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'because when you don't exist you can pretty much say what you like...'

Hi and welcome to my latest blog, and we'll start with some good news of excellent customer service.

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Ok, come clean, I was around Dee's drinking vodka and plotting how to kidnap Olly Murs. That's kinda sociology, right? Anyways, her Dad (Gary M.) comes up to clear away the empties and grunts he'd had a minis order for Mexicans arrive, that was incorrectly completed (website prob, apparently). Ok, so he was on the



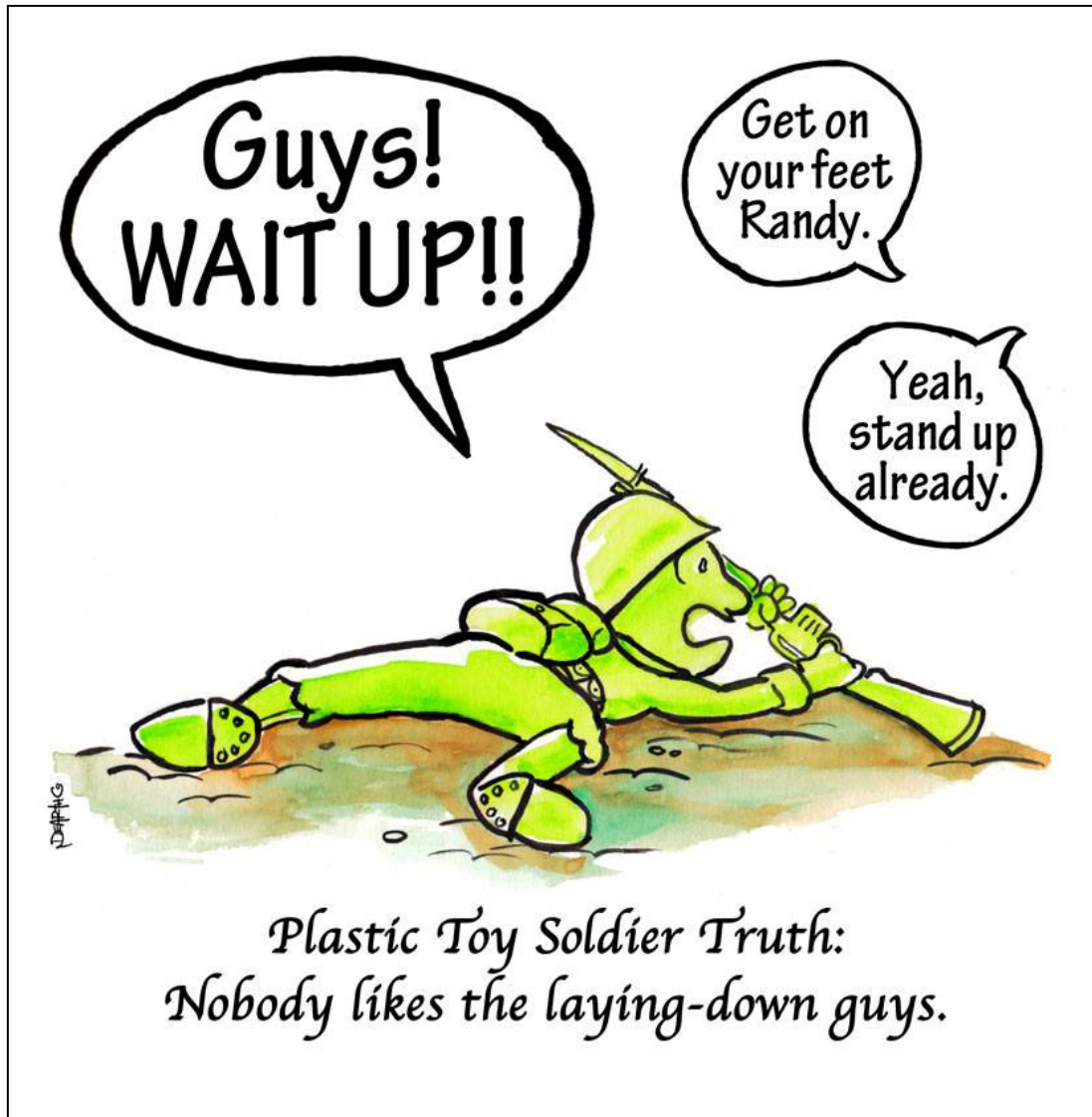
email straight away and they quickly rectified within 24 - and threw in a free Officer as compo. Great service! The name of the company? 'Gringos 40's' (

<http://www.gringo40s.com/>). Crisp casting with lots of character and 'action' in the poses they'll soon be adding more Belgians and cavalry for all your 'Mad Max' 1860s Mexican adventures... Frenchies, Austrians, Union intervention? Can't wait for Gaz to buy some so I can play with them. Oh, and 'Irregular Miniatures'

(<http://www.irregularminiatures.co.uk/>) do great value 28mm 100 piece armies for £72.00. That's less than £1.00 a mini, and with artillery and bits and bobs as adds ons that's great value in my book. And in Gary's, whose 'Impressionistic' style of painting

suits such castings. Impressionistic? You have to be some distance away before you can tell what it is yet, lol... It'll keep him busy painting over Xmas - so hopefully he won't notice the vodka Dee and I are 'borrowing'...

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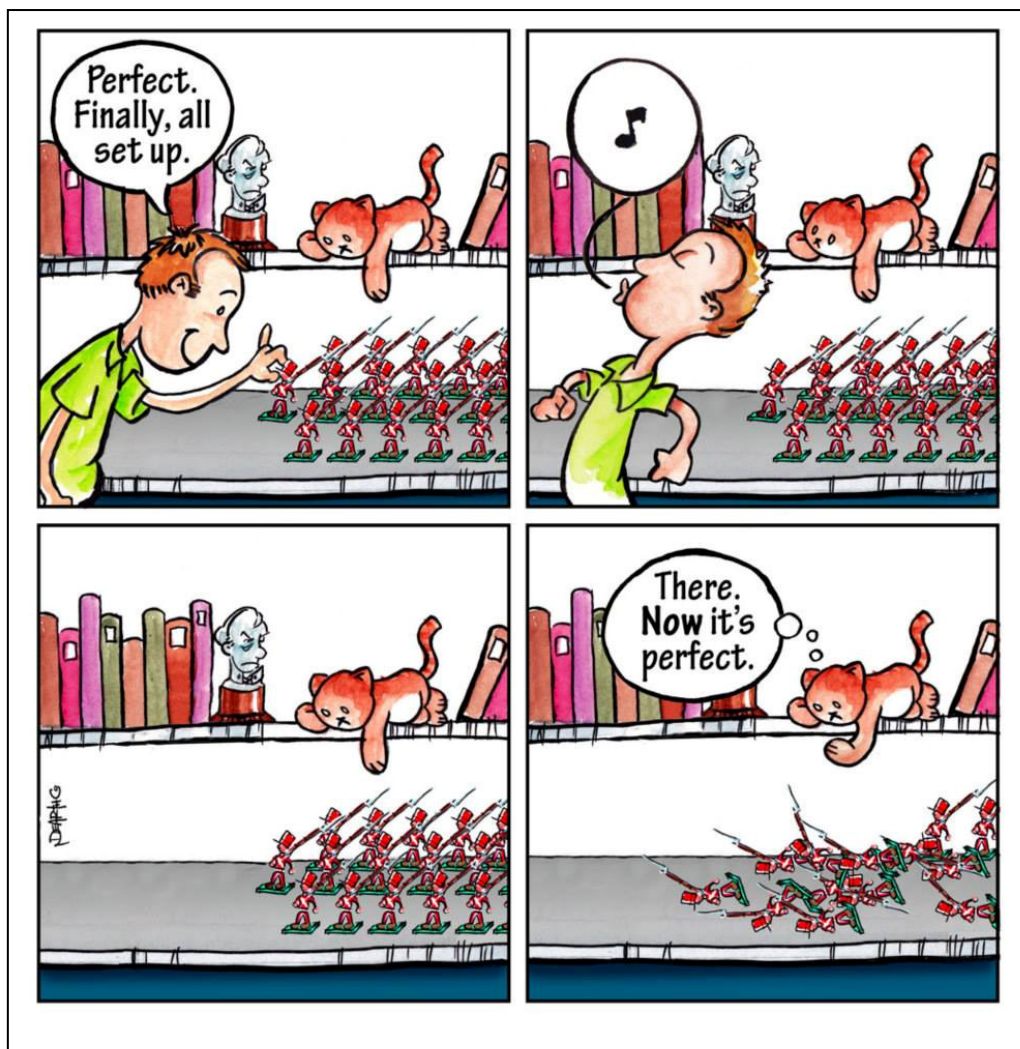
'Cerulean Age' is a miniatures war game set in a world where flight was achieved long before steam power, and long before aerodynamics. Due to this leap in technology, the empires of the continent Hessendia never developed rails, armored vehicles, or

aerodynamic flying vehicles as there was no need to do so and such things would have been impractical. With the science of controlled combustion just now being explored and the development of cannons just recently achieved, this world is just beginning to take its' first steps into the gunpowder age. It would prove to be an age of war, of suffering, an age of the sky, and would be known as the 'Cerulean Age'. Sound interesting? The miniatures store is here

<https://www.shapeways.com/shops/facehatergames> , and the rule book can be bought

@ <http://www.lulu.com/shop/jonathan-tone> . as a call for people to beta test. The company name I am producing this game is at

<https://www.facebook.com/facehatergames>. So, go figure...



For those of you expecting festive cheer... you're outta luck. I didn't get to go to 'Warfare' because of fascist essays, by Gary and co had a great time, and spent loads, highlights being 'Warm Acre's' new game and minis 'Spy Of Die Trying' (<http://www.spyordietrying.com/>). He needed some more minions - emailed them - and they obliged with a special order. Can't complain about that! Expect a write-up soon in one of the mags. Anyways, the new 'Miniature Wargames' arrived - great Mongol article BTW - and I realised you never see editor Henry Hyde and Father Christmas in the same room, do you? Just sayin'...



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A new 'official announcement' about the new organisers of the 'Hammerhead' show appeared on 'TMP' on 23/11/2013 (<http://theminaturespage.com/news/?id=1320299387>). This is indeed as I exclusively revealed some months ago, so that's to my informant for that. Good luck to 'Kallistra'. My 'journalistic integrity' forbids me revealing my spot-onsource, but if Agents Fitz and Simmons from 'Agents Of SHIELD' would like to go out

with me and my (platonic) friend Mike 'Stretch' Armstrong on a double date... we'd could be seduced into revealing his / her /its name. Anyways, talking of which. 'Stretch' and me was at Emily's party on Saturday and we was gonna go down the pub first - but it had closed. Why are all the pubs closing? I blame cheap supermarket booze for forcing them outta business. If I had a million I'd buy a deconsecrated pub and turn it into a wargames centre for the club. With a bar that also sells coffee, because Muslims love a drink as well. Are we to see yet another realignment of forces within the Geoffhurst Road gang? I think we should be told...

Have a merry Xmas and a happy new year. I hope you get all the wargames stuff you want from Santa in your stocking - and remember to get off your face, eat too much, and snog Olly Murs under the mistletoe...

See what I did there? I left out the word 'not' ☺

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