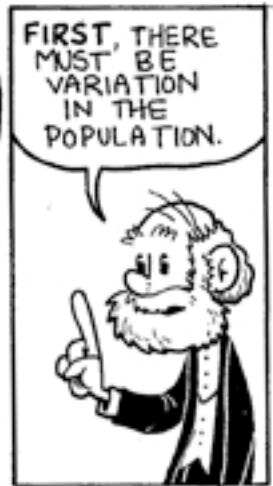


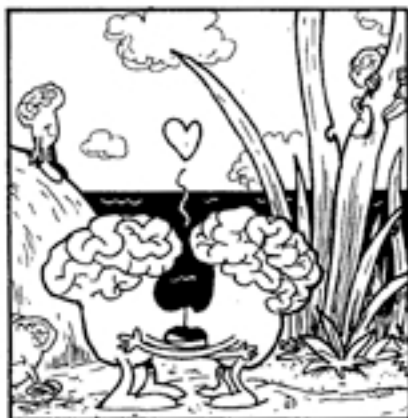
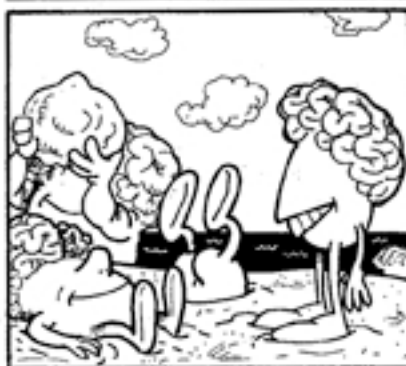
# AN APPETITE FOR EVOLUTION



THE SECOND CONDITION IS THAT MORE INDIVIDUALS ARE BORN IN A GENERATION THAN SURVIVE TO REPRODUCE.

THIRD, SURVIVAL IS NOT RANDOM. THOSE THAT SURVIVE TO REPRODUCE HAVE A VARIATION IN A TRAIT THAT GIVES THEM AN ADVANTAGE OVER THOSE IN THE POPULATION THAT DON'T HAVE THE TRAIT.

AND THE FOURTH CONDITION IS THAT THE ADVANTAGEOUS TRAIT MUST BE HERITABLE, SO THAT IT CAN BE PASSED ONTO THE NEXT GENERATION.



DID YOU GET ALL OF THAT?

HMM? OH, YEAH, SURE, SURE.

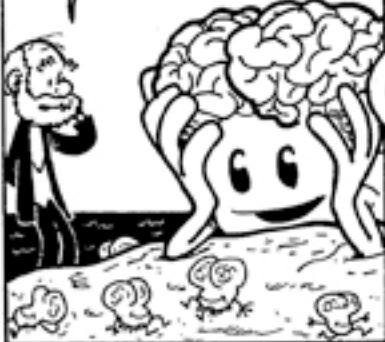
OH, I WOULDN'T NAME THEM.

WHY NOT?

BECAUSE WE'RE THE PREDATORS!

**TUCK IN, KID!**

GOSH, AREN'T THEY CUTE? I'M GONNA CALL THEM THE "WITTLE WRINKLES."



**THUD!**

hmpf. MORE FOR ME.

**10 MINUTES LATER**

**BUURP!**

I GOT MOST OF THEM BUT A FEW SURVIVED.

LUCKY DOGS.

IT MAY HAVE BEEN LUCK.  
OR, THE SURVIVORS MAY HAVE  
SOMETHING THE OTHERS  
DIDN'T.

LIKE  
WHAT?

WELL, MOST OF THE SURVIVORS  
HAVE THOSE EYESPOTS.  
MAYBE THEY HELPED IN  
THEIR STRUGGLE TO  
SURVIVE.

CAN AN  
EYESPOT FORM  
AN IMAGE LIKE  
OUR EYES?

DEAR ME, NO. IT CAN ONLY  
TELL THEM IF THE LIGHTS  
ARE ON OR OFF.

**PFFT.**  
THEN WHAT  
GOOD IS  
IT?

WELL, WHEN YOU'RE FIGHTING  
FOR SURVIVAL, ANY VISION  
IS BETTER THAN NO VISION  
AND ANY IMPROVEMENT,  
HOWEVER SLIGHT, IS AN  
ADVANTAGE.

NOW, WE'LL PUT THE  
SURVIVORS IN A BOX, PLAY  
A LITTLE SOFT MUSIC AND  
LET NATURE TAKE ITS  
COURSE. **RRROWW  
RRROWW!**

YER  
GIVIN'  
ME THE  
WILLIES,  
SIR.

**1  
YEAR  
LATER**

DID THAT  
SAY "ONE  
YEAR  
LATER?!?"

YEP.

I LIKE  
THE  
BEARD.

**ACK!**

HMM. LOTS OF EYESPOTS, NOW.  
THEY MUST BE A HERITABLE TRAIT.  
NOW, WE JUST NEED TO REPEAT  
THIS SEVERAL HUNDRED  
THOUSAND TIMES.

O.K. THAT  
SOUNDS G-  
how many  
times?

**Dig  
in!**

**107,000  
YEARS  
LATER**

THE FLAT  
EYESPOTS ARE  
SORTA CUP-  
SHAPED  
NOW.

EXCELLENT.  
EYE CUPS CAN TELL  
THEM WHICH  
DIRECTION LIGHT  
IS COMING  
FROM.

THAT MIGHT EXPLAIN  
WHY THEY'RE  
GETTING HARDER  
TO CATCH.

LESS  
TALKING,  
MORE  
EATING.



**99,000  
YEARS  
LATER**

NOW THE EYES  
ARE ALMOST SEALED  
UP EXCEPT FOR A  
SMALL HOLE

PINHOLE EYES! LIKE  
A PINHOLE CAMERA,  
THE LITTLE HOLE  
ALLOWS THEM TO  
FOCUS LIGHT AND  
FORM AN  
IMAGE.

AND THEY  
DON'T SEEM  
TOO HAPPY.

IT'S US  
OR THEM!

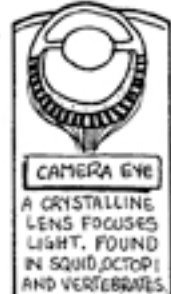


**158,000  
YEARS  
LATER**

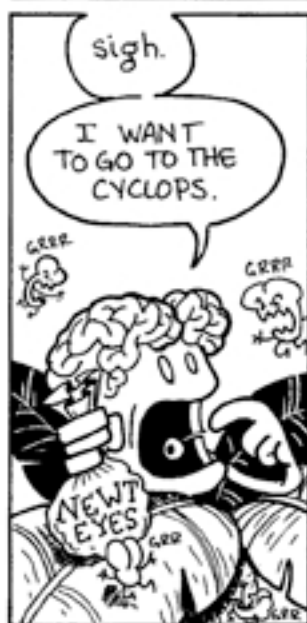
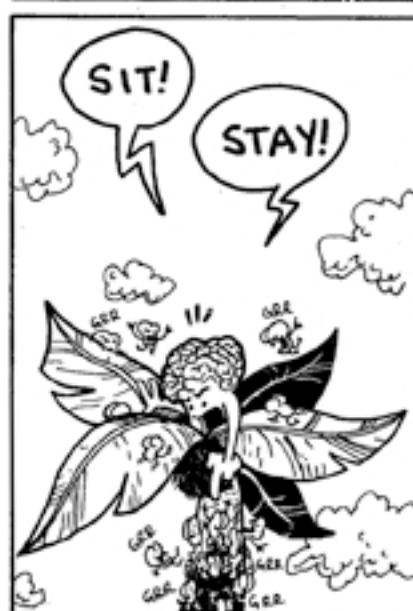
HOLY MACKEREL!  
THEY HAVE COMPLEX  
CAMERA EYES LIKE  
MINE NOW!

BUT, ALL WE DID  
WAS EAT THEM AND  
LET THEM  
REPRODUCE.

WITH NATURAL  
SELECTION AND  
LOTS OF TIME,  
THAT'S ALL WE  
NEEDED.



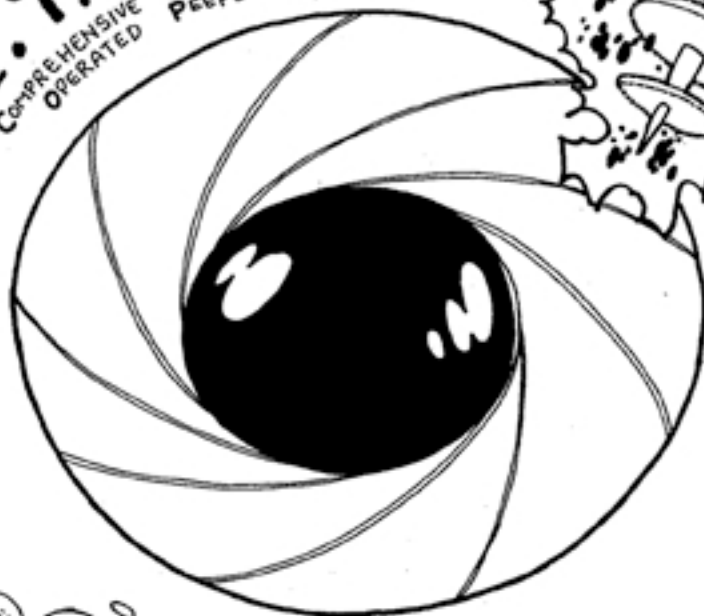




# E.Y.K.L.O.P.S.

YOKEL-KILLING LASER  
PEEPER SYSTEM

COMPREHENSIVE  
OPERATED



...doomed...

INITIATING  
TERMINATION



## To Be Continued..