



# *Invisible Man* by Ralph Ellison

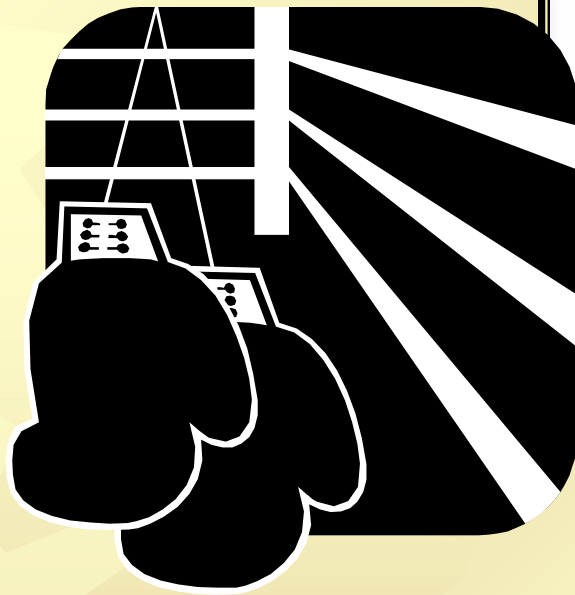
Manipulation

Physical, Emotional, and  
Psychological

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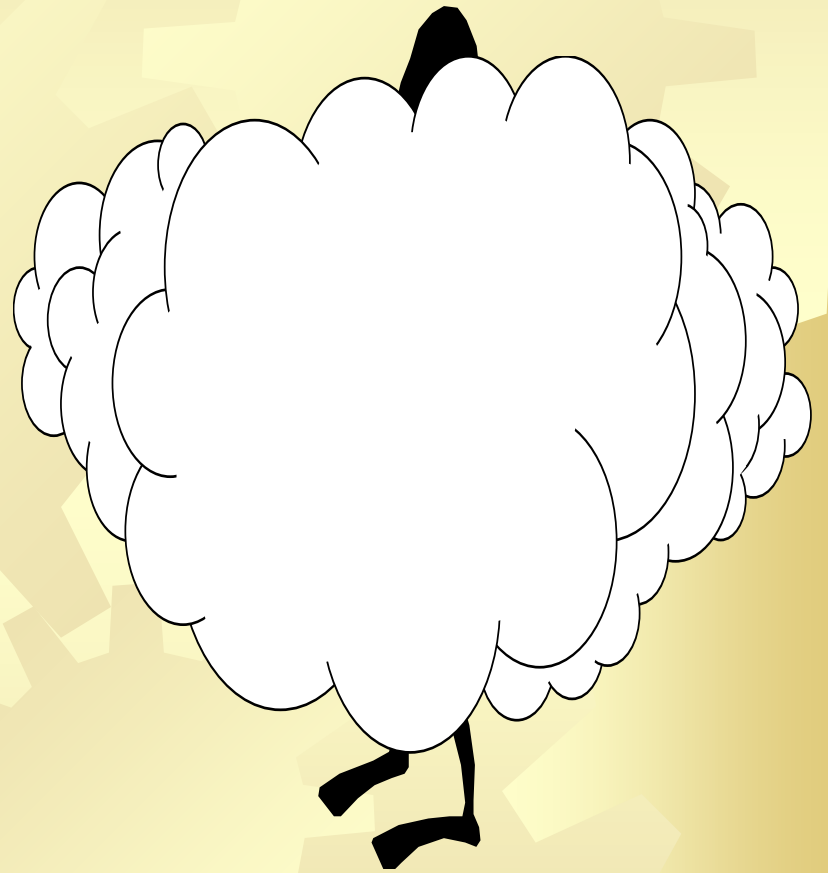
Log on to : <http://www.redhotjazz.com/hot5.html> "West End Blues"

# The Battle Royale begins it



“I am invisible,  
understand,  
simply because  
people refuse to  
see me.”

(3)



# At the Battle Royale

**Who's really in  
charge?**





Items  
in his  
brief case:

His diploma  
and  
college scholarship.

# Staying on the RIGHT side



Driving with  
Mr. Norton



# At the COLLEGE



**Apologies are  
not enough  
with Bledsoe.**

# Who's being manipulated?

Letters from  
Bledsoe





In NEW YORK



Who can  
he trust?

Brockway gets what HE wants



At the  
**LIBERTY PAINT  
FACTORY**

Keep the “N” boy running!!!



# Should he sing?

At the  
Brotherhood  
Party



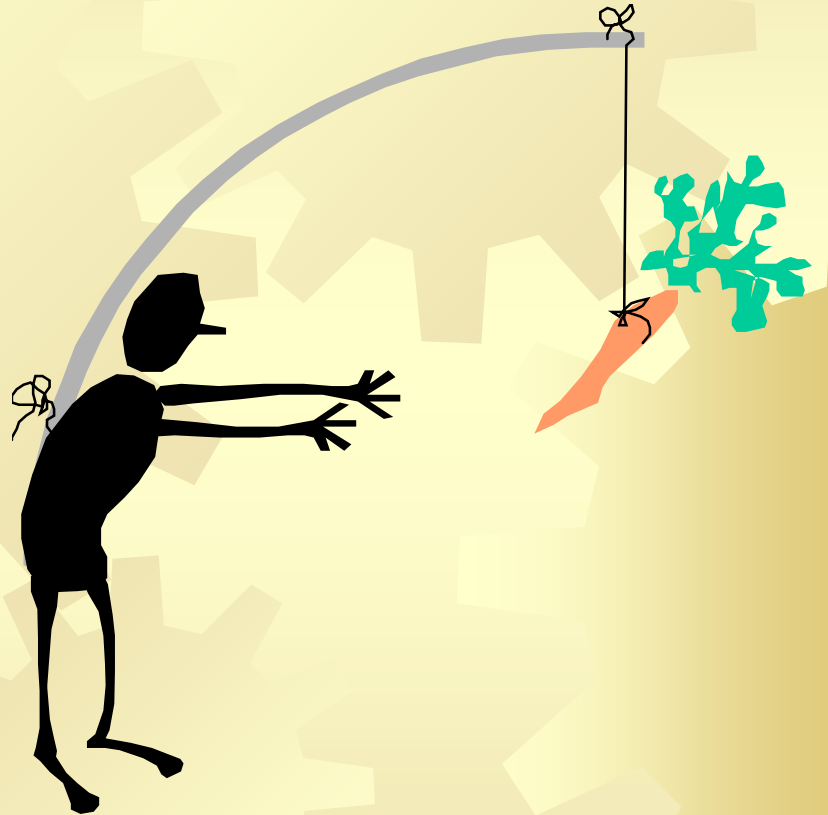
“He’s a walking personification of a negative, the most perfect achievement of your dreams, sir! A mechanical man!” (94)



# Unrealistic goals ?

**“I seemed to have lost all sense of proportion. I seem to exist in some other dimension.”**

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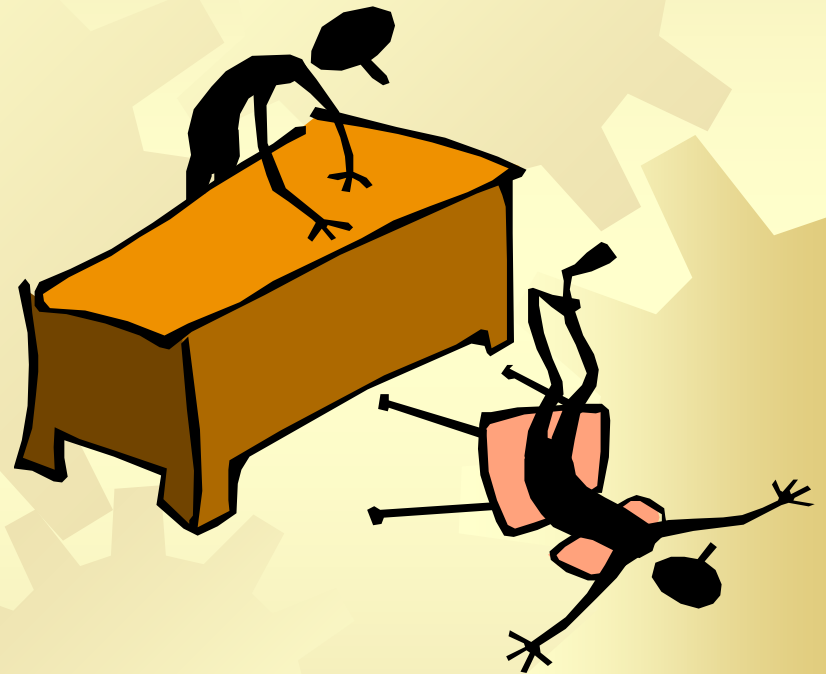
# Busyness keeps him going

**Working  
for the  
BROTHERHOOD**



# Brother Jack sets him straight

In the  
Brotherhood  
Office



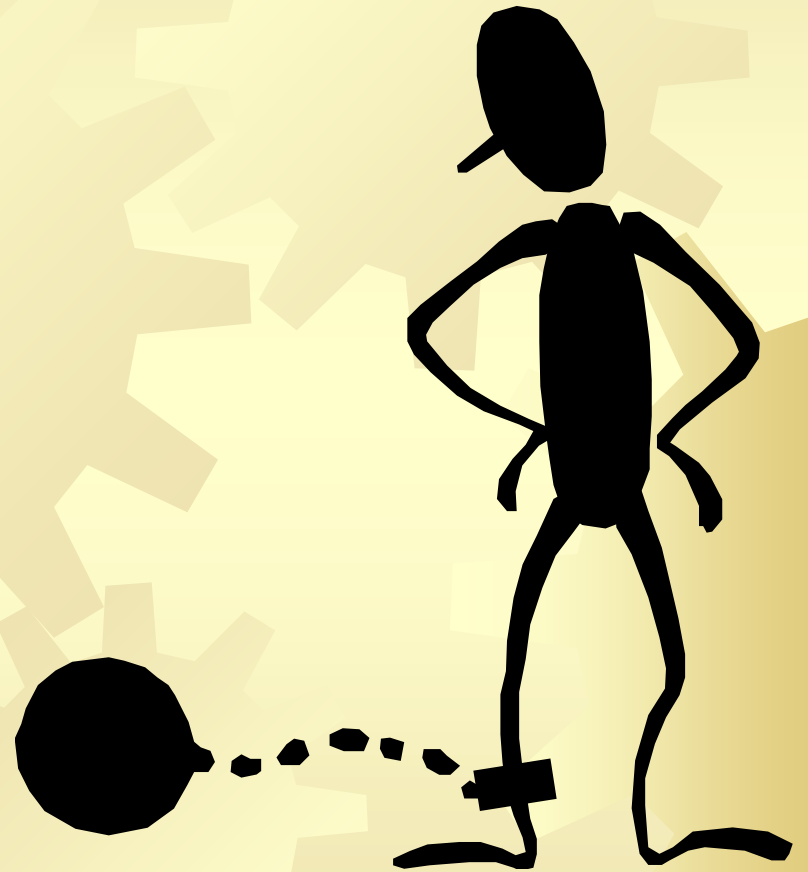




Who can  
he trust?

# Psychologically: Bound or Free

Tarp's story  
a  
wake-up  
Call?



# Does IM have what it takes?



Items  
in his  
brief case:

diploma, college  
scholarship, new  
name, letter, doll  
bank and leg iron.

Keep the “N” boy running!!!



Harlem erupts ...

Another  
Battle  
Royale?



# Is it me or them?

“Little worries  
whirled up  
within me: that  
I might forget  
my name.”

(334)





Finally, IM  
realizes being  
angry is not  
enough!

# Dramatic point...

“I must  
come out,  
I must  
emerge.”

(581)





# He has what he needs!



Items  
in his  
brief case:

diploma, college  
scholarship, new  
name, letter, doll  
bank and leg iron.

Finally.....



# Universal theme ---

Who knows but that, on the lower frequencies, I speak for you?

