



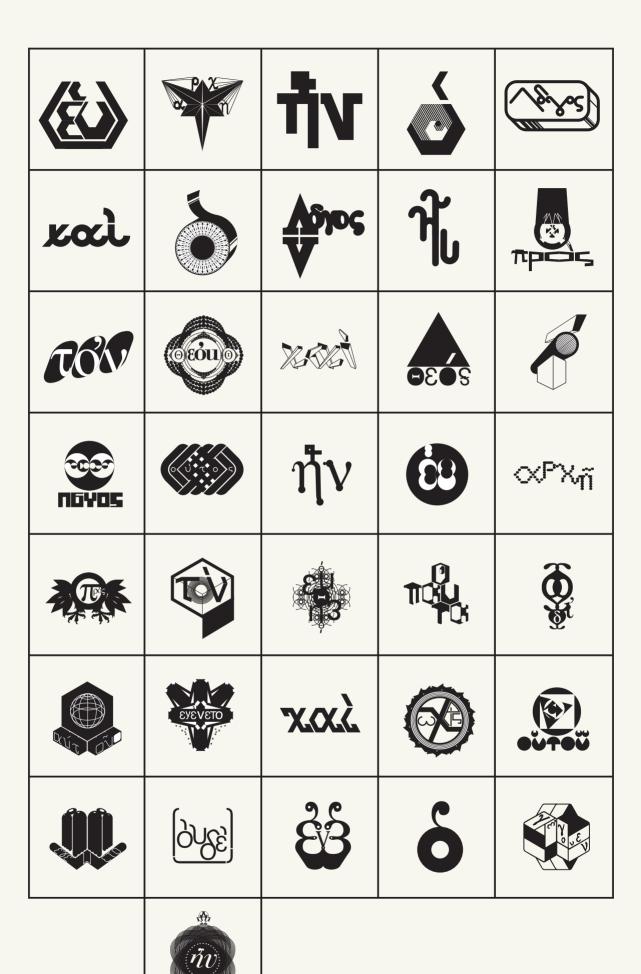
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Ladies and Gentlemen, Excellencies, Heads of State, Prime Ministers and other high ranking government officials of the world.

Though not recognizing any of your powers, we in any case wish you a good day.

With this brief document, I Federico Pepe, Le Dictateur, and Pierpaolo Ferrari, Le Vice Dictateur, have pleasure in introducing you to the second and even grander episode in our publishing venture.

There are those who think that the people, though they don't know it, hate dictatorship as a punishment (dabo tibi regem in furore meo)!

In actual fact, the Dictateur was very clear before proclaiming himself undisputed and unruly head of this project.

He made it clear to every artist invited and every reader what his rights would be and pronounced the following speech, off the cuff:

"These shall be my rights over you: I shall take your sons and put them to drive my wagons and horses or make them guards to ride ahead of my carriage at the gallop.

Others shall be put at the head of military units of a thousand and of fifty soldiers.

Others shall be obliged to plough my fields and reap my crops or fashion weapons and equipment for my war engines.

I shall also take your daughters as my perfumers, cooks and bakers.

I shall take away your fields, your vineyards and your best olive groves and give them to my men.

I shall claim the tenth part of the produce from your fields and vineyards and give them to my officials and ministers.

I shall seize your slaves, both male and female, the strongest of your young and even your donkeys and I shall make them work for me.

I shall take the tenth part of your flocks and you yourselves shall become my slaves."

Thus spake Le Dictateur, but no one paid heed. "No," they all exclaimed in unison, "We want a dictator. Then we too will be like other peoples: we'll have a dictator who will govern us, who will ride out at the head of our soldiers and fight our battles".

This is why, mark well, we were forced to give them a new Dictateur.

To the prelude to Richard Wagner's Lohengrin, we hereby announce the participants in the second issue:

Assaël, Ballen, Boisi, Cadioli, Cattelan, Cuoghi, Ferrari, Jones, Kander, Laser, Nuti, Pepe, Schwarz, Tuttofuoco, Vitone.