

## COMMUNICATION

At the beginning there was silence. Then, sounds started playing a sort of music. A kind of music coming all along from the very deep bottom of the universe throughout our space-time. This was the very first communication sent to the future. A future which is now our present. This music, the so called Cosmic Microwave Background, has been composed by the very first elementary particles and transmitted to us to tell the very old story of the universe. And consequently the story of human beings as children of stars dust.

As a matter of fact, everything communicates. It communicates through sounds, gestures, lines, odours, chemistry, nuclear fission or any other means by sending messages around : hunger messages, fear messages, love messages, structural change messages... And obviously every form of life or not receives the messages which are sent around. That's communication and we could call this Earth's system of communication.

For a long time, human beings only exchanged sounds. Then, these sounds became words and words became writing and reading. In the meantime, humans created music and drawing in order to communicate too. And they also invented numbers and smoke and pigeons and telegraph and smartphones... and isolation and incommunicability as well. So today, too much communication is killing communicability. In fact, people are more and more isolated behind their smartphones and computers. Thus, killing the real human communication.

Besides all other languages, music and drawing are the only universal forms of communication. Everybody everywhere understands music and drawings. That's why we suggest, dear cartoonists from all over the world, to send us three cartoons **without words** on the theme of **Communication**. As silence is perhaps the most sophisticated form of communication, your **silent cartoons** will be warmly welcomed with a strong hurrah !

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