

# KNOT MAN

ISSUE #2

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AFTER HIS LATEST BOUT OF SAVING THE UNIVERSE, THEODORE J. KNOTT HAS DECIDED TO TAKE SOME TIME OUT TO RECUPERATE, ON A TROPICAL ISLAND PARADISE...




... WHERE IT SO HAPPENS THAT ONE-TIME SUPERHERO AND MATHEMAGICIAN PARADOX KID IS ENJOYING HIS RETIREMENT.

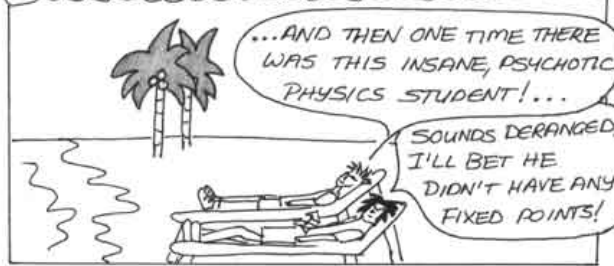


PK, I LOVED YOUR WORK! IT'S BECAUSE OF YOU THAT THE MATHS DEPARTMENT IS SUCH A FREE ASSOCIATIVE GROUP!

OH, THANKS THEODORE J.! LET'S GO GET SOME SNACKS OF THE GENUS-1 MATHS VARIETY!



SO THEODORE J. AND PK, AFTER A HEARTY DOSE OF GENUS-1 DONUTS, REGALED EACH OTHER OF THEIR RESPECTIVE ADVENTURES.



BUT THEODORE J. KNOTT HAD SOMETHING TO ASK OF THE LEGENDARY PK...



I WANT TO LEARN MORE IN THE WAYS OF DEFENDING THE MATHEMATICAL UNIVERSE! CAN YOU HELP ME?

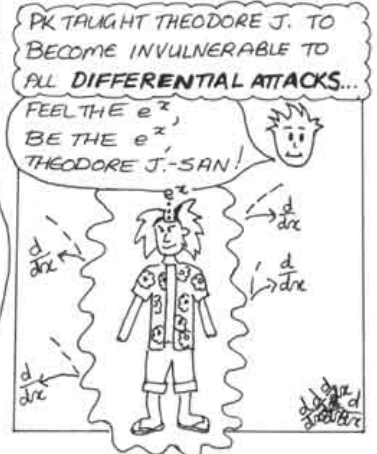
BY GÖDEL, IT'S BEEN LONGER THAN THE PROOF OF FERMAT'S LAST THEOREM, BUT I'LL GIVE IT A TRY!



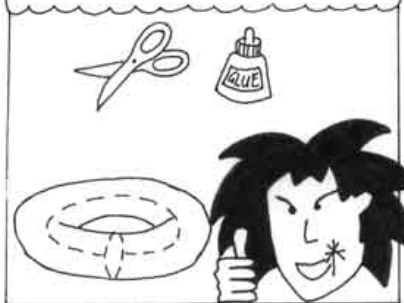
THE GREAT PK THUS TOOK THEODORE J. KNOTT UNDER HIS TUTE LAGE...

THEODORE J. KNOTT, I WILL SHOW YOU HOW TO OBTAIN

- MORE POWER THAN A QUINTIC (5)
- MORE BRAINS THAN THE BASKET BEHIND A GUILLOTINE, AND
- MORE SEXUAL ALLURE THAN A HYPERBOLIC ATTRACTOR!



... AN EXPERT AT THE DEHN SURGICAL STRIKE ...



... A MASTER OF TRANSFINITE SUPERINDUCTION

DO NOT FEAR THE LIMIT ORDINALS, THEODORE J.-SAN!

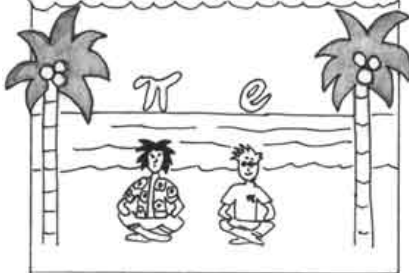
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... WELL VERSED IN CANCELLING OUT HIS ENEMIES ...

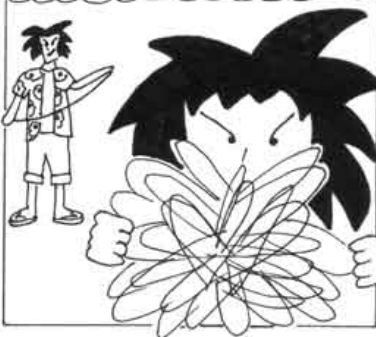
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A VERITABLE ORGY OF CANCELLATION!

... AND GENERALLY AT ONE WITH THE TRANSCENDENTAL, MATHEMATICAL UNIVERSE.



NOT TO MENTION, OF COURSE...



... THEODORE J. KNOTT'S FAVOURITE FIELD, KNOT THEORY!

KNOT  $9_{42}$ !  
HYPERBOLIC!  
VOLUME:  
4.05686022  
TOTALLY  
NON-ALTERNATING!

VERY IMPRESSIVE!

WELL, THEODORE J, YOU HAVE GAINED A TRANSCENDENTAL EXTENSION IN ALL FIELDS, AND YOU ARE ALMOST READY TO BECOME A FULLY FLEDGED DEFENDER OF THE MATHEMATICAL UNIVERSE!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, ALMOST?

I HAVE ONE LAST CHALLENGE FOR YOU, WHICH YOU MUST COMPLETE!

THIS SOUNDS LIKE A JOB FOR...

SO, WITH A MOUTHFUL OF HIGH ENERGY TOROIDAL DONUTS AND HIS TOPOLOGICAL UTILITY BELT, THEODORE J. KNOTT BECOMES ...



**KNOT MAN!**



RESPLENDENT IN TREFOIL T-SHIRT AND SOCKS AND SANDALS, KNOT MAN ARRIVES TO TAKE PARADOX KID'S FINAL CHALLENGE.



KNOT MAN, WE ARE GOING TO THE LOCAL HAIRDRESSER!

WHAT, IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG WITH MY HAIR?

