



I saw a nature documentary once about a strange kind of fish that spent its entire life trying to climb a waterfall.

Please, help me! You have to help me!



Only a small percentage ever got to the top.

I'll pay you!

I have money. So much money!



Once they did, they laid their eggs and fell back to the bottom before starting their way back up again.

You can't walk away from me!

I own you! I own this whole neighborhood!



The struggle seemed to be the entire point of their existence.

But I'm rich! It's your duty to protect me!

Traitors! I'll turn this whole damn block into a parking lot!



But what if they were all just looking for a high enough spot to jump from?

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AGH!

P-please... I'm a job creator.



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SPINATCH

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AAAAIEEEEE...

SPLURCH

How do you quantify your place in the world?

If given a reason.

Grr.

If given an opportunity.

If given the tools...

How high could you climb?

Oh, dear. That was a brand new pen, sir.

Things are never quite what you expect.

The most powerful man in the free world, defeated by a pen. Ha! Am I right, Mr. President?

I'll stop by with a fresh copy of the Presidential Order later today.



Do say hello to your daughter, such an upstanding young woman.



Sir, your meeting with the Council is scheduled to begin--

LATCH

Ha-ha-ha. Good afternoon, "Mr. President."

When you're done with signing this batch of Presidential Orders, we've arranged for meetings with friends overseas.

In France you will declare America exempt from the Paris Treaty. Oil prices will rise and will allow us to flush out some remaining inventory before you later reverse Democracy, and pump up sales in solar.

You will then discredit NATO in Germany and cause spending stimulation in our various military contractor and defense holdings. Make them spend their way back into the club.

Not before you arrange for a large arms sale to Saudi Arabia. We still owe them for the Chicago incident. It may have been some time ago, but we all did quite well.

Also, Russia has requested a small office in the White House. I'm sure you can find room for them. No more back channels. Make it official.

Rest up, Nicola. These foreign trips can be taxing.

For the first time in American Democracy we are in full control.

Think of the profits.

Rest assured. You know how I feel about loyalty.

Good day, Councilmen.

And what would you do once you reached the top? Plunge back into darkness?

Or do whatever it took to fight the raging current.