

# spit into the wind

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To do something totally pointless, fruitless, or futile; to waste one's time doing something that will not or cannot come to pass. To be perfectly honest, I feel like voting is just spitting in the wind, so I don't even bother. My mom and dad spent years spitting in the wind trying to get my brother to take his studies seriously; in the end, he dropped out anyway to pursue a career in music.

See also: spit, wind

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a futile or pointless activity.

1996 Daily Telegraph Both the Church report and the atheist professor are spitting in the wind, of course, because the incoming tide of superstition has a long way to rise yet.

See also: spit, wind

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See also:

- a whole different animal
- a whole different ball of wax
- a whole different beast
- (something) to go on
- a cancer on (something)
- a fast talker
- (I) wouldn't (do something) if I were you
- a/the feel of (something)
- a straw will show which way the wind blows
- a casualty of (something)

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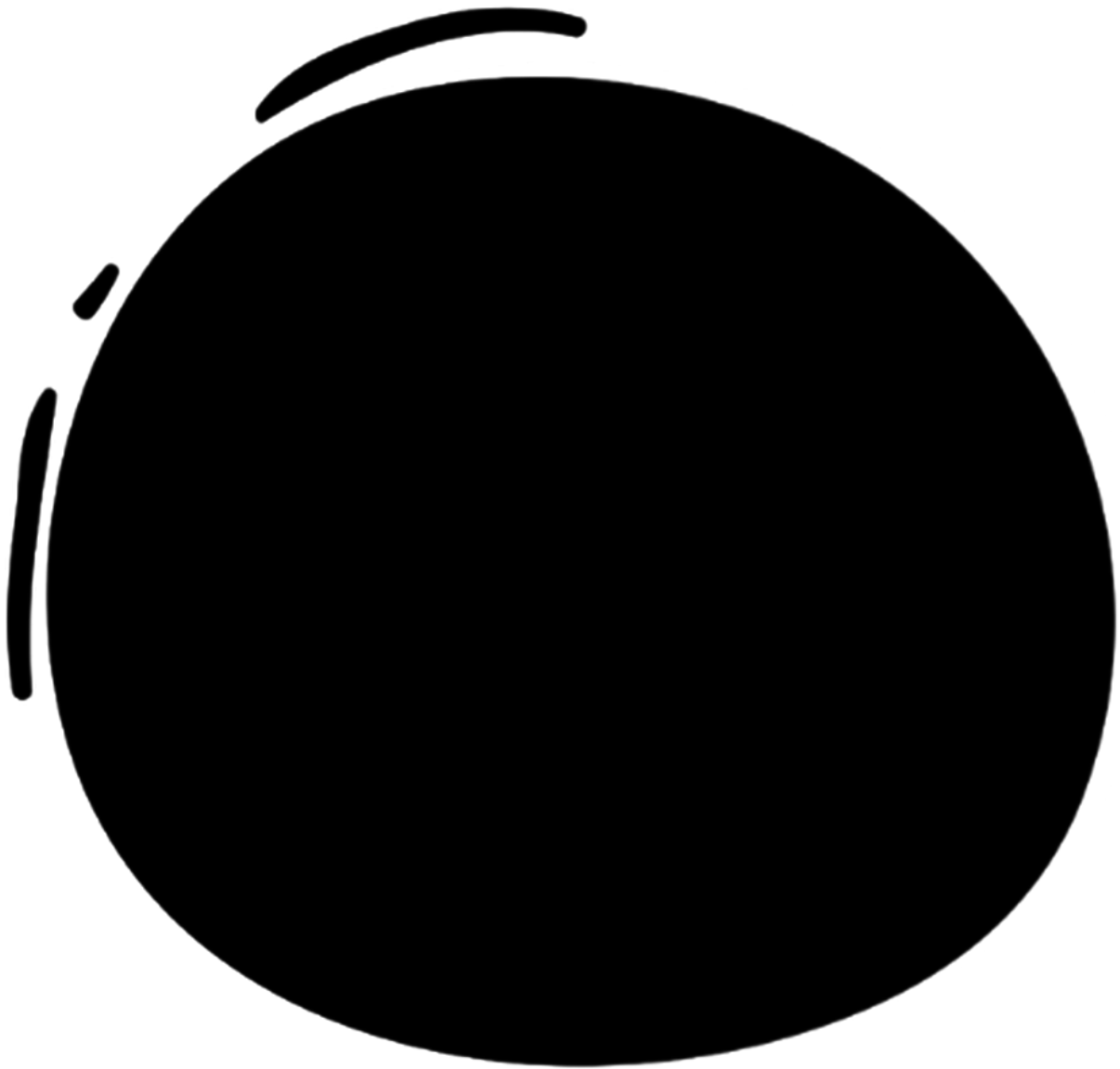
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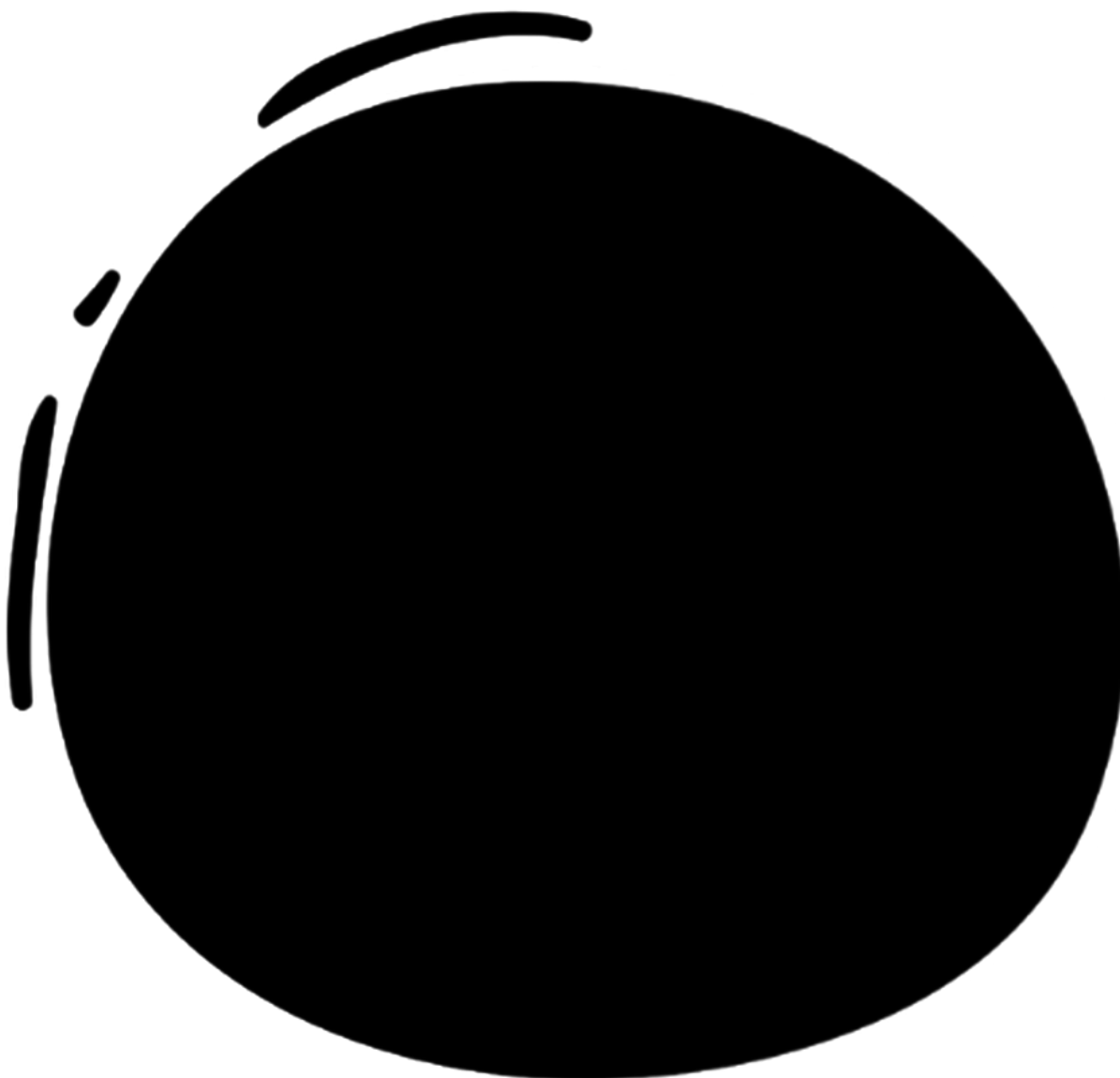
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## Don't Spit into the Wind

I've probably listened to it a least a hundred times...

"You don't tug on Superman's cape.

You don't spit into the wind.

You don't pull the mask off that old Lone Ranger.

And you don't mess around with Jim."

Jim Croce's lyrics to "You Don't Mess Around With Jim" remind us there's some things we just don't do because we get something back just as bad or worse! It's automatic. It's going to happen. So just don't do it! Have you pondered or worse yet, experienced, spitting into the wind? Disgusting! "What goes around comes around." "When you point at someone, three fingers are pointing back at you!"

Reciprocal means "given, felt, or done in return. Jesus gives us four actions which bring reciprocal actions.

Jesus said, "Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you." (Luke 6:37-38 ESV)

The first two are negative and the other two are positive: If we don't judge people, we won't be judged. If we don't condemn people, we won't be condemned. If we forgive people, we will be forgiven. If we give, it will be given back with the same measure we used.

Our actions have automatic consequences built-in by God. It is how He made us! We can count on it. This is obvious when we stop to think about it! But the evil one's greatest power is deception. We all live with some degree of self-deception that somehow our actions don't have reciprocal reactions.

It is easy to judge someone else for their obvious blind spot, but we need to judge ourselves first. If we are condemning in our attitudes and actions, then it's like spitting into the wind, it will come back to greet us rudely. But if we're forgiving and giving, then it will return to us with God's great blessings forgiveness and generosity.

Our Father, forgive us for our judging and condemning. Please heal us of the reciprocal consequences we've brought on ourselves. We commit today to give and forgive, generously. Thank-you that You will forgive and give generously back to us.

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Jim Croce must never have been big at Toyota, so just to remind everyone of the great refrain:

"Don't tug on Superman's cape  
You don't spit into the wind  
You don't pull the mask off the old Lone Ranger  
And you don't mess around with Jim."

Now Jim could be replaced with NHTSA, or any number of State Attorney Generals, or the US Congress, but one thing is for sure: Toyota is at the beginning of a long journey they decided to lengthen.

Perhaps it was 8 years of a Republican very pro-business administration or an agency not noted for the regulatory zeal of its sister agencies (e.g., EPA, IRS), but I know of few corporations that apparently have worked as hard as Toyota to embarrass a regulatory agency. If the news reports are accurate, Toyota flaunted in internal emails their success in saving \$100 million by avoiding a big recall in 2007 over unintended acceleration (see Ken Thomas at the Huffington Post). Best to keep such chest puffing to oneself or to those in attendance at a meeting, NEVER emails.

The US has 50 governors-in-waiting -- they are called Attorney Generals.

One of the little noticed results of the tobacco litigation is that the 50 Attorney Generals learned how to coordinate and pull resources. The AGs are probably holding back because the Toyota affair is muddied by many of the more recent, potentially questionable public claims of problems (e.g. the Prius and the California Highway Patrol) and a fear of lost jobs. Once again Toyota is making life easy (easy for AGs; hard for Toyota). The op-ed by Bob Herbert in the NYT laid out a very good case for anger at Toyota in closing a major facility in California. Losing a plant in a state takes the cuffs off an energetic AG.

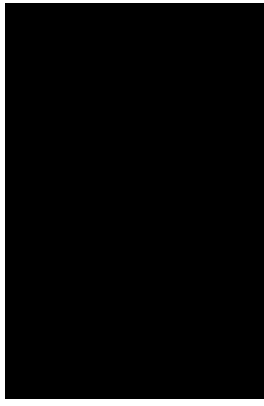
In another world and time, hell brought no greater fury than an angry Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich -- his wrath is legendary. But a quick read of the news on the exchange between Rep. Dingell (no longer head of the Committee) and Jim Lentz, president and chief operating officer of Toyota's U.S. operations, pretty much shows Toyota did not come to the table prepared to answer very basic questions (e.g. "Please tell me the date that Toyota first heard of incidents of sudden acceleration in its vehicles"). But why just talk about Rep. Dingell, the new Committee Chair is Rep. Henry Waxman, D-CA -- remember the California plant Toyota is closing?

I note for all readers that none of the above discusses whether there really is a problem. As all Washingtonians know -- it's not the crime, but the cover-up that makes something exciting. So I remind those people at Toyota, who may not be familiar with Jim Croce, of a Japanese Proverb: You don't have to die -- Heaven and Hell are in this world, too.

## Don't Spit In The Wind: First Creator-Owned Comic From Mad Cave Studios Coming In 2023

Mad Cave Studios is proud to announce it's first creator-owned comic, Don't Spit In The Wind, the forthcoming Dystopian/Sci-fi four-issue series written and illustrated by Bram Stoker Award Winner Stefano Cardoselli (Heavy Metal, Caffeinated Hearts) and colors and letters by Dan Lee (Gifford the Clown, Choo-Bots); cover B by Zach Howard and Nelson Dániel.

Follow Travis and the Atomic Bros Inc. cleaning crew as they work to clean up humanity's final act—and get to the bottom of their crew's mysterious disappearances!



In the distant future, humanity has escaped the shell of what was once a lush, beautiful Earth, that has instead been left a dumping ground full of trash, smog, and pollution.

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"Every comic story I write and draw is always an immersive experience," said Cardoselli. "Like going to the bottom of the sea without oxygen coils, fun and challenging at the same time."

"Working with Stefano on Don't Spit In The Wind, was a no-brainer. His creative energy and speed is very infectious and I enjoy the challenge of trying to keep up with him," said Lee. "I really hope the characters, world and themes of this story hits readers the same way it did me when I first read the pitch. It can be enjoyed as a fun sci-fi romp, or a grizzly premonition of the planet's future. Either way, it has been a pure joy to try and make the trash-filled world Stefano has created look as beautiful as possible."

Don't Spit In The Wind, is currently available on the Mad Cave Studios website for pre-order, and will be available in comic shops and digitally March 29, 2023.