

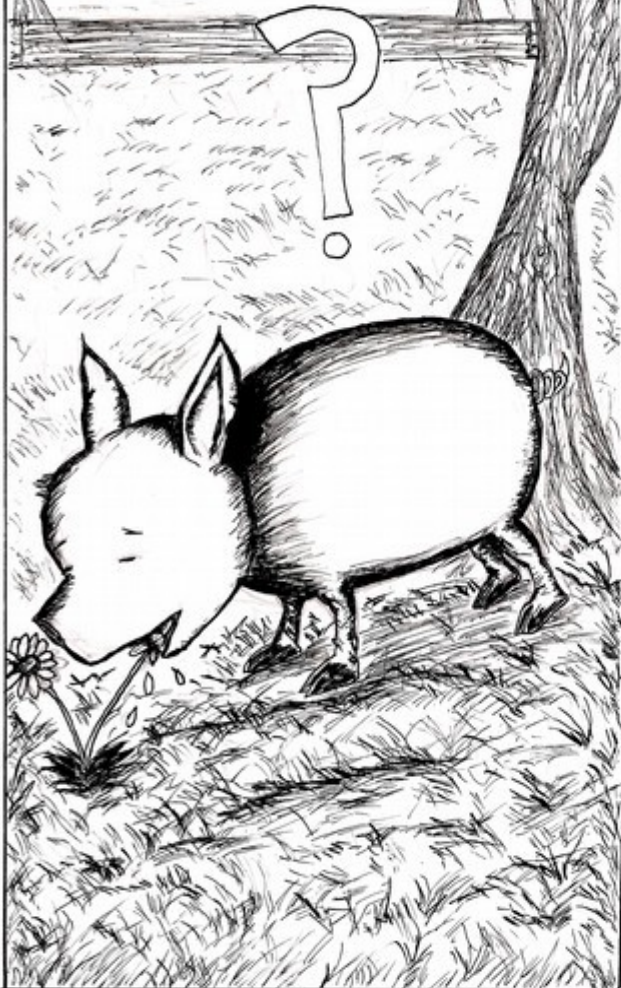
# *Parmeno's Pig*

from Plutarch's *Table-Talk* V.1

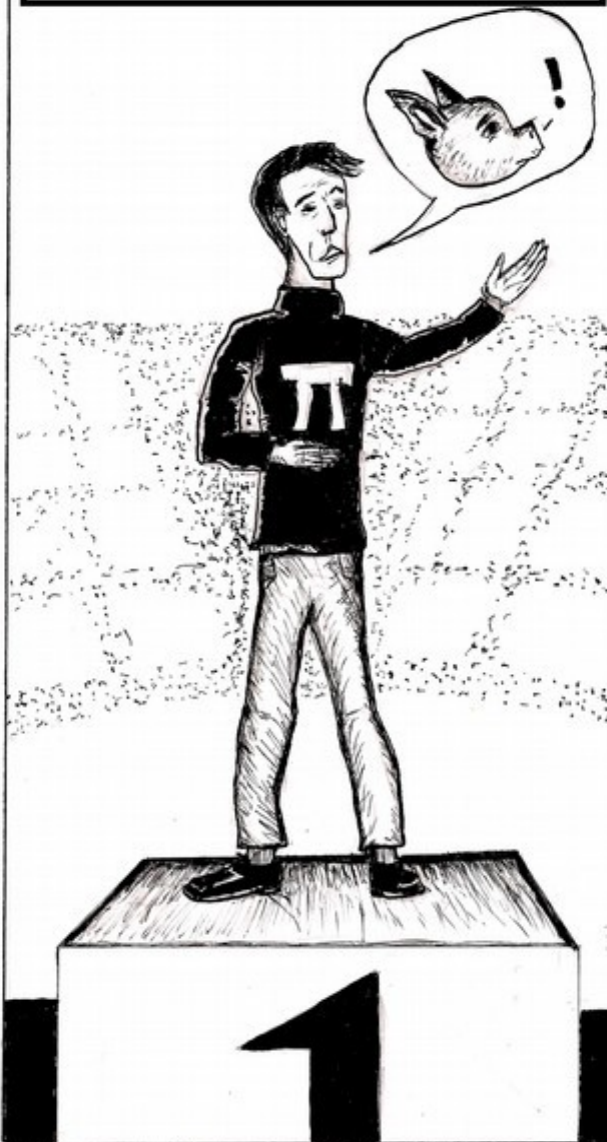
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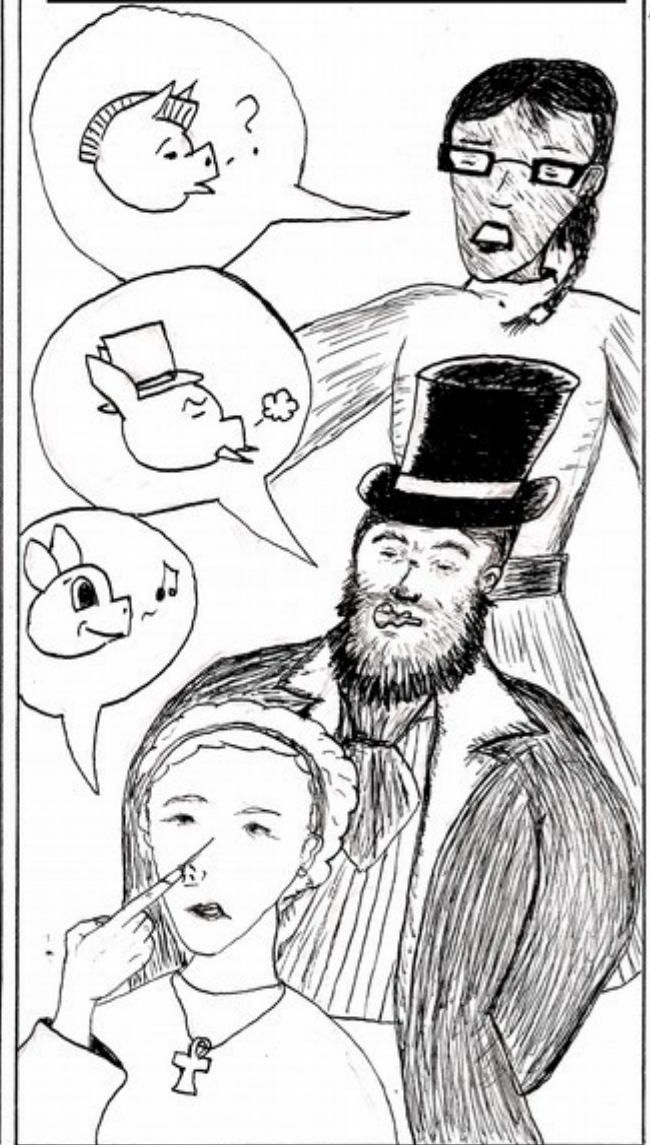
What did they experience,  
or what outside incident occurred  
that they used to wonder about  
Parmeno's pig, so that it  
became proverbial?



Indeed, they say that Parmeno  
was famous for this imitation



...while others competed,  
trying to imitate him.



And people, having made up  
their minds beforehand, said:



'Fine, but it's  
nothing compared  
to Parmeno's pig.'



One man took a piglet  
hidden under his arm



...and turned up.

And when they heard  
the real sound...



they muttered in reply  
'So what's that, compared  
to Parmeno's pig?'.



He threw the piglet  
among them



proving that their judgement  
was based on opinion,  
not on truth.



From which, it is clear that the  
same incident of perception  
does not always set up the  
mind in the same way,  
whenever there is no belief  
that the thing was achieved by  
intelligence or ambition.

