The Spartans were perfectly aware of the atrocious suffering they were inflicting and never imagined their victims could forget it. The solution was to establish terror as a normal condition of life — and that was Sparta's great invention: to create a situation in which terror was seen as something normal. (Robert Calasso, from The [...]

**Read more:** <a href="http://goodcomics.comicbookresources.com/2011/12/29/what-i-bought-28-decem">http://goodcomics.comicbookresources.com/2011/12/29/what-i-bought-28-decem</a> ber-2011/