

The Story Of A Theorem

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- Lemma (BMR) If T is an Aronszajn tree, then $\mathbb{S}_\omega(T)$ has the countable chain condition.

ACT I

Those were the days



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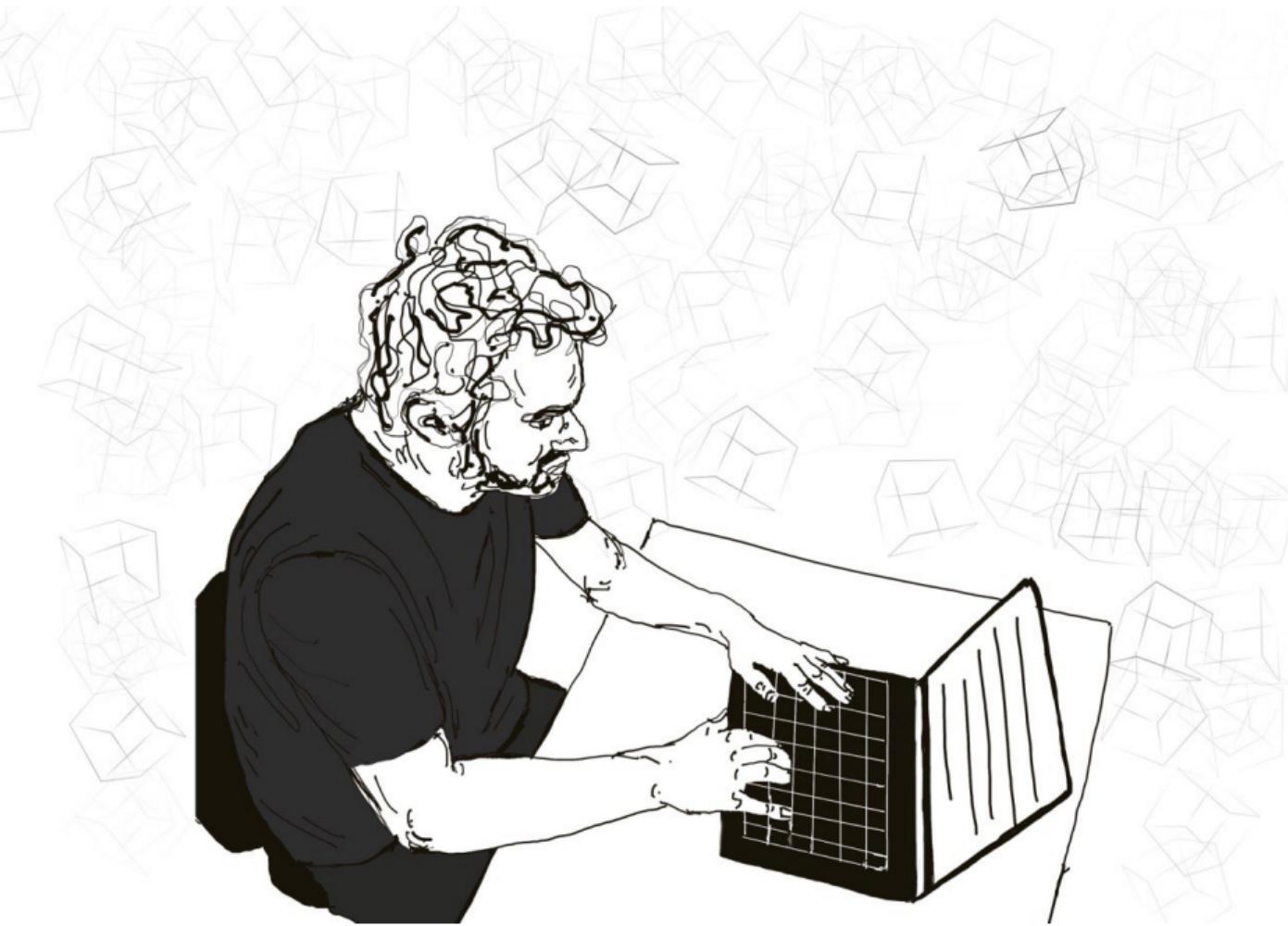
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ACT II

A helpless PhD student





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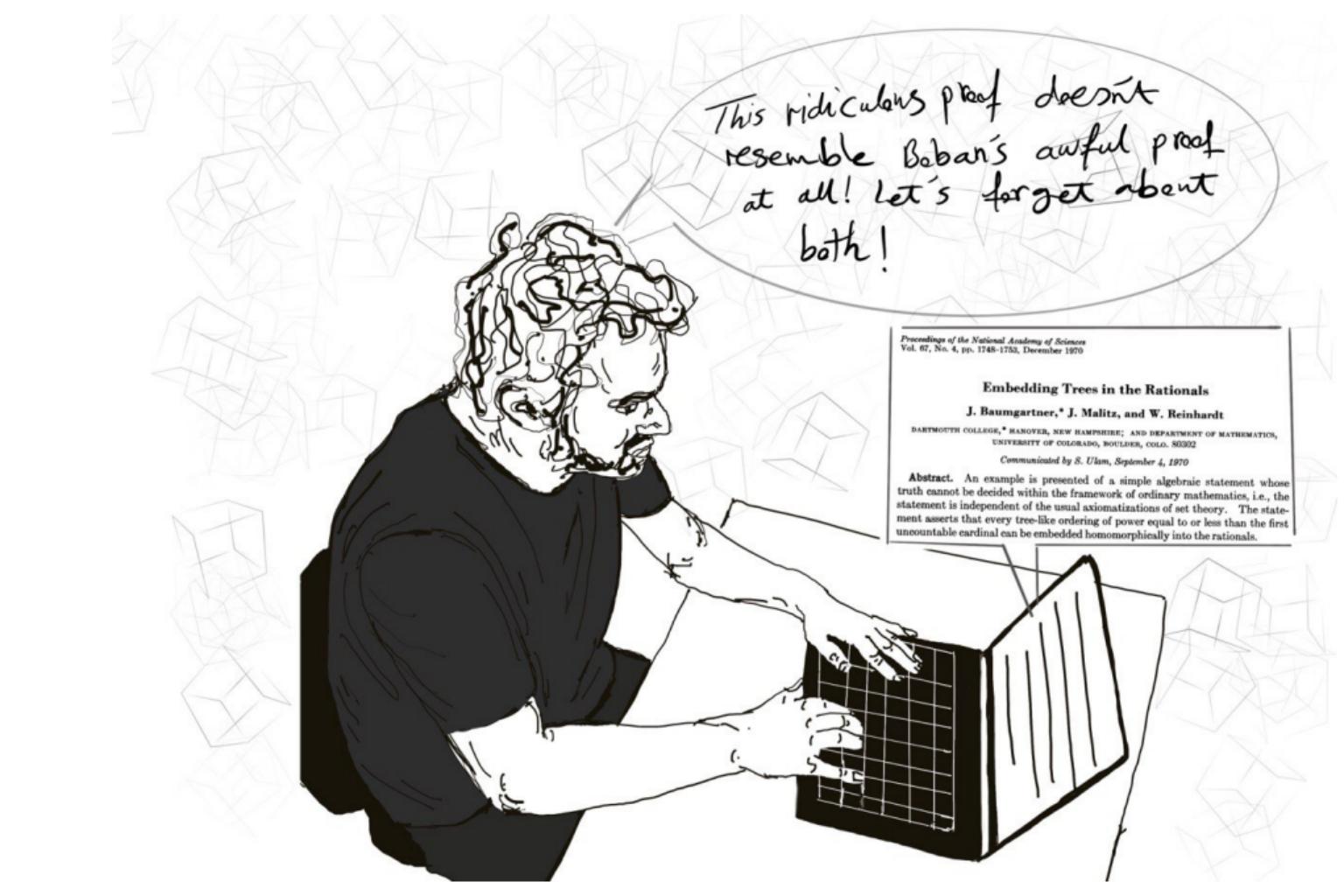
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This ridiculous proof doesn't resemble Boban's awful proof at all! Let's forget about both!

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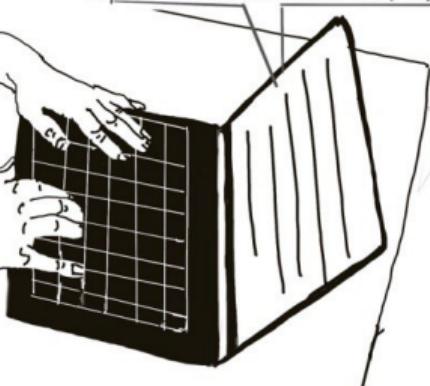
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A Revelation

The Two Cultures of Mathematics.

W. T. Gowers

In his famous Rede lecture of 1959, entitled “The Two Cultures”, C. P. Snow argued that the lack of communication between the humanities and the sciences was very harmful, and he particularly criticized those working in the humanities for their lack of understanding of science. One of the most memorable passages draws attention to a lack of symmetry which still exists, in a milder form, forty years later:

Suppose

1. θ is an uncountable regular cardinal.
2. $M \prec H_\theta$ is countable.
3. Let $Z \in M$ a set. Suppose that $z \mapsto f_z$ is a function on $\mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(Z)$ in M , where for each $z \in \mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(Z)$, f_z is a $\{0, 1\}$ -valued function with $z \subseteq \text{dom}(f_z)$.
4. $f : Z \cap M \rightarrow 2$ is a function that is not guessed in M .

Assume that $B \in M$ is a cofinal subset of $\mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(Z)$. Then there is $B^* \in M$ cofinal in B such that for every $z \in B^*$, $f_z \not\subseteq f$.

Suppose \mathcal{I} is an ideal on a set Z . Let $M \prec H_\theta$ with $Z, \mathcal{I} \in M$. Let $f : M \cap W \rightarrow 2$ be a function which is not guessed in M , where $W \in M$. Suppose that $\phi \in M$ is a function such that:

1. $A = \text{dom}(\phi) \in \mathcal{I}^+$,
2. For every $z \in A$, $\phi(z)$ is a function, and
3. For every $w \in W$, $\{z \in A : w \in \text{dom}(\phi(z))\} \in \mathcal{I}^+$.

Then there is $A^* \in M \cap \mathcal{I}^+$ with $A^* \subseteq A$ such that for every $z \in A^*$, $\phi(z) \not\subseteq f$.

ACT III

Le confinement parisien





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It's suspicious!



Why ???



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Neeman has a paper
in which he shows
this is almost impossible
you should check
his paper to see
why you don't contradict
his result.

ACT IV

A jobless graduated student





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Mathematical Logic



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Theorem(M.)

Assume PFA. Suppose that T is a branchless tree of height ω_2 . Then there is a proper and ω_2 -preserving forcing with the ω_1 -approximation property \mathbb{P}_T forcing T is special.

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We say p is stronger than q if and only if:

1. $\mathcal{M}_p \supseteq \mathcal{M}_q$.
2. $f_p \supseteq f_q$.

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Proof. Force with Neeman’s or Velickovic’s side conditions with decorations.

Happy Birthday!

