

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 [...])

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