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“Women are Getting Hotter”

The following is a biography of the history that took place between 2020 and 2050. As a human male, I am writing this in the hopes of future generations not following down a similar path and hopefully rising to power once again. If you do not care to read this entirely fictionalized, humorless spout of nonsense, the CliffNotes version is essentially this – we were not able to reverse the effects of climate change. However, women were the only ones able to adapt...

In 2050, warmer global temperatures have led to global domination by women. As it turns out, men are not biologically equipped to withstand the elevated temperatures. I think this has something to do with men constantly lowering the thermostat before bed and hoping their wife does not notice. Further scientific evidence includes men offering up their sweaters after they told their girlfriends it was going to be cold and they should have brought a jacket. Finally, the great Ruth Bader Ginsburg famously stated before passing at the young age of 125, “having been living under a glass ceiling for so long, it is obvious that women can withstand the heat.”

The tale of this rise of power is similar to another precautionary story – *Terminator*. Even in 2050, the legend of Arnold Schwarzenegger and the Terminator franchise (well, maybe not the last two movies: *Terminator 8: Just Making Sure We Killed All the Humans* and *Terminator 9: We had an Option for One More Movie*) is just a reminder that men allowed history to repeat itself.

In 2023, in response to significant melting of the ice caps and natural disasters, the UN assembled a committee comprised of twelve men called the Taskforce on Climate Change (TCC). And like all great committees, they set up another committee. This one composed of six men and was called the Climate Action Team (CAT). Then there was the committee of eighteen men who also wanted to be called the Climate Action Team (Big CAT). Their logo was a jaguar. And so the story goes, committees on committees until there was a tangled web of committees. Each one paralyzed to take action without the approval of other such committees who needed the approval of further committees. This bureaucratic red tape, unprecedented since the Great Emu War of 1932, took up most of the 2020s without any tangible results.

So what does this have to do with Terminator? I'm getting there. Technological advances in the 2030s led to alternative sources of energy becoming commonplace across America. Everything was running on wind, solar, thermal or bread (not bread – just making sure you are still paying attention). It seemed, for the first time in a long time, we were making progress in combating climate change. What nobody realized was that the damage had already been done. April 13th, 2037 is a day that I don't think anyone in Florida will ever forget – Blake Bortles was finally released from the Jacksonville Jaguars. On April 14th, 2037, the State of Florida broke off from the rest of the United States.

The government thought it did everything it could to prevent climate change. It passed an Act which stated it would follow the steps in an article which appeared after googling “top ten solutions to reverse climate change”. It banned the use of chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) and hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs). No, I mean literally banned the use of the words. People could only refer to them as their *Telletubby* counterparts, Tinky-Winky and Po. The actual rates

of their usage increased dramatically. The headlines did not exactly inspire fear: *“Tinky-Winky: The Silent Killer”* and *“You Don’t Know Po.”*

Restoring forests proved to be a disaster as well. Given the government inefficiencies, the project was outsourced to a private company. Unfortunately, the contract was handed over to Weed the People, a coalition of the top marijuana manufacturers across the nation. Let’s just say, they gave new meaning to the term “greenhouse effect”.

By 2045, the government exhausted 9 of the 10 top solutions to reverse climate change. All that remained was solution #10. The last solution read, “SUCCEED ALL AUTHORITY TO WOMEN.” The problem was that nobody in power read the list in its entirety. Since the Act was law, there was nothing anyone could do to prevent the women from taking over. The men tried to file suit to institute an injunction to stop the transition of power but in a split decision, the Supreme Court, in an opinion written by the hologram of RBG, ruled the Act was upheld.

Nothing over the last few decades worked and temperatures were only increasing. News reports from the Island of Florida included, *“Family Wakes Up to Fifteen Pounds of Flying Sausage”*. Did this have anything to do with climate change? Nope, but it’s weird.

Now are you starting to grasp the Terminator reference? We gave the women power without even realizing it! Even that question would be against the law now as there is no mansplaining allowed. The problem was that women had no interest in solving climate change because that would just mean the goals of the Act would have been fulfilled and power would resort back to the men.

Instead, women adapted to the rising temperatures. Top female engineers were able to create spacesuits which kept the temperature moderate. Also, it was reported that the suits

resembled winter attire allowing women to gain a few pounds without anyone noticing. Men were subjected to terrible atrocities: unequal pay, lack of representation in Hollywood and the inability to find all male intramural sports teams thus being forced to play in a co-ed league.

I hope anyone reading this will learn from our mistakes. All men wanted was to maintain the patriarchy and in that hubris, we fashioned our own downfall. Don't forget to recycle...