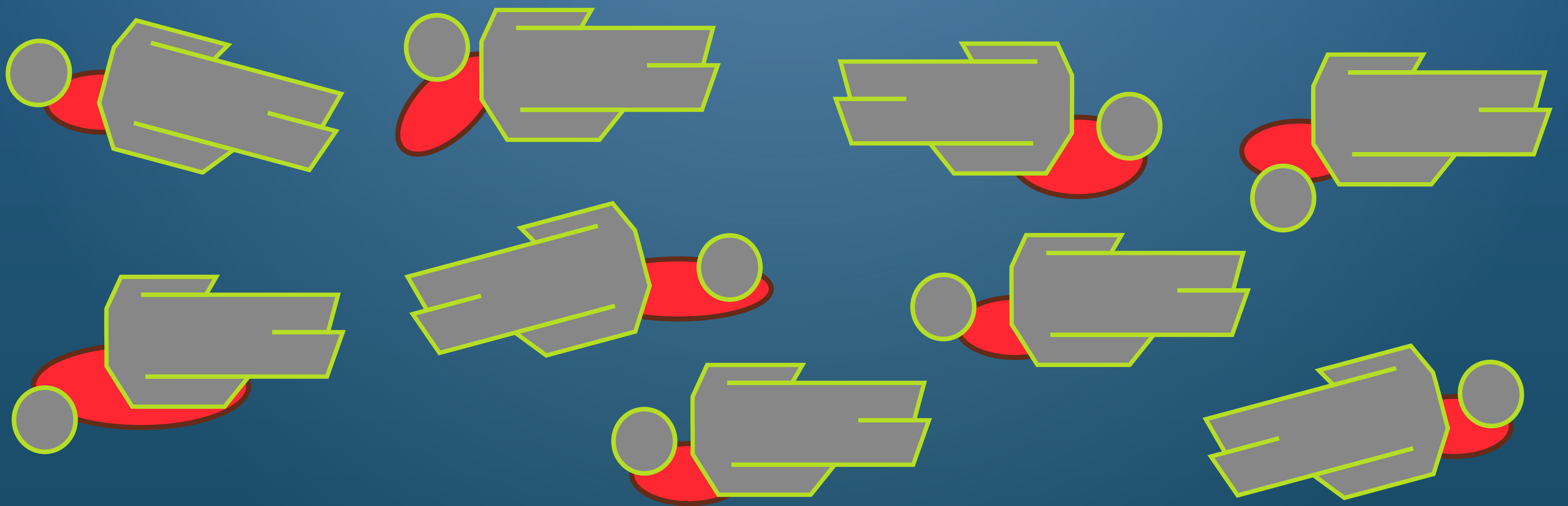
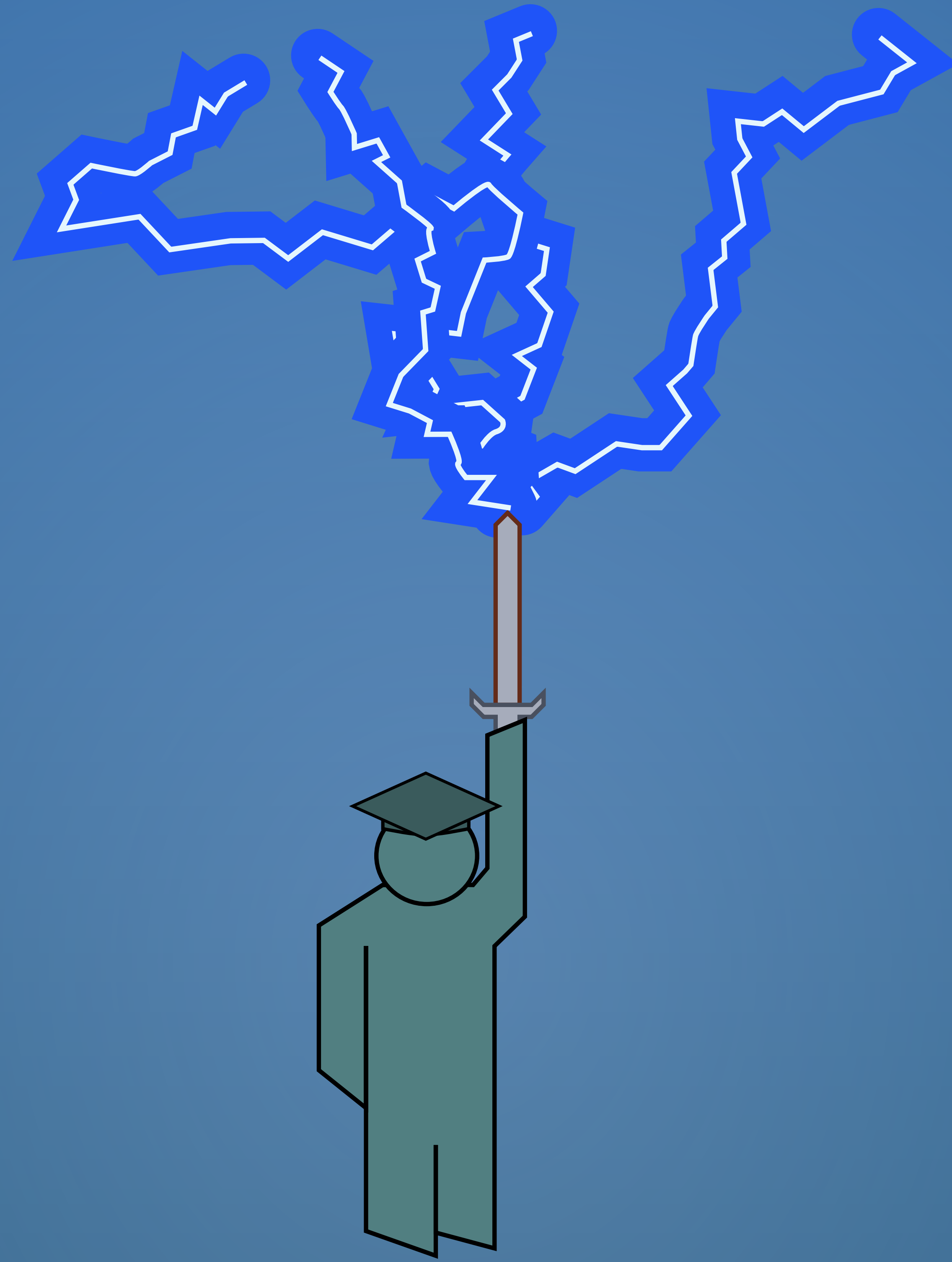


ACADEMIA

— THERE CAN BE ONLY ONE —



THERE IS ONLY ONE PROFESSOR POSITION
FOR EVERY TEN PHDS TRAINED
CONSIDER HIRING STAFF SCIENTISTS
INSTEAD OF MORE PHD STUDENTS

The exact numbers vary; in Germany, the reported figure is that one in fourteen PhDs get professor positions.

The NSF Survey of Earned Doctorates reports that most PhDs eventually find jobs in or out of academia, but many are dissatisfied that it is not in a field that they trained to do.

In case you do not know, this is a parody of the film Highlander.

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