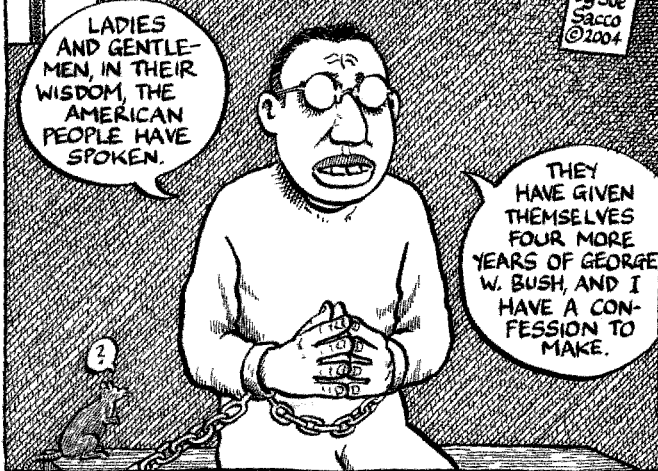


MEANWHILE IN AMERICA

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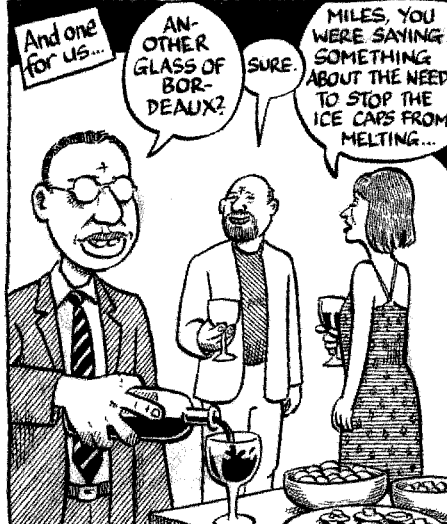


Convinced that Bush had taken America down the road to ruin, I marveled that anyone but a millionaire or an ignoramus could stand behind him in 2004.

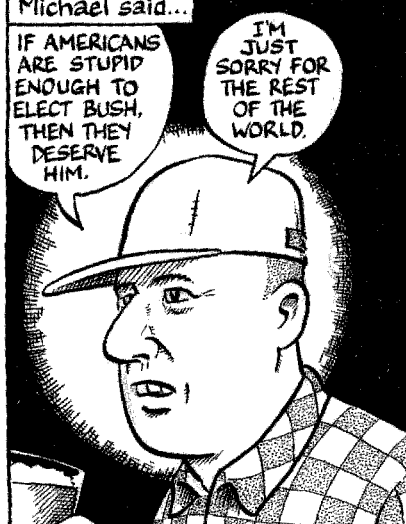


In the end, I could laugh at Bush and his supporters all I wanted. They didn't care; they were busy winning.

During the campaign, vice presidential candidate John Edwards talked about "two Americas," and sometimes I wish he were right, that there could be two Americas.



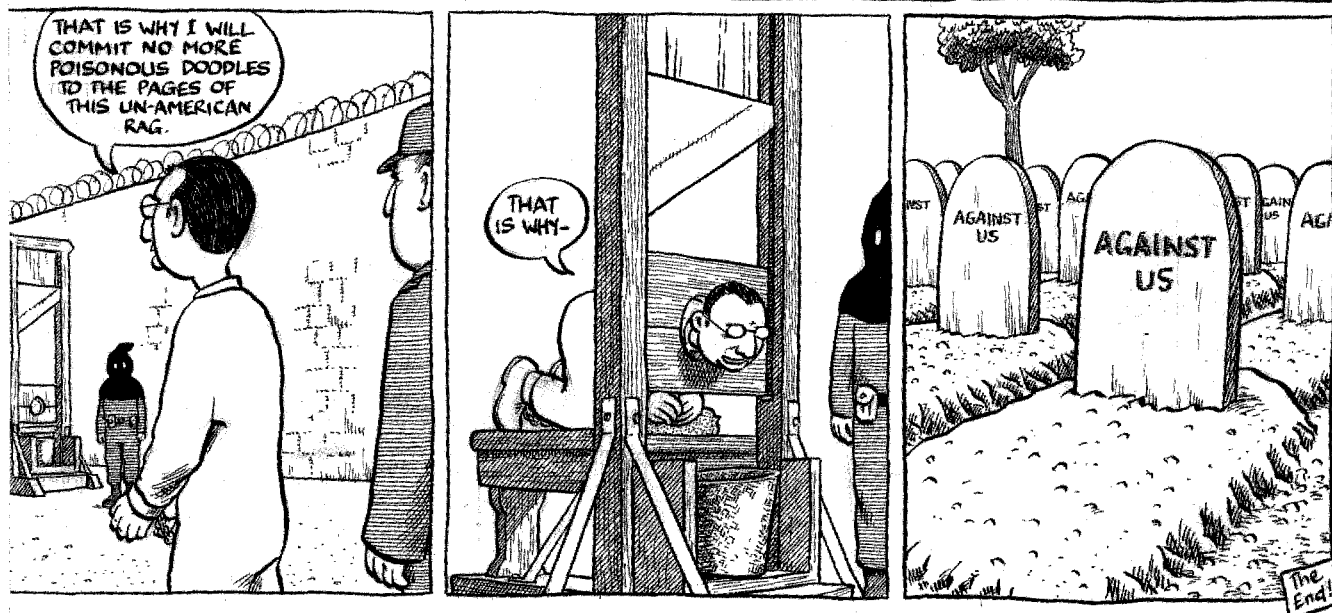
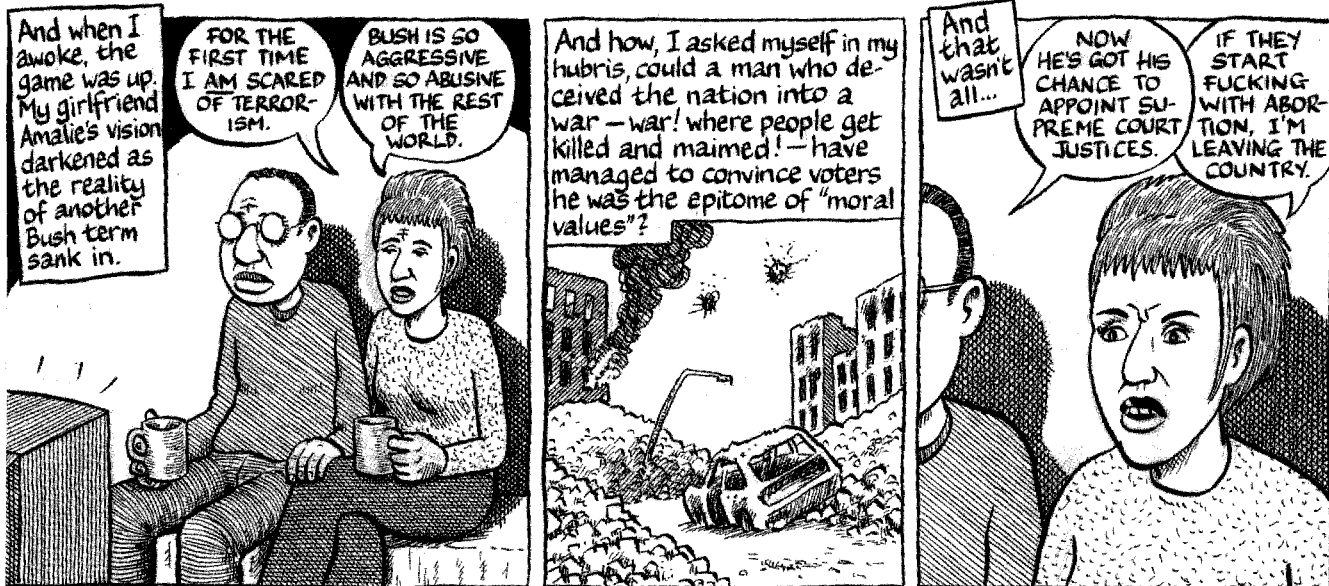
Some months back, I remember nodding my head when my pal Michael said...



And on election night, I blinked uncomprehendingly as the pundits swept aside my last-minute conviction that Kerry would win and treated the state-by-state permutations as some sort of intrinsically delightful mathematical game.

Like many who feared Bush, I went to bed that night not knowing for sure which way Ohio would break but with a sinking feeling that all my hopes depended on it.





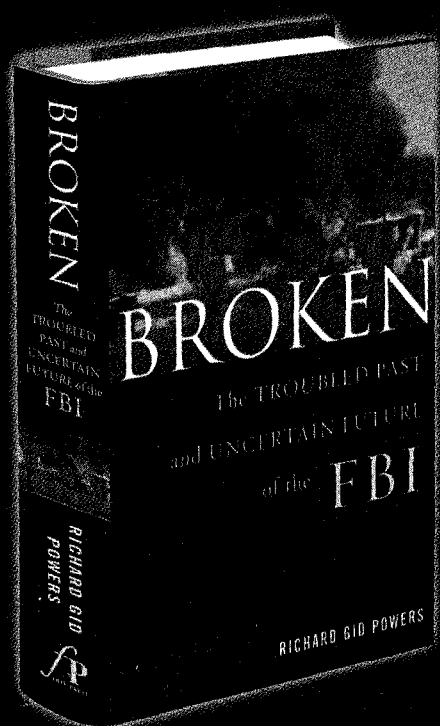
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