Ethical Paradox

In Financial Markets

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The Subprime Primer

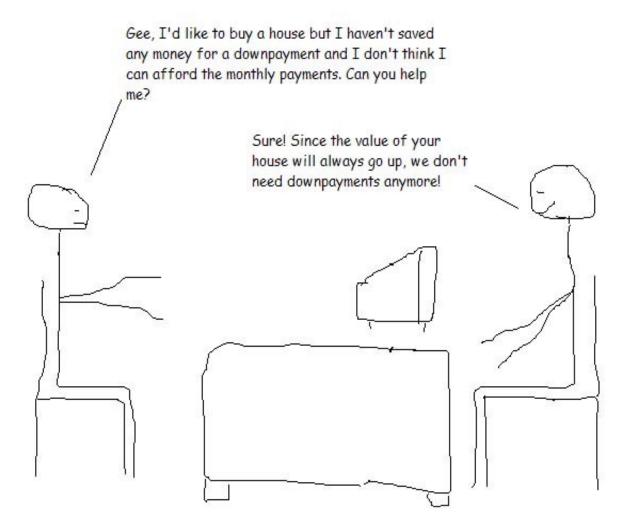


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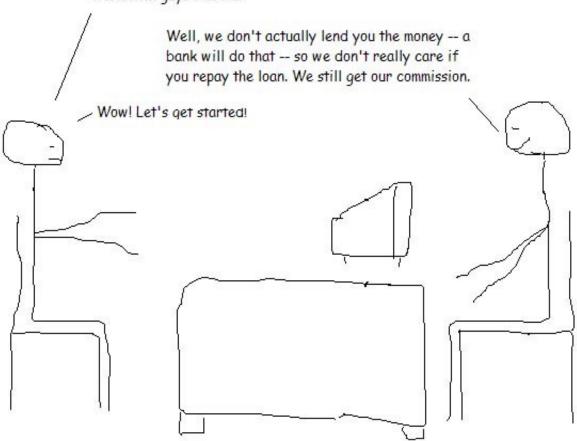
And we can give you a really really low interest rate for a few years. We'll raise it later, okay?



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You guys are awsome! You are really willing to work with guys like me.



A Few Weeks Later, at the Bank

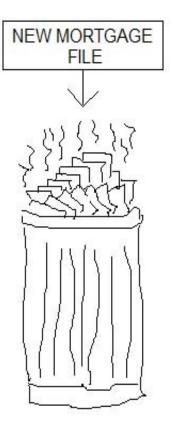


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I'd better get rid of these crappy
mortgage loans. They are starting to
stink up my office. Thankfully the
really smart guys in New York will buy
them and perform their financial magic!
I'll call them right away!



Let's See What the Smart Guys Are Doing...



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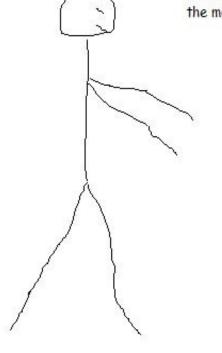


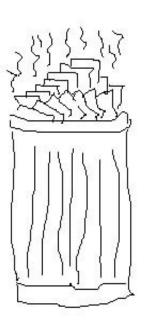
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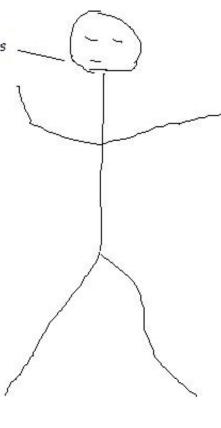


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I've got it! First We'll create a new security and use these crappy mortgages as collateral. We'll call it a CDO (or maybe CMO). We can sell that CDO to investors and promise to pay them back as the mortgages are paid off.

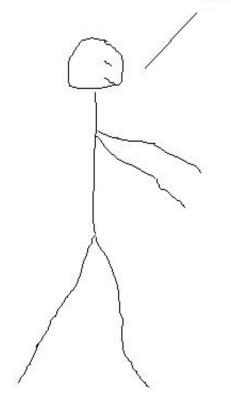


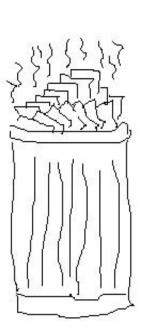


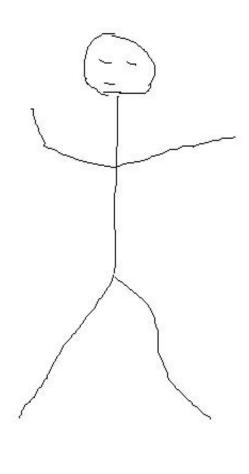


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But crap is crap, isn't it? I don't get it.

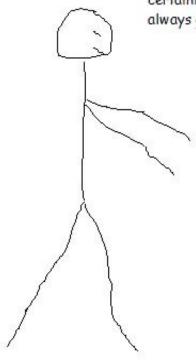


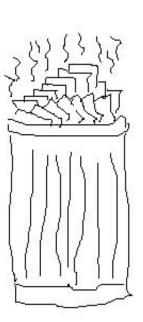


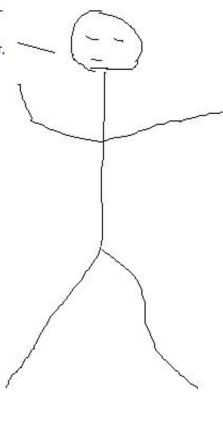


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Sure, individually these are pretty crappy loans, but if we pool them together only some of them will go bad -certainly not all of them. And since housing prices always go up, we really have very little to worry about.





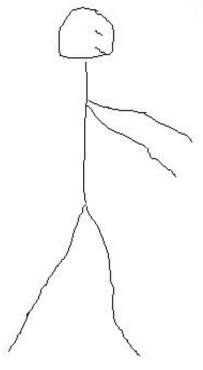


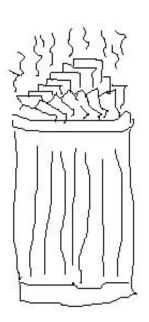
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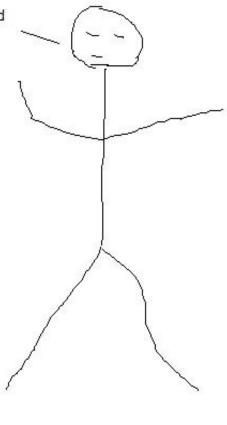


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The new CDO will work like this: It will be made up of three pieces (or "traunches") and we'll call them "The Good", "The Not-So-Good" and "The Ugly".

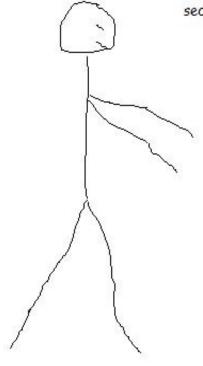


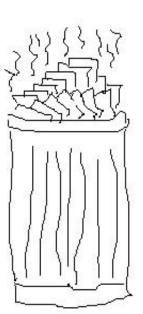


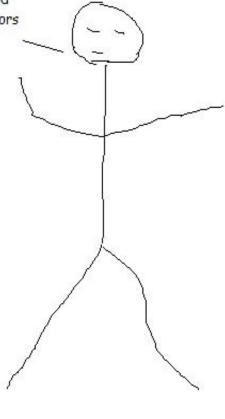


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If some of the mortgages fail, as surely some might, we will promise to pay investors holding the "Good" traunch first. We'll pay the "Not-So-Good investors second, and the "Ugly" investors last.

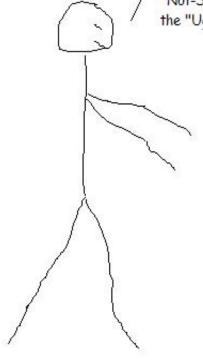


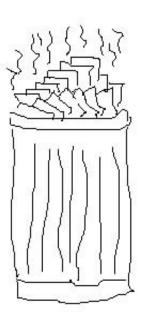


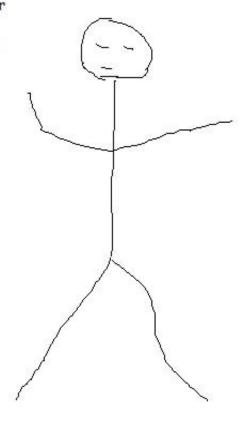


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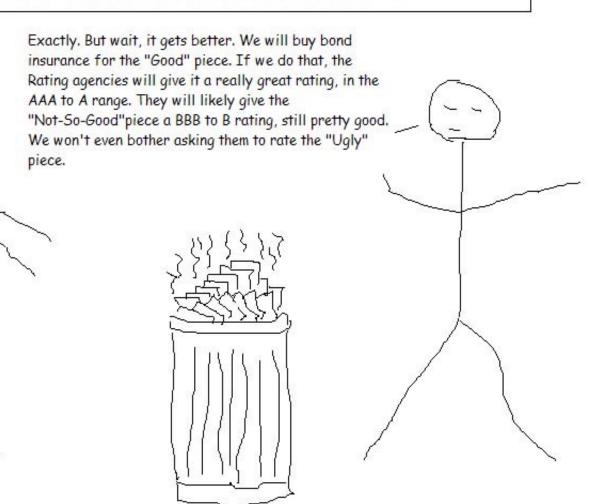
I'm starting to get it. And because the "Good" investors have the least risk, we'll pay them a lower interest rate than the other guys, right? The "Not-So-Goods" will get a better interest rate and the "Ugly" guys will get a nice fat interest rate.







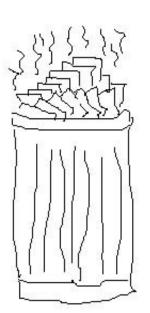
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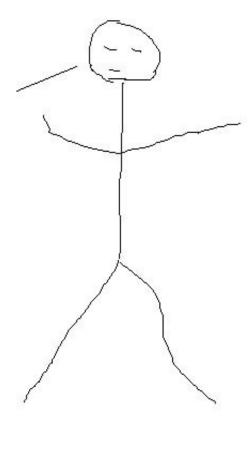


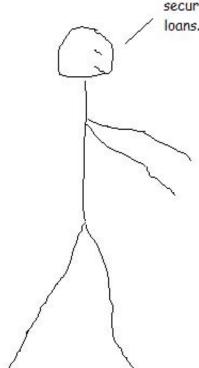
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So you have managed to create AAA and BBB securities out of a pile of stinky, risky mortgage loans. Boss, you are a genius.

Yes, I know.

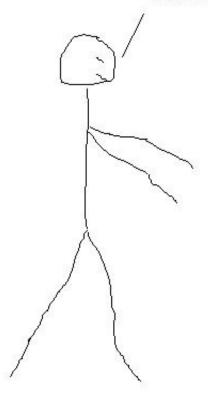


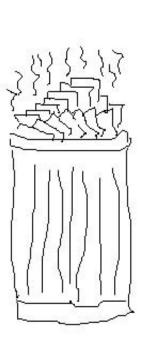


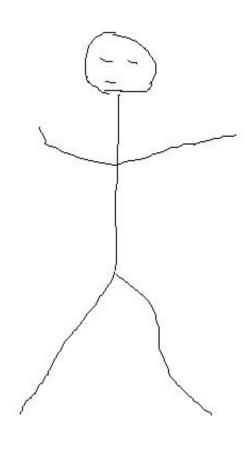


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Okay, now who are we going to sell the three pieces to?

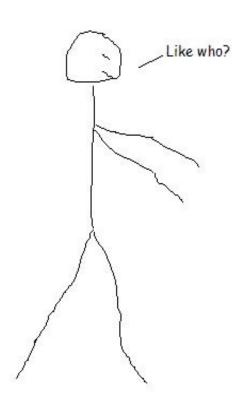


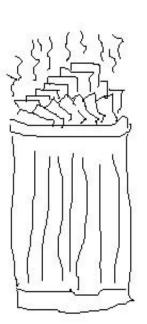


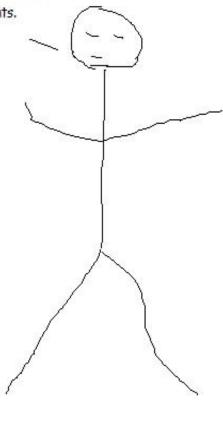


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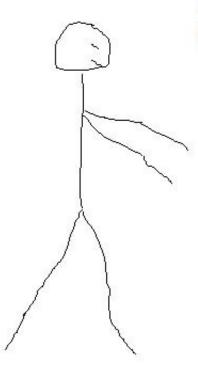
The assholes at the SEC won't let us sell this stuff to widows and orphans, so we'll sell it to our sophisticated institutional clients.



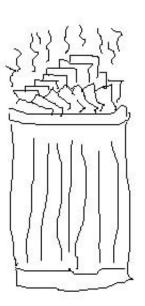


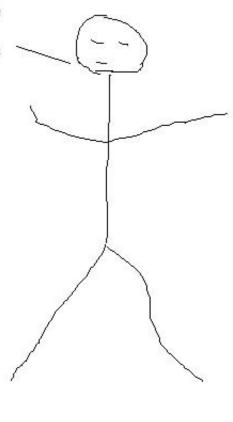


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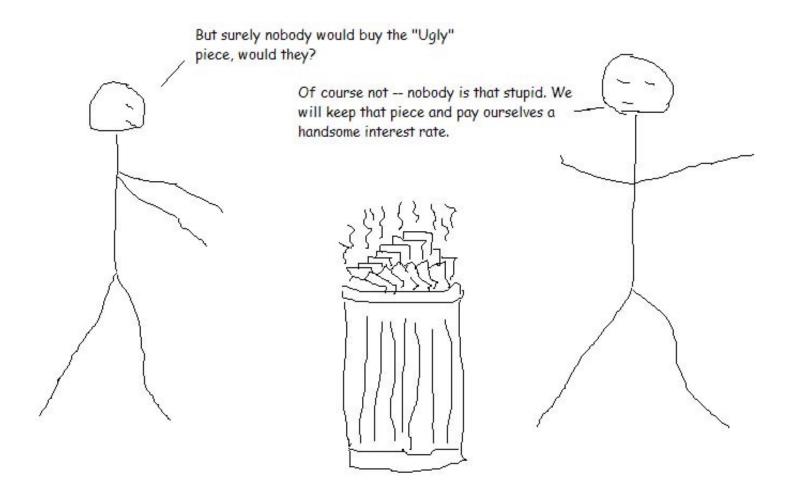


Like insurance companies, banks, small towns in Norway, school boards in Kansas -- to anyone who is looking for a high-quality safe investment.



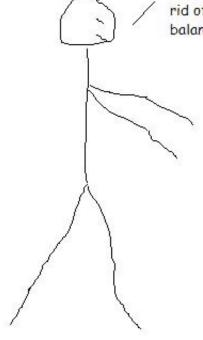


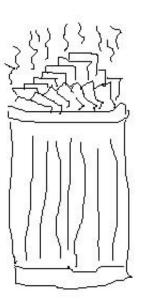
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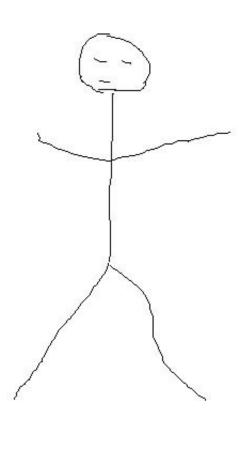


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This is all great, but since we are only using the smelly mortgages as collateral on an entirely new security, we haven't really gotten rid of them. Don't we have to show them on our balance sheet?

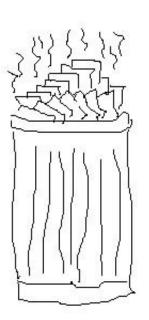


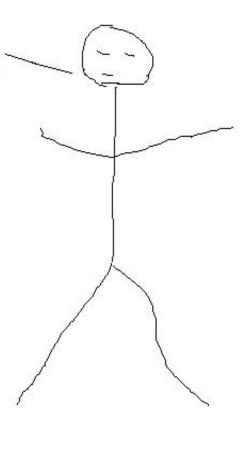


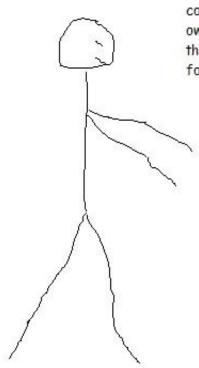


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No, of course not. The guys who write the accounting rules allow us to set up a shell company in the Caymen Islands to take ownership of the mortgages. The crap goes on their balance sheet, not ours. The fancy name for it is "Special Purpose Vehicle" or SPV.



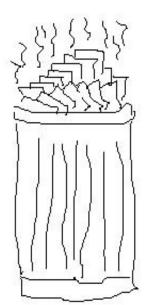


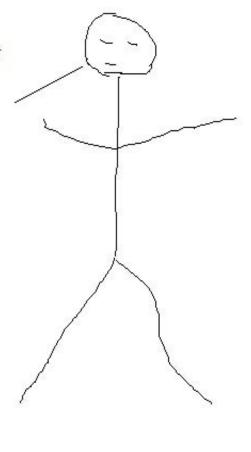


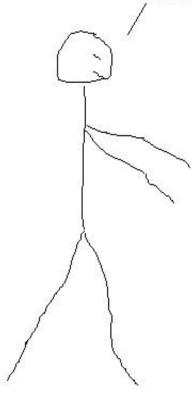
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That's great, but why would they let us do that, aren't we just moving our own crap around?

Sure, but we have convinced them that it is vitally important to the health of the U.S. financial system that investors not know about these complex transactions and what is behind them.





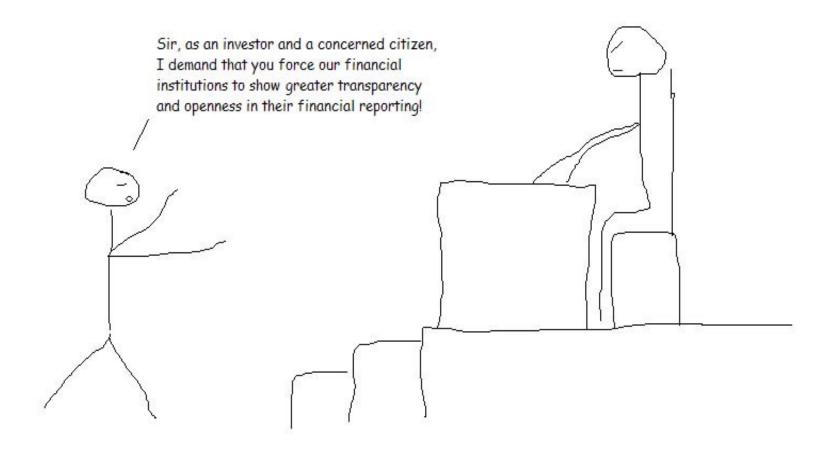


Let's drop in to see the Accountants.....



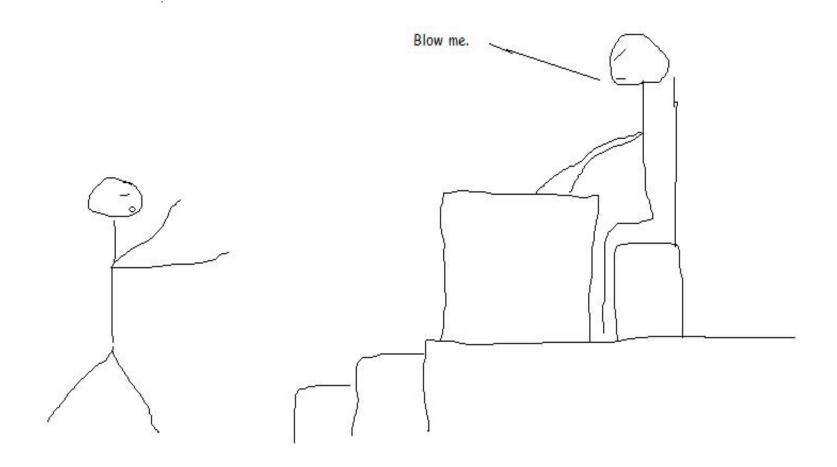
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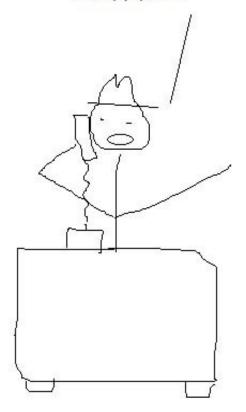
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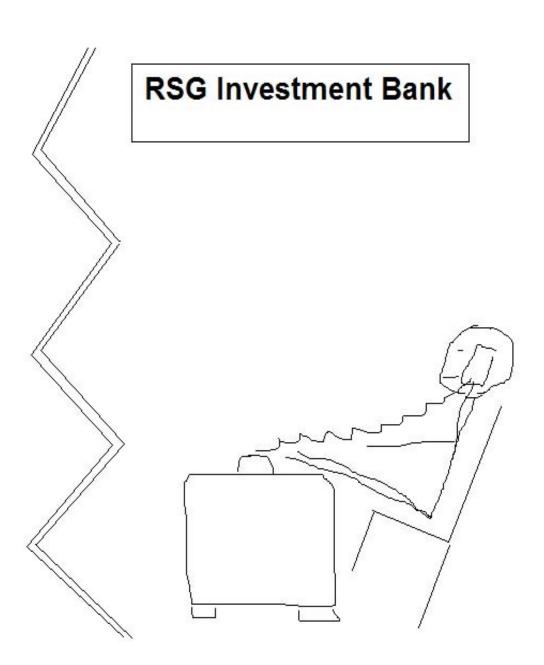


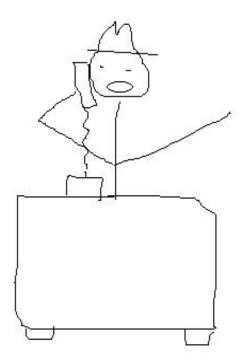
Gee, We Never Saw it Coming.....



Hey man, what the hell is up? We're not receiving our monthly payments!

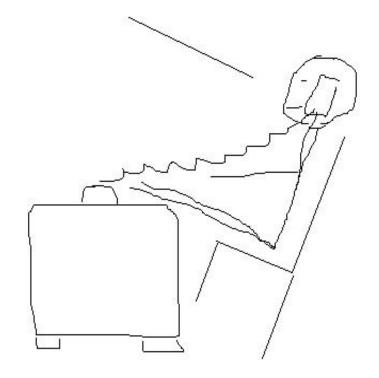




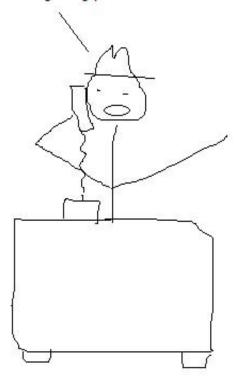


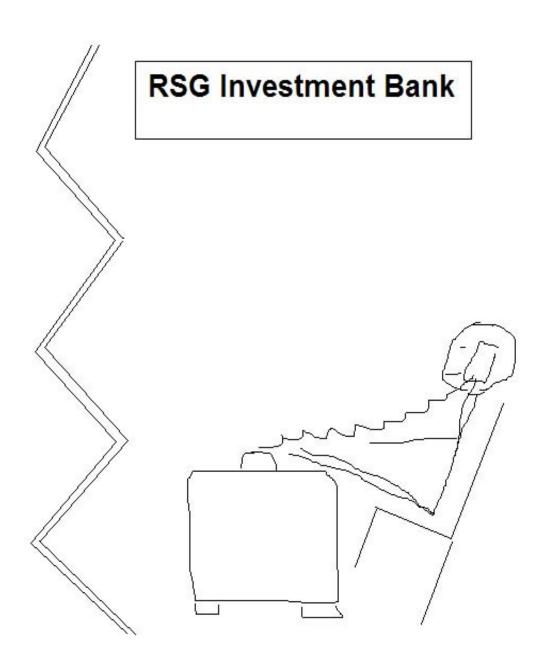


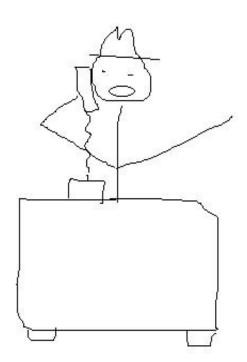
Yeah, I meant to call you but it's been really crazy around here. It seems that the assholes who took out the mortgages backing your CDO aren't able to pay them off.



Wait a minute! We bought the AAA "Good" piece of the CDO. You know? The safe one. We're supposed to be getting paid first.

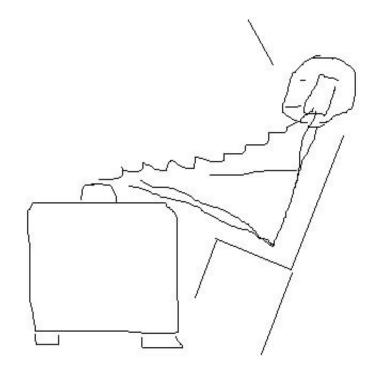




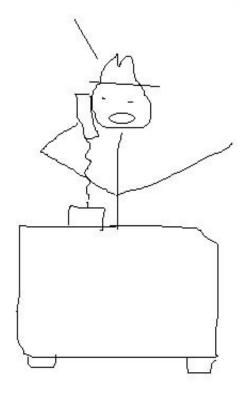


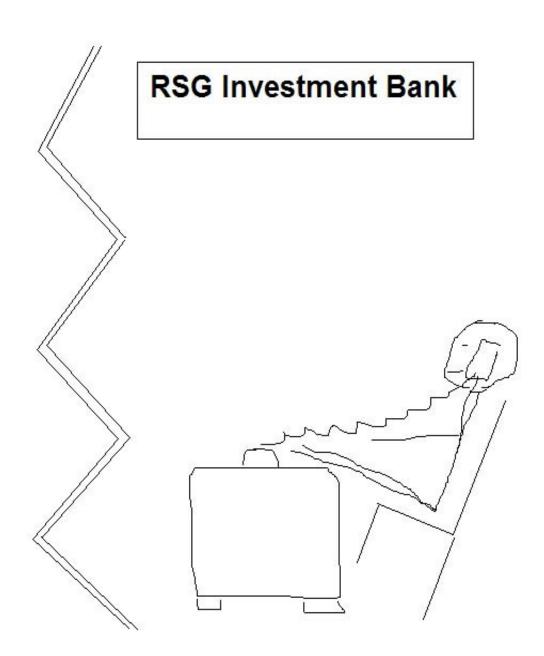
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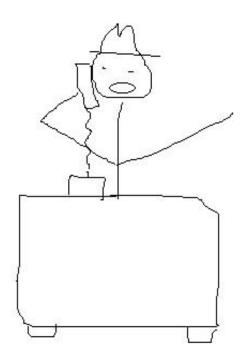
Well unfortunately the loans were quite a bit crappier than we originally thought and there is very little cash coming in. Frankly, I assure you that we are as disappointed as you are.

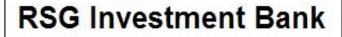


But you told me that housing prices always go up and that your borrowers could always refinance their mortgages!

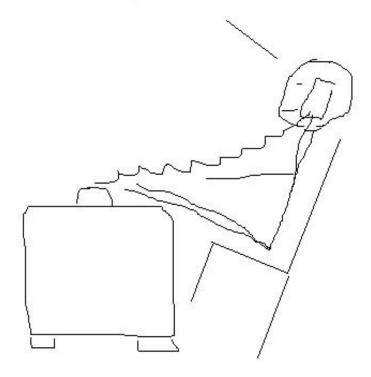




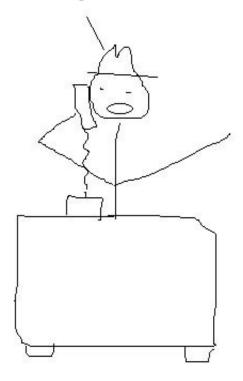


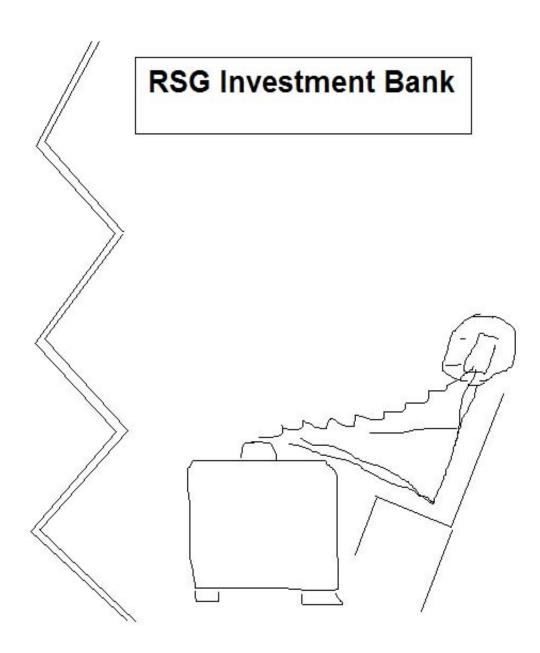


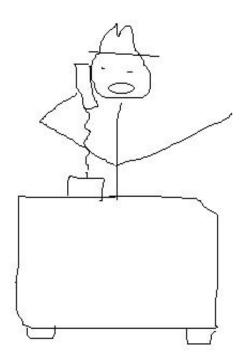
Yeah, that was a bad assumption. We fucked up. Sorry.

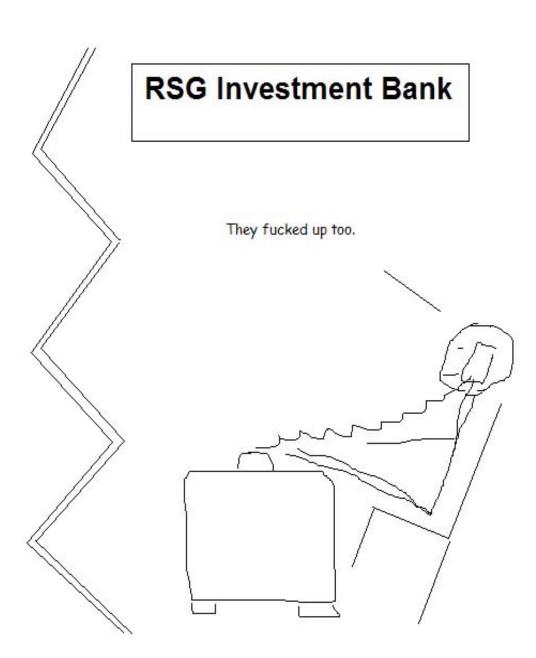


Bad assumption my frigid Norwegian ass! What about the AAA rating from the agencies?

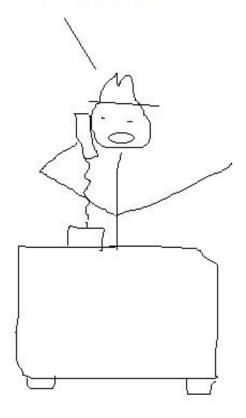


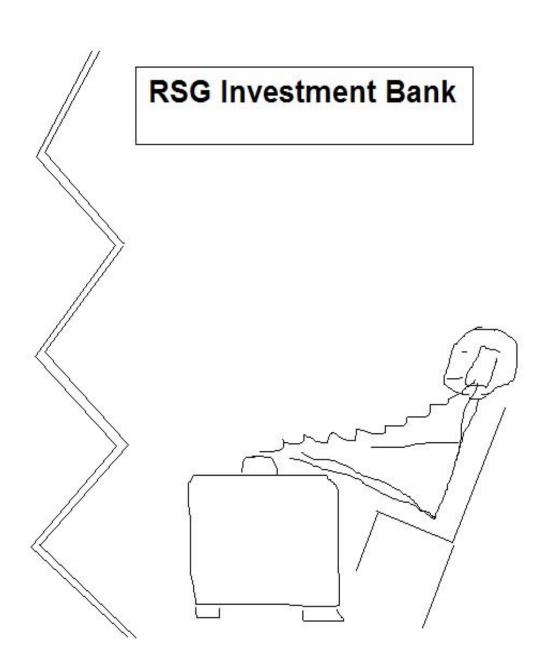


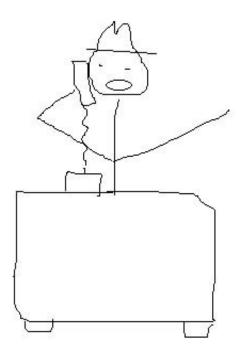




But this security was insured! What about the insurers?

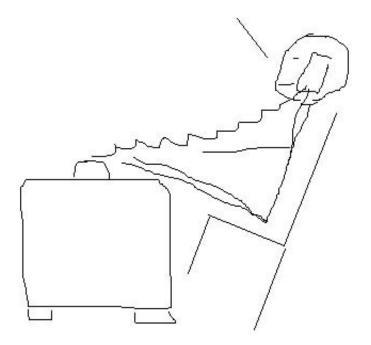




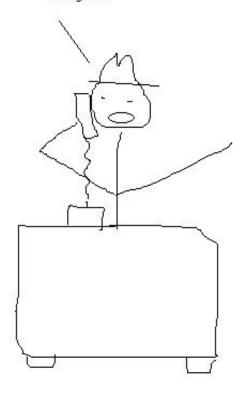


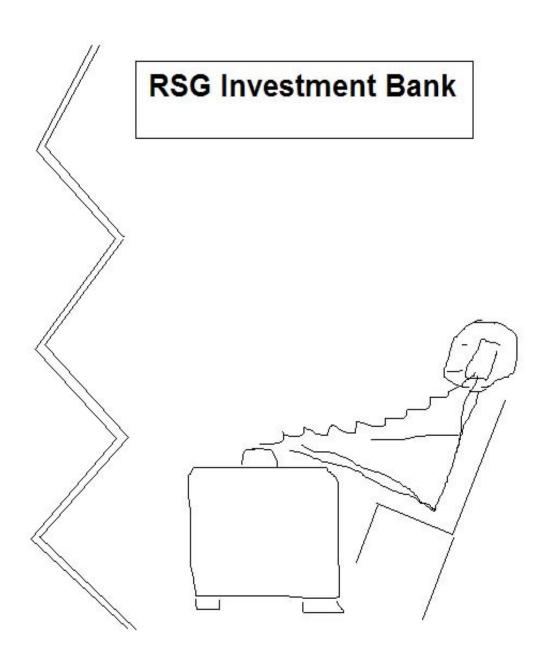
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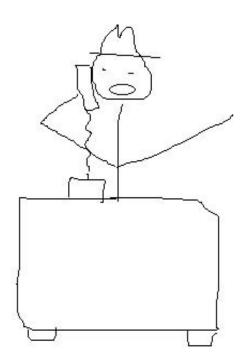
Are you kidding? There's no way they have enough money set aside to cover this mess. They fucked up.



Well that's just great, asshole. What am I supposed to tell my villagers?

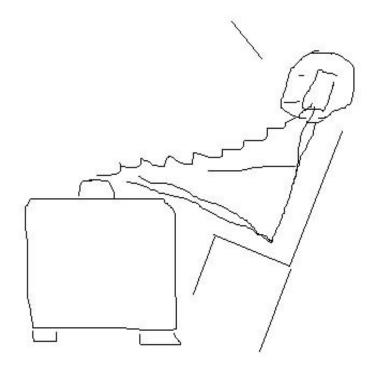


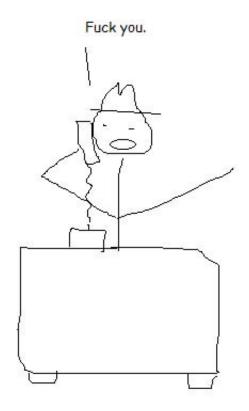


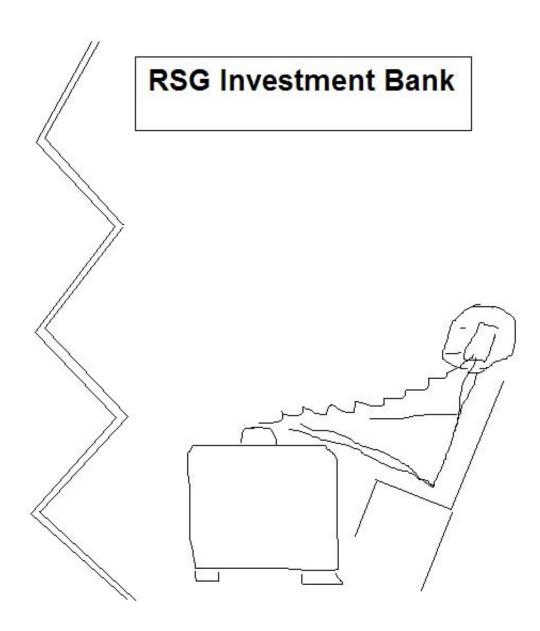


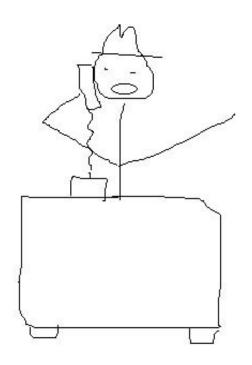
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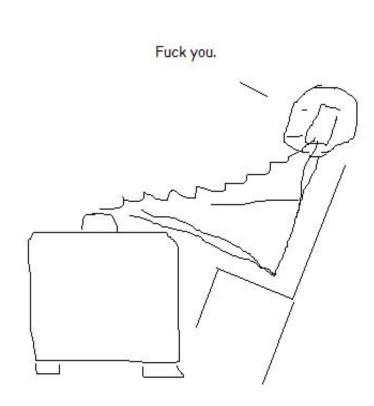




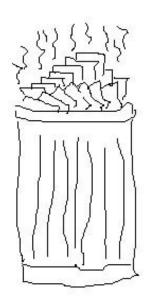




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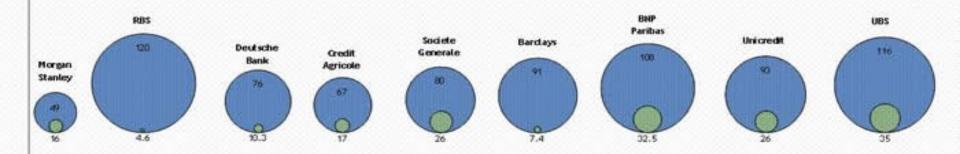
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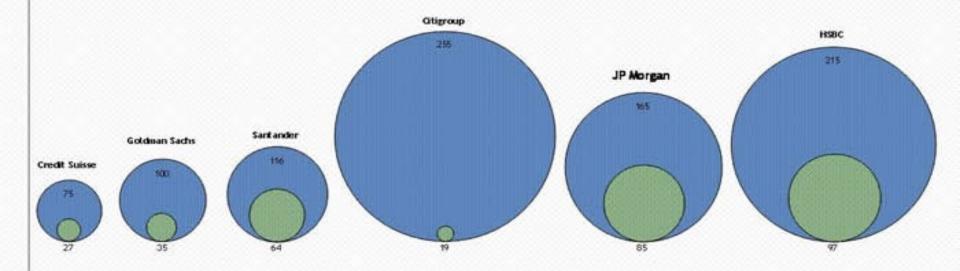


Value of Banks - Decreased (old-Blue, new-Green)

Banks: Market Cap

- Market Value as of January 20th 2009, \$Bn
- Market Value as of Q2 2007, \$Bn





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Global Banking System

Why did banks fail?

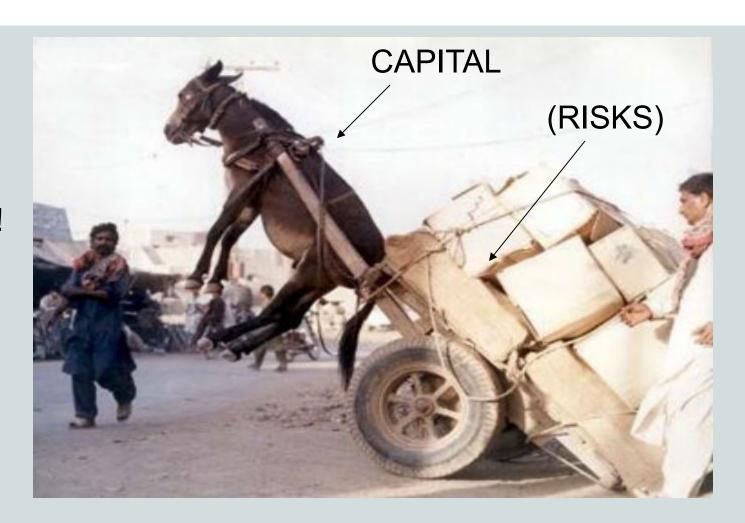


- 1.Mismanagement
- 2.Lack of Supervision & Audit
- 3.Profit & Growth motive
- 4.High Risk Derivative Products
- 5.Moral Hazard
- 6. Unethical Practices



High Risk, Low Capital

High Risks Resulted in High Losses!





One product gave birth to many other derivative products! When the first product failed all the others collapsed



Derivative Products!



Worms inside the Balance Sheets weakened financial position of banks

Permanent Impairment in Value of Assets of banks





Risks were carried to Off Balance Sheet areas

Losses of banks were

Hidden from Public





Credit Crunch

Sub Prime Loans

Not disclosed properly!





Customers were not protected properly by banks

Banks
let their
customers
swim
over the
Jaws?





When will it explode? Where will it explode? What will be the damage?





Pills can not cure this disease



Surgery is needed



Governments to press many heads in future

More

- -supervision
- -audit
- -control
- -tax





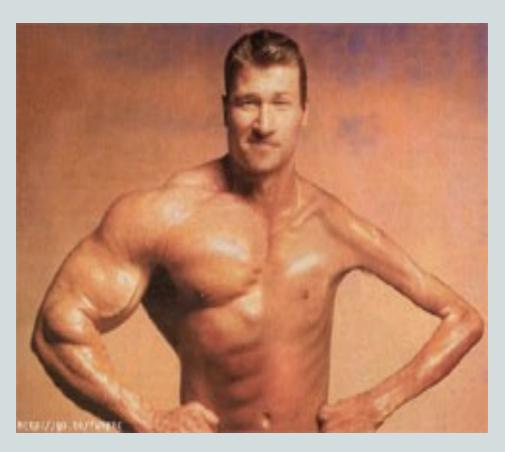
We have to rebuild the global banking system

Lessons learned?





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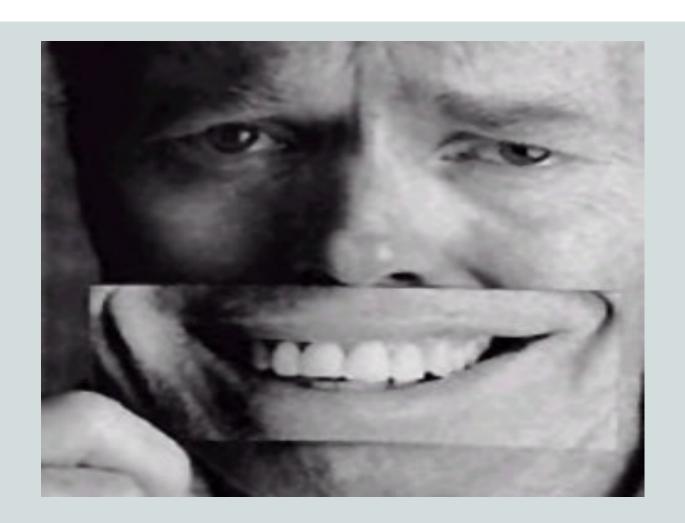


- Left arm Ethical
 Behavior
 growth
- Right arm Business growth
- Result Freak



Bankers had two faces

It is time to cry not to laugh!





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The World have to pay for it