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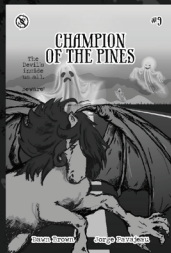
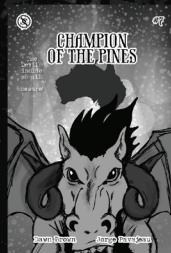
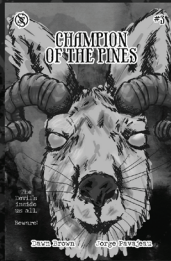
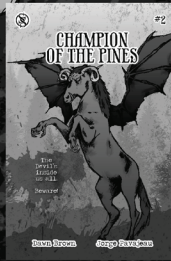
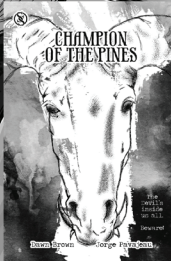
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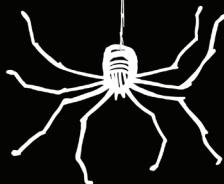


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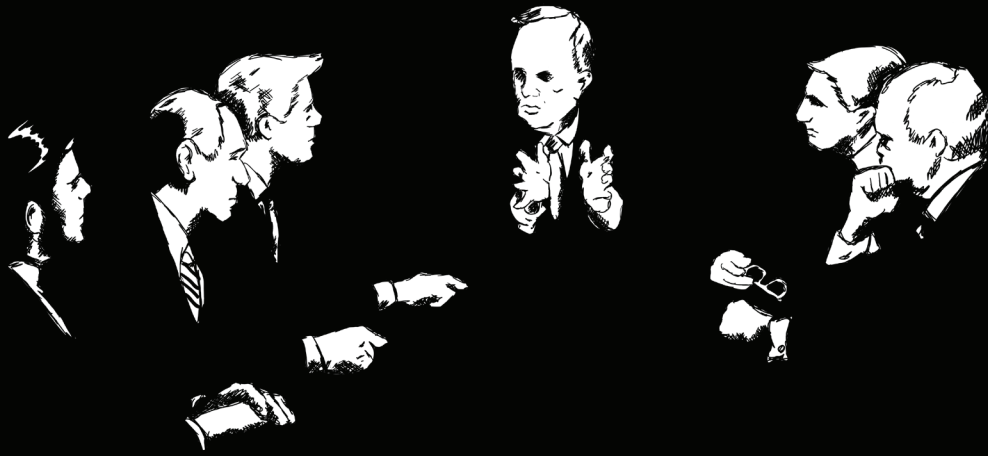


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BOHEMIAN CLUB'S MOTTO,
"WEAVING SPIDERS COME NOT HERE",
FROM SHAKESPEARE'S MIDSUMMER
NIGHT DREAM, MEANT THAT OUTSIDE
CONCERNS AND BUSINESS DEALS
ARE TO BE LEFT OUTSIDE.



IN 1871, JAMES BOWMAN, A WRITER FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE, GATHERED WITH COLLEAGUES, WRITERS ACTORS, ARTISTS AND MUSICIANS AT HIS HOUSE.

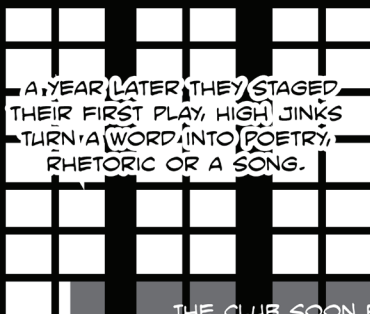


THIS PLACE IS TOO SMALL. YOU NEED A CLUBHOUSE.



YES, YOU'RE RIGHT... A PLACE WHERE WE CAN PUT ON PLAYS, TOO.

THEY RENTED A SECOND-STORY PARLOR IN A LOCAL BUILDING AND CALLED THEMSELVES BOHEMIANS - CAREFREE AND UNCONVENTIONAL.



A YEAR LATER, THEY STAGED THEIR FIRST PLAY, HIGH JINKS TURN A WORD INTO POETRY, RHETORIC OR A SONG.

THE CLUB SOON BOUGHT A LARGE BUILDING, AND DURING THE NEXT HUNDRED YEARS, IT EVOLVED FROM MEN WHO ENJOYED THE ARTS, TO A SECRET SOCIETY OF 2,700 POWERFUL MEMBERS. TODAY, ONLY TEN PERCENT ARE ARTISTS.

THE TRUE BOHEMIAN SPIRIT HAS DEPARTED.



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TO BE A BOHEMIAN?
THAT'S NOTHING.

PLUS
DUES.
MONEY,
MONEY,
MONEY.

BY THE 1960S, YOU HAD TO
BE RICH TO JOIN THE BOHEMIAN
CLUB. MEMBERSHIP WAS BY INVITATION
USUALLY WHITE MALE REPUBLICANS
CLAIMING THE WORLD WAS
DOMINATED BY MEN BECAUSE
THE UNIVERSE WAS DESIGNED
THAT WAY.



KNOCK!!
KNOCK!!
KNOCK!!

IT'S
ONLY A
WOMAN!

DON'T
OPEN IT.
SHE'LL GO
AWAY.




IN LATE 1800S,
THE BOHEMIAN
CLUB PURCHASED
TWENTYSIX
ACRES OF
REDWOOD
FOREST IN
MONTE RIO,
CALIFORNIA.

THEY CALLED
THEIR
FOREST LAND
BOHEMIAN
GROVE. THEY
NOW OWN 2,712
REDWOOD
ACRES.

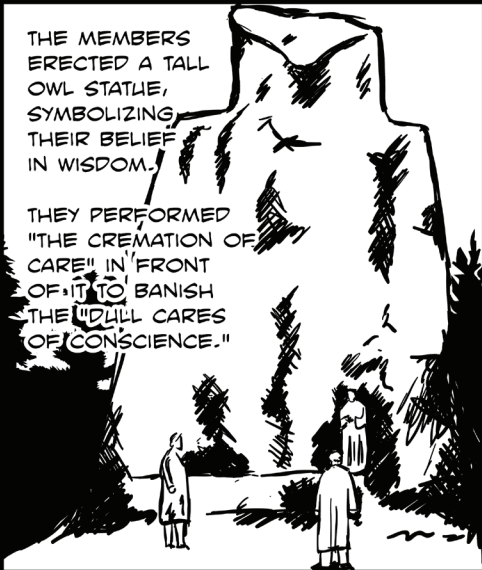
BOHEMIAN
GROVE

IN THE LATE 1800S, BOHEMIAN GROVE PRESIDENT JOSEPH C. REDDING DEvised
A CEREMONY CALLED DRUID JINKS - CHRISTIANITY BATTLING PAGANISM.



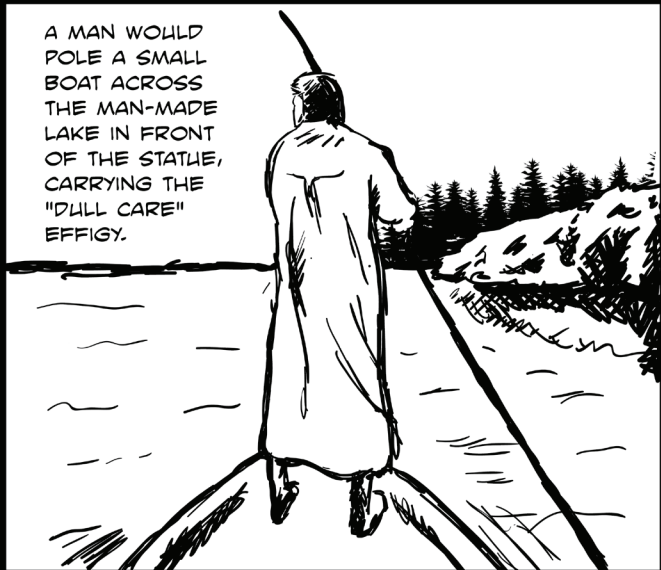
THIS
CEREMONY WILL
PUT OUR BUSY MEMBERS
AT EASE, BANISH THEIR STRESS,
AND BE THE "DEATH
OF CARING."

LATER, HE CALLED THE
CEREMONY "THE CREMATION
OF CARE." IT BECAME AN
OPENING-NIGHT EVENT
HELD IN JULY FOLLOWED BY A
SIXTEEN DAY ENCAMPMENT
AT BOHEMIAN GROVE.



THE MEMBERS
ERECTED A TALL
OWL STATUE,
SYMBOLIZING
THEIR BELIEF
IN WISDOM.

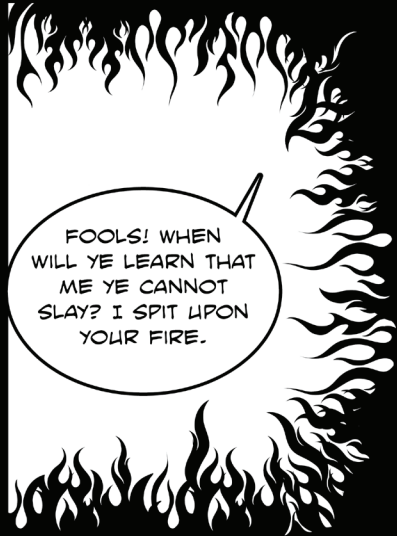
THEY PERFORMED
"THE CREMATION OF
CARE" IN FRONT
OF IT TO BANISH
THE "DULL CARES
OF CONSCIENCE."



A MAN WOULD
POLE A SMALL
BOAT ACROSS
THE MAN-MADE
LAKE IN FRONT
OF THE STATUE,
CARRYING THE
"DULL CARE"
EFFIGY.



HOODED FIGURES
CARRYING TORCHES
WOULD MEET THE
FERRYMAN,
TAKE THE EFFIGY,
PUT IT ON THE
ALTAR, AND
SET IT ON
FIRE.



FOOLS! WHEN
WILL YE LEARN THAT
ME YE CANNOT
SLAY? I SPIT UPON
YOUR FIRE.

FIREWORKS WOULD START AS A
BRASS BAND EMERGED FROM THE WOODS.



FORMER UNITED
STATES PRESIDENT
RICHARD NIXON, WHEN HE
WAS A CLUB MEMBER,
SAID THE CEREMONY
WAS "THE MOST FAGGY,
GODDAMNED THING
YOU COULD IMAGINE."



SEPTEMBER, 1942, DR. EDWARD TELLER, ROBERT OPPENHEIMER, ERNEST LAWRENCE, AND MEMBERS OF THE S-1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (YALE, HARVARD, PRINCETON, STANDARD OIL, AND GENERAL ELECTRIC PRESIDENTS) RENTED A SPACE DURING THE BOHEMIAN GROVE OFFSEASON TO ENSURE FUNDING FOR THE MANHATTAN PROJECT, AN ATOMIC BOMB, WHICH ENDED WORLD WAR II.



WE'LL BLOW UP THE WORLD WITH THIS.

AFTER THE CREMATION CEREMONY, MEMBERS RETREATED TO ONE OF 122 CABINS FOR THEIR SIXTEEN-DAY ENCAMPMENT.



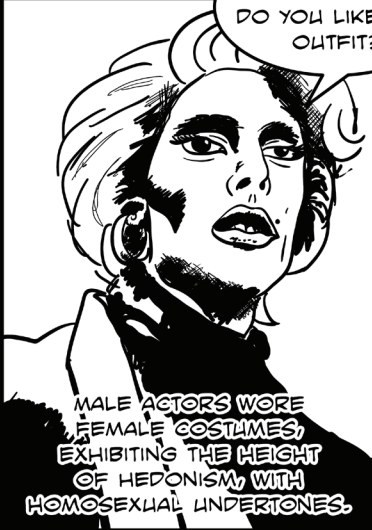
EACH CABIN HAD A NAME, LIKE: CAVE MAN, PINK ONION, HILL BILLIES, MANDALAY, OWLS REST OR LOST ANGELS.



PLAYS WERE HELD ON MANY STAGES.



WELL EVERYONE, HOW DO YOU LIKE THIS OUTFIT?



MALE ACTORS WORE FEMALE COSTUMES, EXHIBITING THE HEIGHT OF HEDONISM, WITH HOMOSEXUAL UNDERTONES.

IN 1996, FORTY-FIRST US PRESIDENT (1989-1993) GEORGE BUSH, ACTOR CLINT EASTWOOD, AND NEWSMAN WALTER CRONKITE HAD WALK-ON ROLES AS "LAKESIDE FROGS", CROAKING "CRE MAY SHUN" AS THEY MOVED ACROSS THE STAGE.



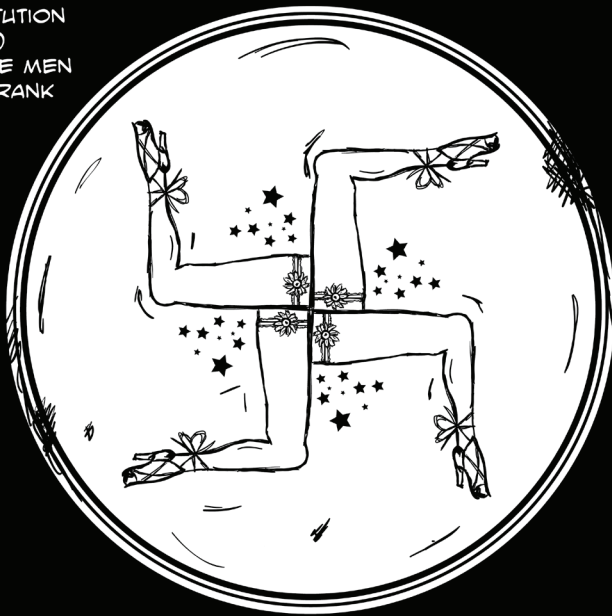
PIANO MUSIC WAS HEARD CONSTANTLY THROUGHOUT THE GROVE.



SPEECHES WERE GIVEN WHERE THE SPEAKER ASSUMED THE AUDIENCE WOULD DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE ISSUES THEY RAISED.



NUDITY AND PROSTITUTION
(GAY AND STRAIGHT)
WERE OFFERED. THE MEN
SMOKED CIGARS, DRANK
GIN FIZZIES AND
NEMBTALS.



MEN PEED OUTSIDE
WHEREVER THEY
WANTED. MANY
SOPHOMORIC
PENIS JOKES
WERE LITTERED.



OWLS ARE SEEN EVERYWHERE
IN THE BOHEMIAN CLUB AND
GROVE.

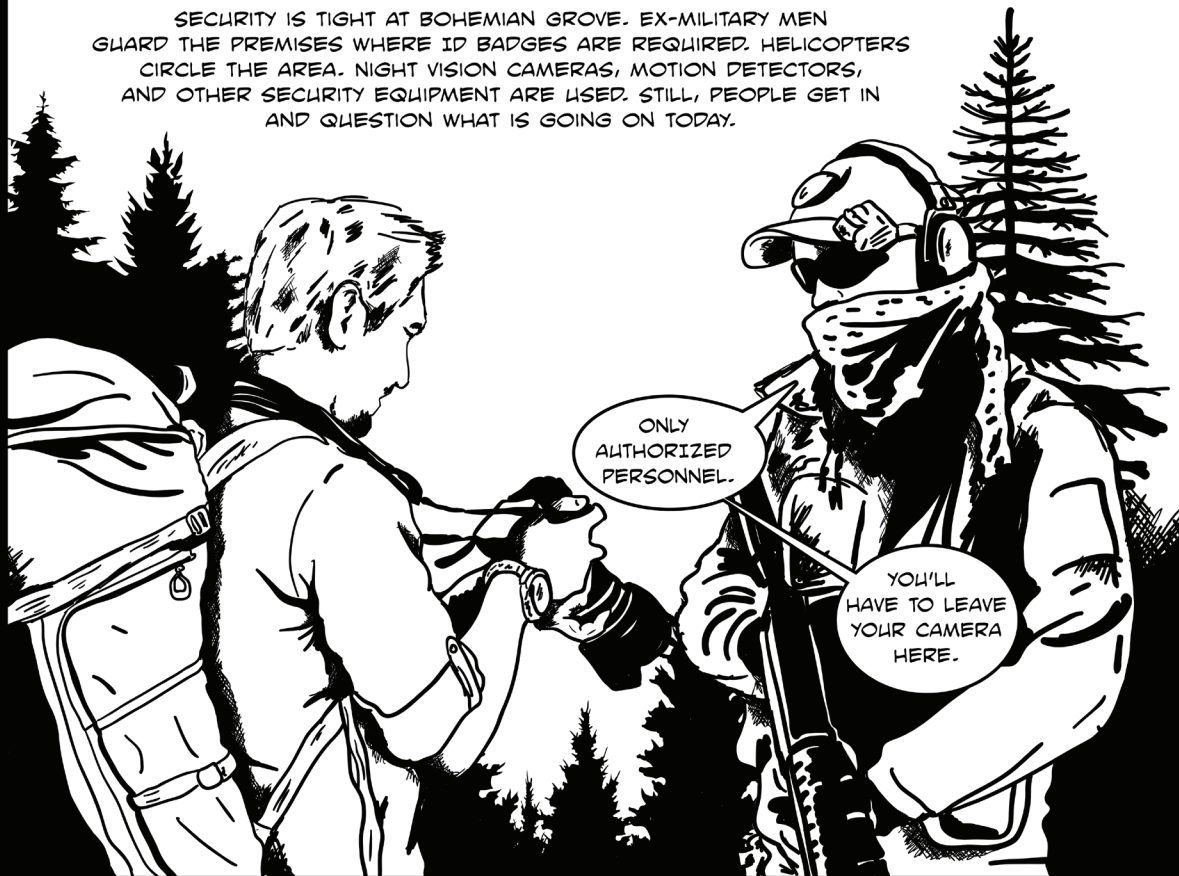
THE CLUB IS NOW GOVERNED
BY A FIFTEENMAN BOARD OF
DIRECTORS - POWERFUL MEN
ELECTED BY THE MEMBERS.
OWLS REPRESENTED THEM
AND THEIR ABILITIES
SHAPE THE FUTURE.

HENRY
KISSINGER

SIXTIES...
MY TIME. POWER
IS SURELY THE ULTIMATE
APHRODISIAC.



SECURITY IS TIGHT AT BOHEMIAN GROVE. EX-MILITARY MEN GUARD THE PREMISES WHERE ID BADGES ARE REQUIRED. HELICOPTERS CIRCLE THE AREA. NIGHT VISION CAMERAS, MOTION DETECTORS, AND OTHER SECURITY EQUIPMENT ARE USED. STILL, PEOPLE GET IN AND QUESTION WHAT IS GOING ON TODAY.



THE ILLUMINATI WAS A SECRET SOCIETY OF GOVERNMENTS, CORPORATIONS, AND CELEBRITIES THAT PLAY A ROLE IN GLOBAL AFFAIRS.



OUTSIDE OBSERVERS QUESTION THE BOHEMIAN CLUB'S SECRECY, WAITING LIST, ELITE MEMBERSHIP, AND IT'S SIMILARITIES TO THE ILLUMINATI, BELIEVING THEY ARE KNOWN AS THE "NEW WORLD ORDER."



THEY BOTH ENCOURAGE THE POWERFUL TO JOIN A SECRETIVE FRATERNITY PROMISING WORLDLY PLEASURES.



SOME CRITICS OF THE BOHEMIAN CLUB AND THE ILLUMINATI SUSPECT THEY ARE DEVISING A PLAN TO DEPOPULATE THE PLANET TO A MANAGEABLE SIZE FOR THE ENSLAVEMENT OF THOSE WHO REMAIN.



I'M NOT SURE ABOUT ANY OF THIS. BUT MOST SAY IT'S JUST IN GOOD FUN, AND I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO AGREE WITH THAT FOR NOW."

SOME CRITICS OF THE BOHEMIAN CLUB AND THE ILLUMINATI SUSPECT THEY ARE DEVISING A PLAN TO DEPOPULATE THE PLANET...

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