

PART 6 OF
“EXPLORING THE BODY”:

FOOT

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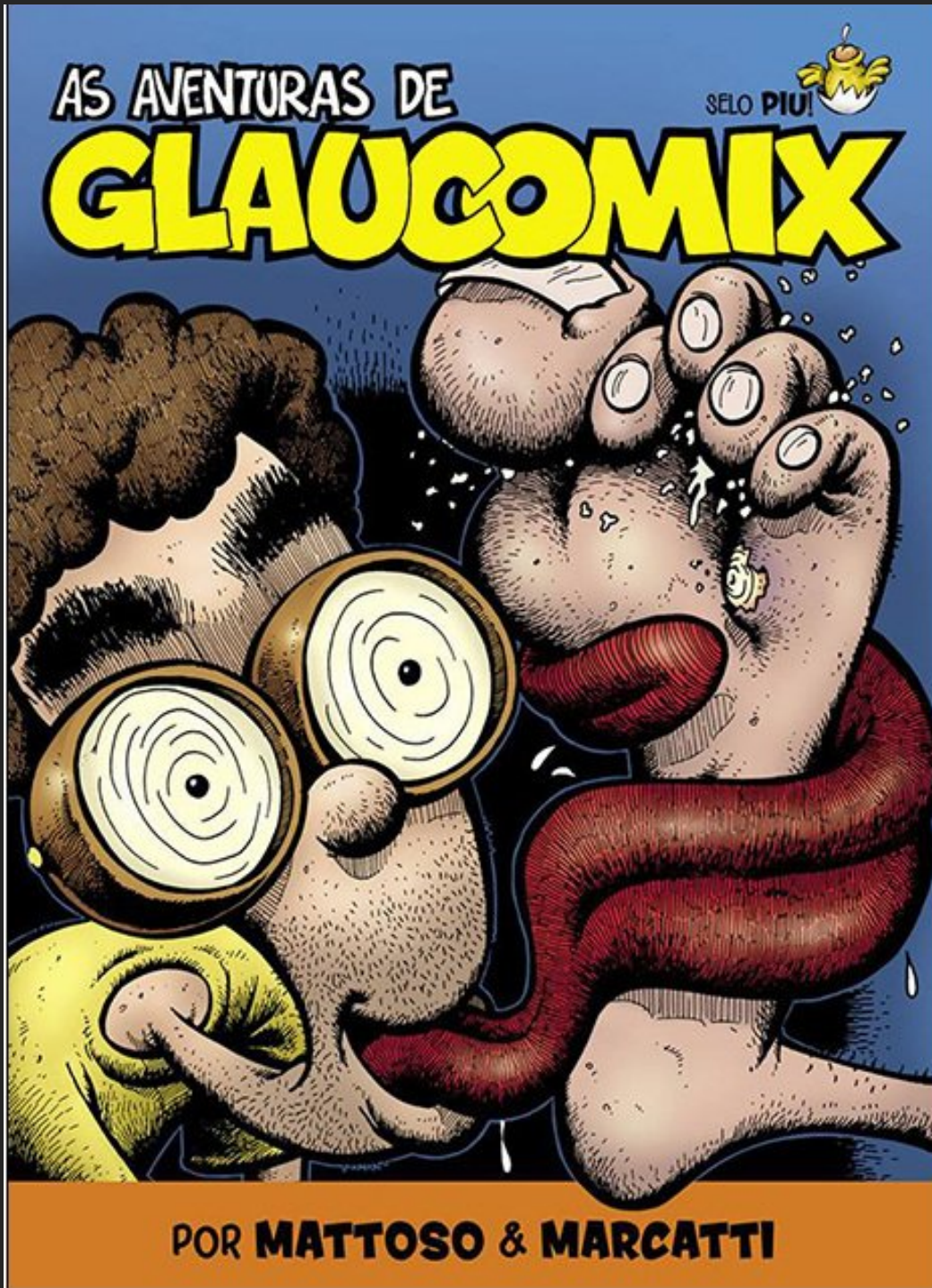
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Feetishism

(Glaucio Mattoso)

‘Massagem Linguopedal’ (Tongue-Foot Massage)



Followers kissed and licked feet in a religious rite of self-mortification and big-hearted sympathy for the unknowable 'Other'

Marcella María Althaus-Reid

‘The scent of a Latin American theology will always be the scent of a materialist theology that knows how poverty smells...’

Stefanie Knauss

**‘looking for God in places where one would not
– traditionally – think of looking...’**





T.S. Eliot's 'The Waste Land'

'O the moon shone bright on Mrs. Porter
And on her daughter
They washed their feet in soda water'

Original First World War ditty:

‘O the moon shone bright on Mrs. Porter
And on the daughter of Mrs. Porter
They washed their c**ts in soda water
and so they oughter
to keep them clean’



Victorian 'sciences' of physiognomy & podoscopy





Heidegger and Van Gogh's
'A Pair of Shoes'







A black and white photograph of Fats Waller. He is smiling broadly, looking slightly to his right. He is wearing a light-colored fedora-style hat and a dark suit jacket over a white shirt. His right hand is raised near his chin, with fingers slightly curled. The background is dark and out of focus.

FATS WALLER

Your feet's too big

1939



**Ginu Kamani's
'Younger Wife'**



Sigmund Freud's
Three Essays on the Theory of Sexuality & 'Fetishism'









Maria Taglioni







**Any Captain who lets his men march
with ill-fitted shoes 'ought to be
garrotted with shoe strings or...
compelled to play Pope, and wash the
feet of the whole army of the
Apostles of Liberty'**

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