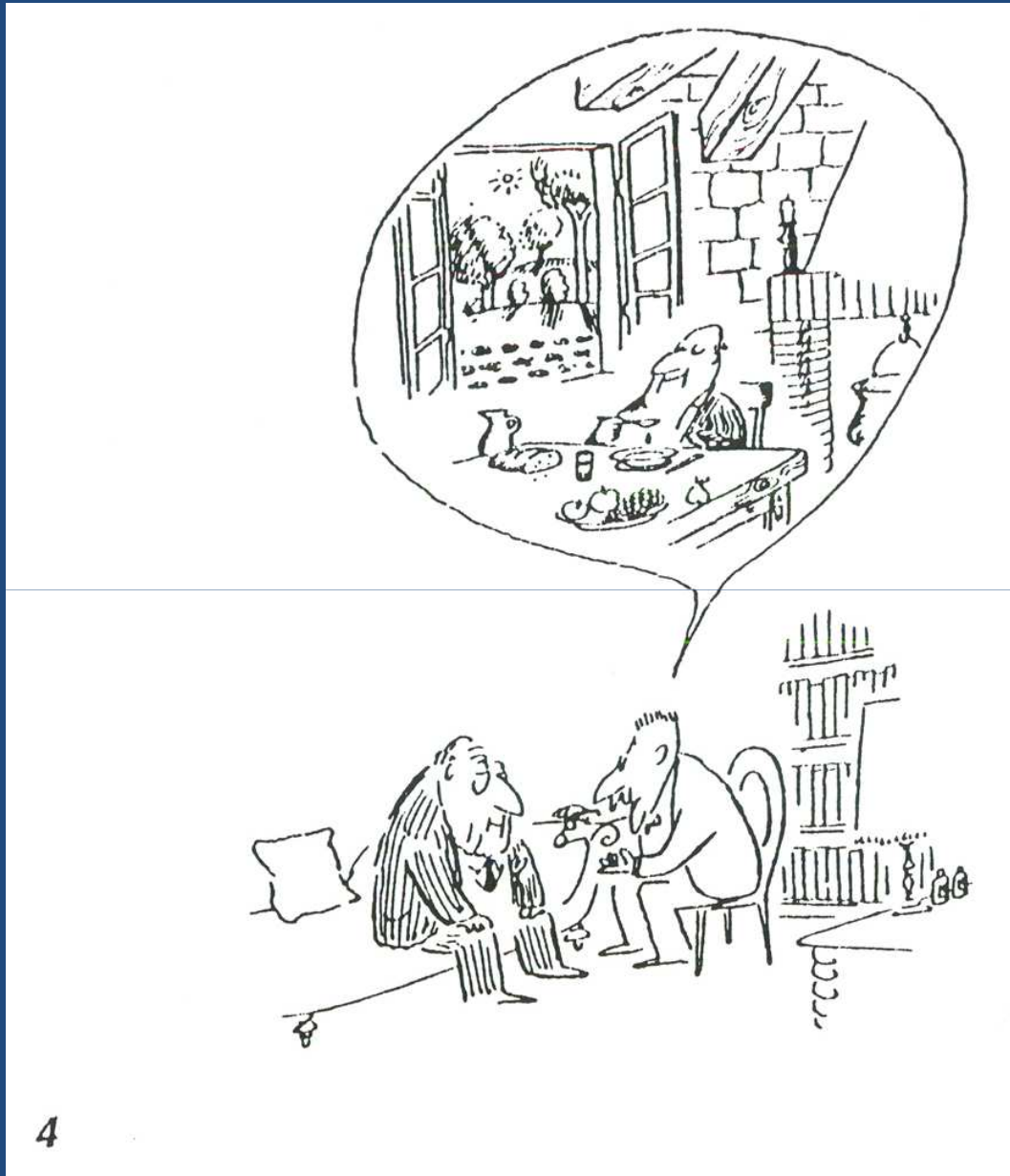
- Medicine and (cognitive) behaviourism
- Reason and optimism
- Psychoanalysis and the tragic position
- Children of Narcissus and Oedipus
- Normality and other disorders
- Extra oxygen: Sempé's cartoon



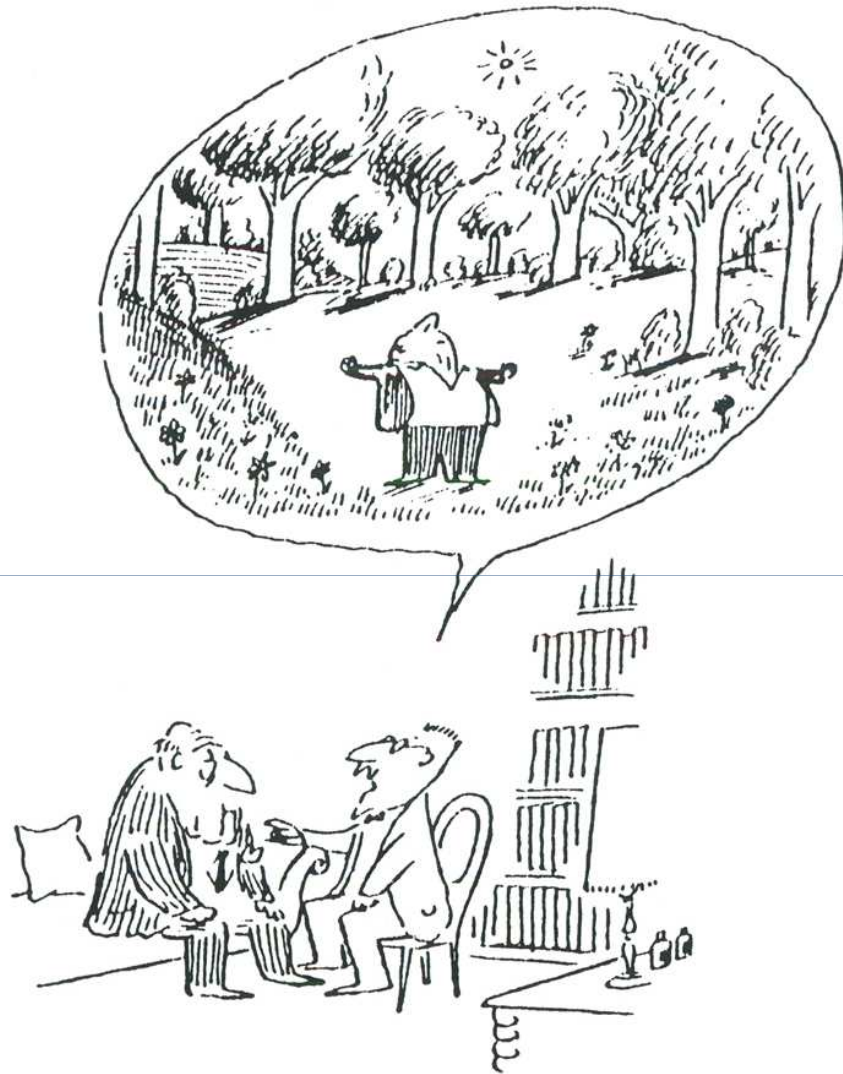


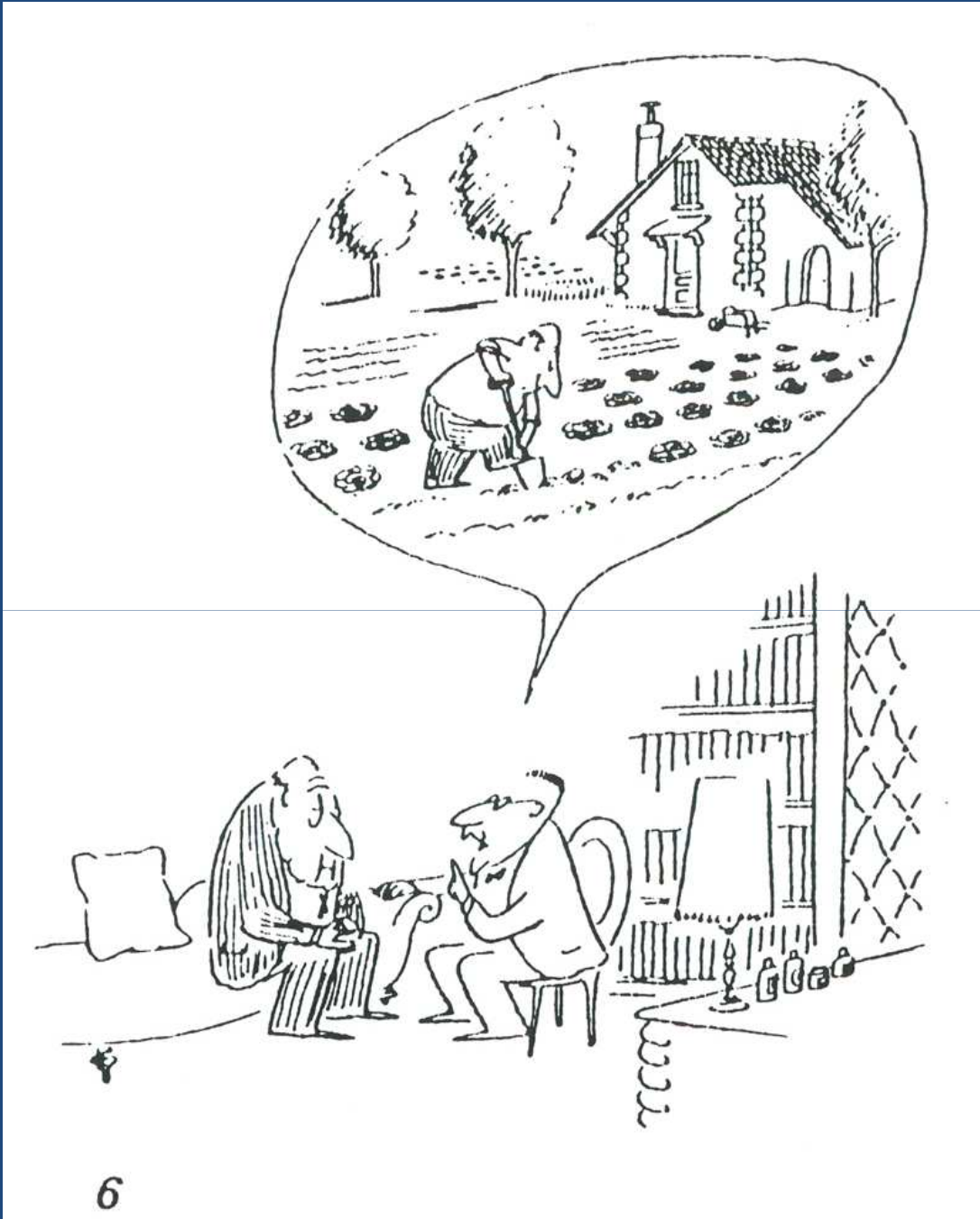


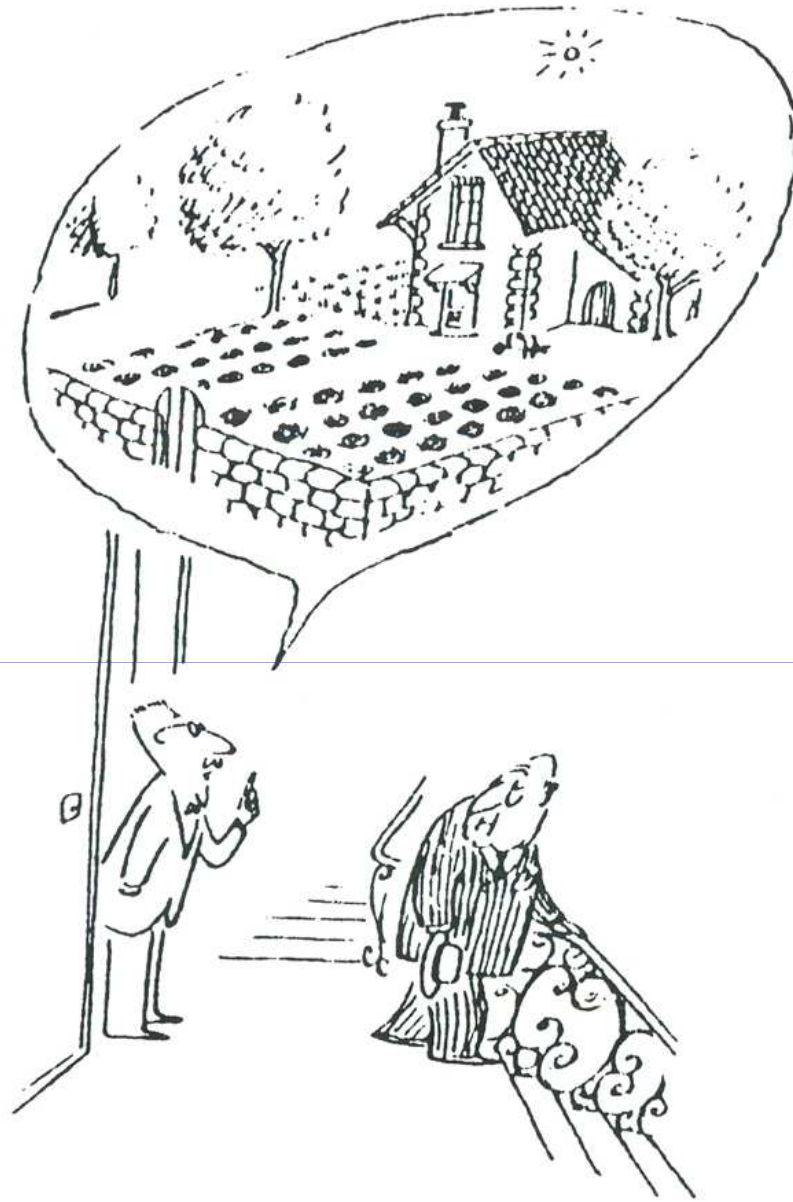
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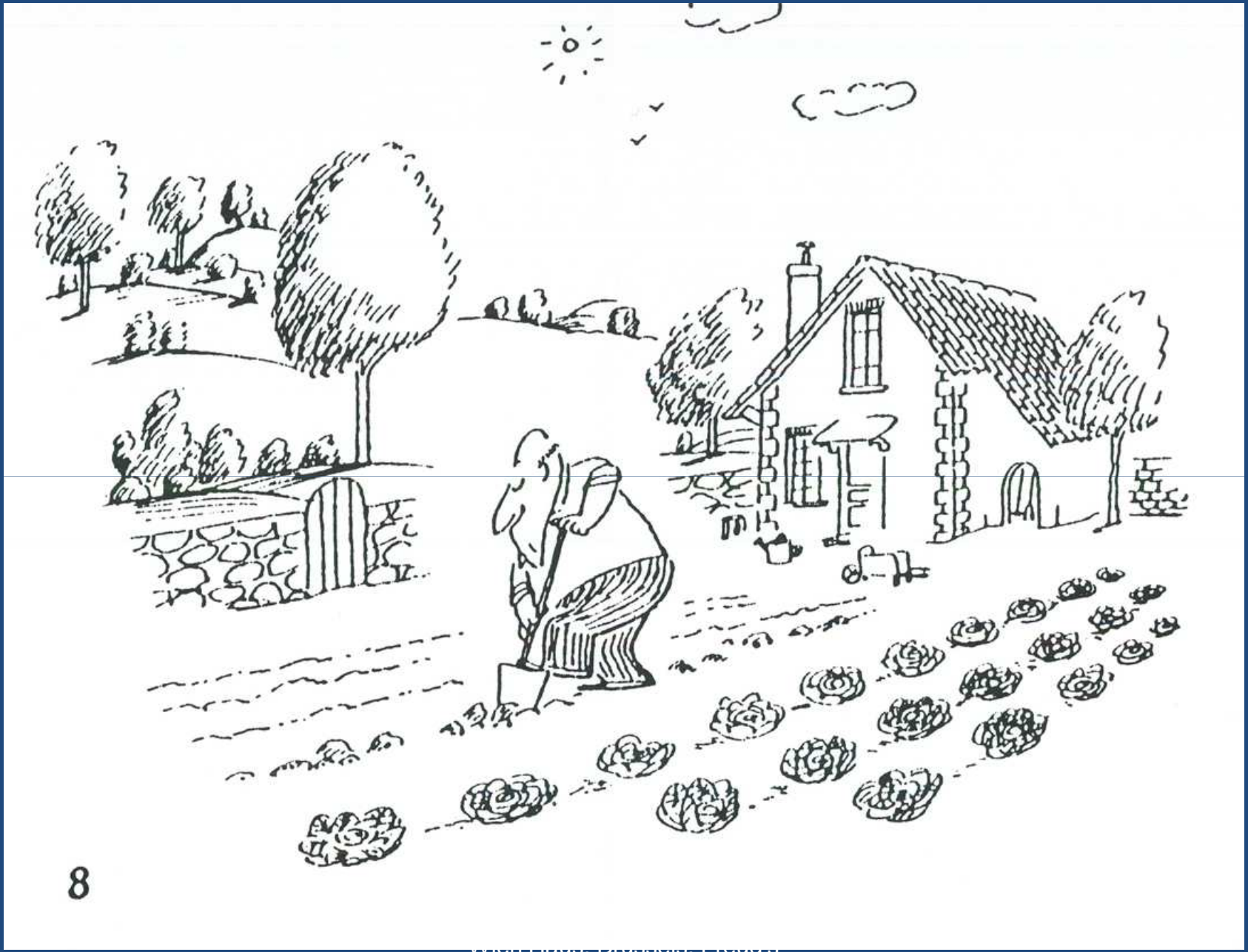


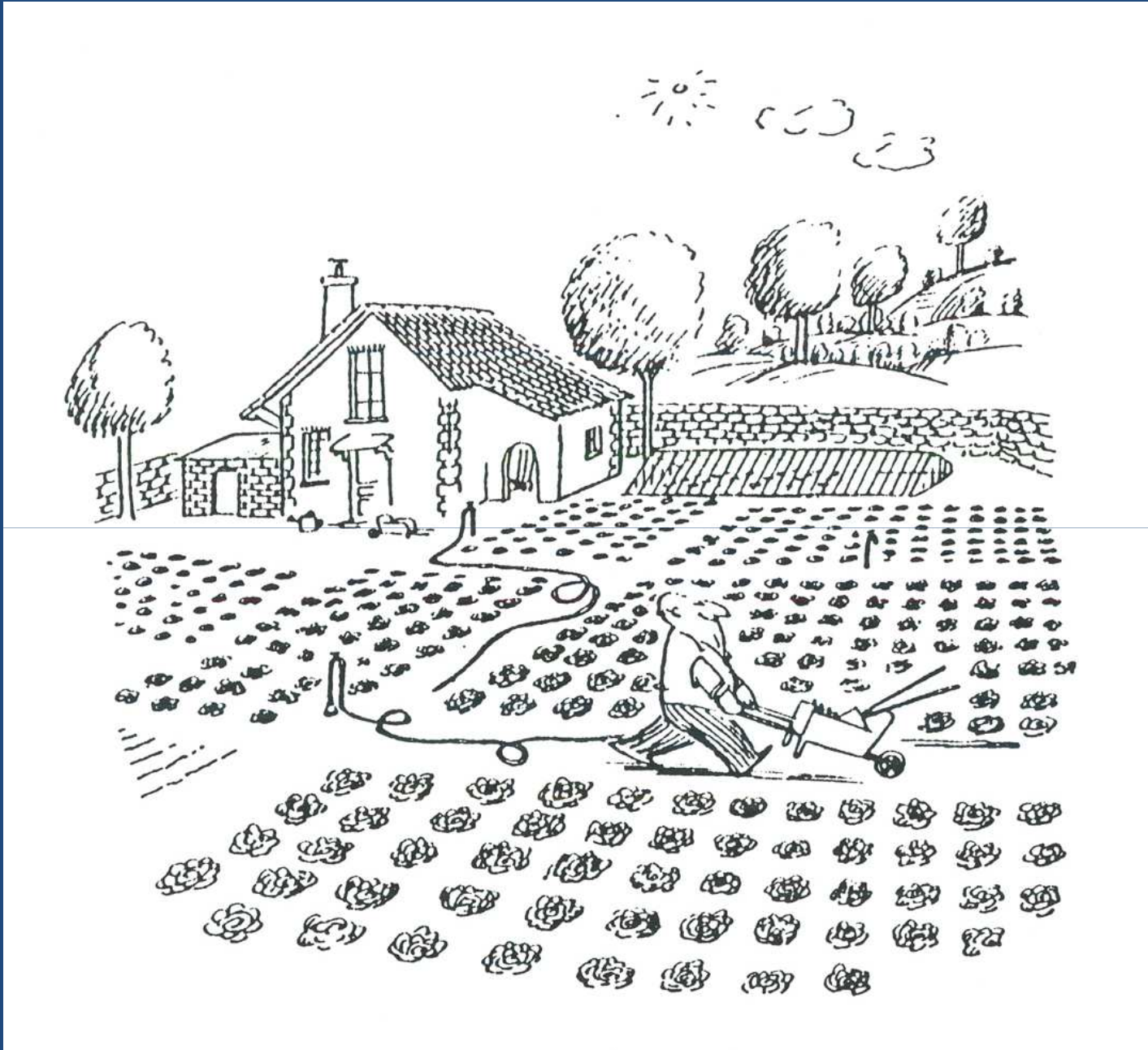
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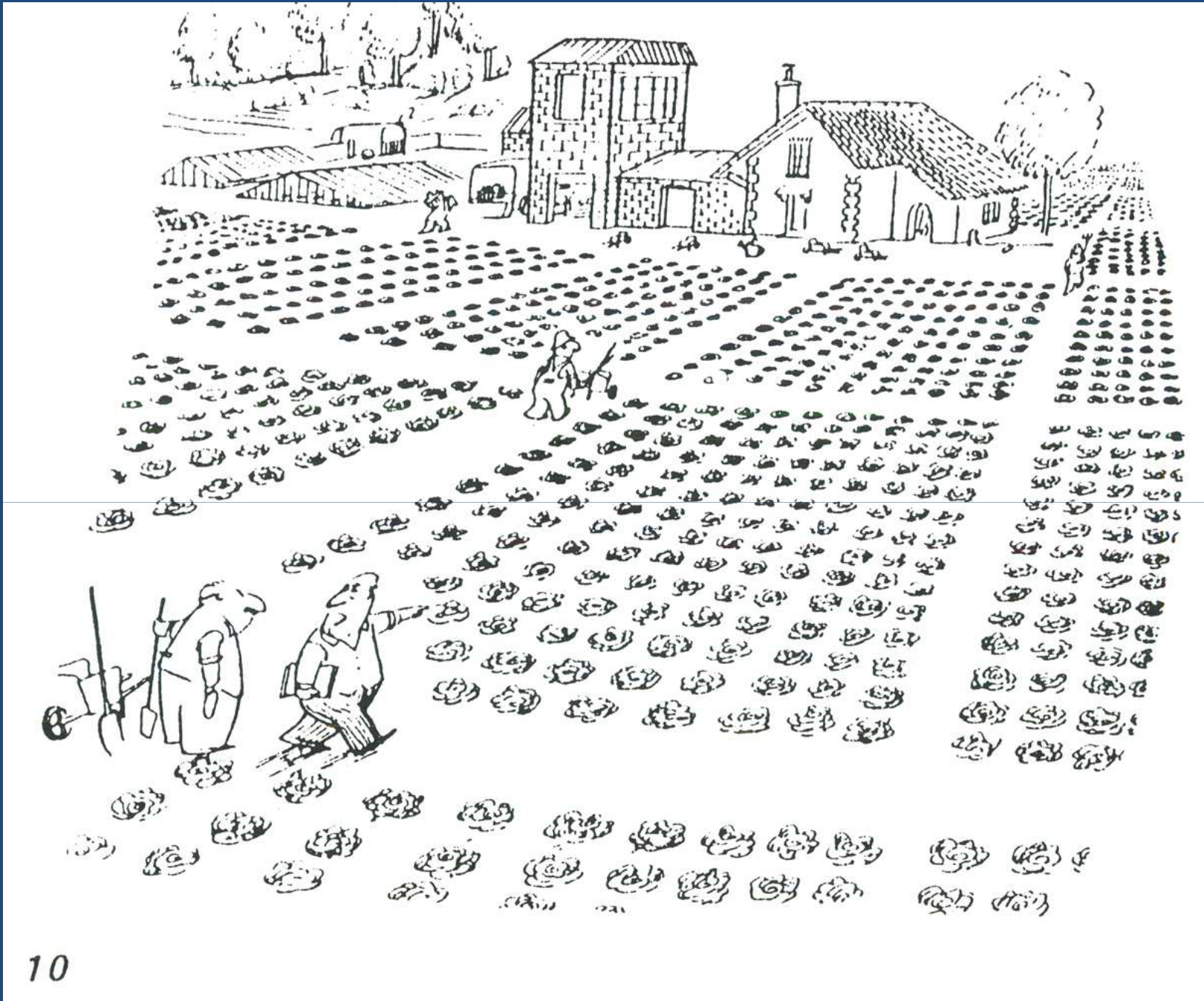


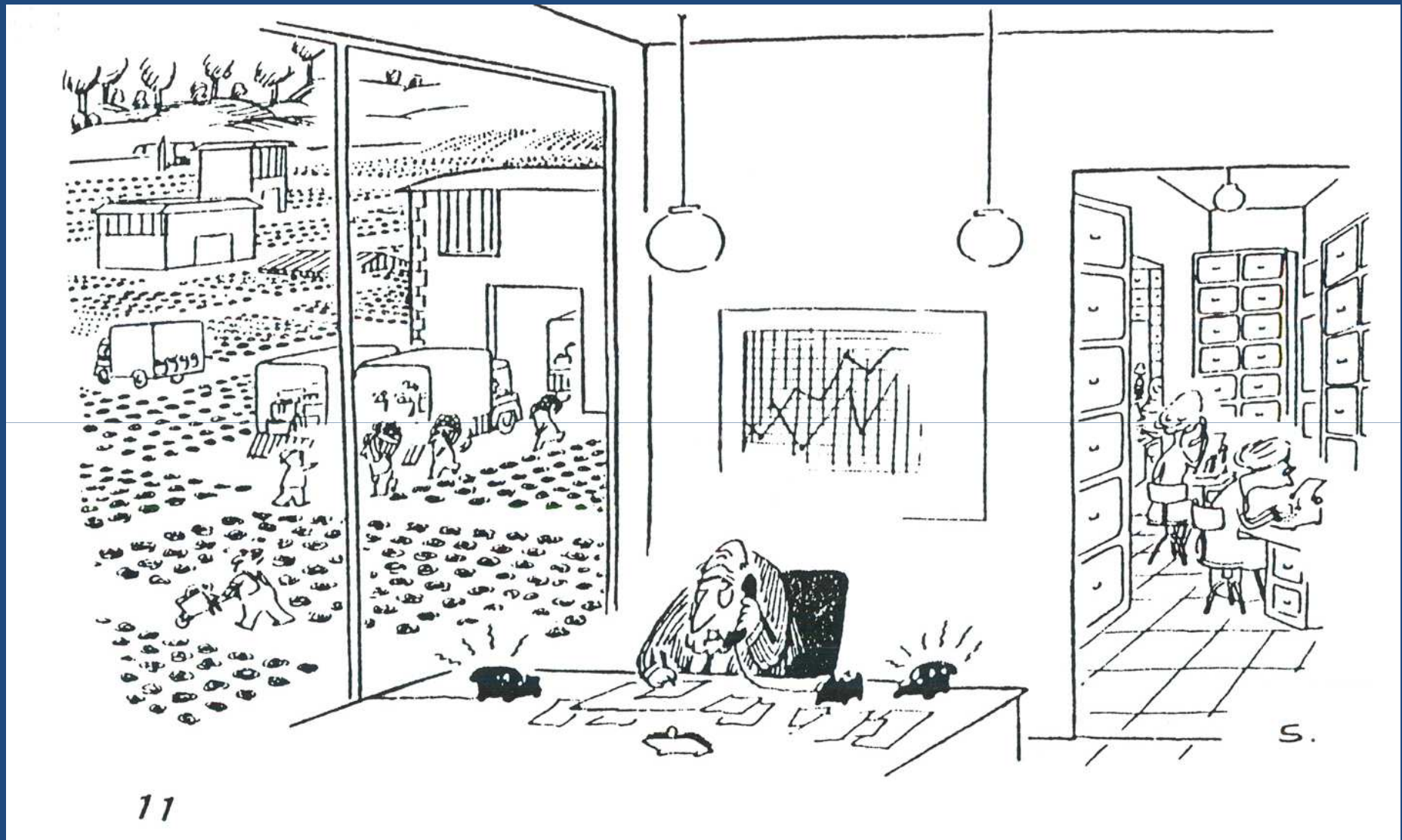






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Common sense

- Descartes' irony
- Free for sale
- The ominous image
- Conceal or heal
- Great expectations
- Magical formula

Shakespeare: Macbeth and King Lear

- Lady Macbeth
- Une anatomie du Mal
- The patient's plea
- Passionate blindness
- Hegel and the age of innocence
- King Lear: exteriorisation

Reason and rationality

- Hume: reason is the slave of the passions
- Hamlet: there is reason in it
- A very special reason
- The Unconscious: headquarters of repetition

The symptom

- Medicine and the sign of illness
- Medical progress
- Medicalisation of happiness and well being
- *'Cito, tuto et iucunde!'*
- The only person who welcomes change is a wet baby!

Science

- True science vs Holy Science
- Physics envy
- Complexity reduced
- Complexity repressed
- *'Geisteskrankheiten sind Gehirnkrankheiten'*
- Psychiatry loses its mind!

The Freudian momentum

- Content and significance
- Abstinence and neutrality
- Listening vs looking
- Docta ignorantia
- Free association and personal choice
- No hubris nor pride

The psychoanalytic symptom

- Involuntary
- Repetitive
- Not or misunderstood
- Help
- Pleasure and suffering
- Self-treatment
- *'Le patient a toujours raison'*
- Symptomsubstitution: *Verschiebung*
- *Wiederkehr des Verdrängten*

Transference/Übertragung

- (De)formative influence
- Nobel Prize Winner Eric Kandel
- Explicit vs implicit memory system
- What we have *made* of the Other in infancy
- The fantasied Other

Unbehagen in der Kultur

- Drive and conflict
- A strange pleasure
- The subversive truth
- Most intimate and most alien
- The plague and the blow
- Copernicus, Darwin and Freud

Das Ding(-an-sich)

- *‘All I am is what I’m going after’*
- Drive and passion
- The real Thing
- Infinite bliss
- Ewige Wiederkehr
- Menschlich, alzumenschlich
- Brave New World?

Questions?

Everything you always wanted to know about...

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The End

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