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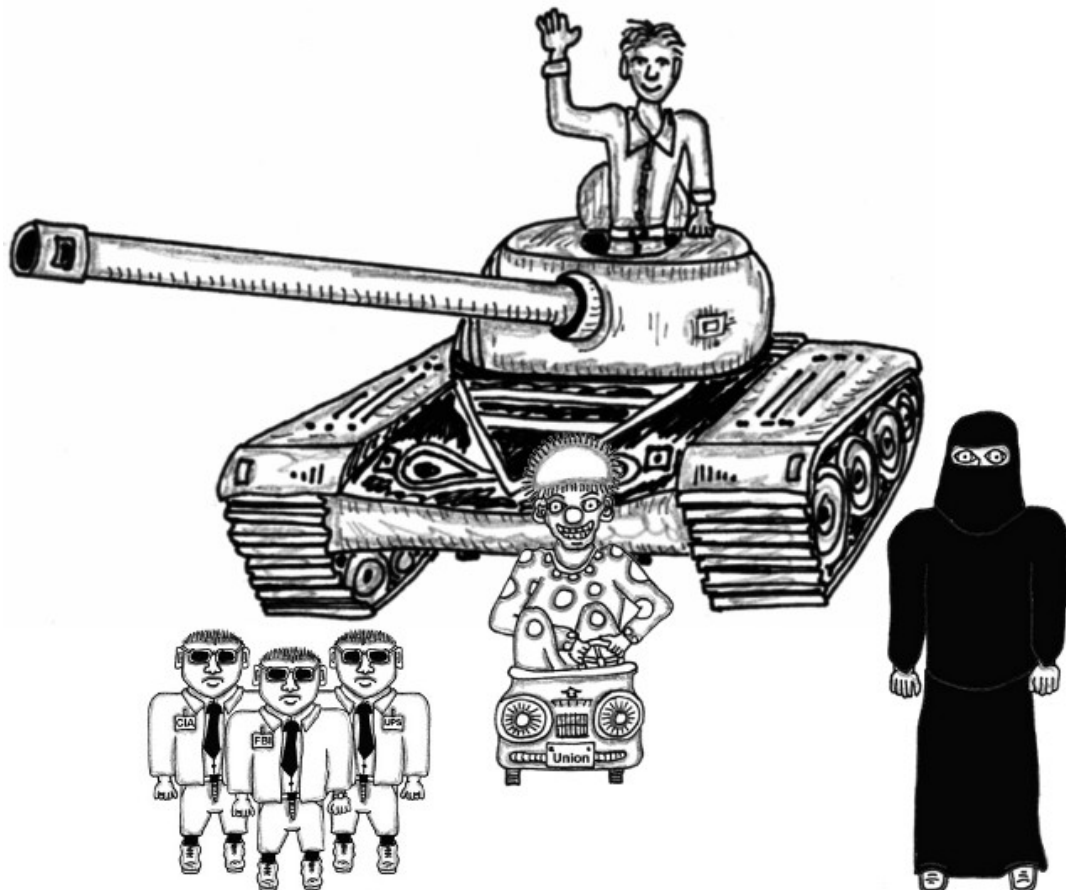
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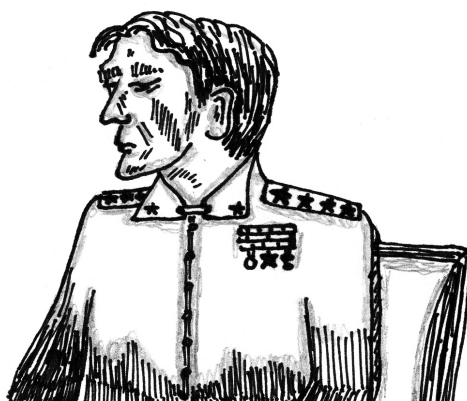
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You are in charge of the most powerful country in the world and mighty military forces are at your disposal – a mere word or the push of a button can bring death to millions and redraw maps. It can also commit your country to catch-up deficit budgets for years ahead and sprout up a bunch of sonless mothers but there's money to be made if you're invested in the right munitions company and most mothers' votes won't be swayed by one less place to set at the dinner table. There's not much point in having power if you don't throw it around and it's always better to make a mess in someone else's backyard. Hardly a day goes past without a new opportunity for glory...

1

'Hey, Chief – there's some evil dudes over in some foreign country dropping some very nasty chemical weapons on their own people! Can you believe that? Like we'd ever do anything to hurt our own people! It's not right, Chief – you going to do something about it, right Chief?'

If you want to take action and put a stop to this heinous atrocity go to **5**; if you think that's none of your business, that you have work you were elected to do and leave them to scrap it out amongst themselves go to **10**.

2

'Ah, Chief... that was the Pentagon self-destruct button. Oh well, we won't miss them (we sure didn't actually – look at that mushroom cloud!). Now press the green one... that's it, over and out.' **Close the book.**

3

'They're eating putty out of our hands now, Chief. You've got a carte blanche to load up and drive through the gates of Sodom and Gomorrah now, Chief. That red nose we had superimposed on the Democrat leader shore made him look like a clown. No more of this Mr. Reasonable, Chief – the American people want to see a swagger, someone who's going to kick sand in the teeth of the little guy all over the globe.'

If you want to take the bull by the scruff of his horns, sabre rattle and send in the marines go to **48**; if you still want to talk about how the lots of the average man on the streets needs improving and how we're all sisters together on Mother Earth go to **68**.

4

'Chief! We've got the biggest army in history. What shall we do? Head south and annex Mexico or go north and civilise those Frenchies and get all the maple syrup?'

You have enough soldiers to take down two continents – your power is total.

Close the book.

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‘OK! Way to go Chief! Show the world who’s top dog, huh? You going to send some big, fast planes to nuke ‘em or you going to do some spying first so we know where to hit ‘em and hurt ‘em best?’

If you want to going steaming right in go to **15**; if you want to send out some spy planes to get some information to help you direct your attack and maybe put a nice gloss on it for the press go to **20**.

6

‘Sorry about this, Chief. We would have like to impeach you for insanity or treason or something constitutional but we just don’t have the time. These bullets don’t really hurt, they’re dum-dums. Keep smiling through to the Great Beyond, Chief!’

Close the book. You have died for your country and receive full military honours.

7

‘Say, Chief, you going to talk down the barrel of a gun and how you’re going to discharge your duties or you going to give them a lecture on civic responsibilities and how they discharge theirs?’ If you want to use gun barrel diplomacy go to **14**; if you want to pass the pipe of peace go to **51**.

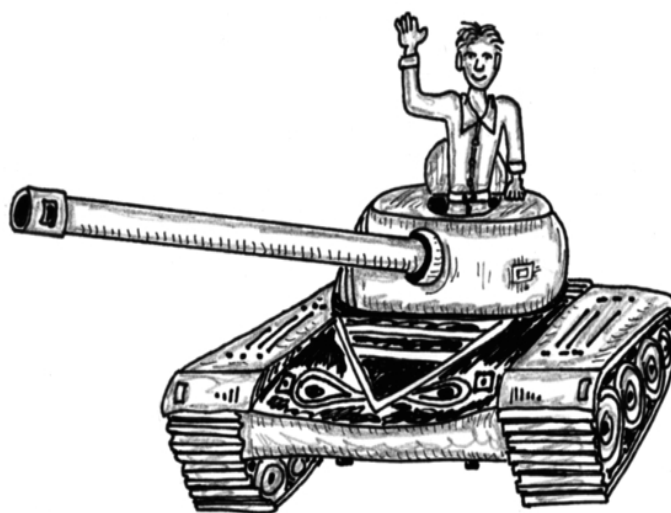
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‘Stop, Chief! Wait a second. There are two kids on the lawn fighting. One’s about seven and he’s beating on a kid three years younger. It’ll be great PR if you hold back on the invasion for five minutes and sort this scrap out!’

If you want to go for the publicity coup go to **24**; if you think this kind of intervention would encourage the kids to be soft, liberal spongers off the state go to **26**.

9

‘Hey, Chief – it’s going to be touch to clean those tank tracks now they’ve got Democrat smeared all over them. That’s saved a lot of political salaries though – you can vote yourself a raise. Are you ready to fire the nukes now, Chief?’



If you tell your aide you’re ready to set off some fireworks go to **17**; if you’d rather ride some more in your tank, maybe entering the Big Apple in style go to **61**.

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‘Hey, Chief! Some of them liberal, cheap, sensationalist media guys are saying you’re gay or a commie or both. Even some that like us say you’ve got a yellow streak and are scared of little guys who wear dresses. Chief, you got to do something or you’ll be even less popular than Jimmy C ever was!’

If you want to call a press conference and tell them you’ve had new information that makes you suspect that the Zyrians’ attack on their own people is merely a practice run for an attack on Americans so you have decided to strike back go to **25**; if you call a press conference to tell the country what a nice guy you are and how there’s important stuff at home there isn’t the money to fix so you can’t waste billions on a war somewhere you’re not even sure really exists go to **30**.

11

‘That was a sweet move, Chief. That nice Mr. CEO has sent you a present. You get to drive round in a tank and you can go straight through those liberals who are whining about constitutional rights. We’ve got them lined up – all you have to do is twist the throttle and they’re pulp!’

If you want to flatten your political opponents go to **9**; if you want to have a televised debate with them to legitimise your new powers go to **53**.

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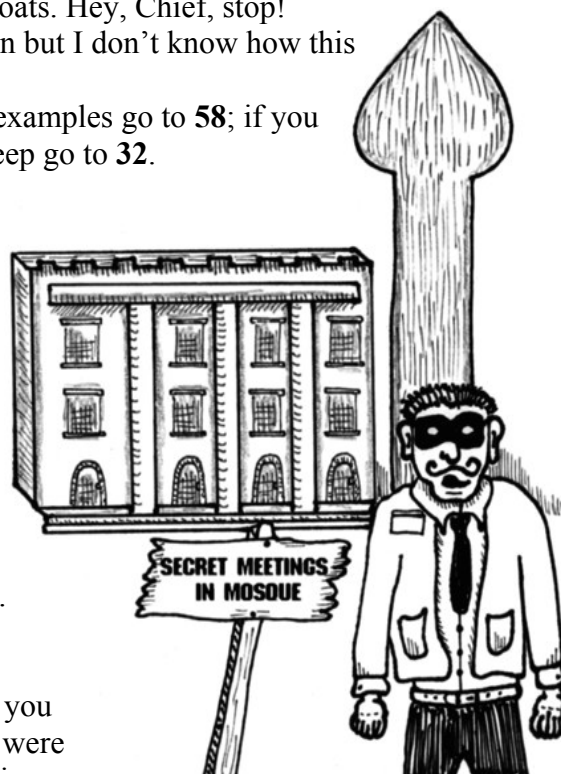
‘That’s a nice punch, Chief – you hammered the kid. Look at him blubbing! That’s a neat move to jump on them both with elbows to the throats. Hey, Chief, stop! They’re only kids. I know you taught them a lesson but I don’t know how this is going to look on television.’

If you want to nail both kids up to the wall as examples go to **58**; if you want to cradle the smaller kid in your arms and weep go to **32**.

13

‘This is a great report, Chief. The guy’s some kind of Walt Whitman with words. Look – it says here that all the Democrats in the House are really Zyrians with masks and false moustaches and the White House is really a mosque where they hold secret meetings with the Devil. You’ve got to stop them now, Chief!’

If you want to go to Def Con 1 and bomb the White House go to **8**; if you want to send the report to Harvard and Yale for verification go to **6**.



14

‘Did you see the way they were sobbing when you cocked the trigger, Chief? Probably some of them were Asians anyway. Now everyone in the Senate’s voting your way or not at all. It’d be really unifying for this great nation with God on it’s side if you did a universal draft – get everyone on boats and let everyone get a piece of Zyria, Chief. What do you say?’

If you want to draft the entire population go to **4**; if you just want to send in the regular troops and let everyone else watch on pay TV go to **54** (the TV company will give you 25% of the box office).

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‘Hey, Chief. Those garlic snorting French and those failed, quitter commies from Moscow say you shouldn’t do it. They’ll take sanctions against us if you don’t back off. Maybe you should give them a taste of the medicine too, Chief, or tell them to go jump into a lake of vodka.’

If you want to give the UN Security Council the bird and fire the big nukes go to **23**; if you are willing to enter an emergency UN debate go to **36**.

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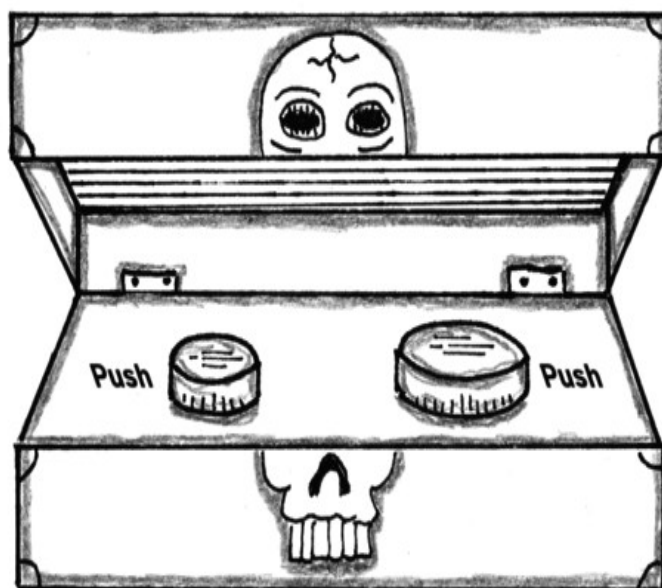
‘Uh, Chief...there were a lot of nations voting against a missile strike. Turns out that the footage of the Zyrian atrocities was part of a Hollywood blockbuster made by Spielberg. You’ve nuked the rest of the world –we’re politically isolated now. There was some guy from Noozeeland named key saying we could do what we like over there but by the time we understood his accent it was too late. You’ve re-drawn the map, Chief.’

Live long and prosper despite those prevailing winds.

Close the book.

17

‘There’s a black box with a skull and crossbones on the lid, Chief. Ronnie painted it himself. We had to erase it because it looked more like genitalia but we got a chimp to do a better job with its foot. Not sure which button you should push, Chief. The red one looks coolest but the black one is bigger.’



If you want to push the red button go to **29**; if you press the black button go to **49**.

18

‘That freaked them, Chief. They can’t get by without their regular dose of improbable, morally bankrupt action flicks. There all bowing down to portraits of you and flying our flag. You’ve made the world American, Chief. There’ll be burgers, fries and coke for everyone!’ Assume your divinity and know the whole world has reached the peak of human happiness.

Close the book.

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That kid's tough, Chief. It'd look great on the screens across the nation if you could take him out. Go on, Chief, you can do it!'

If you want to take a swing at the kid go to **12**; if you want to parade him on Fox shooting the breeze with you in the Oval Office go to **56**.

20

'Our planes got kind of lost, Chief – they ended up in Paris, Had such a great time they told us best not to bomb the place. Some of that foreign food is great, they say, if you can stand all those garlic snails they put on everything. Anyhow, we haven't got any reports on Zyria but we have got this young guy out of college who wants to be a writer. Marvel didn't want him so we could get him to write a report. What do you think, Chief?'

If you want to let the young Turk use his imagination and tell it like it is go to **13**; if you think you've wasted enough time and are ready for the first strike go to **17**.

21

'Chief! This isn't working – there not listening. They all got their own agendas, paid for a by multi-nationals. If you give one of these corporate tax exemption and unlimited mining rights to some small country in Africa they should come around. '

If you want to give the CEO with the biggest hat and cigar a free foreign country go to **11**; if you tell them it's not about money it's about truth and decency go to **39**.



22

'Hey, Chief – it's good to see so many of our citizens are chowing down and enjoying their constitutional right to bear arms. You're going to go down in history, Chief, as the first President to greet the voters exercising their inalienable right to test their forearms. There's a bunch of them here now to see you. They say you've done a great job but you're still a politician and that flies in the face of freedom. Do you want this blindfold, Chief? Dubya said it was his legacy from when he had a cold.'

Close the book.

23

'Umm, Chief – the nukes are on their way but we hadn't set the co-ordinates since we dropped the big one on Hiroshima. Those Japs are going to get an early morning wake up call!'

Do you want to get on the phone to world leaders admitting you made a big, big, mistake (go to **41**) or do you think, 'what the heck,' and fire some more (go to **45**)?

24

'Hey, Chief! The bigger kid's just bitten the little kid's ear off. It's great television! Do you want to have the big kid fly with you and give him a medal or shall we concentrate on the little one? We could do a DNA test on the blood – there's lots of it! – and say he's really a Zyrian infiltrator and we can put him on Death Row.'

If you want to make the big kid a hero go to **19**; if you want to settle the score for the little guy go to **12**.

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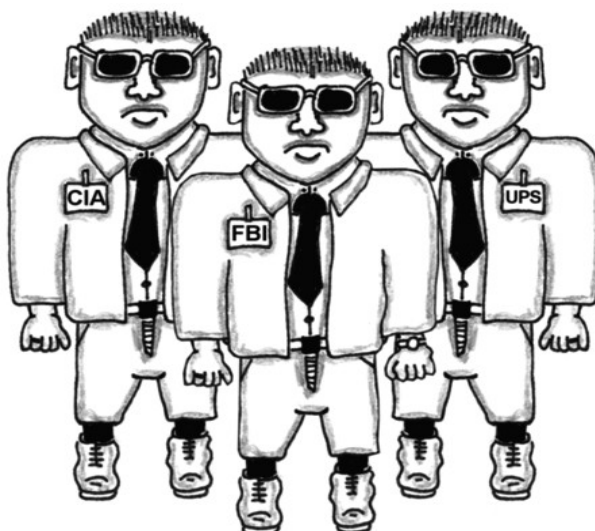
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‘We’ve just got the ratings, Chief. That was sensational! They think an attack on us is imminent but when you told them we’d seen their head guy eating babies with ketchup on sticks the polls went from 5% support for military action to 15%! That’s a lead of 10% over those pinkos who want to send them food parcels. Everyone’s running scared and the stores have run out of canned foods. Everyone says the Zyrians are coming and they’re getting their guns and hiding under their beds! Your stocks in bed, gun and canned food corporations are rocketing, Chief. You’re rich! Well, richer because that tax-syphoning legislation had already made you a zillionaire on the computers. What you going to do now? People want action, they want it Hollywood style!’

If you want to declare martial law and a state of emergency go to **33**; if you want to get into your personal rocket and make for safety on the luxury resort you had built on Mars as a tax write off go to **37**.

26

‘Good thinking, Chief. Wait a cotton picking moment. Those kids don’t look like real kids – they aren’t eating burgers and they haven’t got Nintendos. Do you want them sent to Guantanamo Bay for interrogation? They may have state secrets – they may be Moslem midgets infiltrating the CIA, the FBI and even the White House!’



If you want to have them picked up by a SWAT team and made to talk go to **38**; if you want to pat them on the heads and give them a pep talk about liberty, justice and tolerance go to **42**.

27

‘Hey, Chief – you go to dress like these guys do or you’ll stick out like sore thumb and you’ll be a target for every assassin. Want to try this on, Chief?’

If you go native go to **68**; if you put on your Ronald Macdonald suit and go out amongst the local populace so that they can touch the hem of your garment go to **67**.

28

‘Uh, Chief...we’re in Texas. They have the death penalty here...and the biggest drop in the Union. I’ll come by on the hanging day if you survive the ten years on Death Row, Chief.’

Close the book as the first President to be sentenced to death.

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‘Hey, Chief. You did great. You hit that button, no messing, no sirree! You sure are one finger on the button President. That nuke sure scared the beejeezus out of them Zyrians when it came down on Switzerland. So much for their red cross! Do you want to go wave to the crowds cheering out there or do you want to go into a televisual head-to-head conference with the Zyrian leader – you can really rub it in to that guy’s sore spots, Chief!’

If you want to take the plaudits of the baying electorate go to **55**; if you want to stick your tongue out against the big bad bogeyman go to **59**.

30

‘Chief, that went down like a lead balloon. Our people are telling your people that my people think our people should get you to do a re-think – tell them you’ve seen pictures of mothers having to eat their babies because their starving, tell them kids are having to burn their own parents to keep warm over there. You can break down in tears in front of the cameras and they’ll love you, maybe even nominate you for an Oscar.’

If you want to set up a prime time slot on Zetterman go to **35**; if you want to call a State of the Nation address and tell the country that you’re going to stick to tackling real issues like unemployment, health, education and law and order go to **40**.

31

Hey, Chief. Those boats we stole from those refugees...they weren’t really seaworthy. The whole population drowned off the coast of Cuba but the good news is no one’s blaming you. You get the best of everything and you can do whatever you like so nothing’s really changed. Good job, Chief. We can change the Constitution now and you can live out the rest of your life as President.’

You win – **close the book**.

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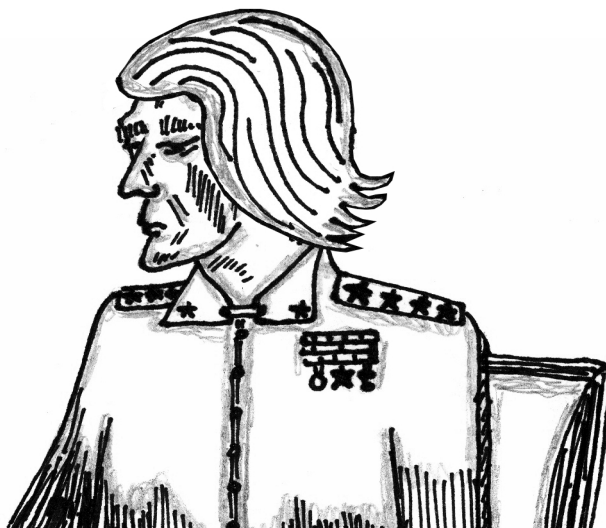
‘Aw, Chief, that’s cute. No – wait! The media guys say that makes you look a cissy, like you want to have sex change or something. You’ve got to do something fast, Chief!’

If you want to bounce the kid on his head and shoot a three-pointer with him go to **57**; if you want to carry on playing the nice guy go to **60**.

33

‘Hey, Chief – there’s a bunch of senators who are insisting on having a vote about this war of yours and they think they can stop you! Don’t let them dictate to you, Chief! It isn’t right and it isn’t democratic. You’ve got God on your side, Chief. You’ve got to stand up to them and do something.’

If you want to leak reports about liberal senators being aliens from Mars and not entitled to vote go to **3**; if you want to invite them to a meeting in your big plush office with the table that’s almost round like King Arthur’s so that you can give them a reason to change their minds go to **7**.



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‘Look, Chief – there’s nothing here. Just a whole bunch of sand and those creepy ruins. Maybe that old city’s where these weirdoes actually live! Who’d of thought things could be so primitive in this day and age. Look! There’s camels over there – bet they even eat camel burgers! This is a dump, Chief. Is it worth occupying?’

If you want to bring over an army to keep the peace go to **62**; if you want to press the button and save the world from this sort of unnatural disaster go to **64**.

35

‘Hey, Chief, you were great, especially when you told them about your puppy! We’ve got some great offers from Fox. They want this to be a prime time soap. Just don’t wipe those Zyrians out or we won’t get into a fifth series. How about a

romance between you and their leader? We can make him wear a dress and shave his beard short. This has given the world peace and made a lot of money Chief. Great job – you win!’

If you want to have a candlelit dinner for two with the Zyrian leader go to **47**; if you would rather use your popularity to go ahead with a treason charge against every Senator who’s ever voted against you go to **50**.

36

‘Hey, Chief! Some banana republic is trying to veto your nuke strike against them evil Zyrians. Somewhere like Noozeeland. Sounds like some German cast off. Shall we take them out too and really make them banana boys sit up and take notice, Chief?’

If you want to fire missiles against Zyria and everyone voting against you go to **16**; if you want to wait to find out how the vote goes go to **44**.

37

‘Uh, Chief, we got a problem. You cut the NASA budget to the equivalent of two cans of Bud last year. We’ve past the moon but we’re heading off towards the sun not Mars and we’ve got no rockets left to fire to change course because you set them off at that fundraiser garden party. What shall we do, Chief?’

If you want to press the self-destruct button and go out in a blaze of glory go to **2**; if you want to go into a deep meditation go to **68**.

38

‘Those SWAT boys sure know their stuff, Chief! They took those kids out with one grenade. Look! They’re collecting the body parts now. Say! Why don’t we say we found them in that Zyrian leader’s laundry closet – what do you think, Chief?’ If you want to get forensics and a film crew on the job go to **43**; if you want to wrap them up neatly in the flag and send them home to their parents with full military honours go to **65**.



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‘Look out, Chief! They’re throwing coconuts at you! That nice guy stuff just doesn’t cut it. Maybe it’s time to get out of here fast unless you want to whack them all with an explosion they’ll never forget! What do you say, Chief?’

If you want to use Air Force One to fly down to Cape Kennedy and get off this foreigner-infested planet go to **37**; if you want to start pushing buttons go to **17**.

40

‘They aren’t buying it, Chief, and, more to the point, the consumers don’t want to hear that sort of watery intellectual theorising. They want to hear about double upsizing on combos and unlimited coke with orders over a dollar. You need to get people seeing you are the good guy again, Chief.’

Do you want to send an invasion force of war ships to blitzkrieg the enemy – go to **31** – or do you want to declare Fridays ‘Free Fast Food Day’ and let Macdonalds give away guns with every Big Mac across this great nation – go to **22**?

41

‘Never say ‘sorry’, Chief – never admit you’re wrong. Now they are demanding we ship you over to Nuremburg to stand trial for crimes against humanity. That’s rich, Chief! Like those Slant-Eyes are human! Anyhow, we would have told them to stick it but they offered us some new super-size plasma TVs they’ve just invented. So you’re going to Germany just like Hitler did. Maybe you could grow a little black moustache, Chief!’

You get to gobble cyanide pills once chewed by Goebbels.

Close the book.



42

‘We always suspected you were an Islamic sympathiser, Chief. I bet you wear a turban under that toupee, don’t you? I’ve got orders to deal with a situation like this – a knife in the heart will get your attention and it’ll look good on the big screens for the folks back home – the last thing they’ll see is you’re big smile as the blood foams from your mouth.’

Close the book.

43

‘Chief, they’re examining the remains now. It’s pretty gruesome. There’s some BBC reporter saying the Zyrian leader doesn’t have long enough arms to have reached this far to murder them. Got any ideas, Chief?’

If you want to say he has arms like Mr. Fantastic and everyone should be very, very afraid go to **63**; if you want to admit it was you but everyone should remember that if you spare the rod you spoil the child go to **28**.

44

‘How you going to pitch it then, Chief? Some of them don’t understand English too good – that’s their look out, I say. They should have paid attention in case instead of learning that double Dutch of theirs. You’re on now, Chief.’

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If you want to tell them you'll close down Hollywood if they don't vote your way go to **18**; if you want to explain thoroughly why your way is the right way and the only way to meet tyranny in a world made for the free and the brave is through diplomacy go to **21**.

45

'Hey, Chief! Tokyo is just a smoking hole in the ground but those Nips are mutating faster than you can eat a bargain bucket! There's an army of King Kong types and a fleet of Godzillas on their way here now and they sure look angry! What are you going to do now, Chief?'

If you want to hot tail it down to Cape Kennedy and your own private space rocket go to **37**; if you want to take the helm of the biggest gun boat in the whole damn navy, USS Chinese Junk, go to **31**.

46

'Chief, they don't want to be calmed downed! Now they're saying you're a faggot and some big nosed Senator is waving secret documents leaked to Wikipedia on your Caymen Island corporations – they're trying to impeach you for all sorts of things no reasonable person would object to, only commies and moslems would think taking 20% of the tax take to buy gas masks from your private gas mask corporation is anything other than the free market economy protecting this consumer paradise we've gifted to the world. How are you going to deal with this ungrateful, whinging bunch of liberals, Chief?'

If you want to explain patiently and reasonably how things work go to **68**; if you want to bring in Special Forces and clear out anyone not committed to the flag go to **52**.

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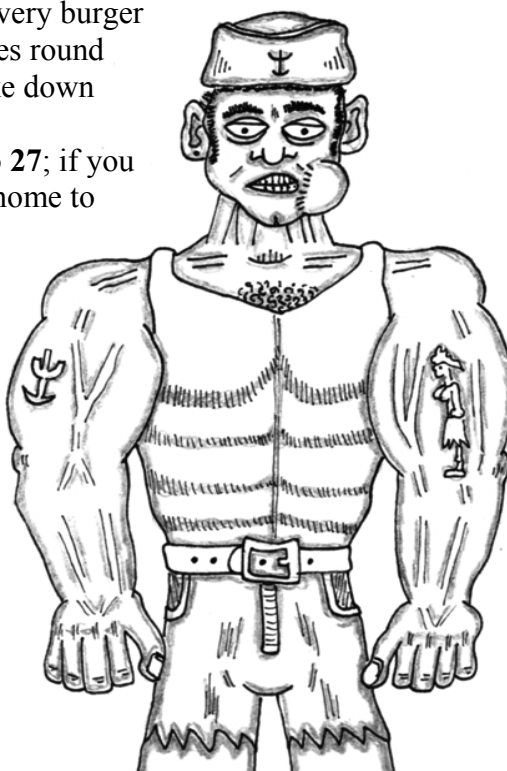
'That was a good deal you put together there, Chief. He loved that plastic toy that came with his upsized combo and you had him eating out of your hand. You got the concessions signed before the dessert! Our corporates get exclusive rights to sell burgers and set up cable TV in Zyria with no taxes to pay worldwide in perpetuity and you get 5 billion in your PR budget to buy off waverers and to have your face on every burger in this country and all the decent free market economies round the globe. You can fire at will now, Chief, you can take down anyone.'

If you want to stay out here to run operations go to **27**; if you want to ride the wave of your popularity and go back home to declare martial law at home go to **66**.

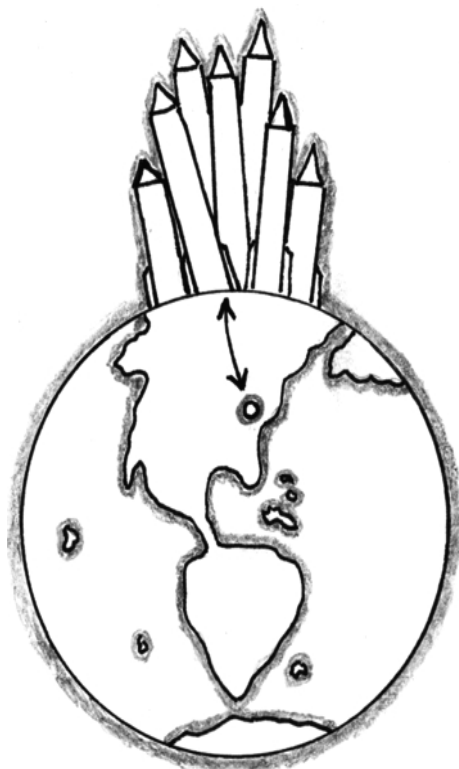
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'Uh, Chief – you retired most of the marines last year to make room in the budget for supporting that Feed the World charity gala. You know – the one where they raised over a thousand bucks for starving Nebraskans and you won a yacht in the raffle. There is some guy calls himself Popeye you could send in but he eats a fortune in spinach.'

If you think that if you want a job done properly you have to do it yourself and so you roll your sleeves up and punch out the first person you see wearing a turban go to **69**; if decide to send them Popeye go to **72**.



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‘What’s this say, Chief? Can you read this tiny little writing? Red = Kill them, Black = Kill us. Chief! That’s the self-destruct button! We’re going to be a wasteland in 5 seconds and counting. We stockpiled enough nukes to blow this planet off its orbit so we won’t be going alone. Good job, Chief!’

Close the book.

50

‘Chief, they love it! There’s a lynch mob in sheets storming the senate now – you can watch on your 30’ plasma in your den if you like. You’ve got a free hand now, I’d say. All the socialists will be dead soon and everyone is going to be glued to their TVs so it’s a good time to make a hit and run raid. Do you want to go over there yourself and put your boot heel on their guy’s head once we take it off?’

If you want to fly out to do the business personally go to **34**; if you want to go to the Senate and calm things down at home go to **46**.

51

‘Sorry, Chief, we can’t have a pacifist in the Oval Office. We’re going to have to take that pipe, pack it with TNT, light it and shove it where the sun don’t shine. You’re full of crap, Chief.’

You lose office and your bowels are loosened.

Close the book.

52

‘You’re the bomb, Chief! Those guys sure know how to kill with an economy of effort. That saves the taxpayer’s dollar! You’ve got a clear run to glory now, Chief. What’s the word?’

If you think it’s time to set off some fireworks go to **11**; if you’d like to try out the new corporate-branded military hardware go to **17**.

53

‘That was a smart move, Chief. You get to wear the Hannibal Lecter mask and the Democrat dude has to wear the clown suit and the big red nose. Do you want to eat his liver live on Zetterman or are you going to sit there and laugh at him?’

If you fancy a nice little entrée go to **70**; if you think laughter is the best medicine goes to **71**.

54

‘Hey, Chief, the ratings are sky high. Everyone is glued to their TV. Michael Moore was right! We can keep this war going just so long as we can make Zyrian costumes and get college kids to wear them. Your getting your face carved into Mount Rushmore now, Chief.’

You are immortalised for your robust and far-sighted leadership.

Close the book.

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‘Chief! Get back here! There’s a whole bunch of swiss cheese lovers out there! They’re going to grate you up and melt your ass! Run!’

Unfortunately, years of over-eating have taken their toll and you have a non-fatal heart attack as soon as you turn to flee. They do indeed shred your lard ass. **Close the book.**

56

‘That didn’t work out to well, Chief. The kid came across as smarter, tougher and better looking than you. His teeth are whiter and his hair is thicker. Congress has rushed through a special motion making all Presidents retire if there’s a younger candidate that gets better TV approval. You’re out, Chief. Didn’t help when the kid beat you at tic-tac-toe an arm-wrestling.’

The kid is gracious in victory – well, he can’t drive yet so he needs you as his chauffeur – and you get to babysit him when he’s working late after 6pm in the White House. You are an ex-President of this great nation. **Close the book.**

57

‘That looks great on screen, Chief! The way you got his throat stuck in the hoop...gotta love the way he’s turning purple! The House has rolled over, you’re so far ahead in the opinion polls now. Do want to launch a pre-emptive strike or pass a bill giving corporations a tax-free five year period? You can take the Head of the Federal Reserve out for lunch at Taco Bell and sweet talk him or set Enola Gay free again.’

If you fancy Armageddon go to **23**; if you want the perks the multinationals will surely send your way go to **47**.

58

‘Look Chief – we put burkas on them and we’re going to have a stoning. That should show those Arabs we respect their culture! You get to cast the first stone, Chief!’

You set the tone of the nation and America is cleansed of all but racially pure Americans – not a stone is left unturned or unthrown. You sit peacefully amidst the bodies when you hit your last fellow American where it hurts. **Close the book.**

59

‘Hey, Chief – the PR people say he’s better looking than you and the people love him. Unless you can get him to actually say something you’re looking like yesterday’s newspaper – you’re getting flushed down the john, Chief. Oh well, you had a good run for everyone else’s money.’

You get to hand over the reins of power to Saddam bin Therebefur but you do get to be his Vice-President poodle bitch. **Close the book.**

60

‘That’s too bad, Chief. We’re going to have to take you out with one of those magic bullets we got JFK with. No – don’t bother using the kid as a shield. The bullet will go through him like butter. We’ll make out it was OJ that shot you. Yeah, that’s always a winner, that one.’

You join Honest Abe and JFK. **Close the book.**



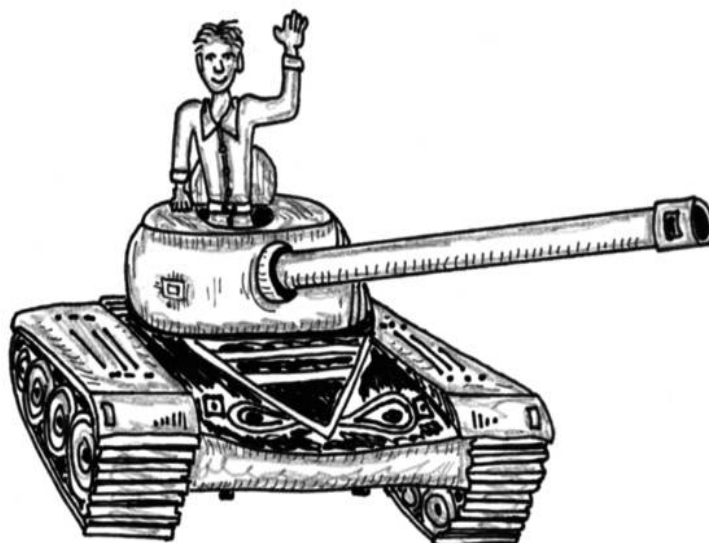
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‘Hey, Chief! Stop! You’re headed straight towards the Empire State Building! Hit the brakes, Chief! What do you mean, they aren’t working? They’ve got to be working! Chief, no! That’s not the emergency break – that’s the fire button. Chief! No!’

You fire the tank’s cannon just as you crash through the entrance to one of the city’s finest landmark – there’s not much left of it by the time the dust settles.

Close the book.



62

‘Chief, the Treasury guy says you’ve got a fiscal problem. Seems the whole blamed army insisted on flying out on Emirates first class and now they’re staying at five star hotels drinking from the mini bars like there’s no tomorrow. The Zyrian economy’s booming like never before but our debt has got so out of kilter with our GDP now everyone’s over here in the army and no one’s working back home. Standard & Poor’s have just downgraded us to ‘D minus’, Chief.’

Well done! You’ve bankrolled an invasion and bankrupted your country.

Close the book.

63

‘That was a good one, Chief. Now everyone’s at home cowering under their beds. They might be surprised that there are no Reds there but they’ll have forgotten about that little gaffe of yours when they do crawl out. Still, you’ve got this great nation standing proud, Chief.’

You can now enjoy a free hand and do whatever you like at home and abroad while everyone else looks over their shoulder. **Close the book.**

64

‘Uh, Chief...you’ve just pressed the button that sets the nukes on course for the Zyrian capital...uh, that’s where we are, Chief. There’s no plane on earth going to get you out of here in time so you might as well join in the countdown. Ten, nine, eight...’

You might go down in history as the first President to assassinate himself with nuclear weapons. **Close the book.**

65

‘That’s the way, Chief. Look at them saluting an American hero. We set the CIA on the track of the killers, Chief. Uh, I know the parade isn’t over yet but now might be a good time to slip away. We’ve got a great plastic surgeon lined up.’

Enjoy your new life in Alaska – just as well they grabbed that place to be a state. Close the book before your fingers go numb.

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‘Nice move, Chief. You’ve got zillions in your campaign chest – all the corporates are offering you share options. The Governor of the Federal Reserve wants to hear your plans to make this great country great again and tax-free into the bargain. But if you’re up for it you do have time to push a button first.’

If you want to milk the political situation at home for all it’s worth go to **11**; if your finger is itchy go to **17**.

67

‘Um, Chief, come back! They haven’t eaten for two weeks since we bombed their grocery stores. Chief, they’ve got a kind of...hungry look.’

Macdonalds is popular the world over and you make a nasty Mac-snack.

Close the book.

68

‘Uh, Chief, that hippy shit is not a good look. They think you’re really a girl and no one’s ready for a woman president, not even Hilary. At least the awe inspiring Sarah P would have used a urinal, Chief. She has balls! These men in white coats have got some special sleeves for you to put your arms in. That’s right, Chief, your arms go behind your back. Now we’re taking you to the House Of Correction and you get to be the second lobotomised President. You can stand next to Ronnie – he’s stuffed and so are you now but he had a good taxidermist before he took up office.’

Close the book and enjoy your nights in the mausoleum of democracy.

69

‘Chief, that turban guy looks as if he can handle himself. Chief! My, that was a good right cross! How’s your Blue Cross, Chief? Pity you cancelled that public healthcare legislation – we stopped paying your contributions so you could put more into those Ponzi stocks.’ That broken jaw means you have to stick to non-verbal communication so don’t wear out your middle finger. **Close the book.**

70

‘Chief, even we’re not ready for that. You have to be lost in the Andees or at least do it in a basement. You’ve bitten off more than you can chew, Chief.’

So much for TV dinners!

Close the book.

71

‘Uh, Chief, the Clowns’ Union has laid a complaint under broadcasting regulations. You can only laugh at clowns if you have a big red nose and are driving a pedal car. That’s why no one laughs at you, Chief. You need to distract them with something, Chief – how about a pre-emptive strike?’



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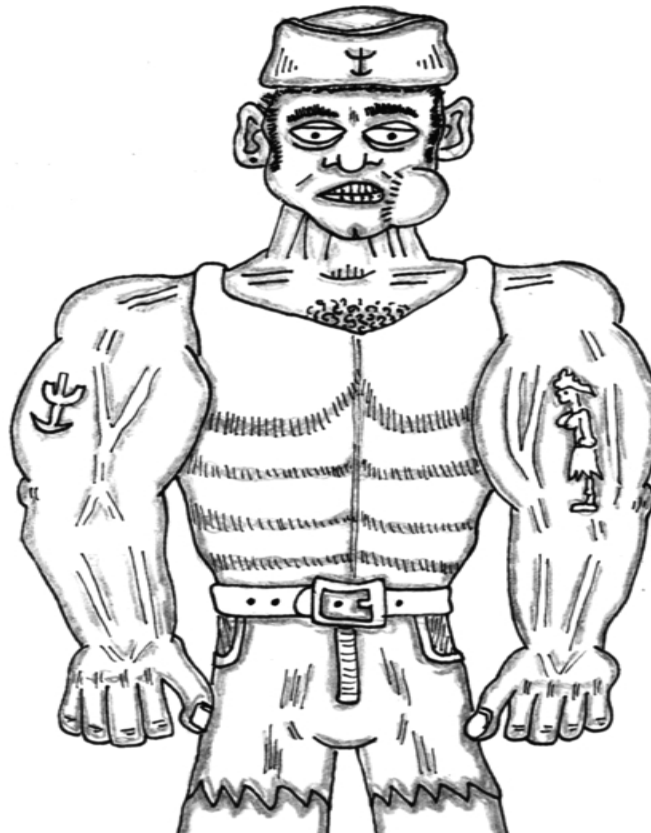
If you want to regain lost ground go to **17**; if you just want to keep digging the hole you are in deeper **close the book**.

72

‘Popeye? Chief, this is real life not cartoon time! Actually, we replaced you with computer graphics last year so you just go back to pulling faces at the mirror.’

He who laughs last, eh?

Close the book.



The end

(of the world
as we know it
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