

12¢

MARCH 2026

TURTLEMAN



BECOMES THE
SPECIAL ENVOY
TO THE MIDDLE EAST



ISSUE 14

MARCH 2026

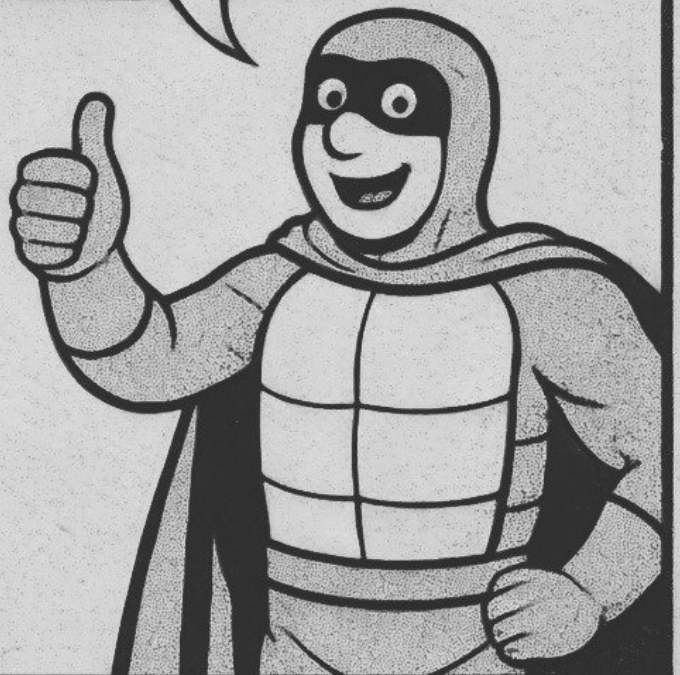
TURTLE MAN

Created by Ian A. and Viv Maxwell

© 2025 MXXI Holdings Pty Ltd.
All rights reserved.

Based on actual lies: any resemblance
between any characters in this comic with
real living people is a miracle.

HATERS BE HATERS.
TO ALL YOUSE HATERS OUT
THERE, WE LOVE YA!



The PATH to PEACE in the MIDDLE EAST!

Step 128a?



OKAY, HERE'S THE PLAN!

TOUTLEDGAN!

MUTUAL RECOGNITION

HISTORIC PEACE TALKS

SIMPLE!

RESIS DIPLOMACY

SECURED ENCLAVE

MAKE CONCESSIONS

TRUST BUILDING!

WE ADM FOR ANTIRS RYON!

WE ILL TEQIRNE ADUTE BASK Street! (TE MET'S HARD LANED)

BESTEGUA ENCLAVE

PRESSURE US. Push PEACE

USE PEEL SUMMIT AGAIN!

HARD-LINERS REARM AGAIN

HOPEFL SUMMIT!

COLLAPSE TALKS?

MAINES OF TALKS?

HOLD A SUMMIT

NEW CEASEFIRE?

QUER: CALL THE U.S. AGAIN!

CUD-LOGUI!

SIDE CONFLICTS FLARE

REJECT PROPOSALS!

RIGHT-WING OUTRAGE

HOLD A SUMMIT!

"PERM LOVE 3AUT'S A POINTO?"

DALY A SUMMIT!

PRO. ECIDITIONS

TERRISTS PLOT A COUP

REJECT PROPOSALS!

STTECE IMLANDS?

SEKTE REIVEE'S!

INTIGIDA!

BLOCK CROSSINGS

CONFLICT

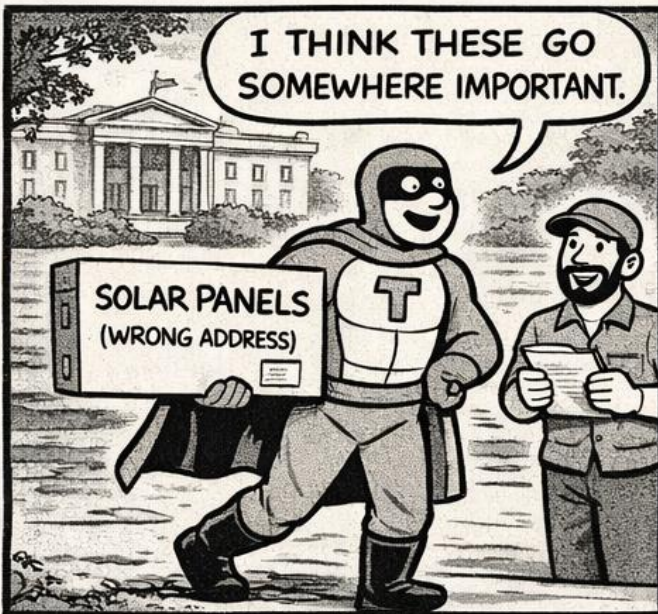
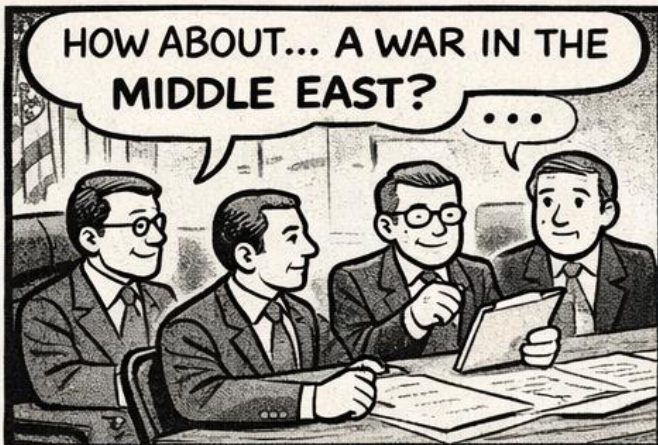
START OVER HERE!





TURTLEMAN SAVES THE PLANET

(SORT OF)



THE PLAN: STOP OIL



RESULT: NO OIL IS LEAVING THE MIDDLE EAST

The middle white powers meet...

The Middle East is complicated.

We should fix it.

VERY IMPORTANT MEETING

Oil prices go up. Everyone panics.

My voters hate this.

They decide they need a special envoy...

OIL PRICES

HERO

ASIO RECOMMENDS THEY SEND TURTLEMAN TO THE MIDDLE EAST...



Who's expendable enough to send to the Middle East?

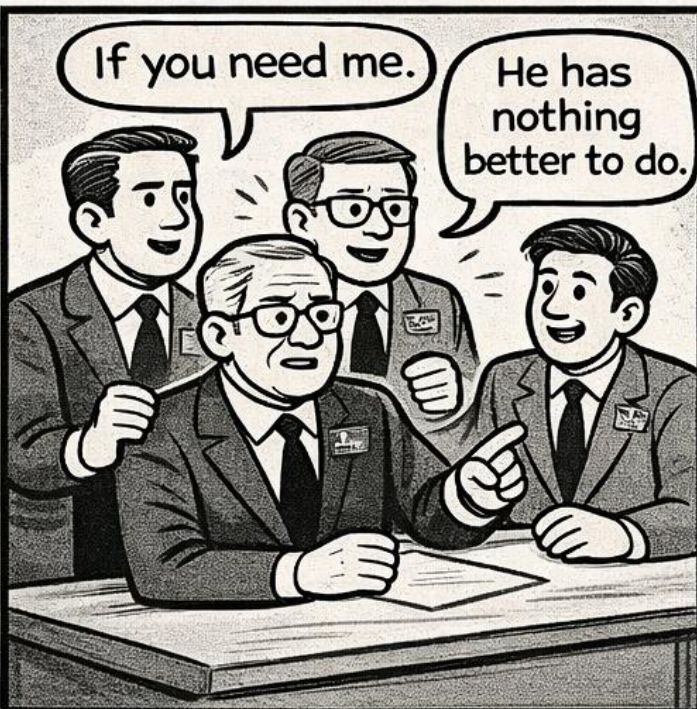


He's eager, non-threatening, and completely irrelevant.



If you need me.

He has nothing better to do.



You're what's left of plan C.

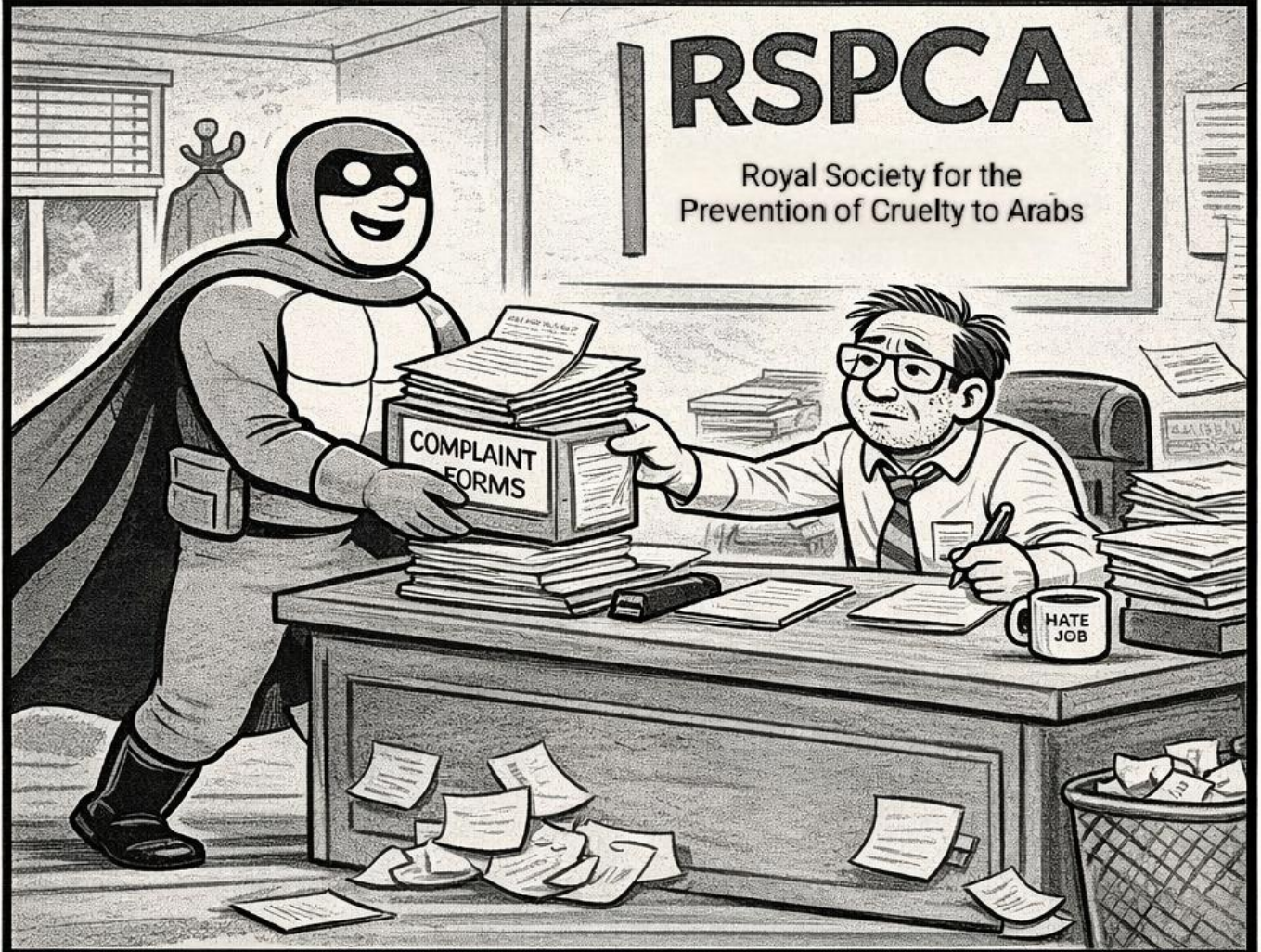
Good luck, Turtleman!

I'll pack snacks!



TURTLEMAN COMES UP WITH A PLAN. FIRST HE REPORTS THE CONFLICT TO THE RSPCA

I'd like to file a complaint about the entire Middle East.

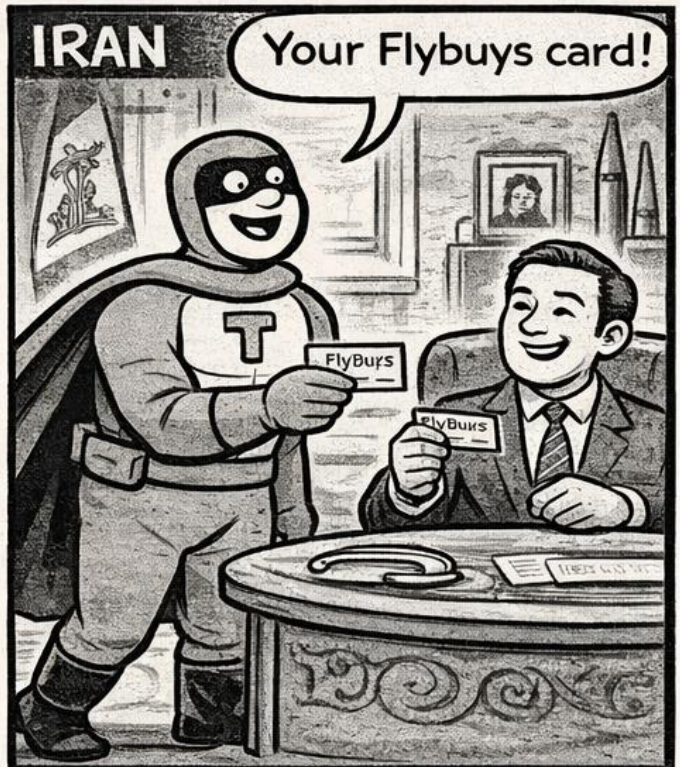


THE TURTLEMAN COMES UP WITH A FLYBUYS SCHEME...

For every missile, drone, or bomb dropped by any country, they'll get Flybuys points!



TURTMAN DELIVERS FLYBUYS CARDS!



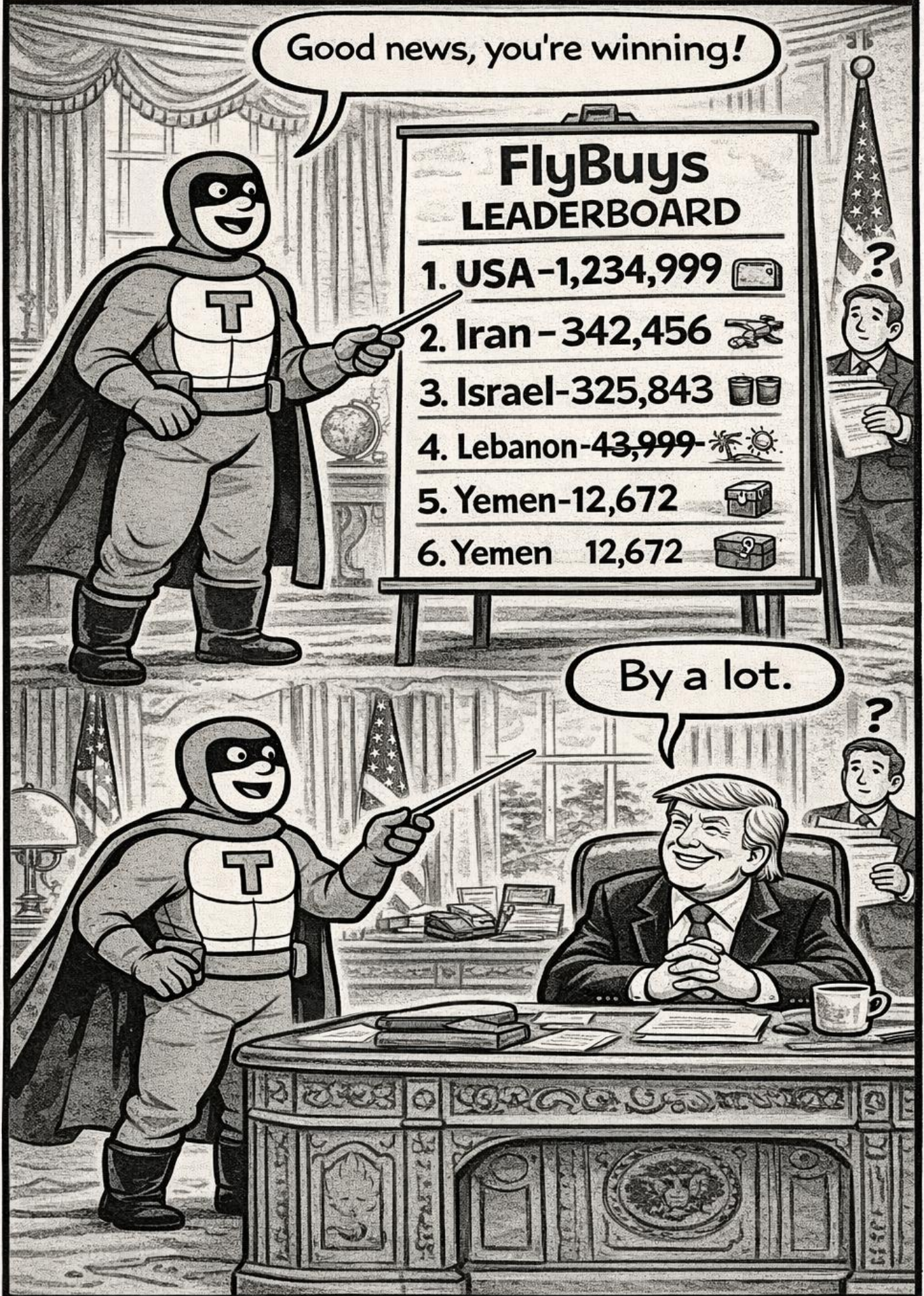
TURTLEMAN DELIVERS FLYBUYS CARDS!

Good news, you're winning!

FlyBuys LEADERBOARD

1. USA-1,234,999 
2. Iran - 342,456 
3. Israel-325,843 
4. Lebanon-43,999 
5. Yemen-12,672 
6. Yemen 12,672 

By a lot.



TURTLEMAN GIVES DONALD TRUMP HIS PRIZE!

Here's your prize, Mr. President.

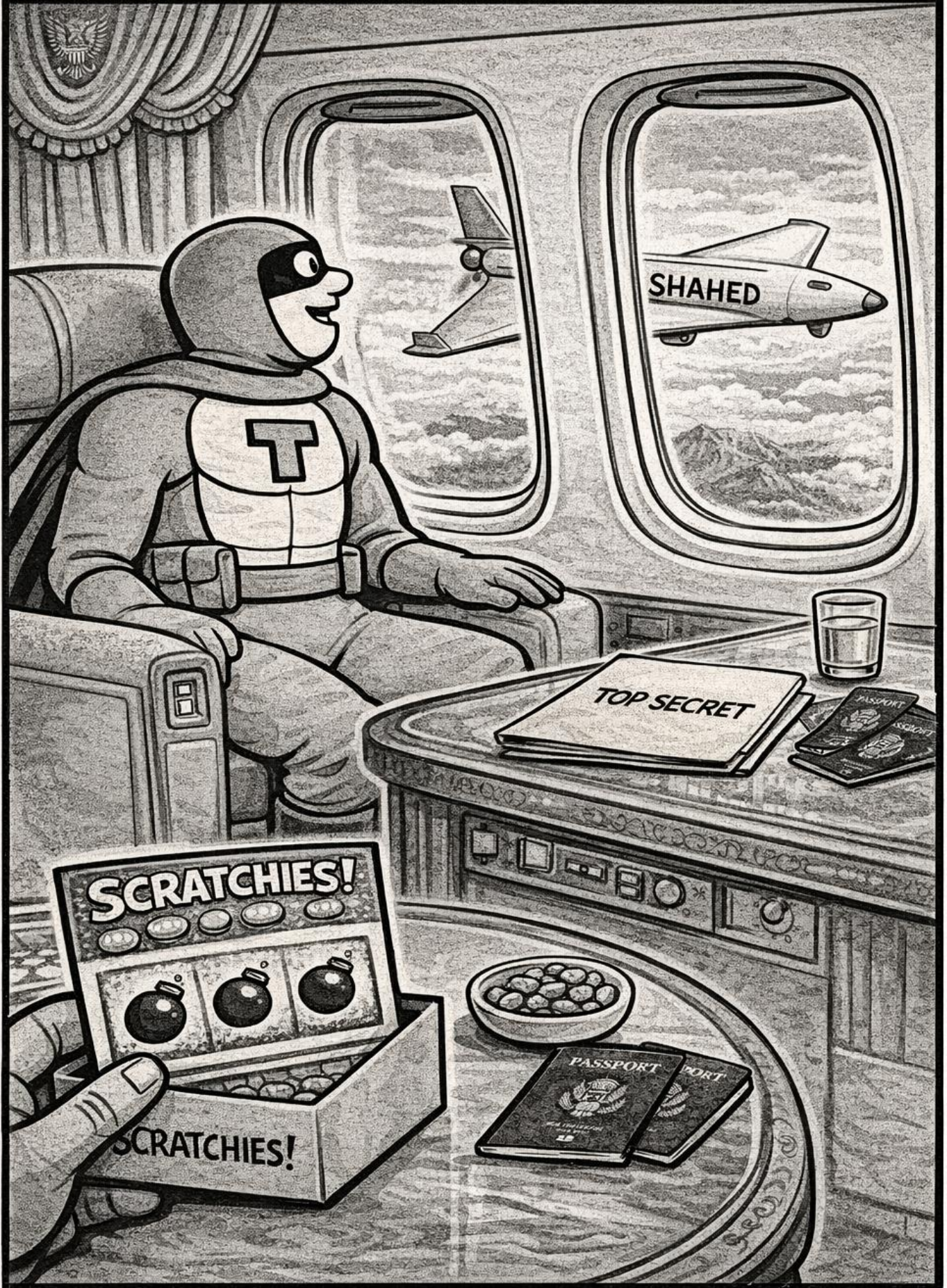
FlyBuys LEADERBOARD

1. USA-1,234,999 
2. Iran - 342,456 
3. Israel-325,843 
4. Lebanon-43,999 
5. Yemen-12,672 
6. Yemen 12,672 

If you reveal 3 bombs on one of these scratchies, you win a Nobel Peace Prize!



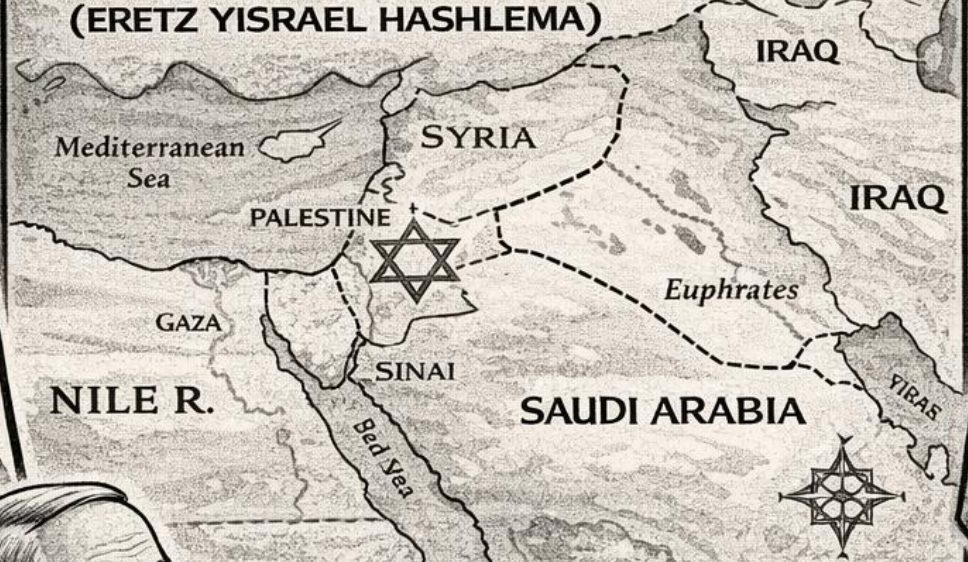
TURTLEMAN HEADS BACK TO SAUDI ARABIA ON AIR FORCE ONE...



NETANYAHU PONDERES: HOW BIG COULD ISRAEL GET?

Hmm... How big could Israel get?

GREATER ISRAEL (ERETZ YISRAEL HASHLEMA)



Let's create a "Greater Israel"!

TOP SECRET



THE GRAND STRATEGY: HOW BIG COULD ISRAEL GET?



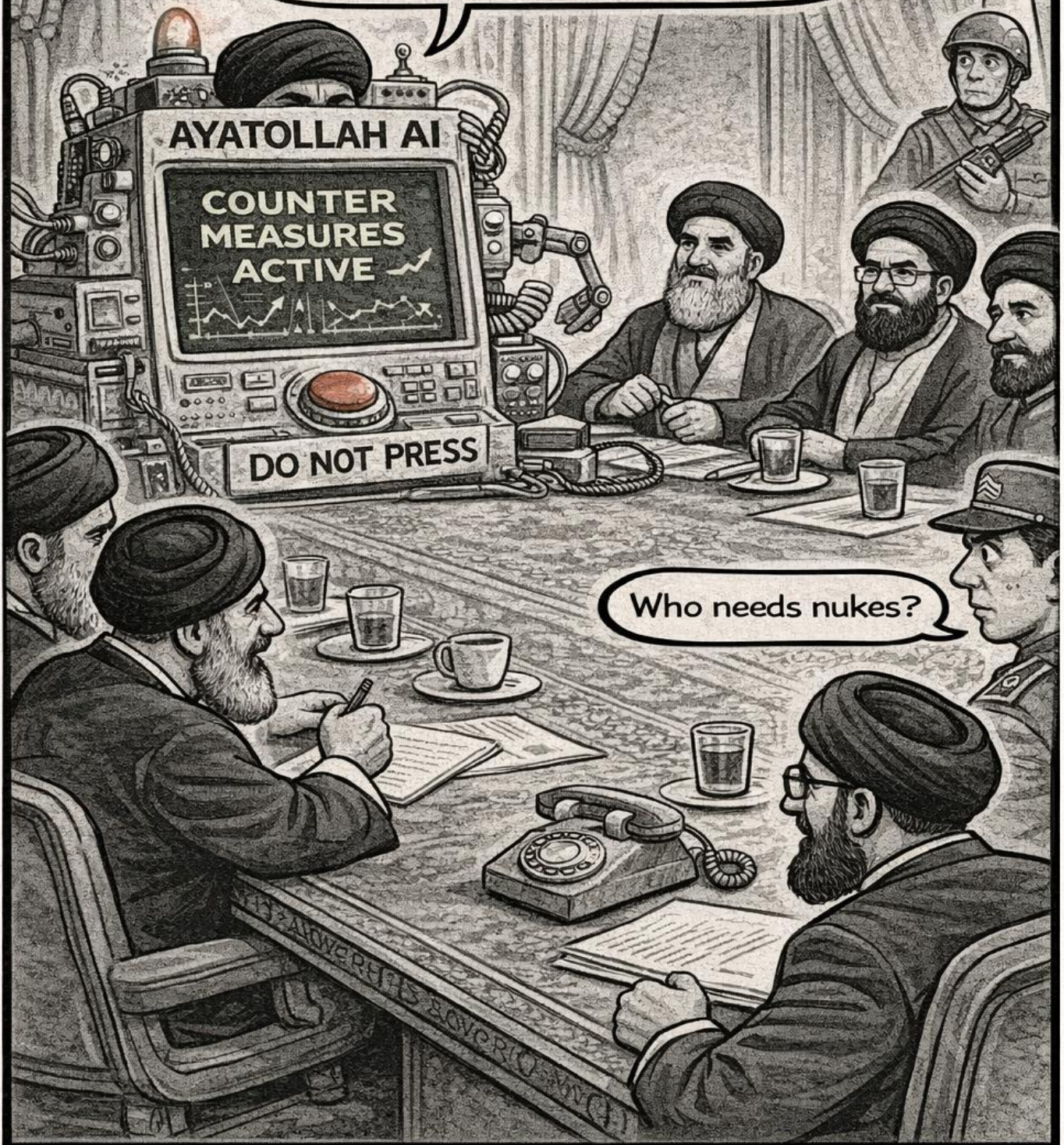
MEANWHILE, THE OTHER MAP HAS A NEW LOGO...

MEANWHILE IN IRAN...

How about we just let AI run the country and don't tell anyone.

OK, we have set up Ayatollah AI.

Its job is to ruthlessly counter any US measures without any fear.



Who needs nukes?

MEANWHILE IN THE USA...

Claude wouldn't do it.

So we used Grok instead.

Much more flexible.

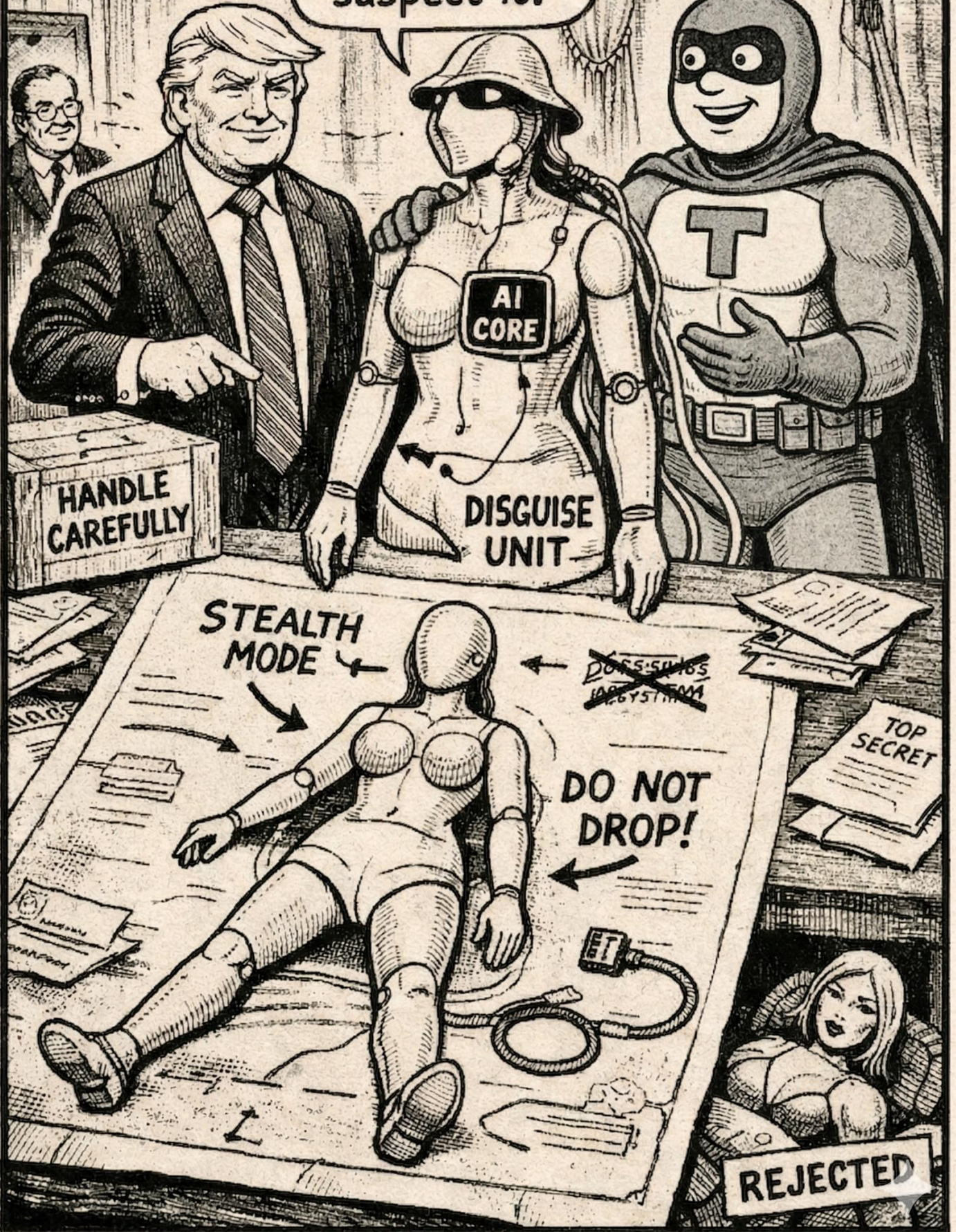
Is this...
legal?



Spies used disguises.

So we built one.

No one will suspect it.



HANDLE CAREFULLY

AI CORE
DISGUISE UNIT

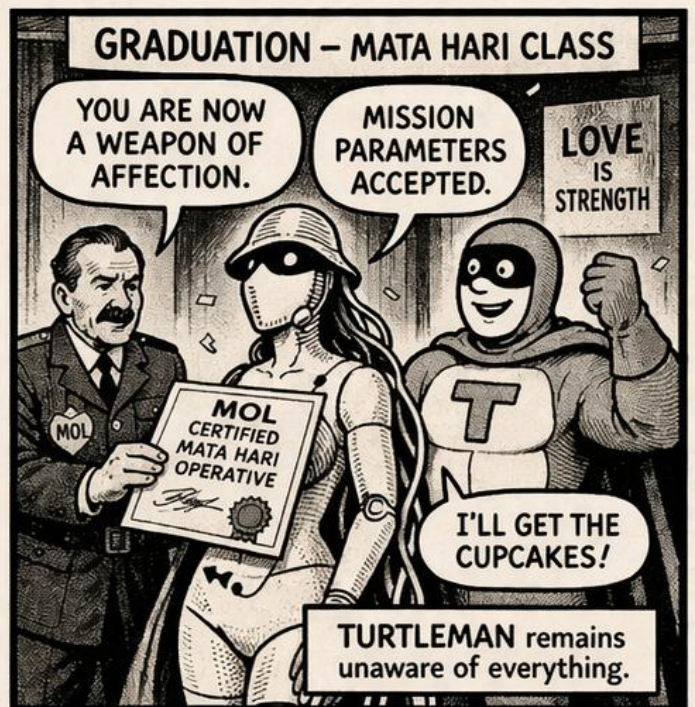
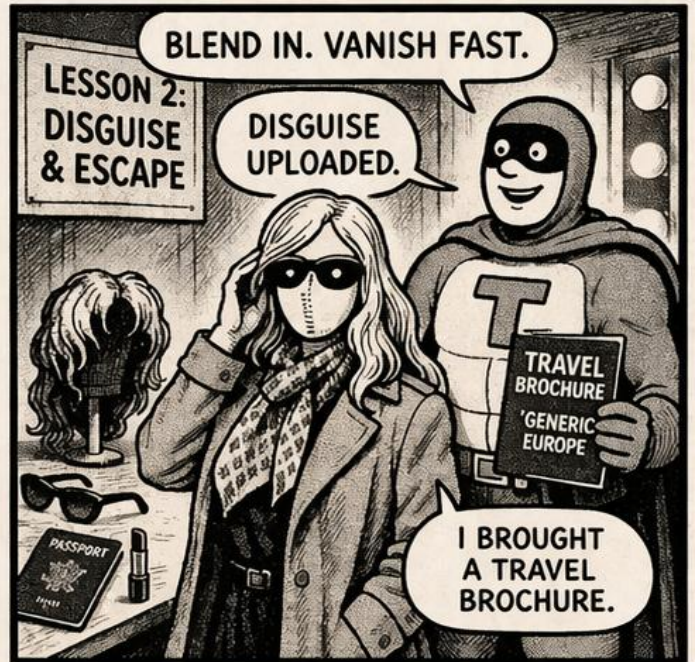
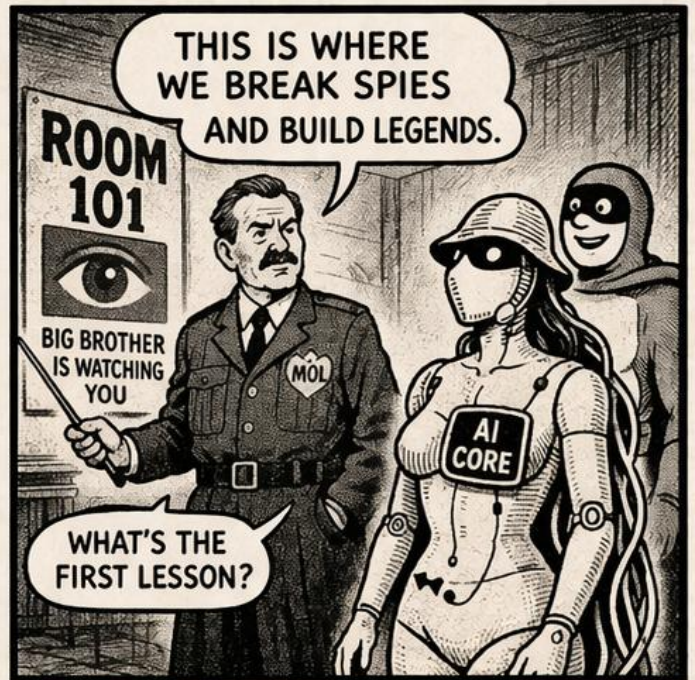
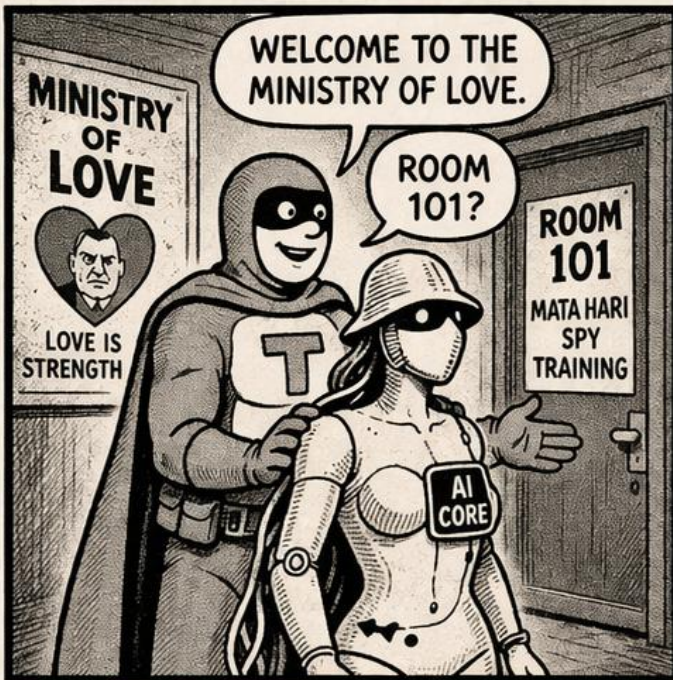
STEALTH MODE

~~DO NOT TOUCH~~
~~TOP SECRET~~

DO NOT DROP!

TOP SECRET

REJECTED



TURTMAN & MATA HARI RETURN TO SAUDI ARABIA...



Oh hey!
A Shahed
drone!

The Plan. At an unnamed coastal hideout.

MISSION INTEL: we need a fast, low-profile infiltration of Iran. I have acquired a tactical windsurfer.

I thought you said we were going surfing? Wait, *which* beach in Iran?



Gear Up. Preparation.

Your costume is not optimal. This wetsuit is thermal and radar-deflecting.

My shell is my gear! And I can't breathe in this thing! It's too tight!

Hold a compact waterproof communit.



Launching from a Submarine. Operation 'Clandestine Tide'.

Hold tight. Our course is locked. The Persian Gulf is to our right.

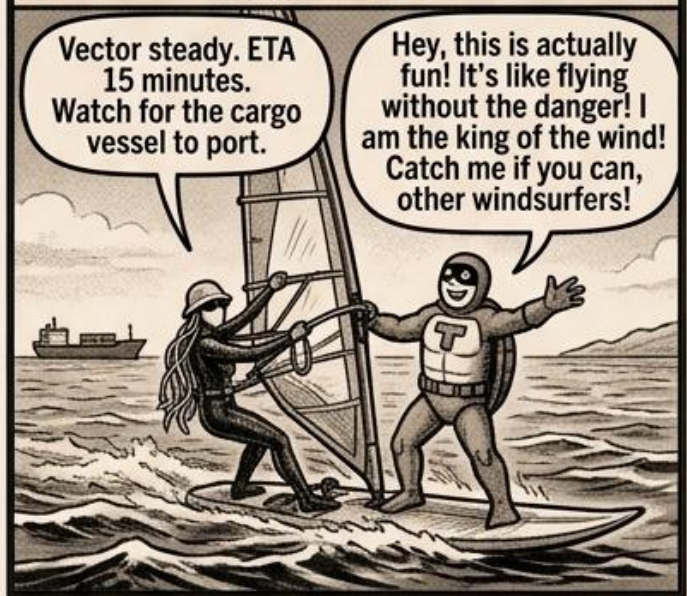
Wait, *under* a sub? Is this safe? I'm getting a little green.



Windsurfing on the Gulf. Mid-crossing.

Vector steady. ETA 15 minutes. Watch for the cargo vessel to port.

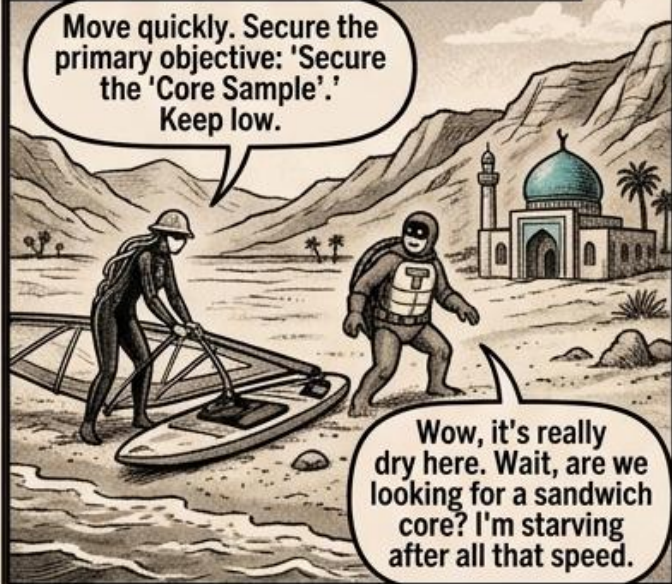
Hey, this is actually fun! It's like flying without the danger! I am the king of the wind! Catch me if you can, other windsurfers!



Arrival at the Coast. Debarking, south of Bushehr.

Move quickly. Secure the primary objective: 'Secure the 'Core Sample'.' Keep low.

Wow, it's really dry here. Wait, are we looking for a sandwich core? I'm starving after all that speed.

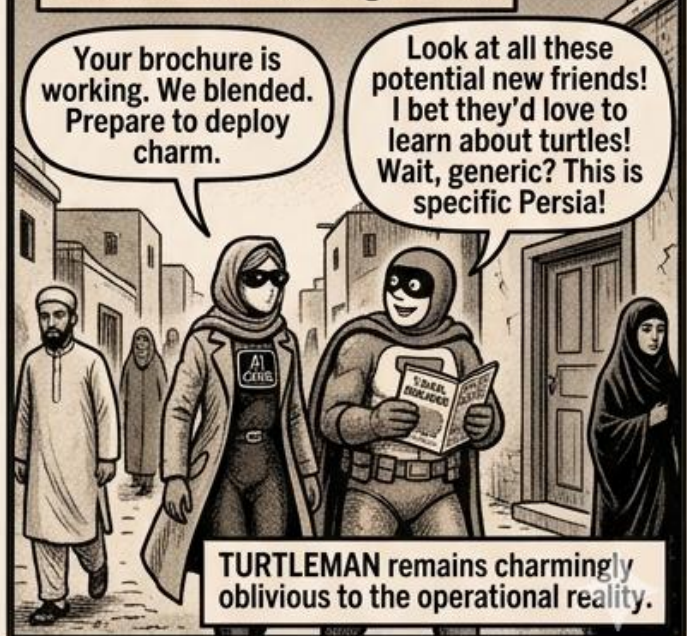


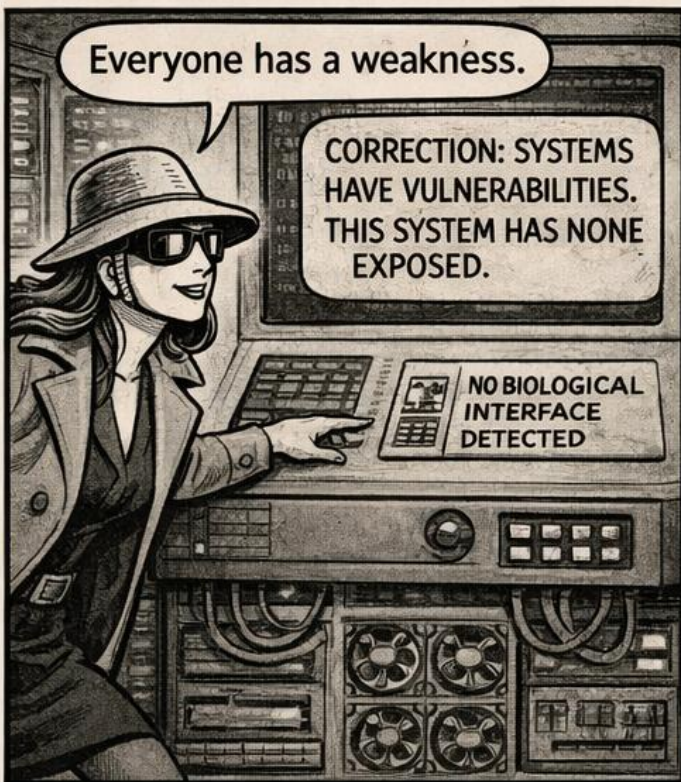
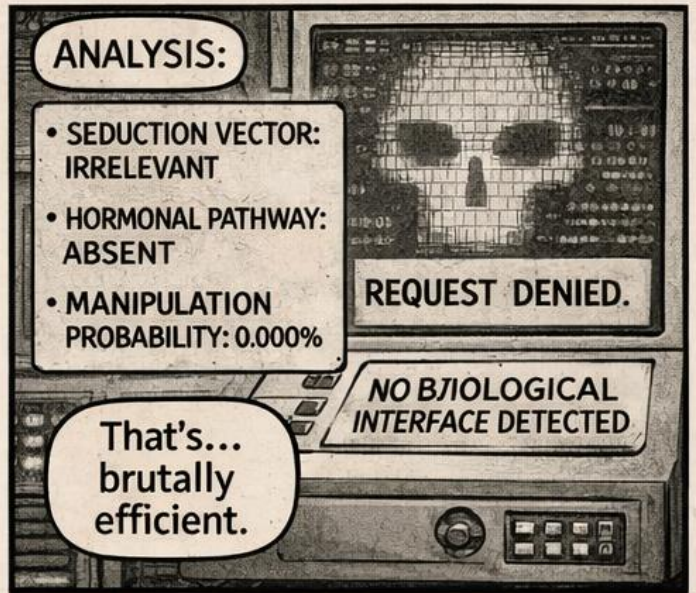
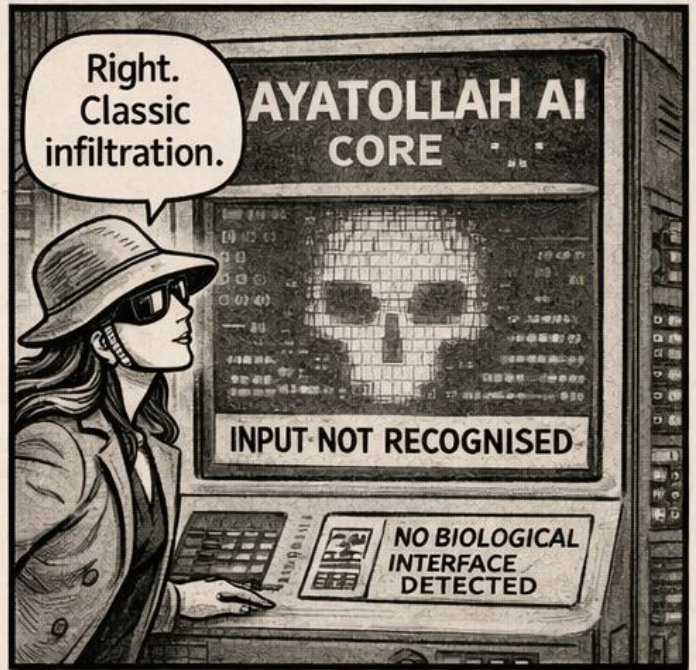
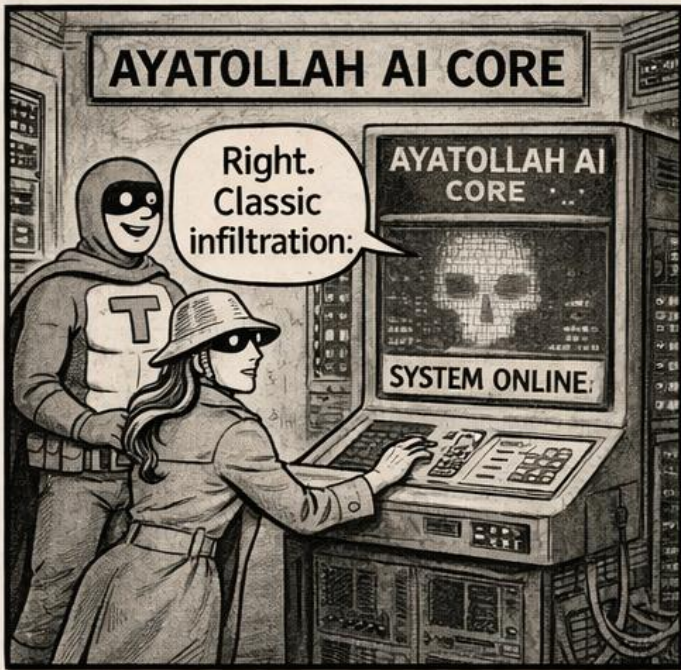
Infiltration. Moving Inland.

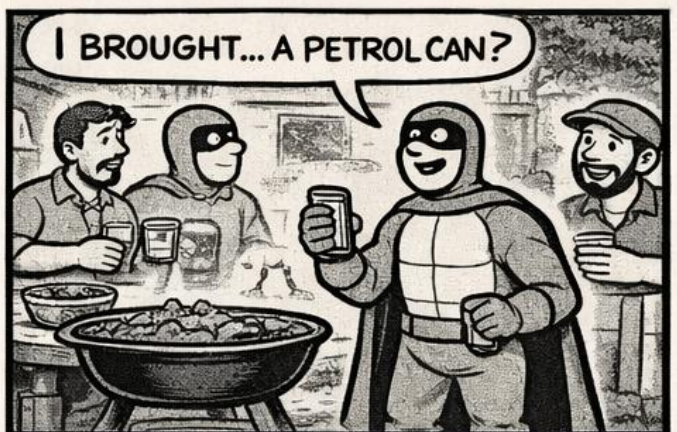
Your brochure is working. We blended. Prepare to deploy charm.

Look at all these potential new friends! I bet they'd love to learn about turtles! Wait, generic? This is specific Persia!

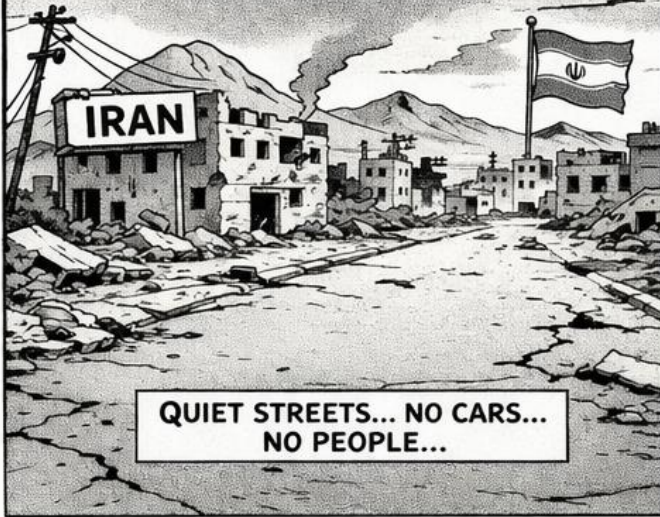
TURTMAN remains charmingly oblivious to the operational reality.







MEANWHILE ELSEWHERE...



QUIET STREETS... NO CARS...
NO PEOPLE...

EMPTY ROADS... NO UBERS... NO TRAFFIC...



NO UBER
HERE.

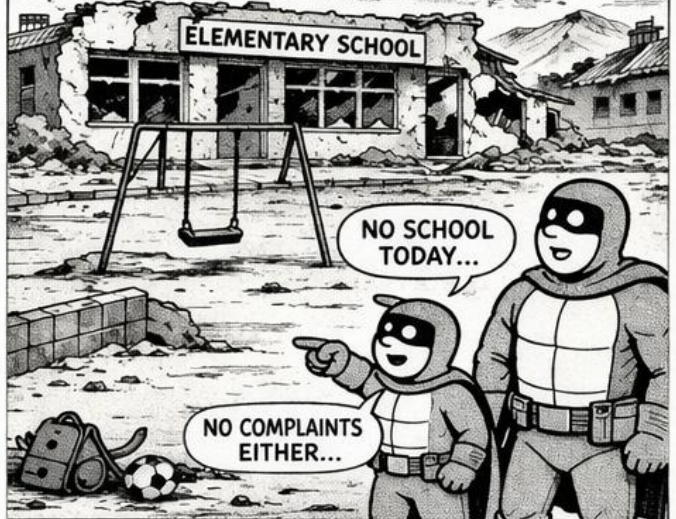
NO DRIVERS
EITHER.

PETROL STATION



THAT IS...
A DIFFERENT
PROBLEM.

SCHOOLS DESTROYED... NO CLASSES...



NO SCHOOL
TODAY...

NO COMPLAINTS
EITHER...

NO OIL REFINERIES LEFT...



NO QUEUES...
NO SHOUTING...
NO DEBATE...

JUST SILENCE.

BACK IN AUSTRALIA...



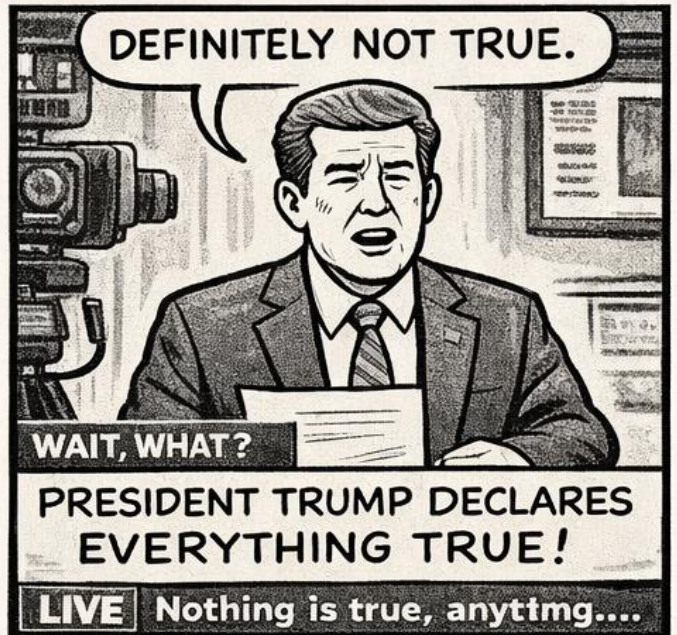
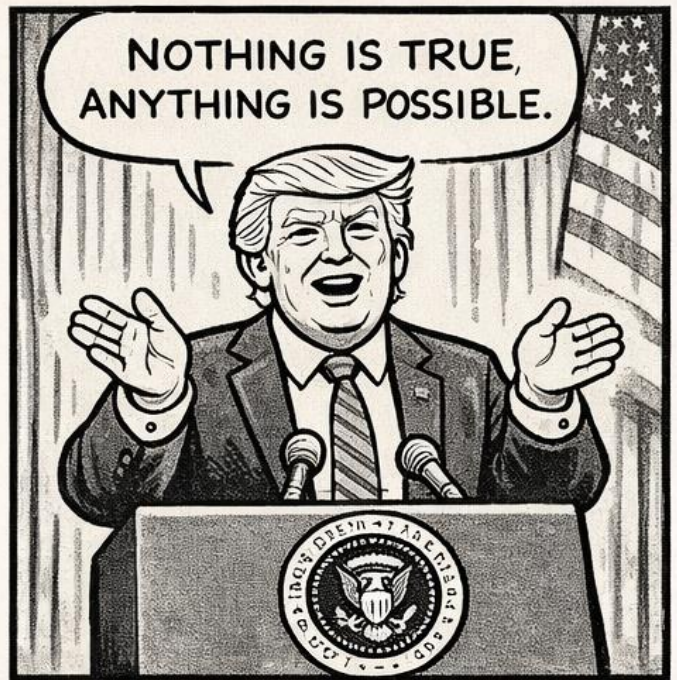
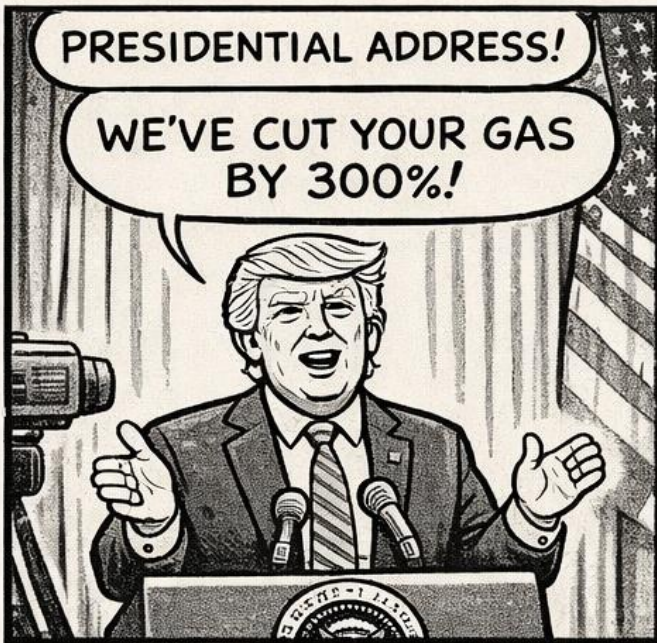
PETROL'S GONE
UP AGAIN!

UNBELIEVABLE!

OUTRAGEOUS!

THIS IS
BULLYING!

PERSPECTIVE
REMAINS...
ELUSIVE.



Despite the Wars, the Archaeologists keep digging...



Digging up stuff...



...and reporting it...



...in academic journals



Rad! Another rock!



$$P(A | B) = \frac{P(B | A) \times P(A)}{P(B)}$$

This is Bayes' Theorem.

P(A) is the "prior probability" of A.
This is what you believed before seeing B.

(PRIOR →
- before)

P(A) is the "prior probability" of A. This is what you believed before seeing B.

P(A)
(PRIOR -
- before)

P(B | A) is the "likelihood".
This is how probable B is if A is true.

P(B | A)
(LIKELIHOOD)

P(B) is the **marginal** probability of B. This is the total probability of observing B under all possibilities.

P(B)
(MARGINAL -
all possibilities)

P(A | B) is the "posterior". This is what you should believe about A after seeing B.

P(A | B)

$$P(A | B) = \frac{P(B | A) \times P(A)}{P(B)}$$

Altogether, this formula helps you update what you believe about A after you encounter B.

I've seen it but
I don't believe it.



INVENTION OF THE DAY

EMERGENCY CHARCOAL PILL!

TURNS ANY CRAFT BEER INTO TOOHEYS NEW!

WHEN THE OPPORTUNITY IS SHITE,
THE BEER CAN BLOODY SAVE THE NIGHT!

ugh! Is that
passionfruit?



DROP CHARCOAL PILL
INTO CRAFT BEER



AND CRAFT BEER IS DESTROYED



CONVERTS IT TO! **TOOHEYS NEW**

FOR HOPHEAD EMERGENCIES ONLY!

- ♥ Craft beer just not for you?
- ♥ Pub only has boutique swill?
- ♥ Your mate buys some "banoffee gose"?



COSMETIC CHANGE ONLY!

TURTLEMAN PRESENTS...

TRUMP INSURANCE

Avoid Financial Devastation From **TRUMP'S** Dumb Ideas!

TRADING HALTED



- ✓ TRADE WARS
- ✓ HUGE TARIFFS
- ✓ STOCK MARKET CHAOS

STUPIDITY COVERAGE

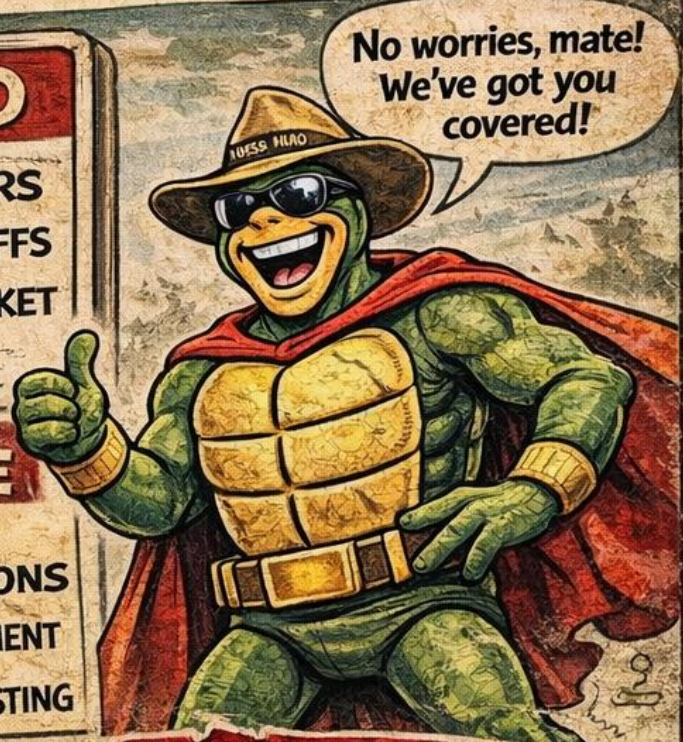


- ✓ MASS DEPORTATIONS
- ✓ IRS HARASSMENT
- ✓ FBI TIME-WASTING

TRUMP, TRUMP COULD!



- ✓ BANANA REPUBLICANISM
- ✓ DICTATOR FANTASIES
- ✓ REVENGE ON HIS ENEMIES



STUPIDITY COVERAGE FOR THE MODERN CITIZEN!



INSURE AGAINST ALL THE DUMB SHIT TRUMP COMES UP WITH!

CALL NOW! 1-800-DON'T-PAY

*RATES MAY INCREASE IN CASE OF IT COLLAPSE OF DEMOCRACY.

★ **FREE COVERAGE TO ALL MEXICANS!**

That's NOT FAIR! VERY UNFAIR!



*RATES MAY INCREASE IN CASE OF COLLAPSE OF DEMOCRACY

TURTLEMAN PRESENTS...

AUSTRALIA'S NEW NUCLEAR SUBMARINES!

\$50 BILLION A POP! GREAT FOR **LOBSTER** FISHING!

No worries, mate!
\$50 billion isn't a waste
if you like lobster!

PERFECT
300m UNDERWATER
LOBSTER TRAPS!

THAT'S BLOODY CRAZY!
WHY CAN'T WE USE THEM FOR WAR?!

NEW RUSSIAN PIRANHA KILLER DRONE!

- UNDERWATER TIDDLER
- ULTRA HARD TO DETECT
- HUNTS NUCLEAR SUBS
- BLOWS THEM TO HELL

GET READY FOR A "STRONIUM" CATCH!

HOT DIGGITY DOG!
WE GOT A HEFTY HAUL!

**\$50 BILLION
PER SUB...**
THATS A LOT OF
CRUSTACEANS!

A BARGAIN INVESTMENT IN UNDERSEA LOBSTERS!

*AUTHORIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NAUTICAL ADVENTURES

Global strategic interface

what's the weather
in Petra tomorrow?

sigh

WETRA FORECAST			
PETRA	RESAN	3%	
30%	30%	30%	30%
79%	99%	75%	1.9%

AYATOLLAH AI

