

# Unpacking Tools

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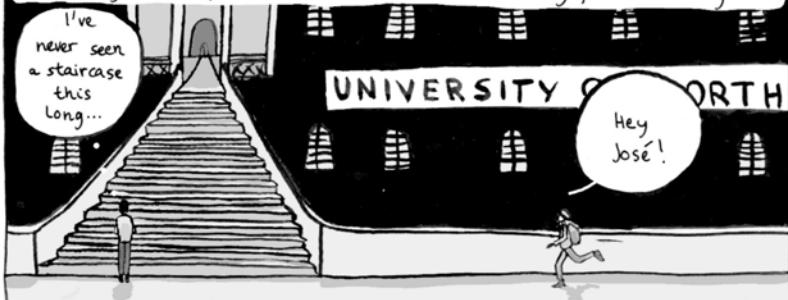
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epistemic violence  
is the ...

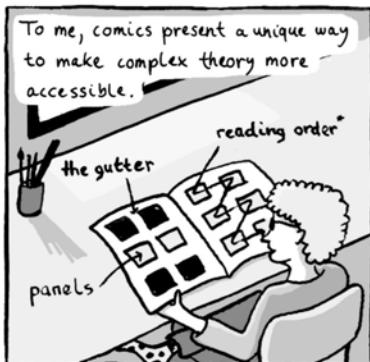
"contribution  
to violent societal  
conditions [...]  
rooted in  
knowledge  
itself" [54]

In philosophy, epistemic violence  
is produced on various levels:  
in the way knowledge is shaped,

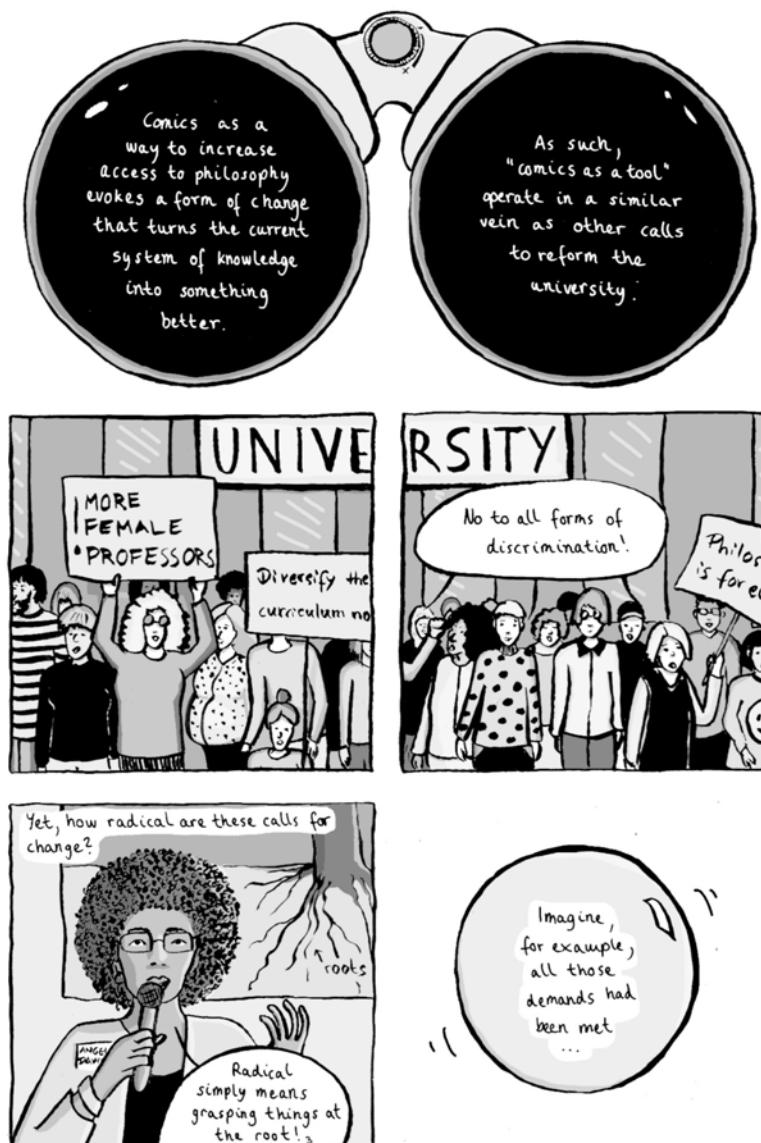


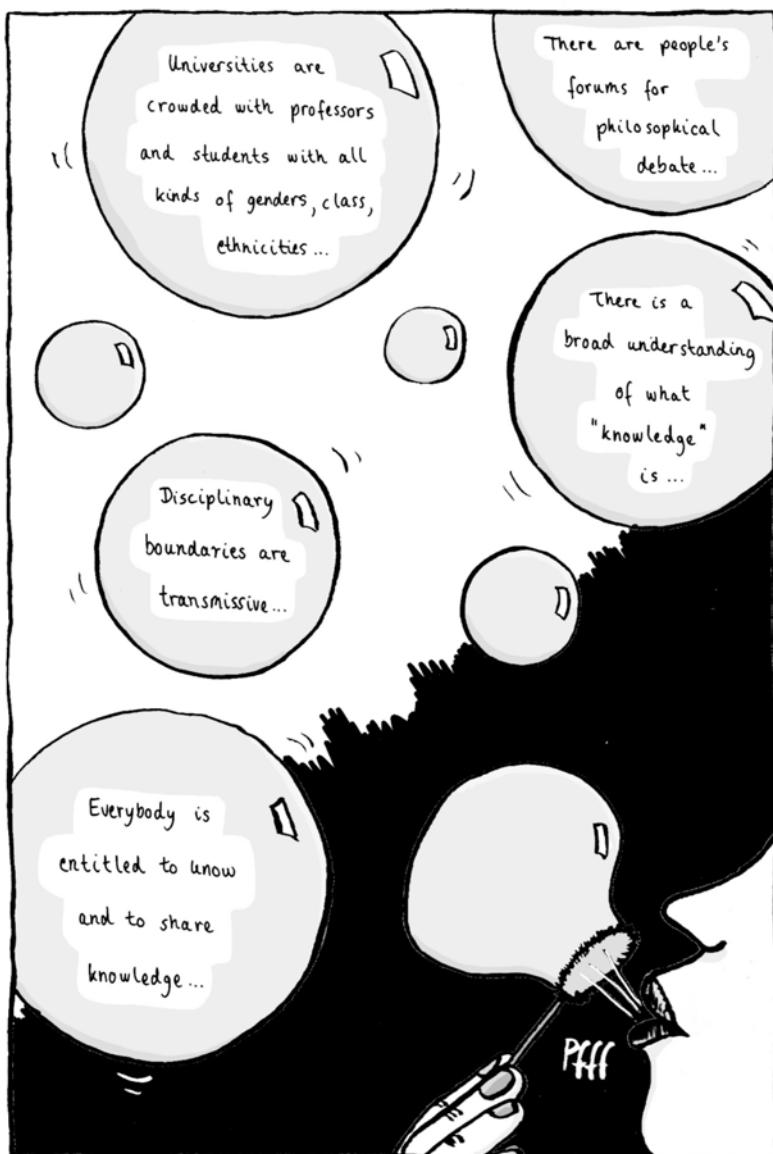
through the conditions under which it is created, and in the way it is received, validating some people's world views as "serious" knowledge, while dismissing others.



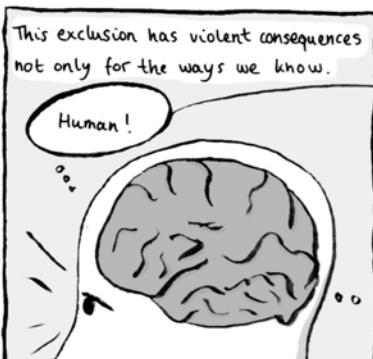
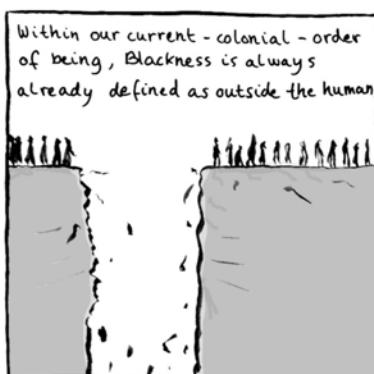
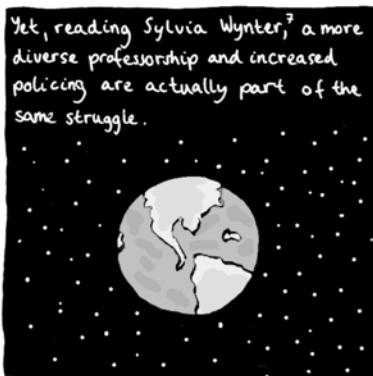


















## References

It is impossible to try and summarize all thinkers, artists, conversations, and life encounters that have brought this comic into being. As you may have noticed throughout the comic, I have indicated quotes with quotation marks and small numbers, whereas indirect references carry only numbers. I have tried to keep the overall amount of references within the comic as minimal as possible to not disrupt the reading flow while still being transparent about the origins of my thinking. Three important influences outside of the ones already quoted throughout this comic have been Frantz Fanon's understanding of violence in the colonial context<sup>8</sup>; Eve Tuck and K. Wayne Yang's way to theorize "justice" in "What Justice Wants"<sup>9</sup> as well as David Scott's interview with Sylvia Wynter.<sup>10</sup>

## Notes

For more information on the planned BER deportation centre and what to do about it, please read: <https://www.theleftberlin.com/ber-airports-new-deportation-centre/>.

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\* <sup>1</sup> Brunner, Claudia: 2015, <https://epistemicviolence.aau.at/index.php/en/home-2/> (15/05/2023).

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