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Democritus and the atoms

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Plato was walking home, it was a hot afternoon, and he just wanted to get back into the cool space of his house. He was in a rush, despite the temperature, not only because he wanted to get home, but also because he was in a bad temper. Plato was annoyed, something this ridiculous had not happened to him for quite some time. He was a well-established philosopher, certainly amongst the most renowned ones in Athens, and Athens that was at that time the center of the world – at least the civilized world. As every morning, Plato had gone into the Academy, a school he had founded, to teach some of his students philosophy. This time, things had been different. This time, an old man had been standing around, asking whether he might benefit from Plato's wisdom. And Plato, feeling a bit flattered by the old man's admiration, had agreed. Oh, what a fool he was! ...

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