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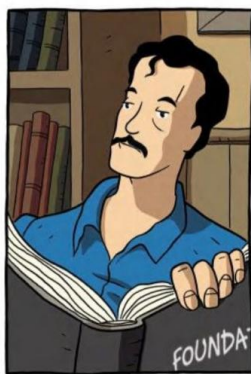
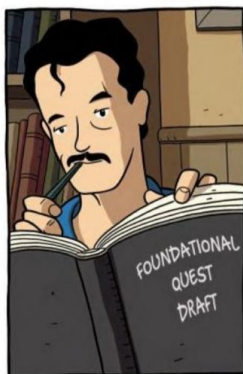
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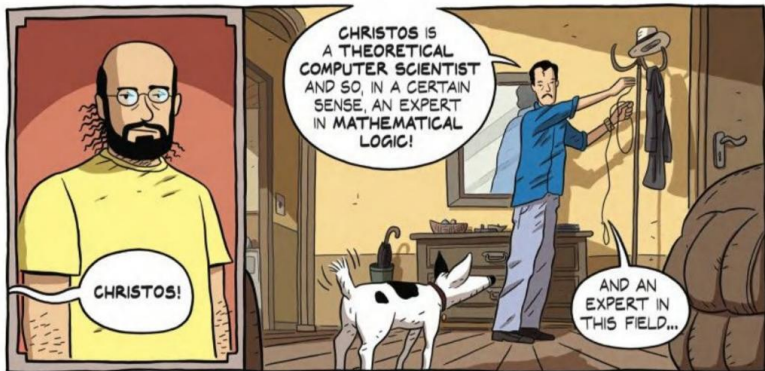
To our children,
Eirene, Emma, Isabel, Io,
Kimon, Konstantinos,
Tatiana, Yorgos

Υμῆς δ' ἔσεσθε πολλῶν κάρρονες.

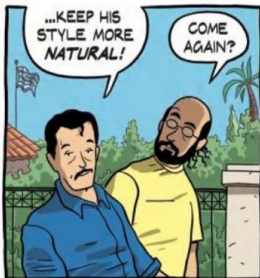
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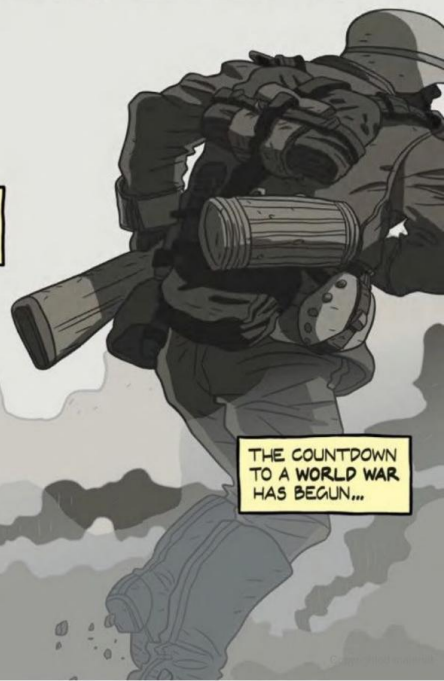




...SO THE "STUKAS" GUN
DOWN THE INFANTRY
AND CAVALRY.

...THE "PANZERS"
RAM THROUGH
THE DEFENCES.

THE COUNTDOWN
TO A WORLD WAR
HAS BEGUN...



AS RESISTANCE CRUMBLES BEFORE A SUPERIOR FORCE, NAZI PROPAGANDA TRIES TO TURN THE POLISH PEOPLE AGAINST THEIR NATURAL ALLY.



This is your work, Britain!

THE TASK IS MADE EASIER BY THE UNITED KINGDOM'S HAVING SIGNED THE "MUNICH PACT" OF NON-AGGRESSION WITH HITLER.

NOW LISTEN...

...THREE DAYS AFTER THE INVASION, BERTRAND RUSSELL, THEN MORE WIDELY KNOWN AS A PUBLIC THINKER, IS SCHEDULED TO GIVE A TALK AT AN AMERICAN UNIVERSITY ON THE "ROLE OF LOGIC IN HUMAN AFFAIRS".

EXTRA!!!
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AND IT'S ON THAT DAY THAT OUR STORY BEGINS...

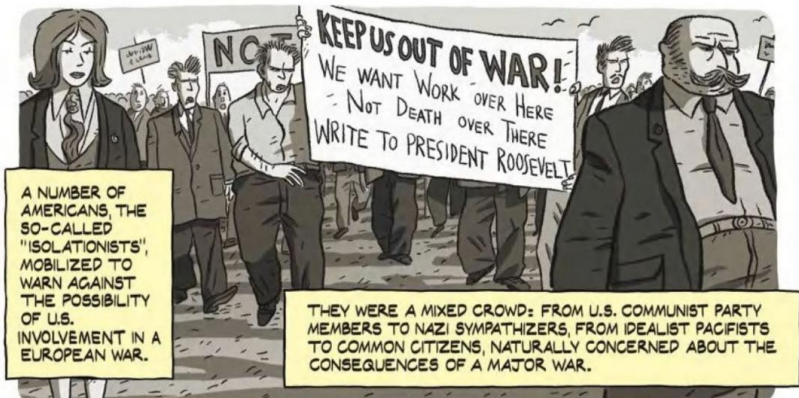
SEPTEMBER 4, 1939.

ANOTHER HISTORIC DATE...

! READ ALL ABOUT IT!

UK
JOINS IN

...FOR ON THAT DAY, THE UNITED KINGDOM DECLARED WAR ON GERMANY.







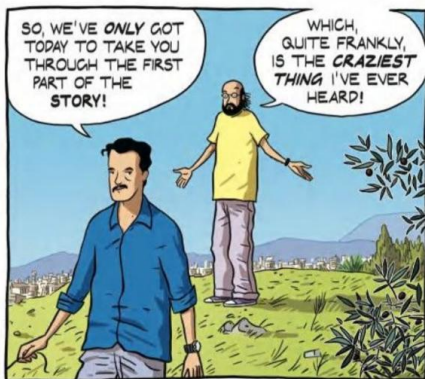




...DO YOU
EVER MISS
ATHENS?

HOW
COULD I NOT?
IT'S WHERE
I GREW UP...

...THOUGH
WHERE I LIVE IS
NO HELL-HOLE
EITHER!





YOU DO WELL TO START WITH **RUSSELL**: HE IS ONE OF THE STORY'S BIG STARS!

BUT THAT'S NOT THE ONLY REASON WE CHOSE HIM. HE ALSO HAS THESE **OTHER SIDES...**

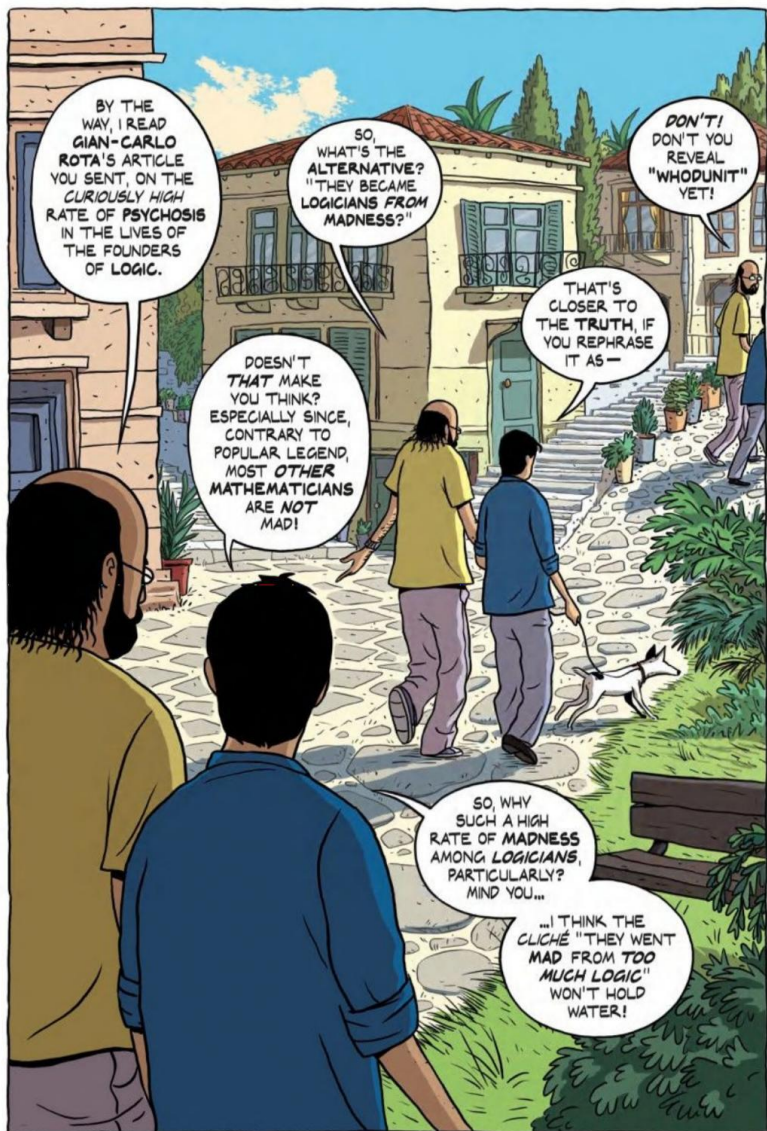
AH YES... POLITICAL ACTIVIST, PHILOSOPHER, LADIES' MAN!

BUT MORE: HIS **COMPLEXITY** AS A CHARACTER!

YOU KNOW, THE "**FOUNDATIONAL QUEST**" IS ESPECIALLY FASCINATING TO ME, FOR MY WORK. MOST OF THE GREAT IDEAS IN MY FIELD HAVE THEIR SEED IN **THERE** SOMEWHERE!

WELL, WE FOCUS ON THE **PEOPLE!**

THEIR IDEAS INTEREST US ONLY TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY SPRING FROM THEIR **PASSIONS.**



BY THE WAY, I READ GIAN-CARLO ROTA'S ARTICLE YOU SENT, ON THE CURIOUSLY HIGH RATE OF PSYCHOSIS IN THE LIVES OF THE FOUNDERS OF LOGIC.

SO, WHAT'S THE ALTERNATIVE? "THEY BECAME LOGICIANS FROM MADNESS?"

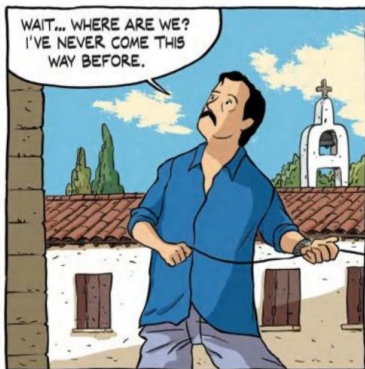
DON'T! DON'T YOU REVEAL "WHODUNIT" YET!

THAT'S CLOSER TO THE TRUTH, IF YOU REPHRASE IT AS —

DOESN'T THAT MAKE YOU THINK? ESPECIALLY SINCE, CONTRARY TO POPULAR LEGEND, MOST OTHER MATHEMATICIANS ARE NOT MAD!

SO, WHY SUCH A HIGH RATE OF MADNESS AMONG LOGICIANS, PARTICULARLY? MIND YOU...

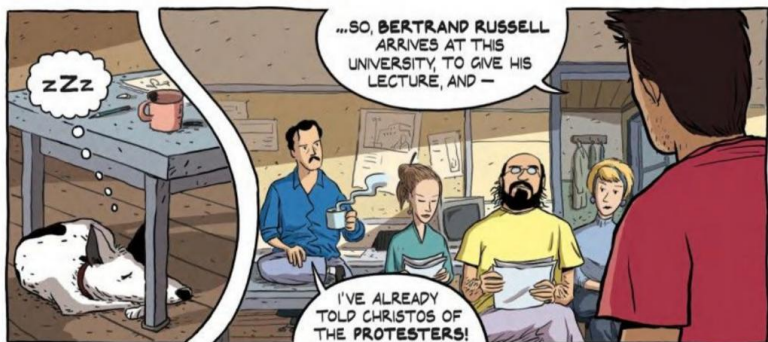
...I THINK THE CLICHÉ "THEY WENT MAD FROM TOO MUCH LOGIC" WON'T HOLD WATER!



* Apostolos' dog is not named after Japanese comics. "Manga" is a slang word in Greek, meaning something like "cool dude" (U.S.) or "Jack-the-lad" (U.K.).

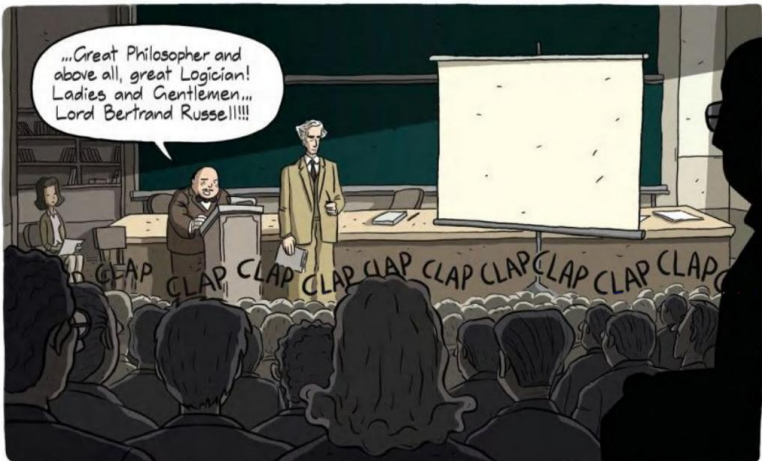


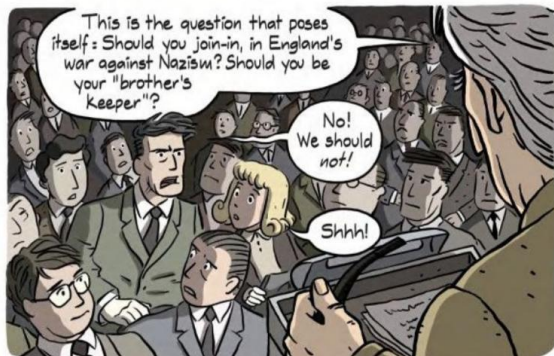
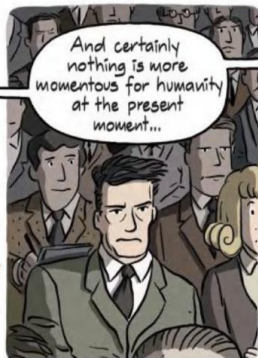
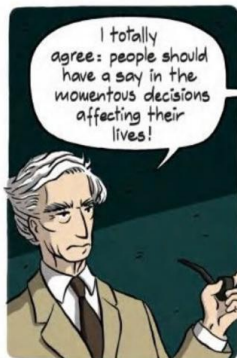
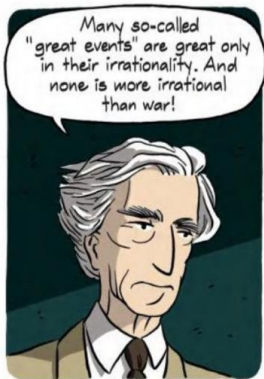
* Annie is French.



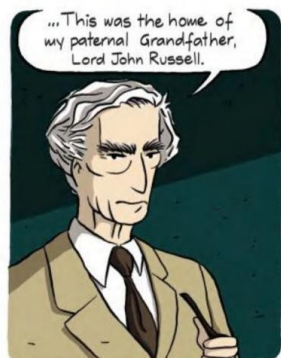
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In my new abode,
the hooting of the owl
resounded with a new
ominousness.



The wind sighing through
the trees echoed my own
feelings.

WHOOOSH

...And then, suddenly,
I heard an unearthly
moan!



Although it contained
all the unbridled emotion
of the animal, the moan
was, in an uncanny sort
of way, human.