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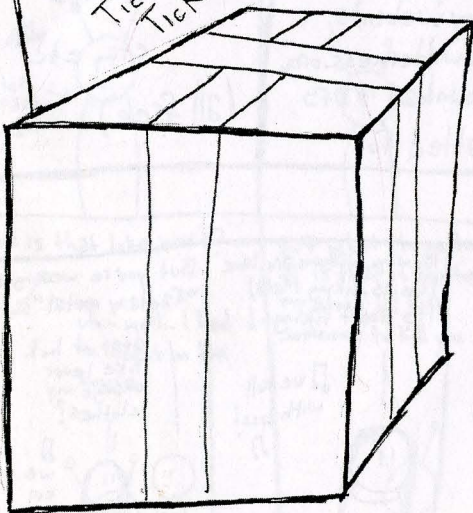
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Sorry about how SHAPP has become twice-yearly instead of seasonal.

I have no proper excuse.

I love hearing from readers, and Dr. Science-0 is always available to answer any pressing concerns. Anyhow, here's where I encourage you to copy this comic and give it away. We put up a new, fancy website, www.tangledwilderness.org, so you can download PDFs already formatted for

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We also have

- 3 bands
- theory zines
- one good novella
- soon: a fiction zine
- soon: posters

etc. etc.

(all free)

What are you listening to, Fantasy Metal?

the long boat of swords...



No way. Dragons are lame. This is Viking Metal! It's about Vikings!

we kill with axes!



But you're wearing a "fantasy metal" shirt!

does it look like I ever change my clothes?

we kill unicorns!



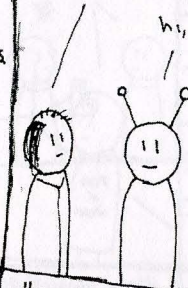
GIFT ECONOMICS 101

In order to best understand the gift economy, we need to understand some competing economic theories



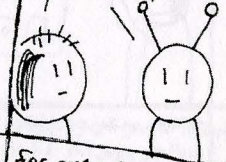
so meet Eric, the capitalist.

hi, kids!



tell us about your theory, Eric.

well, kind narrator, I believe in the sanctity of property.



You see, I've had to work, sorta, for everything I own. And since there isn't enough to go around, I hoard things.

actually an outer-space alien



Hrm... or is that the other way around? Anyhow, the things I own are my capital. And I use capital to make more money.



for example, I own this house, so people have to pay me to live there.



how is that like work?

uh... well... I had to invest in the house.

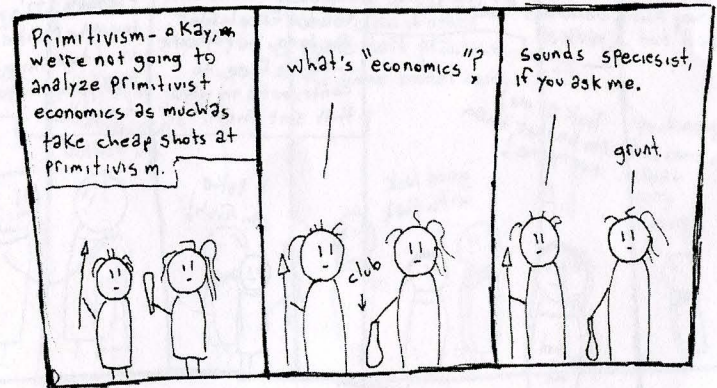
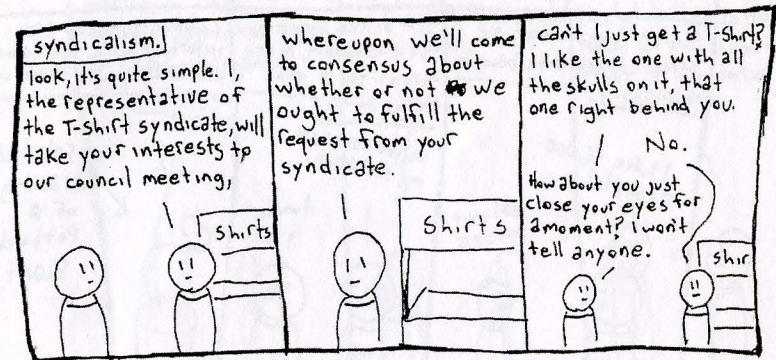
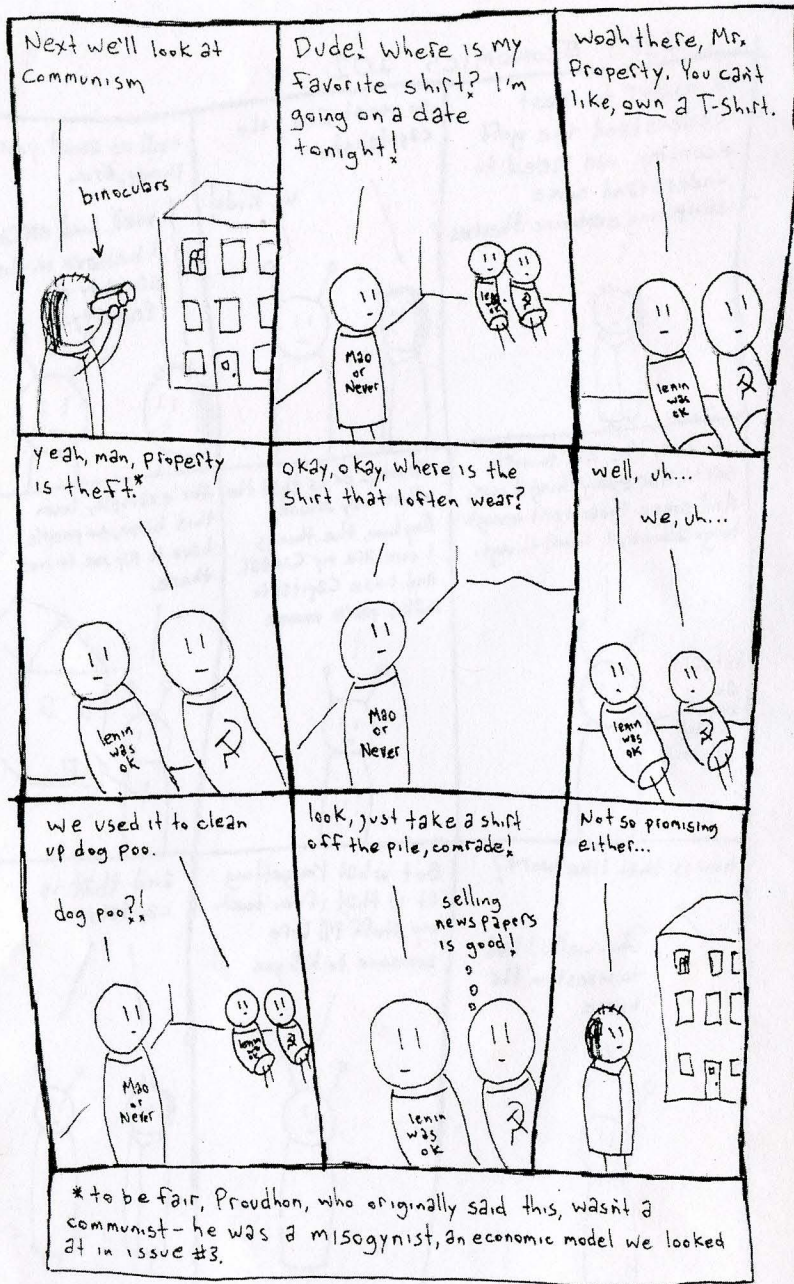


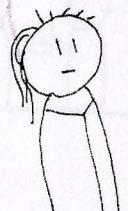


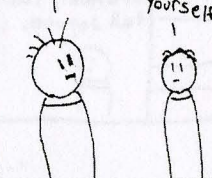
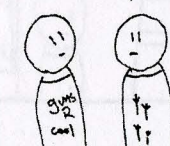



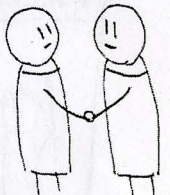
But what I'm getting at is that if you touch my stuff I'll hire someone to kill you.

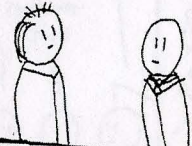
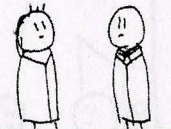
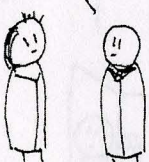
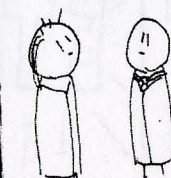
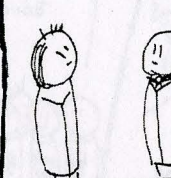
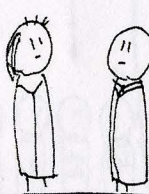
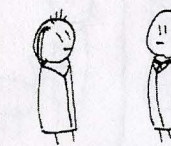
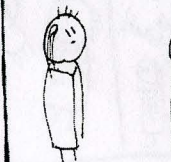
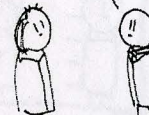


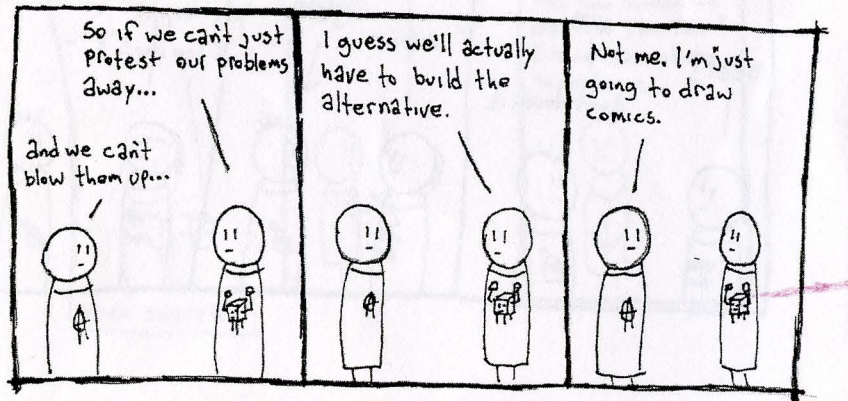
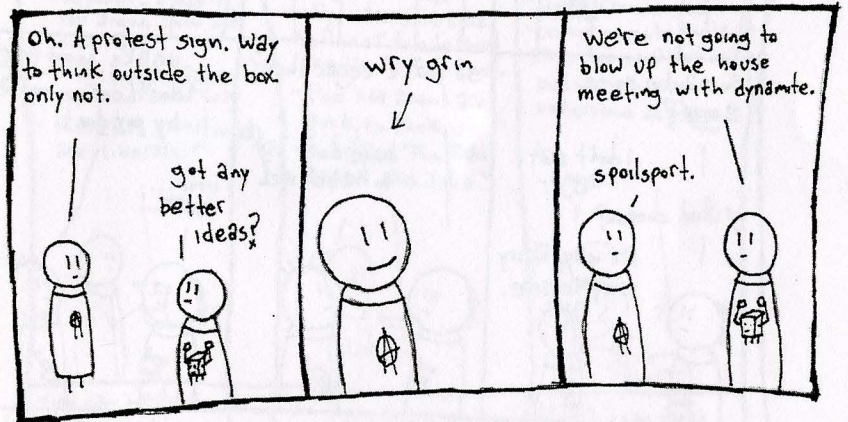
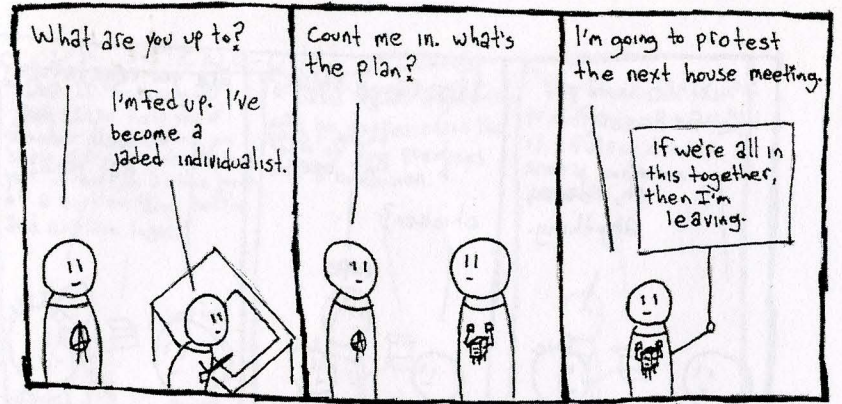
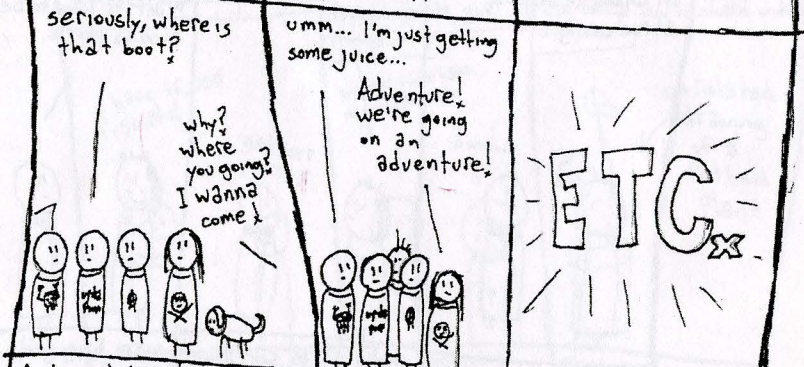
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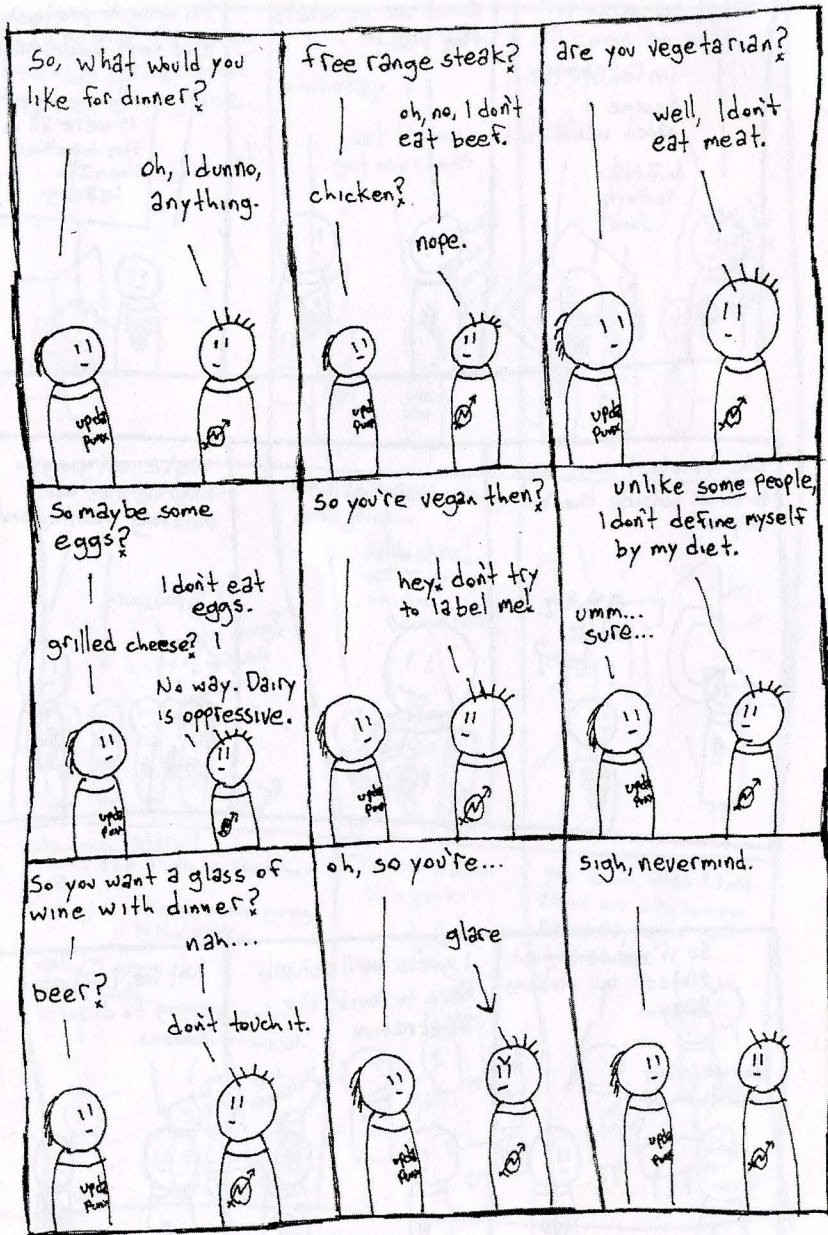




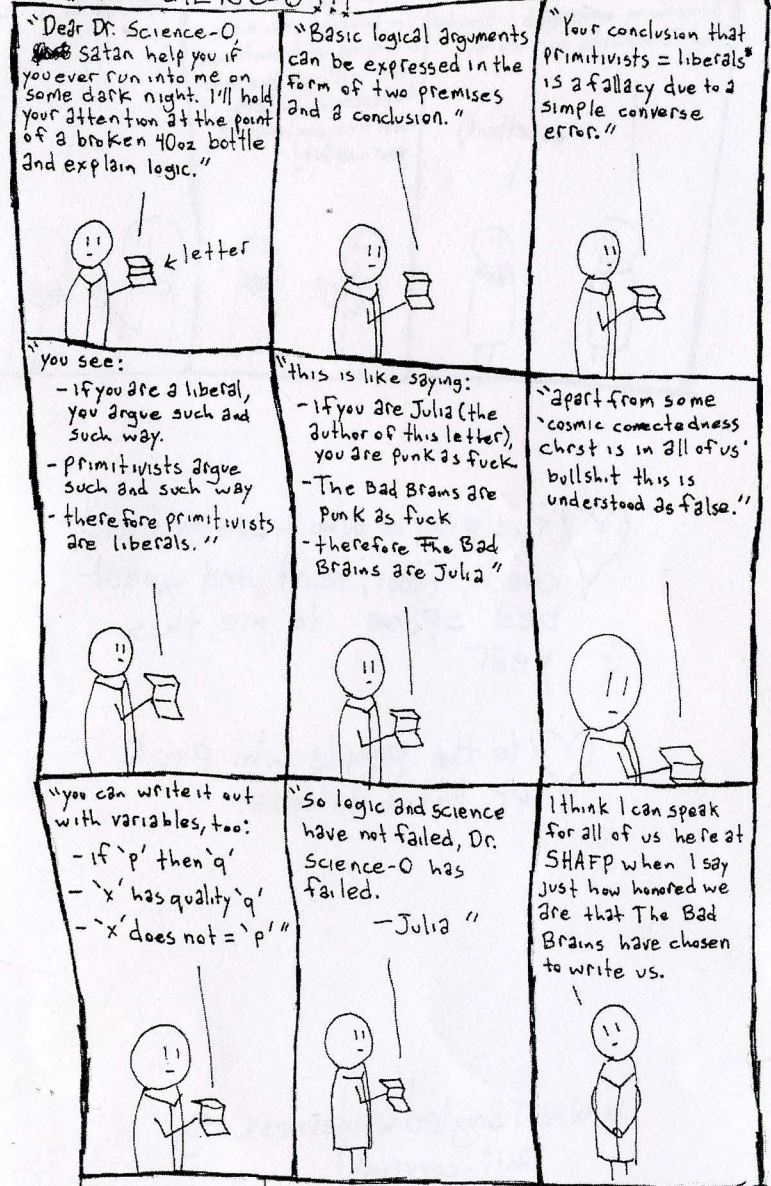
<p>So then, what is the Gift Economy?</p> 	<p>The gift Economy is an economy based on giving.</p> <p>everyday is like x-mas!</p> <p>only with-out god!</p> 	<p>When everything is stripped of monetary value, things are left with only their intrinsic value</p> <p>I like this hat, my grandpa knit it!</p> 
<p>Since things cannot be bartered, hoarding becomes useless.</p> <p>I have 16,000 T-Shirts!</p> <p>get over yourself.</p> 	<p>But unlike a communistic system, no one forces you to give things away.</p> <p>No, you can't have my toothbrush.</p> <p>Aww...</p> 	<p>Community needs are important, sure, but no one can force you to share with everyone.</p> <p>unrelated drawing of a Potted Plant</p> 
<p>So the economic model becomes "don't be a jerk."</p> <p>look at me! I'm better than everyone!</p> <p>good luck with that.</p> 	<p>People will work because no one will feed a freeloader for long, but people will be free to contribute in ways that suit them.</p> <p>I like to fish!</p> 	<p>Responsibility and Freedom. They go together like... uh... two things that ought to go together.</p> 

<p>But if you give things away, how do you know you'll get something in return?</p> 	<p>It's not about direct reciprocation, but rather a faith in your neighbors to also be generally giving. If they are not, no one will give them things anymore.</p> 	<p>Faith in the goodwill of humanity, huh? Next you'll claim that Anarchy could work.</p> 
<p>Gift economics, like anarchism, take a certain amount of faith. In chaos, in organic structuring...</p> 	<p>but both can work on a small decentralized level.</p> 	<p>Fine, what-eva. But this whole thing is too much for me. I don't want to have to be nice to people.</p> 
<p>Okay.</p> <p>Yup. Don't join, that doesn't bother us.</p> 	<p>Okay?</p> <p>unlike state capitalism or state socialism, we don't care if other people don't practice the same model as us.</p> 	<p>We're happy getting presents everyday, and we think your suckers, but that's all.</p> <p>You know, this comic wasn't very funny.</p> 

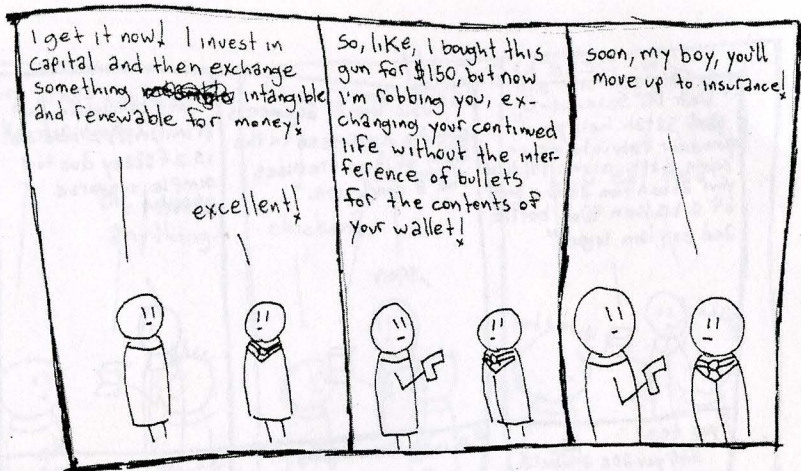




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*see SHAFP#6



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