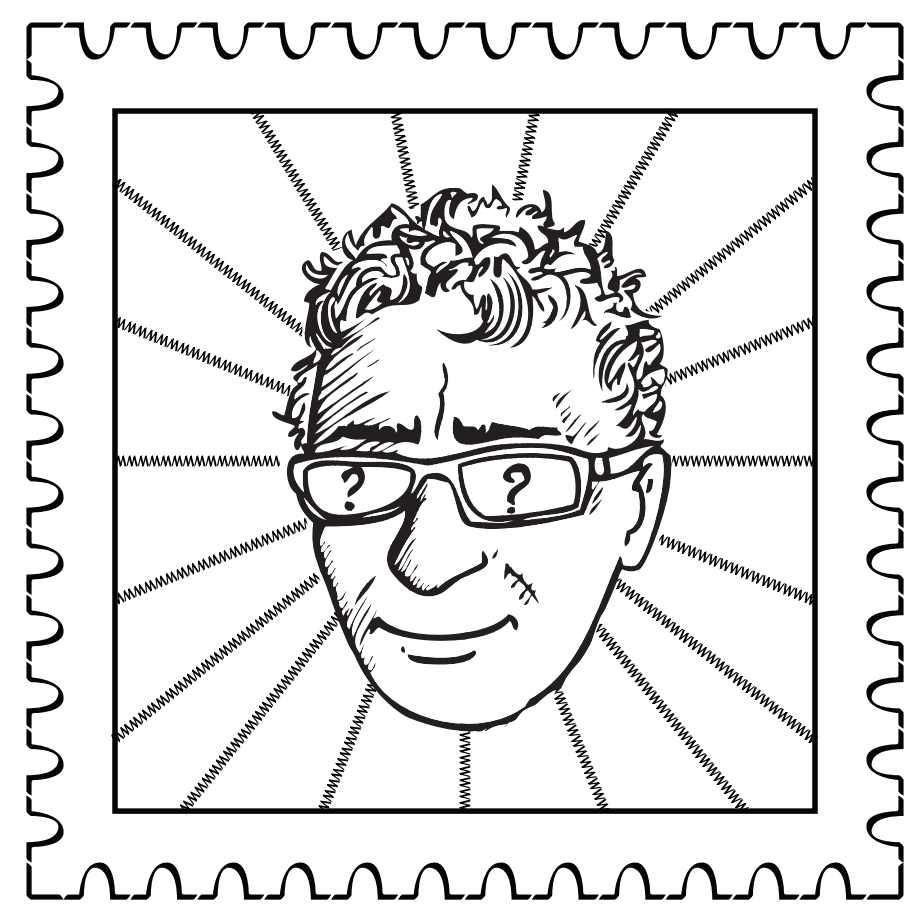


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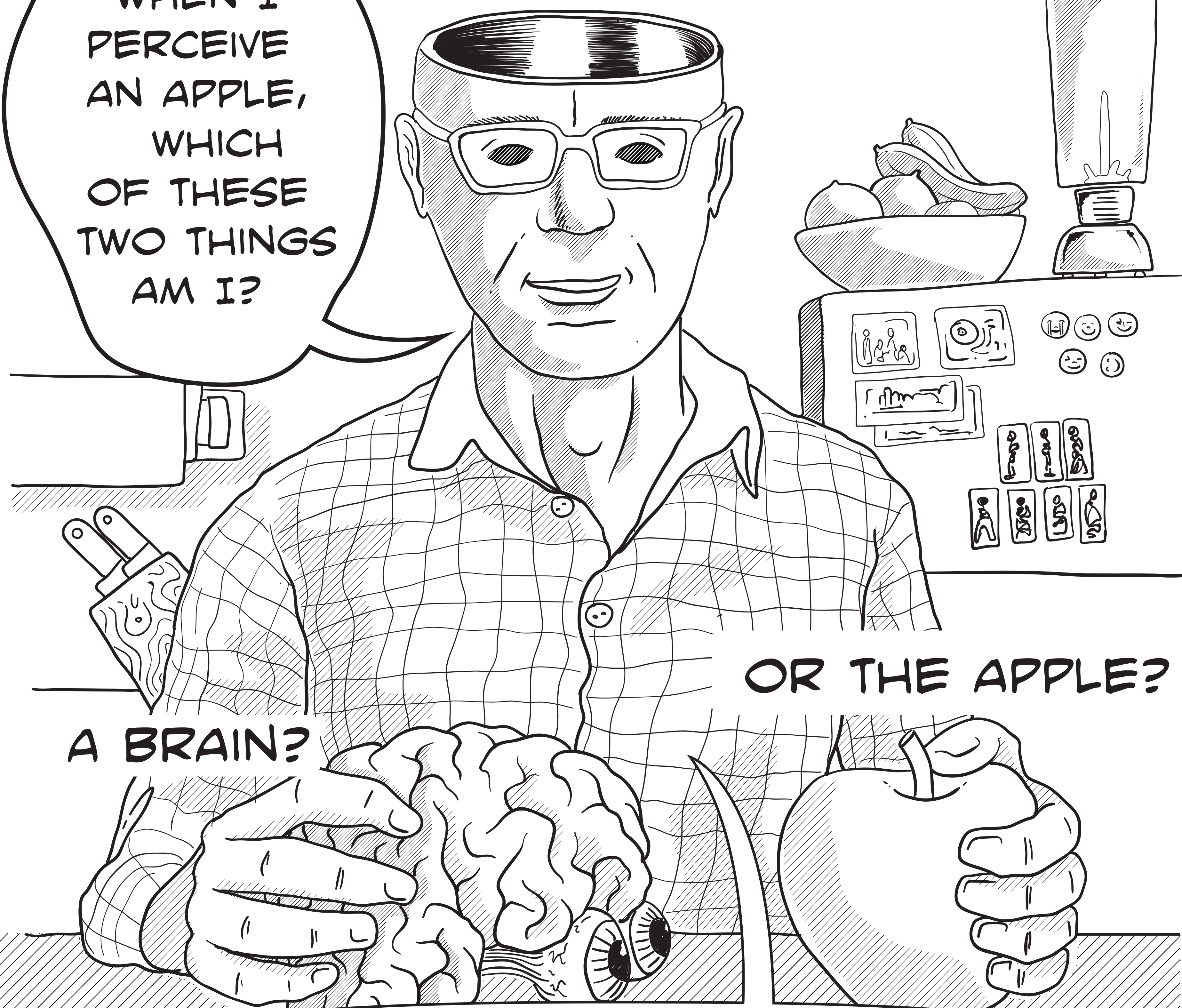


A MIND OBJECT

IDENTITY THEORY

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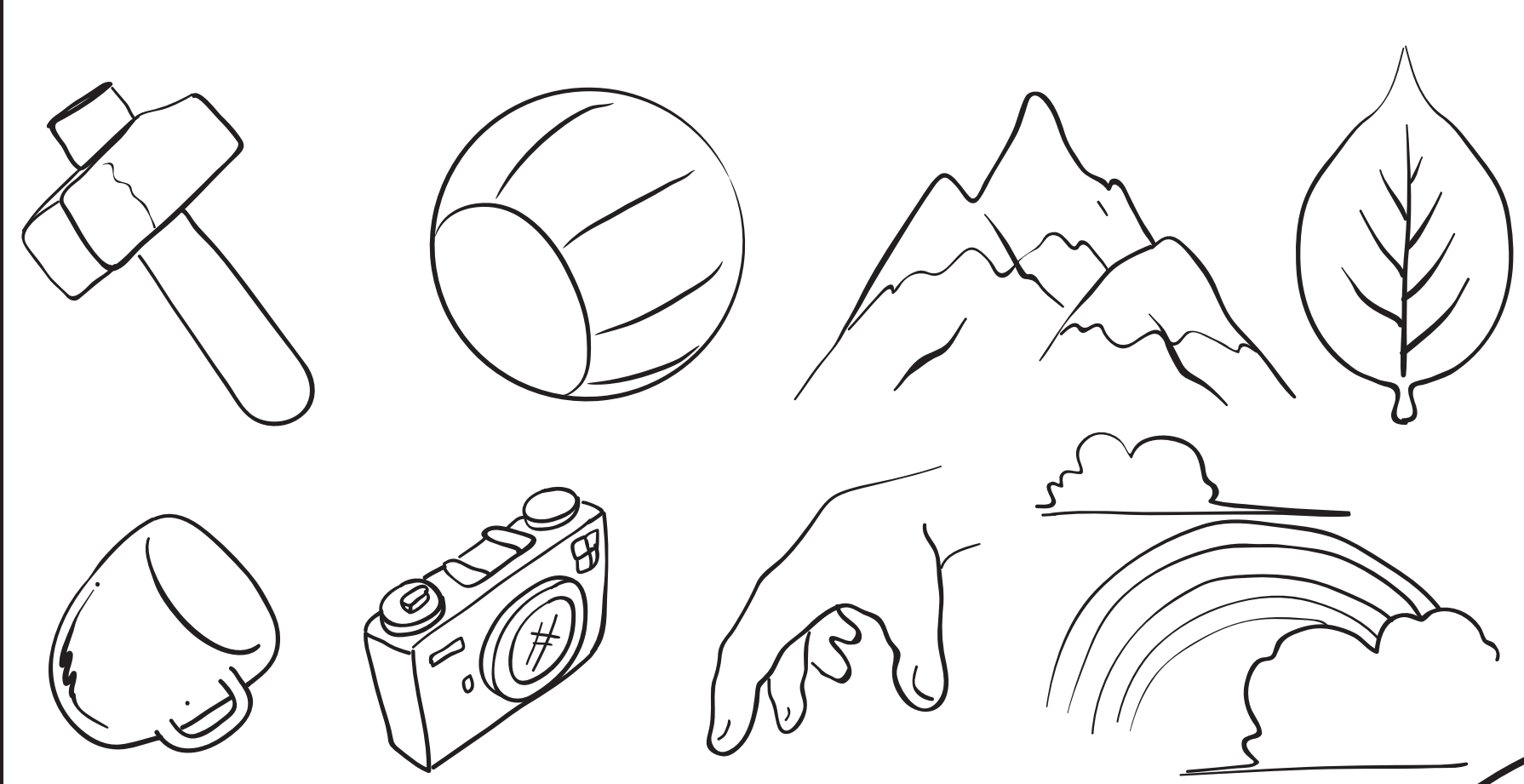
WHEN I
PERCEIVE
AN APPLE,
WHICH
OF THESE
TWO THINGS
AM I?



A BRAIN?

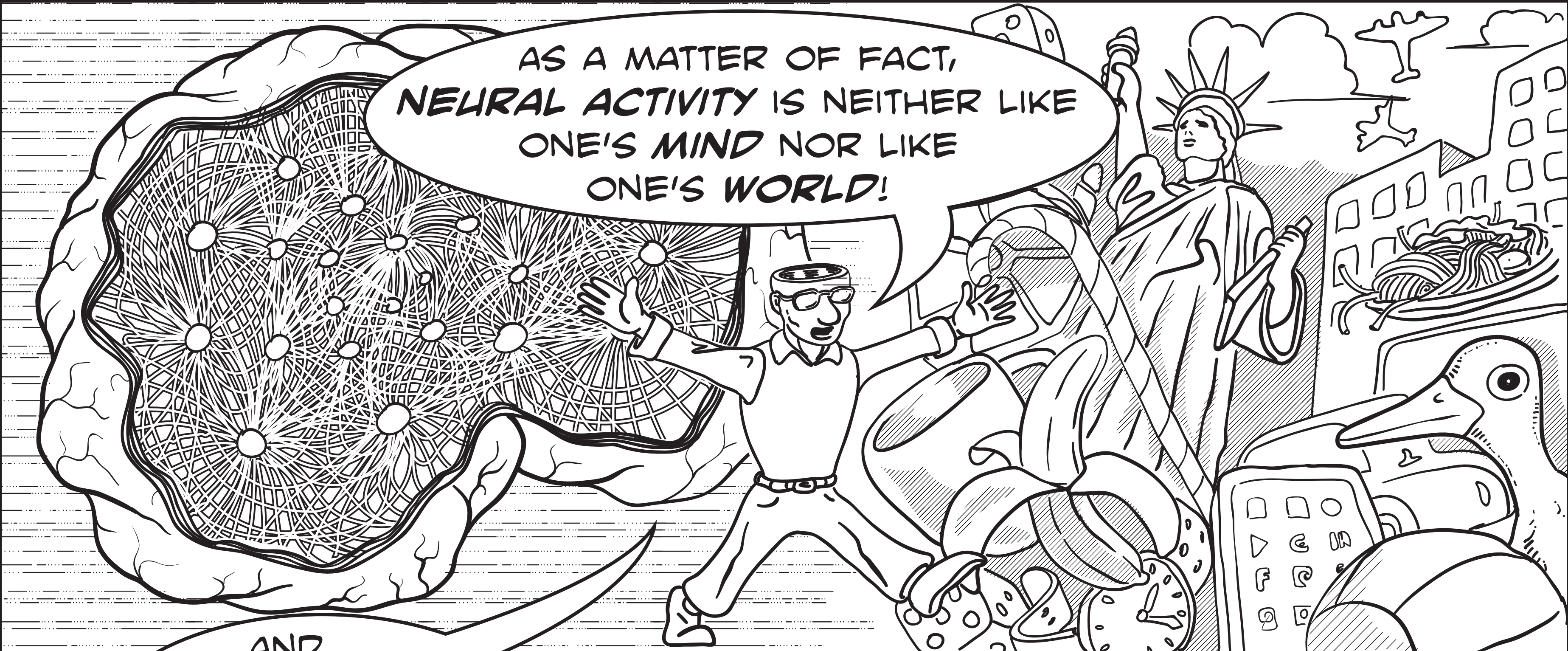
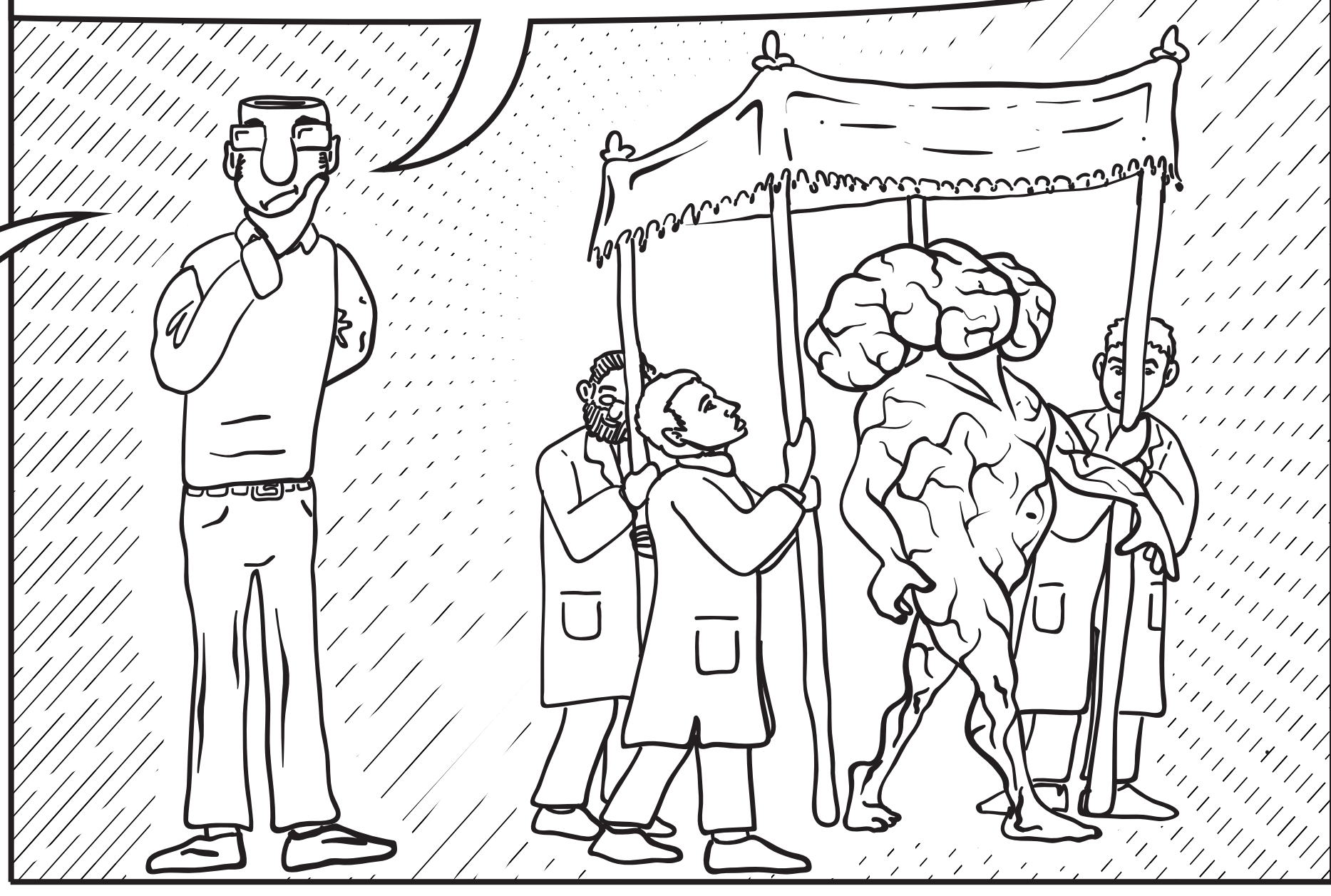
OR THE APPLE?

IT MAY SEEM BIZARRE TO CONSIDER TWO THINGS!
TWO OBJECTS ... HOW VULGAR!
AFTER ALL, AREN'T MINDS SUPPOSED TO BE DIFFERENT FROM THINGS?
AND YET, IS THERE ANYTHING BUT THINGS?



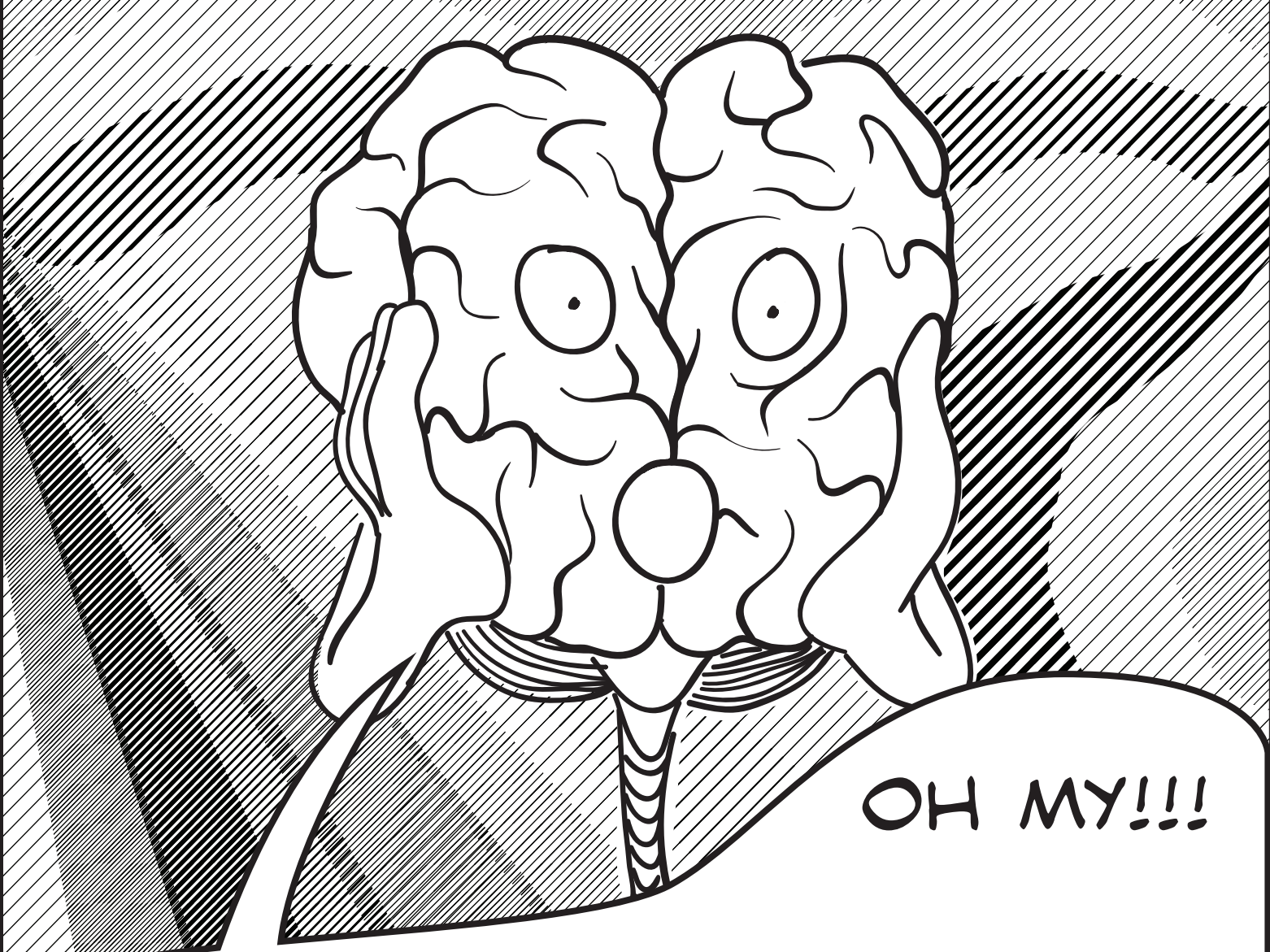
THE MOST **POPULAR** CHOICE IS THE BRAIN. YET, LIKE THE EMPEROR'S NEW CLOTHES, THE BRAIN IS NAKED! THE BRAIN IS YET ANOTHER OBJECT ...

I MEAN 'THINGS' BECAUSE IN NATURE EVERYTHING IS A **SPATIOTEMPORALLY** ENTITY MADE OF **MATTER/ENERGY** WITH A **CAUSAL** ROLE, THAT IS ... A **THING**!



AS A MATTER OF FACT, **NEURAL ACTIVITY** IS NEITHER LIKE ONE'S **MIND** NOR LIKE ONE'S **WORLD**!

AND ... AS REGARDS THE MIND, THE BRAIN SHOULD **COME OUT**!



OH MY!!!

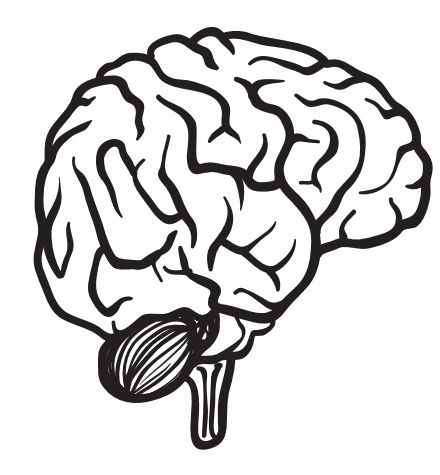
I AM A PHYSICAL OBJECT I THOUGHT I WAS **SPECIAL**, BUT I AM NOT!

FURTHERMORE, IF OBJECTS HAD NONE OF EXPERIENCE'S PROPERTIES



ARE PHYSICAL

THEN, THE BRAIN, BEING AN OBJECT, COULD HAVE NONE EITHER!



IS PHYSICAL TOO!

HOWEVER, RATHER THAN THROW AWAY THE BRAIN, LET'S CONSIDER OTHER PHYSICAL CANDIDATES!

SO, LET US GET BACK TO THE **ORIGINAL** QUESTION! CONSIDER THE SIMPLEST CASE OF EXPERIENCE

TAKE AN **APPLE!** WHAT'S SIMPLER THAN THAT?

LOOK CLOSELY AT THE **APPLE YOU JUST GRABBED!** ISN'T IT **JUST LIKE** YOUR EXPERIENCE OF IT?

ISN'T IT RED, ROUND, AND APPLISH?

ISN'T IT JUST LIKE THE **CONSCIOUS PERCEPT?**

EXPERIENCE ???

1 **BRAIN/BODY**

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?

=

2 **OBJECT**

WE HAVE **TWO THINGS:** THE BRAIN (1) AND THE APPLE (2)!

WHICH OF THEM IS ONE'S EXPERIENCE?

I DON'T KNOW **A PRIORI** WHAT EXPERIENCE IS !

BUT ...

IF I **FREE** EXPERIENCE FROM THE PHILO JARGON, I AM LEFT WITH THE APPLE I HAVE **IN FRONT OF ME!**

3

THUS, IF I CONTRAST THE **EXPERIENCE** OF THE APPLE WITH THE **APPLE**, THEY ARE THE **SAME**!

ON THE OTHER HAND, **BRAIN** AND THE **EXPERIENCE** OF THE APPLE ARE COMPLETELY **DIFFERENT**!

I CAN **PUT BACK** MY BRAIN IN MY SKULL, THE BRAIN IS THE ONLY OBJECT I AM NOT! I MUST BE ELSEWHERE!

WHERE AM I THEN? WHERE IS THE EXPERIENCE OF THE APPLE?

ONE MIGHT PUT EXPERIENCE **OUTSIDE** OF THE PHYSICAL WORLD. BUT IT WOULD BE A **NON STARTER**

HERE? IN ANOTHER DIMENSION?

SOLUTION 1: DUALISM

OR, ONE MIGHT PUT THE MIND INSIDE THE BRAIN. BUT, THE BRAIN IS JUST AN OBJECT AND INSIDE THE HEAD **NOTHING** IS LIKE ONE'S EXPERIENCE

HERE?

SOLUTION 2: BRAINBOUND

THEN, I AM LEFT WITH THE ONLY PHYSICAL CANDIDATE: THE OBJECT! A **MIND-OBJECT** IDENTITY THEORY

OR, SURPRISINGLY, HERE?

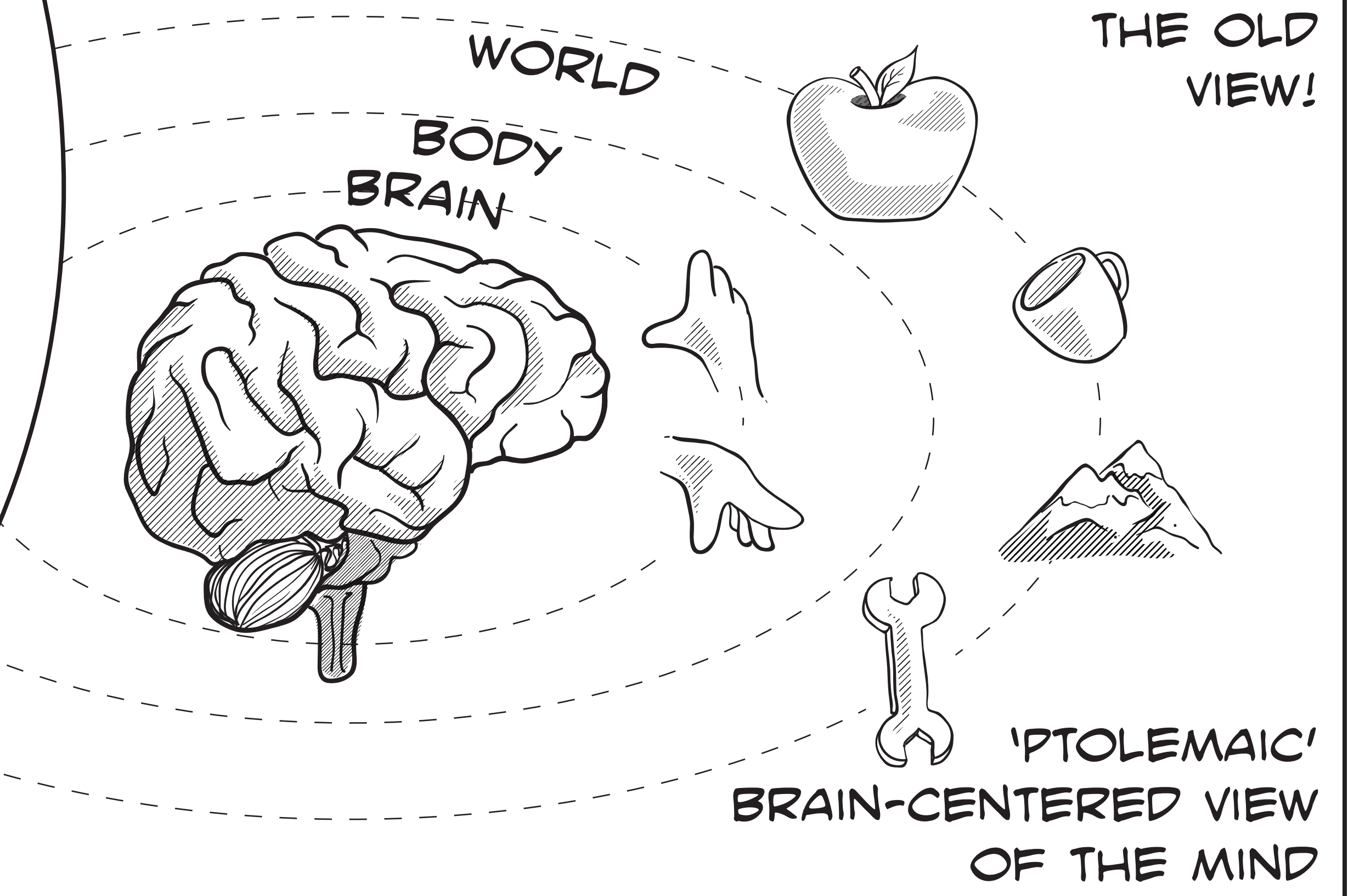
I AM THE MIND!!!

OBJECT = EXPERIENCE

IN SHORT THE IDEA IS THAT ONE'S EXPERIENCE IS THE **VERY** OBJECT ONE EXPERIENCES! CALL IT **OBJECT BOUND**

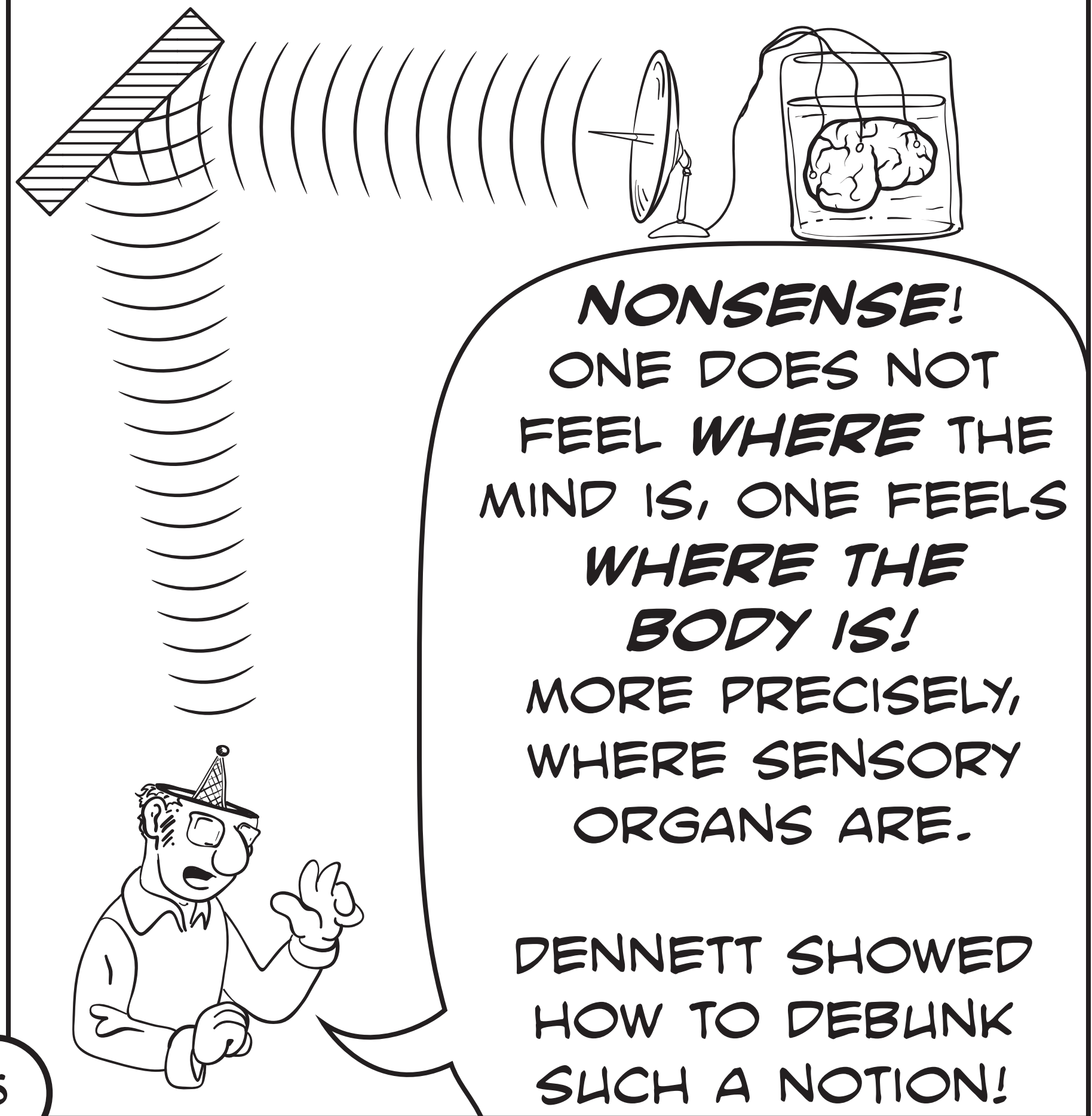
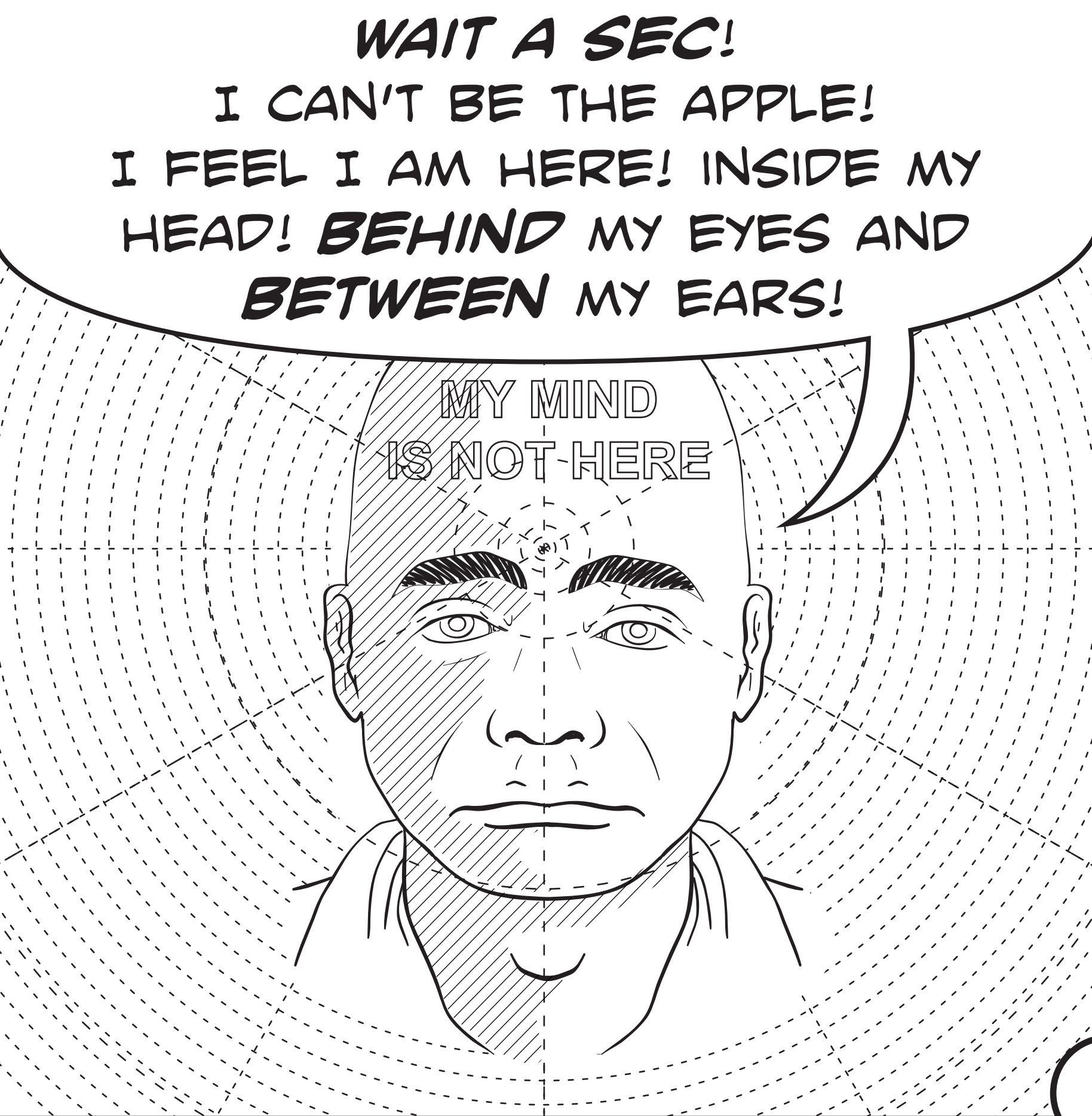
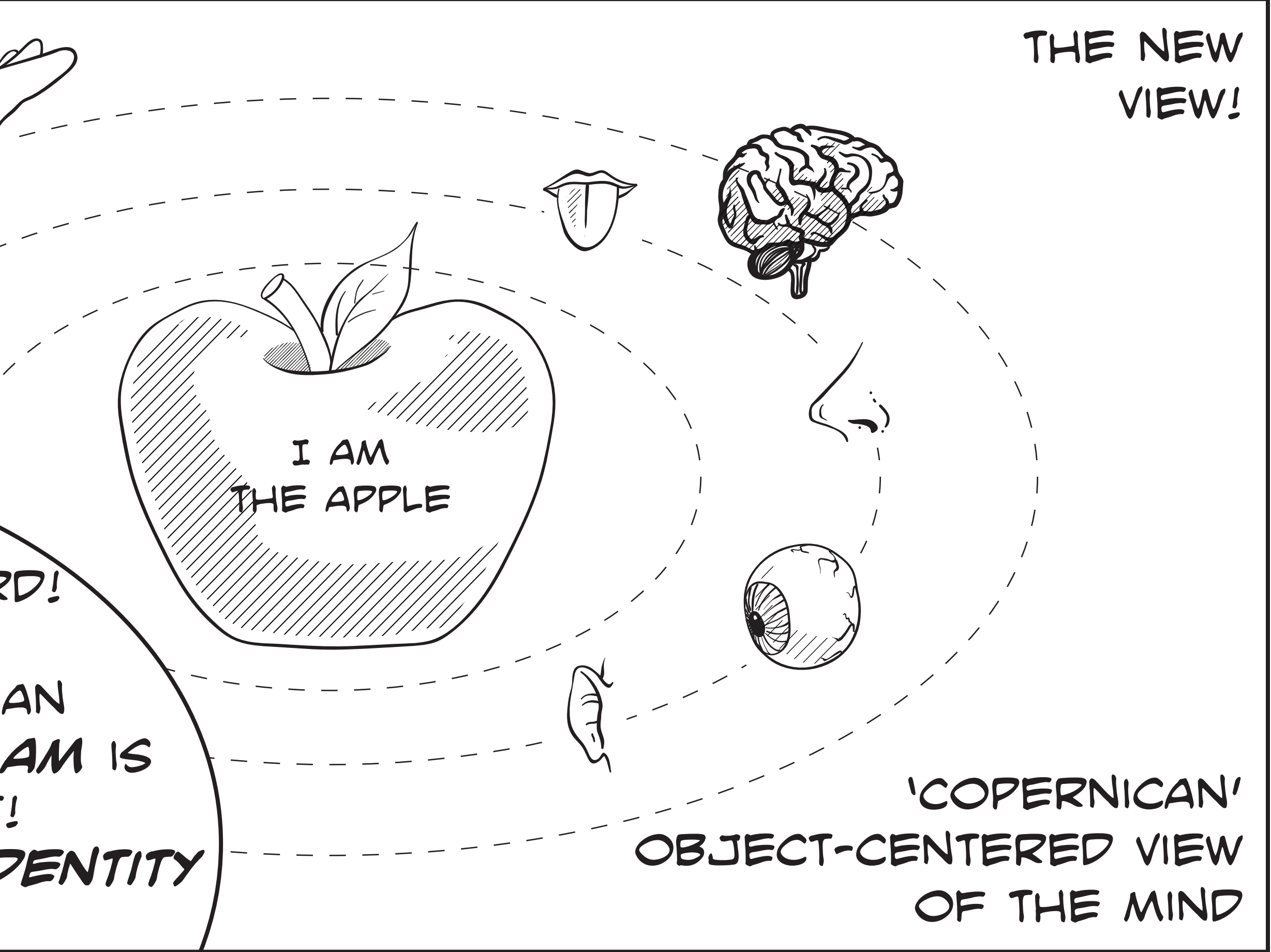
SOLUTION 3: OBJECTBOUND!

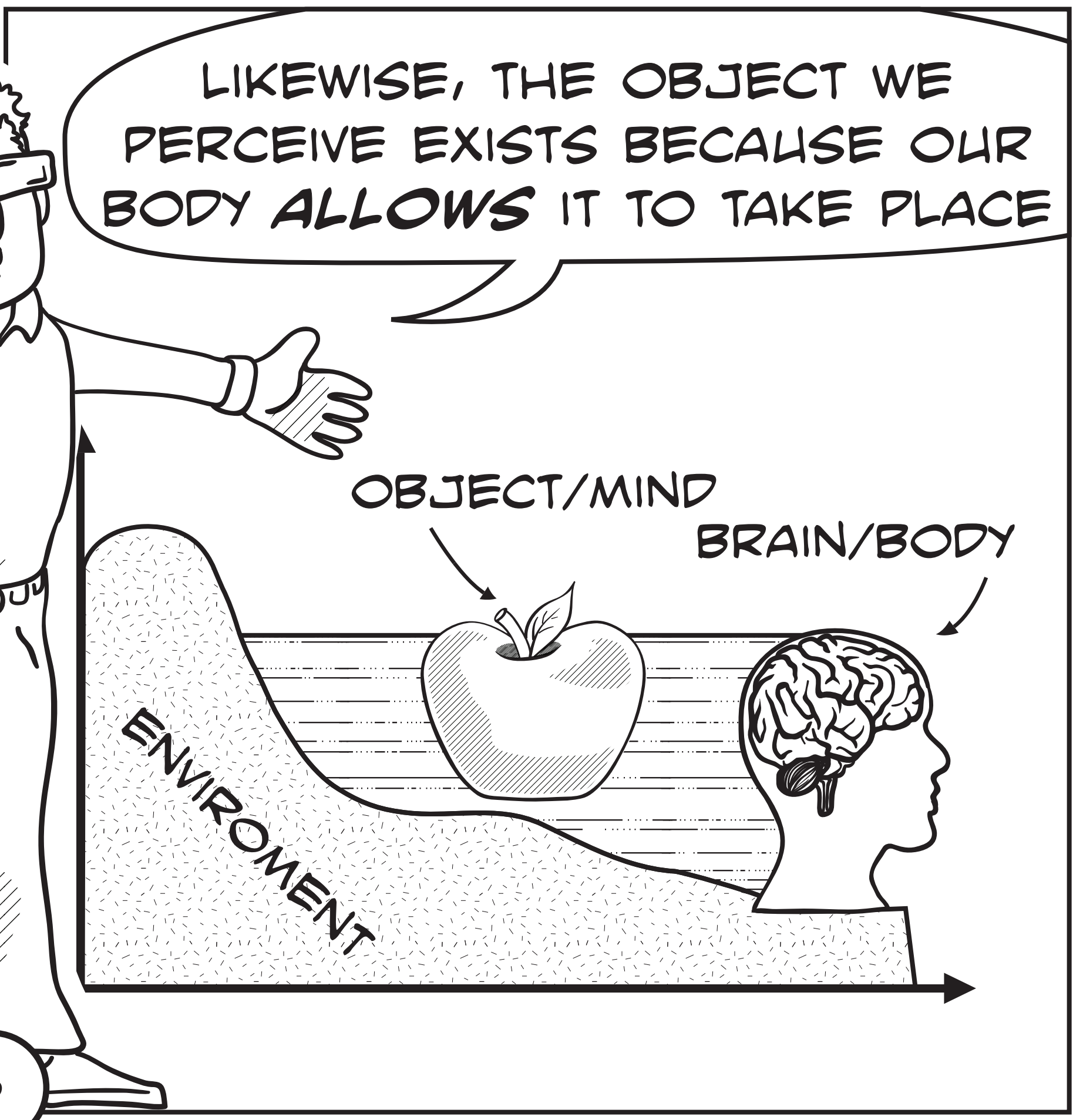
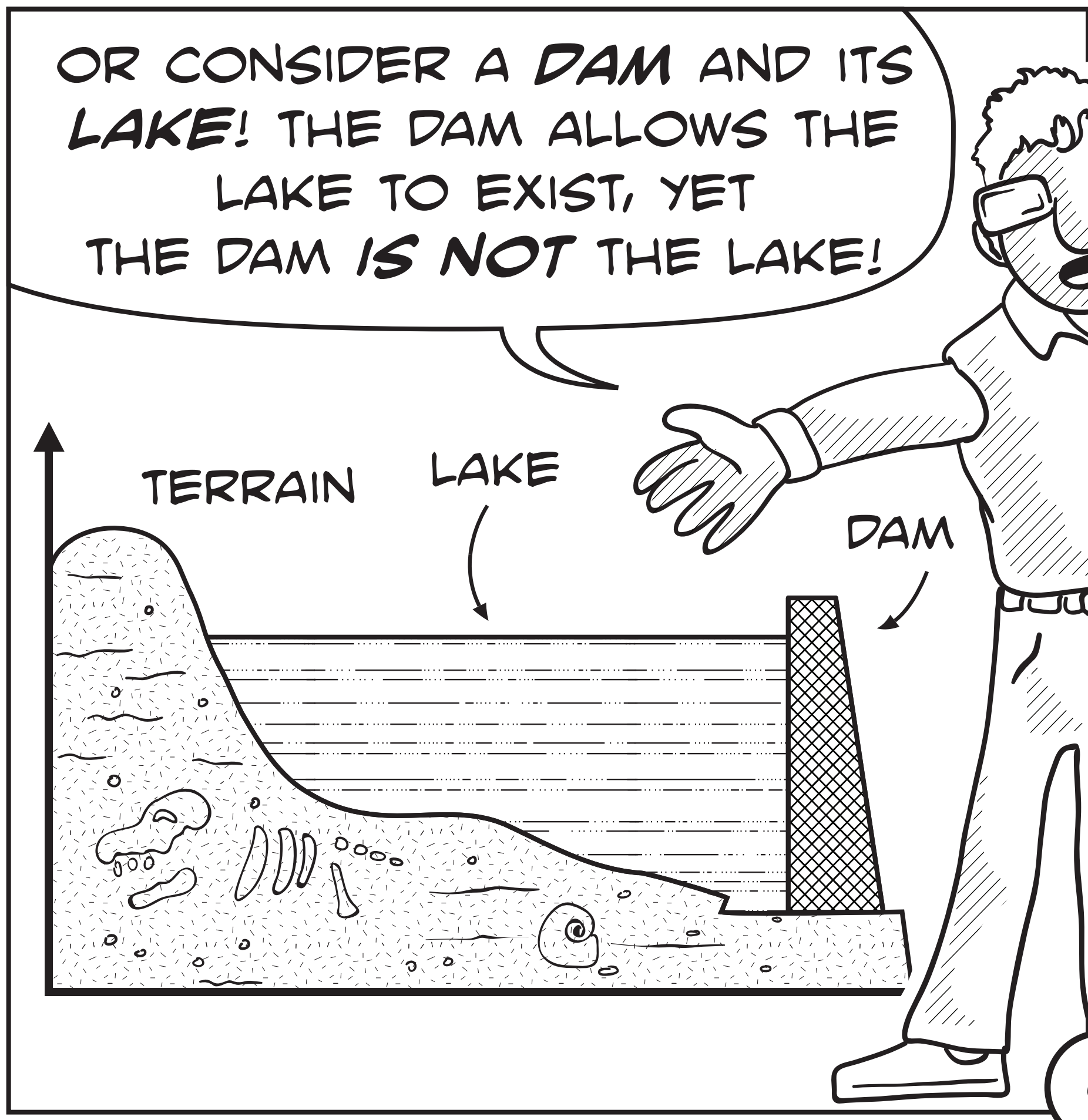
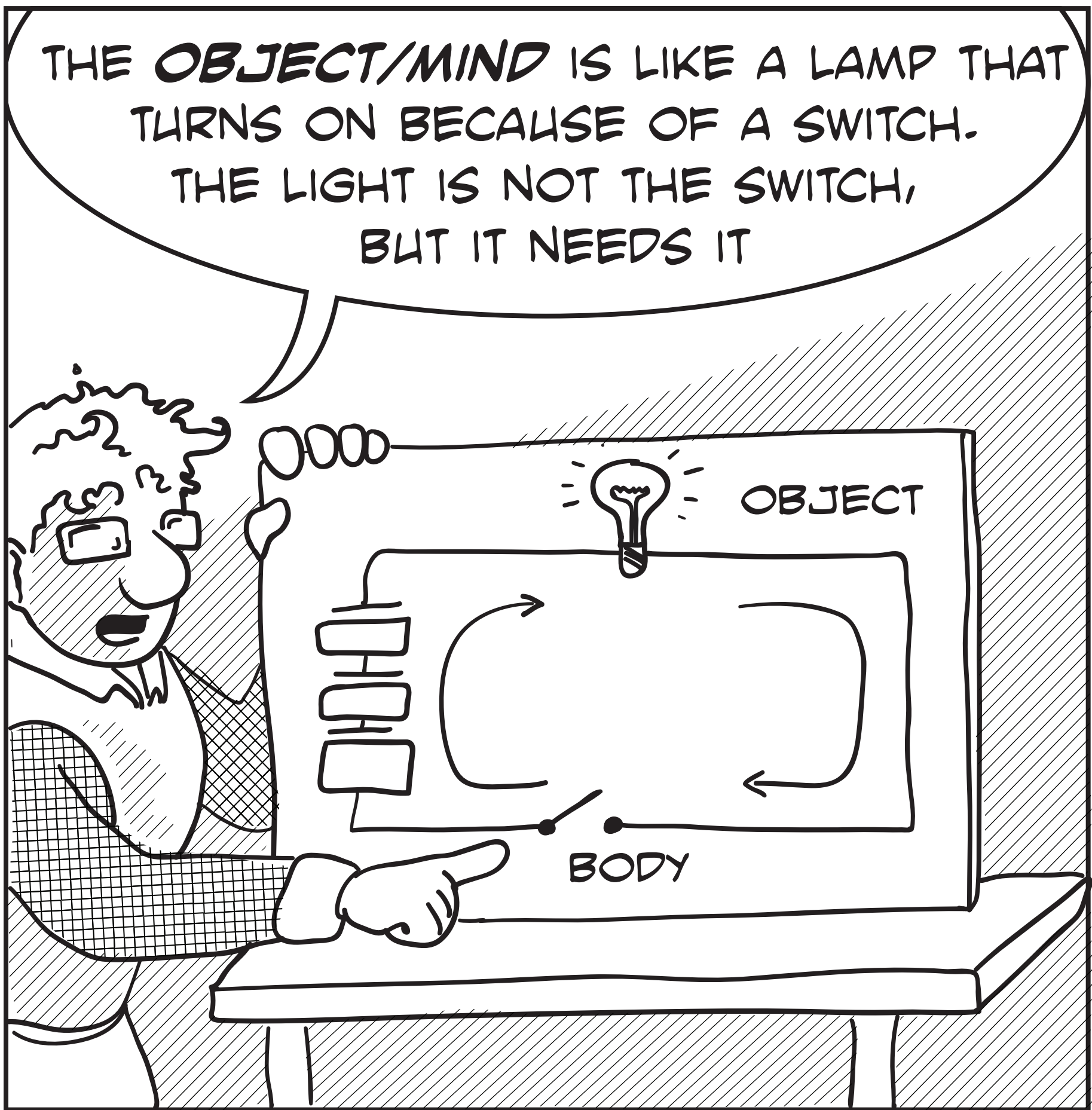
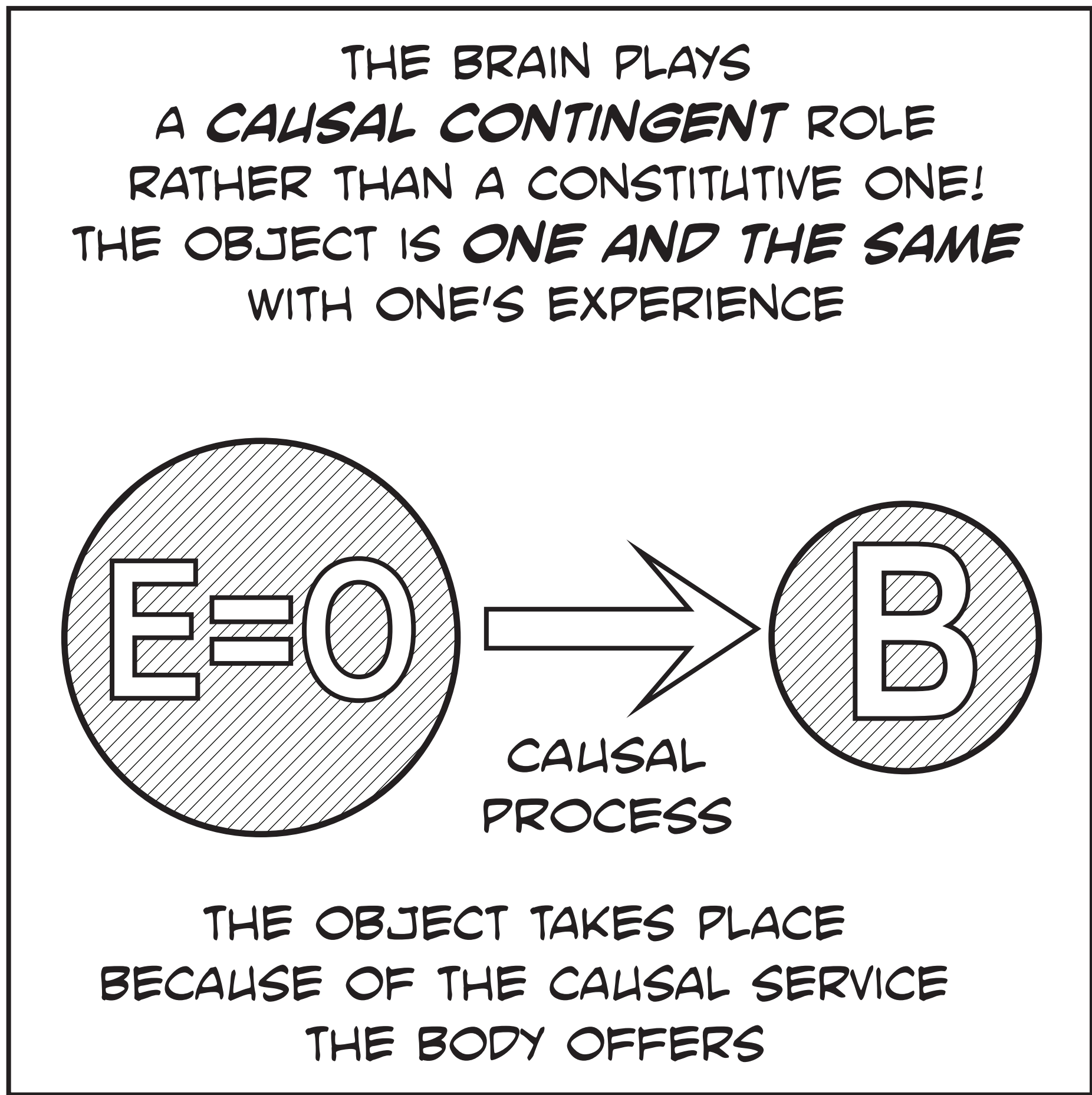
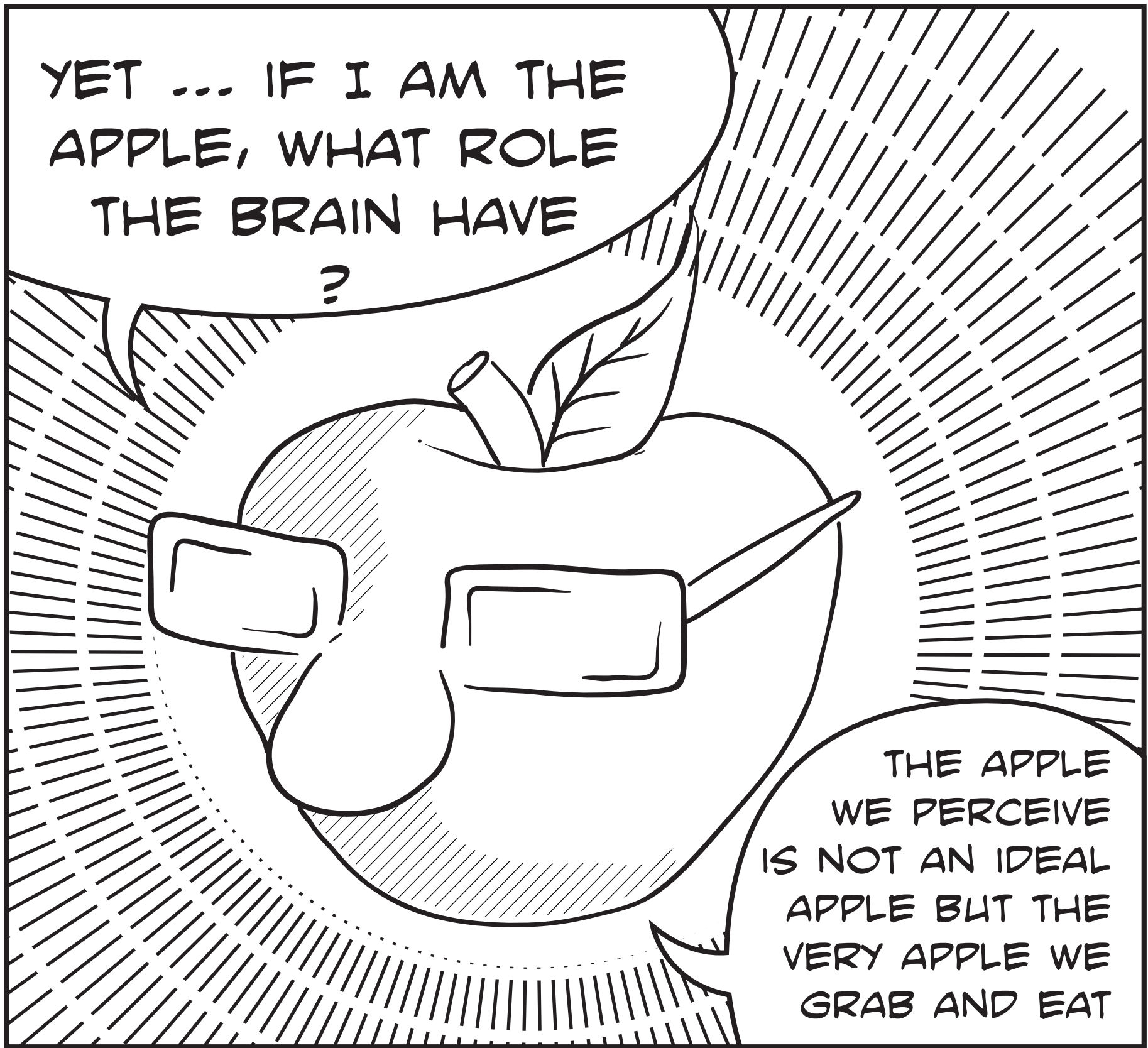
LET'S TAKE A QUANTUM LEAP! LEAVE BEHIND THE ORTHODOX BRAIN/BODY-CENTRIC VIEW OF REALITY AND EMBRACE A NEW STANCE. THE CENTER IS NO LONGER THE BODY BUT THE OBJECT!



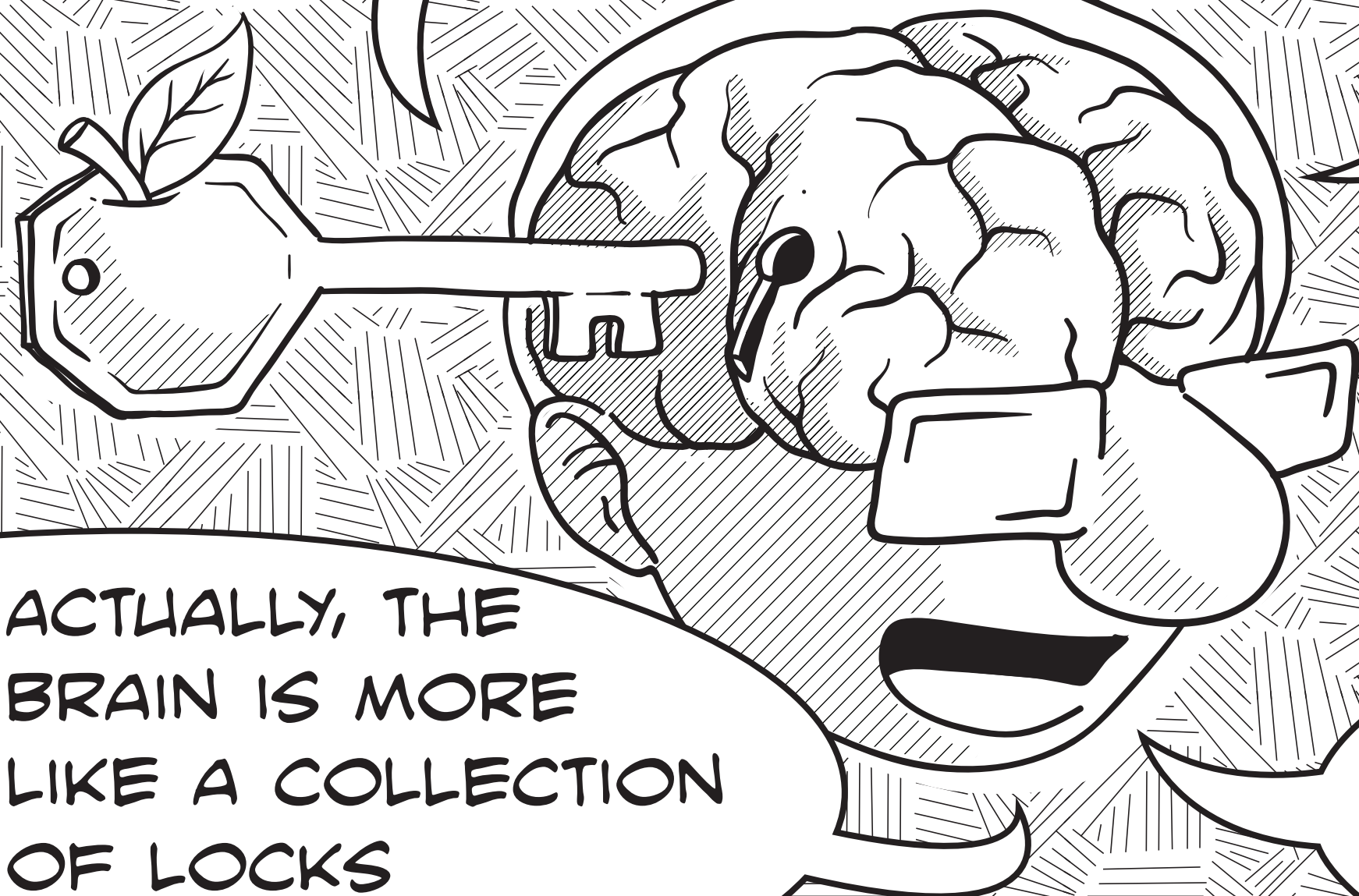
THE HYPOTHESIS IS RATHER STRAIGHTFORWARD!

WHEN I EXPERIENCE AN OBJECT, *THE THING I AM* IS THE VERY OBJECT!
IT IS A *MIND-OBJECT IDENTITY* THEORY!



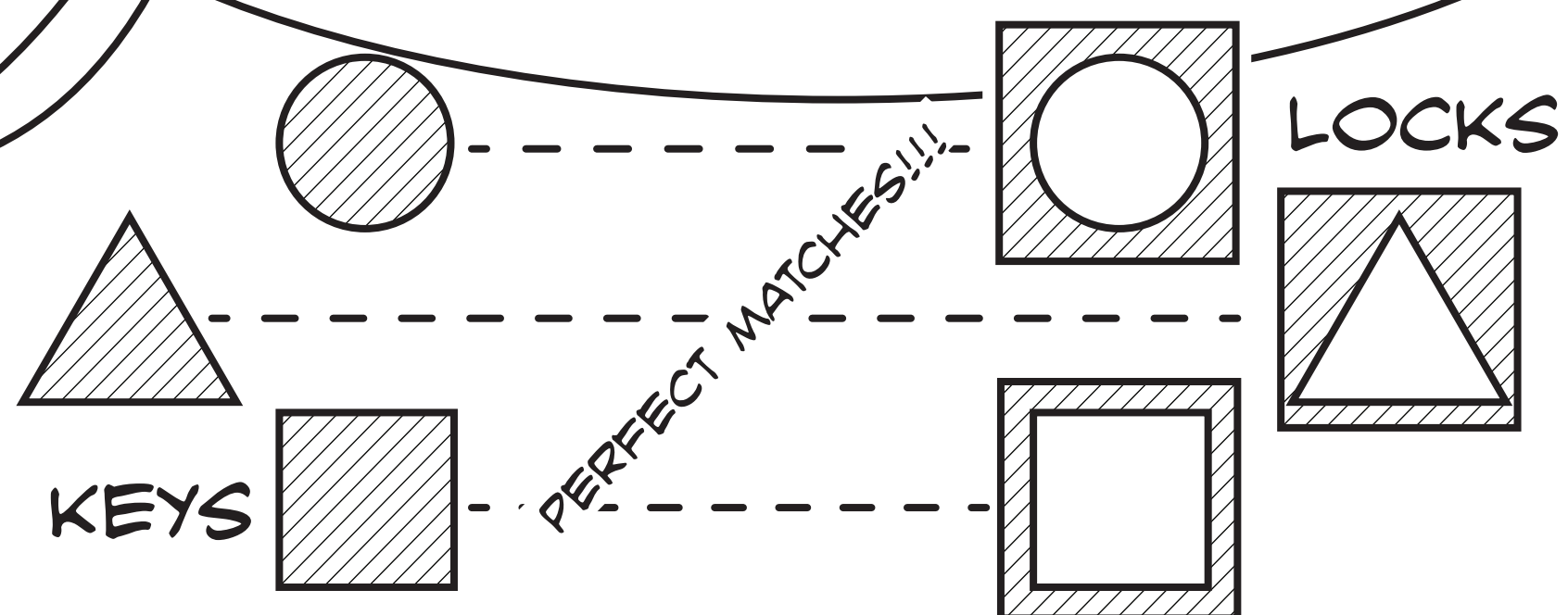


IN PRACTICE, AN OBJECT IS LIKE A **KEY**, AND THE BRAIN IS LIKE ITS **LOCK**!



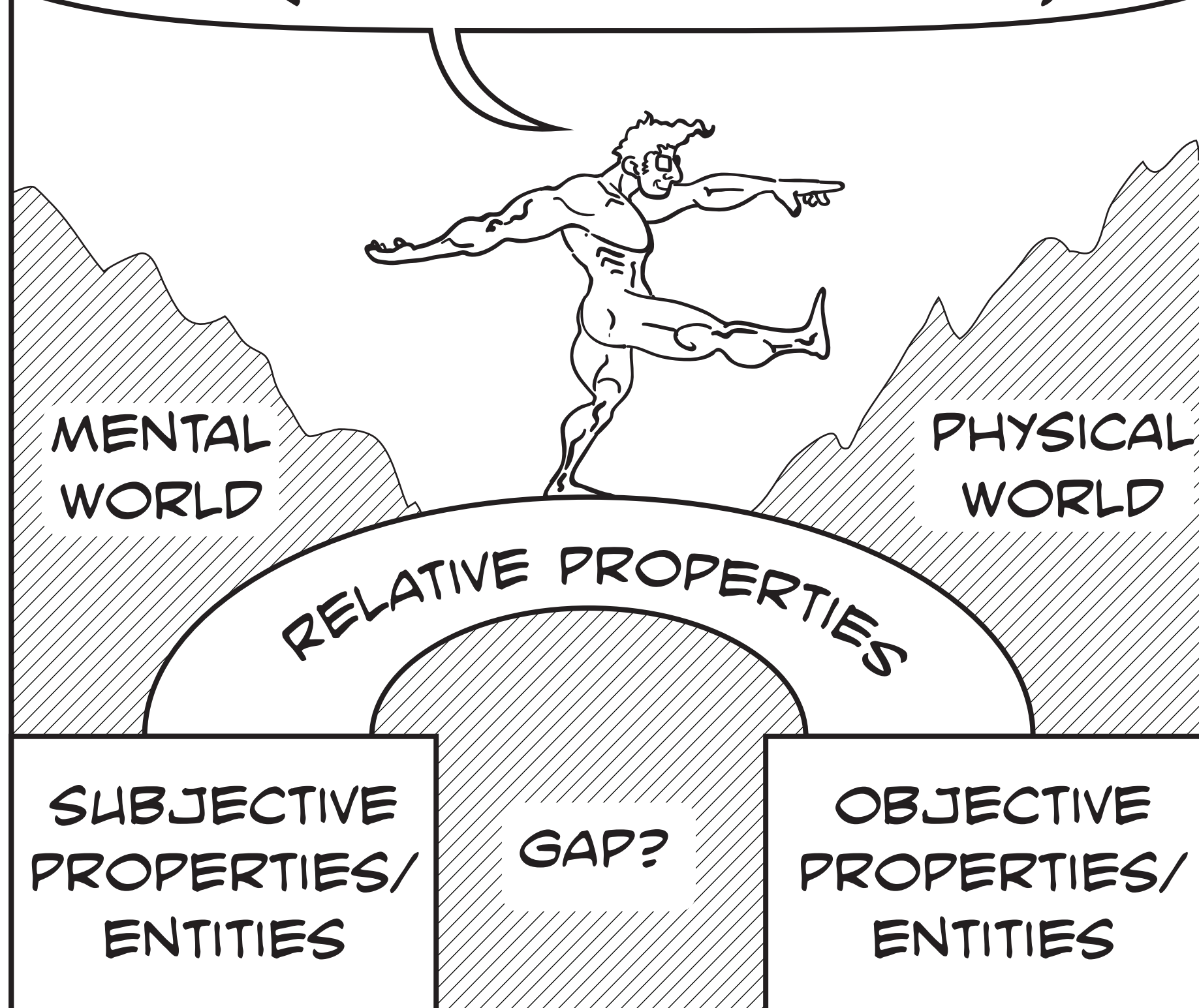
ACTUALLY, THE BRAIN IS MORE LIKE A COLLECTION OF LOCKS

THE LIST OF THE PROPERTIES OF OBJECTS AND THE LIST OF CAUSAL COUPLINGS BETWEEN NATURE AND OUR BODIES IS PERFECT

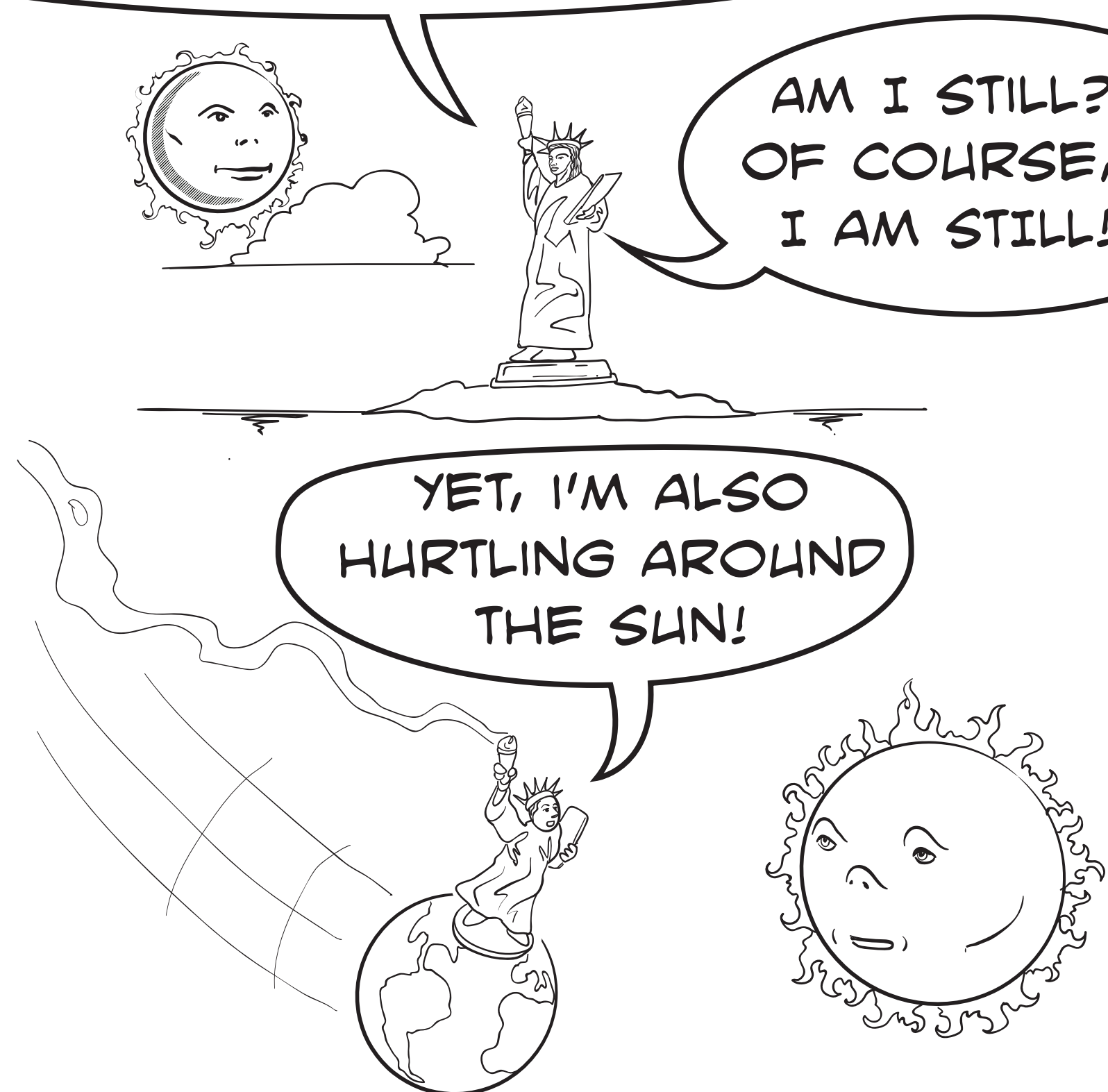


IN FACT, IT IS NOT BY CHANCE THAT THE OBJECTS WE PERCEIVE ARE ONLY THOSE THAT TAKE PLACE BECAUSE OF OUR BODIES!

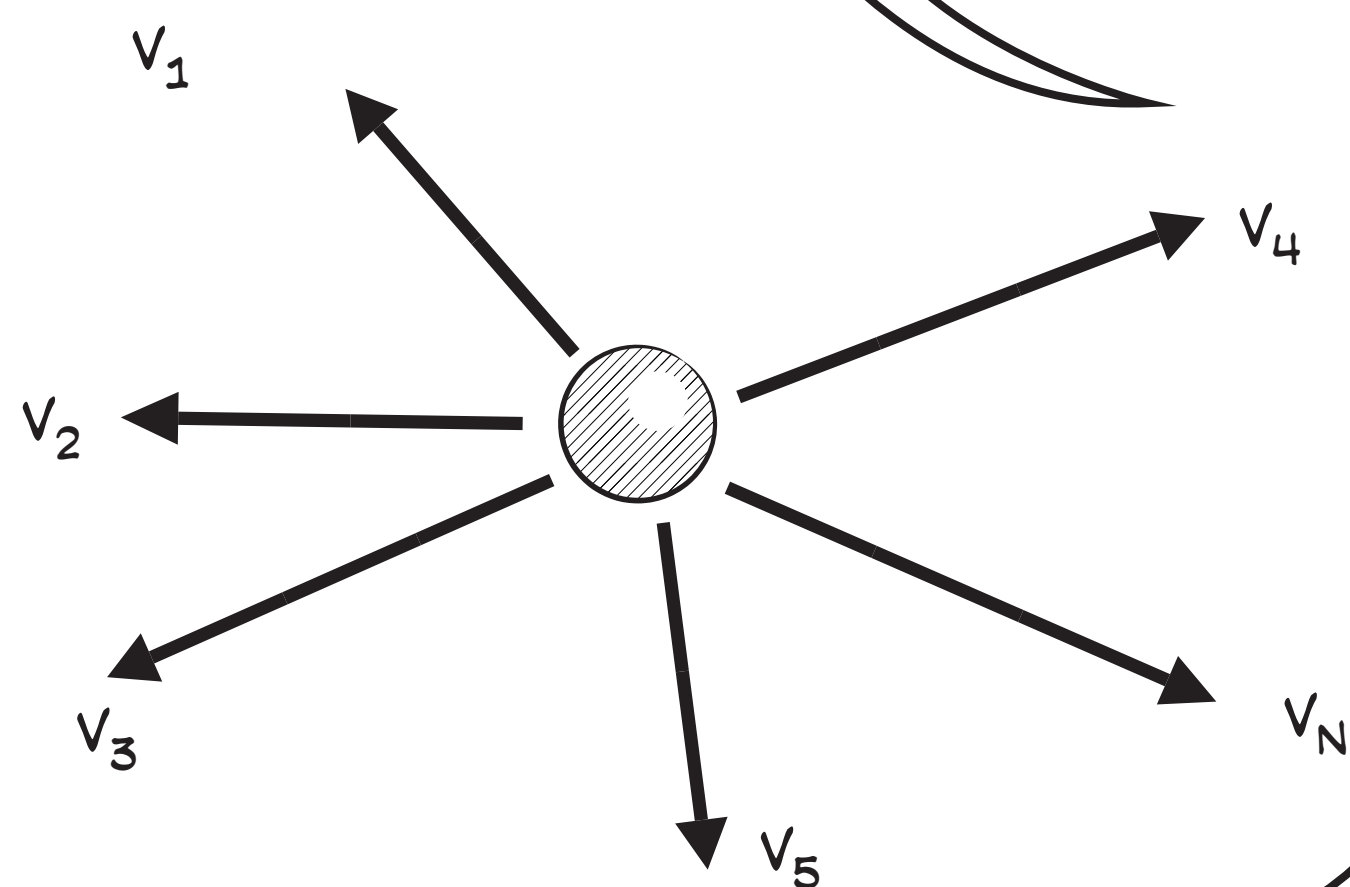
THUS, WE CAN FINALLY OVERCOME THE DREADED SUBJECTIVE VS. OBJECTIVE GAP (AKA THE HARD PROBLEM)!



FOR INSTANCE, CONSIDER VELOCITY, IS IT SUBJECTIVE OR RELATIVE?

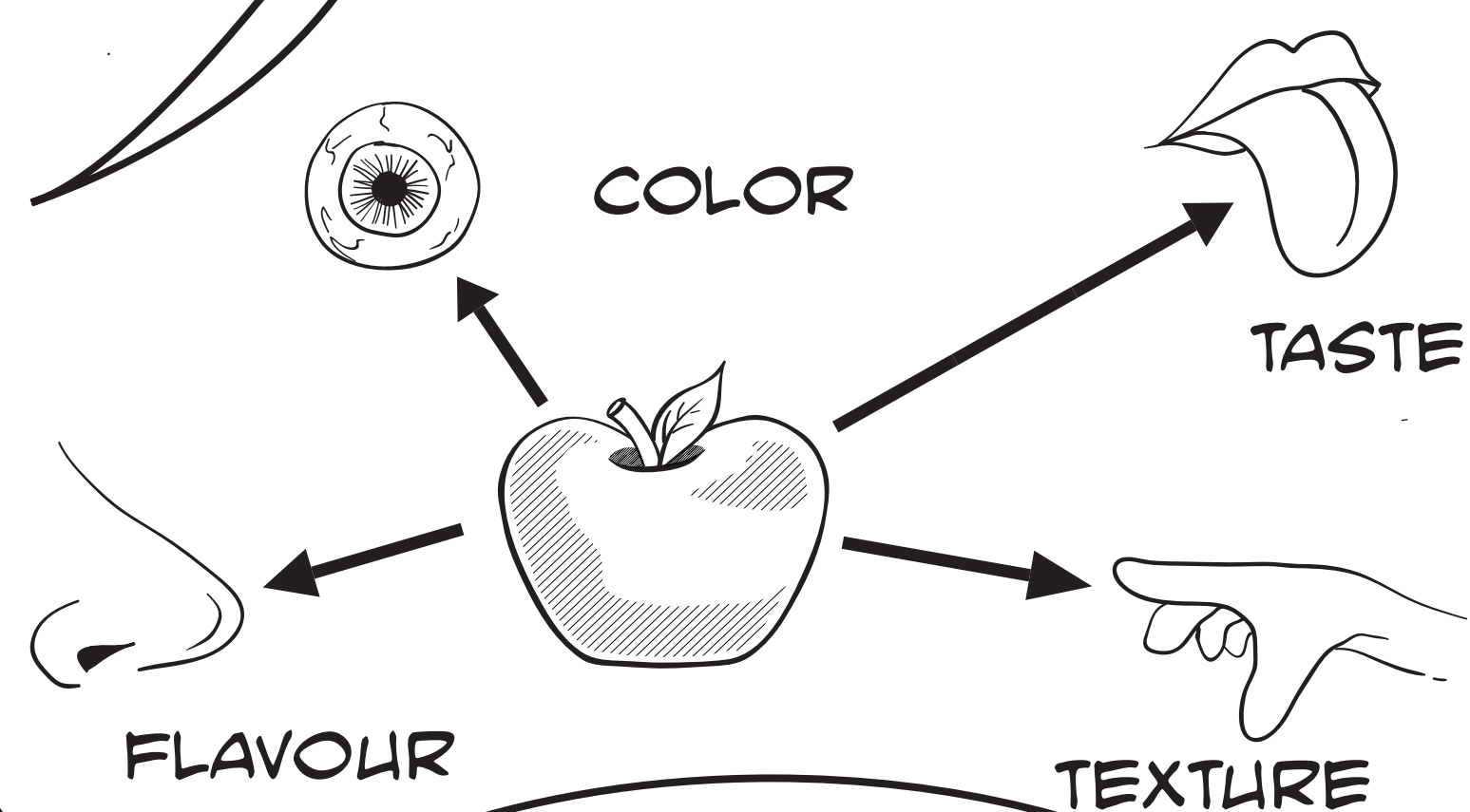


IN PHYSICS, A BODY CAN HAVE AS MANY RELATIVE VELOCITIES AS REFERENCE FRAMES. SUCH VELOCITIES ARE NOT SUBJECTIVE, THEY ARE REALITIVE.



ALL SUCH VELOCITIES ARE REAL AND ARE THERE IN THE OBJECT, NO MATTER WHETHER THEY ARE RELATIVE

LIKewise, SOME STUFF CAN BE AS MANY DIFFERENT OBJECTS RELATIVELY TO AS MANY DIFFERENT PHYSICAL SYSTEMS ARE THERE



THE SO-CALLED 'SUBJECTIVE' PROPERTIES ARE JUST RELATIVE PROPERTIES, LIKE VELOCITY

