The Stages of Morality 101

Stage 0: natural law

Zag mad at Zig. Zag hit Zig. Zag not expecting repercussions. Zag wrong. Zag be more careful next time.

Stage 1: inventing law

Zagbi is mad at Zigba. Zagbi talk to elders. Elders say Zagbi hit Zigba, but no too hard. Zagbi hit Zigba way too hard. Elders throw Zigba and Zagbi in the river.

Stage 2: encoding law

McZagbi is mad at McZigba. McZigba took McZagbi’s thingumbob, says it’s not McZigba’s thingumbob. McZagbi proves his case for the Elders. The elders throw McZagbi in the river, not on McZigba’s behalf you understand, but for principles. Still enjoyed it, though.

Stage 3: owning law

Baron Percival of Zagby is mad at the Percival, Earl of Zigbha. He always is. Lord Zigbha is taxing serfs on Lord Zagby’s land. Lord Zagby appeals to the King to enforce the Law. The king says, “Who cares? I got mine.” Lord Zagby appeals to God. God doesn’t get back to Lord Zagby on time for the trial. Lord Zagby kills the King in the name of God, crowns himself King of All the Zagbys and the Zigbhis Too. He shows everyone a document in God’s own handwriting which says that Lord Zagby is his personal friend, and he’s allowed to kill you if he feels like it. Lord Zigbha crowns himself King of All the Zigbhas and the Zagbys Too. God is still not answering his phone.

Stage 4: democratizing law

Nobody gives a damn what the Mr. McZagbi and Ms. Vonzigba say. The king has been replaced by a constitution, a document which says that no one gets to just invent laws for themselves, and McZagbi and Vonzigba have sued themselves right out of relevance. Meanwhile, Zagmart is suing Zigco for patent infringement. Zigco’s CEO keeps talking about God, Mother and Pie, but no one listens. Zagmart and Zigco meet with a judge behind closed doors. Zany antics ensue. Zagmart punishes Zigco by buying it at a hyperinflated price. Collusion is suspected until it isn’t. The former CEO of Zigco buys a private island near Fiji with the punishment money, where he elects himself Zig the First. Entropy does the rest.

Stage 5: law? What law?

Aliens come down and inform us that we are all wrong, have always been wrong, and are likely incapable of understanding morality without the use of cybernetic implants. Rude people are vaporized. The government declares bankruptcy and goes home. Professinal wrestling is exposed as fake, but Triple Zag and The Iron Zig just keep on fighting. At this point, I go to Mars and live under an overturned canoe.