

Invisible Mountain



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Notice from the writer

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If you value *good and evil* and have a mental habit to think which side is good or bad, please read the other picture books on this web, <http://www.peace-picturebook.org> before reading this picture book.

#This picture book is 18th of the series about discrimination. There are many scene settings succeeding to the other picture books in the series. In addition, some of the mental process, which have been already explained, are omitted in this picture book. I am afraid that some parts could be hard to understand if you start reading from this picture book. Please go back and read one by one from the beginning of the series.

#This picture book is fiction and please do not mix it with the real world.

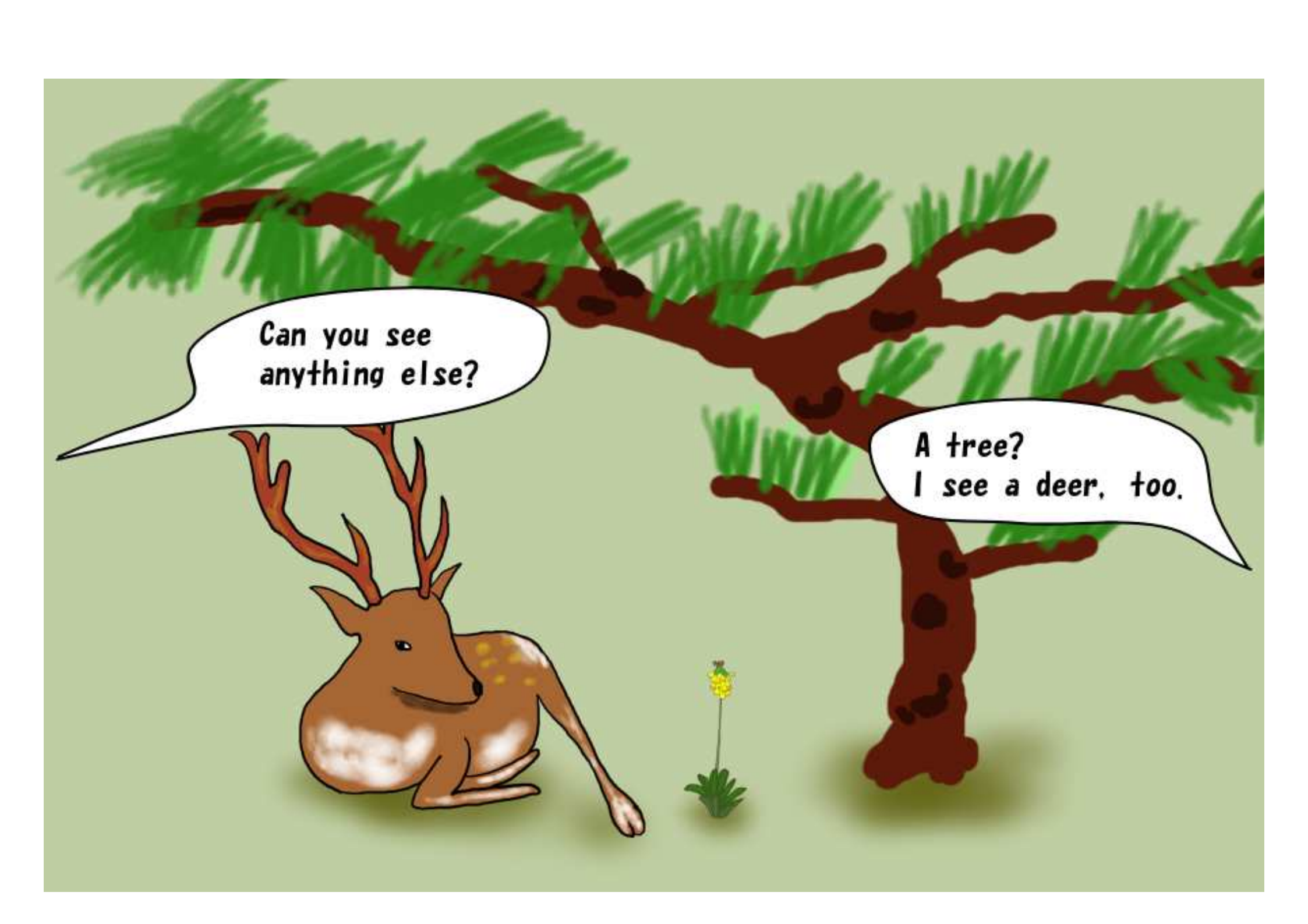


Look at this.

This one.

**What's are you
talking about?**

**A flower?
Or the leaves?**



Can you see
anything else?

A tree?
I see a deer, too.

Anything
else?

Nothing else
I can see.



**What I wanted
you to see was
this mountain.**

**What?
A mountain?**



It seems that human eyes cannot see an object that is too big.



Here is a story on a faraway planet.

Several thousand years ago, a group of people with round touch organs (hereinafter; Rounds) started to spread their teachings¹ as follows.



Love what is good, hate what is bad. Fight against what is evil.

Bad people are cursed, fall into hell and are burnt with fire forever.

Don't kill a person meaninglessly.

Pagans are the devils.

People are sinful by nature.

¹ N.B. This picture book is fiction and not related to this earth. Needless to say, this story is nothing about any religion on this earth.

These teachings have spread among the Rounds little by little over a long time. It is because the Rounds thought, if they believed these teachings, all of them would become happy like the followings.

#Love other people.→Everybody will love each other and the world will be full of love.

#Love what is good. Fight against what is evil. Bad people are cursed, fall into hell. →Anyone doing bad things will disappear.

#Pagans are the devils. →As no one wants to be a devil, everyone will believe in these teachings.

#People are sinful. →People become modest as “We are sinful.” Then they will be careful not to commit sin any more.



There were some Rounds saved by the teachings, of course.

However, there were many Rounds who mistook these teachings. Against their wishes, they gradually became unhappy not knowing the cause. It was as follows. ²

#Love other people.→An illusion that love is created by a command is born. →Lies, abuses and conflicts are increased.

#Love what is good. Fight against what is evil. Bad people are cursed, fall into hell. →Haunted by fear, as the result, in order to be good, people seek evil and fight against each other, believing themselves fighting against evil, which is an illusion.

#Pagans are the devils. →People attack others who believe different teachings, perceiving them as the devils, which is an illusion.

#People are sinful. →People have an illusion that they themselves are bad and get violent.



² Ref. “Love and Lies”, “Love and Enemies”, “Don’t force love”, “Be good!”, “Space Pagans”, “Escape from Nightmare”, “I am bad” etc.

As conflicts increased, the recognition of "People are living beings that oppose and fight each other by nature" spread among the Rounds steadily. According to this perception, weapons also changed to have more killing power.



One day, a group of Rounds sailed the ocean and found another nation where people with triangle tactile organs (hereinafter; Triangles) lived. The misunderstood teachings mentioned earlier have not been introduced in this nation and the majority of people lived peacefully.



From the Rounds' point of view, these Triangles are different people and pagans. With their belief of "Pagans are the devils", the Rounds attacked the Triangles at their first meeting, whom they misunderstood as devils.³



The Triangles have few weapons. They have never imagined that they would be suddenly attacked by perfect strangers. The Triangles were killed without any resistance.

³ Please refer to "Space Pagans", "Nervous at First Meeting".

After a while, the Rounds finally became aware of the fact that the Triangles were not devils. How terrible! They have committed meaningless murders (which was bad).⁴

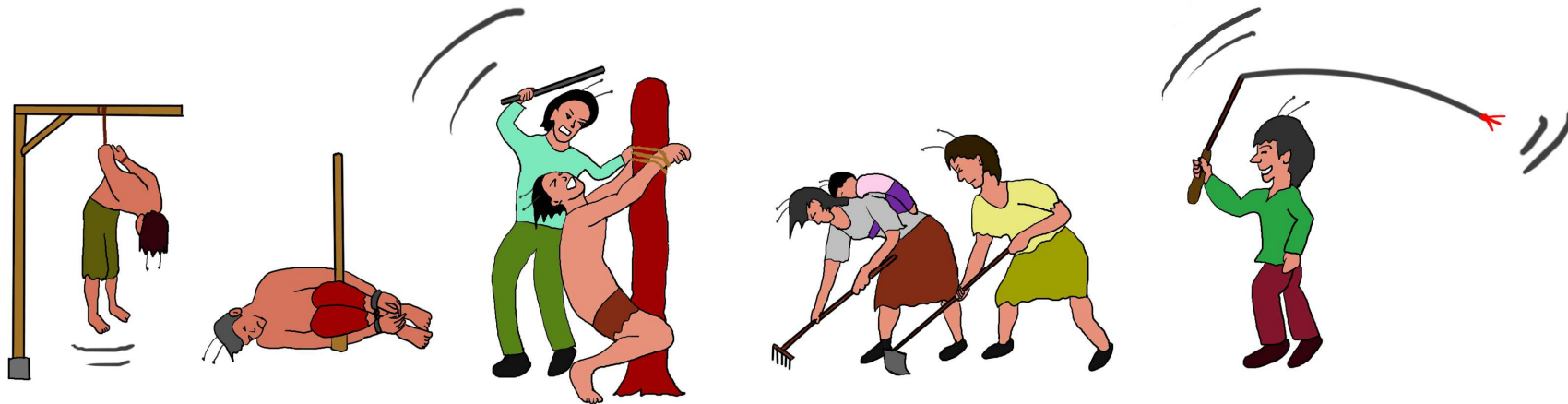


⁴ Ref. "In a tight corner", "Escape from a Nightmare"

The Rounds were cornered in fear and tried to convince themselves that the Triangles were not human beings like them.



People act based on their recognition. The Rounds who regarded the Triangles as animals started to hunt, dominate and sell them as a commodity. It was the beginning of the slavery.⁵

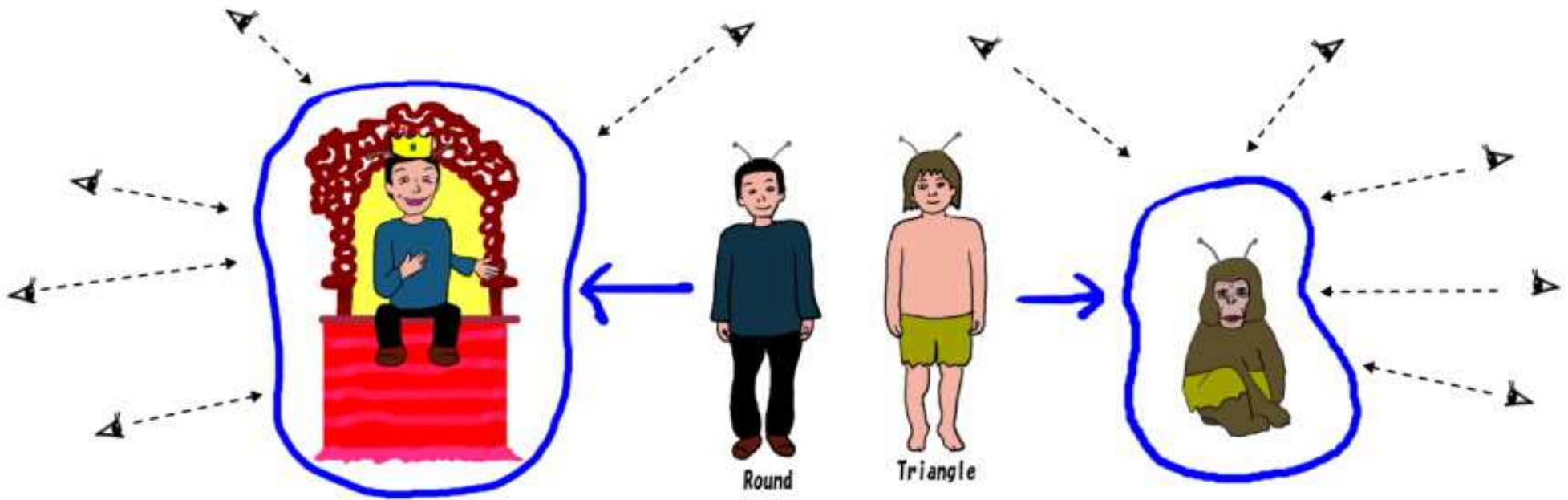


⁵ Ref. "An Escape from a Nightmare"

In addition, the Rounds invaded and conquered the lands of the Triangles one by one for the sake of the human evolution and civilization.

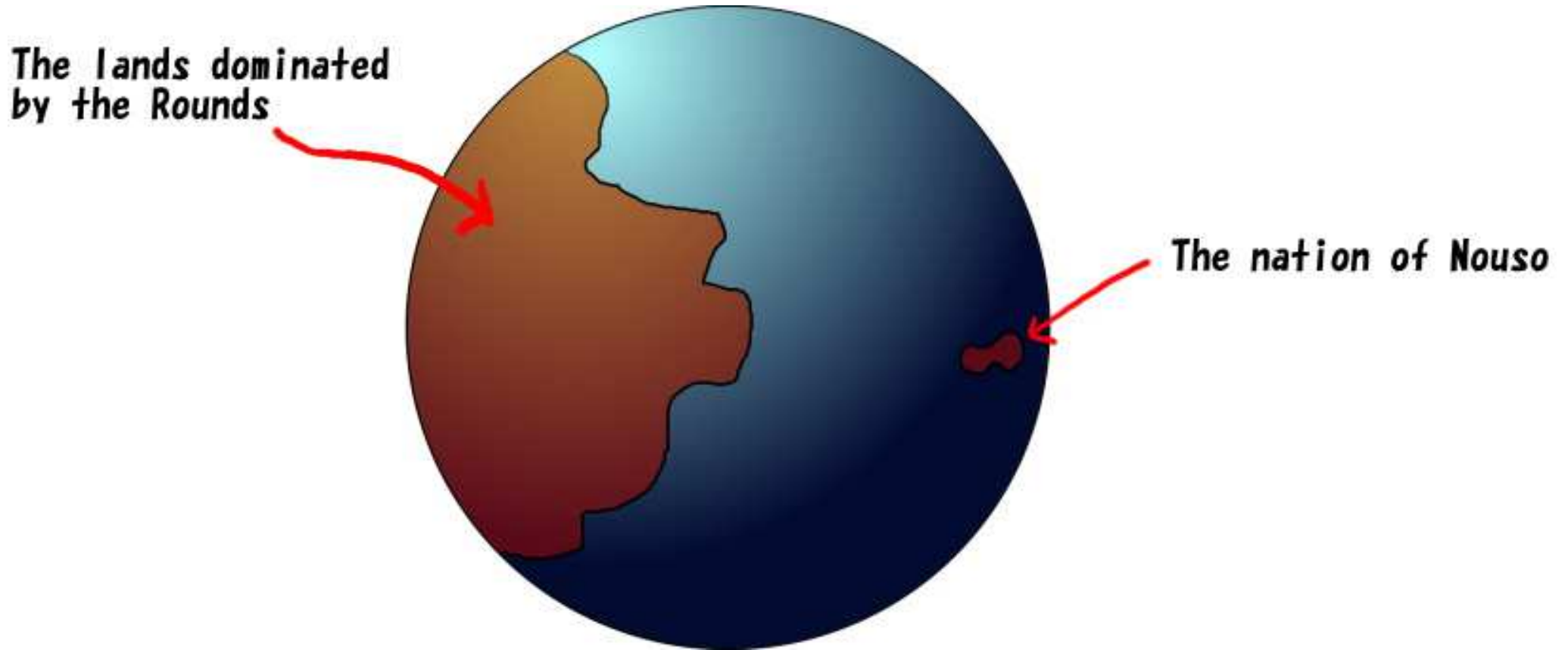


After conquering, the Rounds instilled into the Triangles by repetition, "You are a barbaric inferior race." As the outcome, the Triangles also started to believe that they themselves were an inferior race and regard the Rounds as their masters and beings like gods.



"The Triangles are an inferior race and the Rounds are more advanced, a superior race"; gradually this fantasy became *common sense* shared by most of people on this planet.

Several hundred years passed. The Rounds, of which population is only a bit over 10% of the total population on this planet, have not come out the delusion and kept invading and dominated almost 90% of habitable lands on the globe.



The land which the Rounds have not yet conquered is only left in a part of a remote region. There is a small country called "Nouso" there.

Nouso was a very old nation where the Triangles lived since tens of thousands of years ago. They lived peacefully like as other Triangles. However, as Nouso is located in a remote region, they could observe from a distance how other Triangle nations were conquered and dominated.



Nouso is a small nation with few resources, so it was not attractive for the Rounds. Therefore, they put lower priority to conquer this tiny country.

Nouso people had no idea why the Rounds was going to conquer the whole world by their military power. But they did not want to be conquered. Therefore, Nouso people rushed for wealth and military strength of their country.

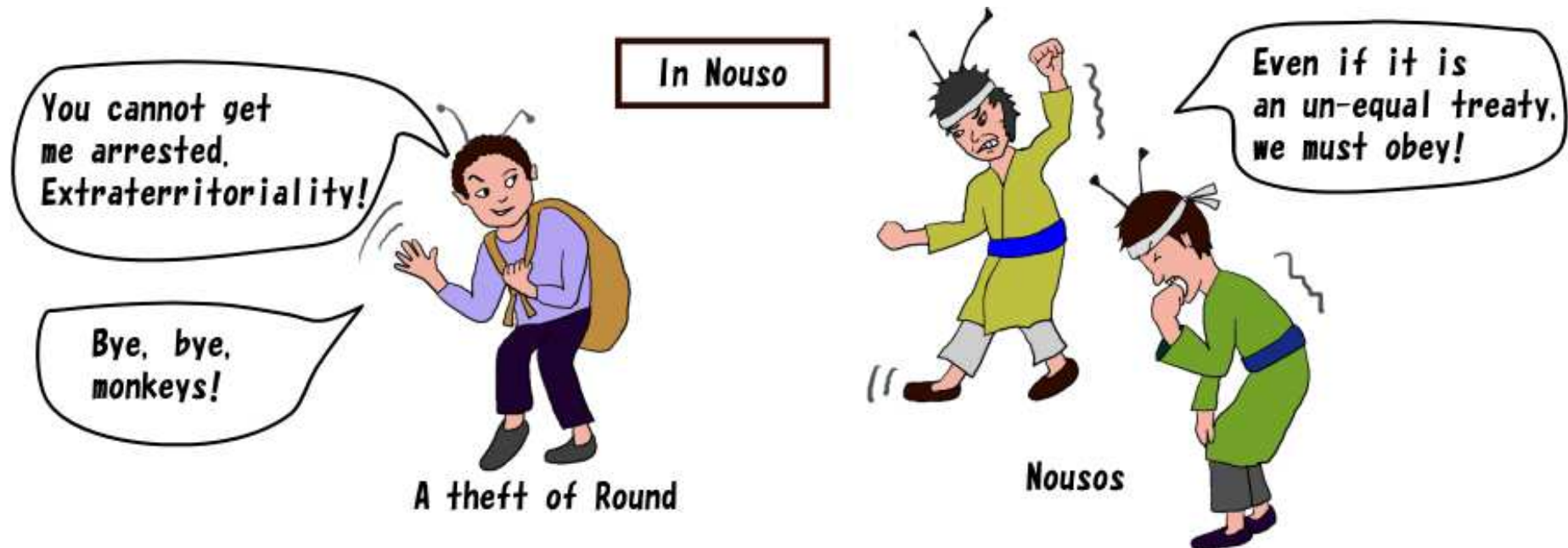


The Rounds' invasion was imminent. It was a race against time.

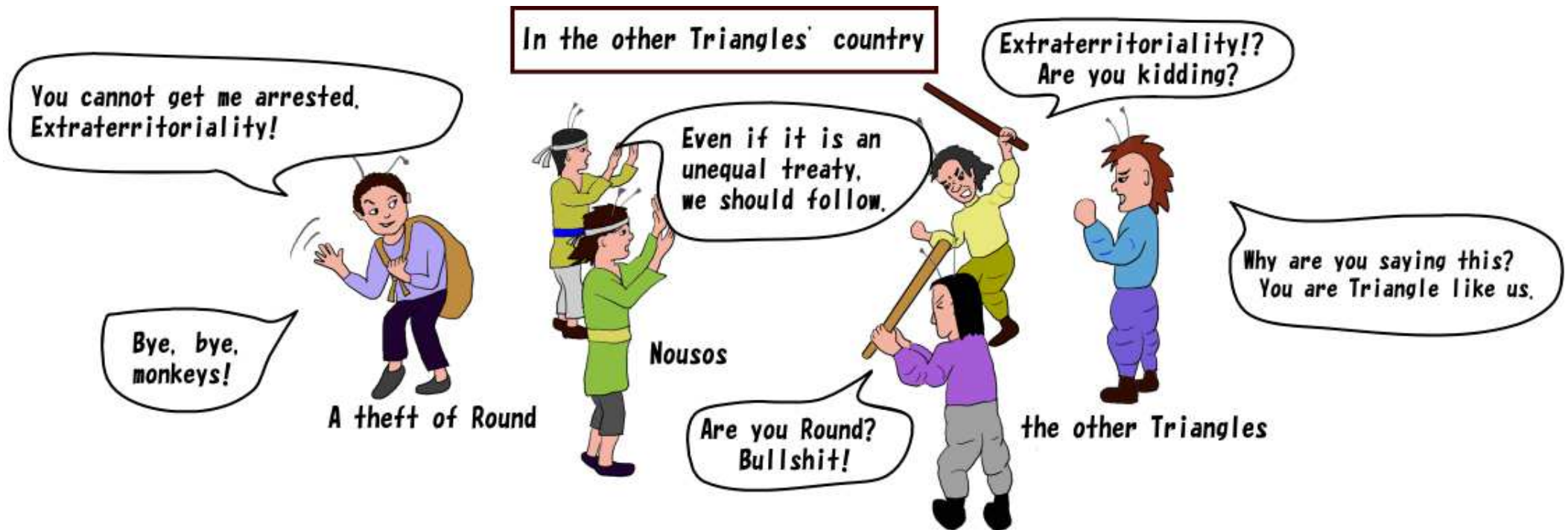
The Nousos noticed the racism when they met the Rounds. If the Nousos are regarded as barbarians, it is impossible to have friendly relationship with the Rounds. Therefore, the Nousos thought that they needed to prove themselves being talented civilians. While they defended their nation, rushing for the wealth and military strength of the nation, they made various efforts like as follows.

Effort 1: To respect and follow the international laws

It was to show that Nousos were civilians who could obey a law. Therefore, they followed the international laws, rules and treaties with foolish honesty, even if they were not convinced very much.



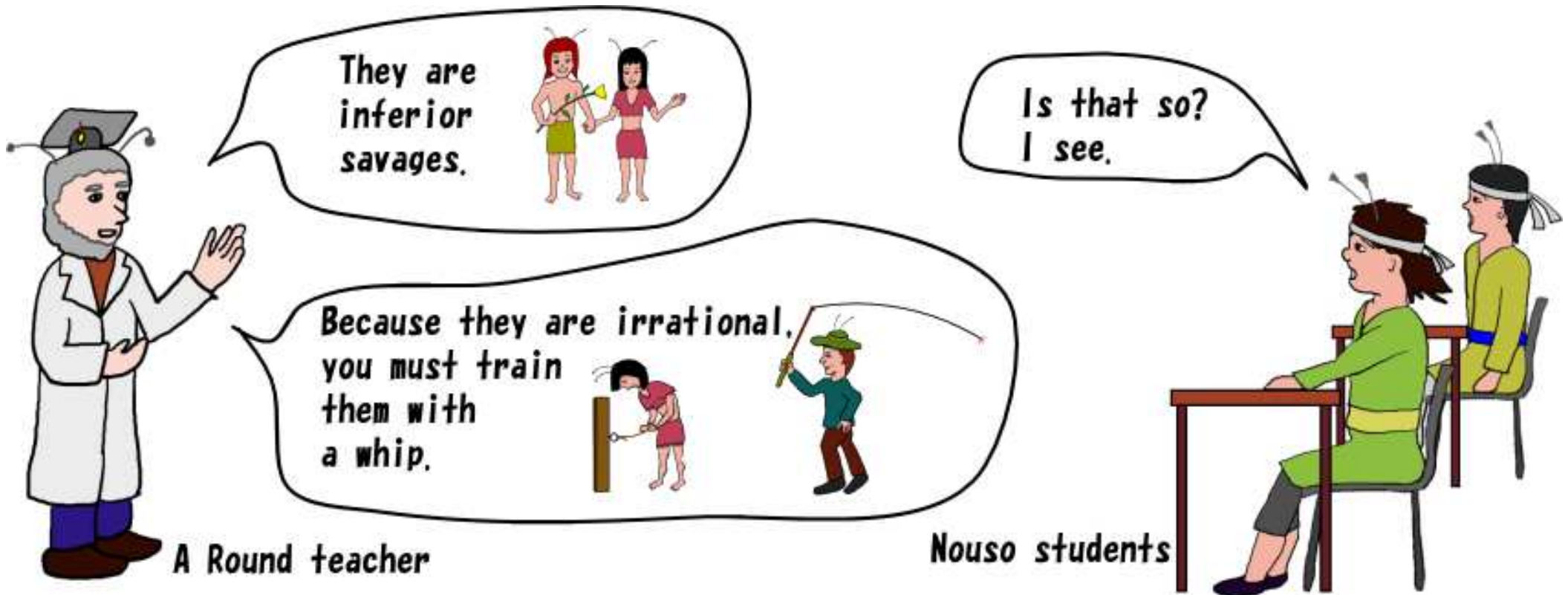
But there was a problem. It is because the international laws on this planet have not only its original purpose as a rule to avoid troubles but also the other purpose to discriminate and dominate the Triangles. There is a contradiction for the Nousos to respect the laws, as they are also the Triangles. In other words, judging from the eyes of the people (both of the Triangles and the Rounds) except Nousos, it was hard to understand why Nousos the Triangles followed the laws made by the Rounds and behaved like them.



If Nousos follow the international laws, they are disliked by the other Triangles. If they don't follow them, they are regarded as barbarians by the Rounds. That was Nousos' standpoint.

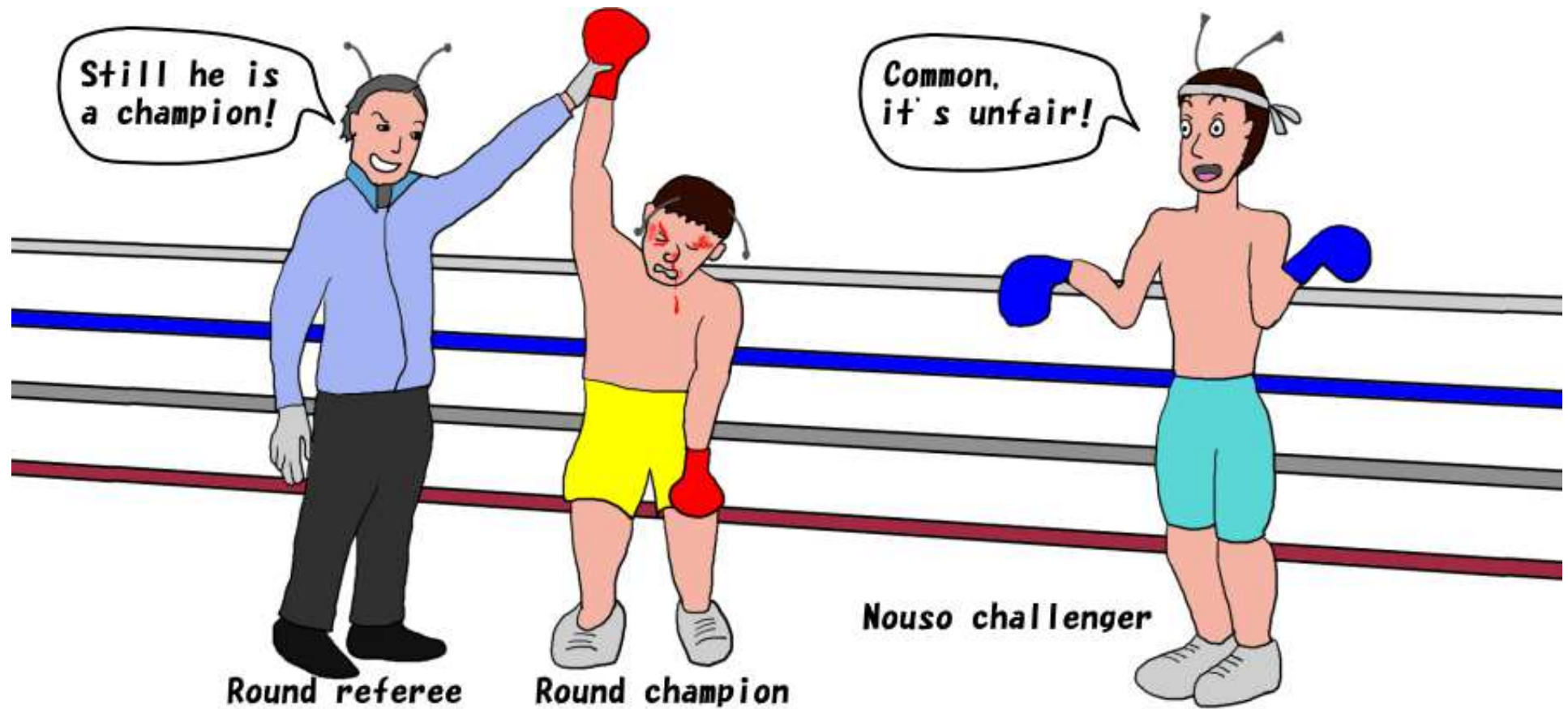
Effort 2: To learn the Rounds' culture and science, and copy most of the social systems

Nousos thought, if they mastered the Rounds' culture, arts, science and technology, and copy their social systems, they would strengthen their nation and would never be regarded as barbarians. Nousos were very realistic and open minded. However, there was also a problem. To learn someone's knowledge includes learning its illusions too. As Nousos tried to master knowledge of the Rounds too quickly, they got prejudice /wrong knowledge of the Rounds and also tended to ignore Nousos' own superior knowledge and traditions.

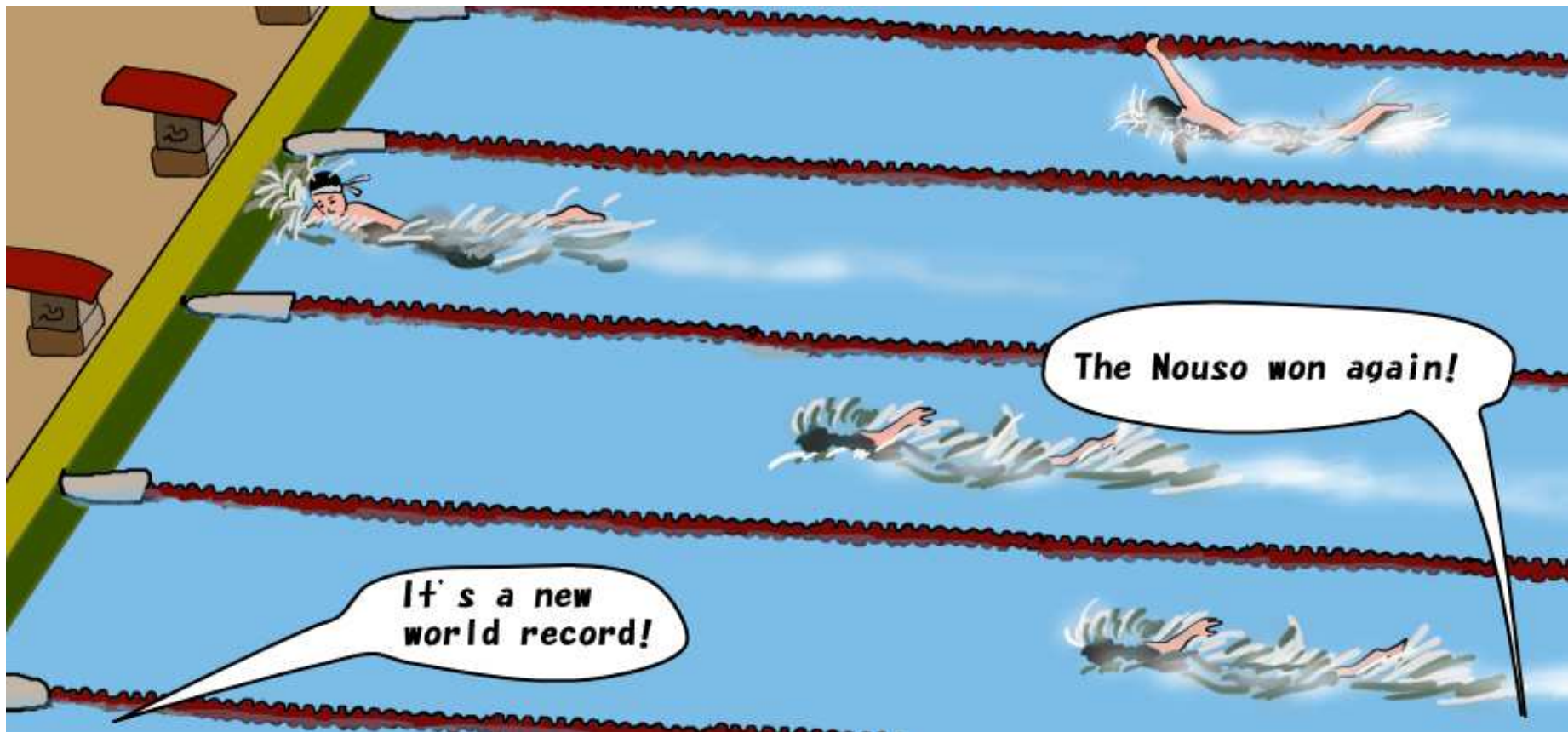


Effort 3: To participate in various international games / competitions

Nousos thought, if they competed and won the Rounds in any fields, they could prove that they were not an inferior race. Needless to say, they must respect seriously the rules made by the Rounds. On the other hand, the main purpose of international competitions for the Rounds were to prove that they were a superior race. As the result, they regarded the victory as the most important thing.



From the beginning, it was just the Rounds' delusion that the Triangles were inferior races. Even if the competitions were in the field of the Rounds original culture, sports or sciences, it was natural to catch up to them if there were enough efforts made. It was getting harder and harder for the Rounds to prove themselves as a superior race, as the result of Nousos' accumulated efforts.

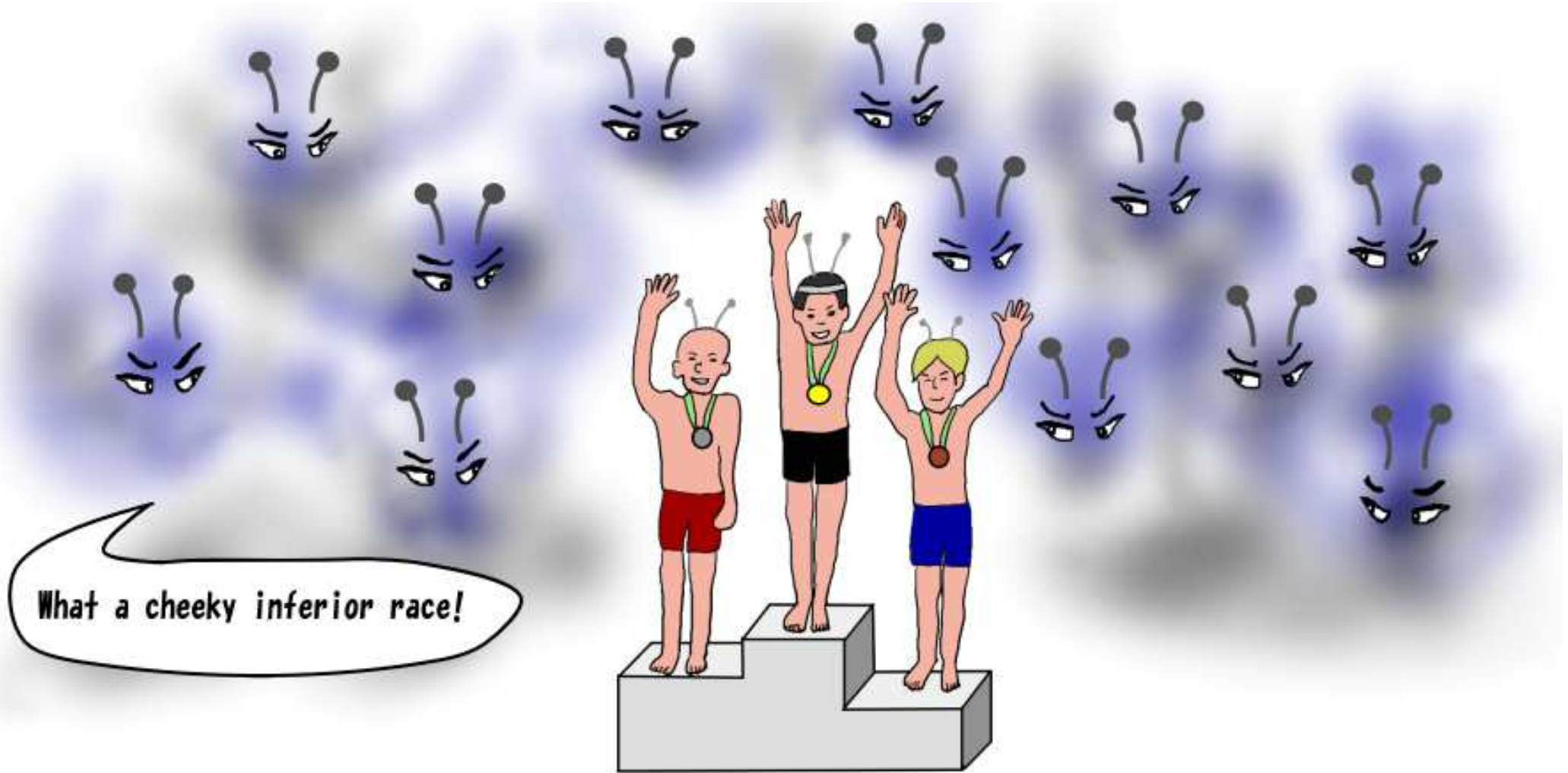


As a result, big anxiety and fear was spreading among the Rounds.

The fantasy of "Triangles are an inferior race" was originally created by the Rounds to justify themselves. If the talent of Nousos, the Triangle is proved to be similar to the one of the Rounds, the Rounds become not able to justify their atrocity committed against the Triangles until now.



Naturally, the Rounds became intensely to fear and hate Nousos who were breaking their delusions.



Nousos felt the strong hostility of the Rounds without understanding the reason at all.

Why are we hated so much? Nousos thought that "It is because, still most probably, we are regarded as inferior. Let's make more efforts!" However it was an illusion, namely, an overestimate. The fact was, the Rounds was only frightened because their illusion was in risk.



Thus Nousos kept making efforts, scaring the Rounds and feeding the big hostility without understanding the psychology of the Rounds.



On one such nerve-wracking day, a diplomat of Nouso made a bombshell announcement in an international conference. ⁶



As for Nousos, it was an extremely natural view. The racial discrimination is a cause of the terrible tragedies and hatred, and it is natural for them to have a wish to abolish it.

⁶ N.B. Some readers may associate with *Racial Equality Proposal* made by Japan at the Paris Peace Conference in 1919, but it is not related at all.

However, the situation is totally different for the Rounds. If each human race was equal, all of their acts including their conquering the world, slaving the Triangles and their isolation policies would lose the fair grounds. It means that they became evil, which they would never be able to accept.



Nousos have finally gone beyond the limit. The Rounds realized that they could not stand it anymore, so they have united and firmly vowed that "We will attack, conquer, destroy Nouso to prove them as an inferior race."

Now the Rounds started to harass Nouse by all means more than before.

What they targeted was the expansion of Nouse's territory. It is a right thing for the Rounds to conquer the Triangles, as the Rounds are a superior race. But it is not permitted for the Inferior race, namely, Nouse to expand against the Rounds. It is against the evolution of the human race! Therefore, they have united together and notified Nouse as follows.

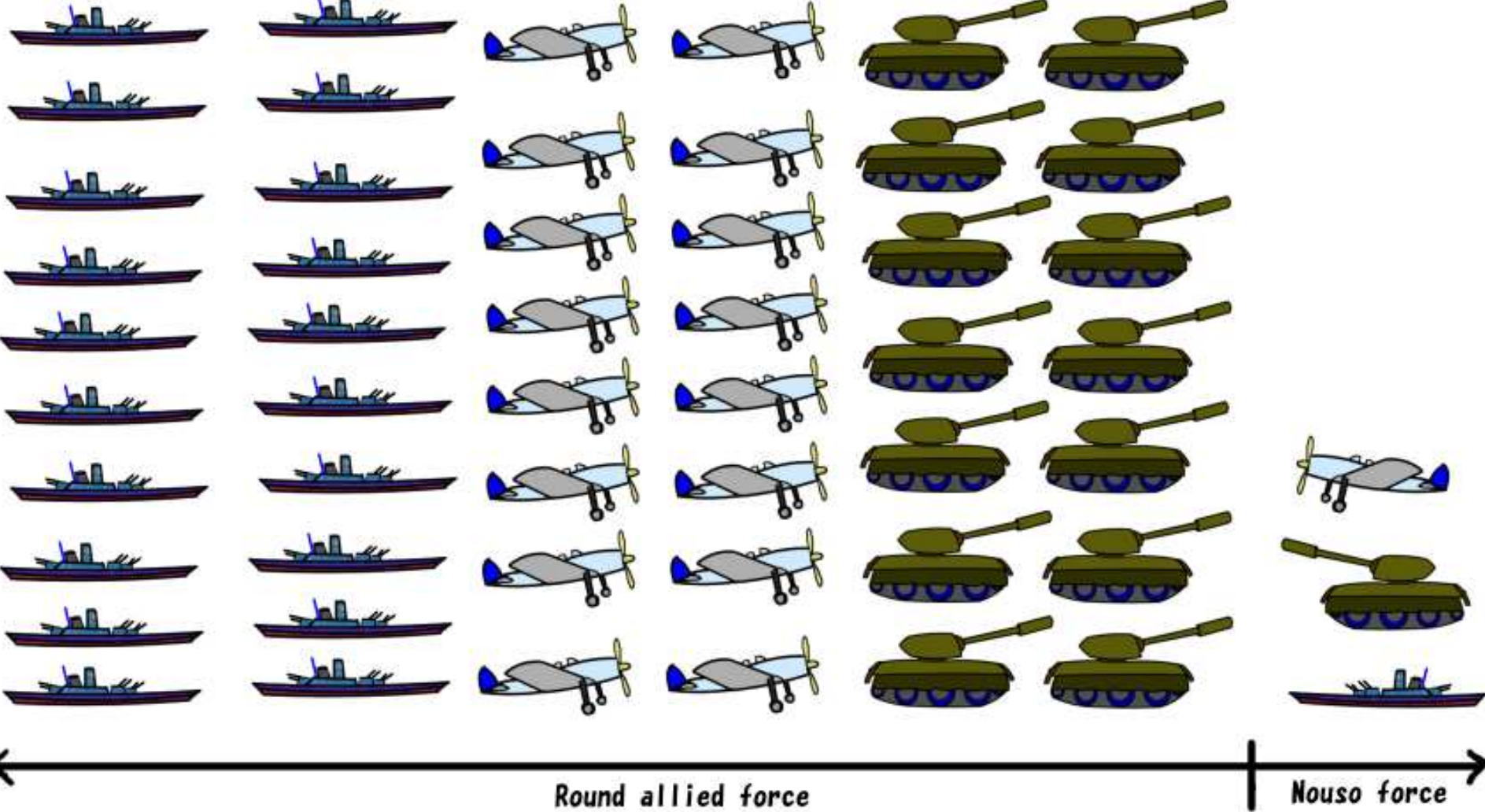


And the Rounds froze Nousos' assets in their territory, supplied weapons to the discontented parties in a sphere of influence of Nouso to support a revolt, strengthened the isolation policy towards Nousos and prohibited the exports of important resources to Nouso.⁷ Neither the warships nor the tanks could work if they cannot import resources, in particular, the energy. If neither the warships nor the tanks could work, there's no way to protect Nouso from the hostility of the Rounds. They will be conquered and ruled like as other Triangles.



⁷N.B. This is NOT about *The Immigration Act of 1924 (The Johnson-Reed Act)*, *Burma Road* or *ABCD line*.

After all, the Rounds have already conquered most of the lands on this planet. The size of the Rounds allied force was dozens of times of Nouso's.



As Nouso is such a small nation, if they fight a war, there is no chance for Nouso to win.

Nobody wants to fight, when he/she knows that they are going to lose.

Naturally, the leaders of Nouse tried to make every effort to avoid the war. They compromised to the Round allied force as much as possible and asked them to have a conference many times. But the all of requests were refused. What the Rounds required Nouse was not the discussion on the equal grounds but a proof showing the inferiority of Nouses, namely, their surrender.



Now only two options were left for Nouso before the Rounds who have decided to crash the Nouso.

Option 1: Surrender without fighting

This is to admit that the Nousos are an inferior race. In this case, they can avoid the Rounds from killing many of them immediately, but they will lose independency of their country. In addition, they will be discriminated and dominated like as the other Triangles.



Option 2: Fighting the war knowing that they are going to lose

This means that they will face the atrocity immediately. In addition, they will surely lose independency of their country.



The leaders of Nouse chose to fight the war from the two options given. It was because that they have a traditional philosophy, which is "Find a way in the midst of death".⁸

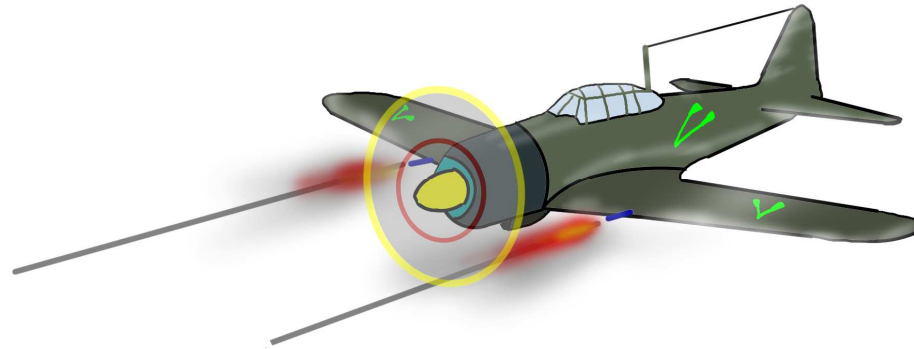
⁸ Some readers may associate with the following saying of Osami Nagano (Marshal Admiral of Imperial Japan), but it is not related at all. "The government has decided that the country would be ruined if they avoided the war, but the country may also be ruined with the war. However, if they didn't fight and the country was ruined, it would result in a genuine ruin of the nation, losing its spirit. Thus, only fighting until our last soldier left will make us find a way in the midst of death."

However, fighting the war destined to lose means that it costs not only one's own life but also its beloved families and its country men. The nation of Nouse may be ruined too.

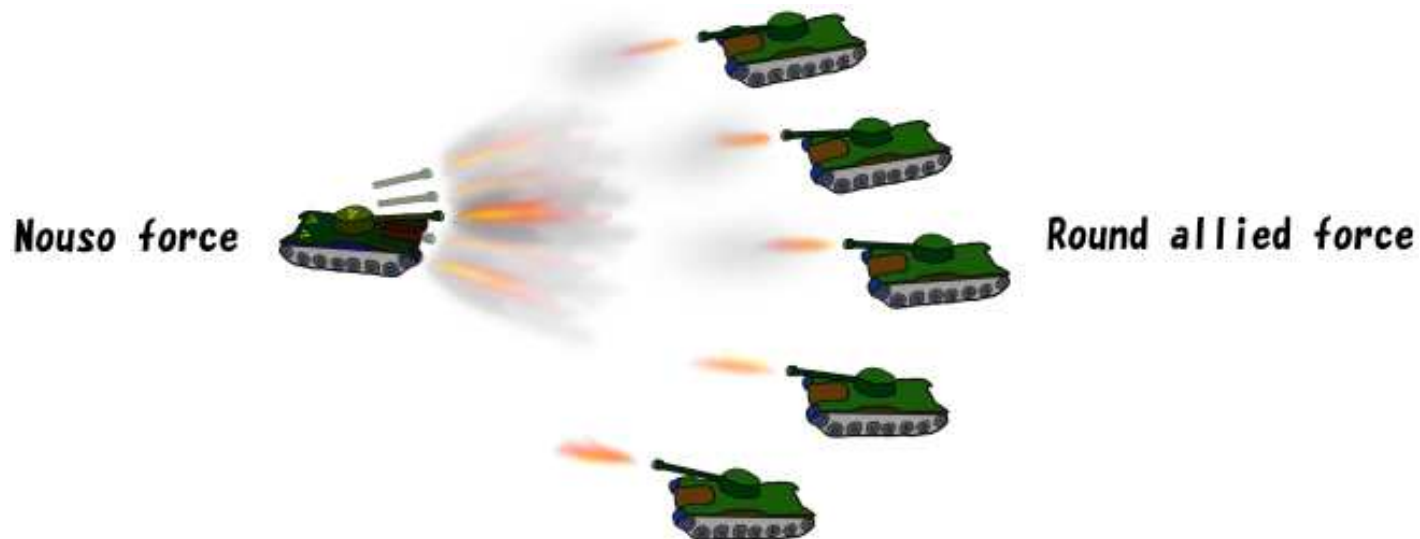


When the leader of Nouse realized that the outbreak of war was inevitable, he cried bitterly.

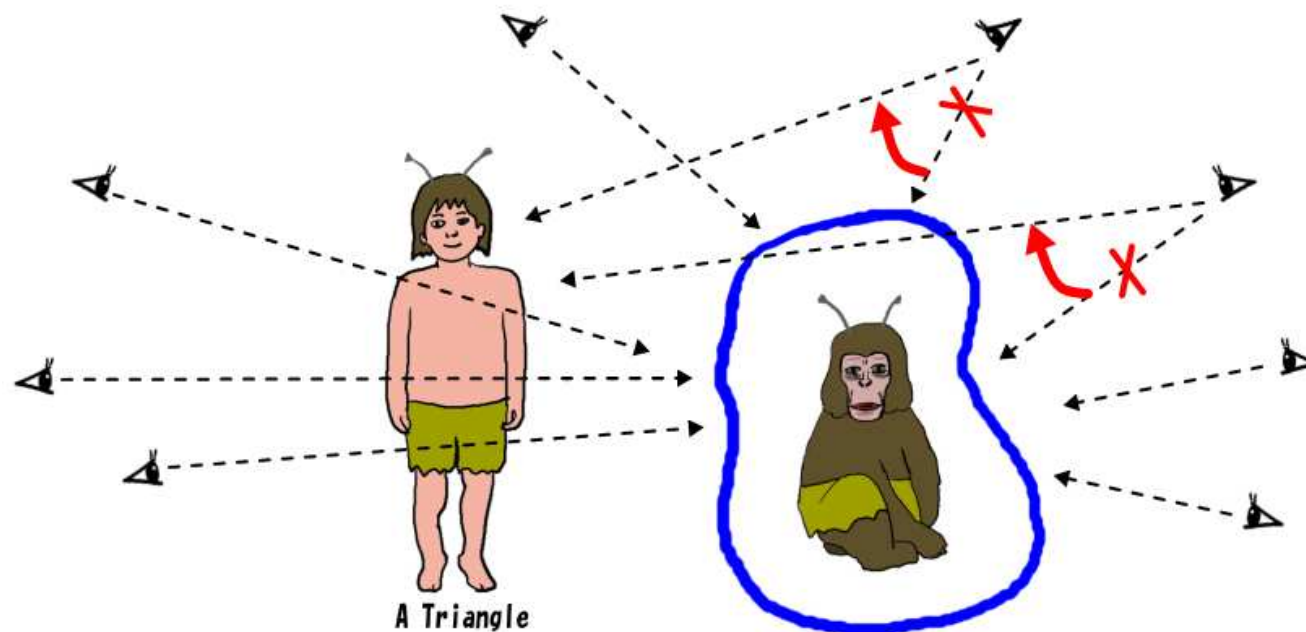
The war has begun. There was a huge difference between their military powers. However, because of the fighting spirits of Nouse soldiers carry, the war became really intense.



Whenever the condition is similar, the Nouse's force has never lost against the Rounds' force. The Nouse's and the Rounds' military power was in balance only when the Round's force was several times bigger than the Nouse's.



There were a lot of people amongst the Rounds, who believed that *strength* was the key factor of determining the difference between an inferior race and a superior race. This was because the other Triangles continued being defeated by the Rounds for several hundred years and proved their weakness all the time. Through the eyes of the Rounds who regarded the difference of *strength* is the determining factor between an inferior race and a superior race, the Nousos did not look like an inferior race. In other words, **the perception of "Triangles are an inferior race" has been changed** for some of the Rounds.



The war continued for many years. The purpose for the Round soldiers to fight the war was to win, of course. It is a most ridiculous thing to die in the war. However, the purpose for the Nouse soldiers to fight the war was not to win. They had no chance to win the war from the beginning. The destiny to be defeated and killed could not be avoided. But they could show their toughness, courage and pride in the process of death. In other words, the purpose of the fight of Nouse soldiers was to show the way of dying. That was also to release their anger that was hugely accumulated by being treated as an inferior race.



In an intense fight, the Rounds were shaken by the excessive fighting spirit of Nouse soldiers.

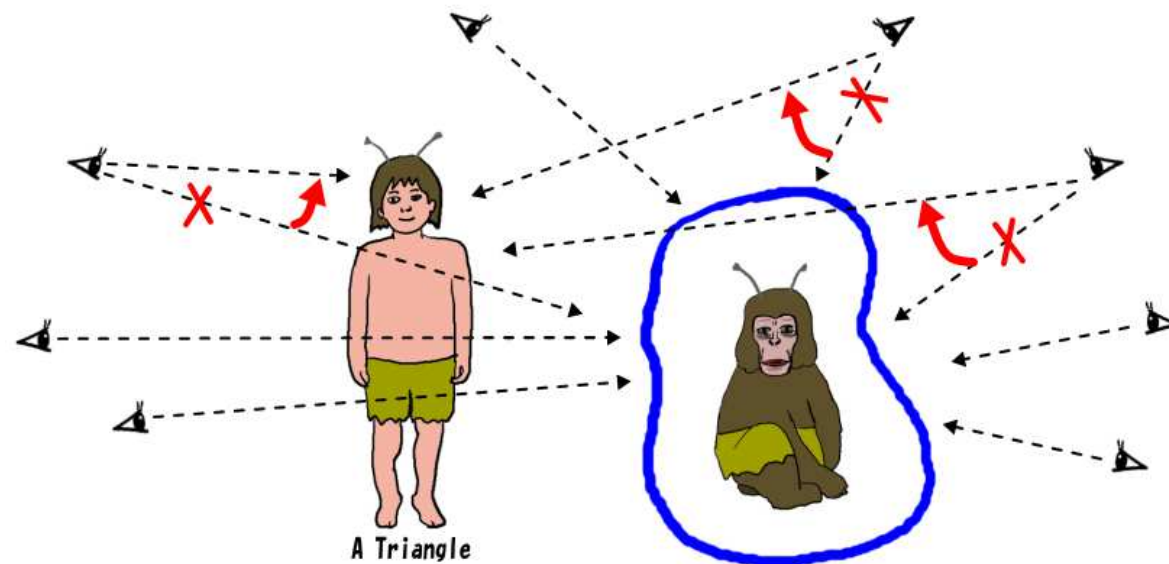


There were a lot of people amongst the Rounds, who believed that the courage was the key factor of determining the difference between an inferior race and a superior race. It was because the other Triangles with a few exceptions continued being conquered easily and rarely showed their braveness.

"They are much more courageous than us", said the Rounds, which was their actual feeling that cannot be denied.

Through the eyes of the Rounds who regarded the difference of the courage is the determining factor between an inferior race and a superior race, the Nousos did not look like an inferior race. In other words, **the perception of**

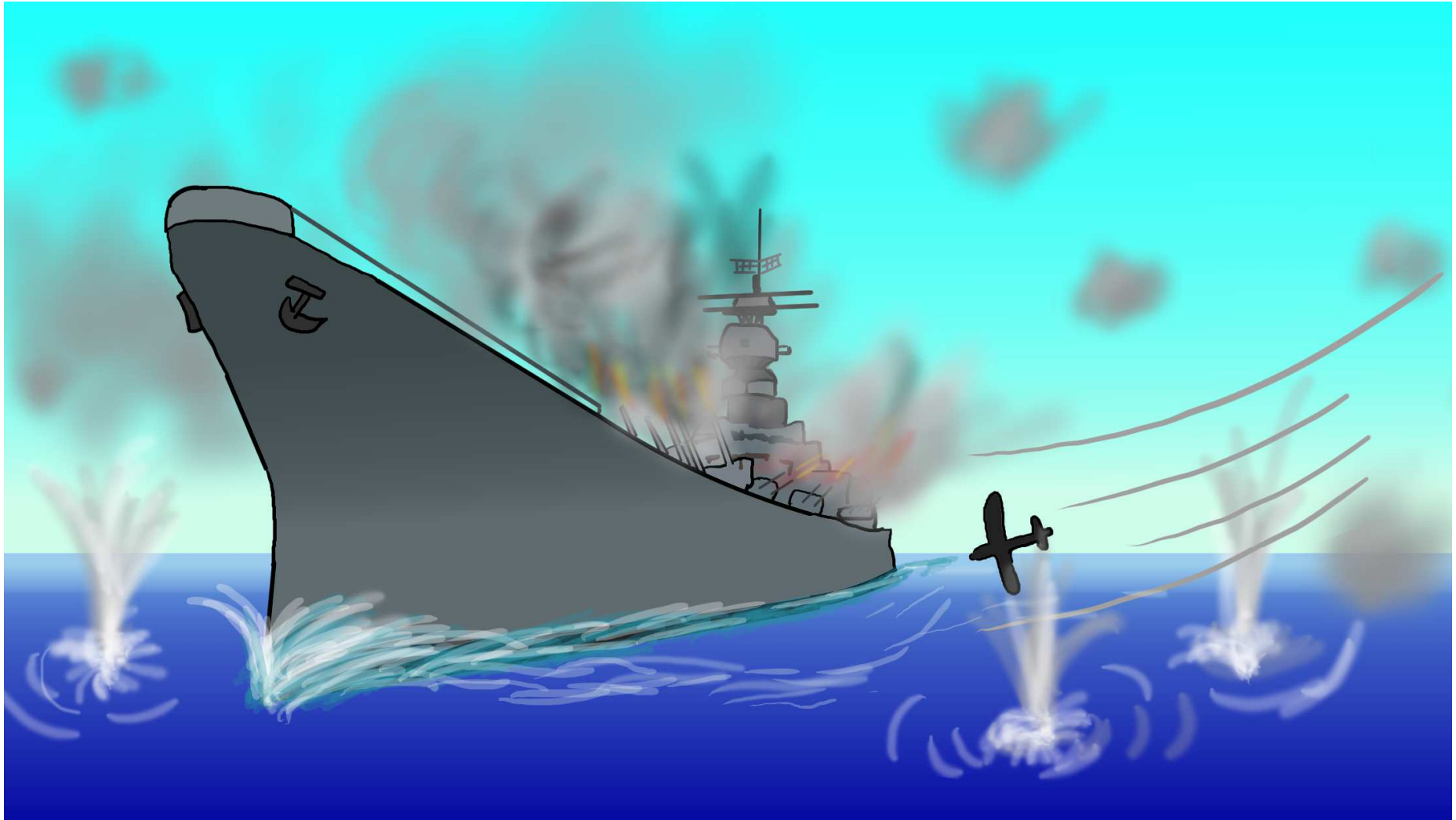
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However, the Nouso's force was gradually cornered over the time. No matter how strong and brave they were in the individual battles, they could not do much against the huge military power. This war is a fight between the conqueror of this planet and a remote small country. As their defeat was likely, the Nousos sought the way of the honourable surrender. However, it was simply ignored. The honour is the last necessity for the inferior race.

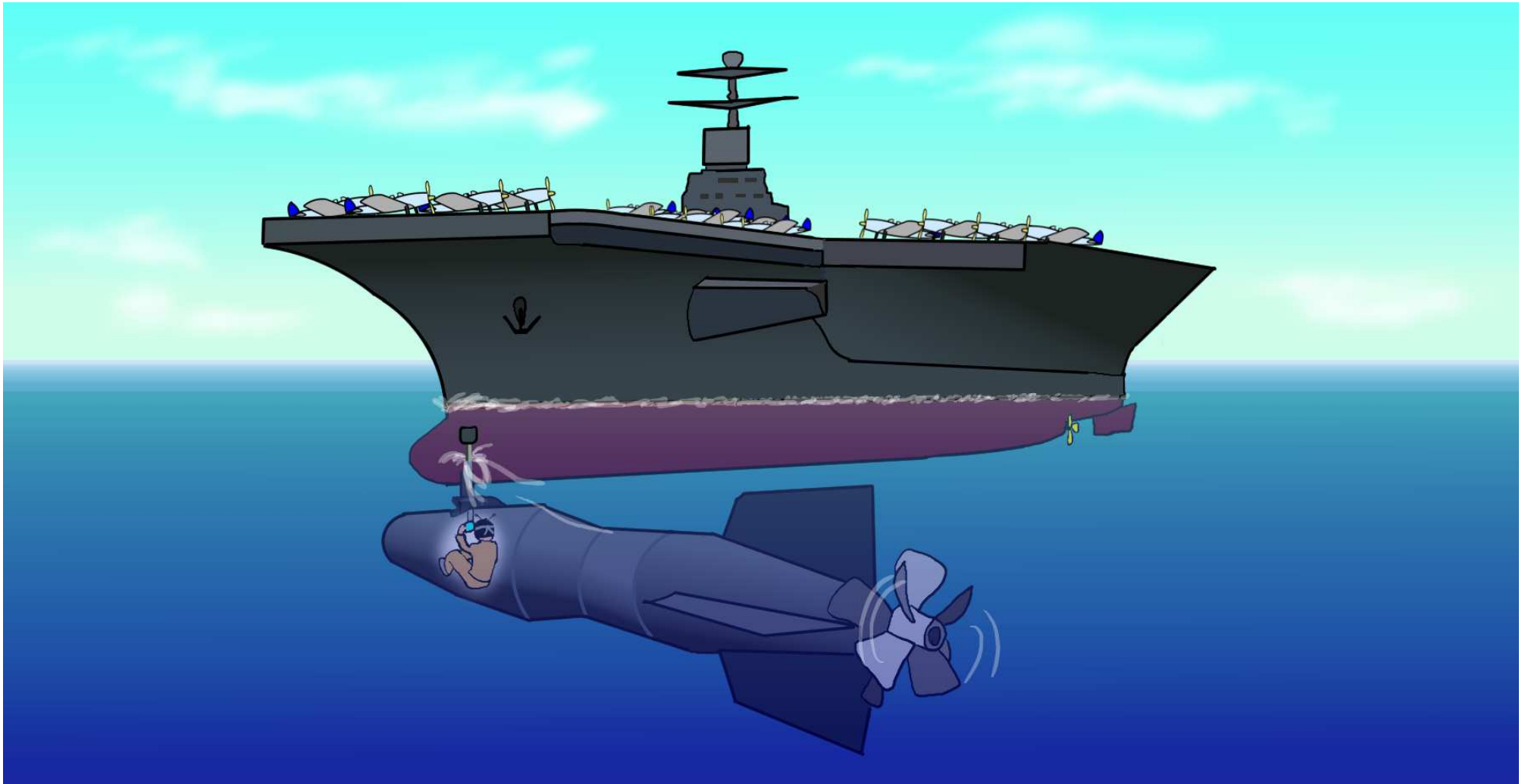


The cornered Nousos began suicide attacks at last. It is to dash oneself against enemy on an airplane or a small submarine (torpedo) to improve hitting accuracy.



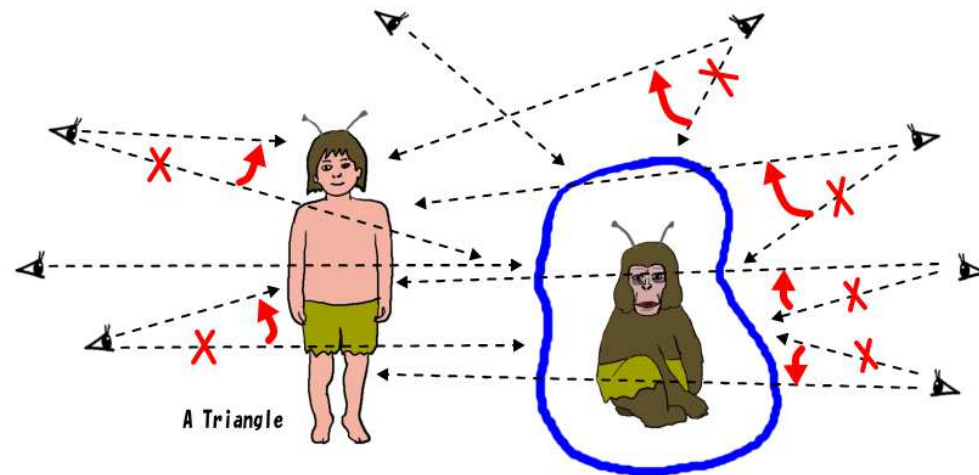
Not only the Nousos but also the fellow Triangles voluntarily joined the suicide attacks.

The tactics is more dangerous than risking your life, it is a tactics to die.



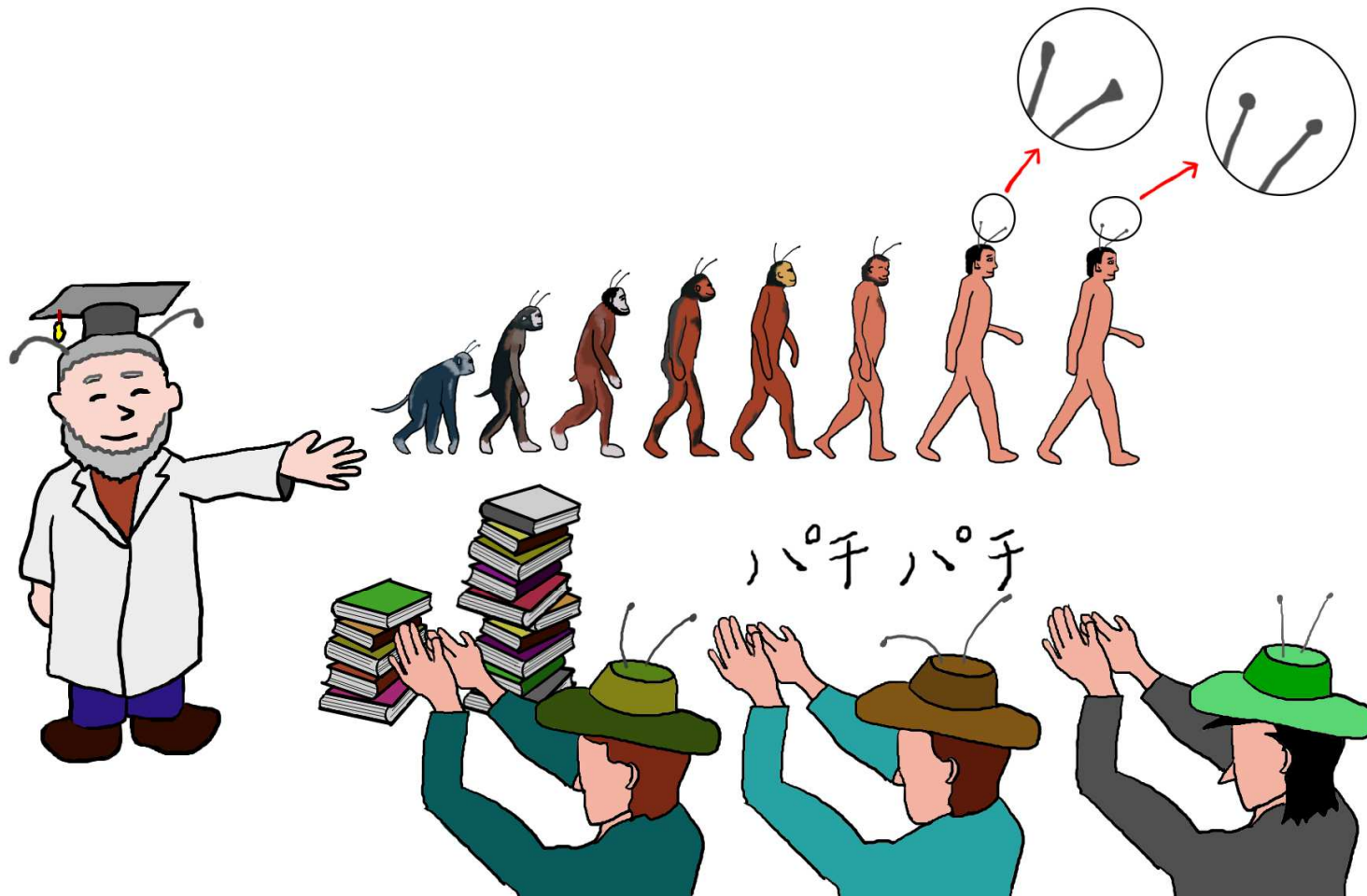
The suicide attacks really surprised the Rounds. Not only they were scared of the suicide attacks but also astonished and moved deeply by the Nousos' spirit of self-sacrifice.

There were some people amongst the Rounds, who believed the spirit of self-sacrifice was the key factor of determining the difference between an inferior race and a superior race. Surely there were some Triangles who committed self-sacrifice and defied in the past, but it was the first time to see over 10,000 people committing suicide attacks in the history of this planet. Through the eyes of some of the Rounds, the Nousos' youngsters who hurled themselves with bombs did not look like an inferior race. In other words, **the perception of "Triangles are an inferior race" has been changed.**

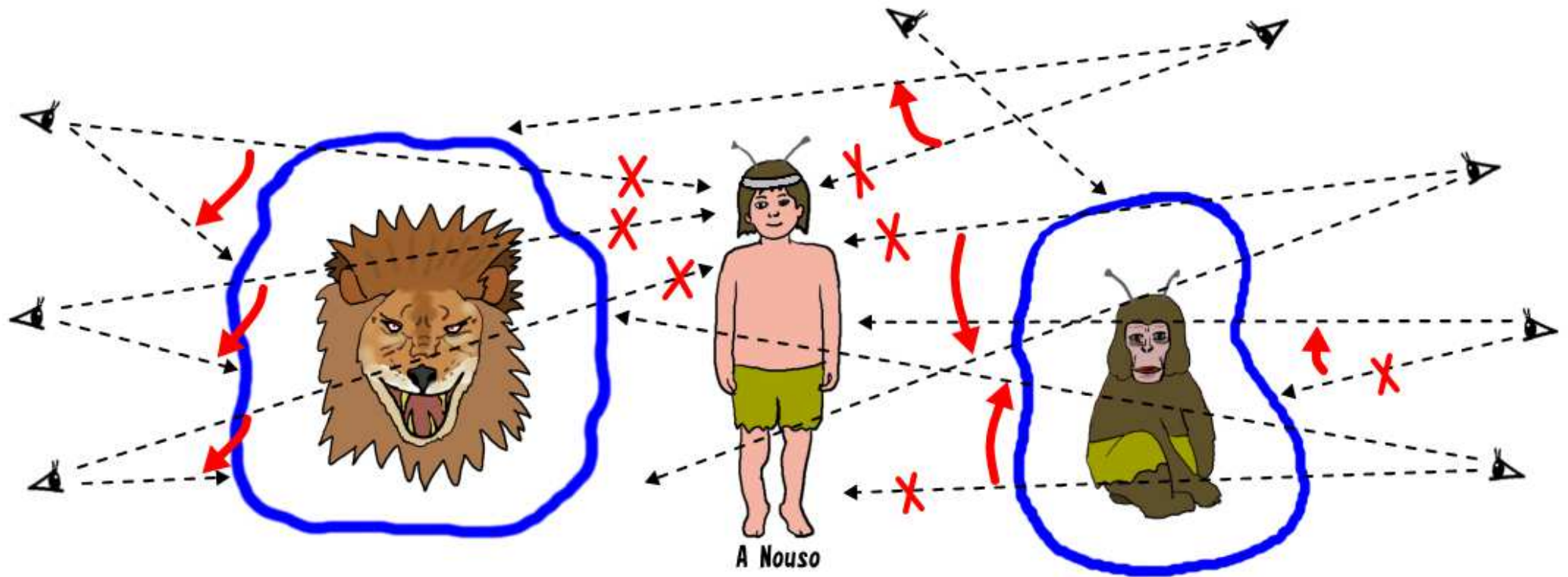


Thus the common-sense of "Triangles are an inferior race" amongst the people (both the Rounds and the Triangles) on this planet was beaten repeatedly and was shaken very much. There were many people who could not think that Triangles were an inferior race any more.

Still the majority of the Rounds could not admit that the Triangles were the same human beings. After all, they invented a science called eugenics in order to justify themselves and deceived themselves that the Rounds were a superior race for several hundred years.



The majority of the Rounds started to believe that the way of fighting of the Nouse soldiers were not the proof of courage but the one of their brutal nature, for example, "The other Triangles are weak, have neither braveness nor the spirit of self-sacrifice. The Nouses are surely different. But the Triangles cannot be proper human beings like us, the Rounds. Oh, yes. The Nouses must be ferocious beasts. No question about that!"

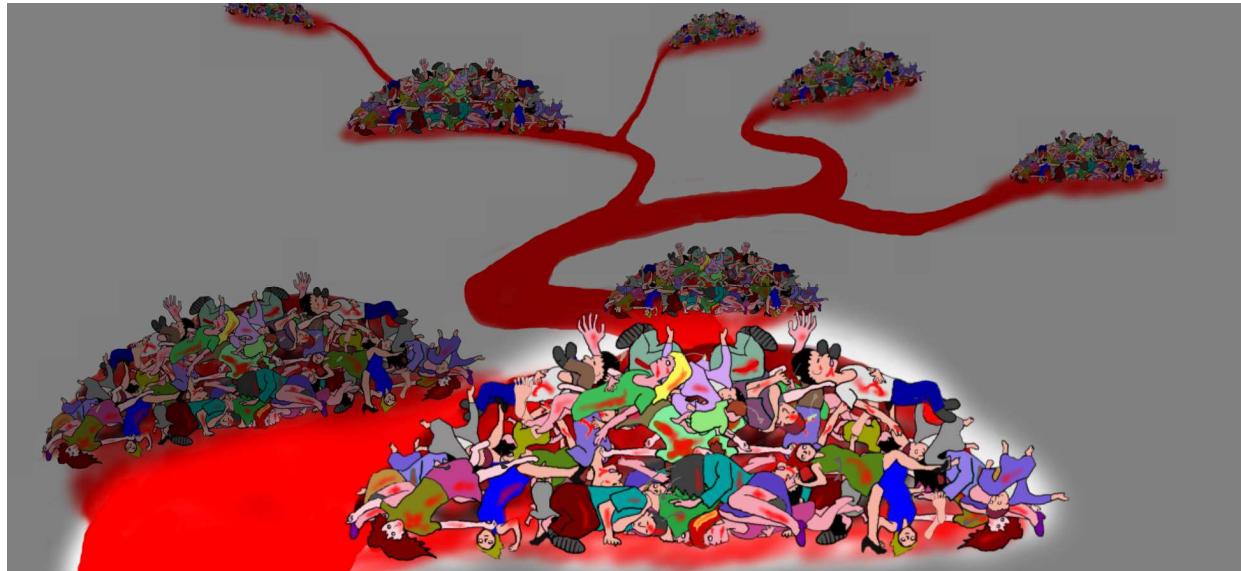


People act based on their recognition. The Rounds who perceived that "the Nousos are brutal beasts," bombarded Nouso and killed hundreds thousands of people indiscriminately including females and children during the several months. The bombs were dropped over two hundred cities in Nouso and the bombardments on the capital city was repeated over one hundred times.



For the past several hundred years, the Rounds killed countless Triangles beyond imagination.

However, it was the first time to slaughter that many Triangles indiscriminately during such a short period of time, which was only several months. As all the bullets ran out, millions of people were killed and no factory was left and the Nousos have no power to fight. If they kept resisting more, they would become extinct like many other Triangles. After 4 years of fierce fight, the Nousos finally surrendered thoroughly.



Thus the most intense war in the history of this planet was finished by one-sided victory of the Round allied force. The death toll in this war of the Rounds was several tens of thousands. On the other hand, the death toll of Nouso amounted to several millions.

The occupation army landed in Nouso.



They murdered the Nousos innumerably. Although the Rounds landed down with honourable attitude on the fire-ravaged area, in reality, they were extremely terrified in their minds. Even the war as the nation was finished, individual revenges and fierce terrorism were expected. After all, the Nousos are furious wild beasts!

However, surprisingly, the people of Nouso were organized in the fire-ravaged area and showed no resistance. Of course, the perception of that the Nousos are wild beasts was only the delusion that the Rounds made at their own discretion. Originally Nouso are the race who lived calmly and peacefully over hundreds years. They have a long tradition and deep spiritual culture to value the harmony amongst people.

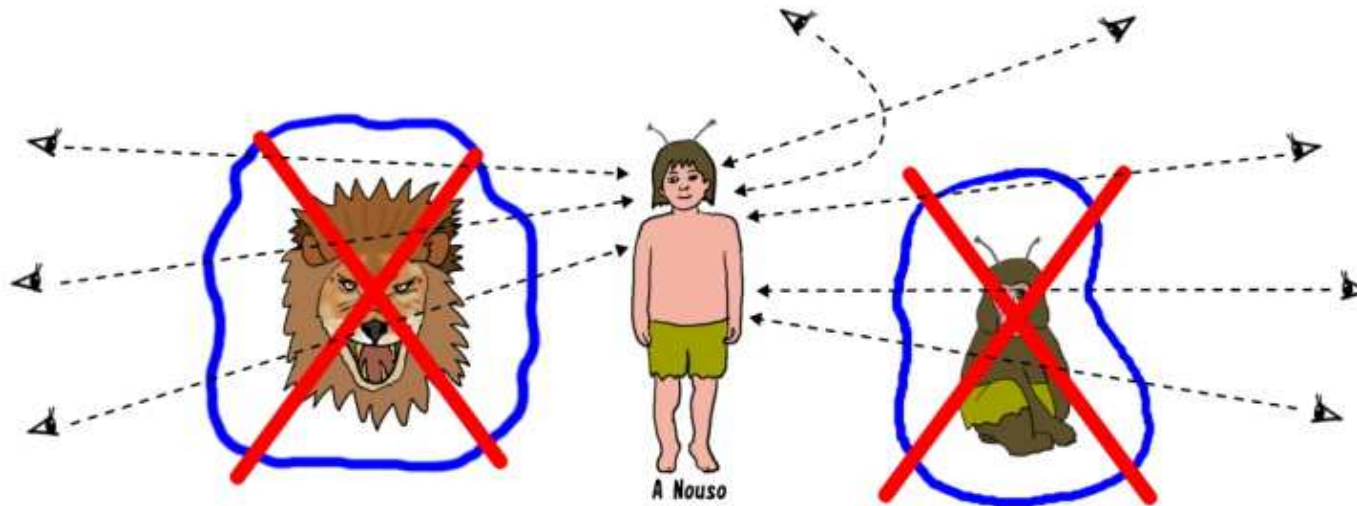


Through the eyes of the Rounds who believed "Nousos are wild beast", the people of Nouso who cared each other at the defeated burnt field did not look like brutal animals.

Eventually, they could not keep their delusion, which was, "Nousos are wild beasts".



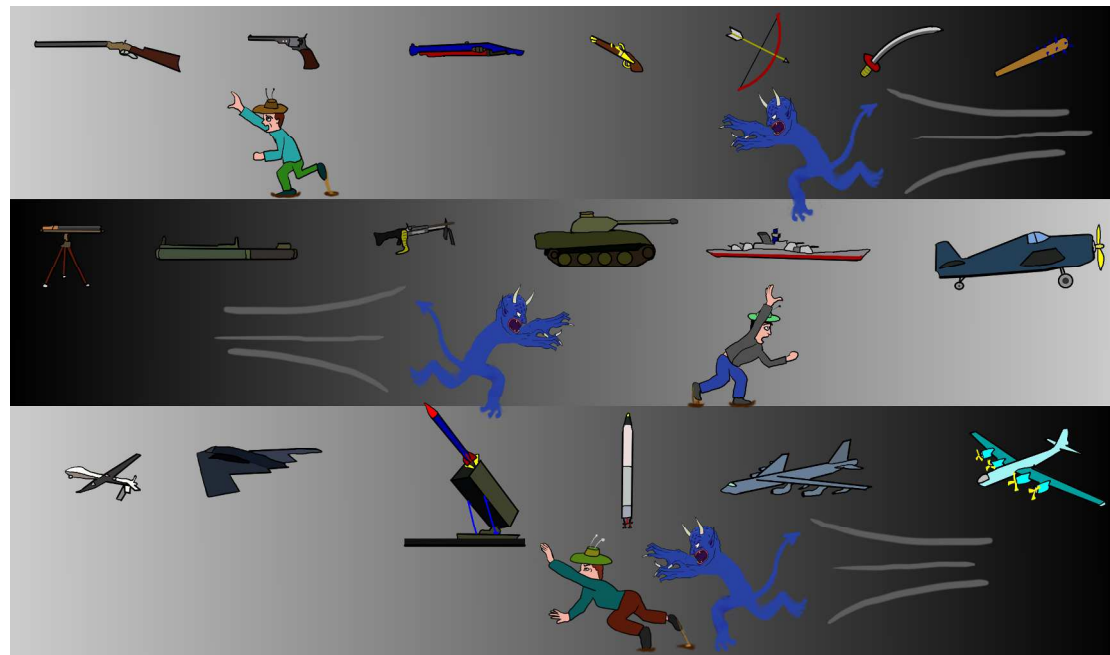
Thus finally, the common-sense/illusion of "Triangles are an inferior race" that has continued for hundreds years became extinct.



Now there's a big problem! If it is left like this, the Rounds would become bad, because they mistook the Triangles as an inferior race, did every harassment to Nouso, mistook Nouso who got angry with the harassment as brutal beasts and killed millions of them. How can they justify themselves?



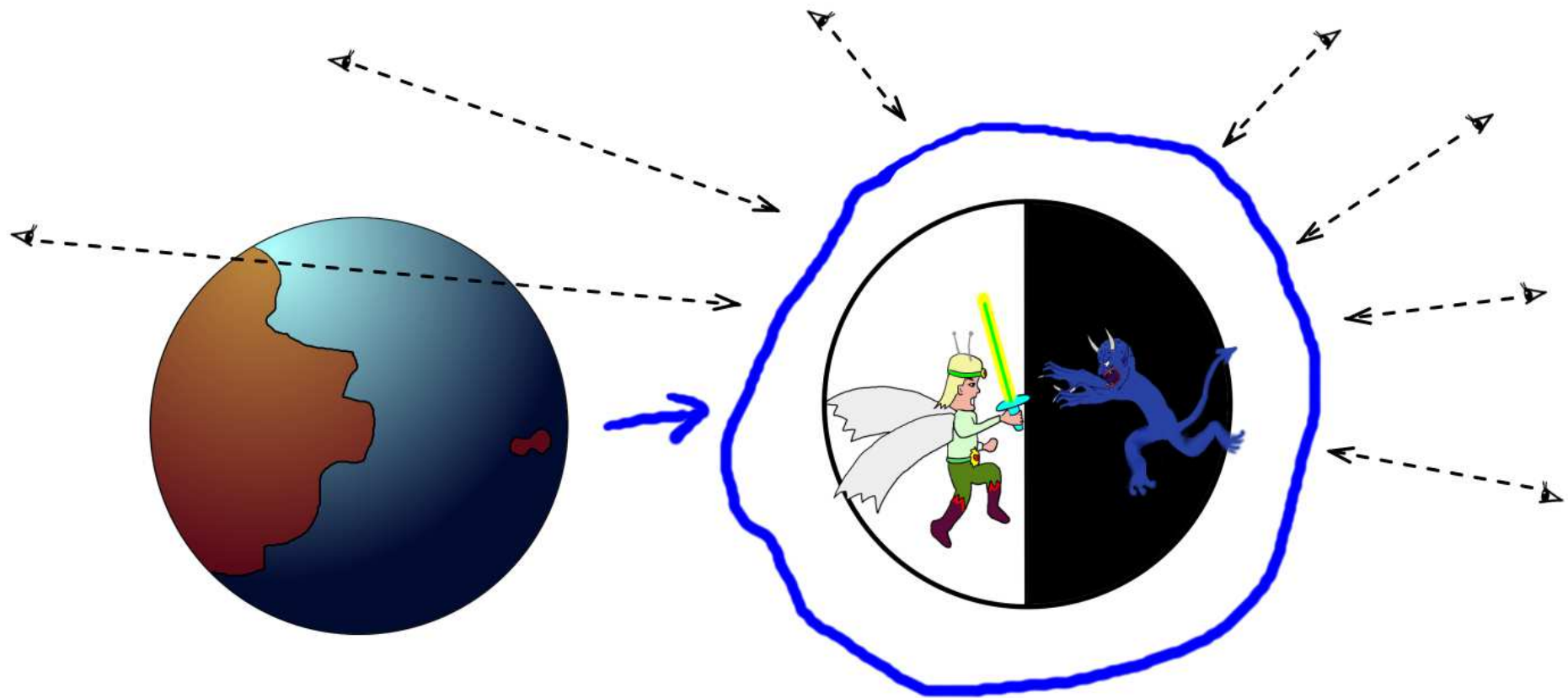
The Rounds whose delusion was destroyed were cornered and sought the way of self-justification to the fantasy of the nature of human race and the illusion of *good and evil*. The delusion of human nature is a belief like; "A human being has a combative instinct. Therefore, human beings are always opposed and fight against each other. This is a law of nature called the struggle for existence." No matter how many people were killed, if you put the blame on a fighting instinct or the battle for existence, don't you feel that self-justification becomes somehow possible?



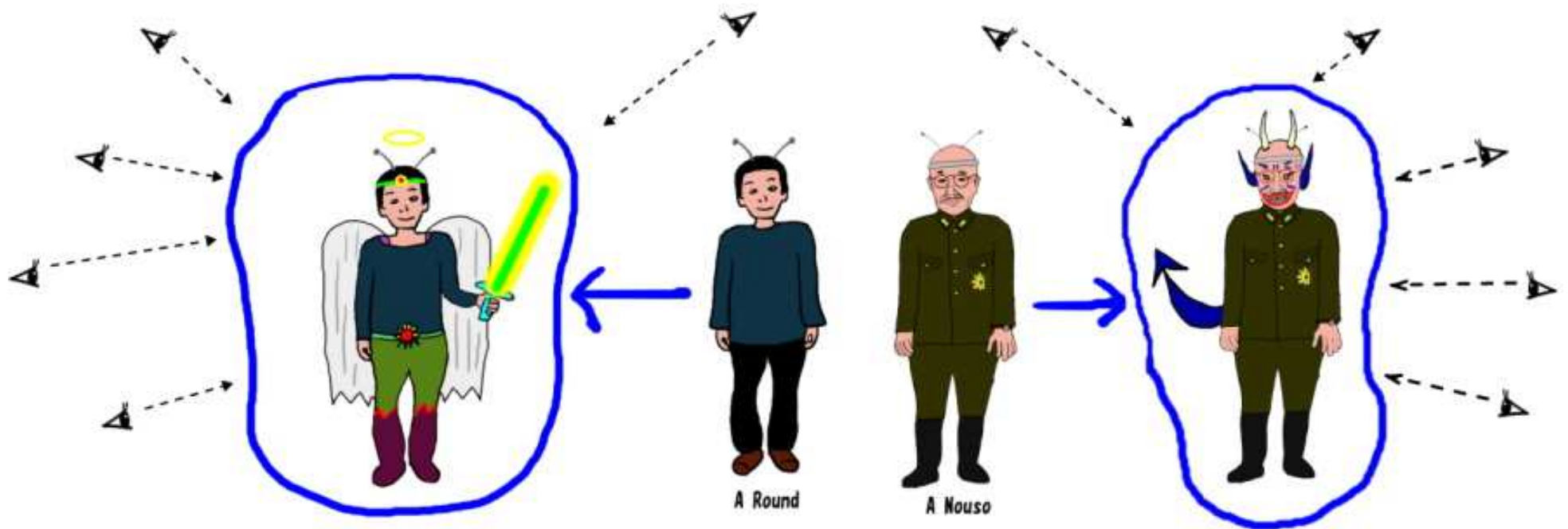
It is just an extension of the belief "People are living beings who automatically get into conflict" that the Rounds brought up for a long time.

In addition, the Rounds used the illusion of *right and wrong*.

The Rounds have relied on the illusion of *right and wrong*, so to speak, addicted to *good and evil* for thousands of years in their history. They built up a strange view of the world, "The world is made from good and evil that conflict against each other" in their history.



If you think *good and evil* as a classification with only two classes of "good" and "evil", it becomes a most rough classification (if it has only one class, you do not call it as "a classification"), so that you can classify easily anything or anybody to whichever as you like.⁹ If you classify your enemy to "evil", no matter how many millions of enemies you killed, you may have an illusion of that "I only destroyed evil." In other words, the Rounds tried to form the delusion below for their self-justification instead of the illusion of "The Triangles are inferior" that was already destroyed.



⁹It is very easy to classify all the human beings to evil, if you wish. Please refer to "Which?"

However, the delusion is not easily established. Unless one **deceives oneself** as if it is real and believes the delusion, the fantasy won't be able to exist.



Therefore, the Rounds held an elaborate ceremony to deceive themselves.

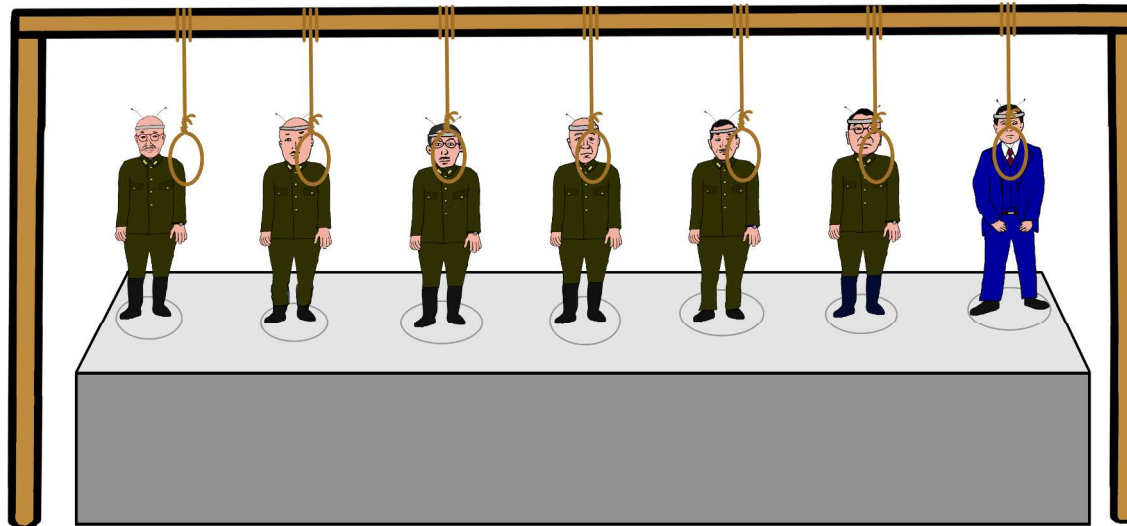
It must be looked like as if it was a pursuit of objective truth (otherwise they cannot believe it), and the conclusion (=fantasy) of that "Nousos are evil and Rounds are good" must be fixed beforehand.

As the conclusion is decided in advance, it is impossible to pursue an objective truth. But if it does not look like a quest for an objective reality, it is impossible to deceive themselves.

The fantasy of "Triangles are inferior" was destroyed, the Rounds were forced to do such a difficult task. The Rounds keep having this complicated ceremony for over 2 years. It was the time and process that is needed for the Rounds to deceive themselves and believe the delusion.



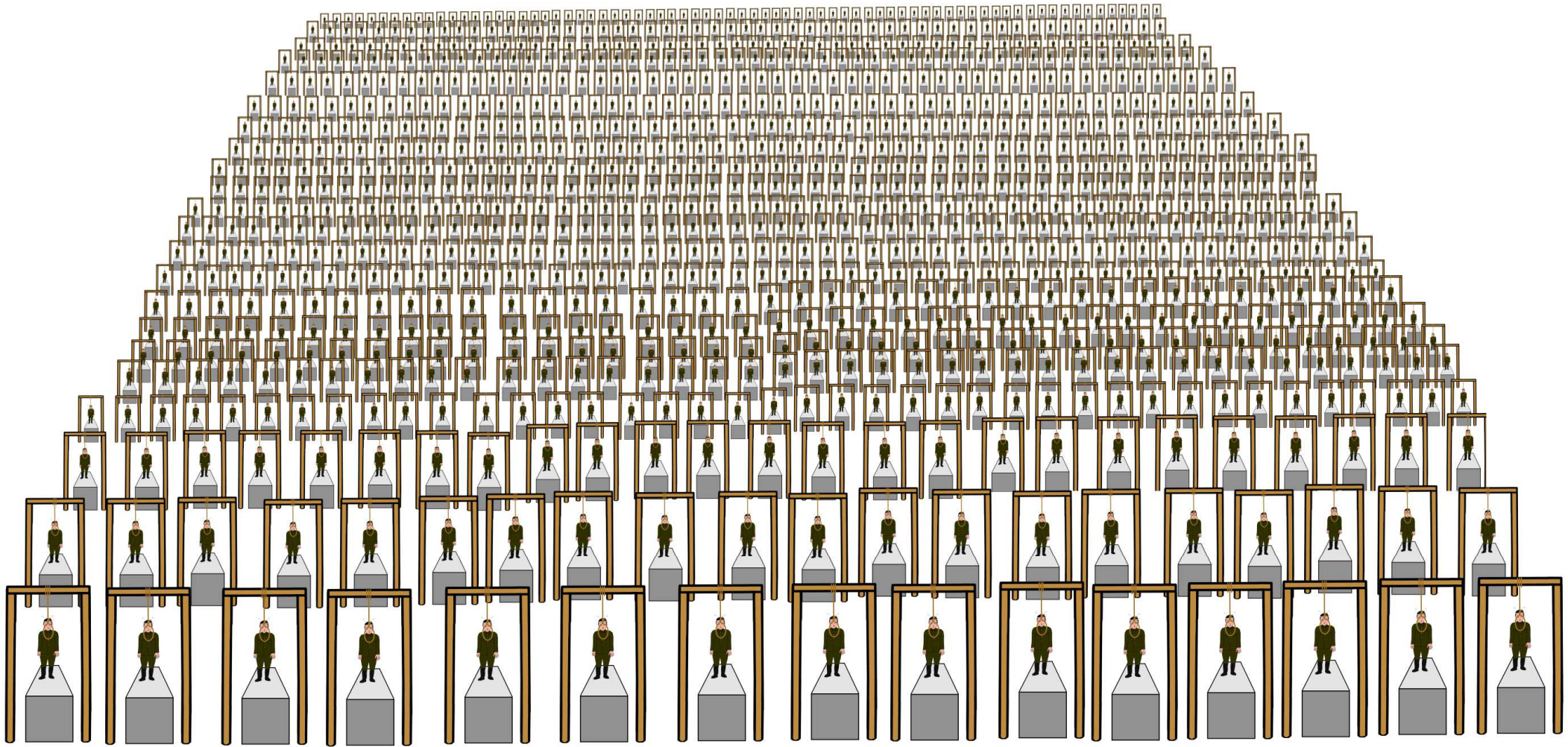
Now the delusion was somehow established. The next step is to reinforce the fantasy by following the teaching of "Hate what is evil". Even though a delusion is unstable, if one follows it, the one can believe it deeper. The Rounds sentenced the leaders of Nouse to death following the illusion that they newly made. Needless to say, if they kill the leaders, they will never be brought forward a counterargument by the dead ones and be threatened to destroy their fantasy forever.¹⁰



The corpses of leaders of Nouse were made into ash and thrown away in the sea. Mourning for evil should never be permitted even for their countrymen or their bereaved families. A hero of justice must hate what is evil thoroughly.

¹⁰ N.B. This is not related to Japanese war criminals.

Furthermore, the Rounds opened similar ceremonies repeatedly all over the world and sentenced over 1,000 military officers of Noso to death.



However, it was not enough.

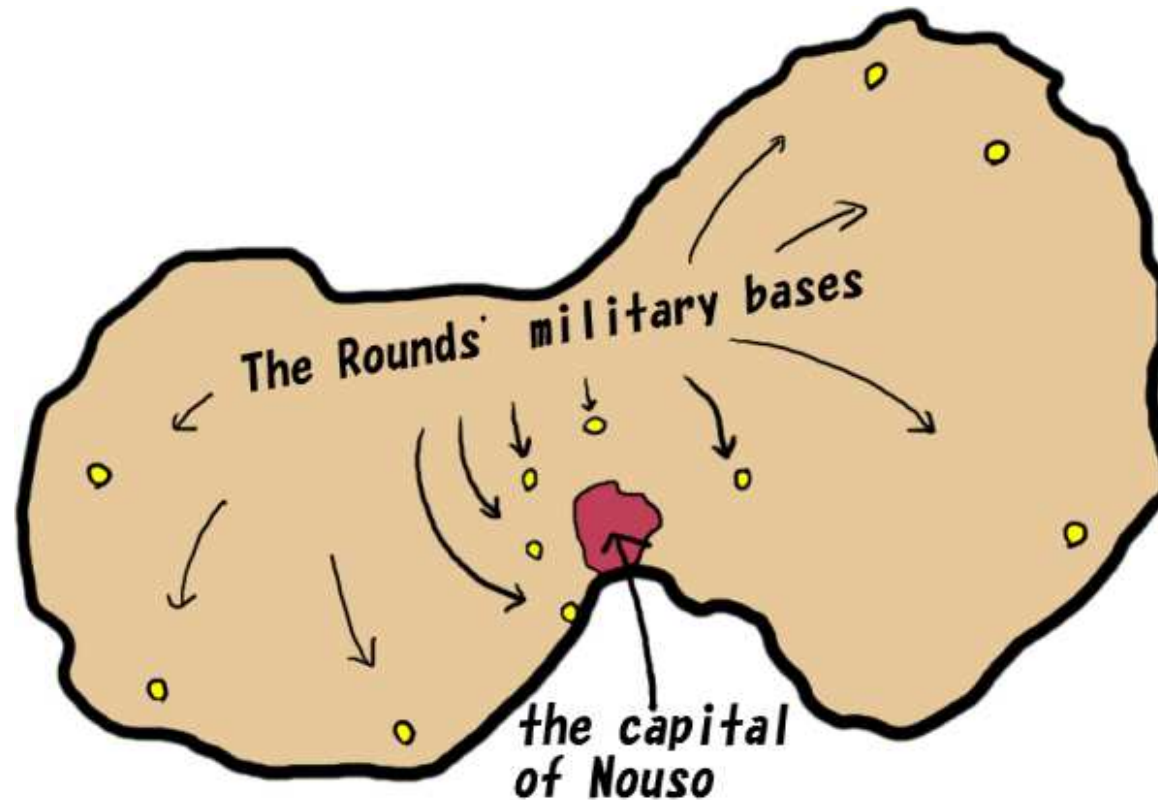
If one cannot believe his/her illusion by oneself, the fantasy will be destroyed for an instance.

The delusion of "Nouso is evil" is still fragile. If Nouso is permitted freedom of speech, the illusion will inevitably be destroyed. After all, they have terrible *criminal record* to have destroyed the cast-iron fantasy that was developed by the Rounds during hundreds of years. They can't be too vigilant.

Therefore they publicized "Nouso is evil" repeatedly through the mass media and school education, using the power of the occupation army. Needless to say, all books and newspapers were censored to prevent any counterarguments. In fact, the Rounds advocates freedom of speech, so it is real self-contradiction to censor, but has no room to say such a thing at all.



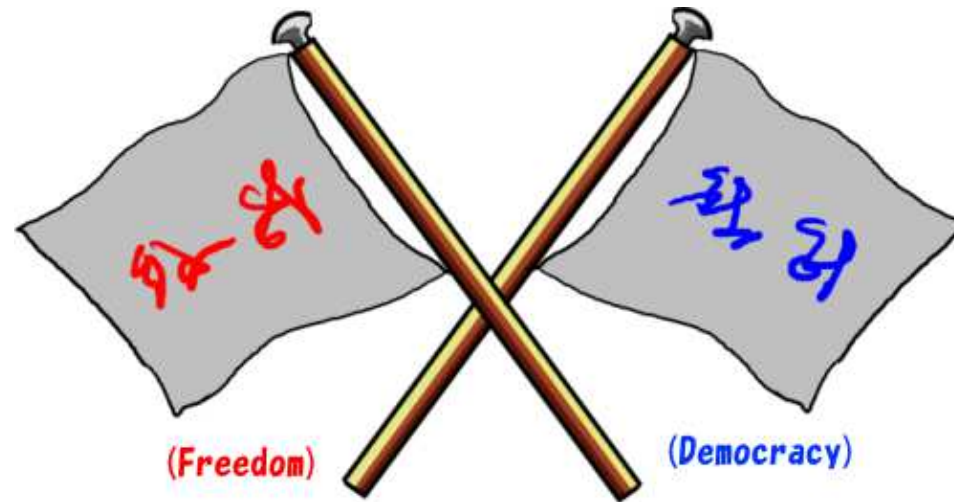
Furthermore, the Rounds placed their armed force over the country of Nouso permanently. The Rounds' military bases have surrounded even the metropolitan area of Nouso.



The areas of military bases are extraterritoriality and are prohibited for the Nousos to enter, so that even a police officer cannot enter. This makes the Rounds possible to resort to force on Nouso anytime as they like. It means that they can put a huge pressure anytime on the centre of Nouso, which includes mass media, politics and the judiciary.

And whenever politicians or journalists of Nouse who may disturb the important delusion of the Rounds appear, the Rounds ousted them immediately.

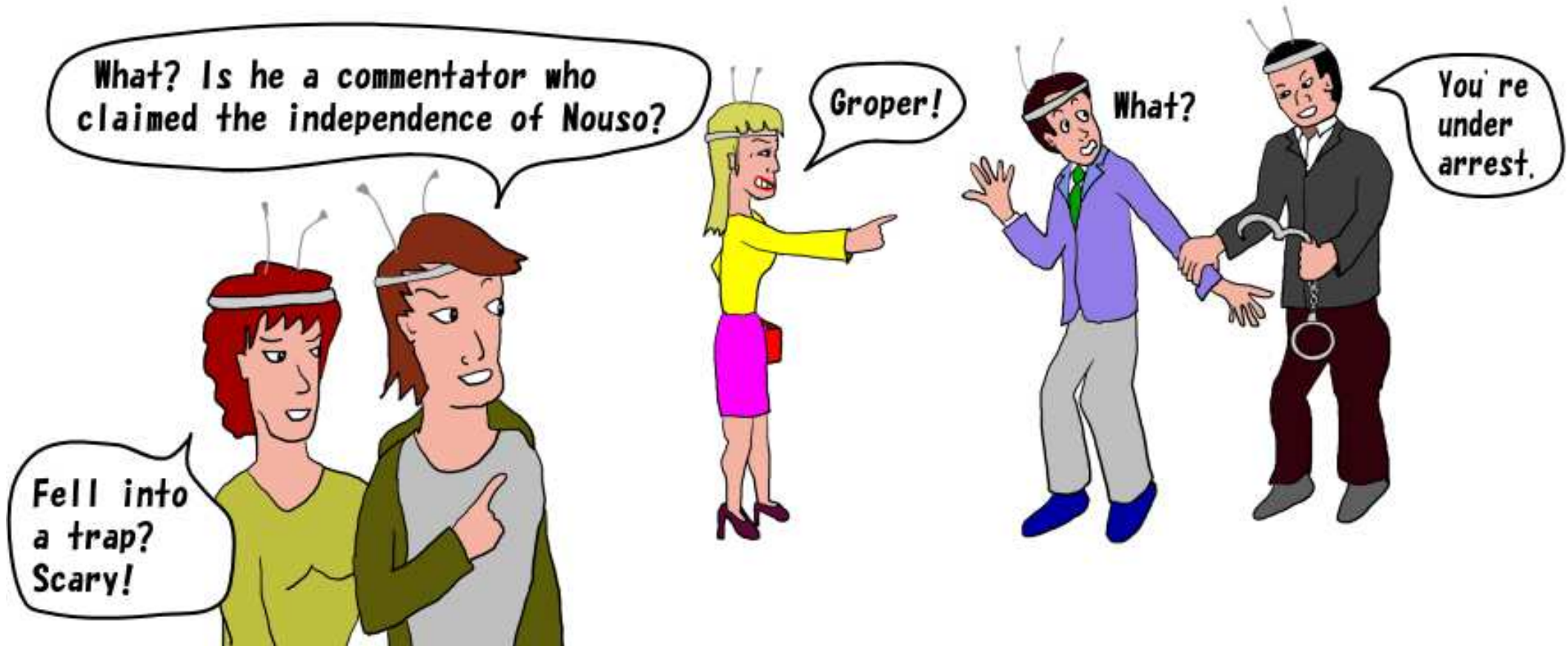
In fact, the Rounds advocate democracy, so it is real self-contradiction to oust politicians or journalists of Nouse who have different opinions, but has no room to say such a thing at all.



In this way every kind of method was used to control Nouse in order to strengthen the delusion of that "The Round is a champion of justice whereas Nouse is evil". As the result, Nouse was forced to be warped like follows.

#Nouse must admit "Nouse is evil and the Round is good". And it must be looked like as if Nouse judged it freely from its own will (otherwise the Rounds cannot deceive themselves and cannot protect their illusion).

Any speech or news against the illusion of “Nouso is bad whereas Round is good” are virtually prohibited. However, it must be looked like as if freedom of speech and press freedom exist in Nouso (otherwise the Rounds cannot keep their fantasy).



The Nouso sovereignty is limited, and the Rounds make the decision of the important matter substantially. However, Nouso must seem to be an independent, a constitutional and a democratic country with free will where the sovereignty rests with the people (otherwise the Rounds cannot keep their delusion).

There is virtually no choice for Nouse regarding the existence of the occupation army, but it must be looked like as if Nouse asked the Rounds to keep their army in Nouse (otherwise the Rounds cannot keep the delusion).

As the perfect control is achieved thoroughly to this extent, the delusion of "The Rounds allied force of justice fought against a demon called Nouse" won't be threatened any more.

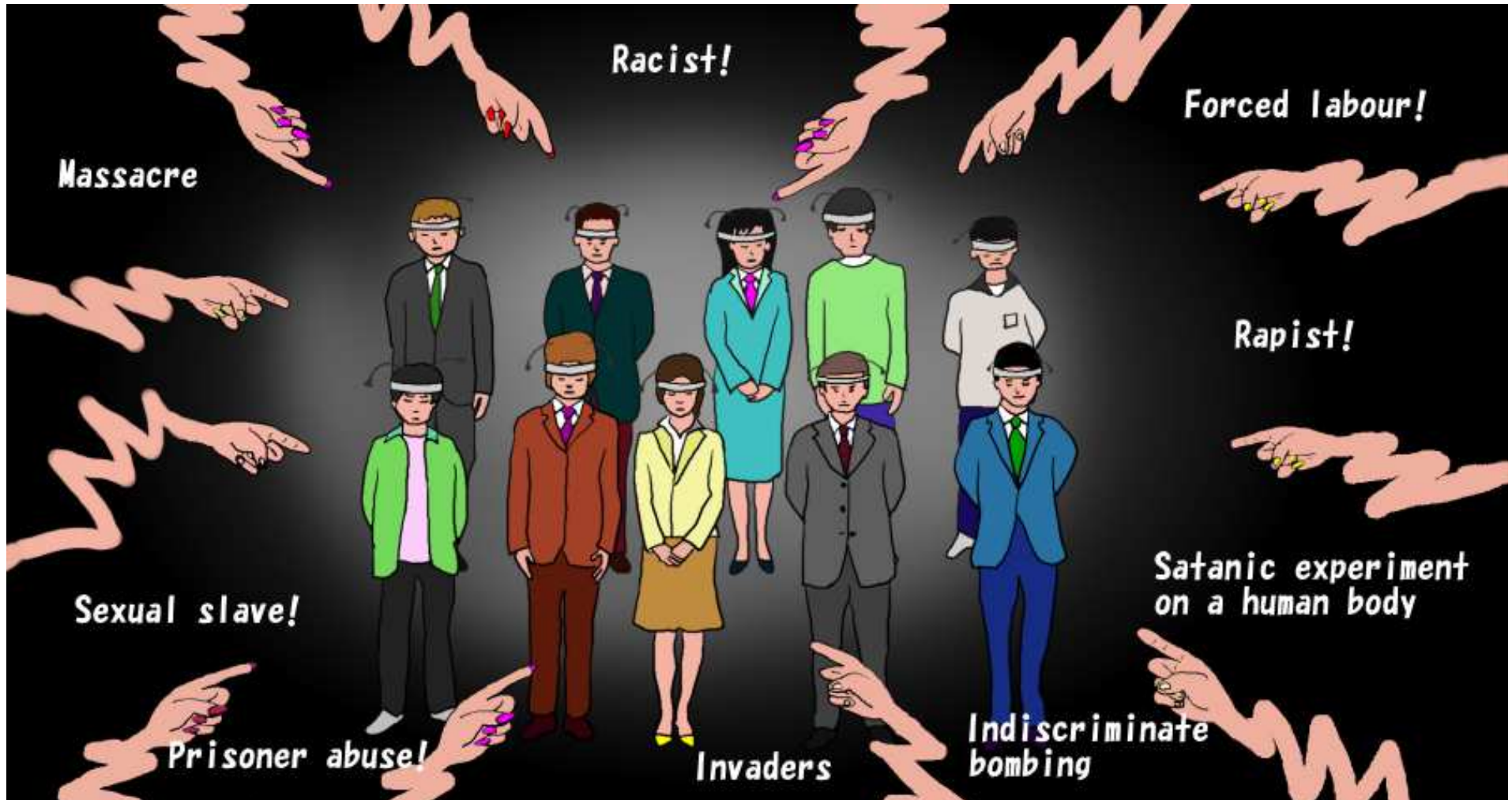


Well, the hardship of Nouse has not finished yet at this point.

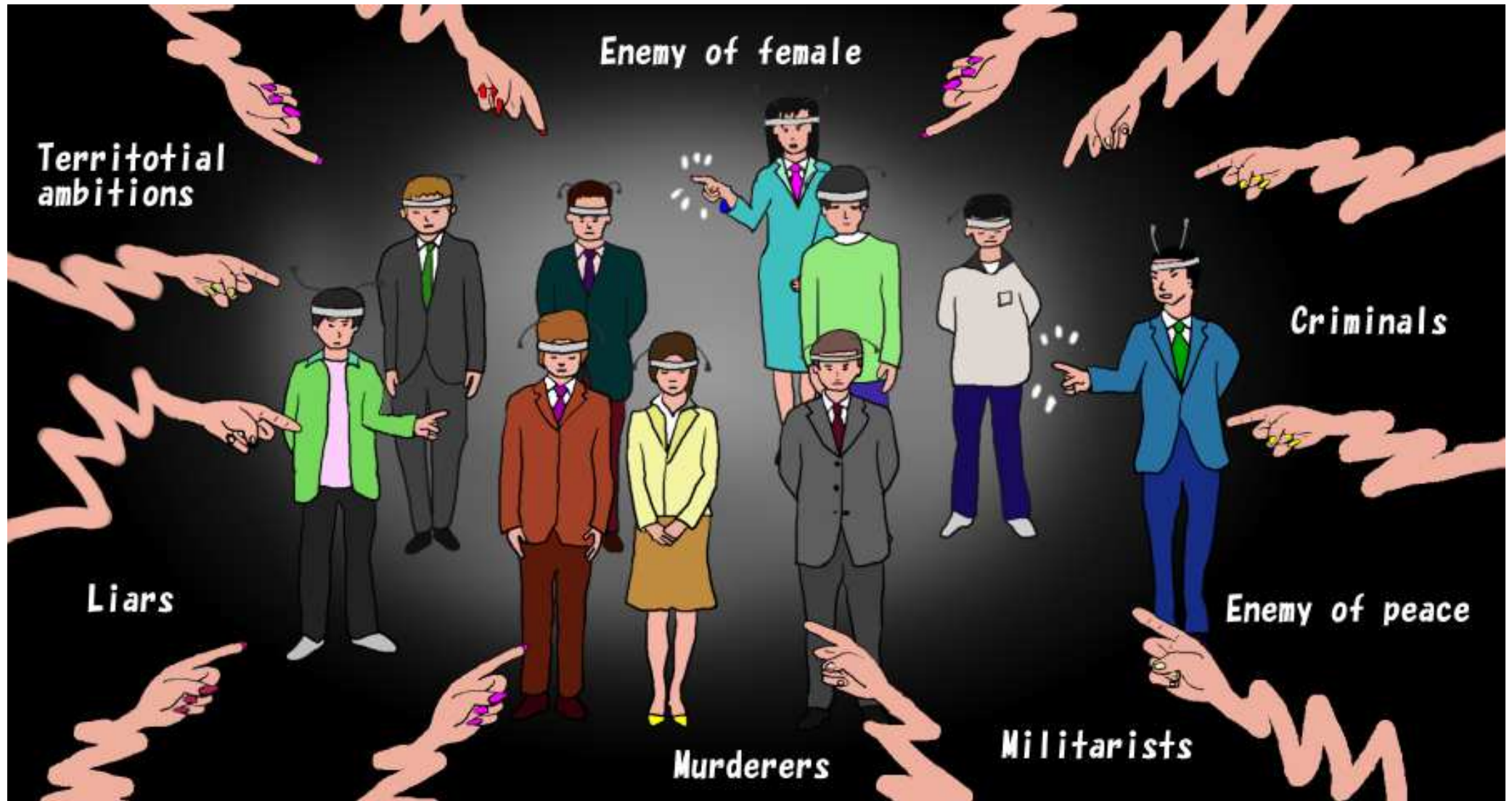
In the world where the illusion of *good and evil* rules, one may move into the victor's side, using *right and wrong*. It is more so, in particular like this time, when a strong party is desperately relying on a fragile delusion.



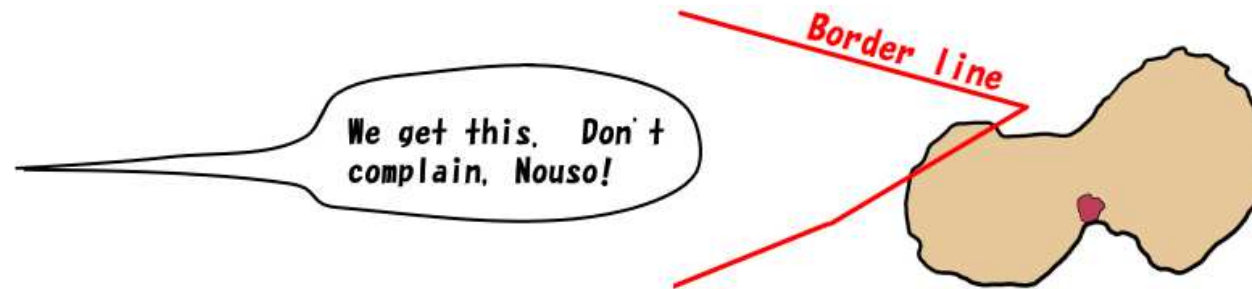
Therefore, after the defeat of Nouso, a large number of people branded Nouso as evil. If one accuses Nouso based on the mixture of fact and fiction, the illusion of the Rounds is naturally reinforced and the Round automatically regard the one as their friend. This trick was used by the other Triangles who had fought against the Rounds with Nouso.



Moreover, some people from Nouseo itself who judged their countrymen as evil appeared. Thus a large number of people competed for accusing Nouseo.



A reward that comes from the acceptance as a friend by a strong nation who is afraid of that its illusion is fragile is huge. Anyone who appealed well that "Nouso is evil" could get a social honour, a higher position, the money, a property, the power, the indemnification and lost territories/ countries of Nouso depending on each standing point.

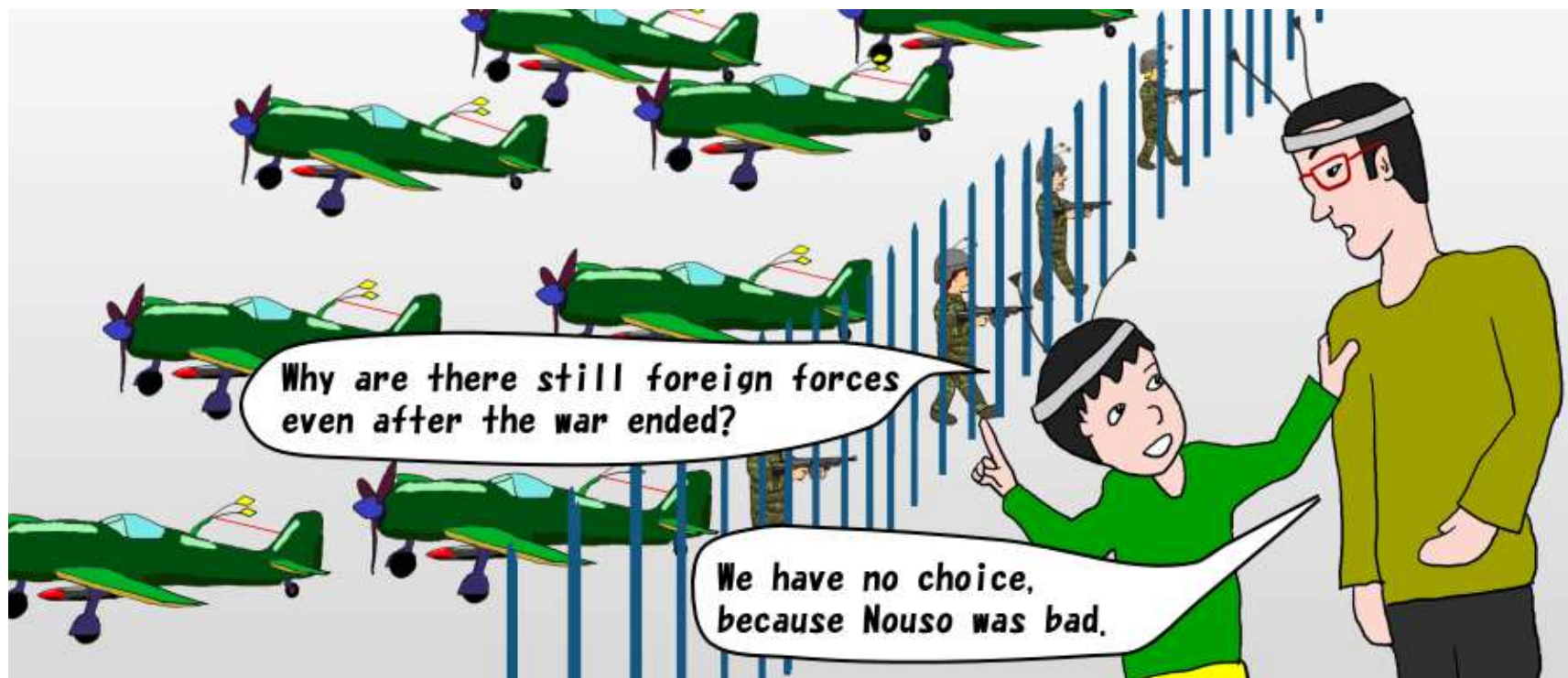


Whereas the people who were regarded as evil/friends of Nouso lost social honour, positions, the money, properties, the power, freedom, lives and territories/countries.¹¹



¹¹ Just to make sure, this is not related to the followings at all – Manchukuo, Taiwan, North and South Korea, Syngman Rhee Line, the Northern Territories, Detention in Siberia, Anti-Japan movement, the mass media, Japan Teachers Union, purge from public service, historical issues and an issue of a scholar beholden to the government.

On the other hand, most of the survivors of Nouseo who refused to accuse their countrymen simply shut their mouths. Why did they fight? What sort of anger were there? They kept all those sorts of things that they wanted to say secret. There was virtually no other choice under the occupation, but even in a private conversation, they tended to keep quiet, as they had a peculiar sense of beauty, that was "It is embarrassing to make an excuse." In addition, from their parental love, they might want to have their children blindfold with *good and evil*, who will have to live under the occupation for a long time



Nevertheless why did Nousos appeal more that "We are not evil"?



Most of Nousos could not understand why they had to suffer the slaughter of millions of countrymen, the forced labour, the occupation of their land and being labelled as evil. They also have an illusion of *good and evil* to some extent. However, there was an old tradition in Nouso to regard *good and evil* as a sort of temporary expedient, so that many people thought the reason why they were labelled as evil was simply because they lost the war and there was no choice.

As Nouso is located in the remote area, the teachings (#Love other people # Love what is good. Fight against what is evil. Bad people are cursed, fall into hell # Pagans are the devils. # People are sinful) that many Rounds mistook have not been spread yet, so that not many of Nousos except the children are afraid of the curse of god or hell. ¹²

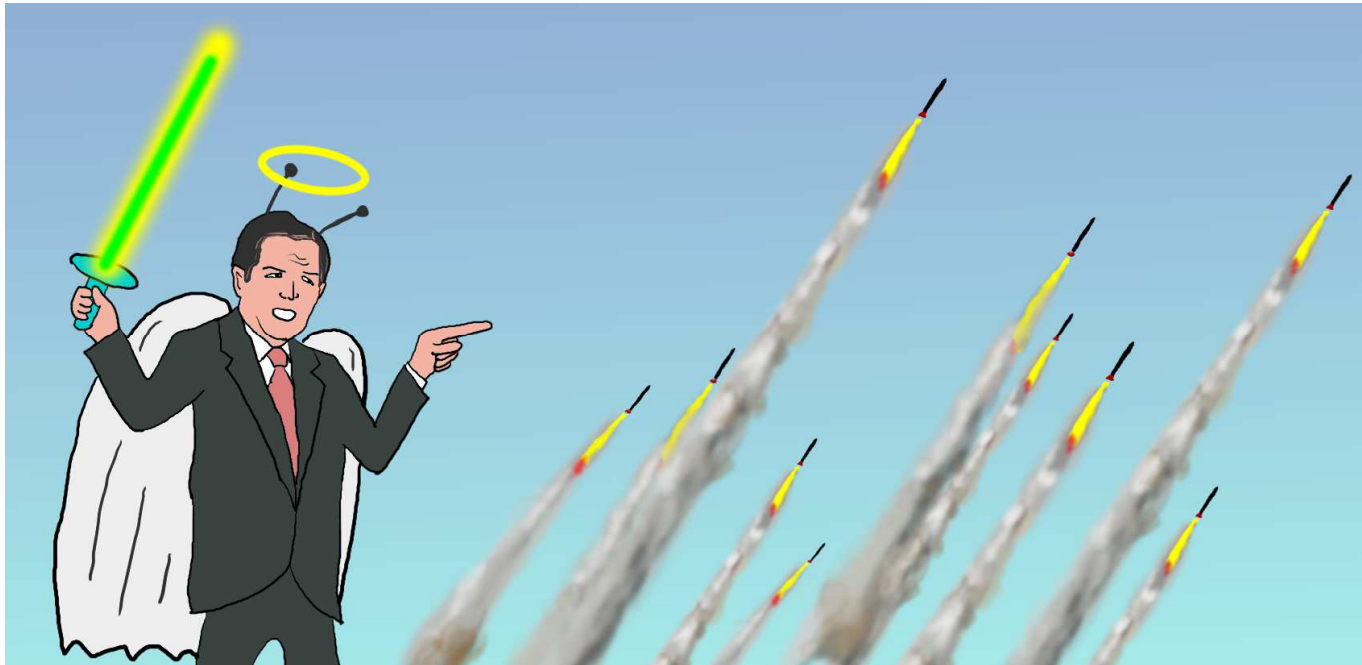


Conversely, most of Nousos can hardly imagine how deeply many of the Rounds are addicted to the illusion of *good and evil* and how much they were damaged and agonized. Therefore, the Nousos could not understand the reason why the Rounds forced them warped so deeply and that had a dark influence on the minds of many Nousos, in particular, of young generation. The crooked society have some Nousos wither, be self-tormenting, run for Epicureanism or mammonism, despair and even commit suicide.

¹² The writer does not claim at all about the existence of a devil or a hell.

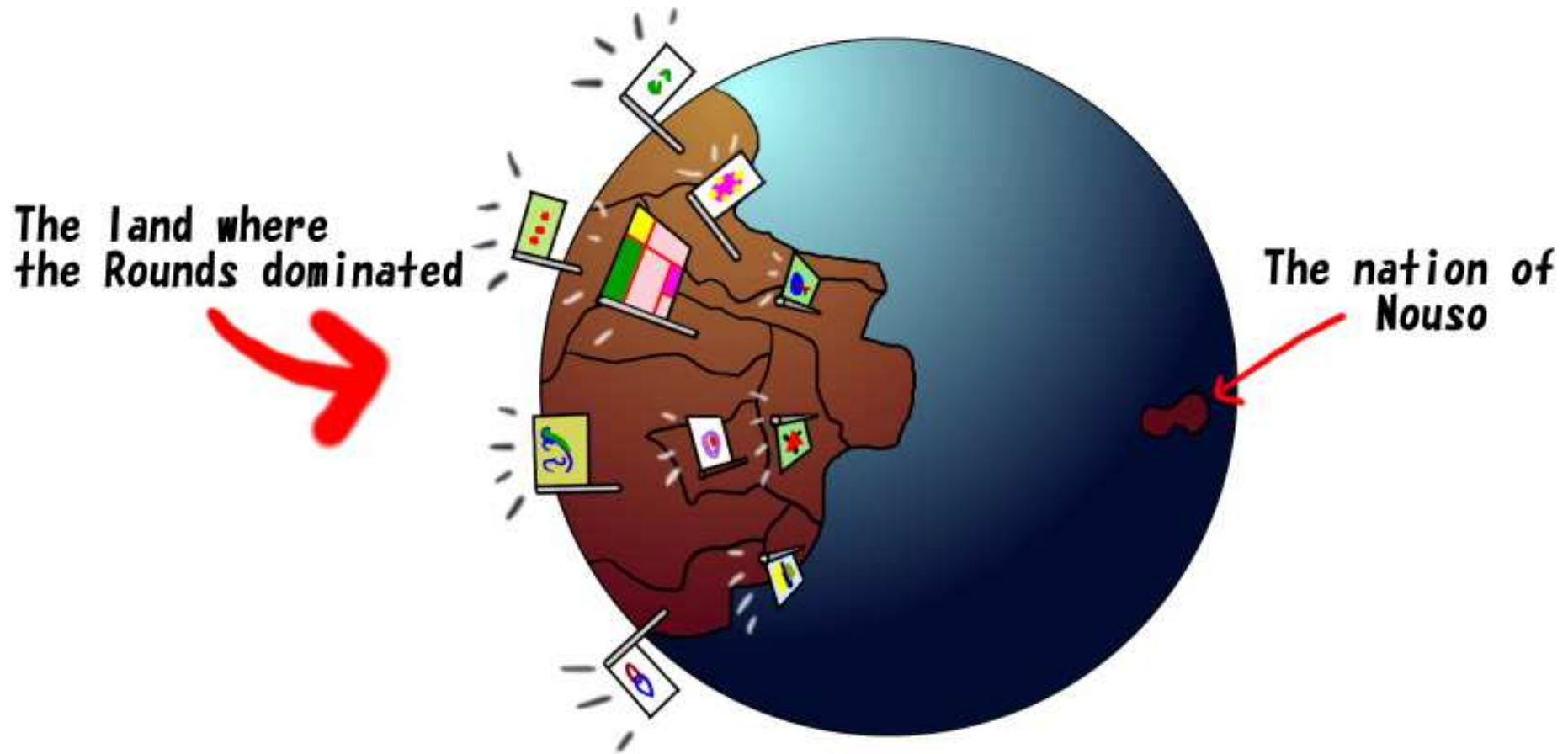
People act based on their recognition.

Some of the Rounds who believe that “Because human beings have a combative instinct, they inevitably fight” keep fighting naturally afterward. And some of the Rounds who perceive themselves as champions of justice keep seeking bad people (whom judged by the Rounds) and fighting against them.



The occupied Nouso pretended as if it had its own free will and cooperated with such sad wars made by the Rounds who were obsessed by such an illusion. As the result, scared people who could not blame the Rounds blamed Nouso more as evil instead.

By the way, after Nouso was conquered by the Rounds, something that is extremely strange happened on this planet. All of sudden, many of Triangles' countries appeared.

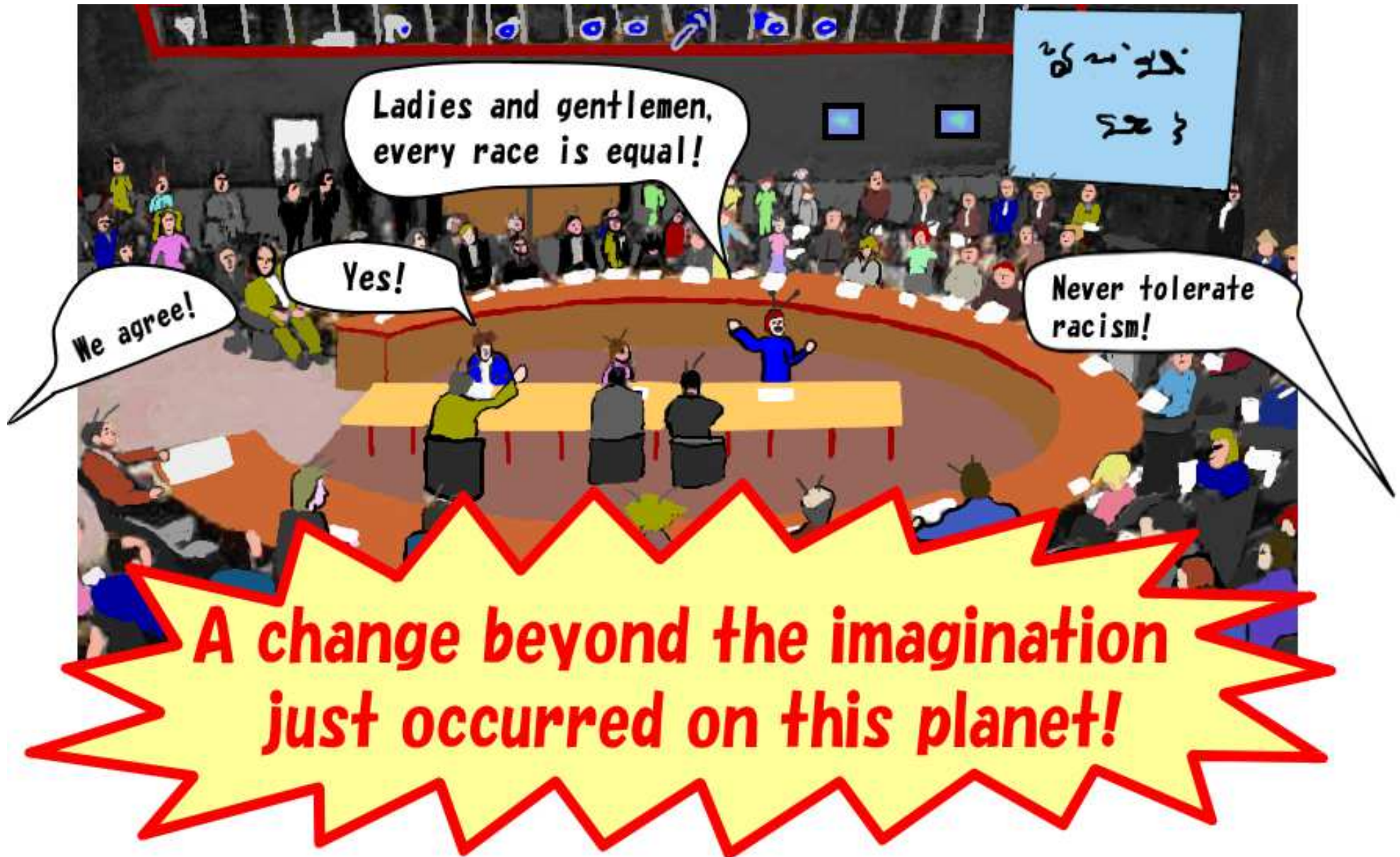


These were the colonies which existed all over the planet, which the Rounds invaded, conquered, dominated for hundreds of years, where they killed countless people. These colonies have become independent at once.

At the same period, both the eugenics and the policy of racial segregation were abolished. The Triangles were also given opportunities for education and the right to vote, and even a Triangle president was born in one nation whereas the Rounds were the majority of the population.



In the international conferences, everyone started speaking the same view as the one of Nouso before the war.



It is never only the Triangles who have gained from this revolutionary change. For example, the marriage between a Triangle and a Round became permitted, the Round who loves a Triangle is not forced to separate from the loved one any more. All the people have become able to love each other beyond the race.



It is one's benefit not to mistake its recognition (not to escape from the real world to the fantasy world).

It was also a big relief for the Rounds that they did not need to discriminate the same mankind and suffered hard feelings.

Many of the Rounds who realized this came to fight against racial discrimination voluntarily¹³.



¹³ Please refer to "Water and Detergent". In addition, it may sometimes become harder to solve the issue of discrimination, if you regard it as a matter of *good and evil*. Please refer to "Is Discrimination Bad?"

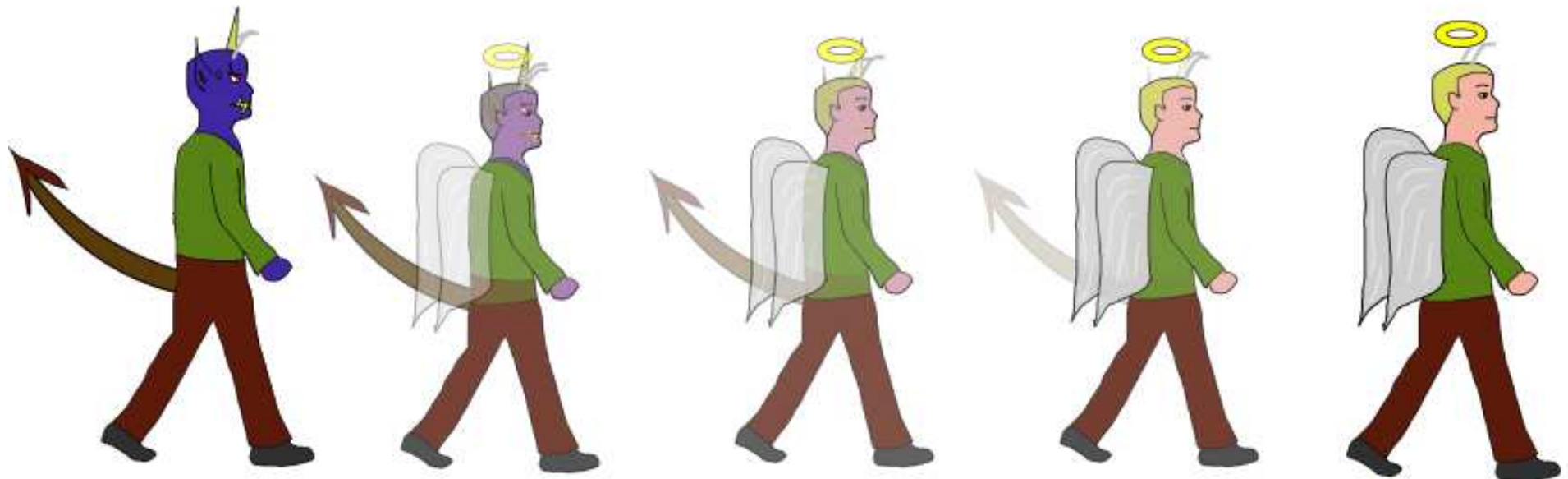
Now, imagine the reason why the racial discrimination and its system that caused great sufferings to the human race for hundreds of years suddenly disappeared. Is it because that all the human beings have suddenly transformed from evil to good on one day?

Transformation of all human beings

A bad person
called a racist

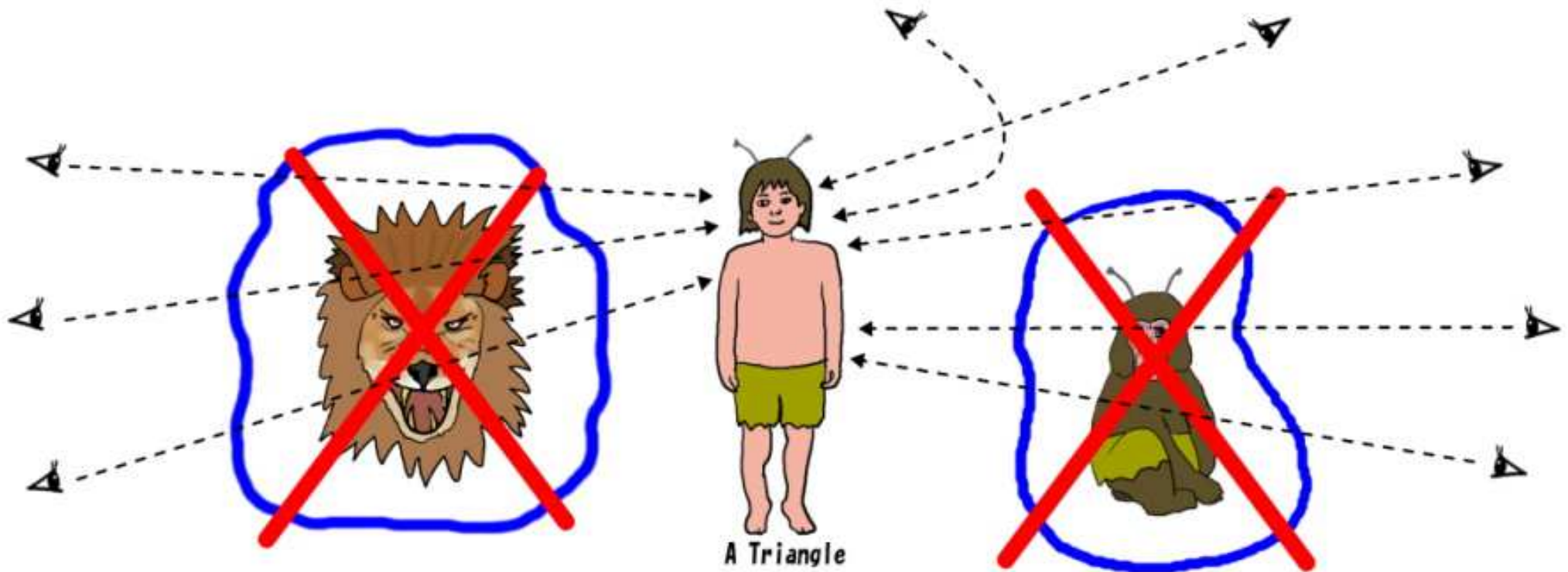


A good person
called an equalitarian



No, it is not.

The change has occurred naturally and inevitably, because the delusion of "Triangles are inferior" that was shared by the most of people in the whole world as a common-sense has ceased to exist.




People act based on their recognition.

If people's

perception is changed,

The world will change.

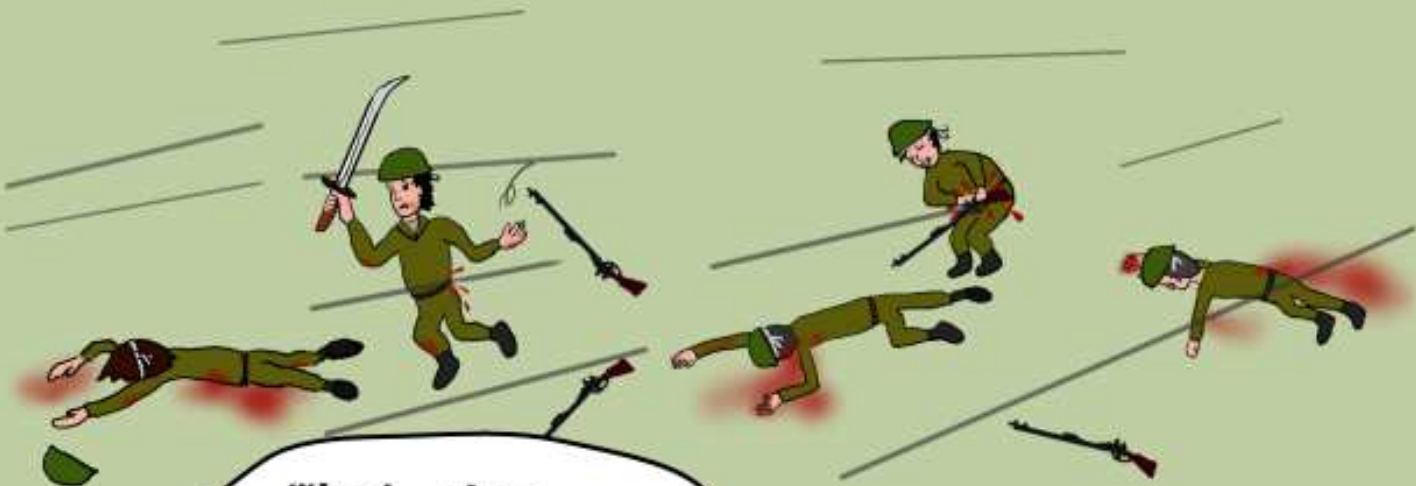


Look at this.

This one.

What's are you talking about?

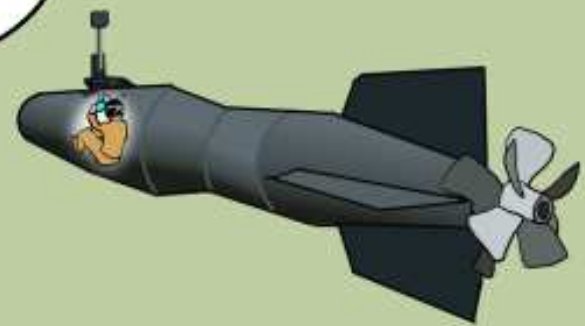
Are you talking about an invader?
Or a militarist?



**What else
can you see?**



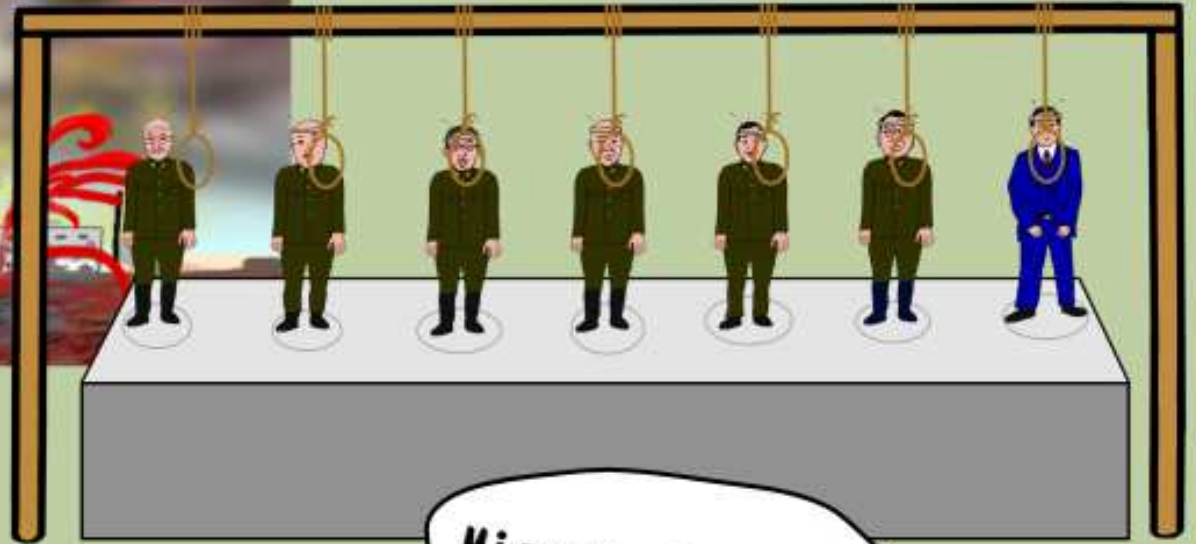
**A fool who fought
a war that he knew
it was going to lose**



**Soldiers who fought
and died for nothing.
Useless death of
suicide attackers.**



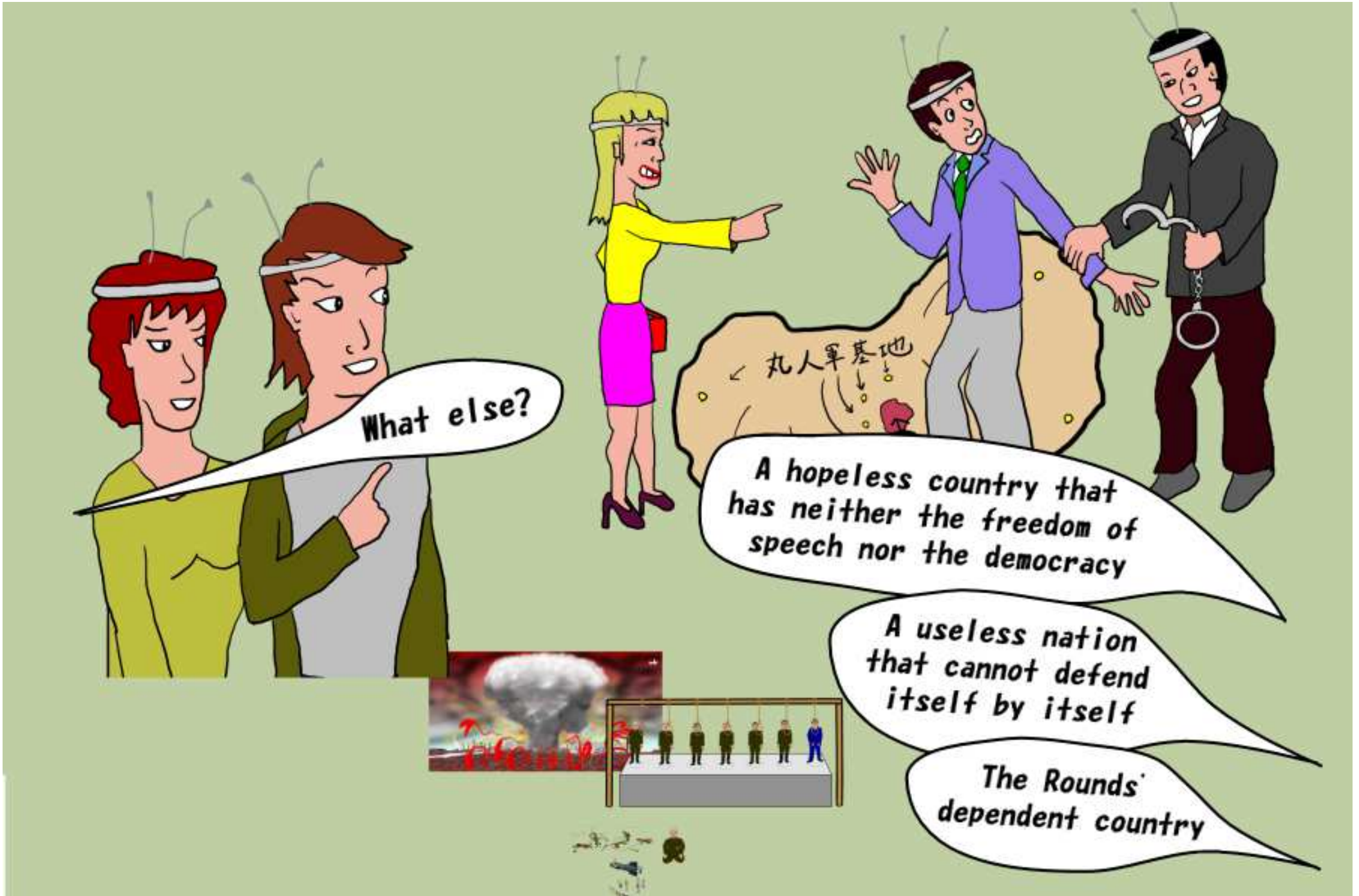
Anything else?



Misery of the war



War criminals who are responsible for countless deaths.



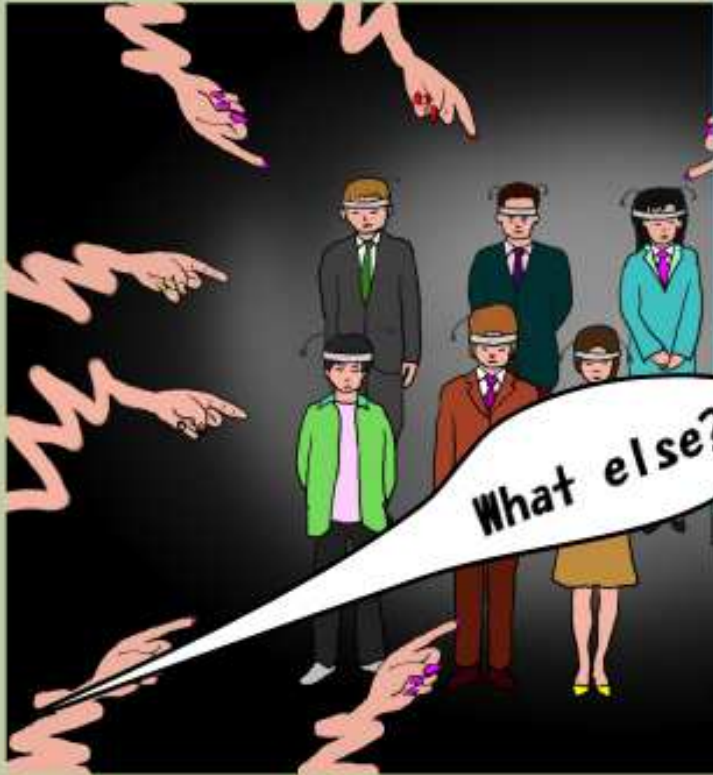
What else?

A hopeless country that has neither the freedom of speech nor the democracy

A useless nation that cannot defend itself by itself

The Rounds' dependent country

丸人軍基地



What else?



The third class country that cannot get along with the other nations.

Miserable people who cannot assert themselves against other nations.

Evil people who cooperate with wars while speaking of peace.

A useless country that can't help even its allied country and fight a war.



What else?

What I wanted
you to see was
this mountain.

I can't see
anything else.

What?
A mountain?





Where is
a mountain?

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