

Isn't it magnificent?

WE made it.

You made it happen colonel.

Yes ma'am.

Now shut it down.

I'm not willing to risk another incident until we know more.

Collateral damage.

Colonel?

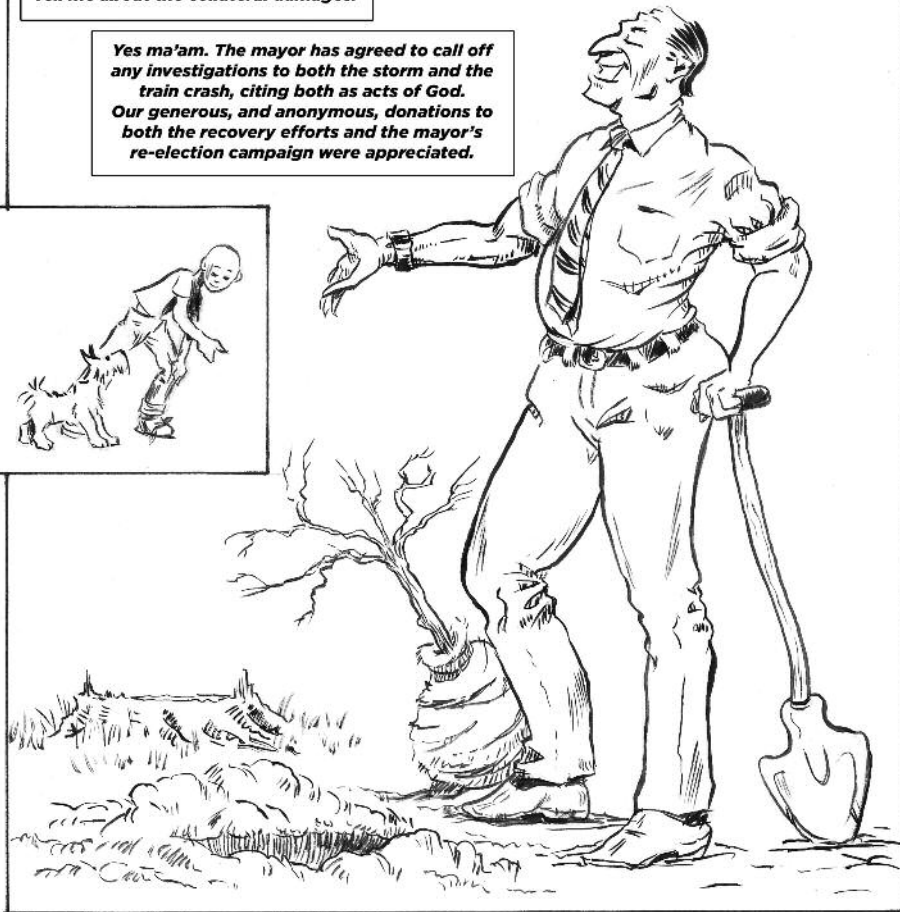
Begging your pardon ma'am, we isolated the cause. The team has 100% confidence we are good to go. Now that the moratorium is lifted we can power up...

Colonel?



Tell me about the collateral damages.

Yes ma'am. The mayor has agreed to call off any investigations to both the storm and the train crash, citing both as acts of God. Our generous, and anonymous, donations to both the recovery efforts and the mayor's re-election campaign were appreciated.



He's a real piece of work. What else?



The little boy still has some lingering symptoms of vertigo. Nothing serious.



He's back home with his father. Their financial situation is unstable at best. His hospital stay was quite a burden. With your permission I thought...

Another anonymous donation?

Yes ma'am. Thank you.



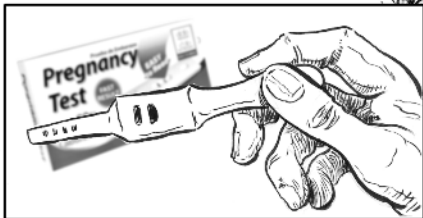
And the girl?

Right now she is out of town staying with her maternal grandfather. Although we haven't had any direct contact due to the isolation of the place, she appears to be making a full recovery. The train incident will go unexplained. We're closing the books on her too.



Colonel we tied up all the loose ends. I can assure you there won't be any more surprises.

None?



No ma'am. I give you my word.

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