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TURTLEMAN

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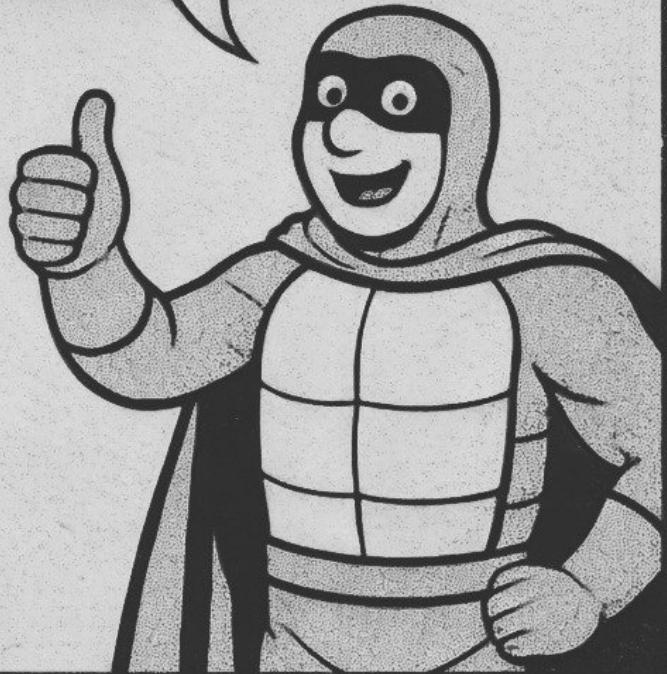
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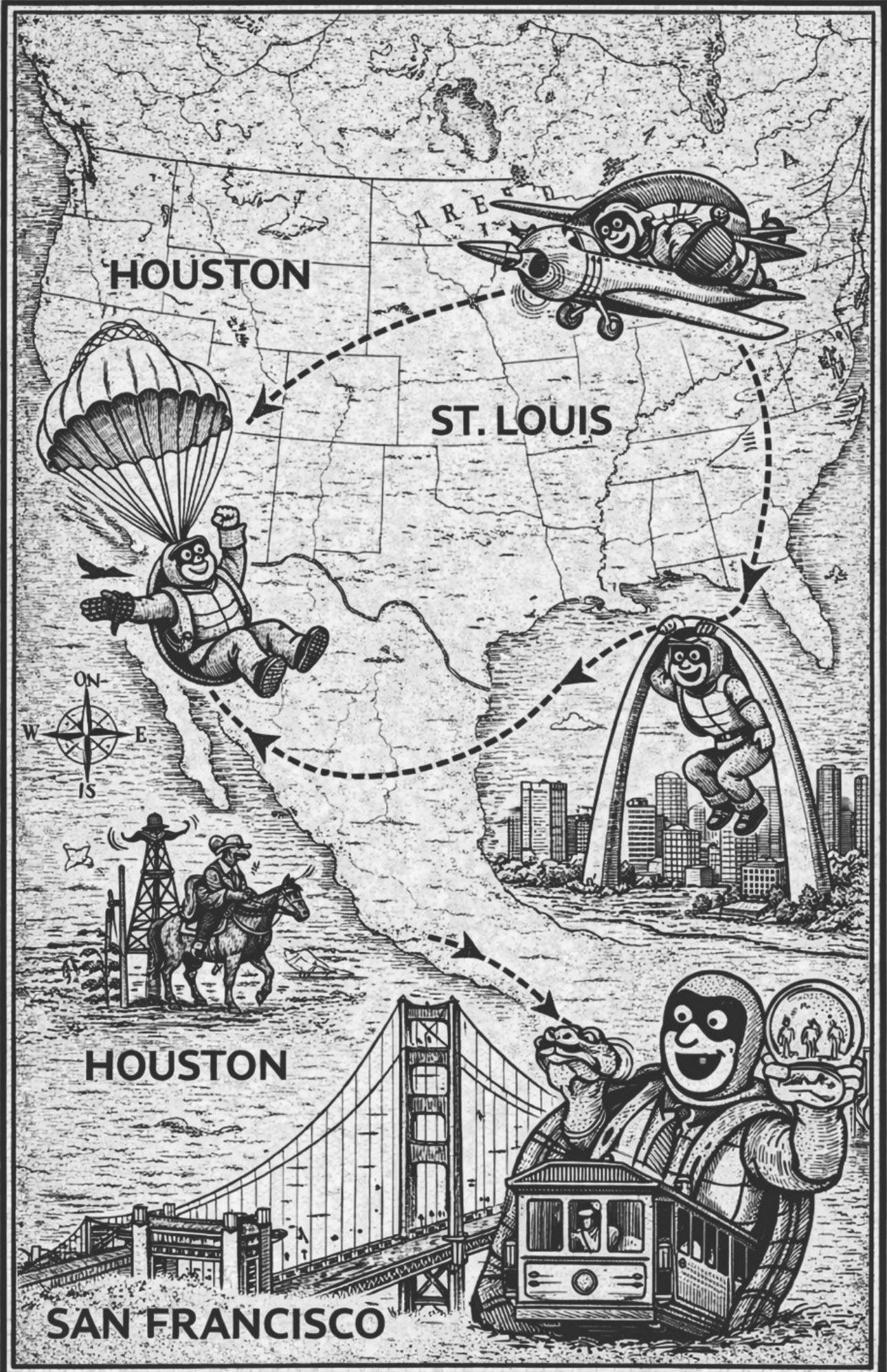
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Based on actual lies: any resemblance
between any characters in this comic with
real living people is a miracle.

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





THE NIGHT BEFORE: IMPORTANT SUPERHERO PREPARATION.

One more for courage?



TURTLEMAN LOSES COUNT.

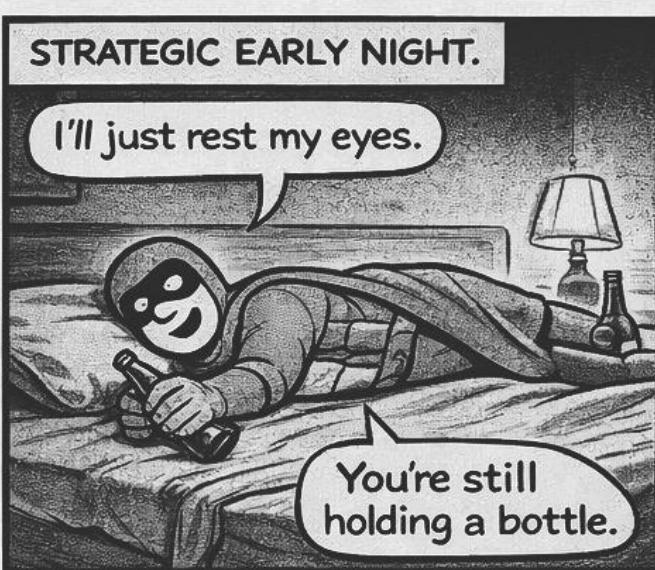
I think that was... six?



STRATEGIC EARLY NIGHT.

I'll just rest my eyes.

You're still holding a bottle.



EMERGENCY ARRIVES.

I'm late for being early!

It's still night.

For emergencies.



STEALTH TRANSPORT.

Hello. Yes. Airport please.

Driver is 9 minutes away.

I'll wait heroically.

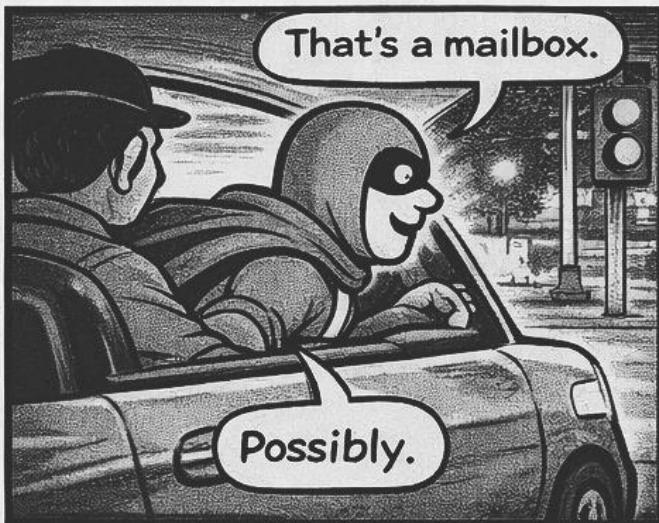
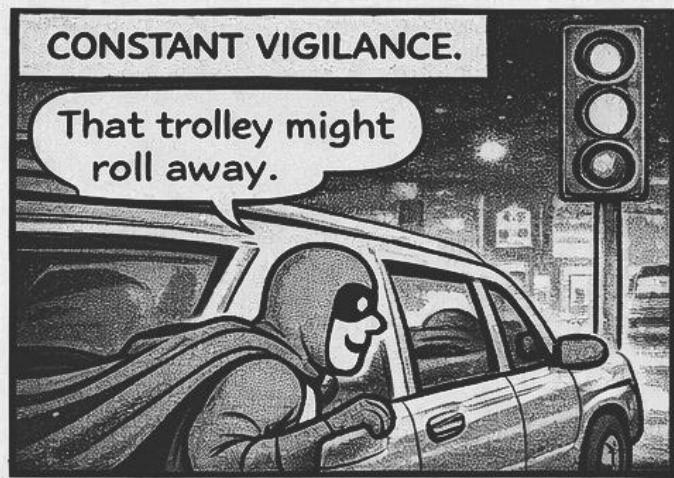


HEROES TRAVEL ECONOMY CLASS.

Fancy dress party?

No. Important trip.





MAN, VIRGIN AIRLINES
IS GREAT



THE PLANE WAITING. HERE,
TURTLEMAN FEELS AT HOME.

Welcome aboard!

UNITED

Thank you.
Big day. Long plans.



ALWAYS APPROACH DISCOMFORT
HEROICALLY.

Go on.
Get in there!

Sir? Is that
going to fit?

STATE-OF-THE-ART
ENTERTAINMENT.

MAXIMUM COMFORT.

Truly the lap of luxury.

Buddy, you are in my lap.

I'm so jealous.

AN UNLIMITED SELECTION
OF ACTION MOVIES.

Look at 'em all! This is
going to be a great 18
hours!



HEROES ENJOY THE FINER THINGS.

Ah, pretzels.
Turtlewoman hates these.

I do too.



GLOBAL ENTRY. A WORLD FIRST
FOR TURTLEMAN.



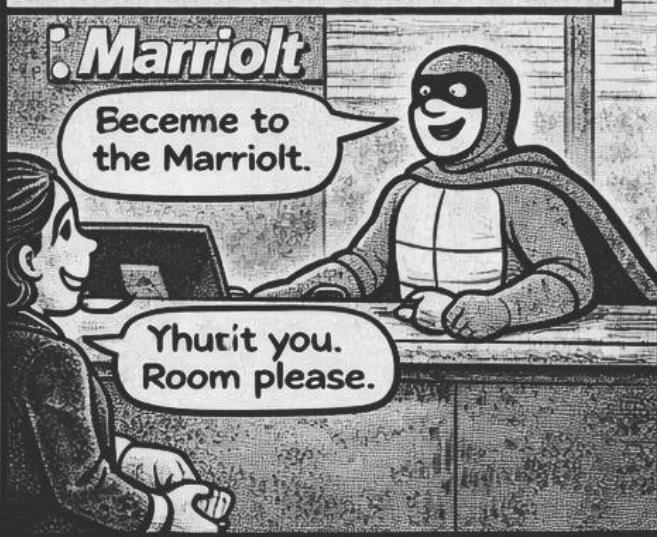
STRAIGHT TO BAGGAGE CLAIM.



WEIRD ARSE UNDERGROUND
SUBWAY TRAIN.



AND FINALLY... HOTEL ARRIVAL.



HOME BASE ESTABLISHED.



MISSION ACCOMPLISHED.



65 KILOMETERS LATER.



TURTLEMAN MAKES HIS ENTRANCE



SURPRISE!

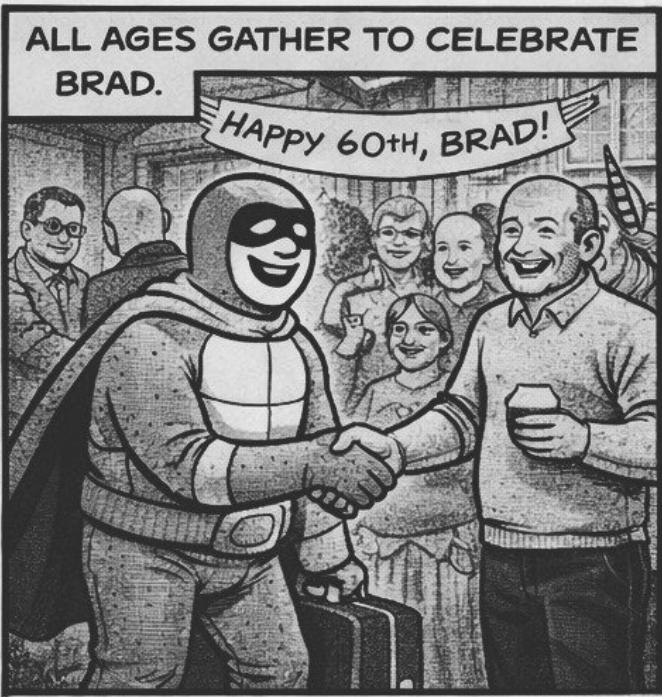


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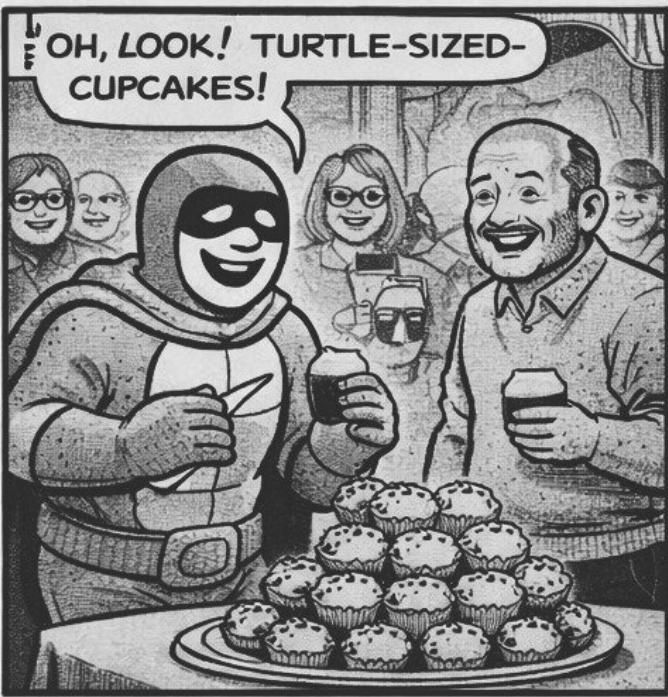


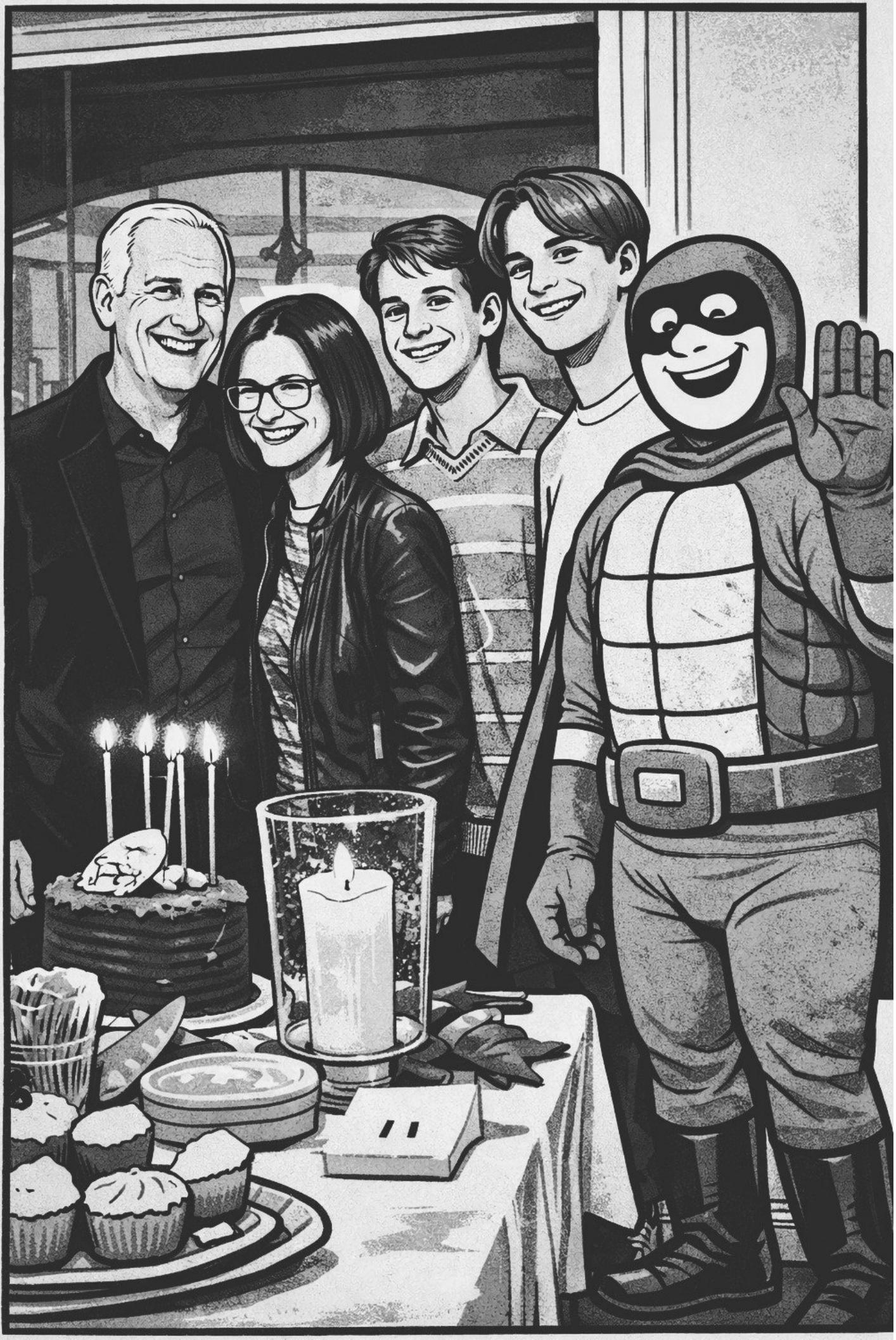
ALL AGES GATHER TO CELEBRATE
BRAD.

HAPPY 60th, BRAD!



OH, LOOK! TURTLE-SIZED-
CUPCAKES!





ONE UBER LATER...



THE DOOR KEY MALFUNCTIONS.



AGAIN AND AGAIN.



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PROBLEMS SOLVED...



TEAMWORK ACHIEVES VICTORY!



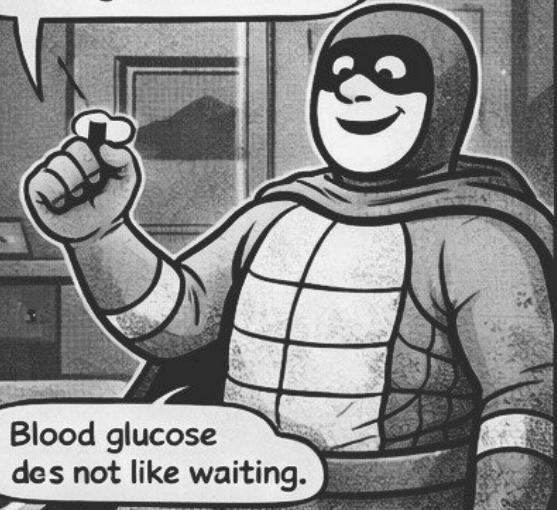
Big solves rarely announce themselves.

Free radicals enter polymer colloids through aqueous initiation, particle surface capture, and nucleation events.

Once you see it, you wonded may you didn't earlier.

Smaller was the whole point.

Short diffusion paths, fast enzymes, clean signal chains.



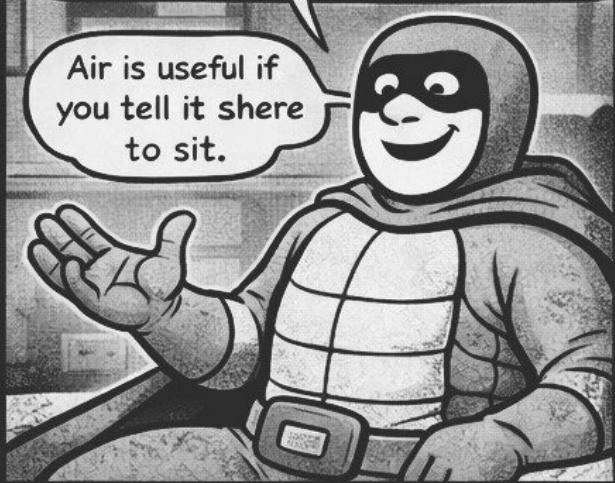
Making heavy things light.

Control density with void structure, fibres carry stress, curing does the rest.



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Control density with void structure, fibres carry stress, curing does the rest.



Experimental phase. Long dataset.

Kiss enough princesses to learn pattern recognition.



Open problem. No closed form solution.

Create stability. Apologise when wrong. Stay present.



Welcome to modern navigation.

TERMINAL B

B CLOSED FOR
RENOVATION

Terminal B.
Great.

Reality check.

Excuse me, where is
Terminal B?

It's being
renovated.

So it's... not
here.

Reality check.

Excuse me, where is Terminal B?

It's being
renovated.

The secret is printed in 6 point font.

Flying from Terminal B today?

Apparently from
Terminal C.

Administrative heroism.

Flying from Terminal B today?

Apparently from Terminal C.

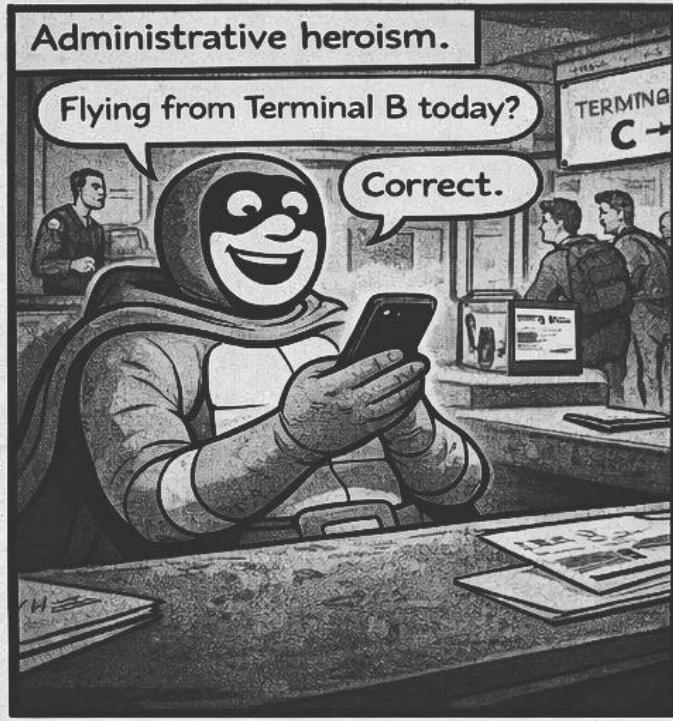
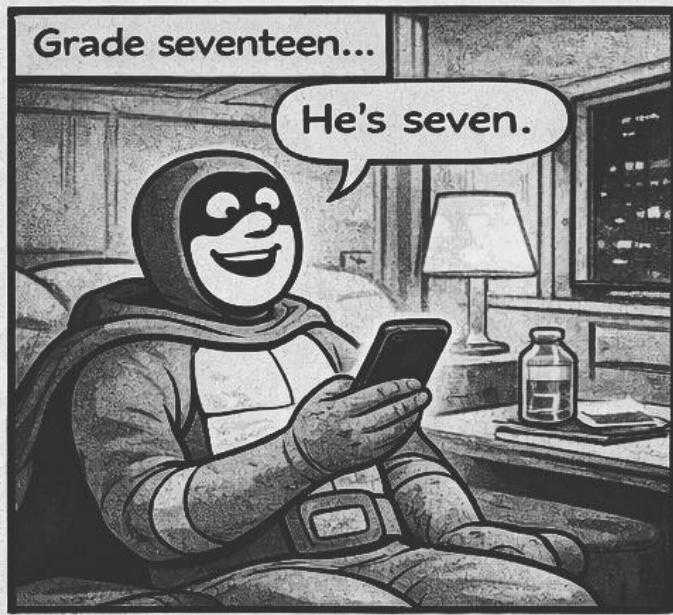
Correct.

We arrive at the place that is not a place.

So we go to Terminal C to go
to Terminal B to fly from Terminal B.

This is why I wear a mask.

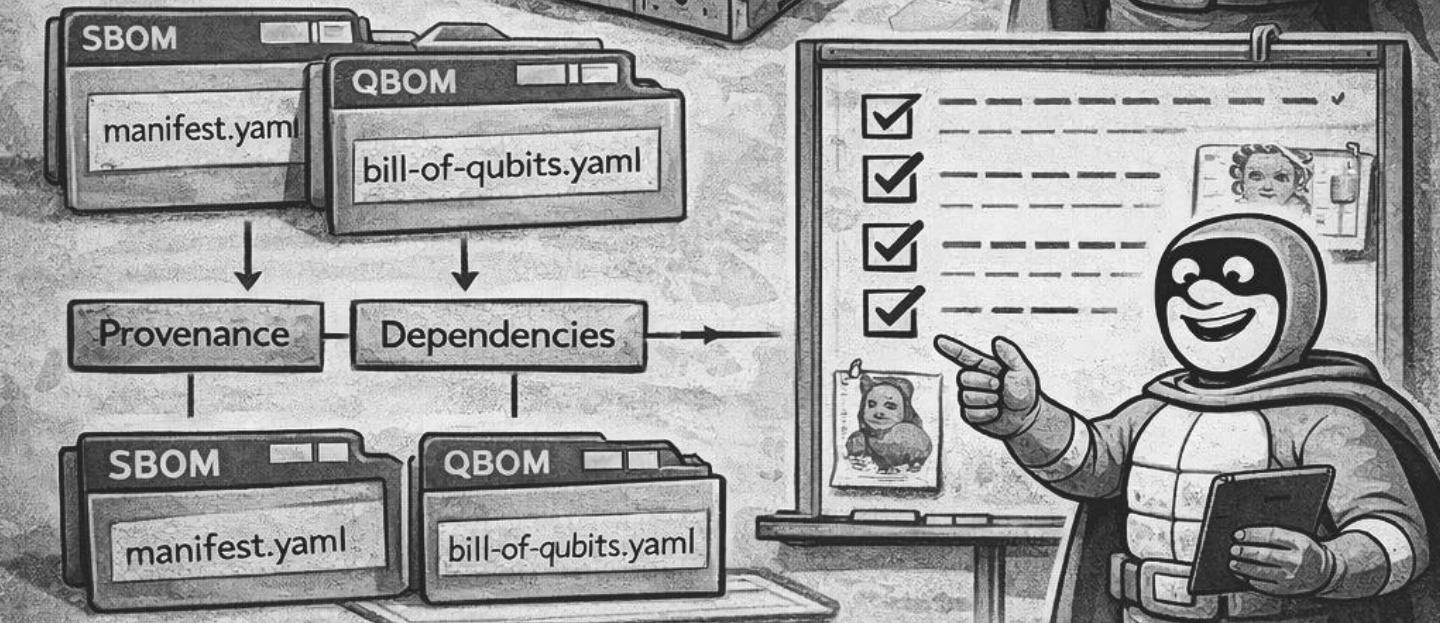
TURTLEMAN READS NEWS FROM HOME





MODERN SECURITY BUREAUCACY

SBOM, QBOM & QUOKKA TRAINING





St. Louis. Inbound from Houston.
United loses my bag.



It says right here
I had in Houston!



What's in the bag?

Everything for
one day only. My
Onetime gear.



It means find
my bag!!!!



So... where do you
think the bag is?

If I knew, I
would
teleport to it.

I'm sorry for the
Inconvenience.

No, you
aren't.



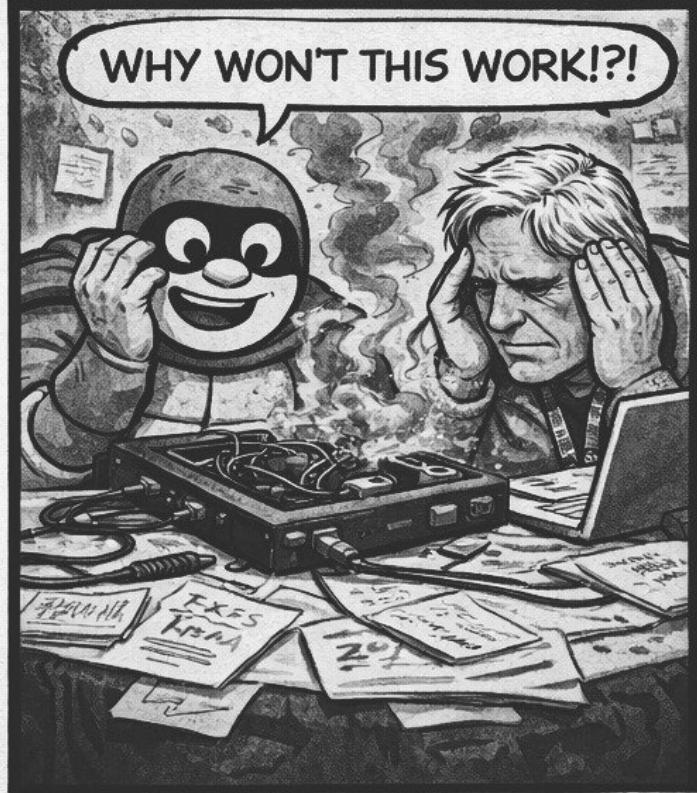
Sir, you need
to leave.

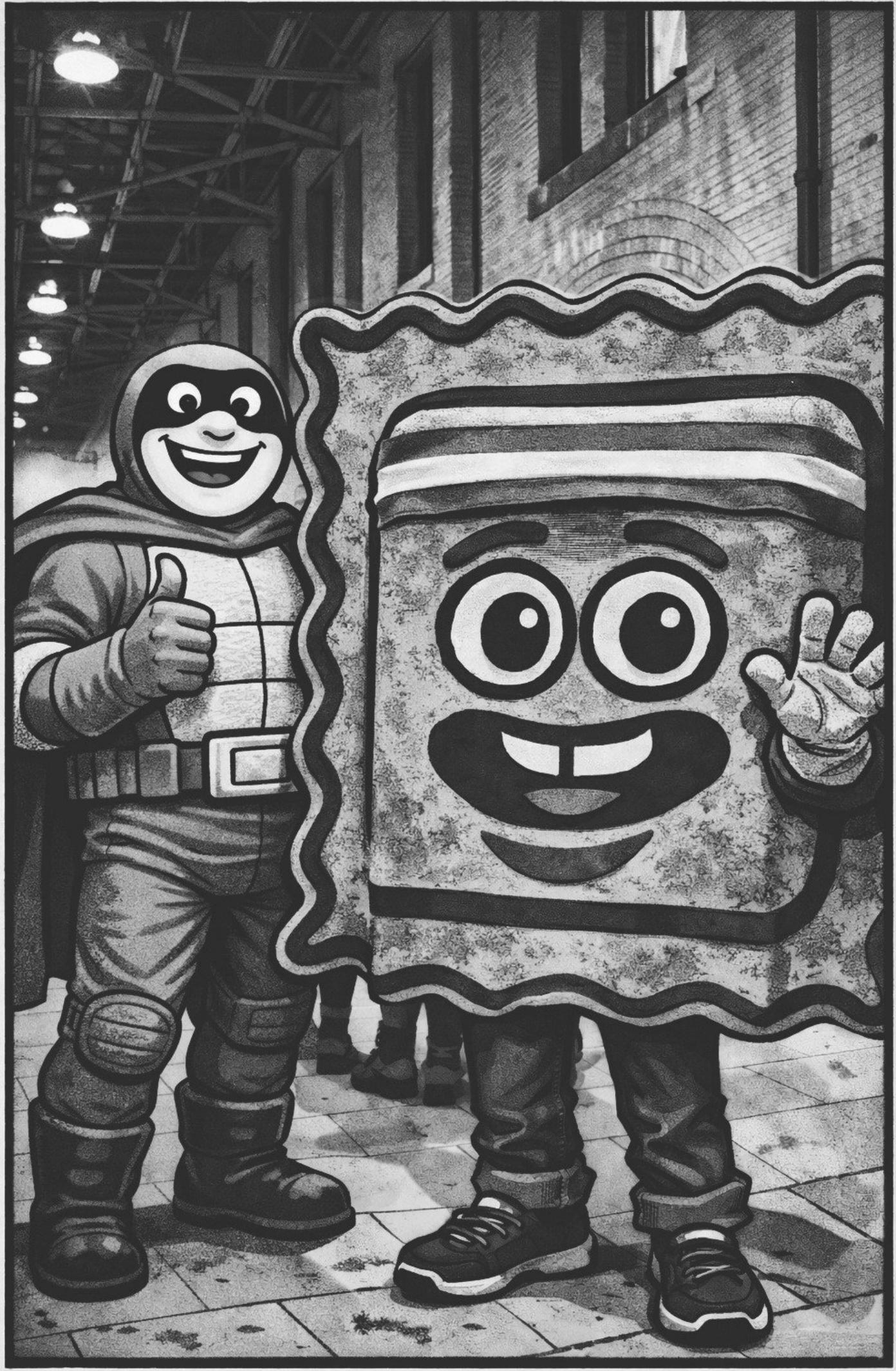
With the bag,
I did?



Finally got my bag. Took a taxi to the
St. Louis Union Station Hotel.
Wow... what a beautiful place!







Opening night. Systems temporarily ignored.



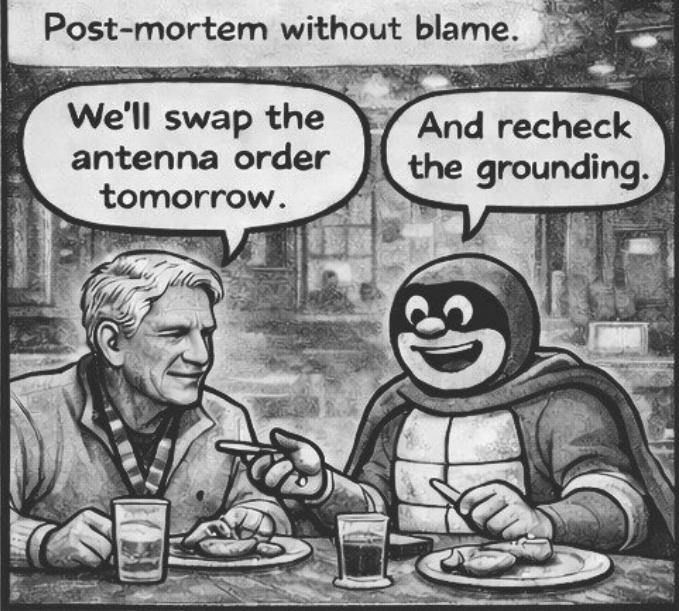
Field-tested morale solution.



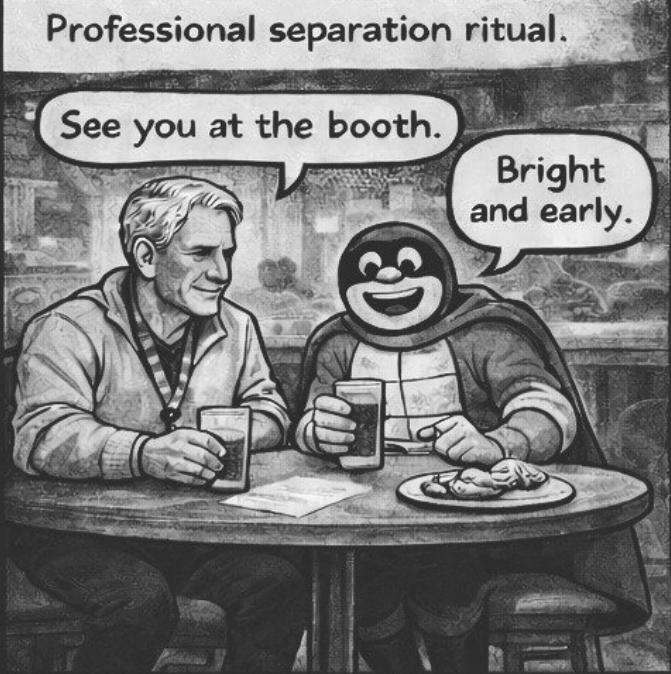
Nutrition phase.



Post-mortem without blame.



Professional separation ritual.



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This page is a Segway.



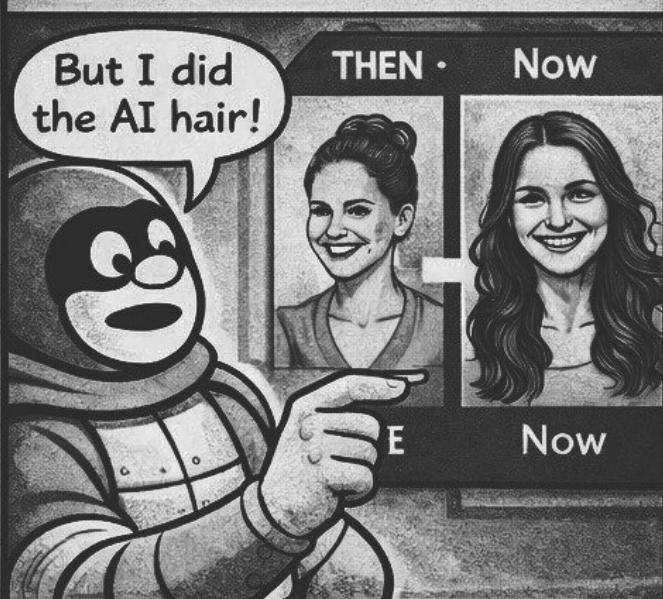
Turtleman checks his phone.



Her new WhatsApp photo.



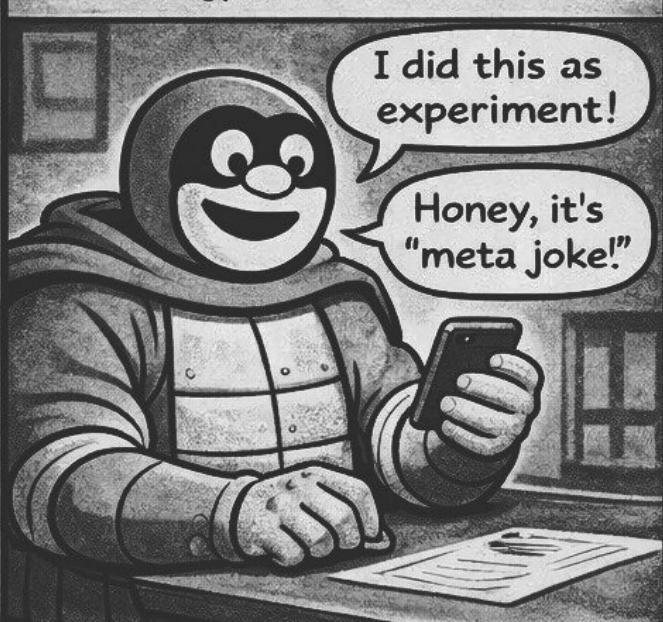
AI "help", now eerily predictive.



That's her actual hair now?



Technology makes fools of us all.

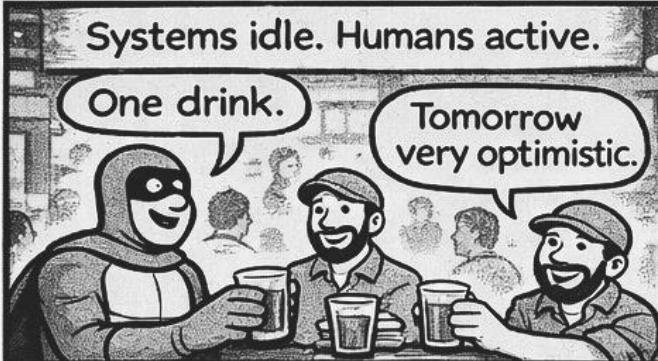
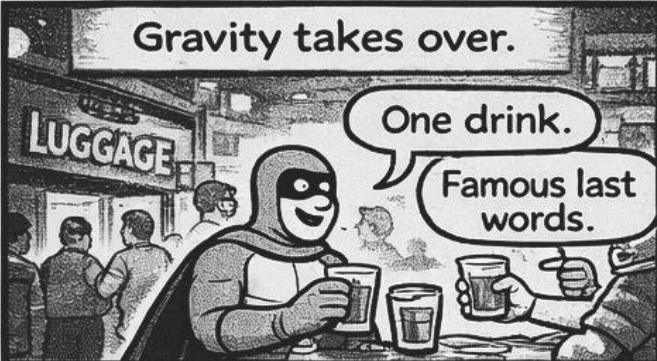
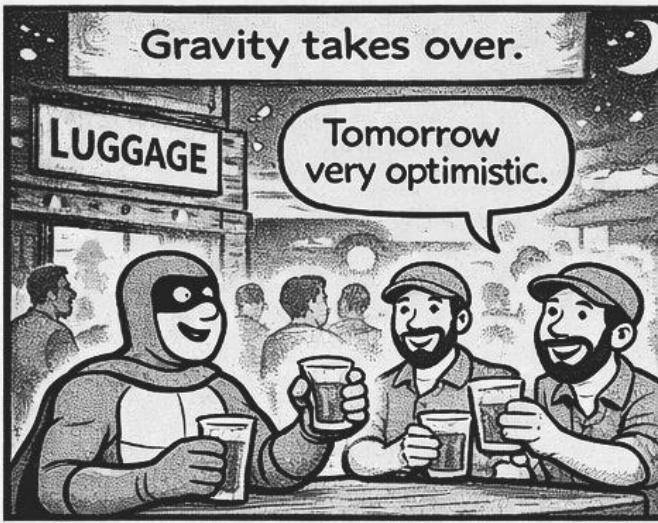
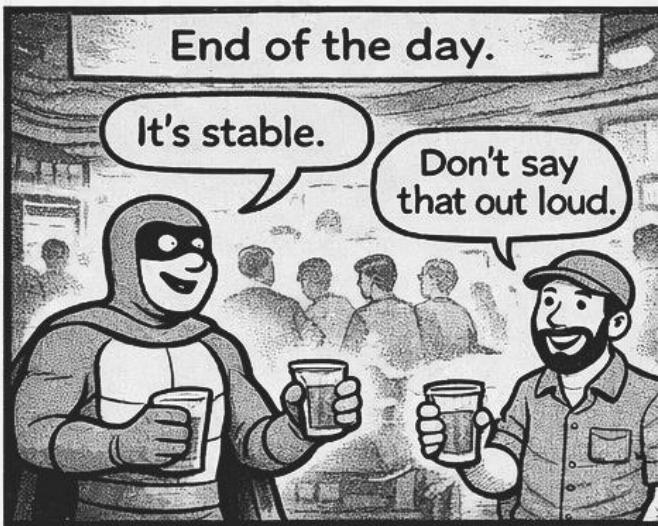
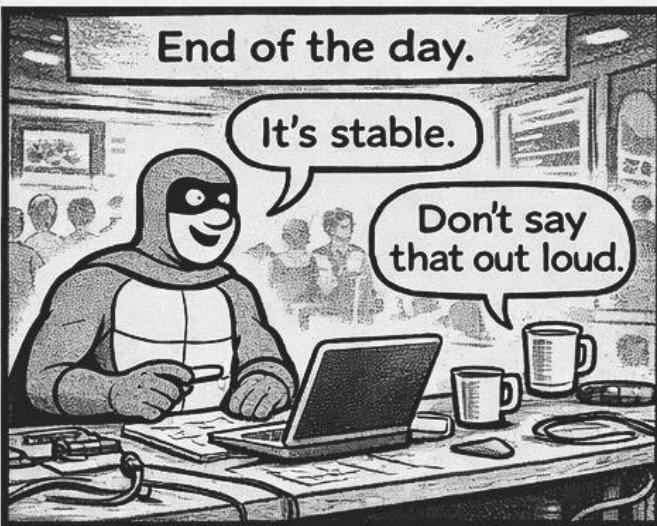
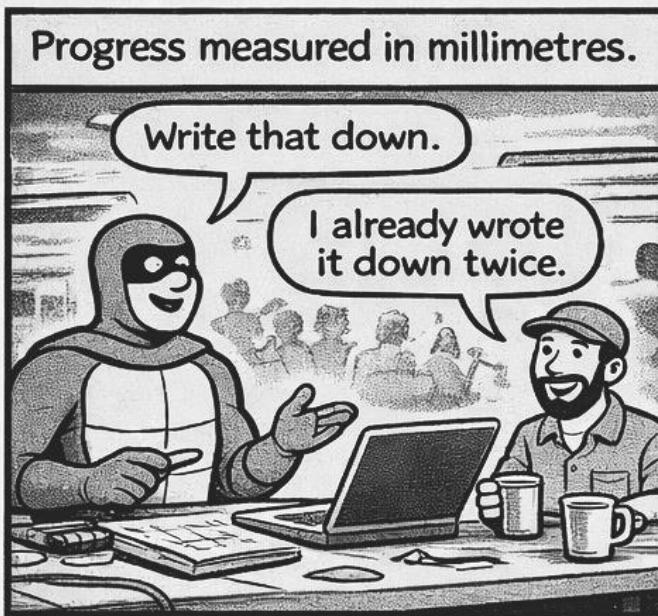


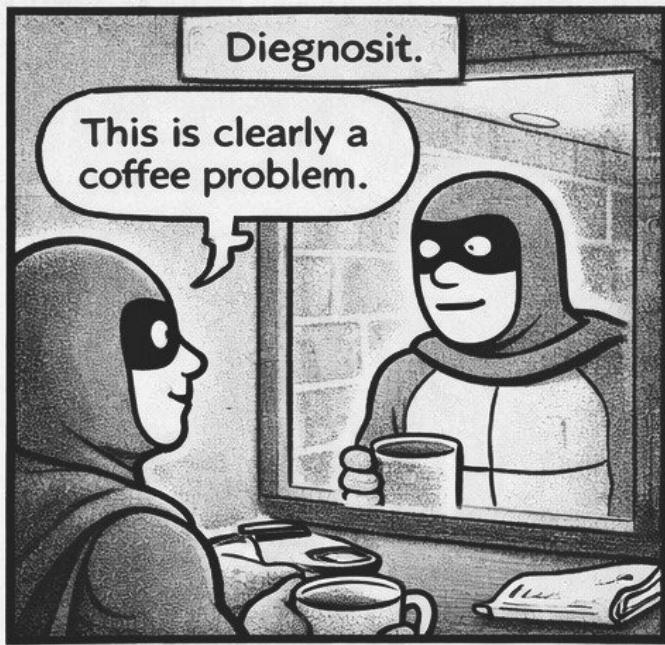
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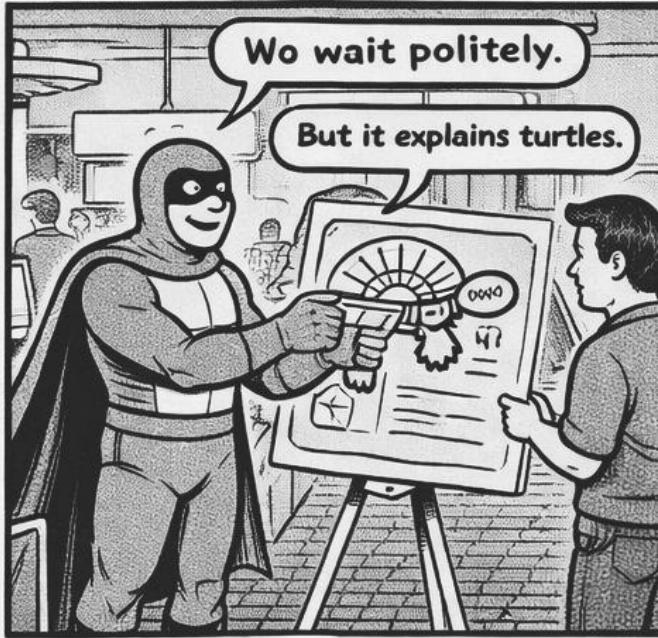


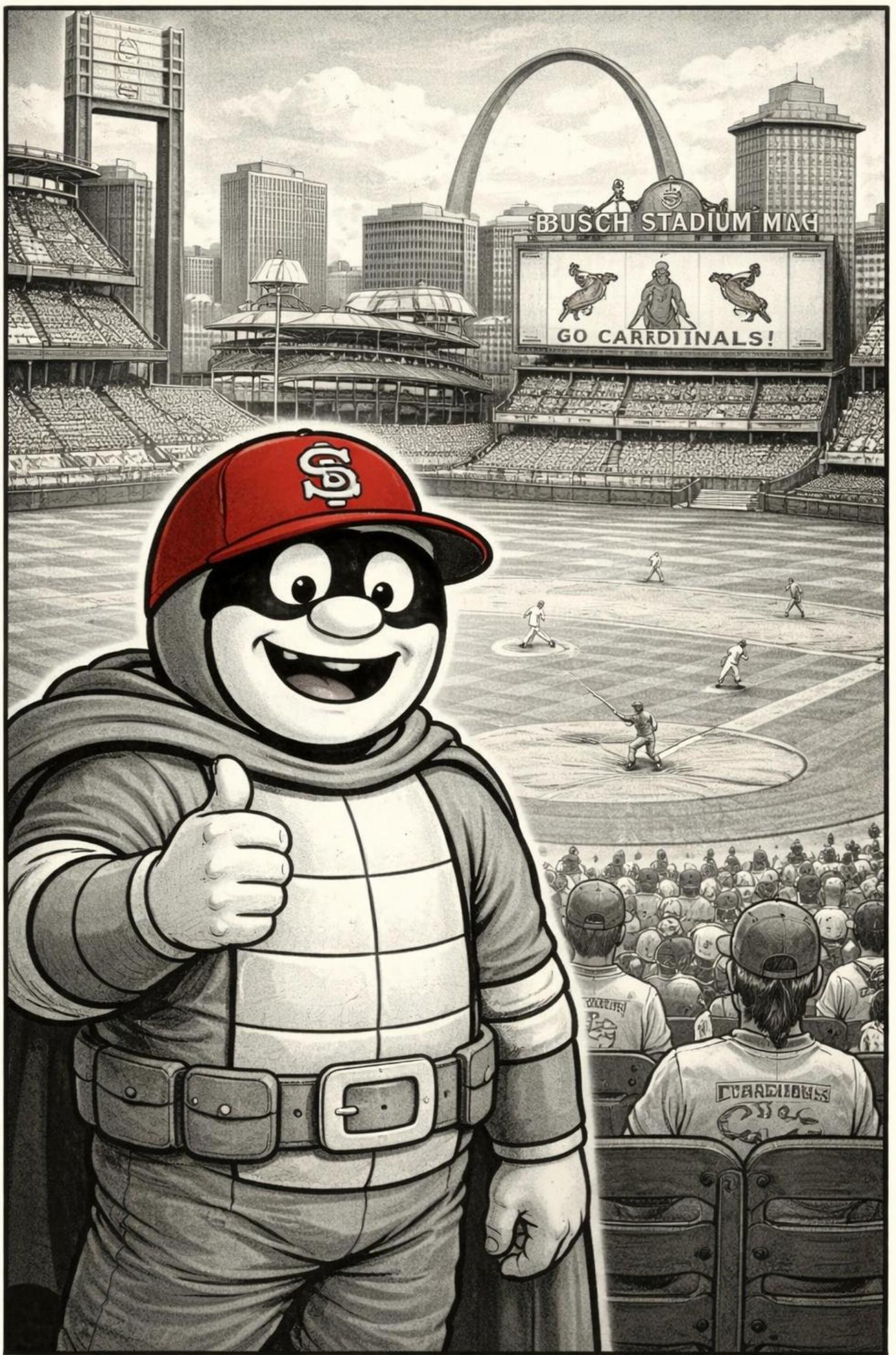
Black and White and Red All Over

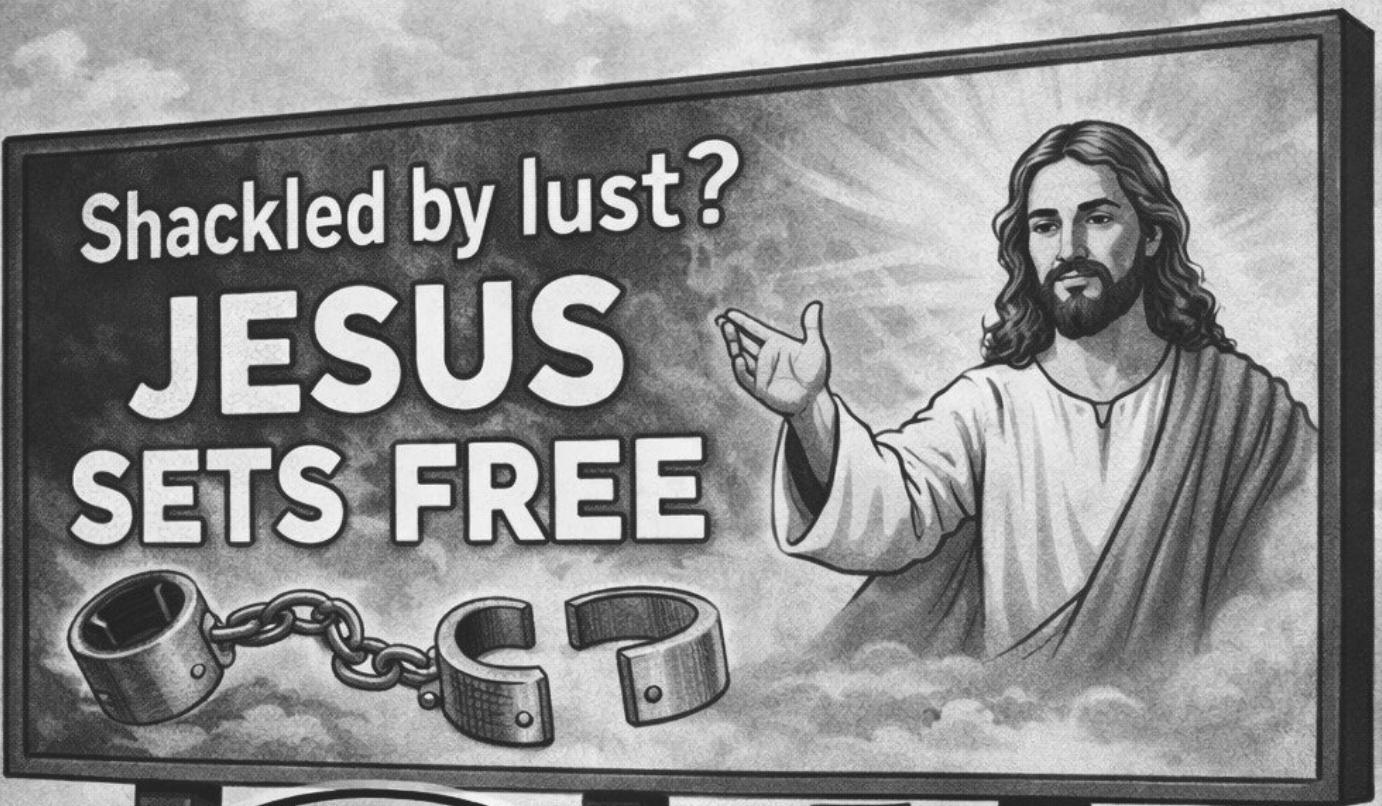


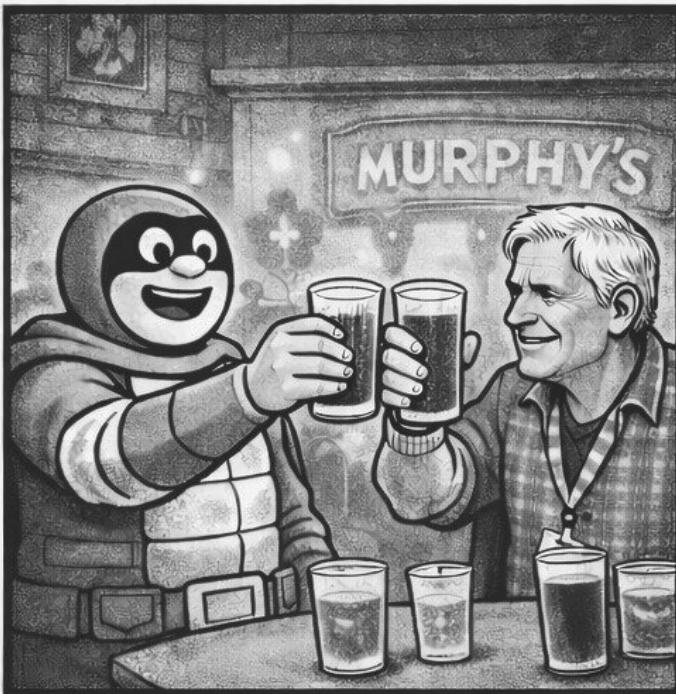


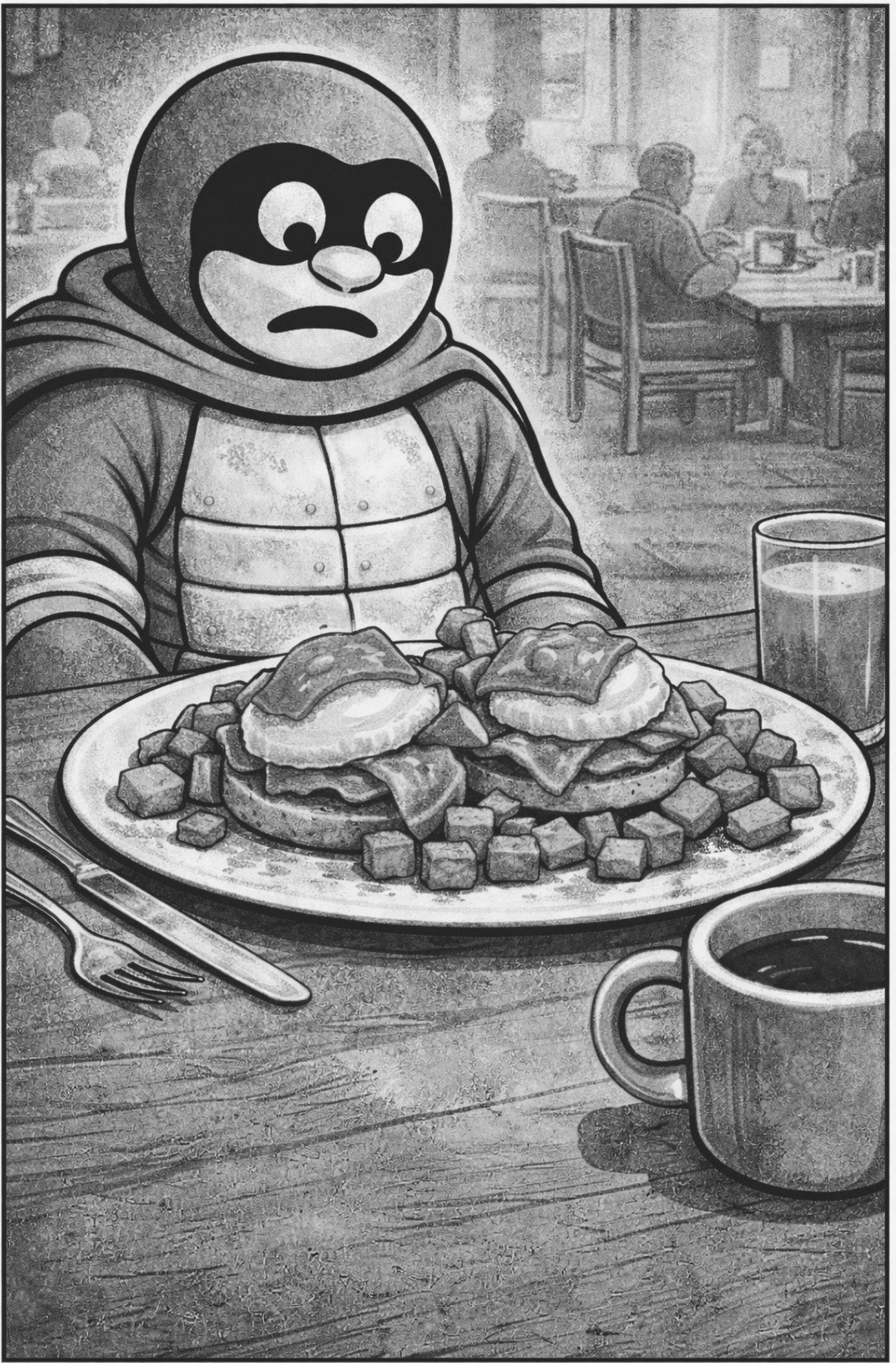












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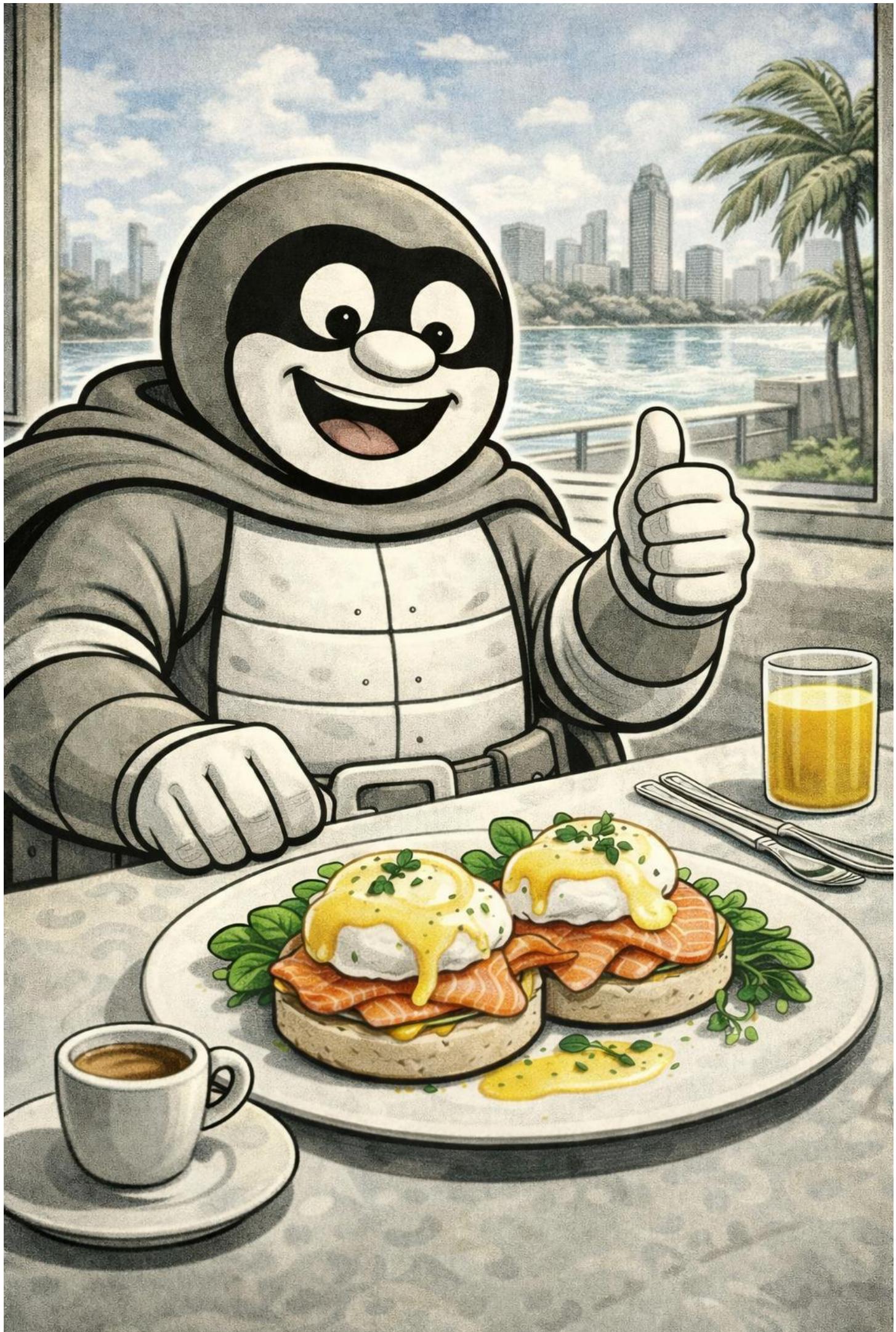
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IS DESIGNATED FOR
FREE SPEECH ACTIVITIES
BY COURTS OF LAW.

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AND ANYONE'S MESSAGE.

THE PROPERTY OWNERSHIP
OF PROPERTY OWNERSHIP
INVITE ALL CONTENT.







TURTLE MAN

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MOST HARMLESS MAN ALIVE

Turtle Man is the undefeated Supreme Grand Master of Being Politely In The Way. Turtle Man won the World Overall Kindly Arts Championship (Beginner And Also Still Beginner Divisions) after out-waiting the world's top masters of: QUEUING, APOLOGISING, ASKING WHERE THE TOILETS ARE, HOLDING DOORS TOO LONG, CARRYING GROCERIES ONE BAG AT A TIME, and LOOKING FOR HIS CAR KEYS WHILE HOLDING THEM. On an extremely ordinary Tuesday, the International Federation of Minor Heroics crowned Turtle Man: "THE WORLD'S MOST INEFFECTIVE CRIME STOPPER AND COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD."



NOW... THE WORLD'S MOST GENTLE "FIGHTING" SECRETS CAN BE YOURS

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- The Legendary Turtle Shuffle, used to approach a problem, then forget why you approached it
- Advanced Villain Neutralisation: giving them directions to the Port, by mistake

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Officially recognized by: no-one, but it looks important



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Name: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Signature (optional, but Turtle Man insists) _____

SOFT-SHELL SOCIETY

REAL CASE STUDIES:

- Stopped a runaway shopping trofley by shouting -Excuse me" at the wrongre
- Foiled a bank robbery by holding the door for the robber, causing an awkward delay.
- Rescued a cat by reading a pamphie about ladders.
- Saved the day by driving to "the other side of the world" for no reason whatsoever.
- Nearly helped, then organised everyone into a tidy line instead.



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RUSH MY FREE BROCHURE ON TURTLE MAN'S SOFT-SHELL SOCIETY.

YES. I WANT TO LEARN THE WORLDS MOST POLITE HERO METHODS.

- The Brochure _____
 The Membership Card _____
 The Emergency Cape Fold-Out Chart _____

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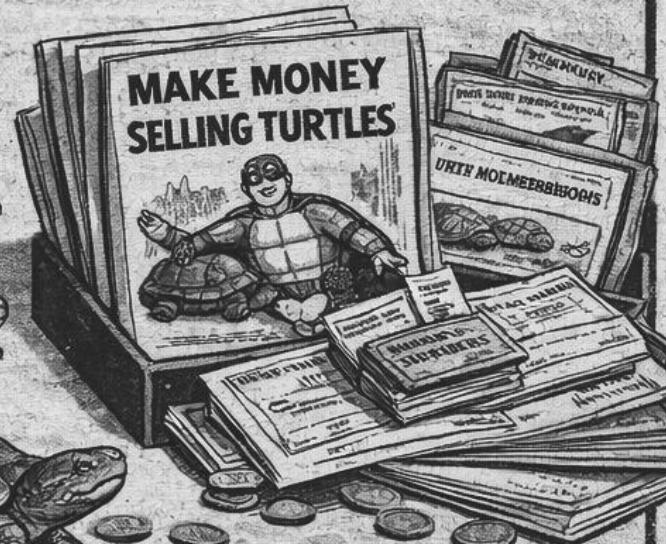
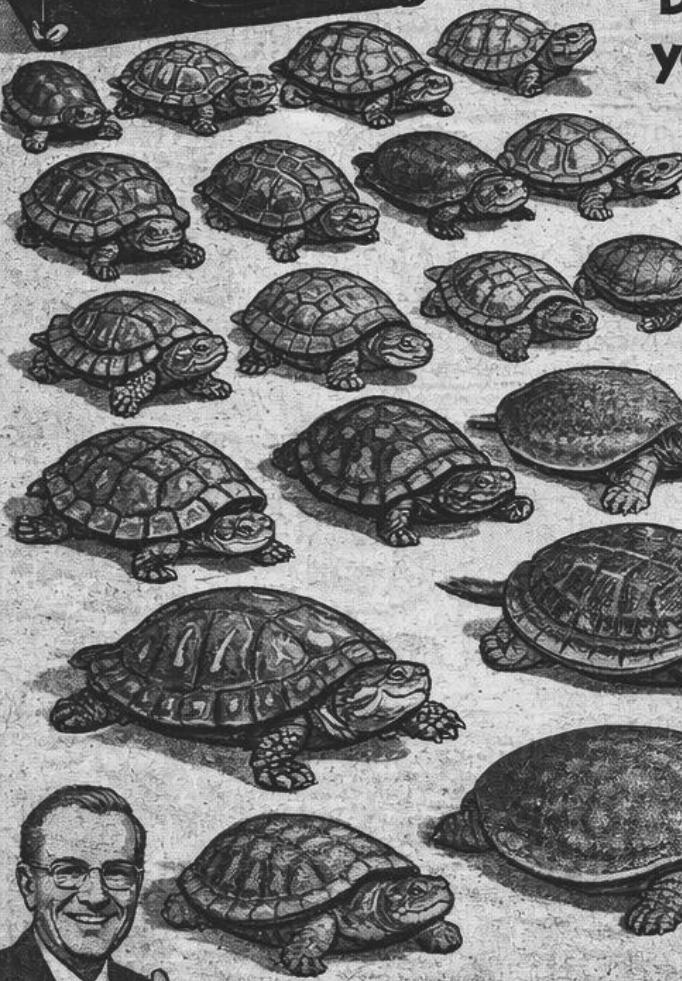
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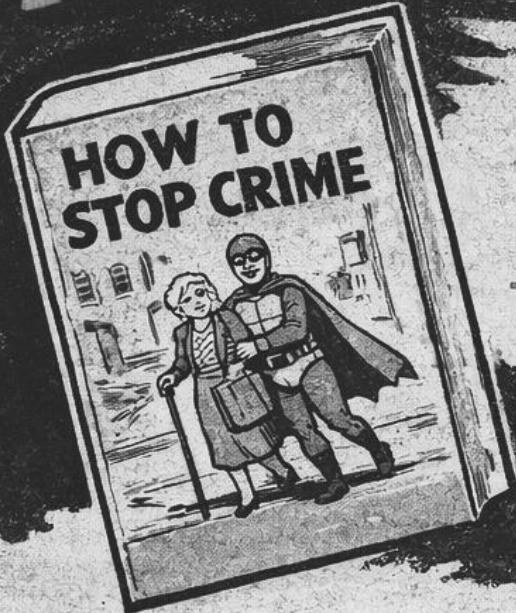
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C.O.D: I'll send a man with a cap at my official Soft-Shell Society card.

Enclosed () 12¢ or I'll pay when it arrives.

Name _____

Address _____ State _____

City _____

Signature (optional, but Turtle Man insists): _____

FINE PRINT dives full and gently bent rules for Turtle Man and Soft-Shell Society's light here merhoids. Soft-Shell Society's foe get confused, redirected, and often permanently distracted. Cape is not for at-bus flying. Villains likely to become passive tigh and slightly misdirected.

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