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THE AUDITOR YEAR THREE

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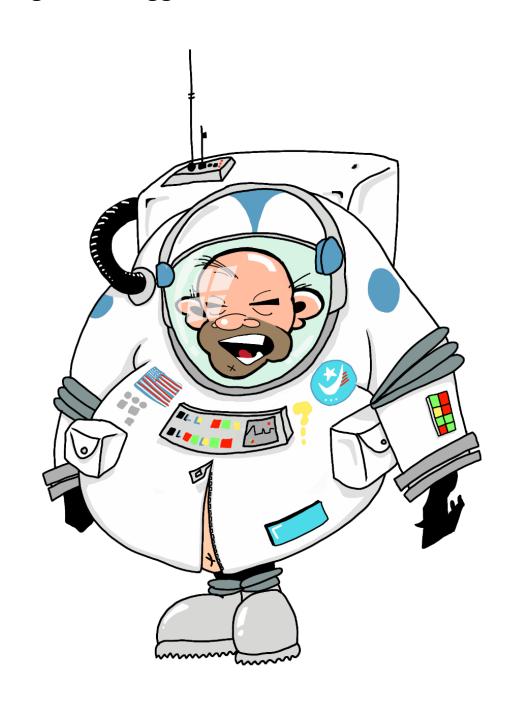
THE AUDITOR: YEAR THREE.

When I launched **THE AUDITOR** comic strip in 2019, I never imagined I'd be doing it three years later, with just under 400 strips drawn in that time.

This was supposed to be an occasional thing that appeared in a newsletter, but obviously turned into something much bigger.

The overcompensating idiot auditor Ray Battlesbee has become, in his own way, a *loveable* over-compensating idiot auditor. People are literally buying coffee mugs with his face on them!

This third volume of collected strips includes a few from 2021 that didn't make it into Year Two, and then everything in 2022 up until early November. But with the COVID-19 pandemic subsiding a bit, the number of strips I produced in 2022 was less than prior years.



Whereas in 2020 I pumped out over 120 strips, this year I only got about 85 done. Real life, and the work of running Oxebridge, just took too much of my time to keep up the same level of content.

Some time ago, I adopted a plan to have Ray audit the folks at Mundrum Machining Corp. by going through the ISO 9001 standard, clause-by-clause. At the end of 2021 I was up to clause 8.3, and as I write this now, I've only reached clause 8.5.2.

So, yes, I am dramatically milking that cow for all it's worth. I have no idea

what I'm going to do when Ray finishes the entire standard, which I expect to happen next year.

Should I kill him off?



Mermaid Ray

I spun out a lot of sideline stories this year, which explains a little of why Ray's arc hasn't moved very much. So much happened in the real world of ISO standards, and I have come to use **THE AUDITOR** as my bile spittoon, for when I'm frustrated by events.

The big twist in ISO-world was how ISO rejected world votes to maintain ISO 9001 as-is, and is pushing forward to revise the standard anyway, proving just how corrupt it can be. That led to all sorts of comic strip shenanigans with TC 176, their ivory tower, and their US counterparts operating from a Waffle Hut under a bridge somewhere.



We also met some new people, and visited new places. For the first time, THE AUDITOR flew across the pond to visit the headquarters of UKAS, and introduced us to its chief executive, Voldematt.

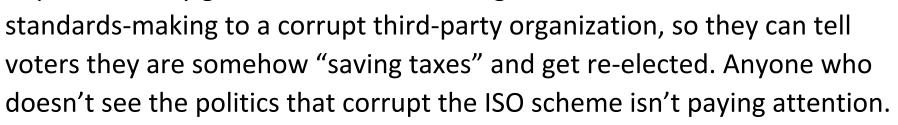


We were also introduced to the IAF's new Chair, Emanuele Riva, who — in real life — has proven to be a fairly contemptible character himself. So I did what any respectable journalist would to, and turned him into a Charlie Brown character. *Riva*, *you blockhead!*

Then, of course, the world got to witness the IAF's massive bungling of their reaction to the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

Riva, who works for the Italian accreditation body Accredia, was not about to go up against Russia, because his company has clients there. Meanwhile, both ISO and the IAF are terrified to do anything to upset China, and China has supported Russia's invasion. So the IAF found itself openly flouting international laws and sanctions by continuing to do business in Russia, and performing marketing for the Putin regime.

This prompted a visit from Vladimir Putin himself to **THE AUDITOR** comic strip, something which prompted a few people to suggest I not let "politics" infect the comic. But the entire ISO scheme is born of politics — lazy governments outsourcing



As a real deep cut shoutout to all the accreditation nerds – all four of you – we even visited the headquarters of APAC, the Australia-based accreditation



regional body led by ostrich-murderer Graeme Drake. Yes, in real life, Drake writes standards for *ostrich abattoirs*. I'm serious, ... Google him.

The jokes about Drake and APAC are centered on the gag that he and his white Australian pals all pretend to be "Asian" by wearing clearly-fake, racist masks that appropriate the cultures of India, Japan and other nations under APAC's watch. Why the world continues to let some dipshit from Oz manage the affairs of a continent he's never lived in is beyond me.

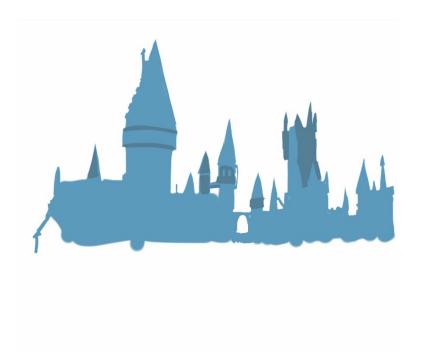
And finally, we visited the ISO headquarters, a place I had not previously introduced in the strip. Given its outsized control over entire national economies, I thought that rather than drawing a drab office building in Geneva, I'd go full Dark Side with them. And so

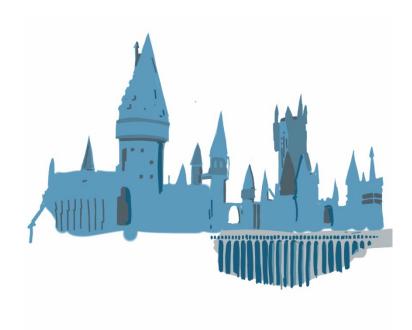
Seems legit.

the ISO HQ is a Death Star, floating in

space, "beyond all international laws."



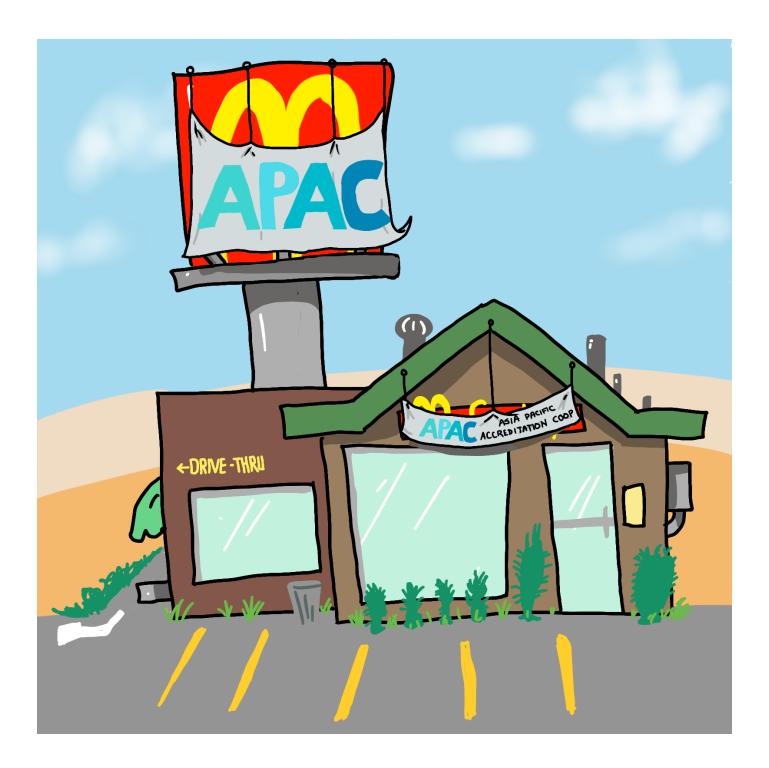








Building the UKAS "Hogwarts" Headquarters



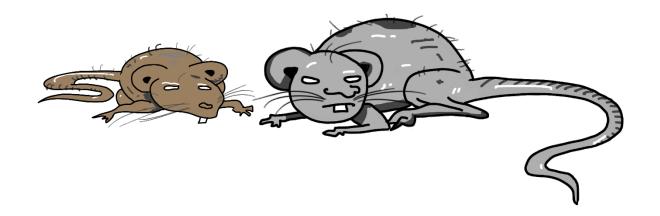
A repurposed McDonald's becomes APAC's new office.



Our protagonist, Alex Mendes, the Quality Manager of Mundrum Machining Corp.

Some details you may have missed in 2022:

- We learn why Ray freak out whenever he hears the term "poka-yoke," and it's ANCIENT ALIENS.
- I got so bored trying to think of jokes about the perpetually self-owning ISO 9000 Conference, I literally interrupted my own strip to stop myself from going further.
- Apparently, the reason you have never seen an angry Dutchman is because NO ONE HAS EVER FUCKING SURVIVED THE ENCOUNTER!
- Mundrum machinist Ted Baxter's t-shirt is a Firefly reference, because he's a Big Damn Hero.
- The TC 176 Ivory Tower is still broken in half after Paul Simpson's shenanigans in the prior year, and is being held together rather precariously.





Some Ray "variants"



Battlesbeeus Erectus

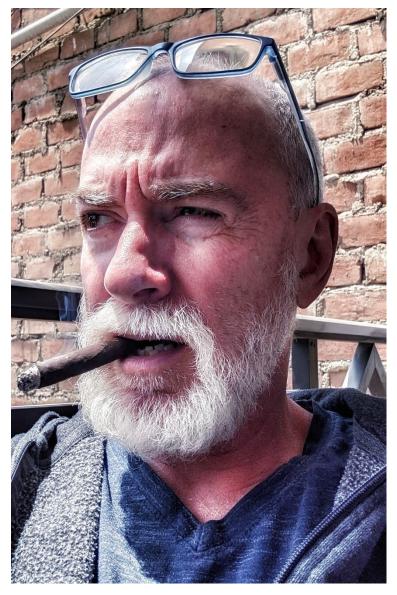
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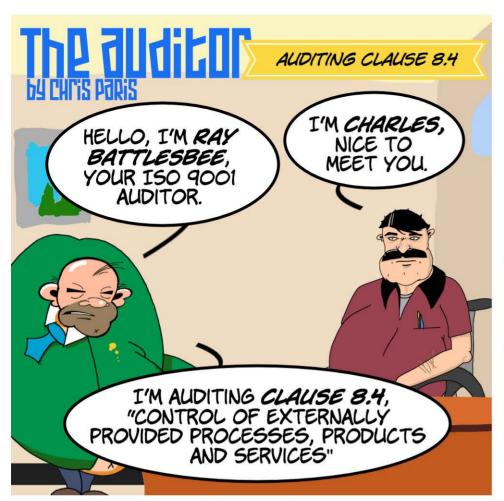
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Paris lives in Lima Peru with his Jack Russell Terrier, Maui, and some humans whose names he never remembers.

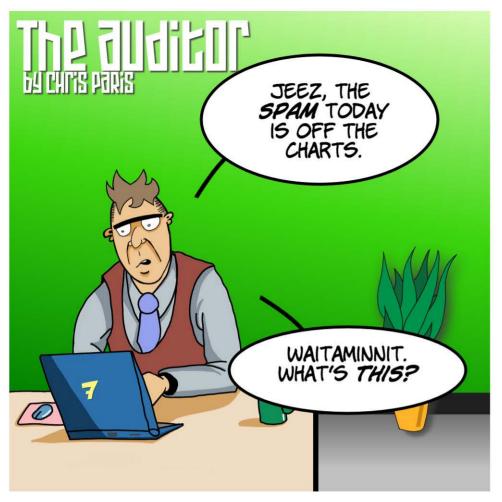






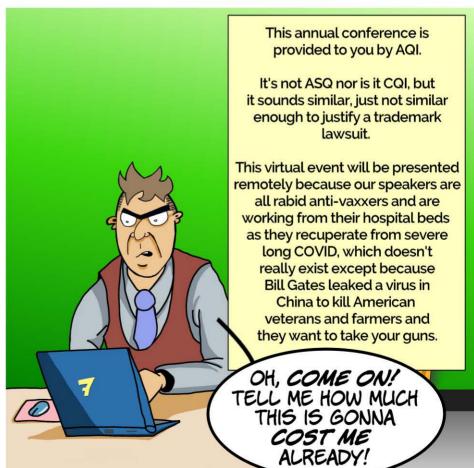


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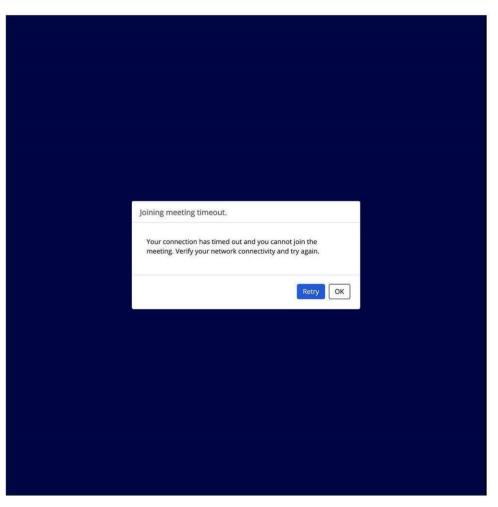




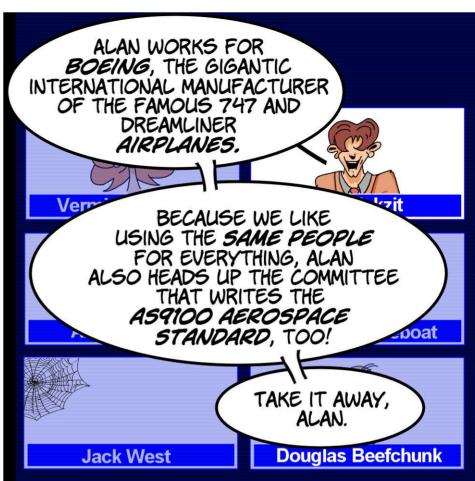


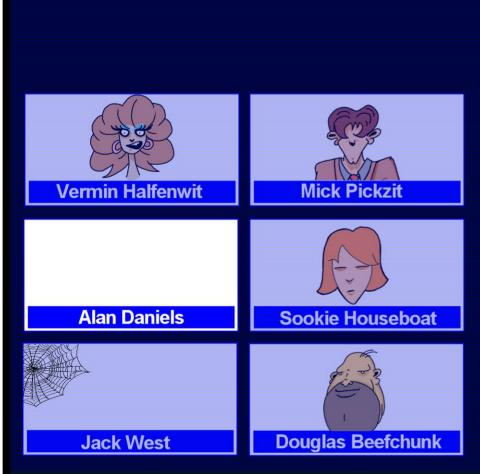


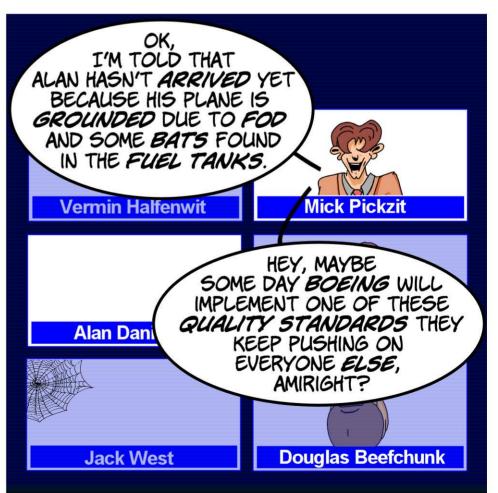


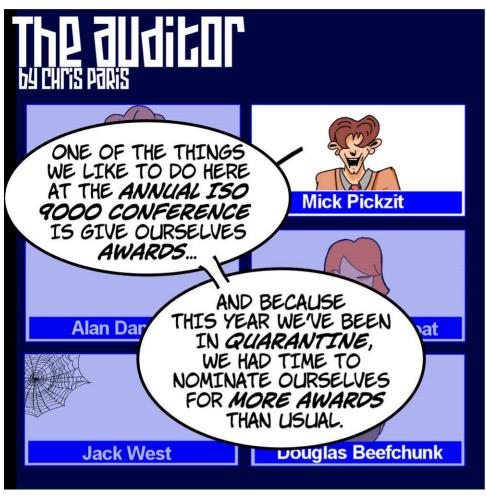


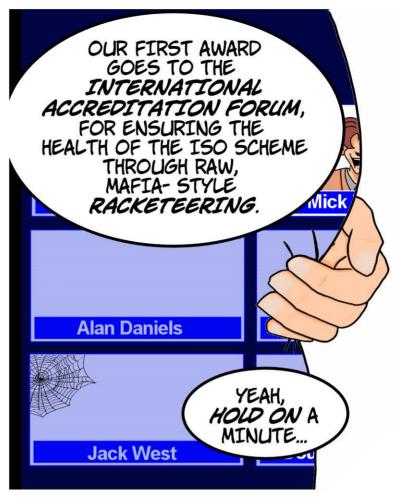


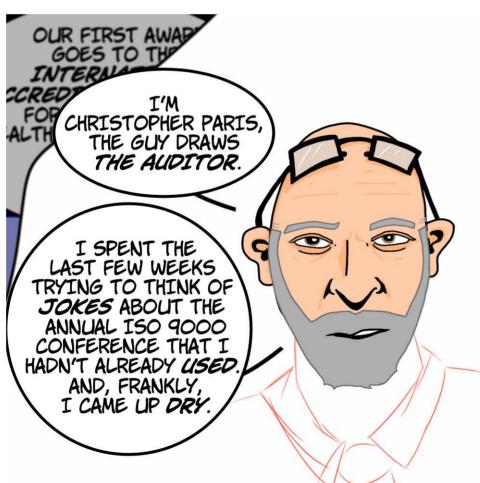


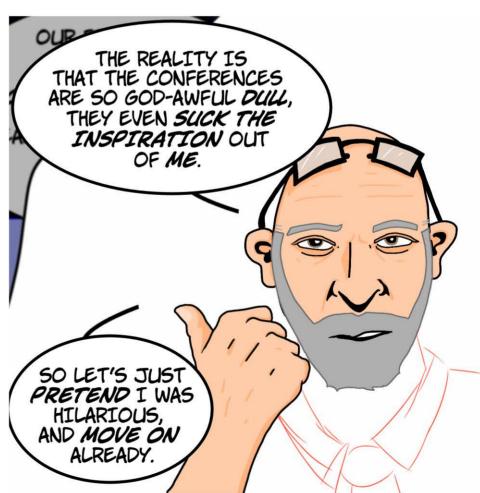


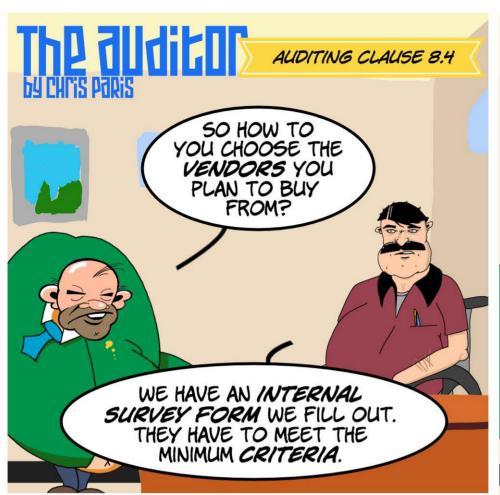






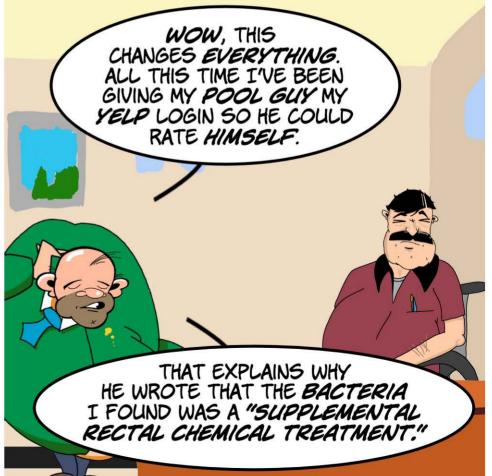












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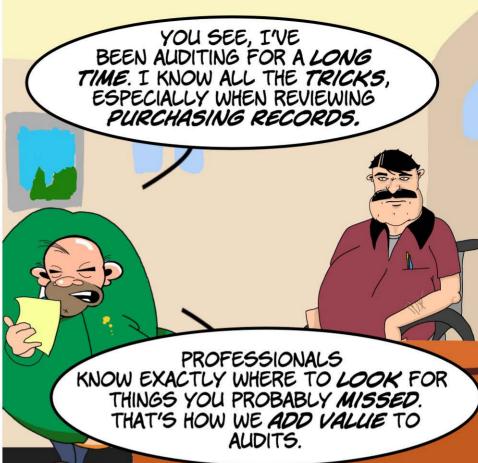


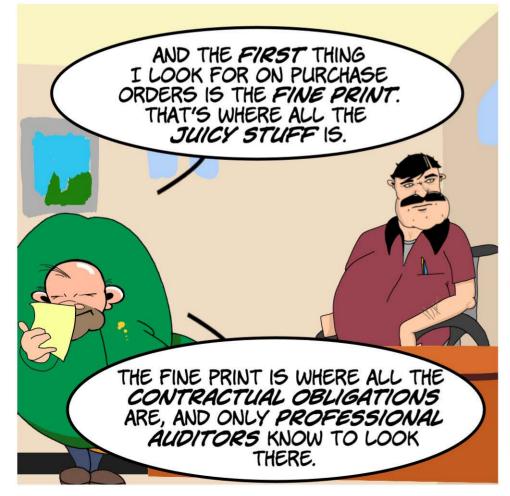








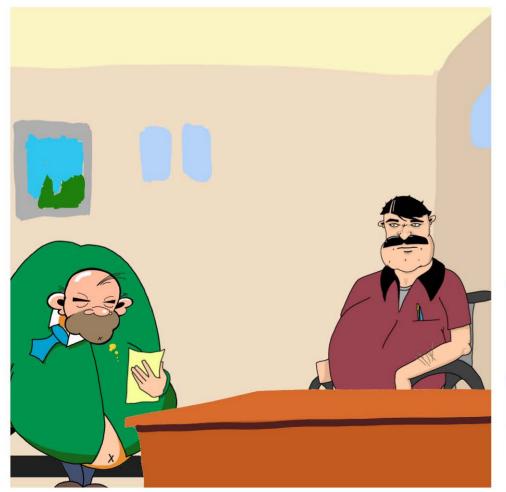








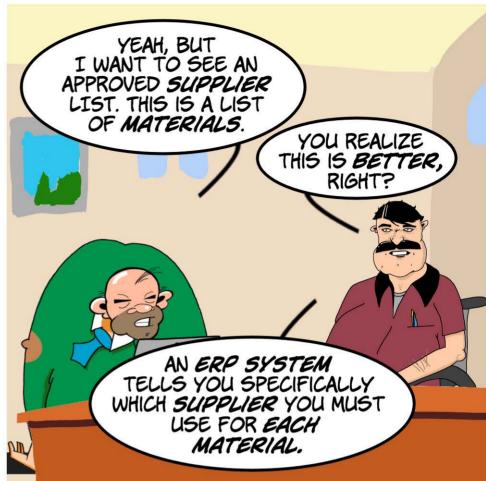






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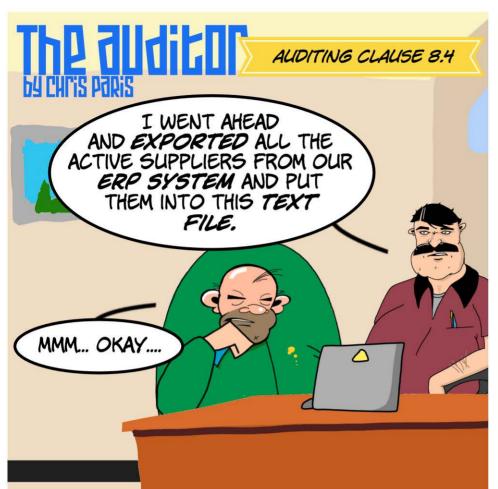








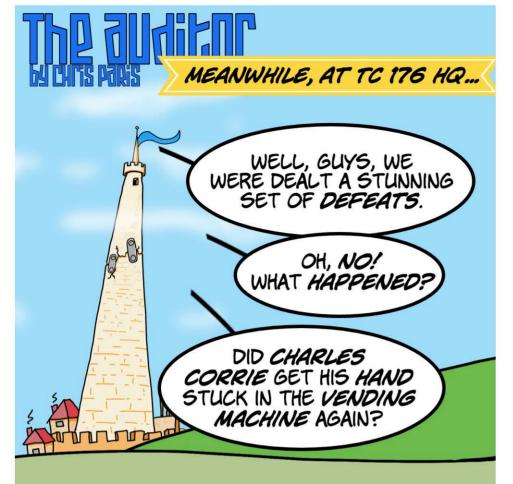
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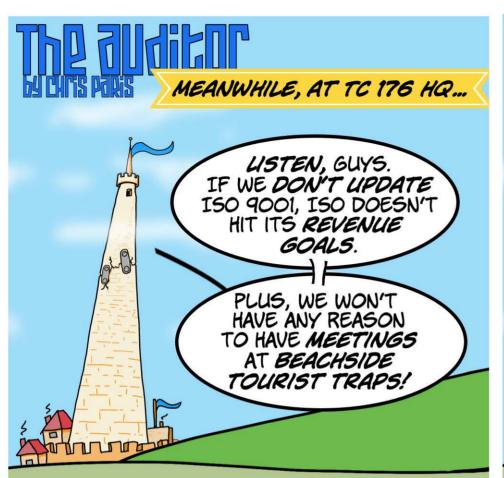








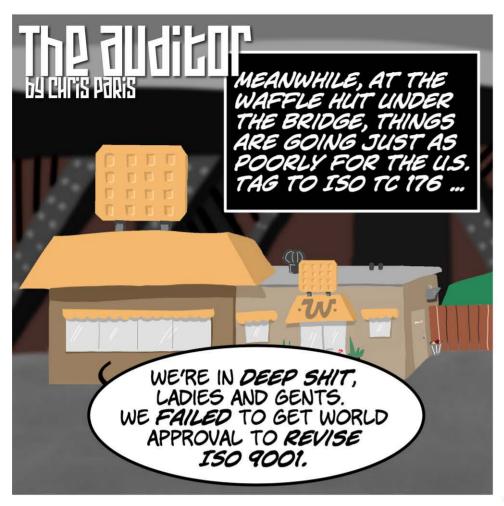






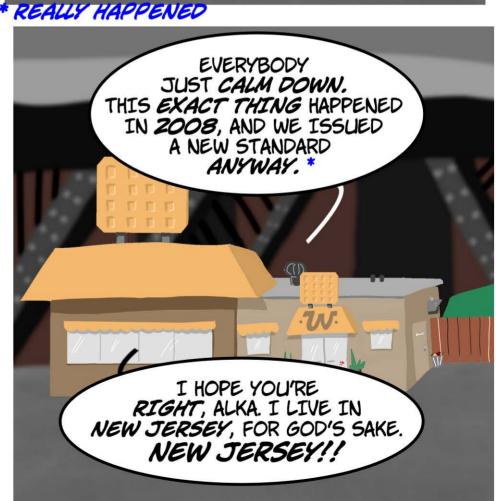




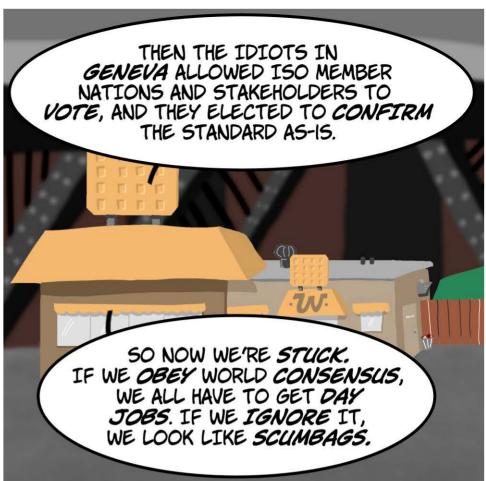












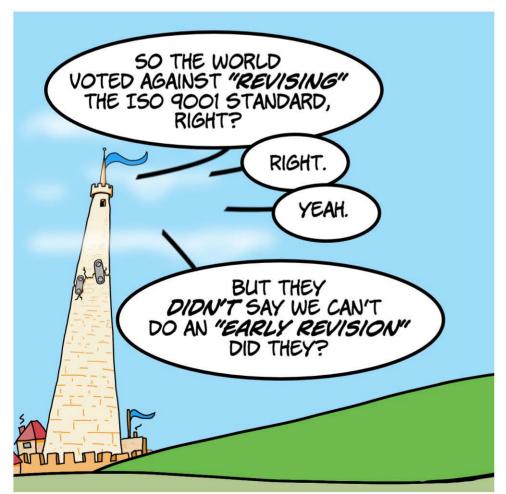




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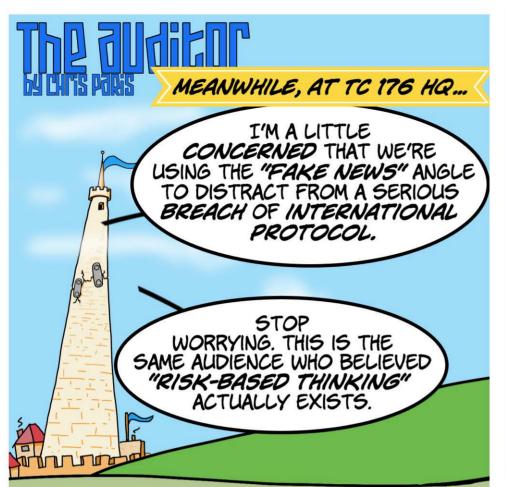








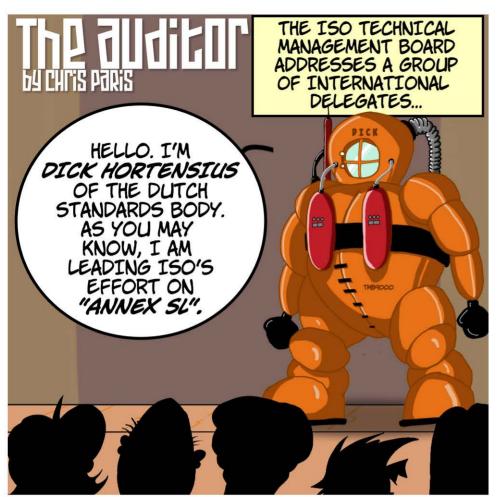


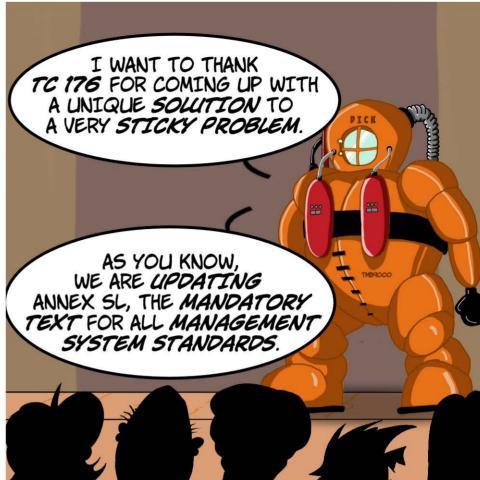


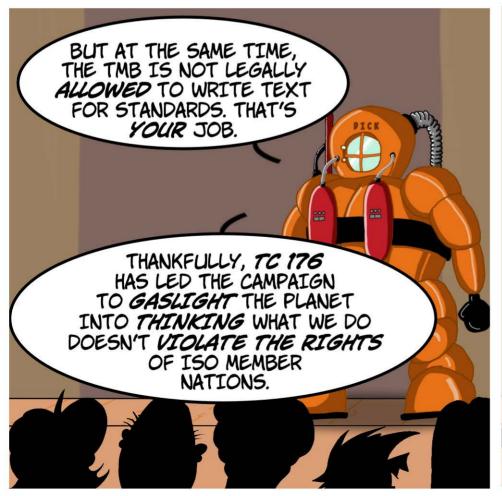


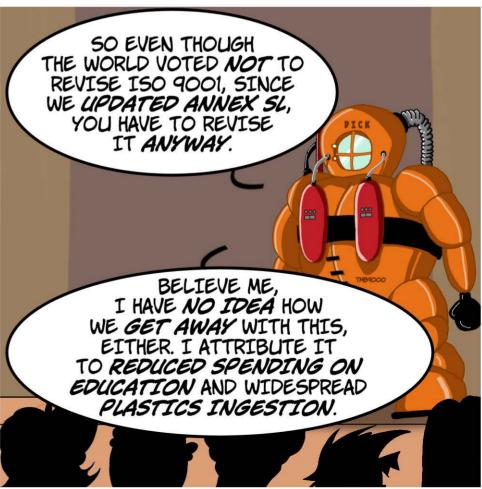


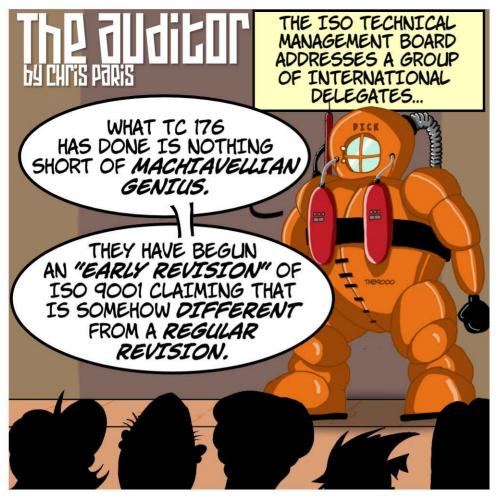


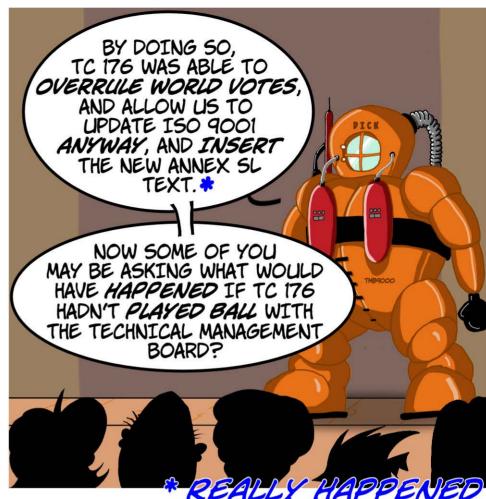


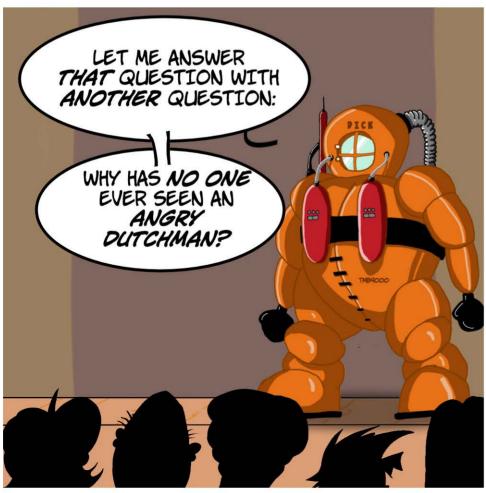


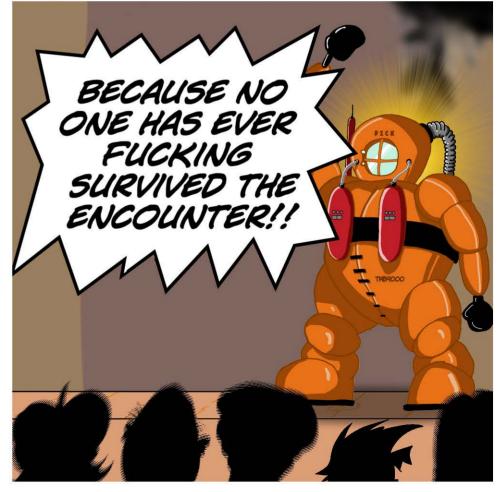












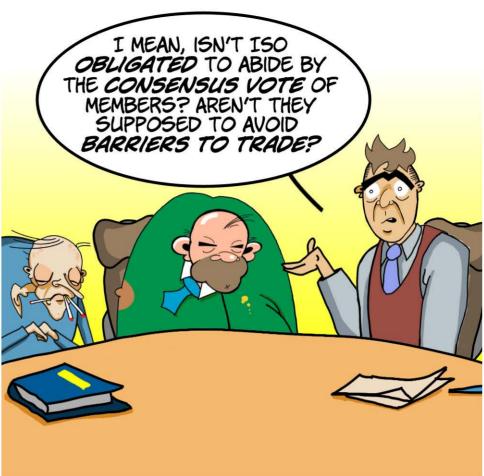




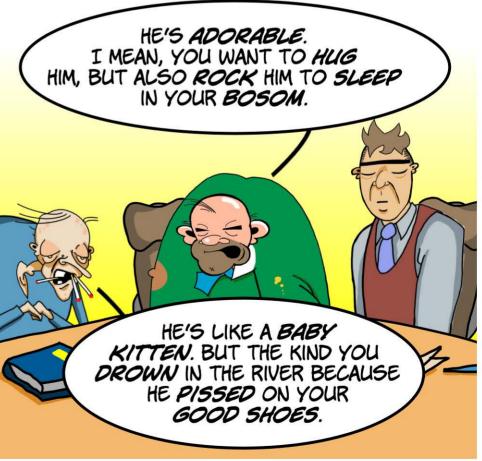












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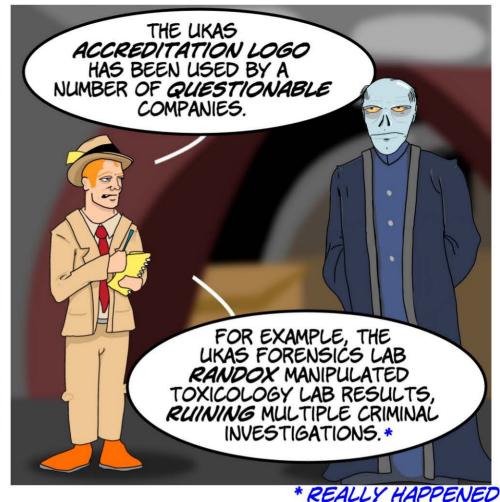


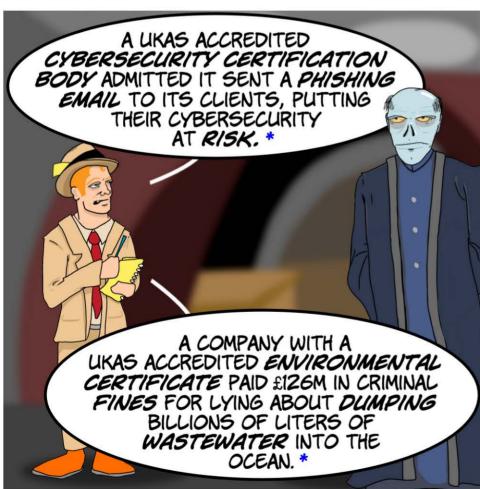


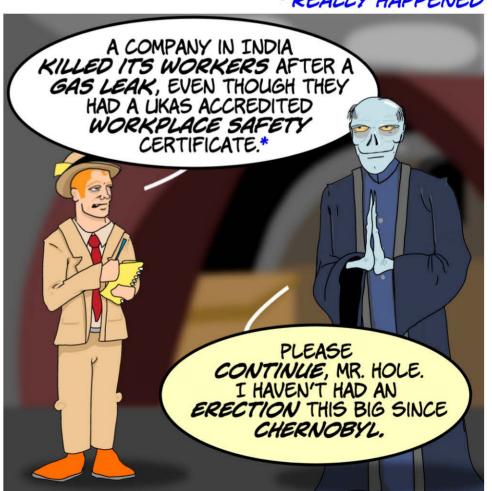




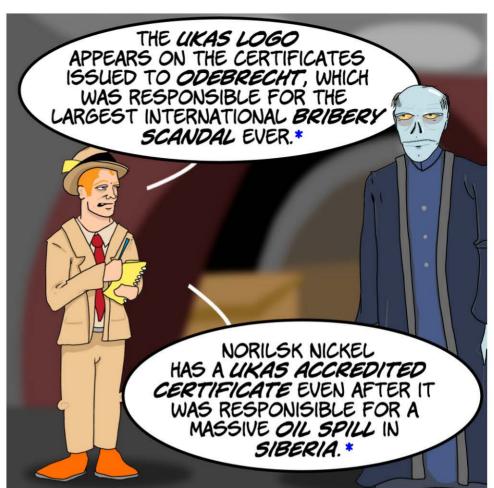




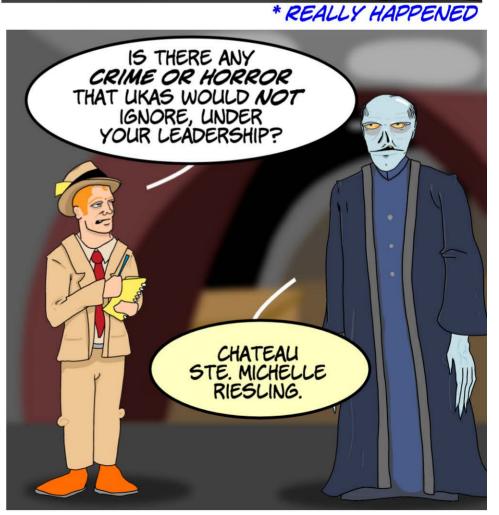


















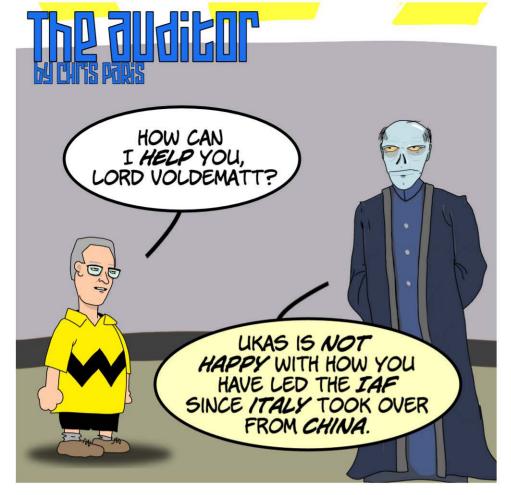






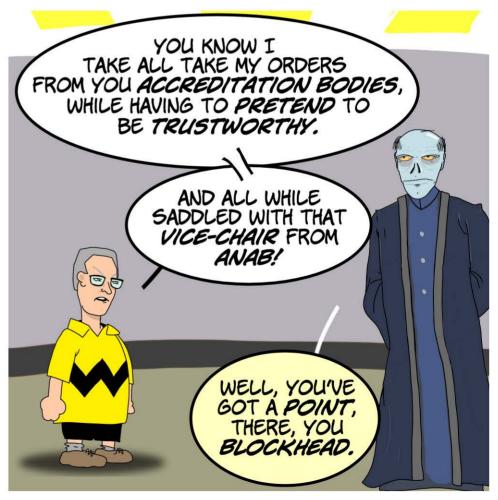








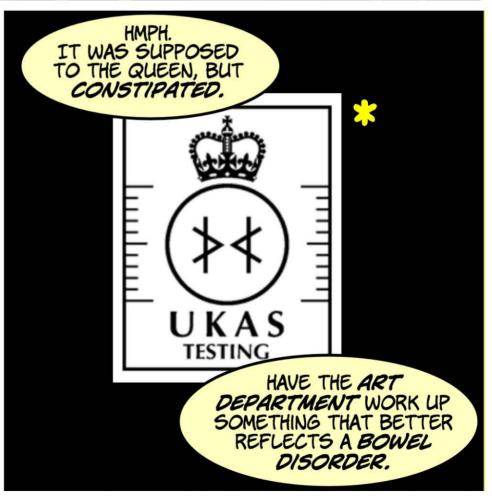










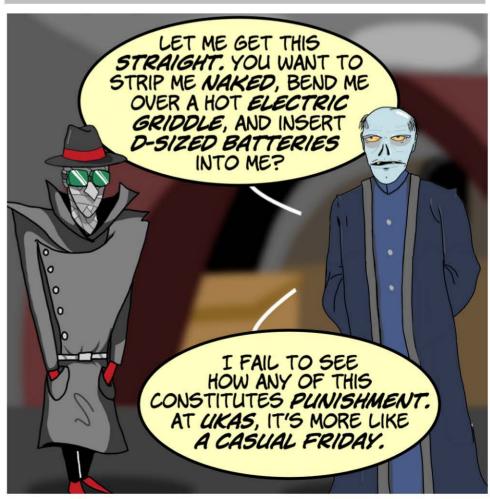


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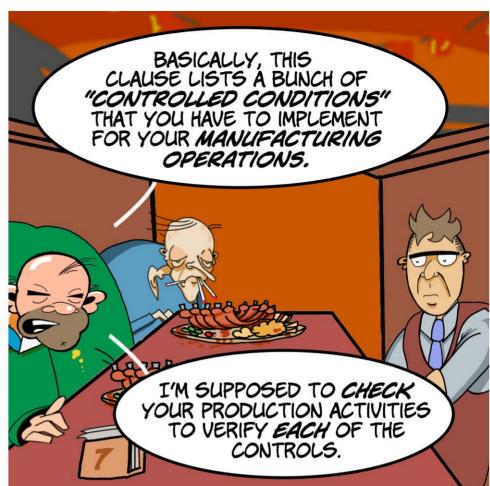
















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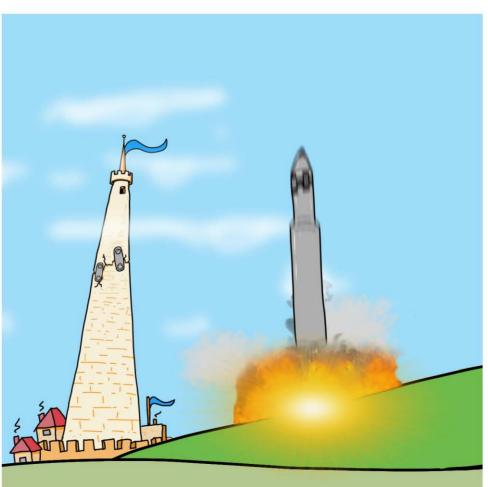


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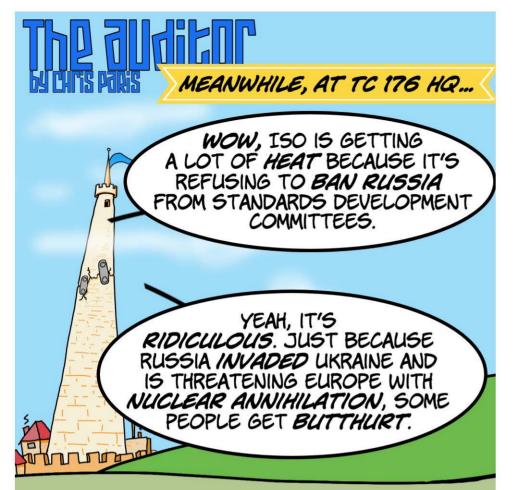




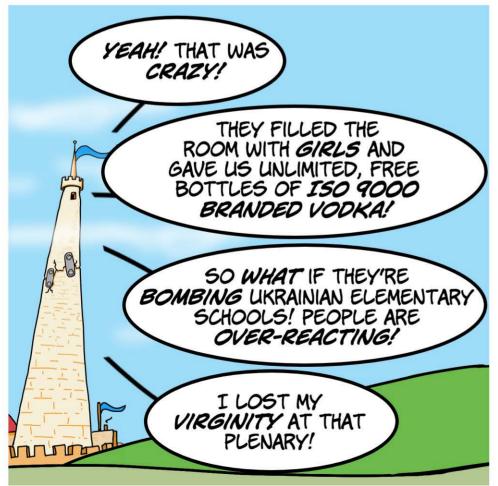


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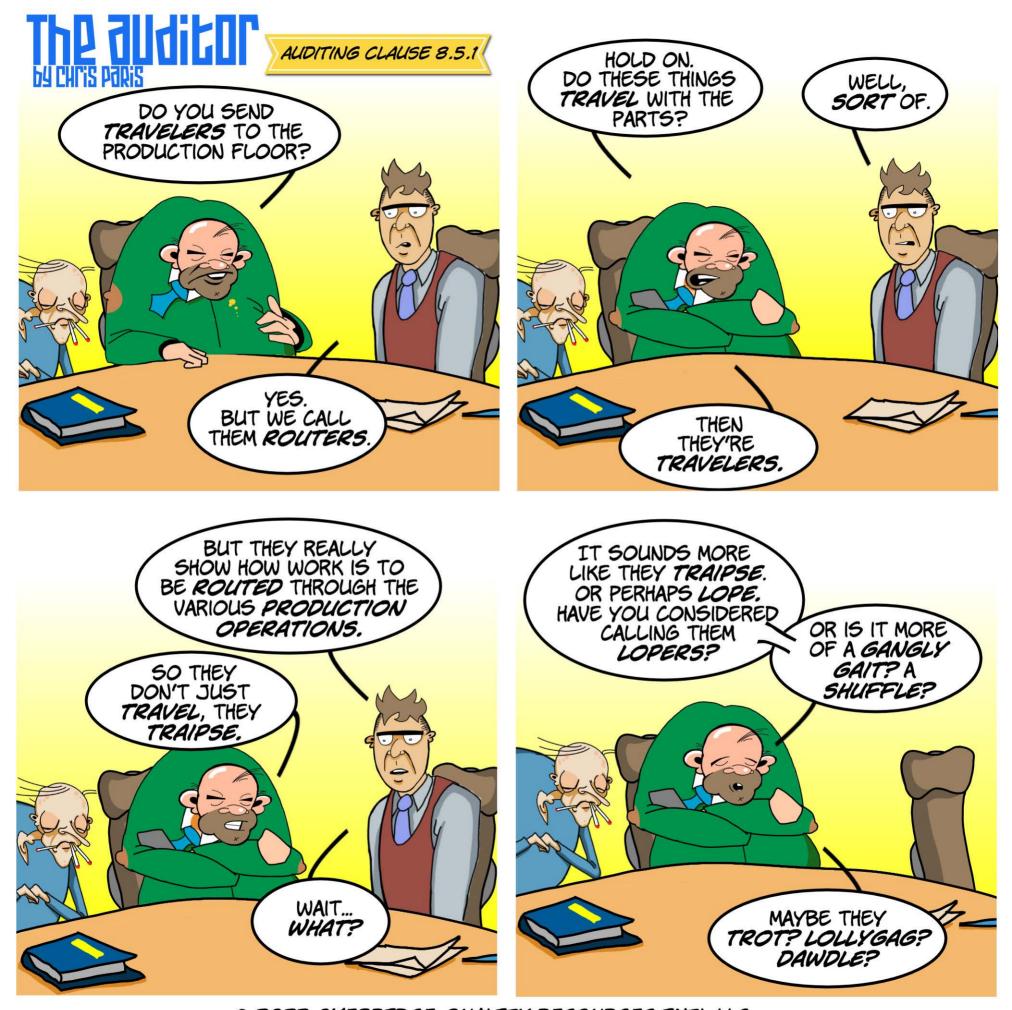






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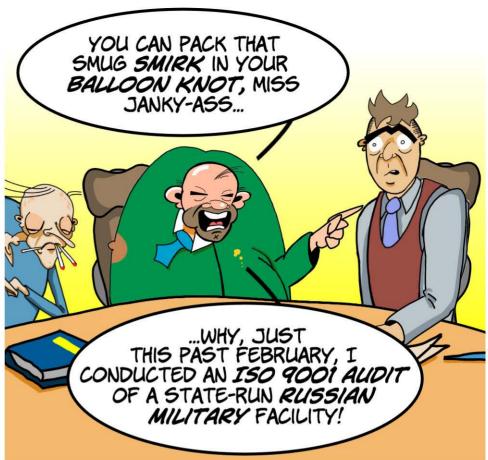


















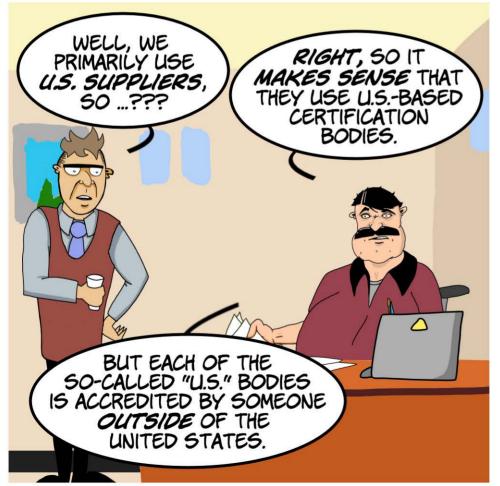












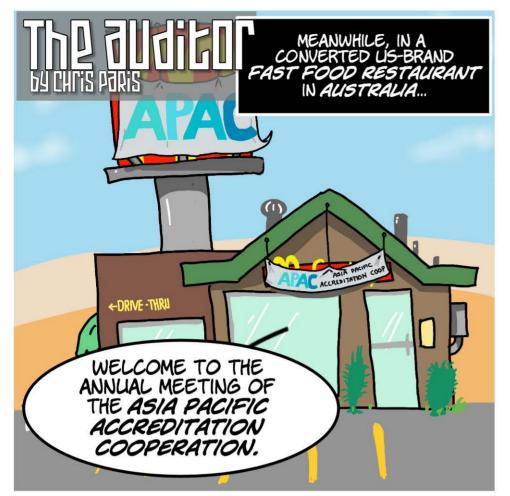






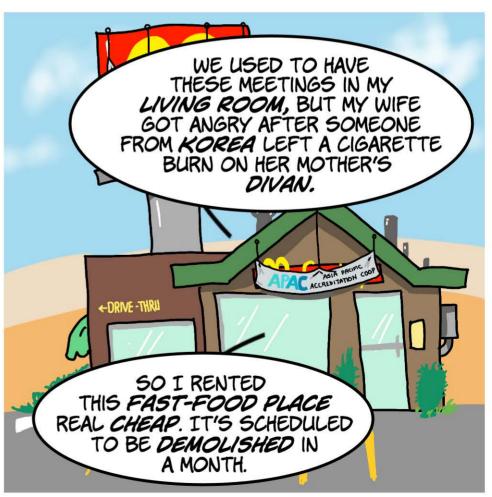


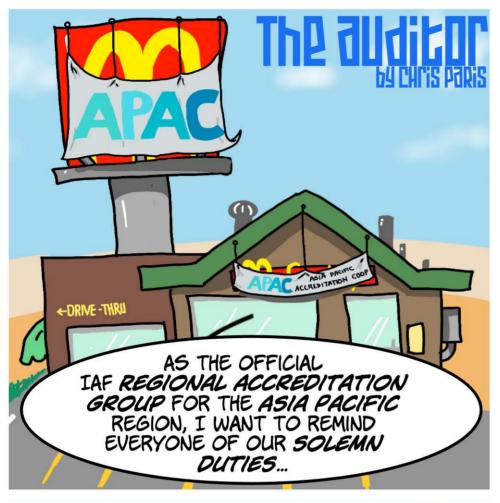


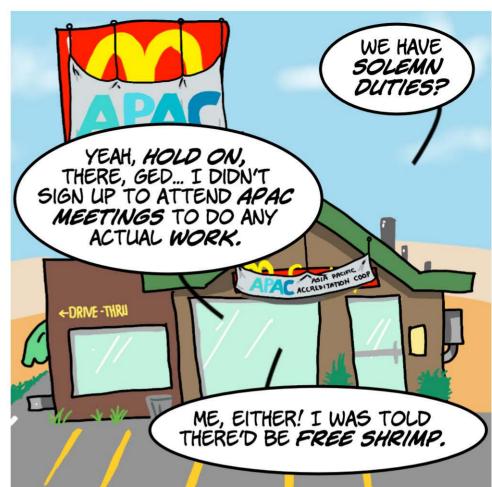














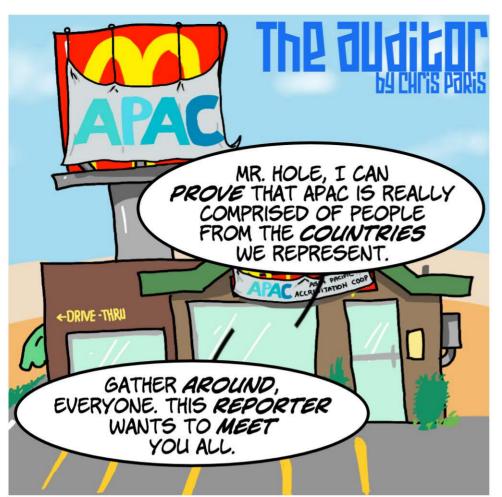






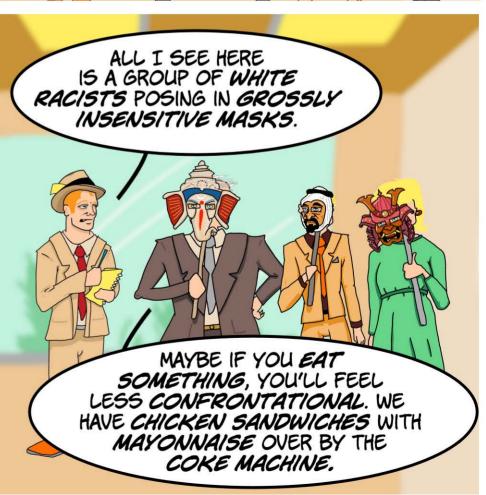




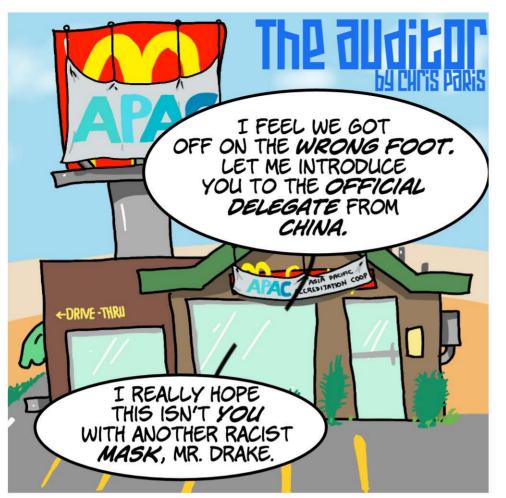






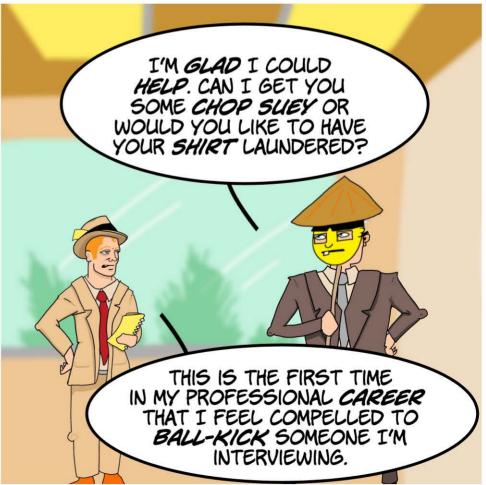


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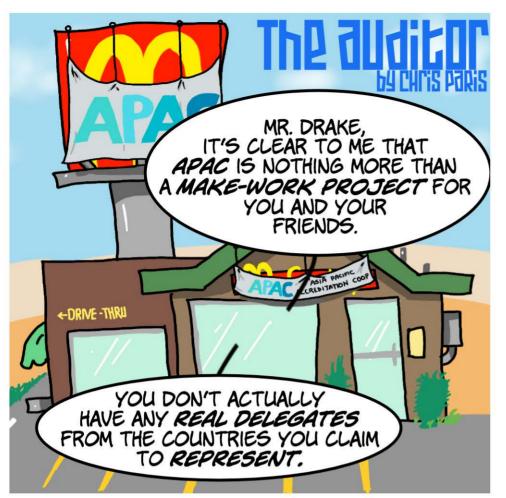








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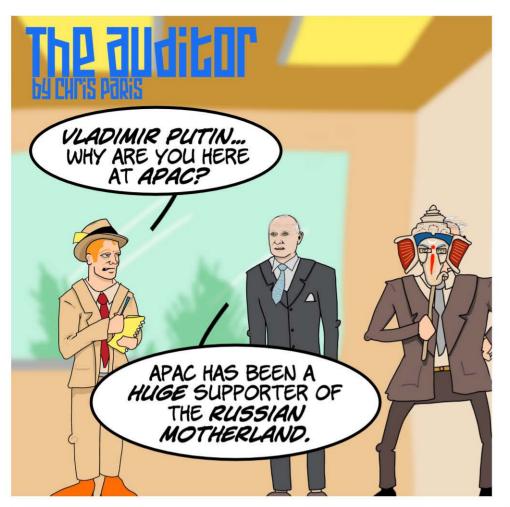


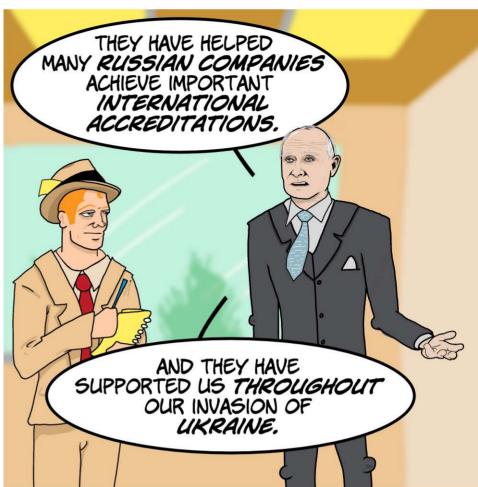






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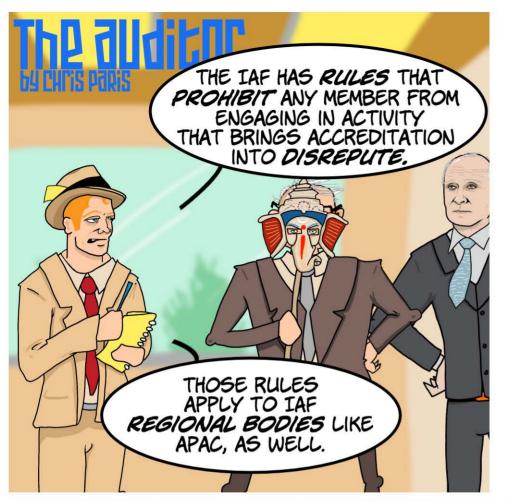
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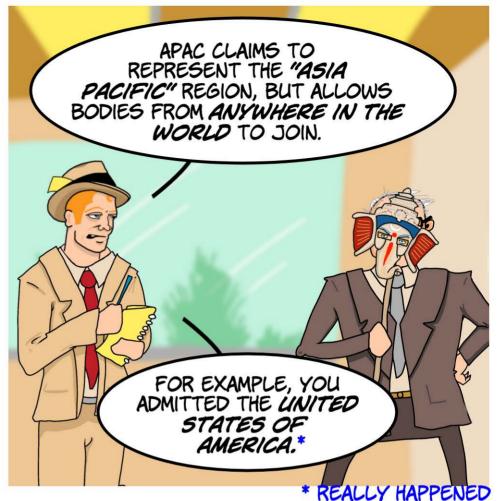






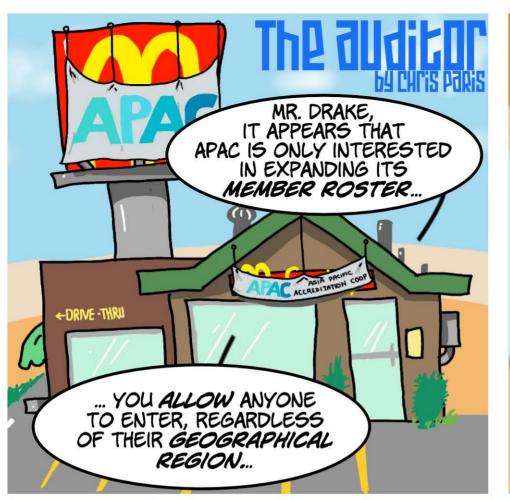




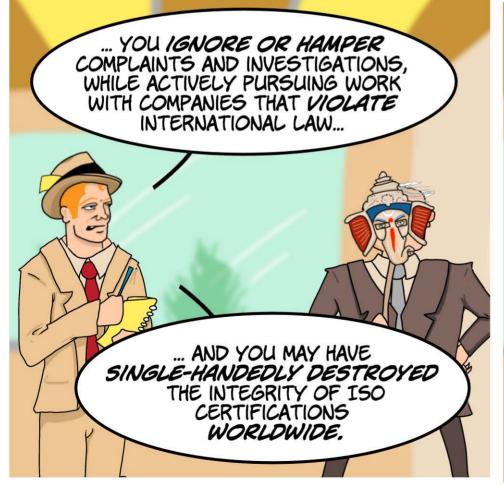








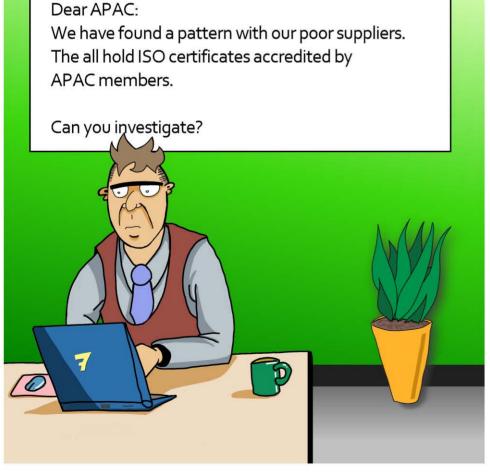






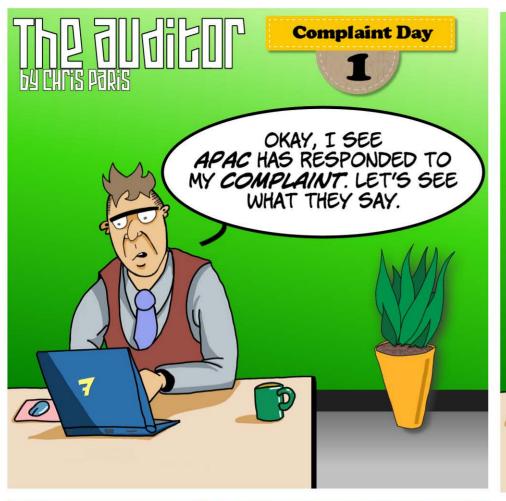








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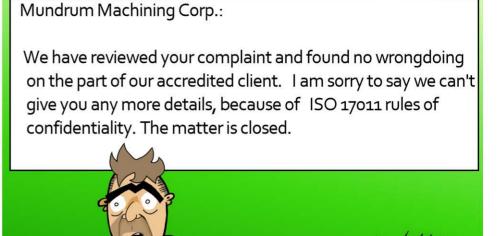
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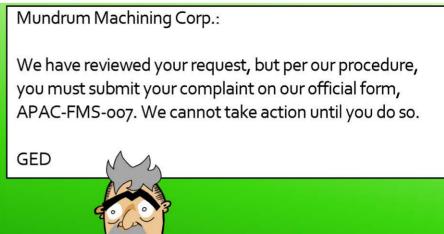
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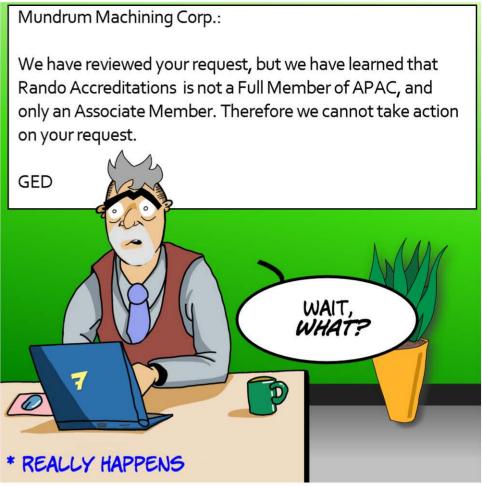
Dear APAC:

*REALLY HAPPENS

Attached please find your formal Complaint Form. The matter is now over 200 days old, so I request you please expedite it.

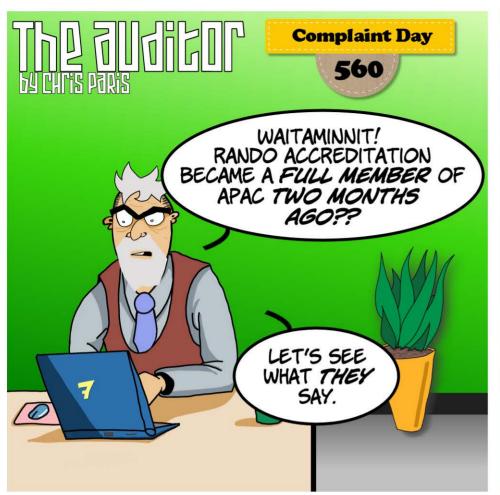














Previously you said you could not take action against Rando Accreditations because they were not a Full Member. I see that they are now listed as a Full Member, and so I request that my complaint be re-opened.













Dear APAC:

* REALLY HAPPENS

I'm afraid that Rando Accreditations <u>IS</u> issuing accreditations for management system certification bodies. Please review your records to confirm.





Mundrum Machining Corp.:

We have now confirmed that Rando Accreditations is an accreditation body for management system certification bodies, but APAC is declining to take action based on our procedure APAC-MS-oo5 on "Vexatious Behaviour." *



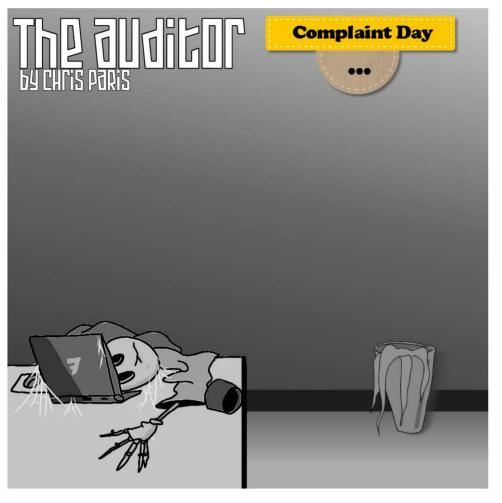
Because this complaint has now been in our system for nearly three years, and because you are unwilling to accept the outcome, we deem you a "vexatious complainant."

We have closed this matter without action.

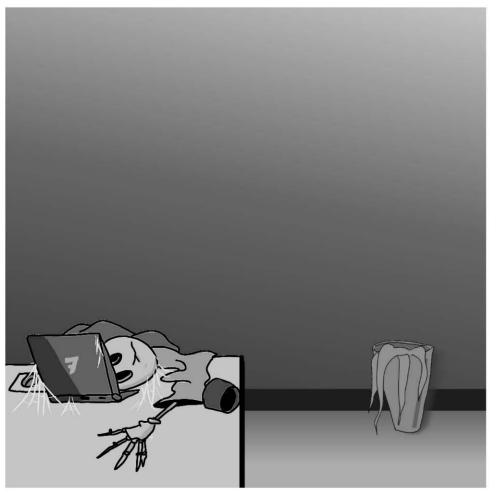
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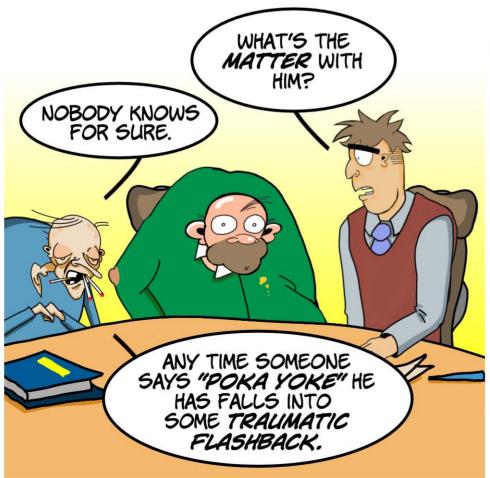


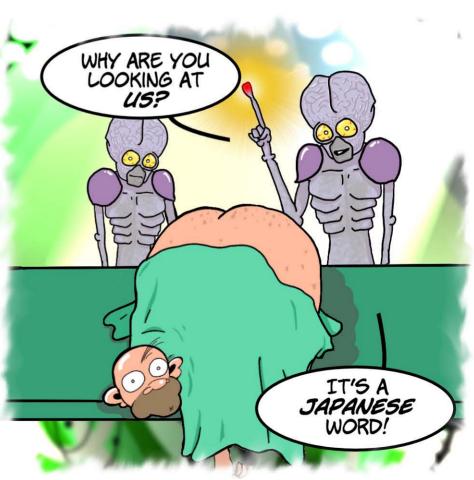


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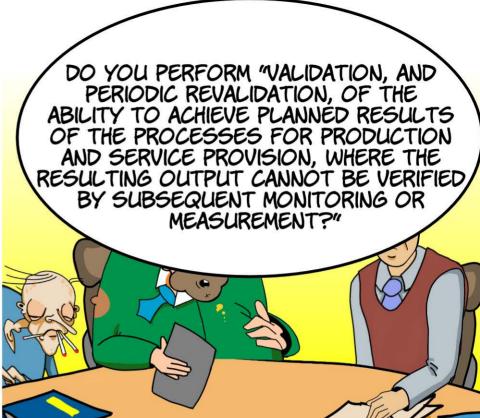
























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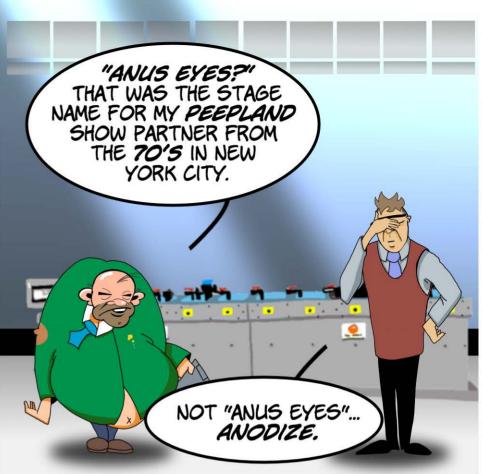






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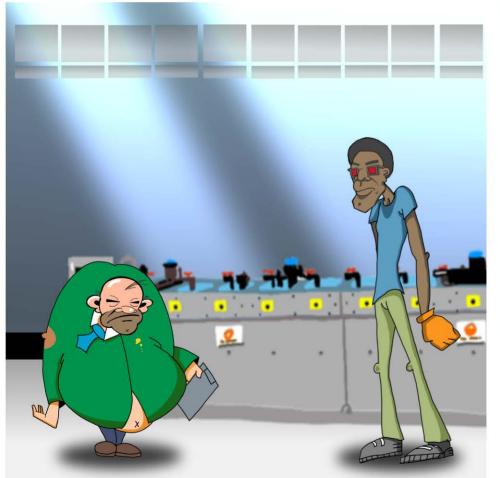




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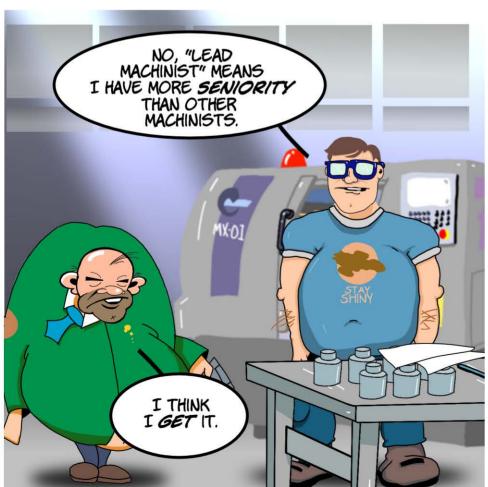




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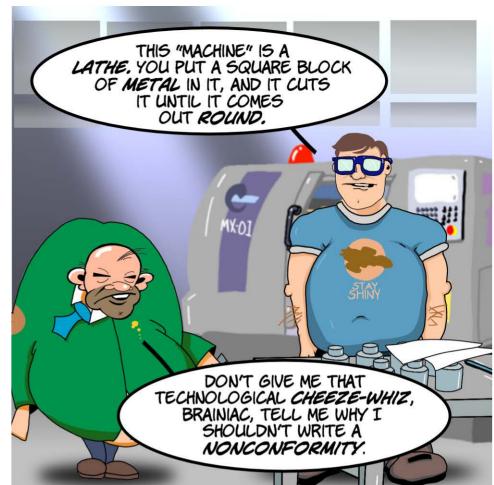






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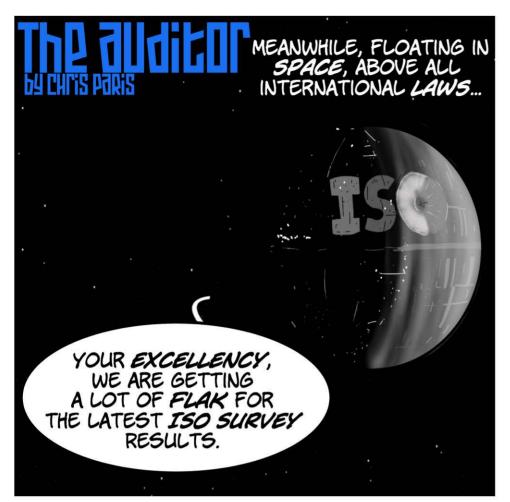
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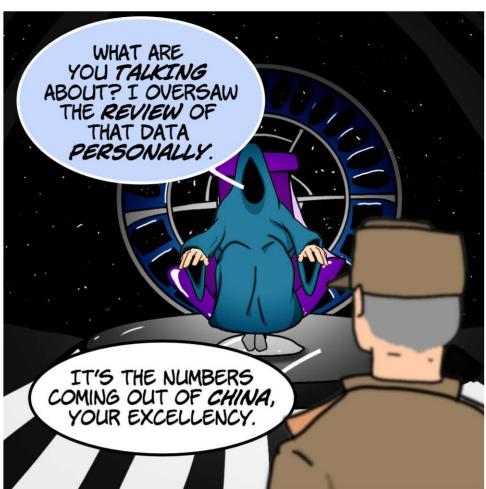


.... IF YOU'RE IMPRESSED, THAT'S NORMAL. I LIKE TO ADD VALUE DURING MY AUDITS. * MX-01

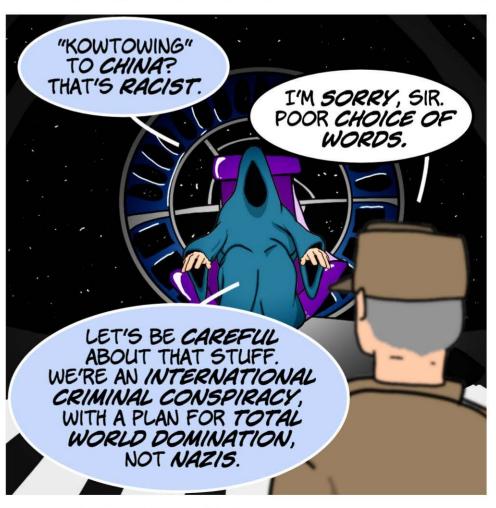
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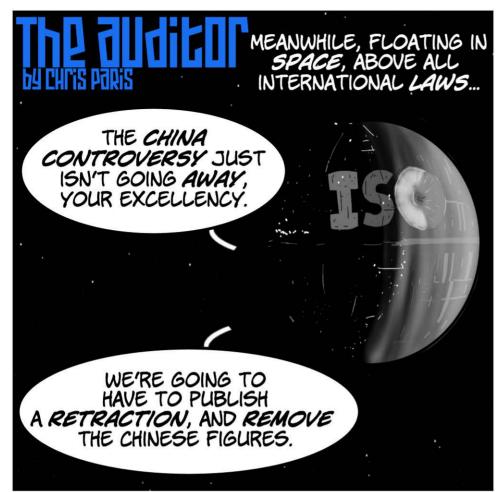
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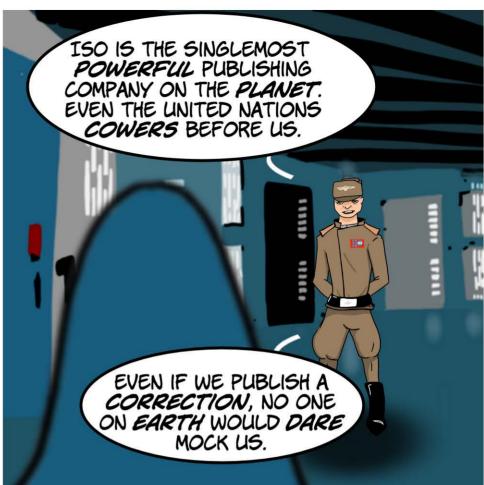




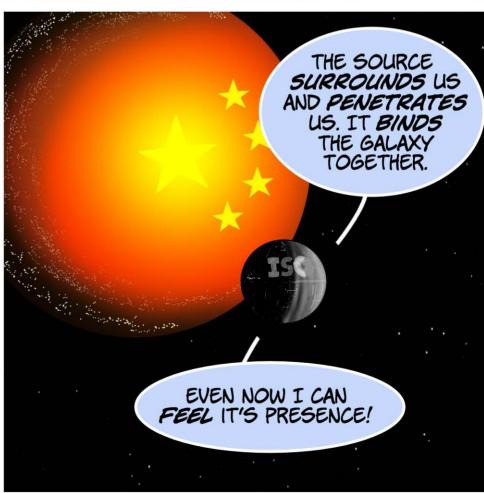


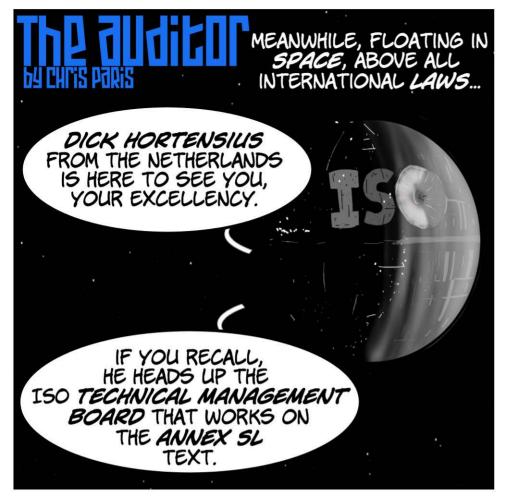






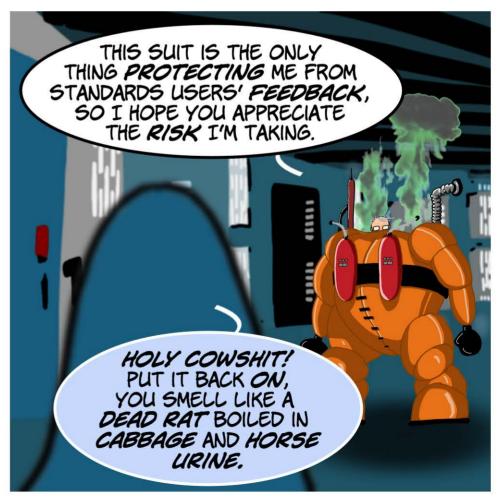






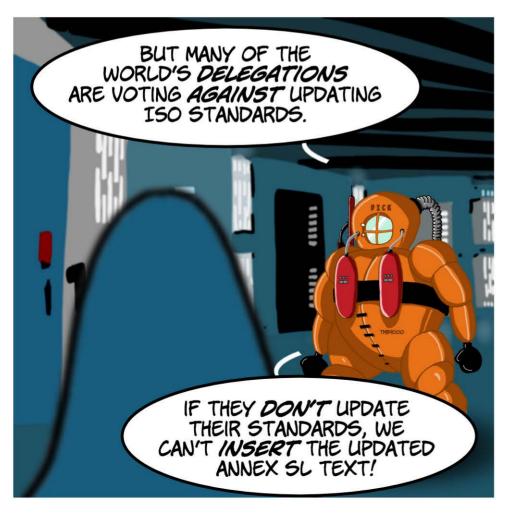










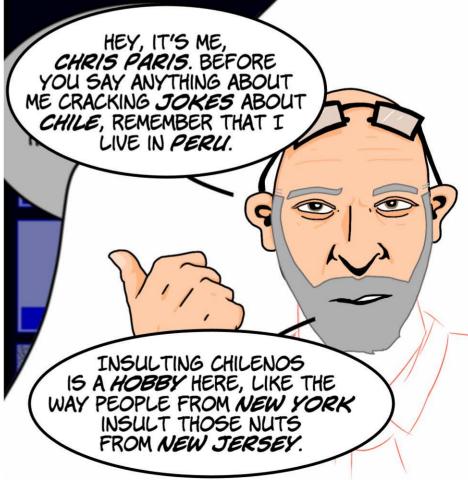






















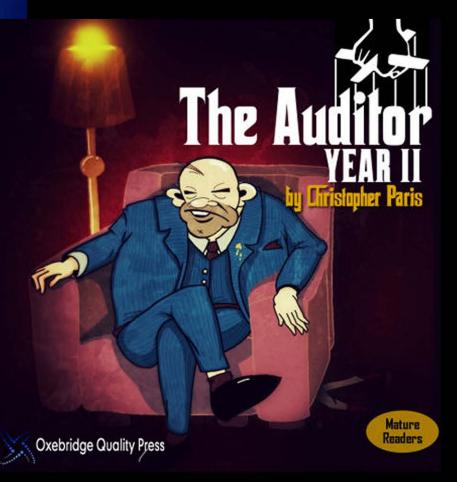
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