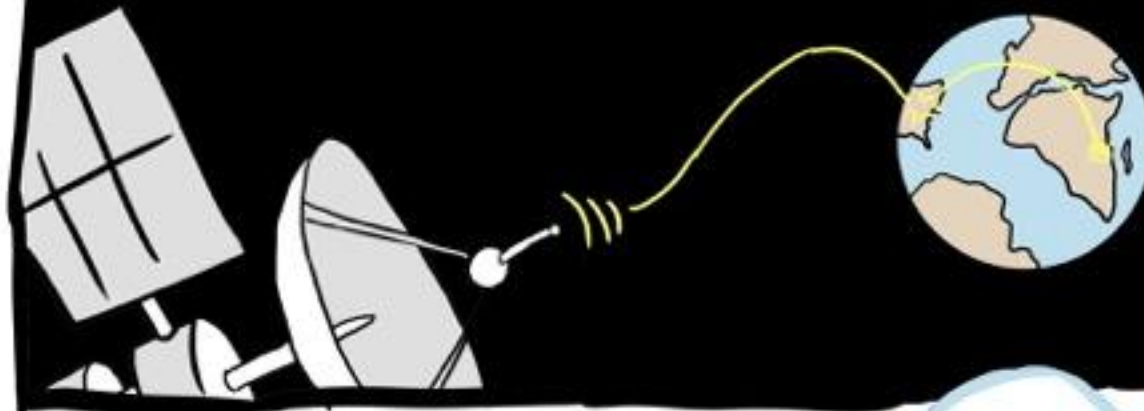


Nameless

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Once upon a time
there was a man.



Who lived in
Yemen.



(Wilson 2021)

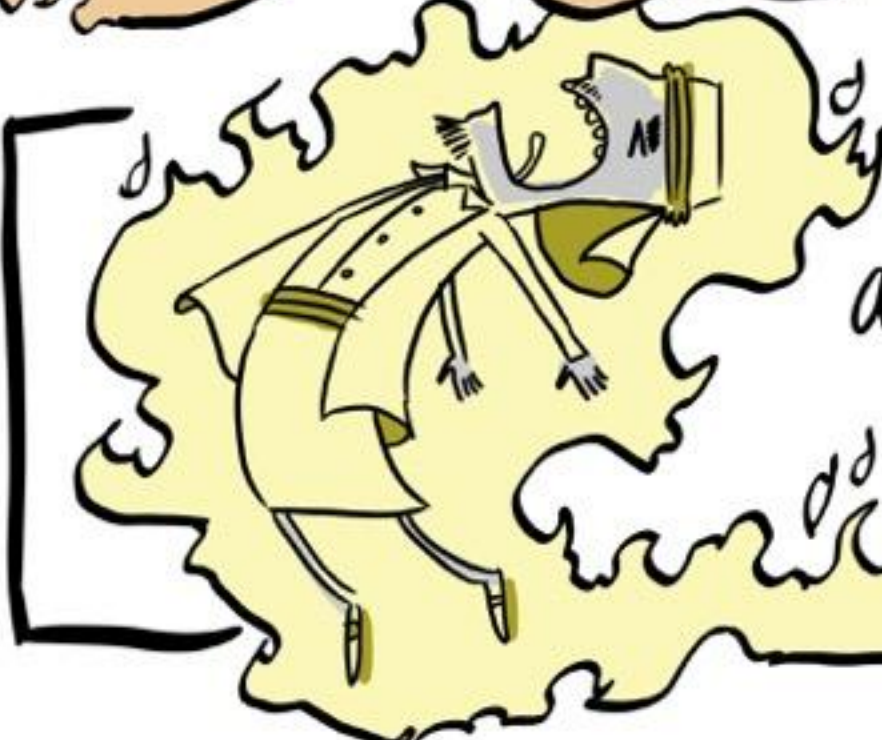
While on his farm, attending to

his rambunctious goats.



He suddenly heard a loud...

BOOM



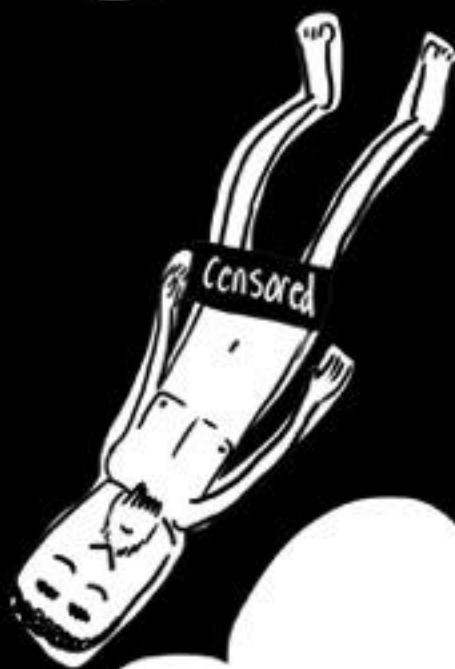
Next, he felt
a Fiery
PAIN



Followed

by a cool

Peace.



Finally, he came to himself unsure if he were dreaming.



For he saw a radiant figure, sitting on a throne.



This must be GOD.



So he proceeded to worship the one on the throne.

But he was quickly interrupted.

You are wor—

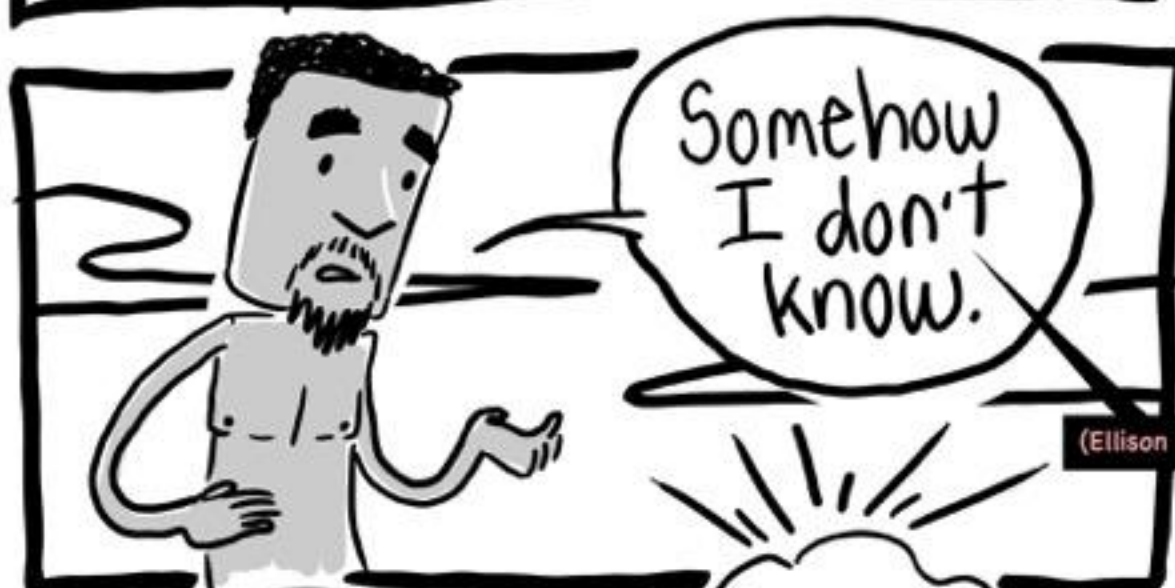
Ew! STOP!
Get up off the floor!

Who told you to worship me?

All of my spiritual leaders since birth.

Have you no independent thoughts in your head? must you forever be taught like a child!?

The man was embarrassed for he had never considered such things.



(Ellison 1995)



You need
Enlightenment
my friend!

Although God was nothing
like he had expected...

"Enlightenment
is a man's release
from his self-incurred
tutelage."

(Kant 1990, 11)

The man felt comforted
by God's assertive
guidance.

I'm taking
You to the
table of
"Dialogues."

(Hume 1711-1776, 95)





Bye dear friend
without a
name!

And just like that God
left him alone with three
very opinionated men.



So, we are
ready for
your
questions.

Well ummm...
how did I
get here?

How have
any of us
come here
but through
the experience
of birth?
Beyond that
there is only
wishful
thinking and
speculation.



Nonsense!
Our rational
understanding
of natural
laws implies
that the
origin of all
things is
a "Divine
Creator."



(Livingston 1997, 59-60)

Yes. Even if
God were a
"thing-in-itself"
to be known
"we lack the
necessary
organ" to know
God in this
"Phenomenal"
world.



Enough about
God. I'm
Curious
about the
man.

Sir, you have
not told us
your name.



Oh.
Somehow
I've
forgotten
my name.



So how can
you know God
if you do
NOT know your
"authentic"
self?

(Kierkegaard 1941, 17-19)

(Kierkegaard 1944, 82)

That settles it!
We must give you
a name. As the King
of pseudonyms
I shall call you
"Don Juan."



Are you a man
who seeks beauty
and pleasure despite
your inability
to be satisfied?



Ummm... No.
I remember
being content
with my wife
and goats.







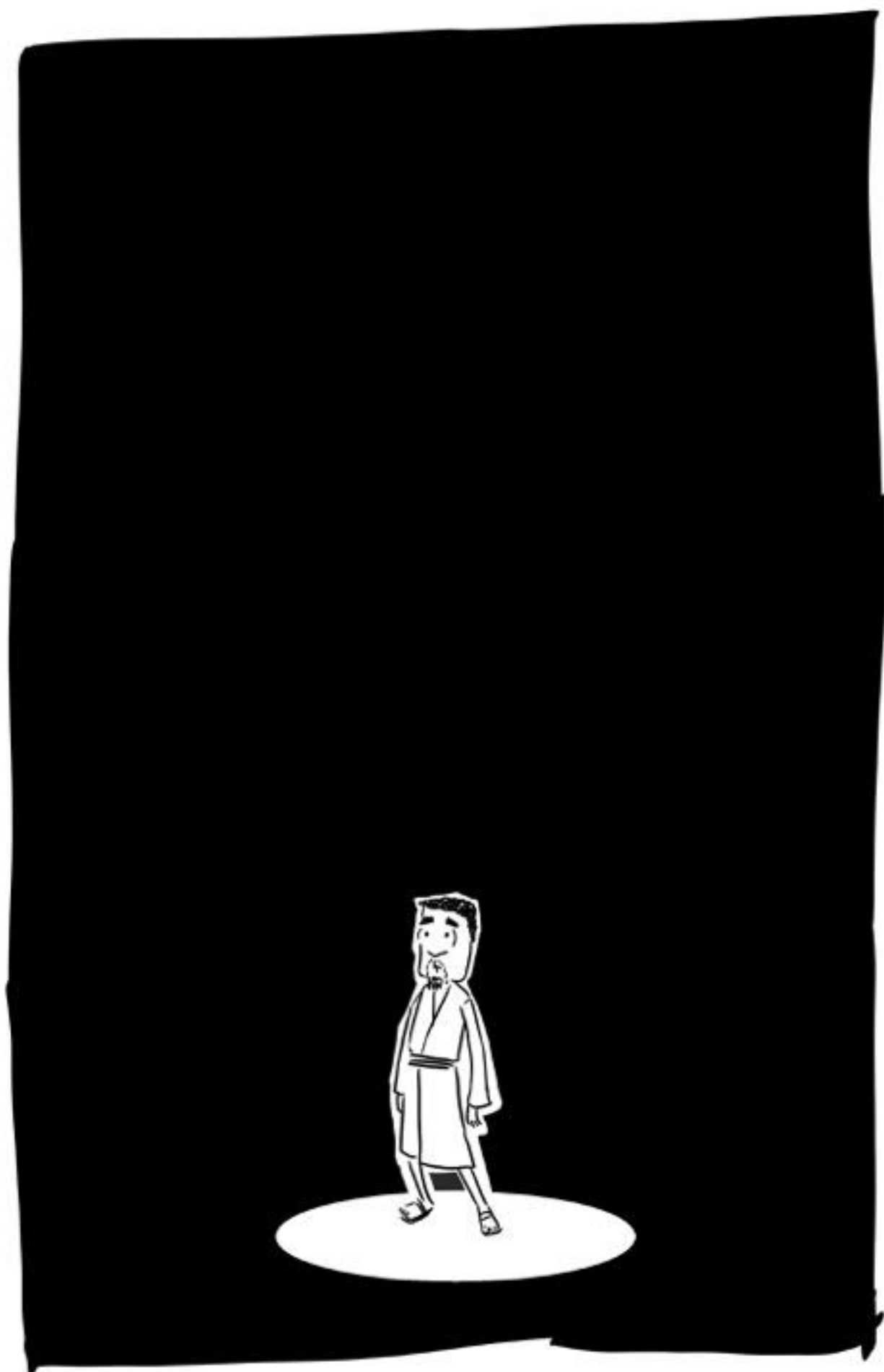
"In despairing
a person chooses
again, and what
then does he
choose?"

He chooses himself,
in his eternal
validity."

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By choosing
your authentic
Self, you will
be able to
name your
Self.

How can you
know GOD if you
do not
know
YOUR
SELF





The man stood alone in
silence. It seemed to be
for an eternity.

until...



...he heard his name.

Adel.

sob

Adel.

sob

Please wake
up. sob

I need
you.

Aisha?





So the man returned...

...to great despair.