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*Fête de l'Être suprême, 1794*

*“manifestation d’unanimité mystique, morale et civique comme condition de la paix et du bonheur”*

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**The greatest challenge**

**was to choose the right gift for Pierre**





At a brainstorming involving the greatest minds, trained to take tough decisions, some proposal emerged...

# Mountain/hiking equipment?



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Too dangerous! (Notably in the light of recent events...)

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but also, less well remembered:

“I think physicists are the Peter Pans of the human race. They never grow up...”



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Too fluffy!

# A technical challenge?



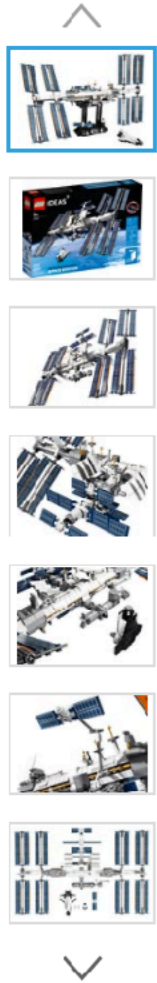
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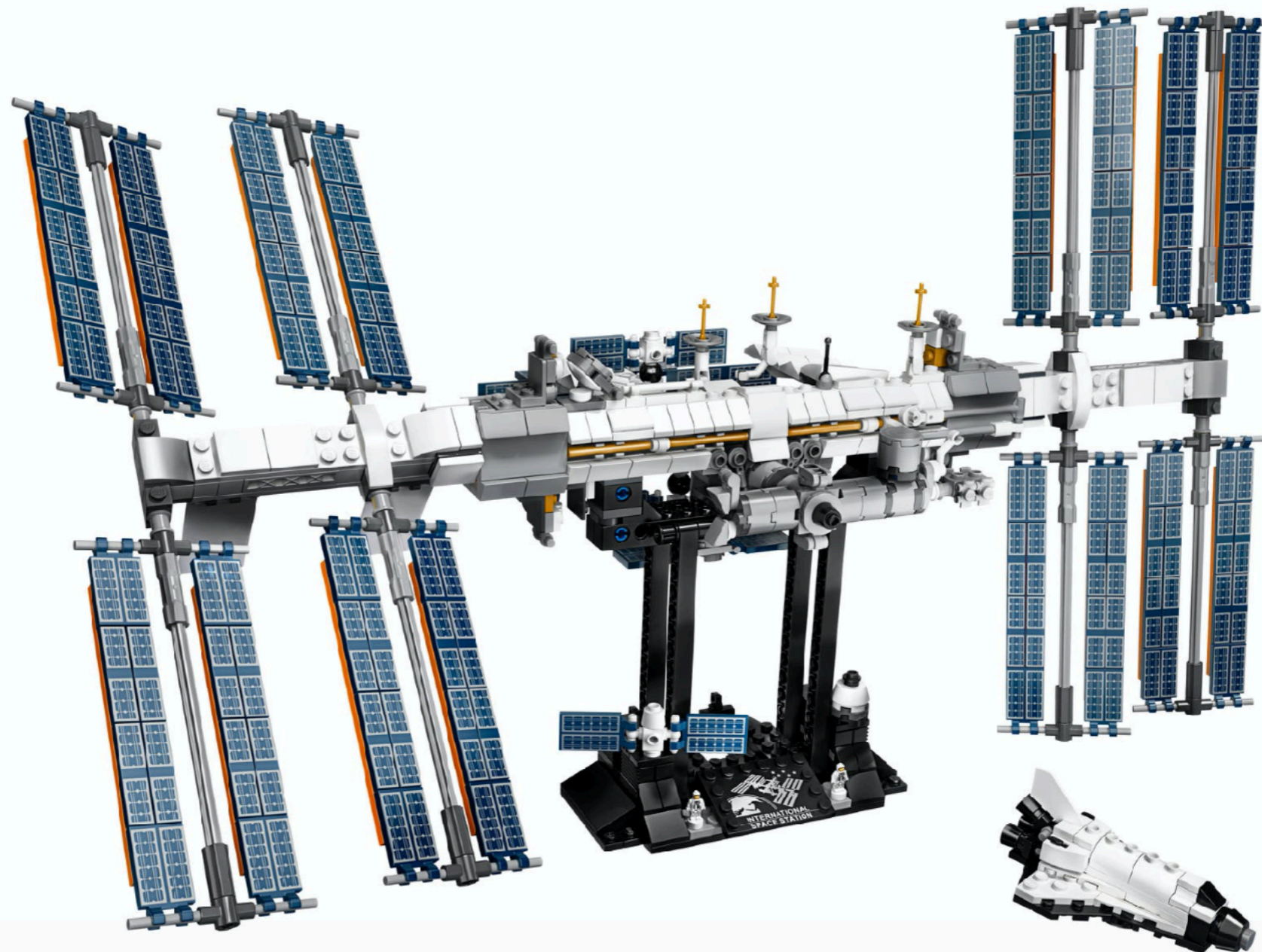
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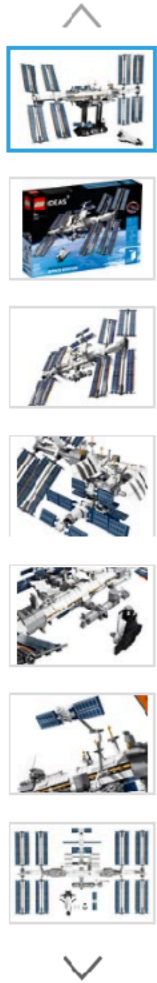
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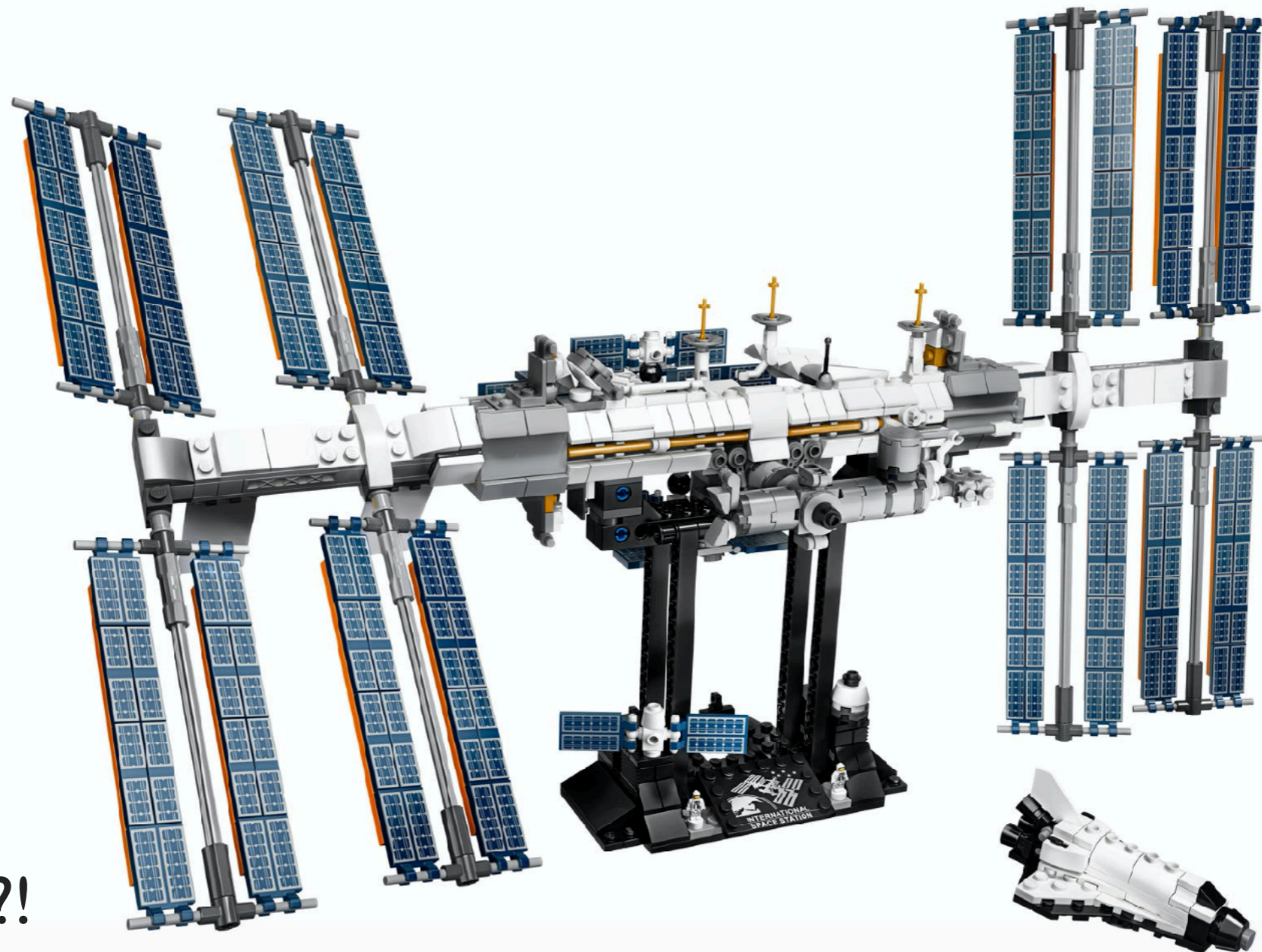
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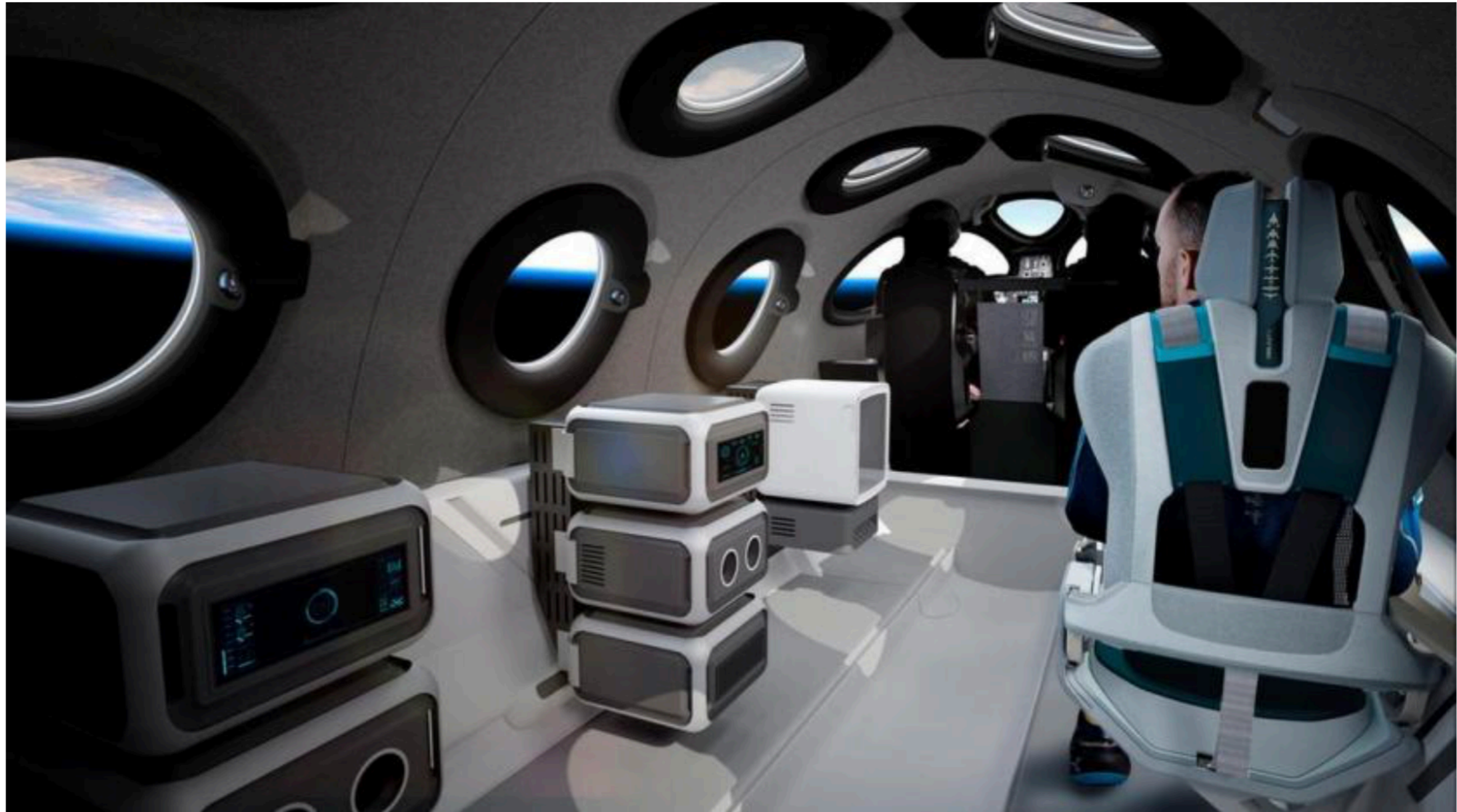


Too Ting-y ?!

# A dream (possibly one-way) trip ?

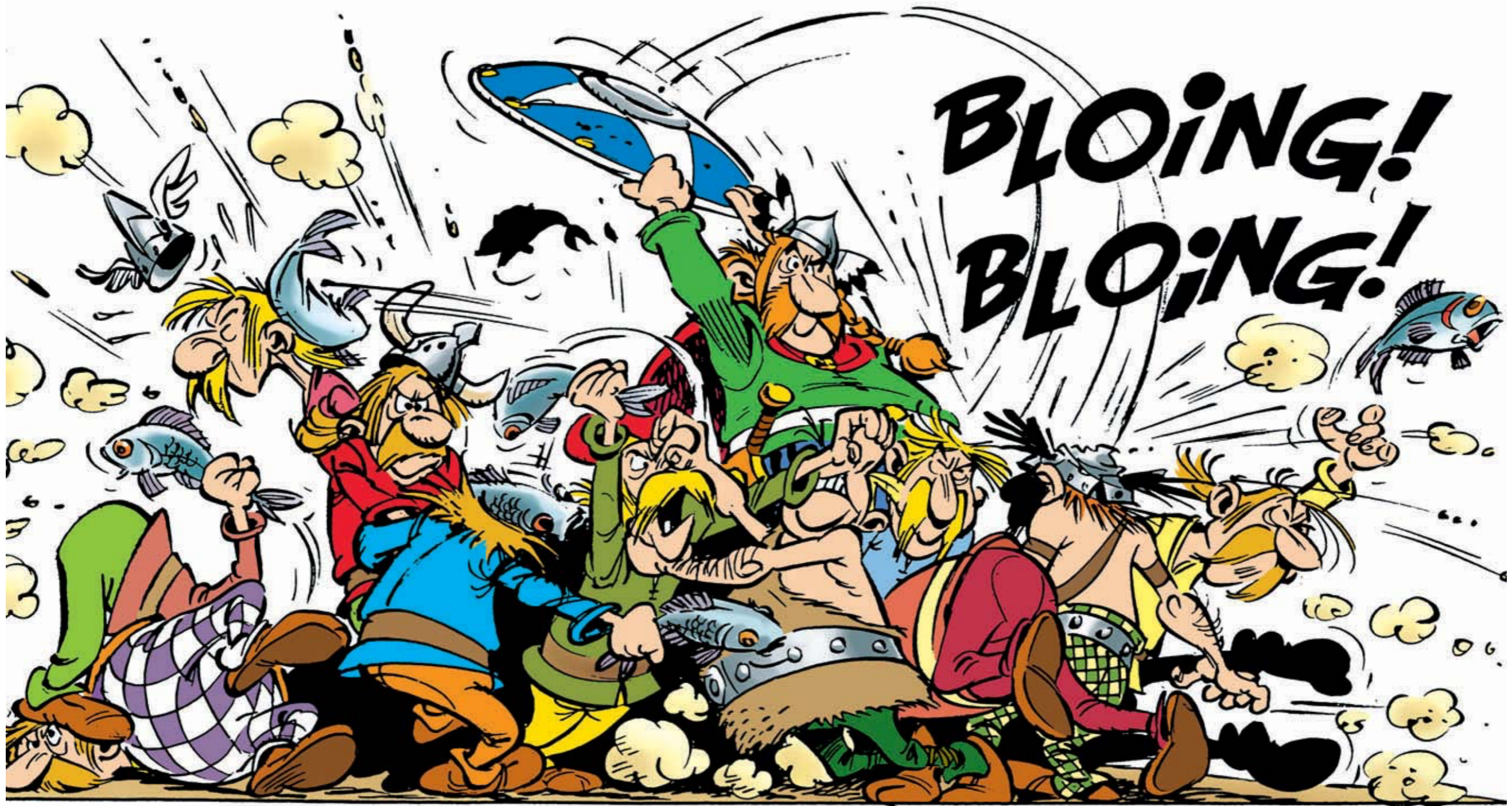
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Intriguing, perhaps too ambitious...

After a short, rational, effective meeting typical of French decision-taking tradition...



...we consulted the mastermind who's *lead from behind* all these years



She helped us to converge to the following option:

We are going to send you far, far away, Pierre!



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Are you ready to practice your Russian?



# Breathtaking landscapes...



...unique food and encounters...



and, depending on the season, be ready for the unexpected



Удачного путешествия, Пьер!

# Bonne retraite, Pierre !



*Courtesy Manuela Vecchi*