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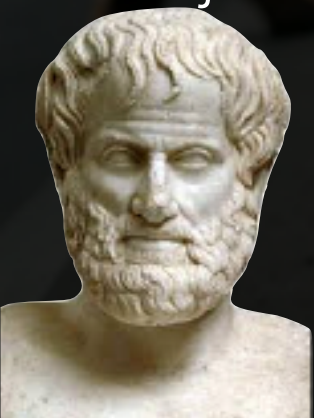
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ABSTRACTIONS

- With our unique **language**, we also gained the ability to transmit information about things that do not exist at all.
- As far as we know, only Sapiens can talk about entire kinds of entities that they have never seen, touched, or smelled.
- Many animals and human species could previously say, 'Careful! A lion!'
- Thanks to the Cognitive Revolution, Homo sapiens acquired the ability to say, '**The lion is the guardian spirit of our tribe.**'

FICTION AS BONDS

- The secret was the appearance of **fiction**.
- Large numbers of strangers can cooperate successfully by believing in common myths.
- Think of the nation state: Two Americans who have never met might risk their lives to save one another because both believe in the existence of the American nation and the American flag.
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