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IN ANY COUNTRY, CLASS...

WHO HAS POWER?



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WHOEVER HAS THE MOST GUNS

TEACHERS!

WHOEVER HAS THE BIGGEST GUNS!

WHOEVER HAS THE MOST MONEY!

MY DAD'S BOSS?

PARENTS!

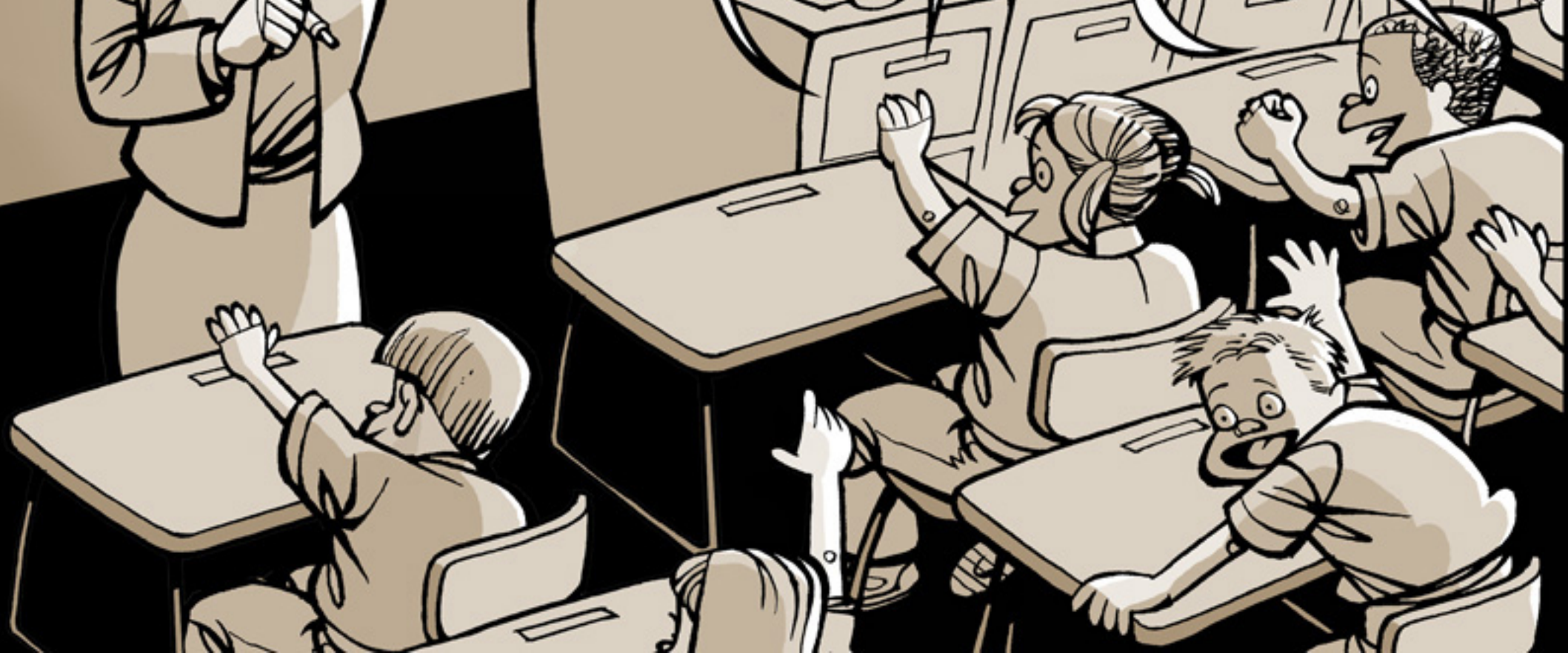
NO, THE COOLEST GUNS!

NO, THE POLICE!

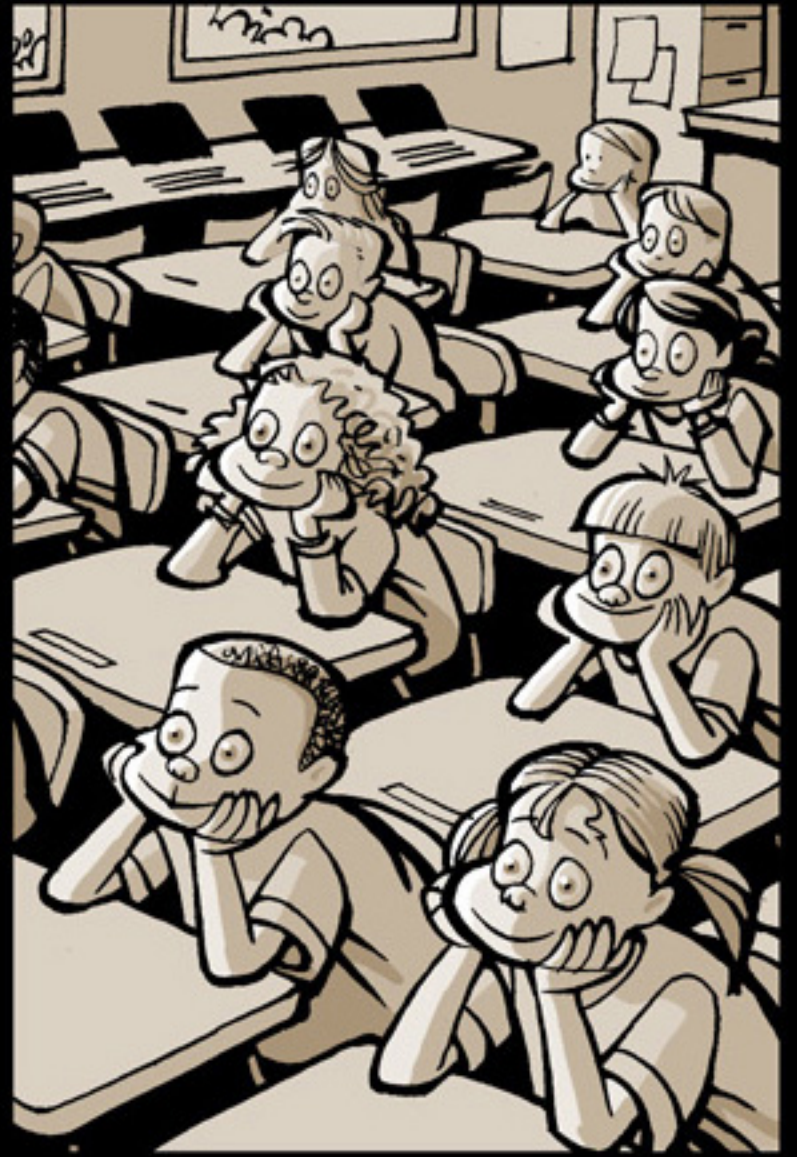
DUH, THE GOVERNMENT.

THE MAN!

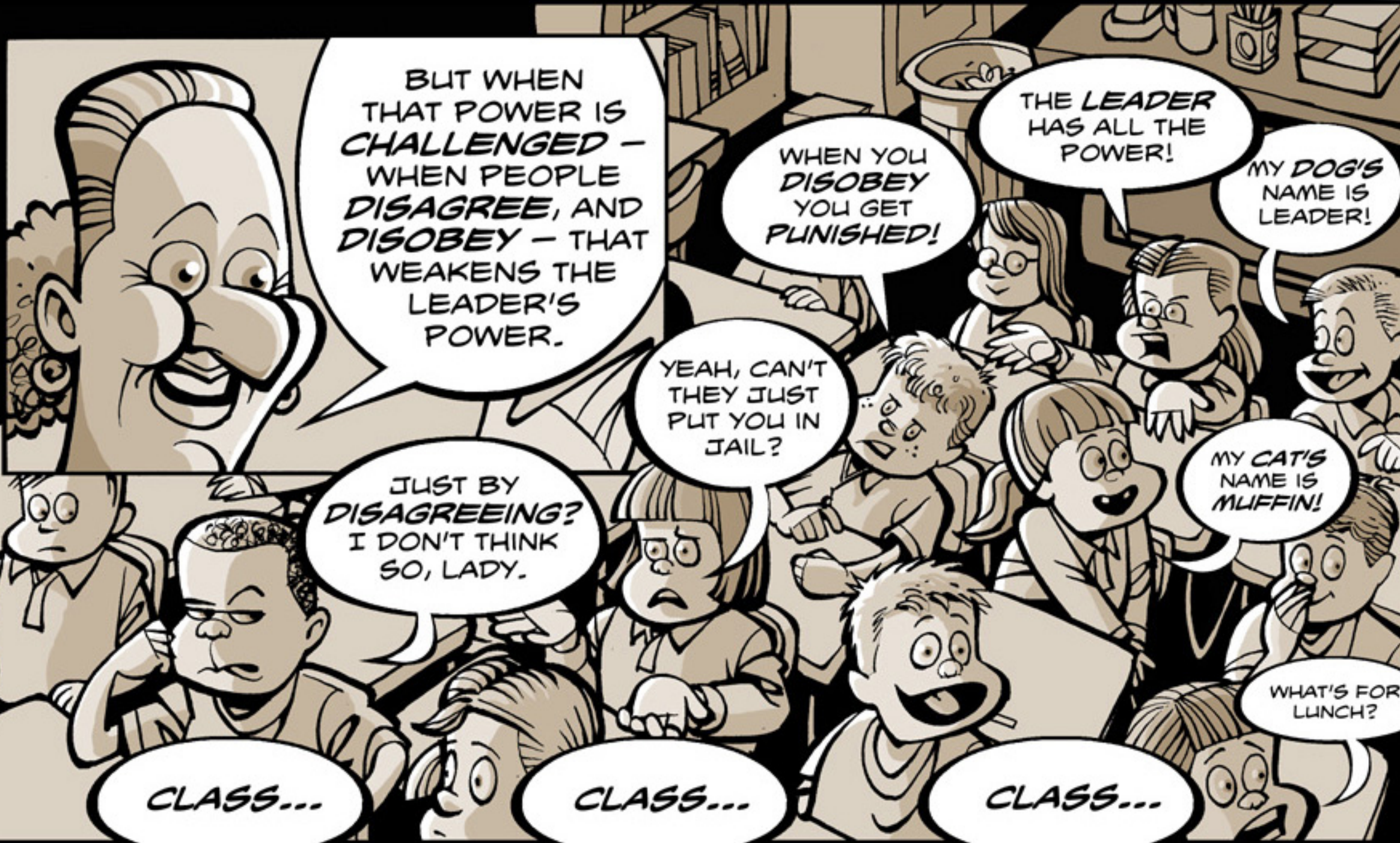
FREE-MASONS?











BUT WHEN THAT POWER IS **CHALLENGED** — WHEN PEOPLE **DISAGREE**, AND **DISOBEY** — THAT WEAKENS THE LEADER'S POWER.

WHEN YOU **DISOBEY** YOU GET **PUNISHED!**

THE **LEADER** HAS ALL THE **POWER!**

MY **DOG'S** NAME IS **LEADER!**

YEAH, CAN'T THEY JUST PUT YOU IN **JAIL?**

JUST BY **DISAGREEING?** I DON'T THINK SO, **LADY.**

MY **CAT'S** NAME IS **MUFFIN!**

WHAT'S FOR **LUNCH?**

CLASS...

CLASS...

CLASS...

**CLASS! I NEED
YOUR ATTENTION!**



LOOK, CAN PEOPLE
WHO DISOBEY JUST BE
THROWN IN JAIL? SURE,
A FEW TROUBLE-MAKERS
CAN ALWAYS BE EASILY
SPLIT APART AND
ISOLATED.



**BRANDON! JAMES!
YOU'RE NOT GETTING
RECESS OUTSIDE
WITH THE REST OF
THE CLASS!**



... BUT IF ALMOST ALL OF THEM ARE MAKING TROUBLE, *WELL...* IT'S DIFFICULT FOR A LEADER TO DISCIPLINE *EVERYBODY*, ALL AT ONCE!

CLASS! CLASS!

DOES ANYONE *ELSE* WANT TO LOSE THEIR RECESS?!

ANYONE?!

I DIDN'T THINK SO.







WHEN THE
PEOPLE

MS.
PHELPS?

I DON'T SEE
HOW JUST BEING
UNCOOPERATIVE IS
GOING TO MAKE AN
AUTHORITY LOSE
CONTROL.





**BETHANY AND AMANDA!
GET BACK IN YOUR SEATS!
YOU KIDS ARE DRIVING
ME CRAZY!**



WHERE WAS I... A
RULER CAN'T ISOLATE
EVERYBODY... BUT THEY
CAN MAKE AN EXAMPLE OF
SOME... TO SCARE
THE **OTHERS...**

≡SNORT≡

≡GIGGLE≡

**I HEARD THAT! THE
ENTIRE BACK ROW,
TO THE OFFICE!**

THAT'S
NOT
FAIR!

... BUT YOU CAN'T
SEND **EVERYBODY**
TO THE OFFICE... TO
JAIL! I MEAN... TO
JAIL... IT'S SIMPLE
LOGISTICS!

WE'RE
NOT GOIN'.

YOU'RE NOT GOING. THAT'S
JUST GREAT. HOW AM I GOING
TO TEACH THE REST OF THE
CLASS WHAT A SIT-DOWN
STRIKE IS?!





**BECAUSE SHE'D
LOSE HER JOB!**

OOH...
WHAT I
MEANT
WAS...

... SURE, THEY
CAN USE VIOLENCE
ON THEIR OWN
PEOPLE...

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... BUT THEN
THEY'D ONLY LOSE
WHATEVER LITTLE
LEGITIMACY THEY
HAD LEFT!





... WHICH JUST ENCOURAGES EVEN **MORE** PEOPLE TO TURN AGAINST THE LEADER.

THAT'S MORE LIKE IT!



IF YOU SEND THEM OUT, YOU'LL HAVE TO SEND ME TOO!

HEY, YEAH! AND ME!



REALLY? LET ME
REMIND YOU, I CAN
FLUNK YOU! I CAN
EVEN HAVE YOU
EXPELLED!

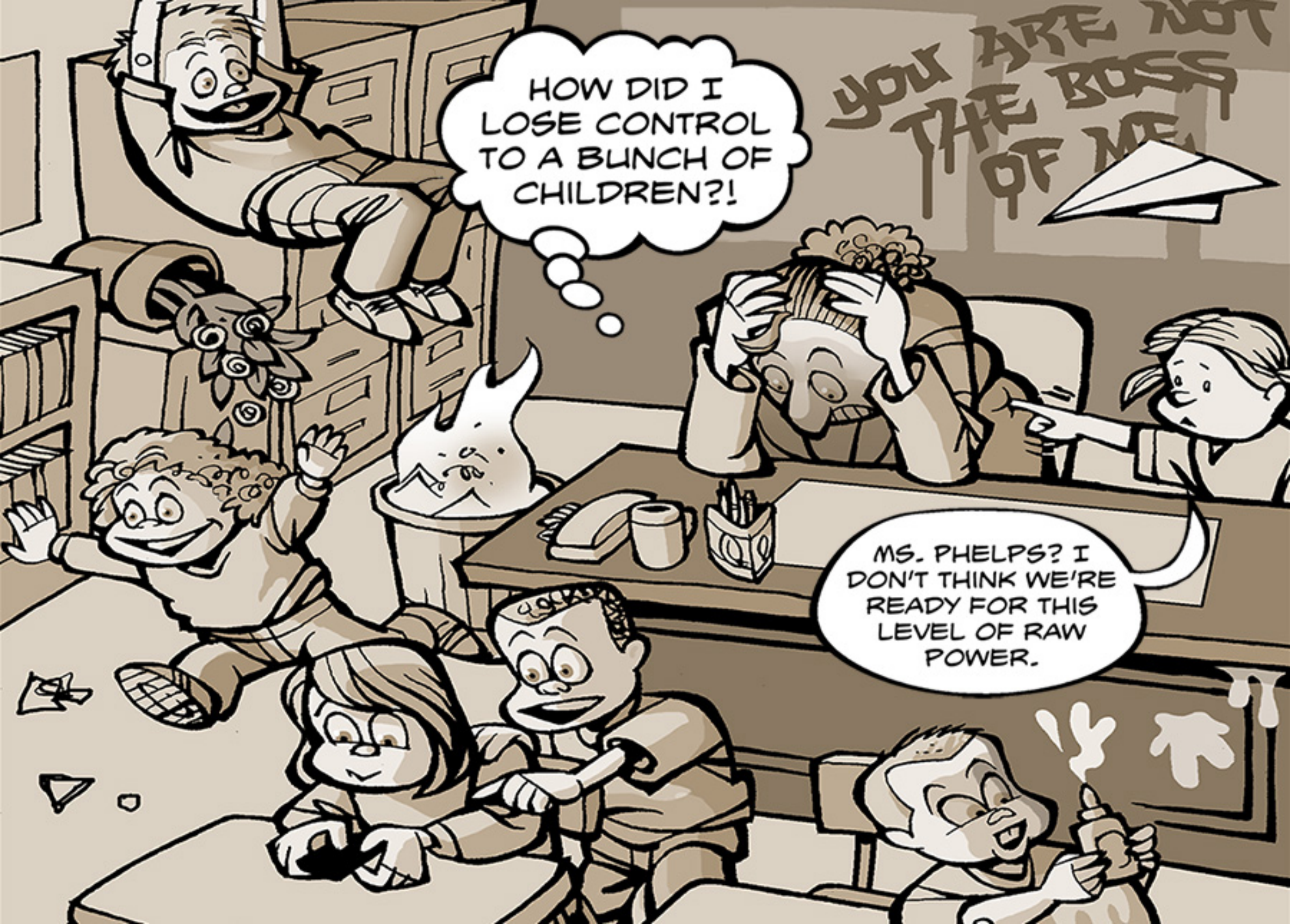


CAN YOU EXPEL
ALL OF US? OR
WOULD YOU ONLY
LOSE WHATEVER
LITTLE LEGITIMACY
YOU HAVE LEFT?

WE
CAN
CAN
YOU
ED!







HOW DID I
LOSE CONTROL
TO A BUNCH OF
CHILDREN?!

YOU ARE NOT
THE BOSS
OF ME!

MS. PHELPS? I
DON'T THINK WE'RE
READY FOR THIS
LEVEL OF RAW
POWER.

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