



## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

### **SE011 - The Christmas Challenge!**

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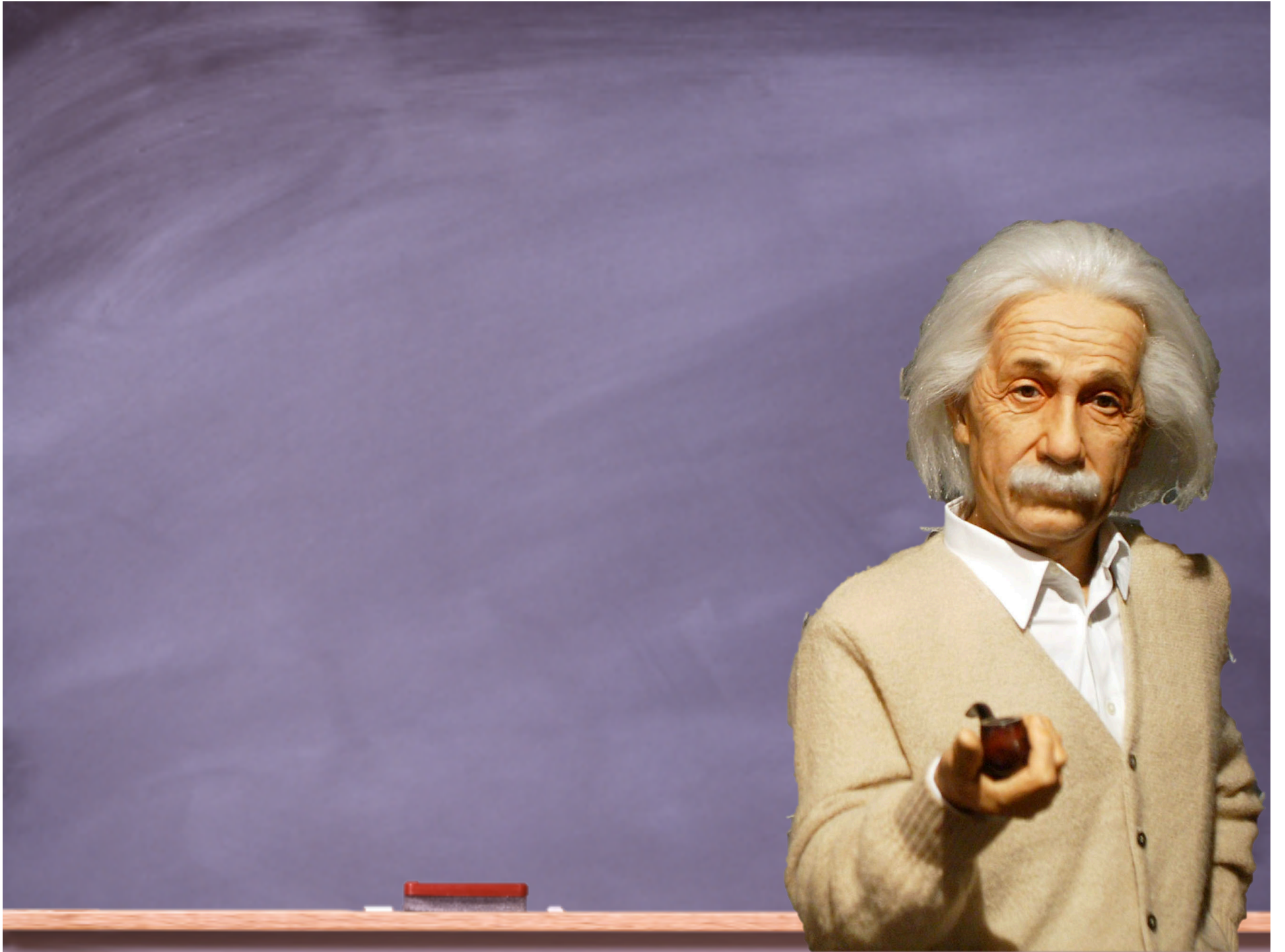


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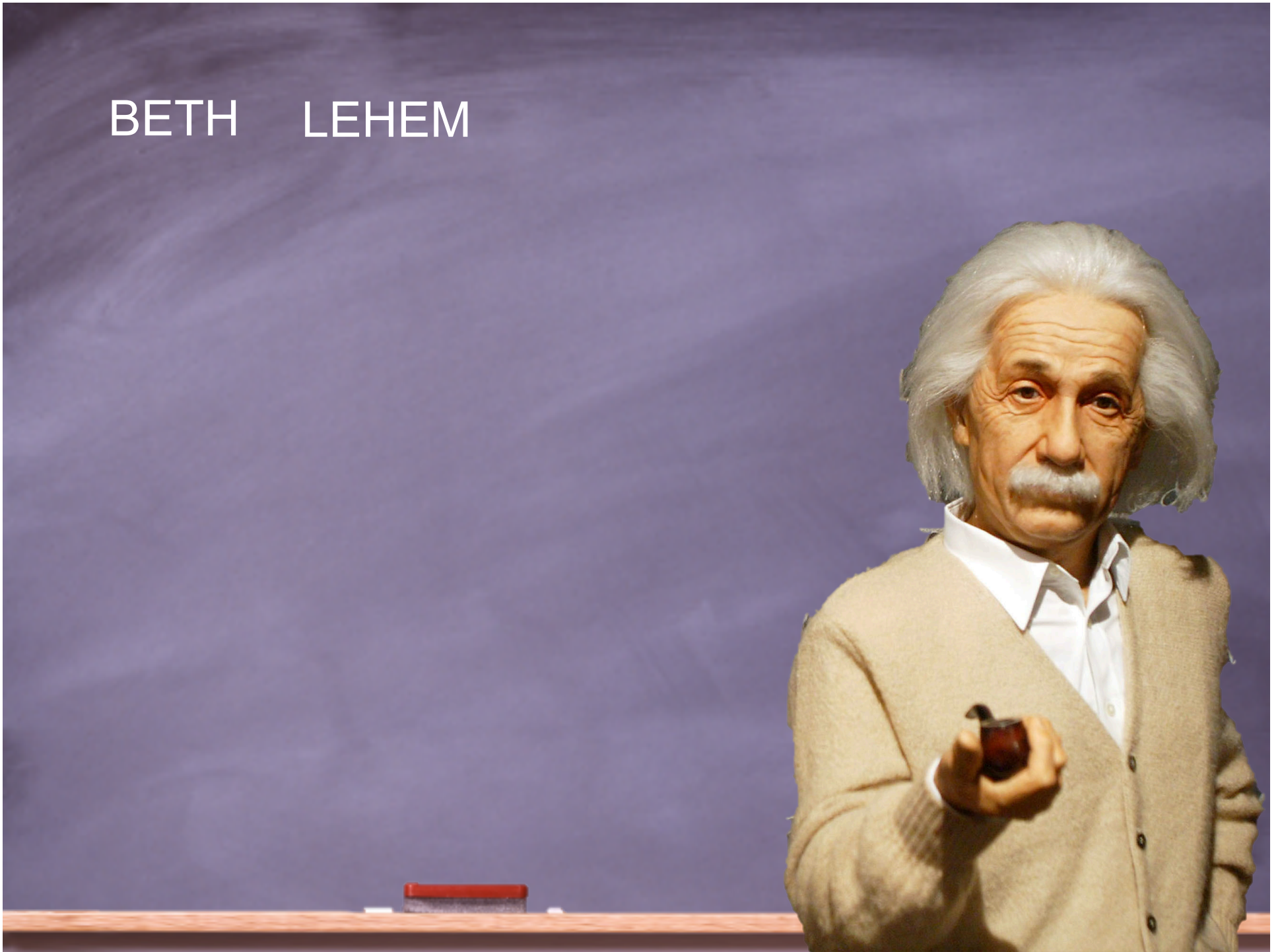
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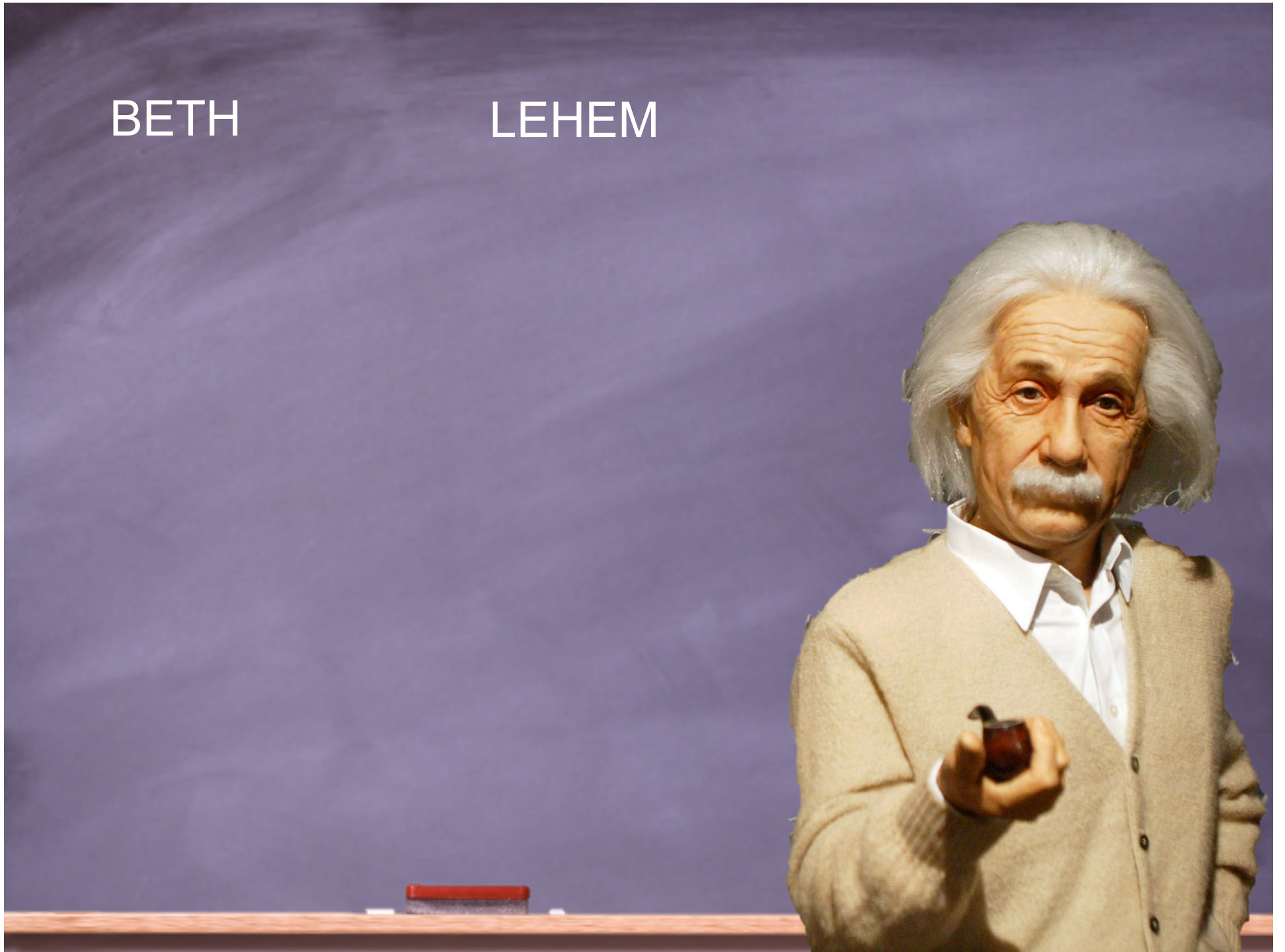


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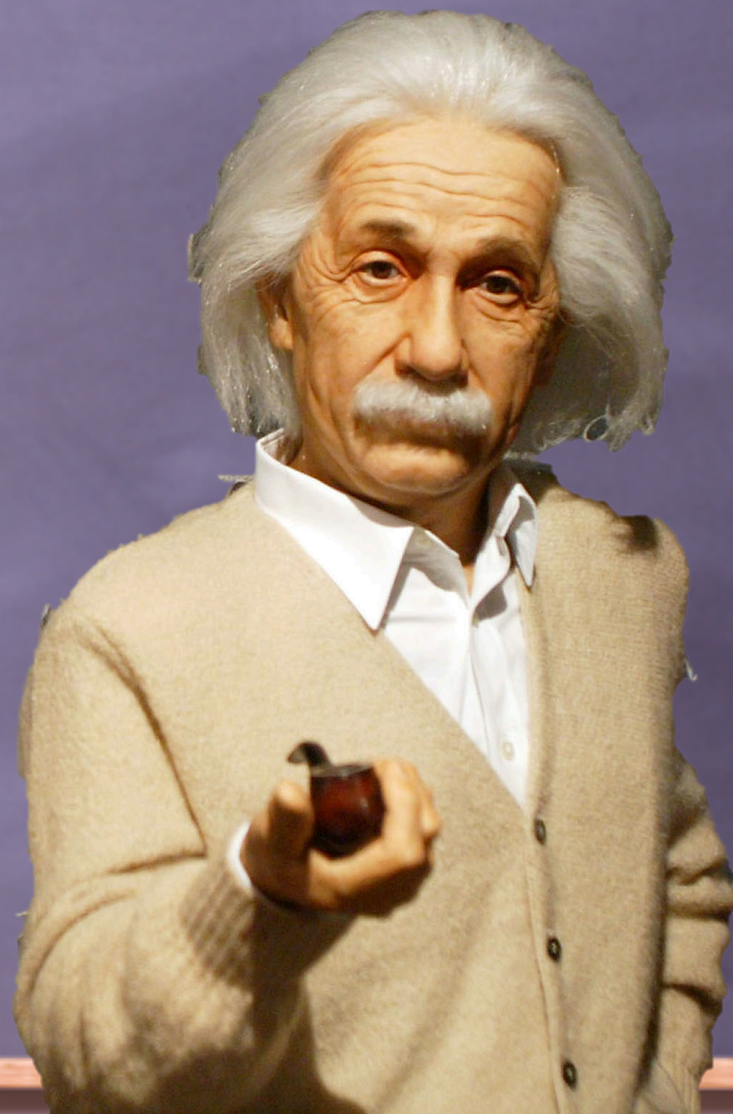
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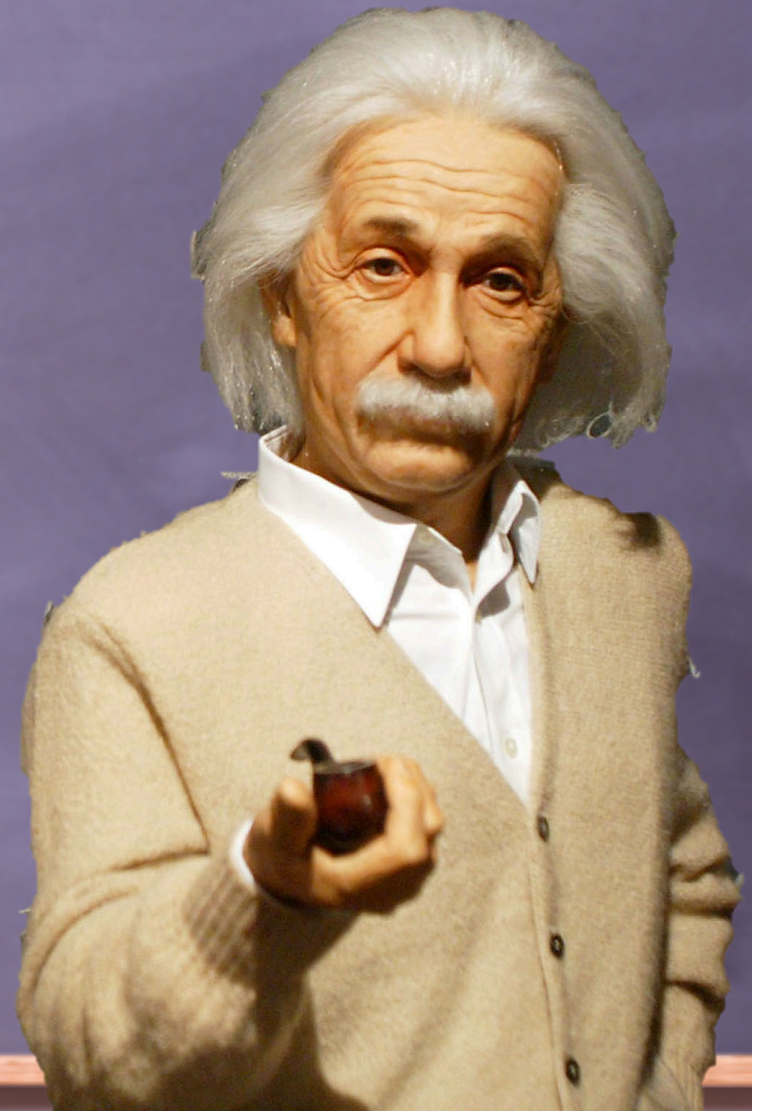


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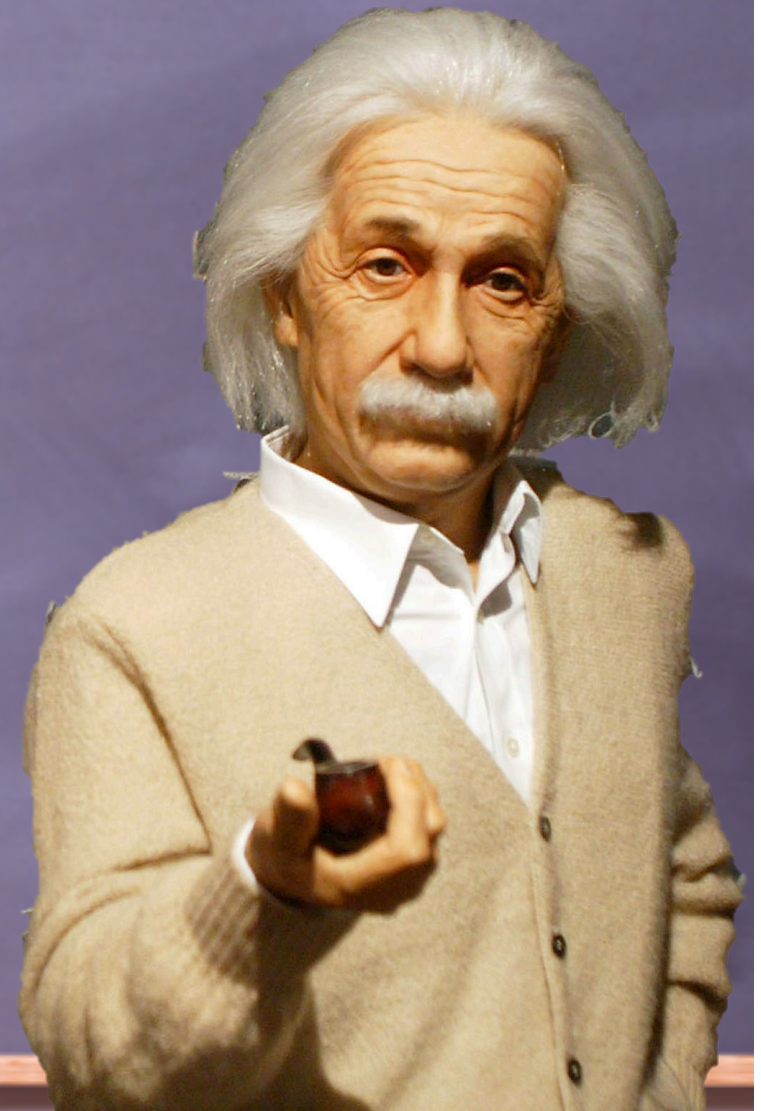
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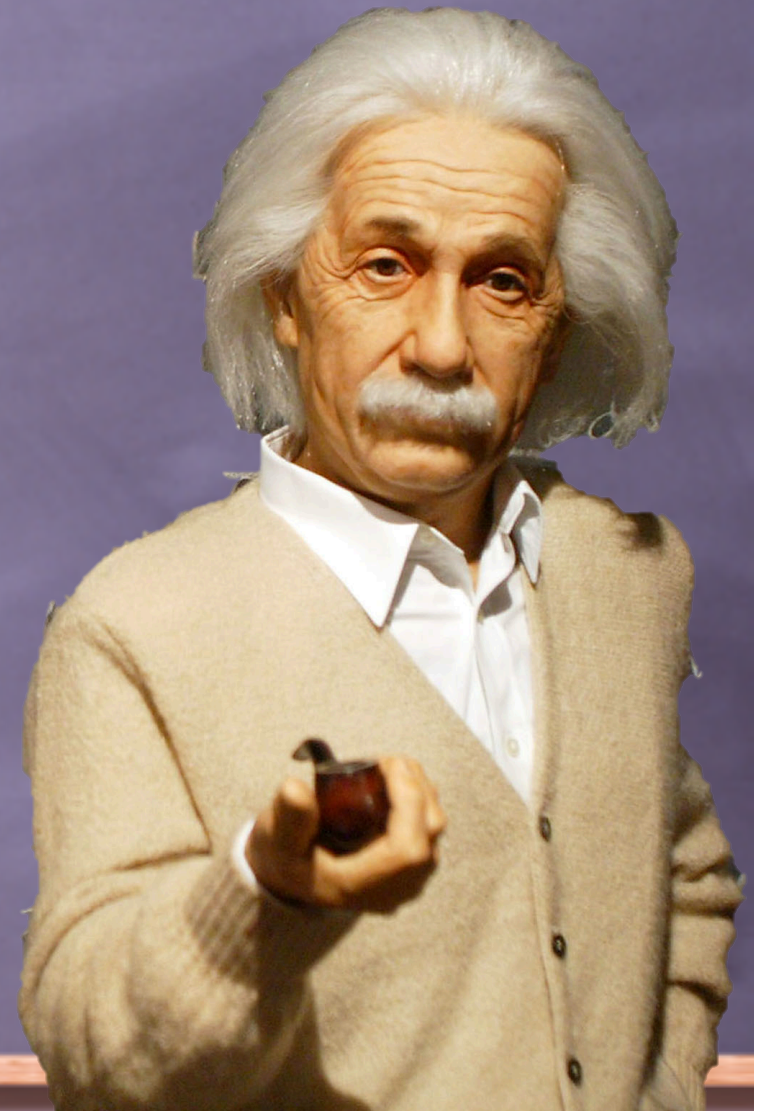


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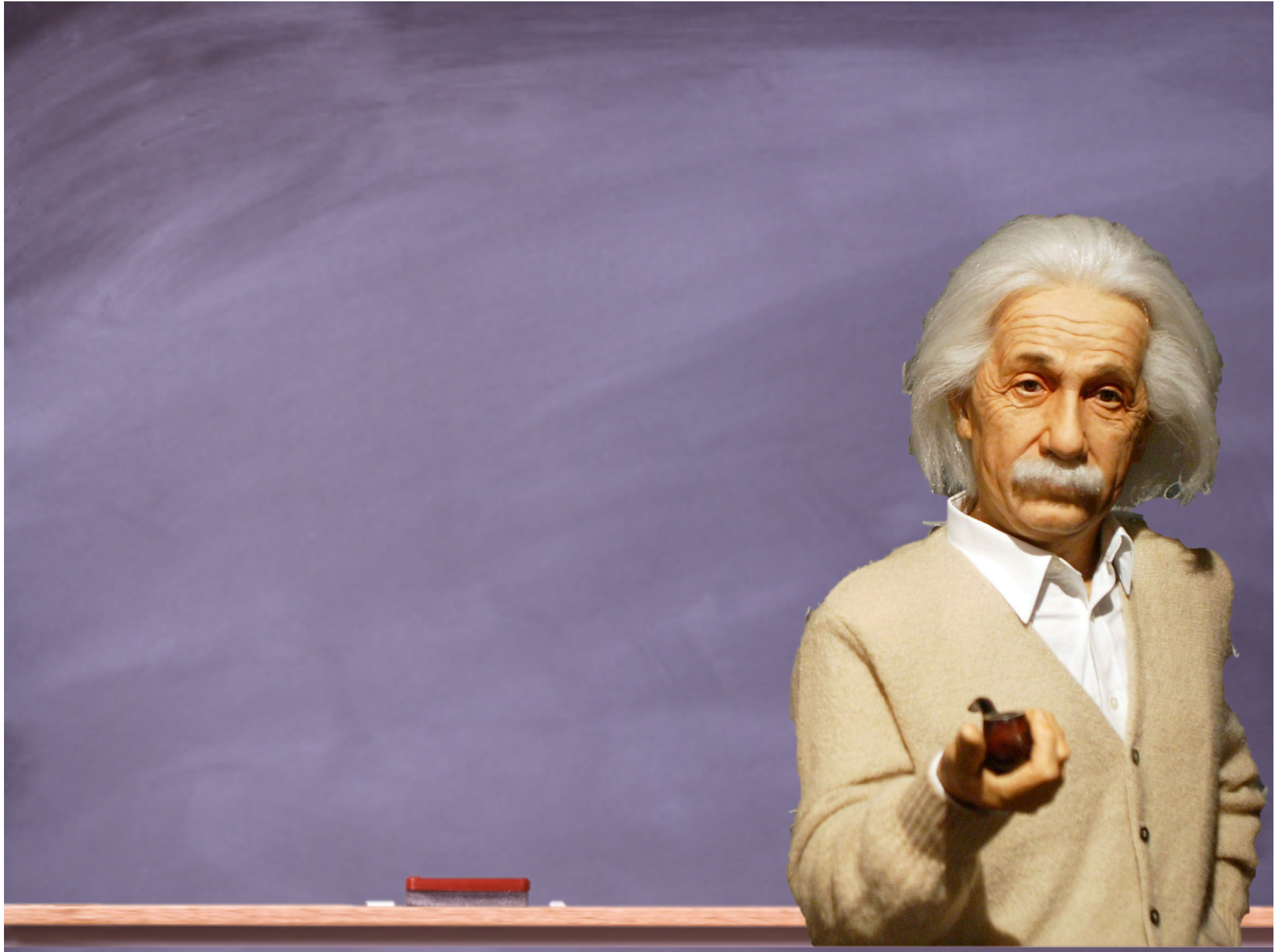
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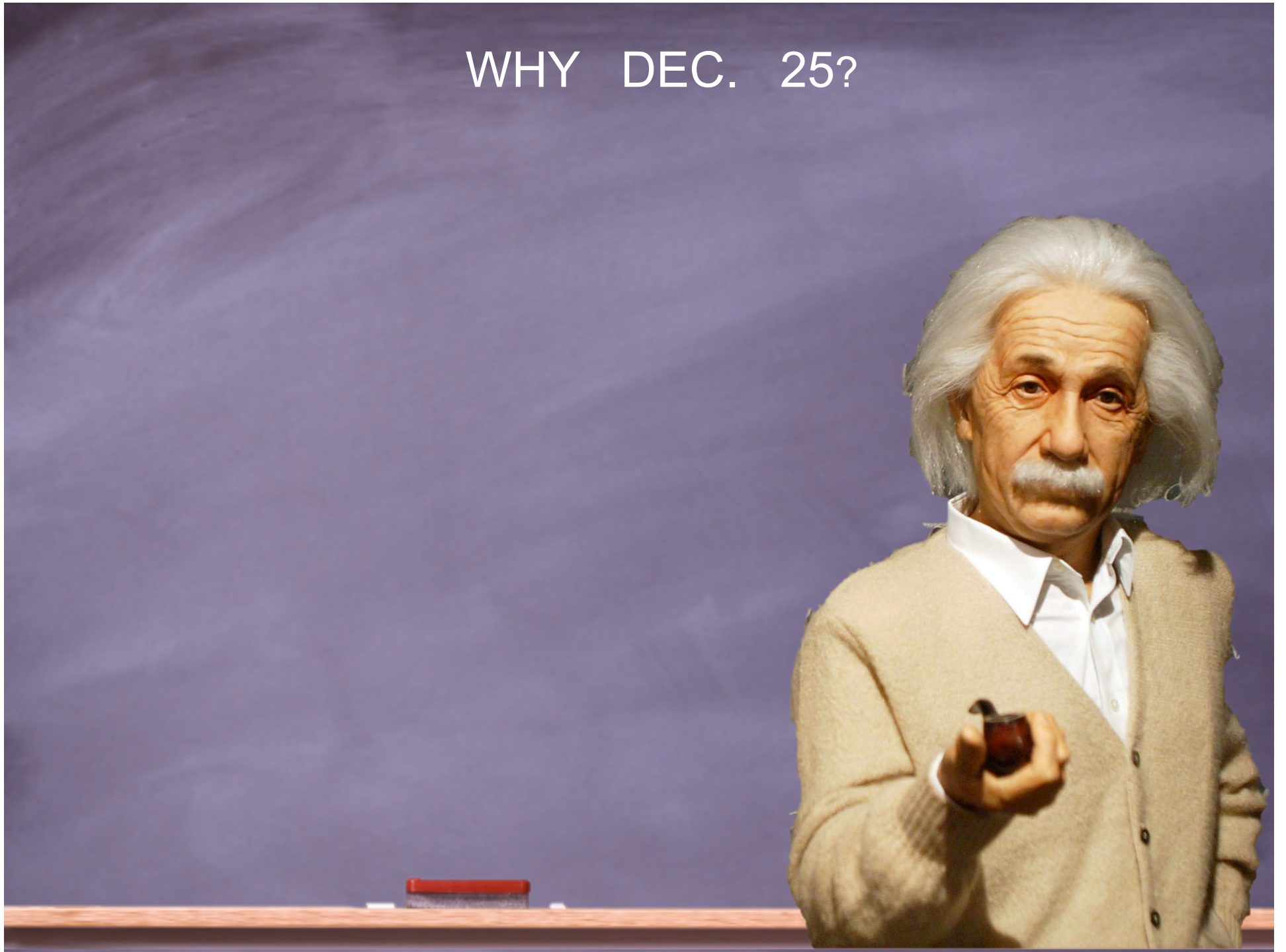
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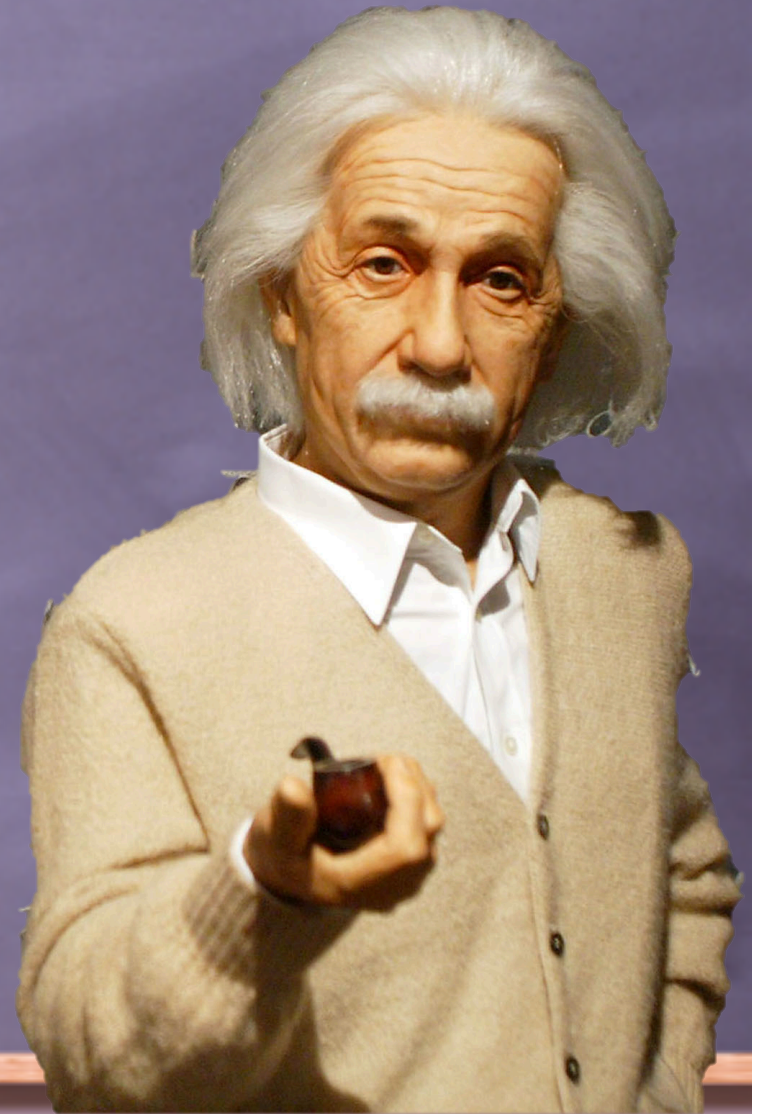


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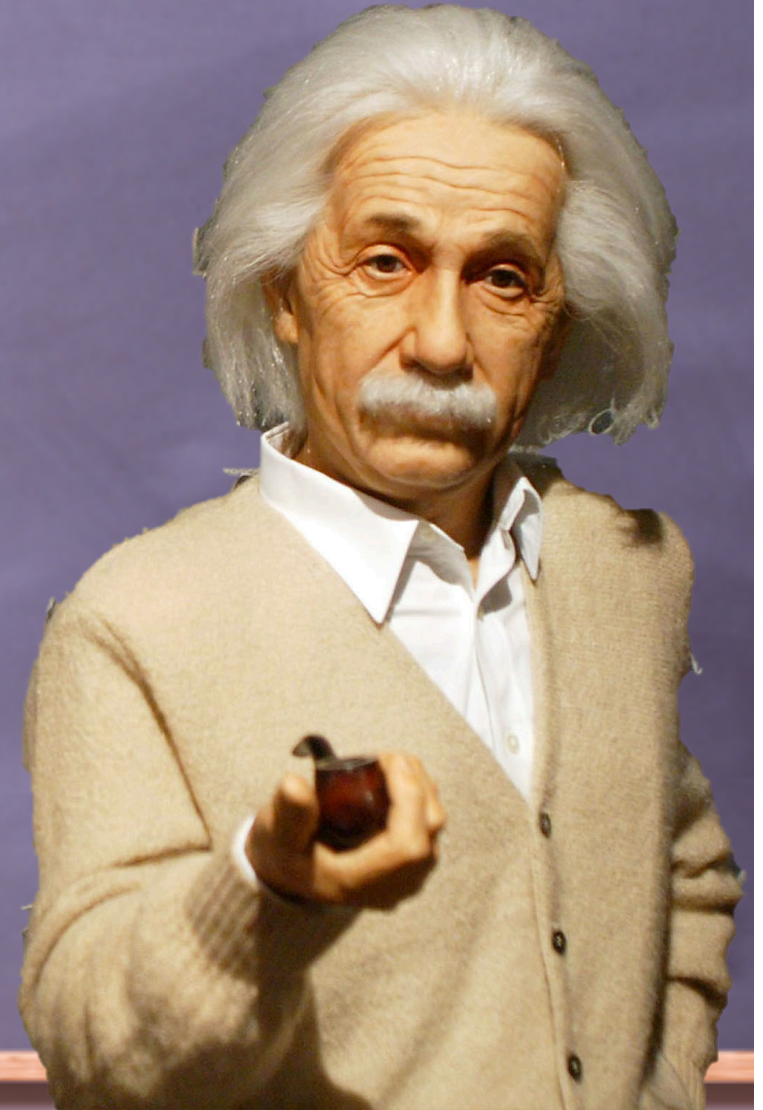
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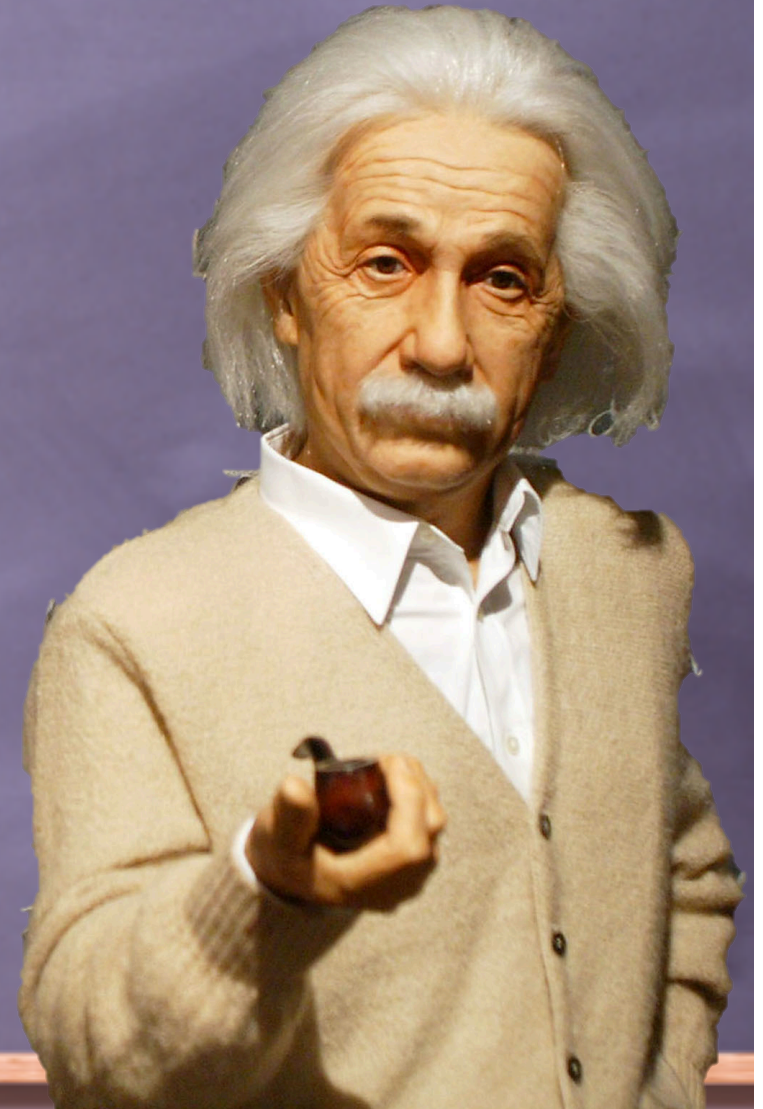


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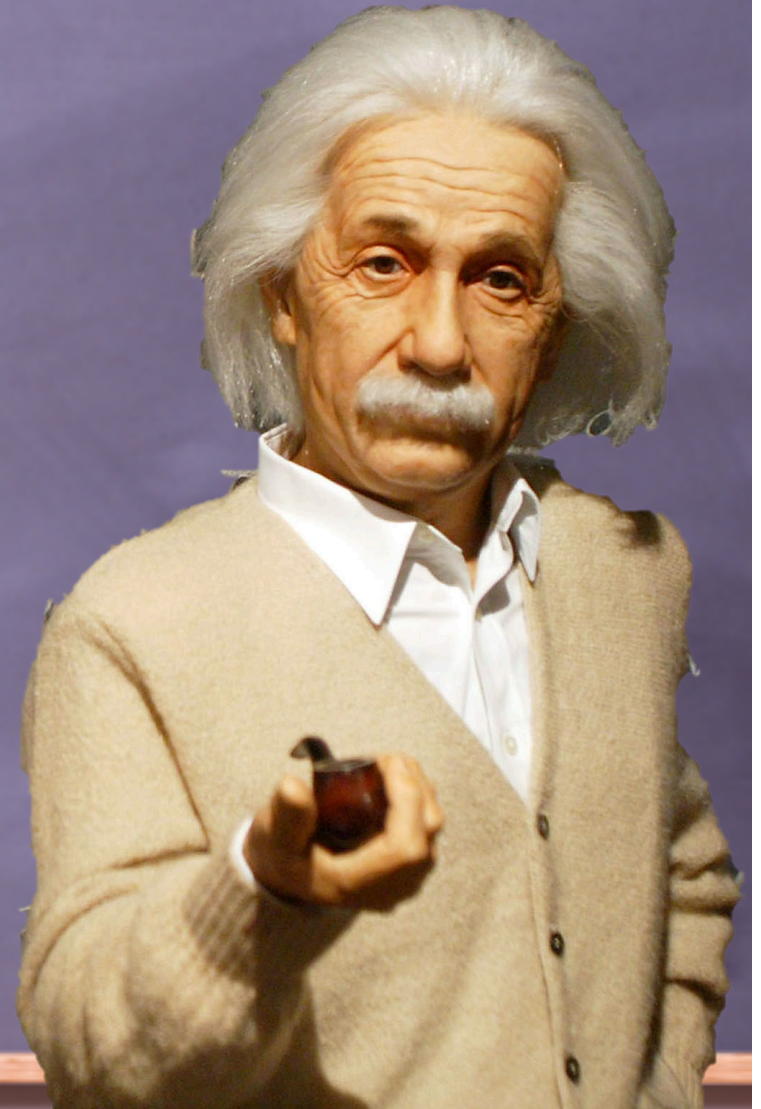


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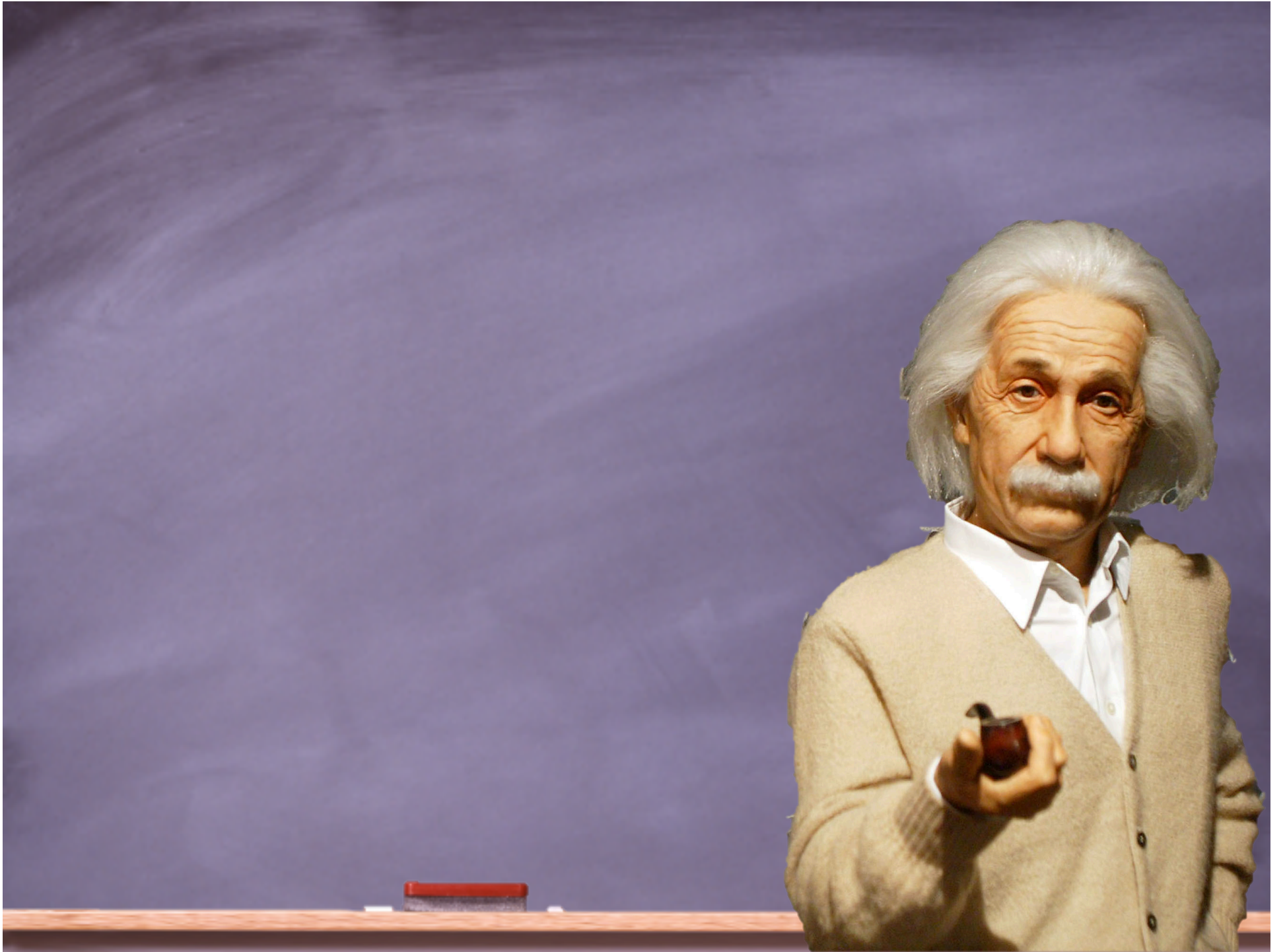


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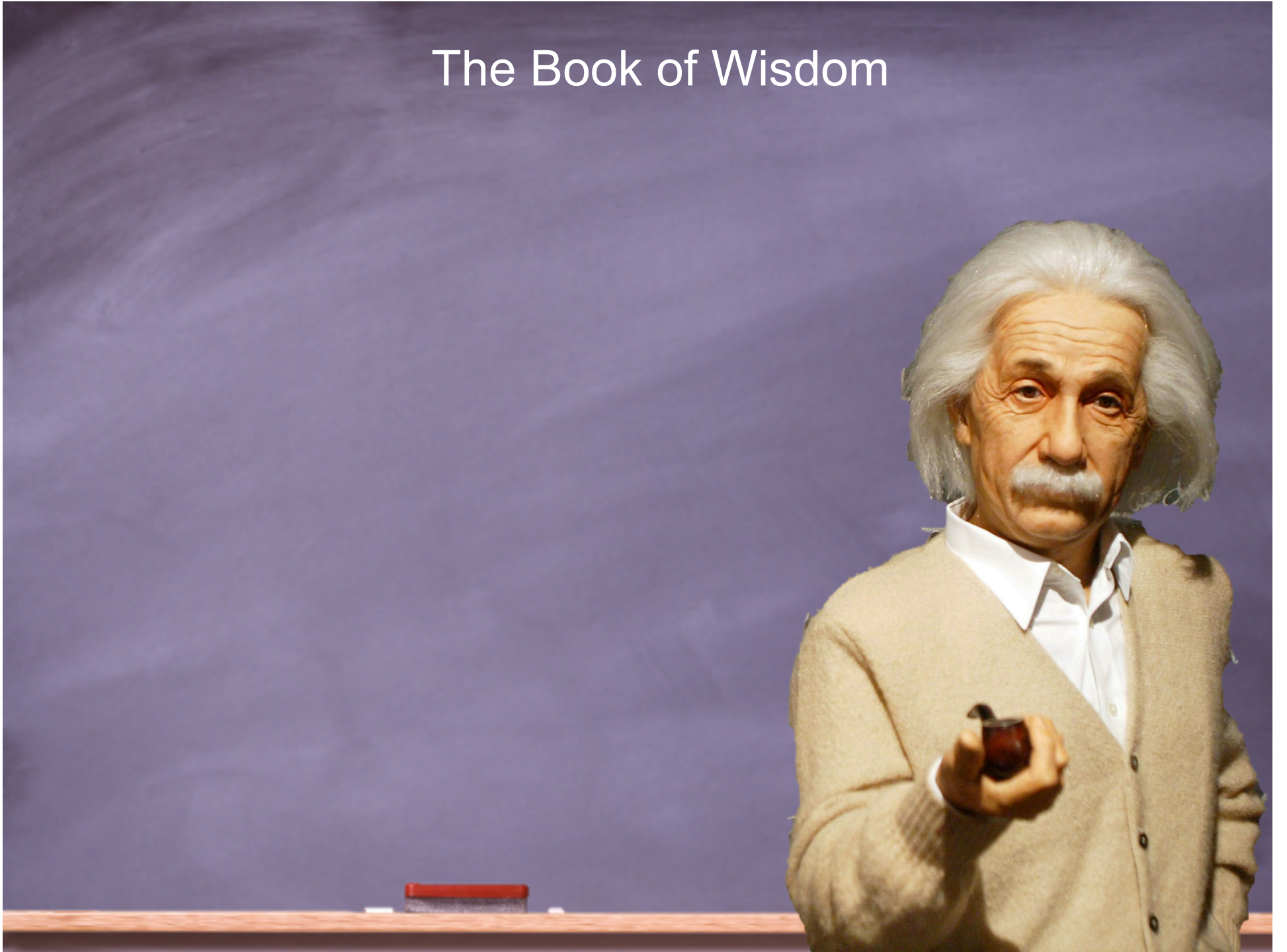
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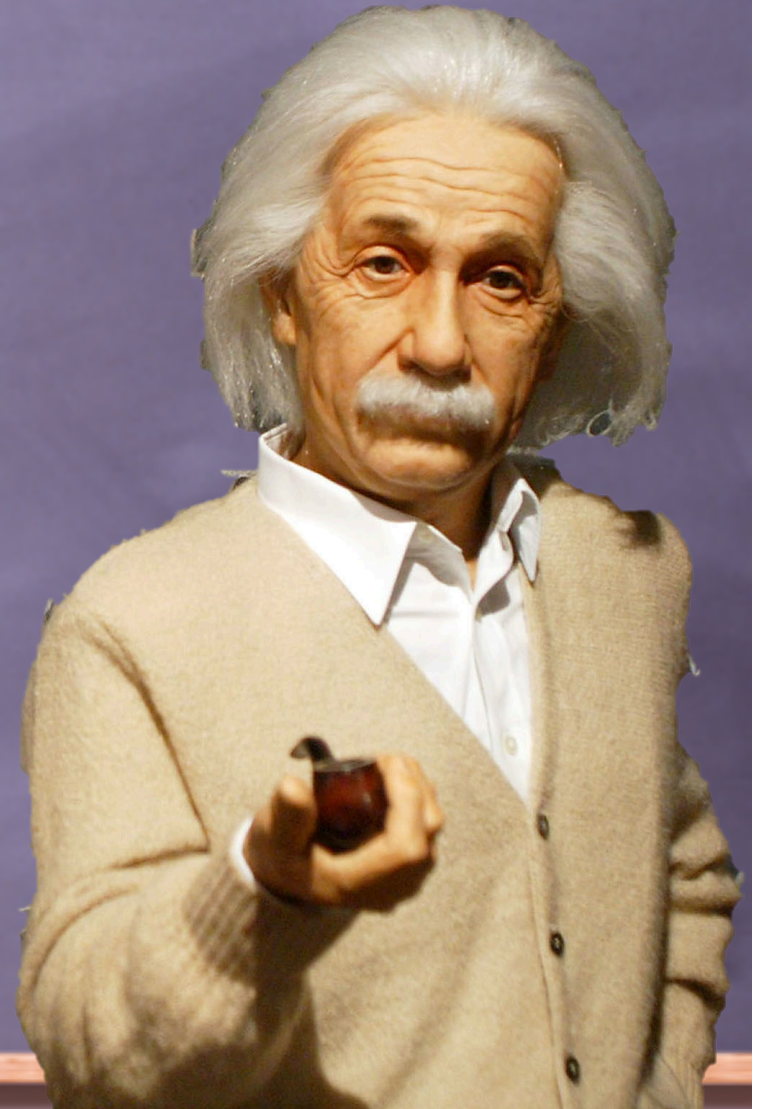
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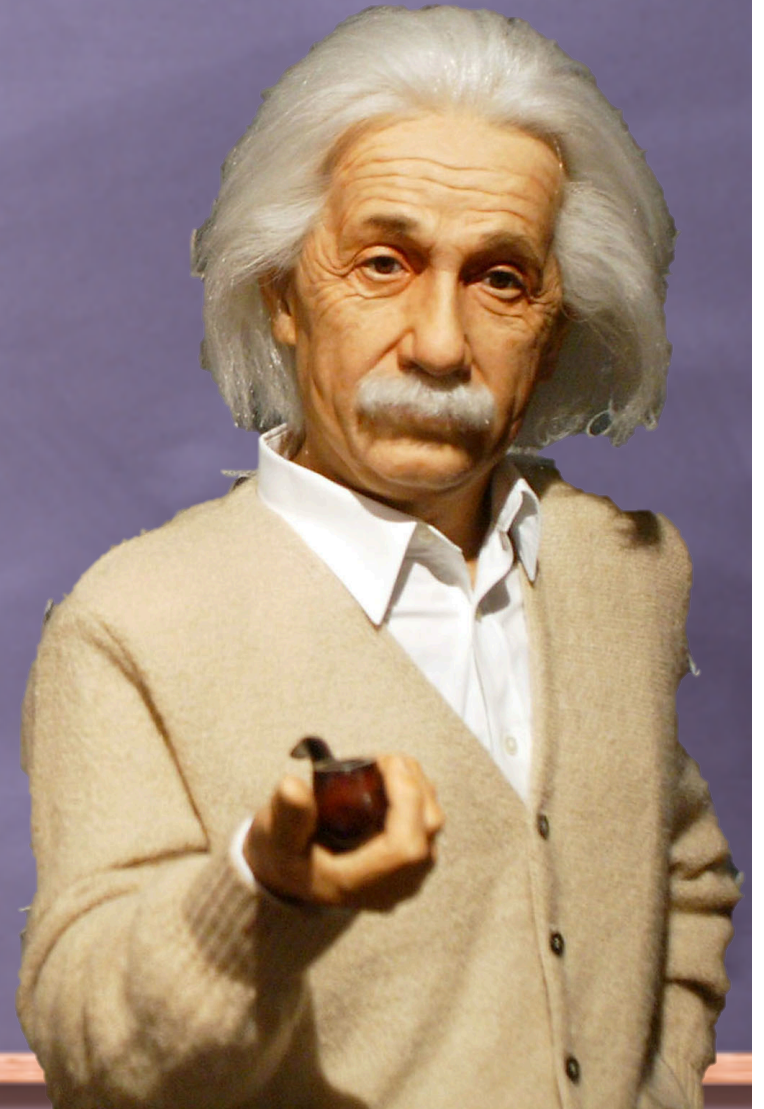
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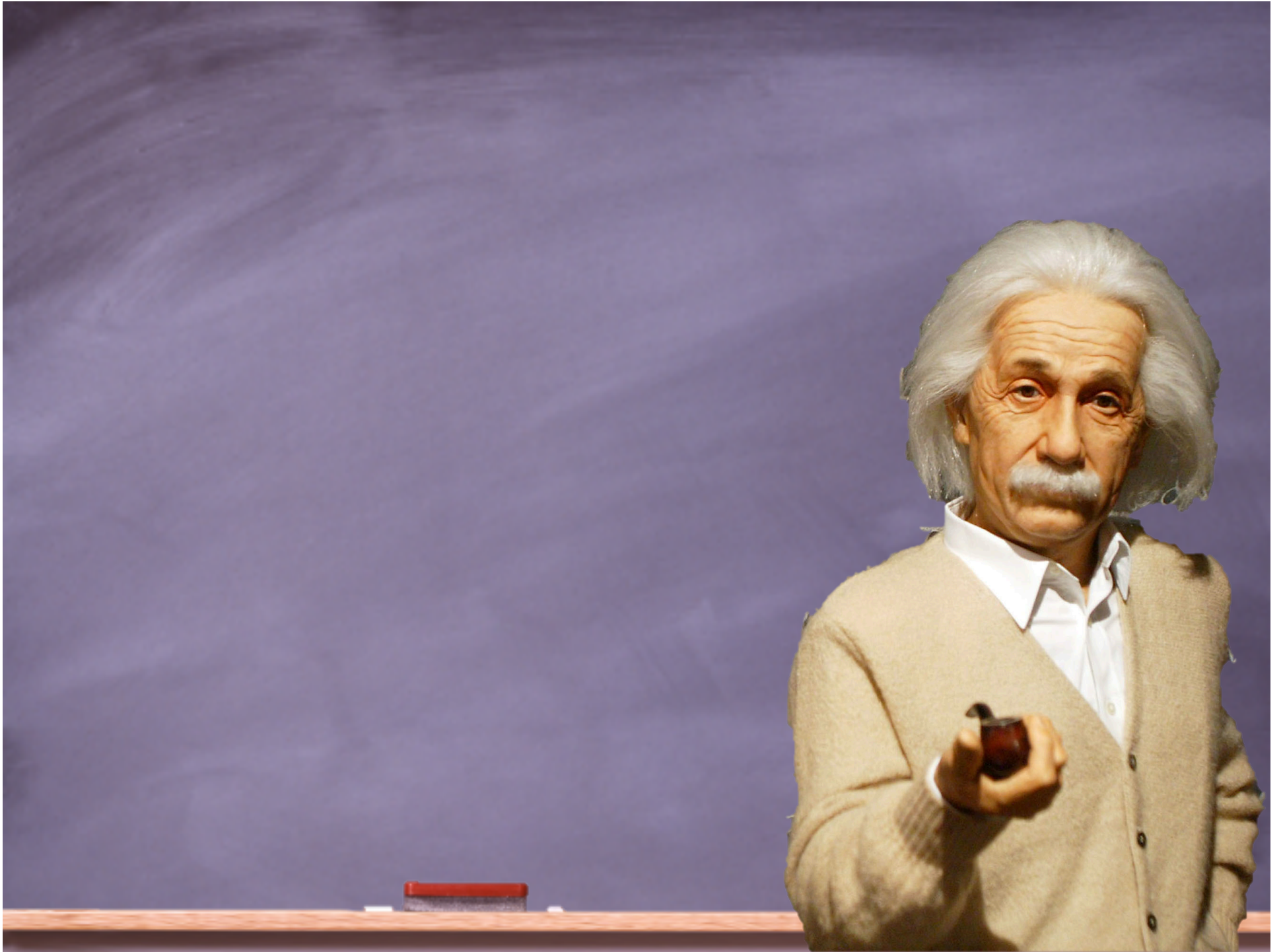


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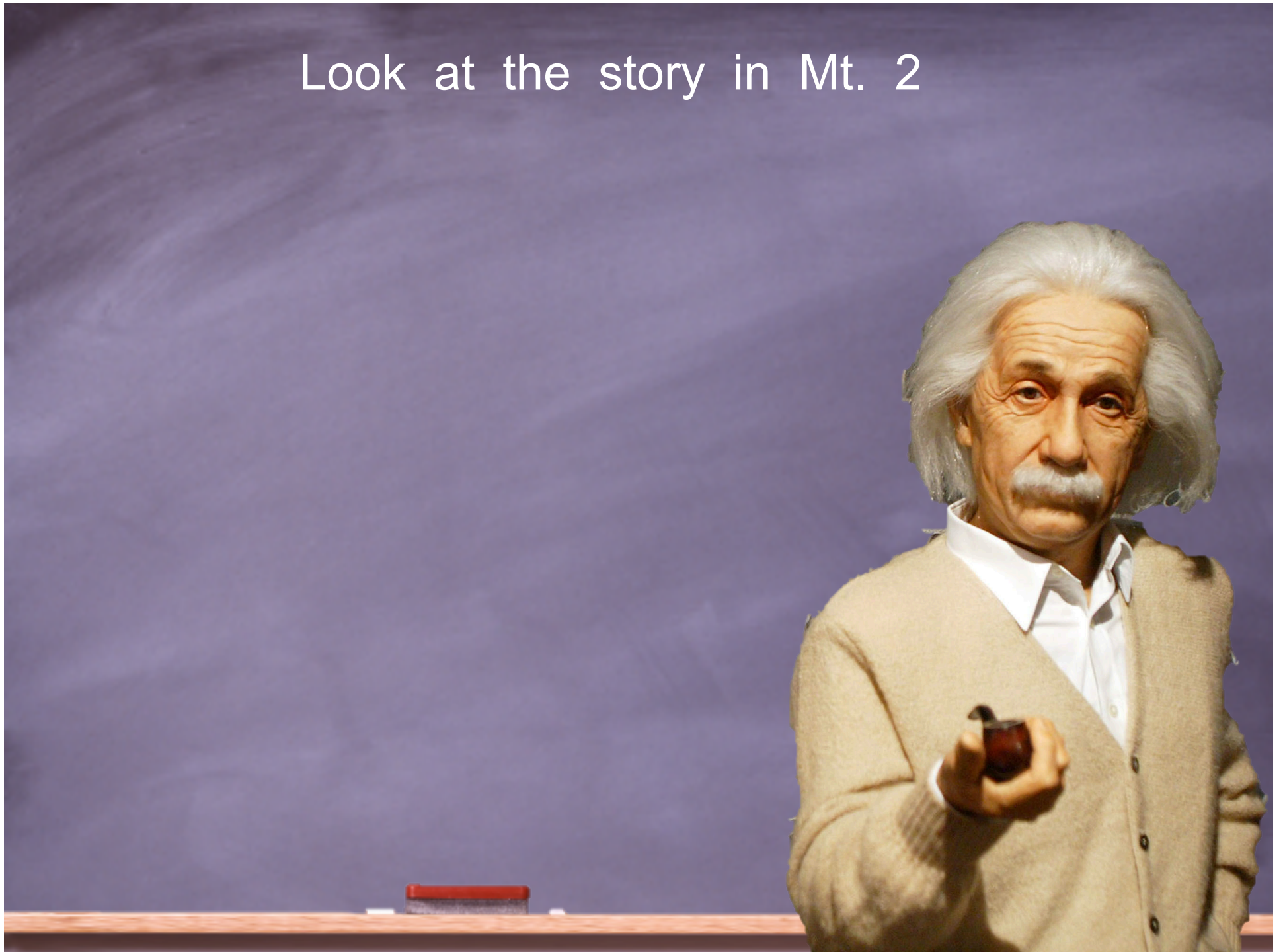


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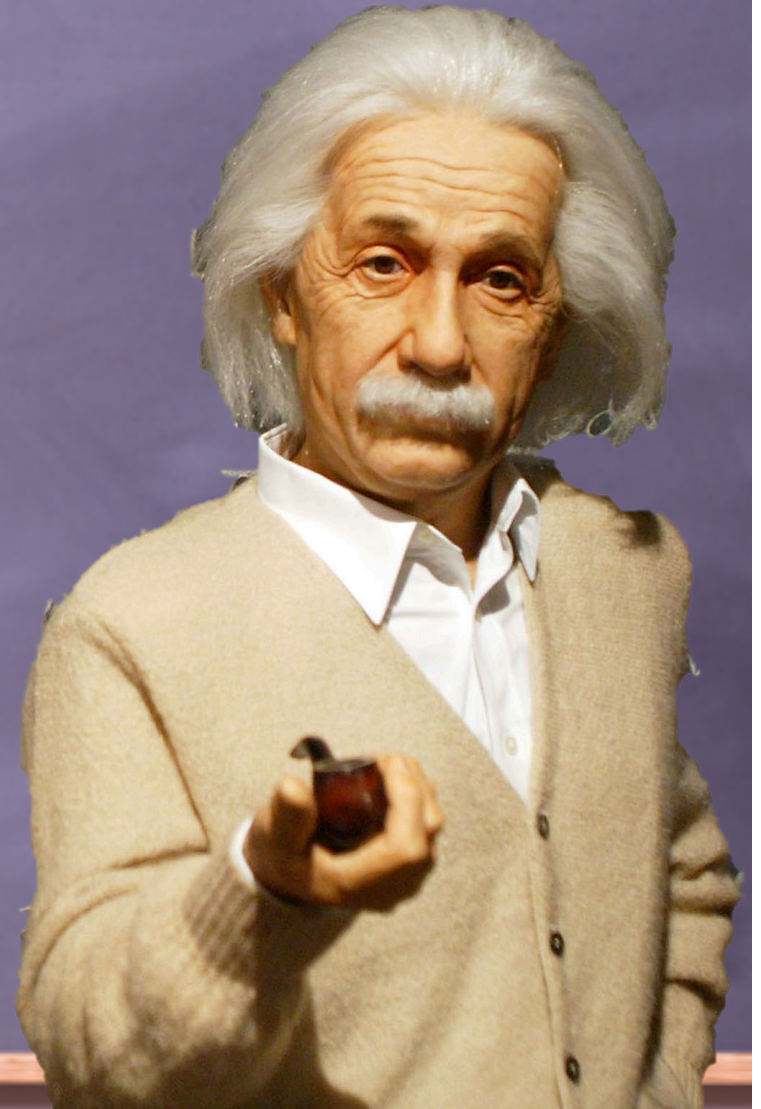


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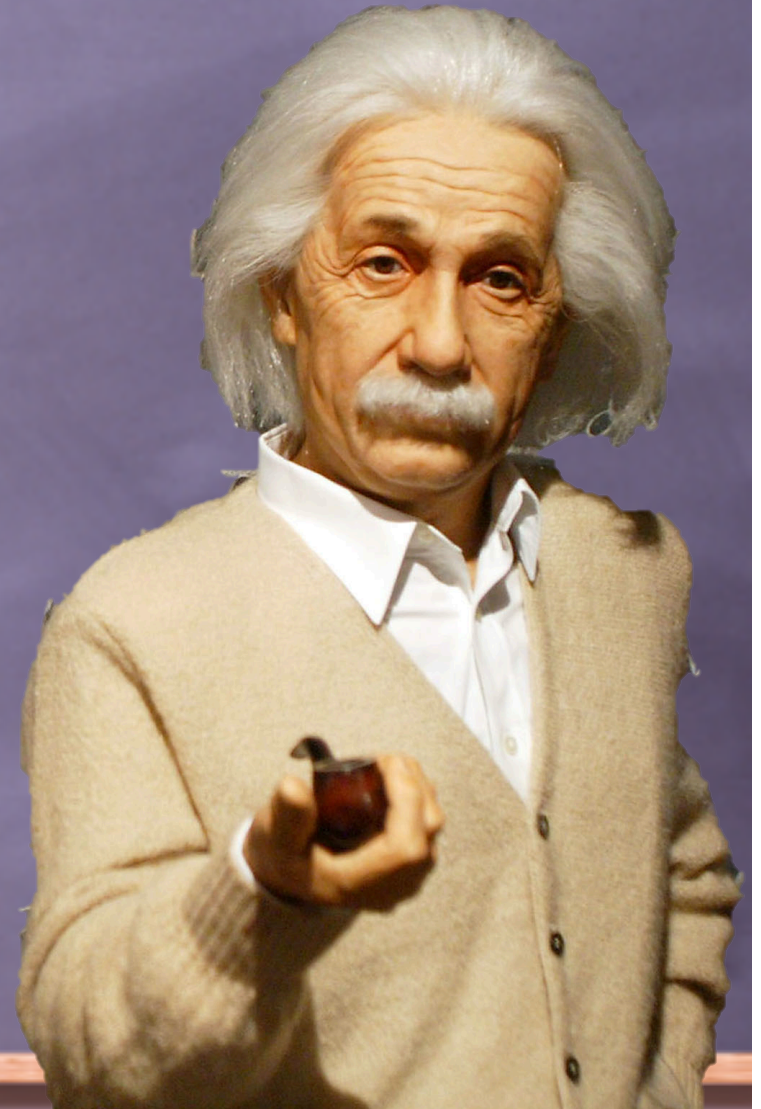
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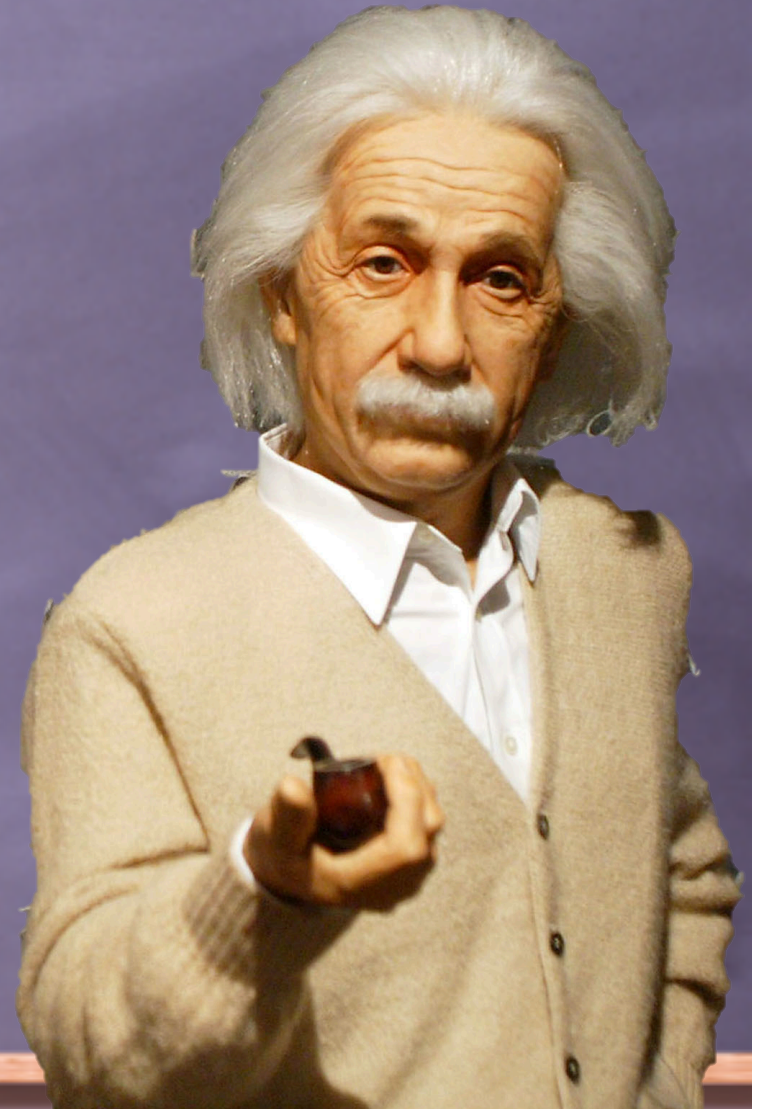


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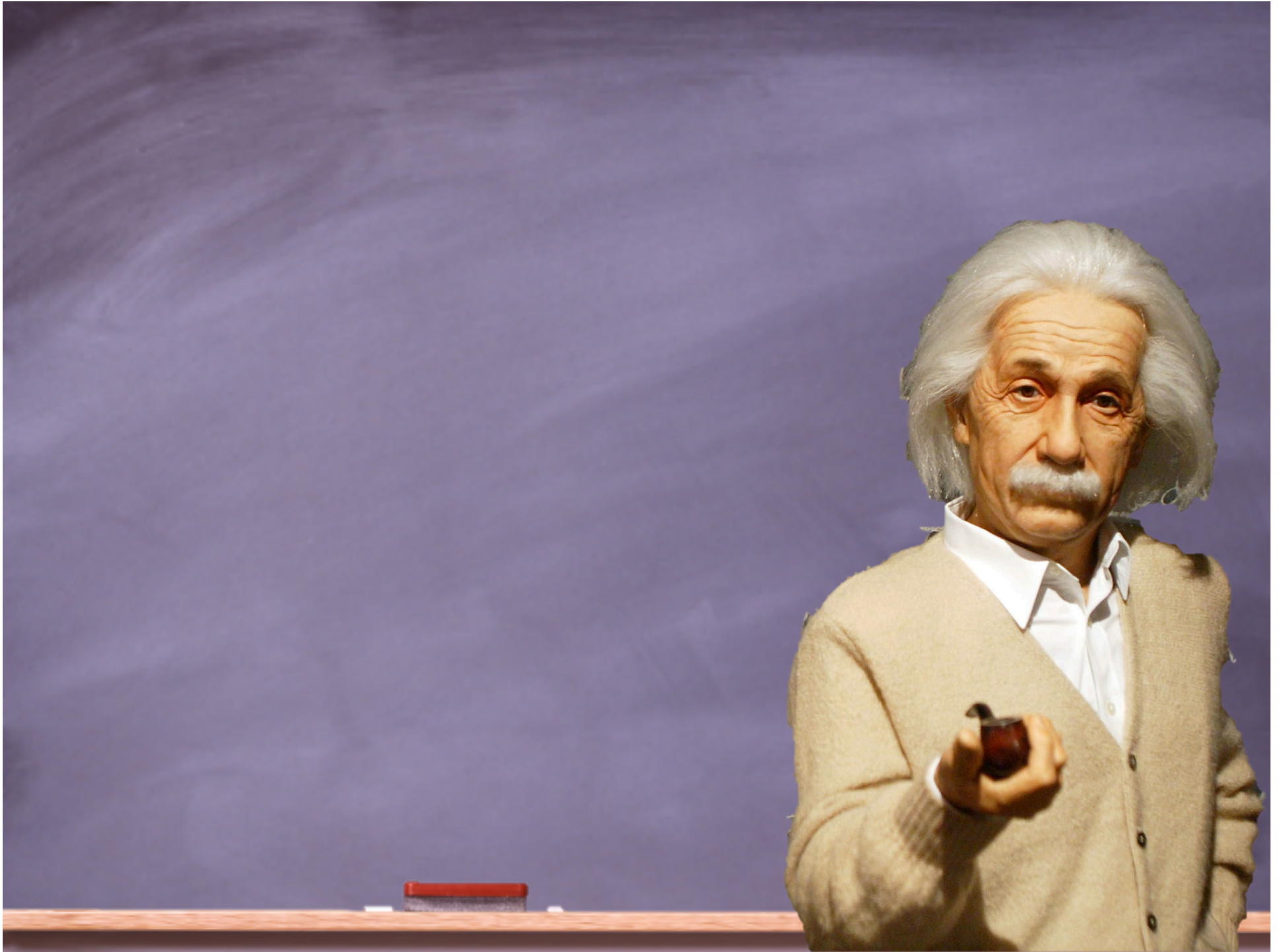


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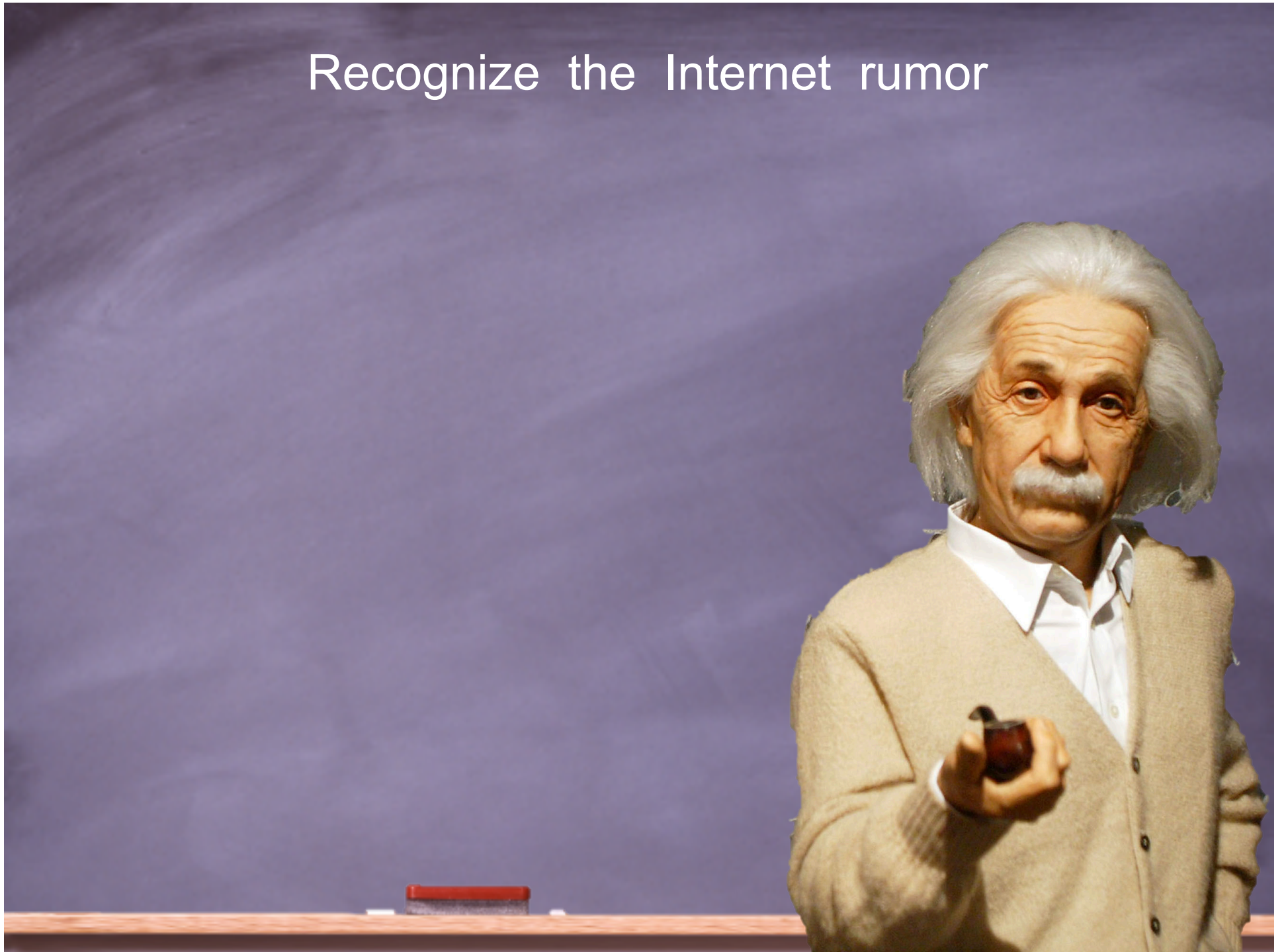
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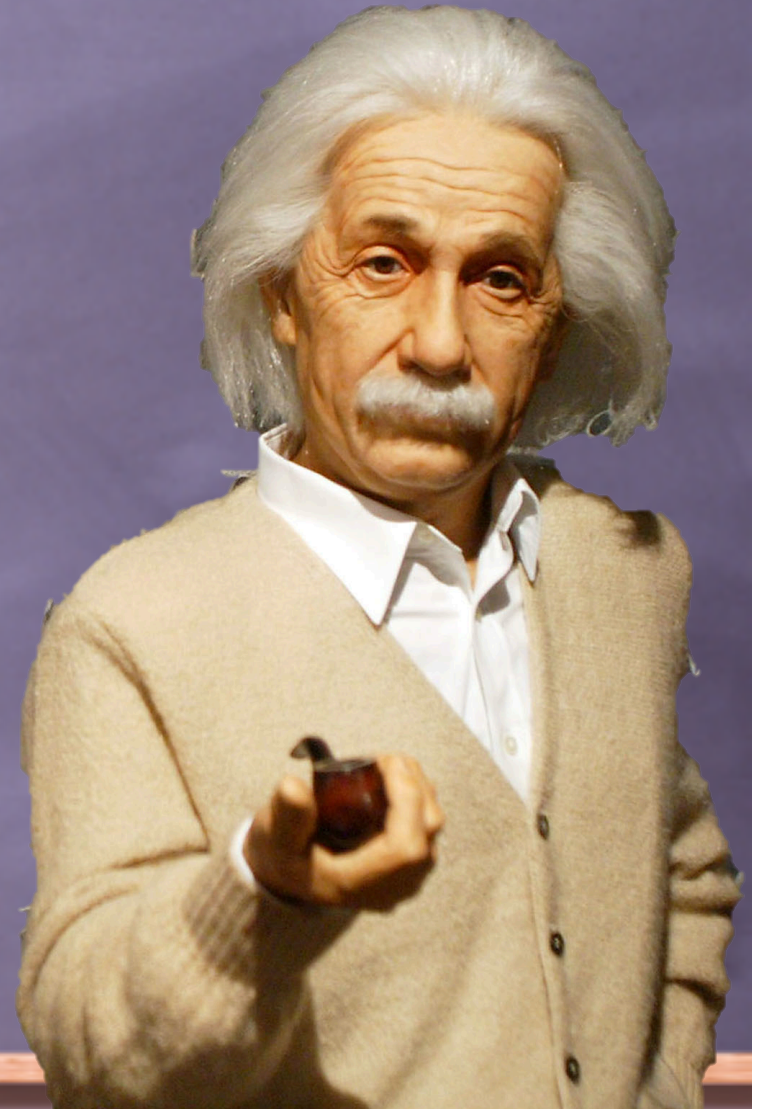


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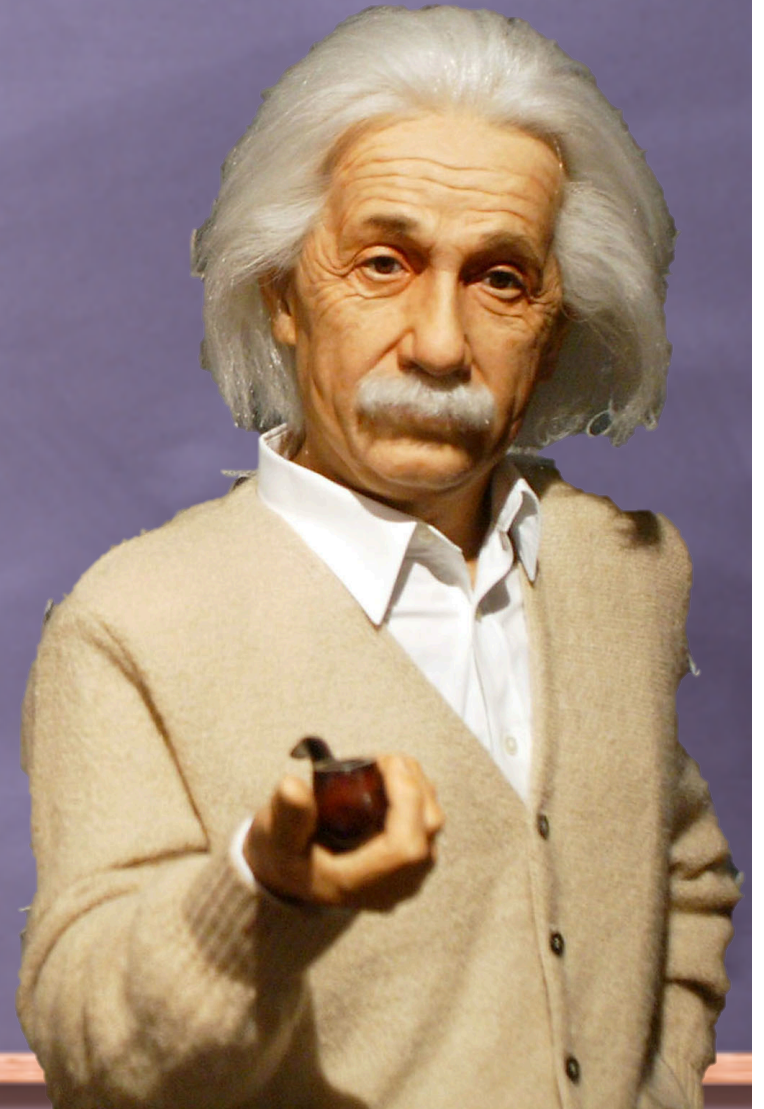
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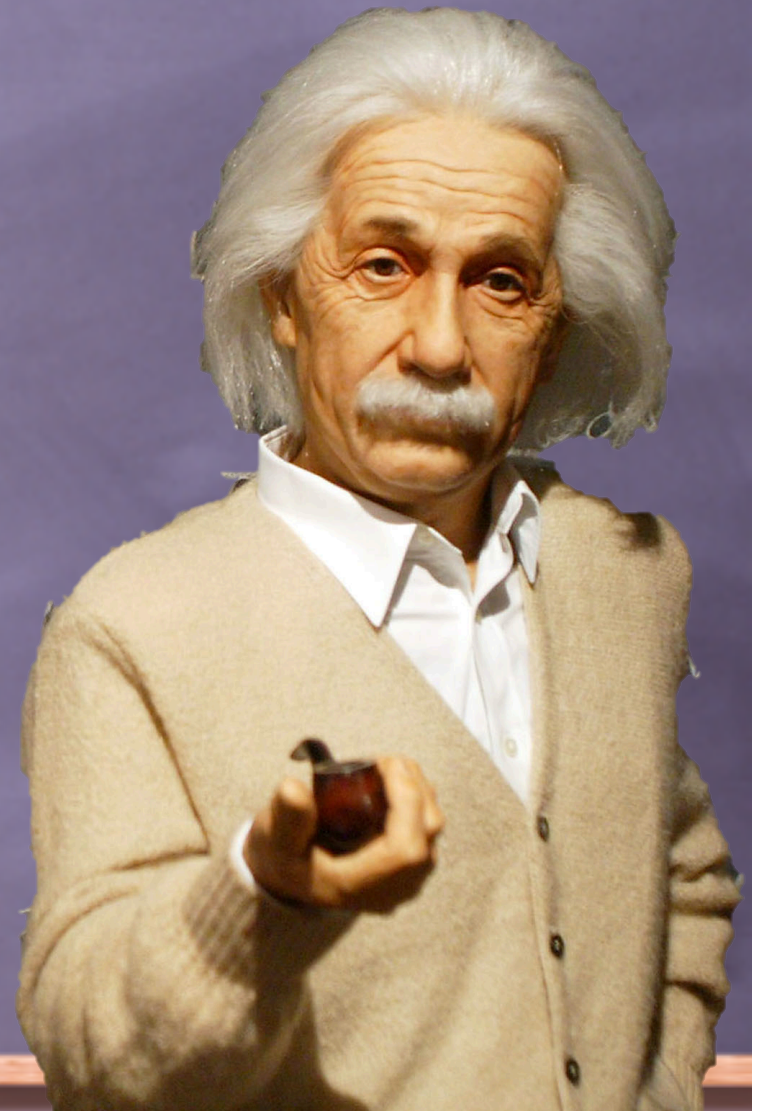




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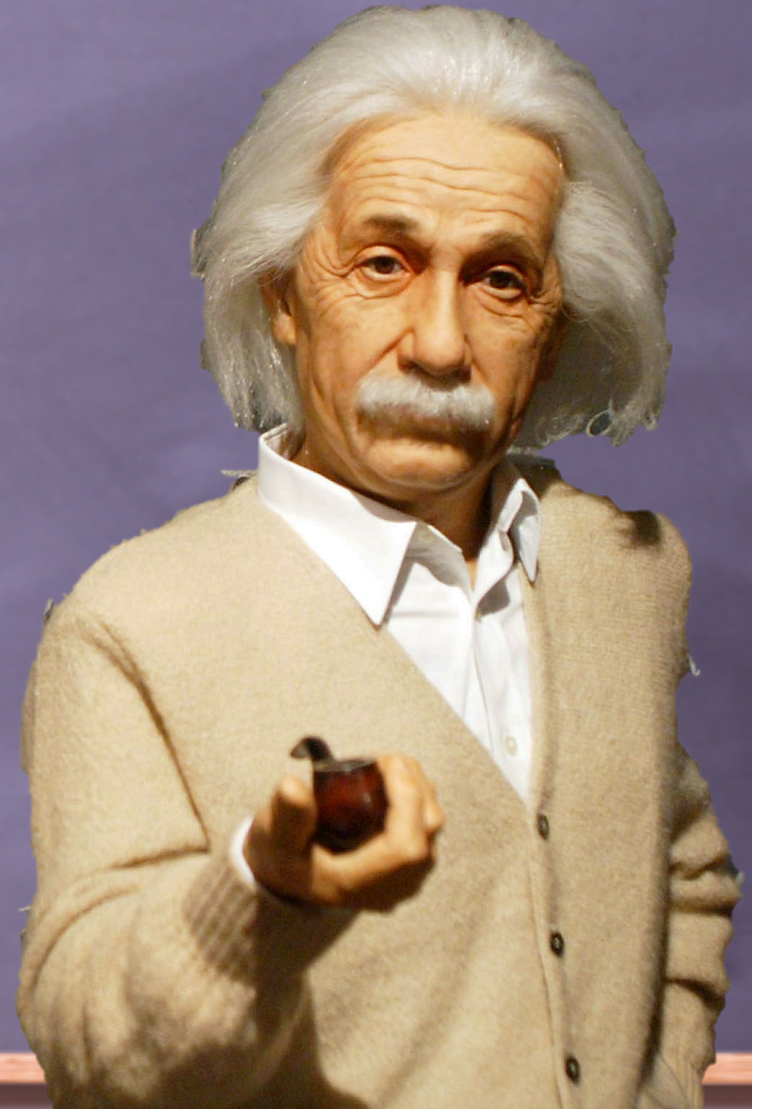


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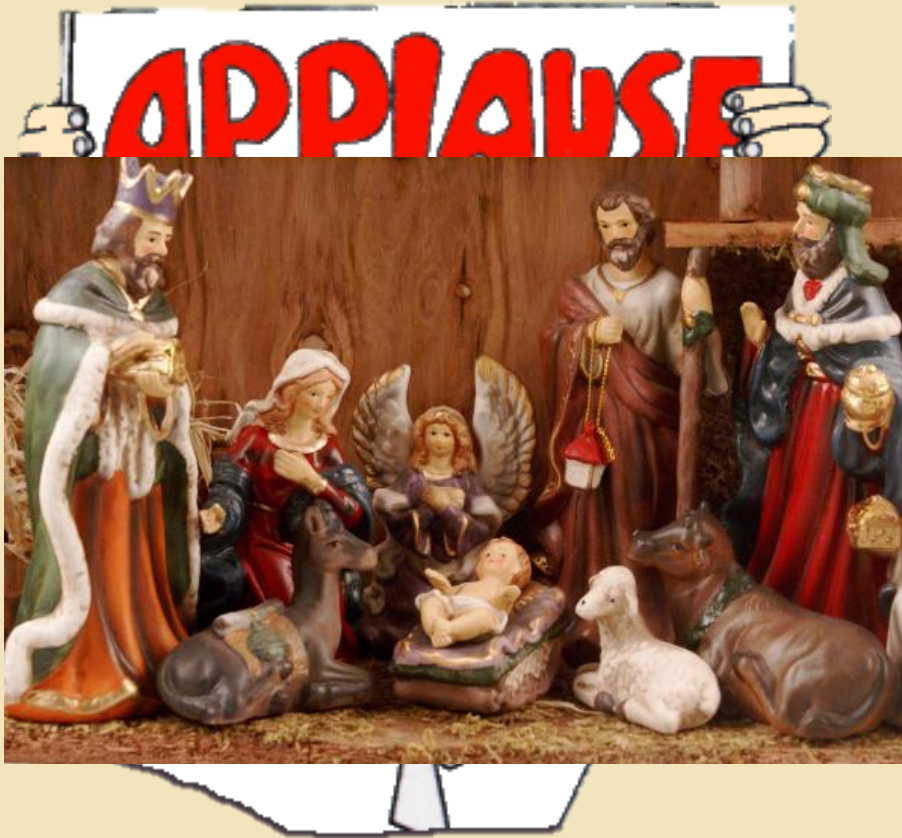
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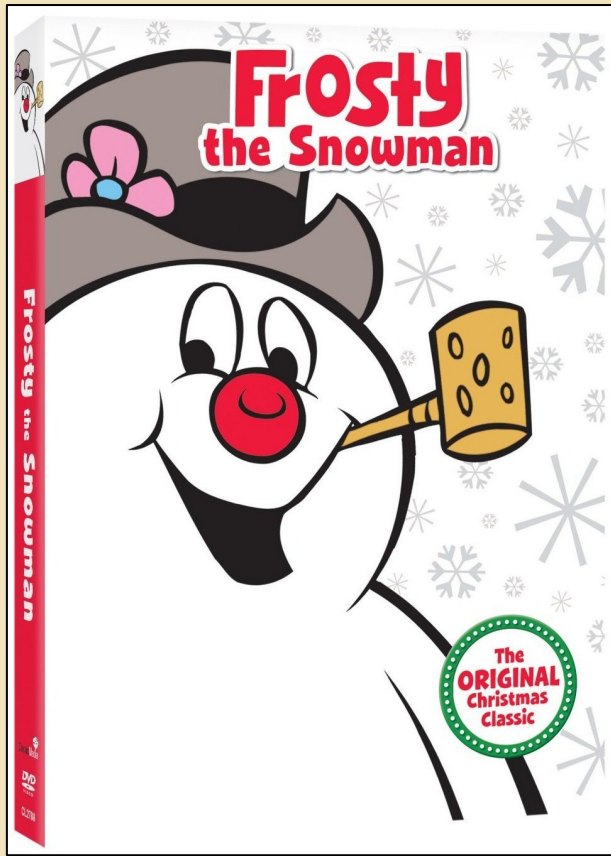


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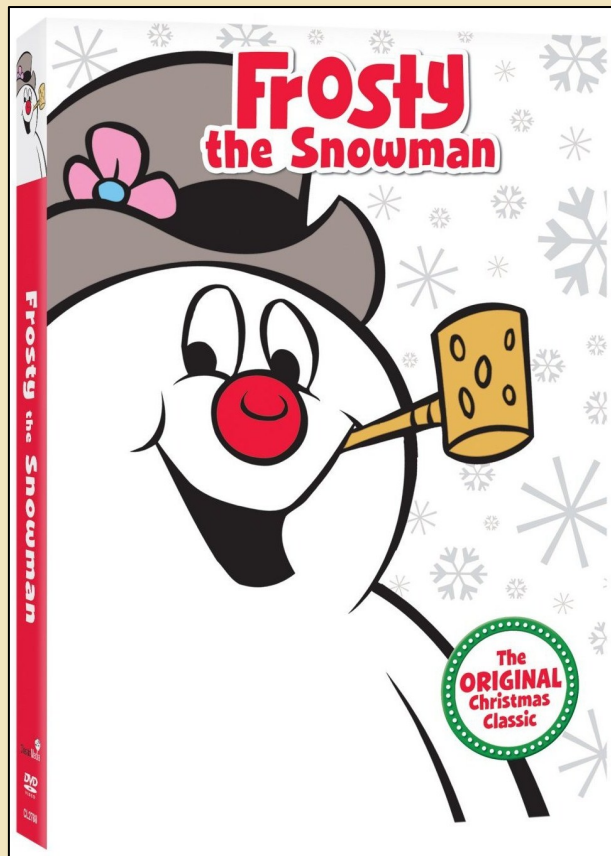


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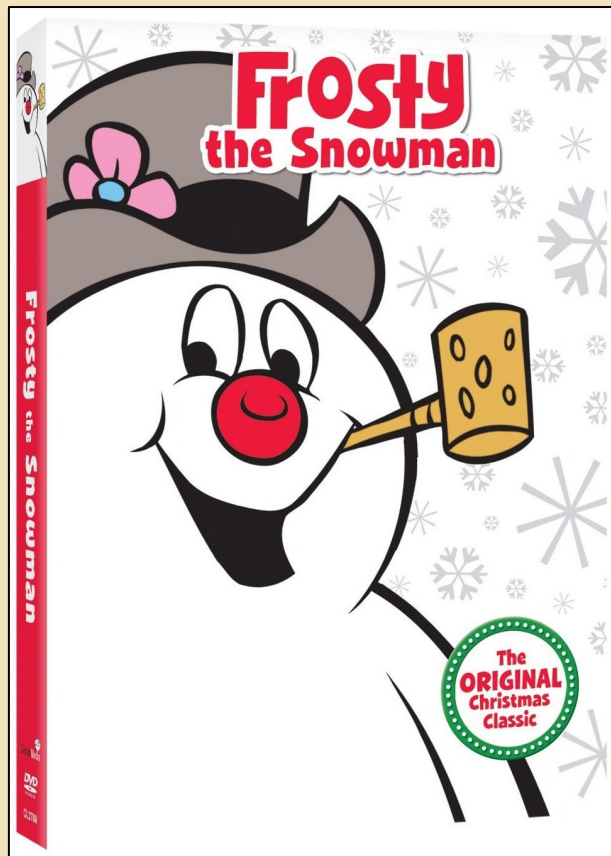


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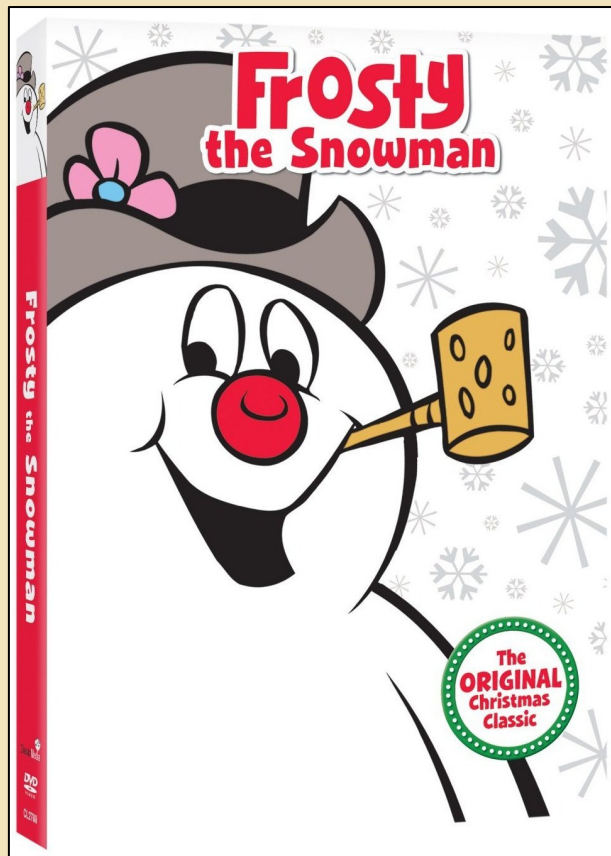


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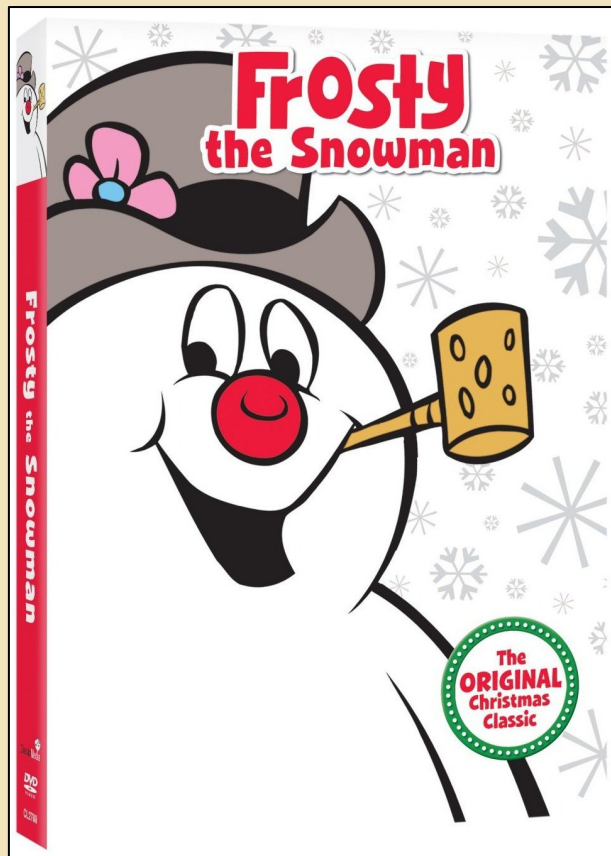
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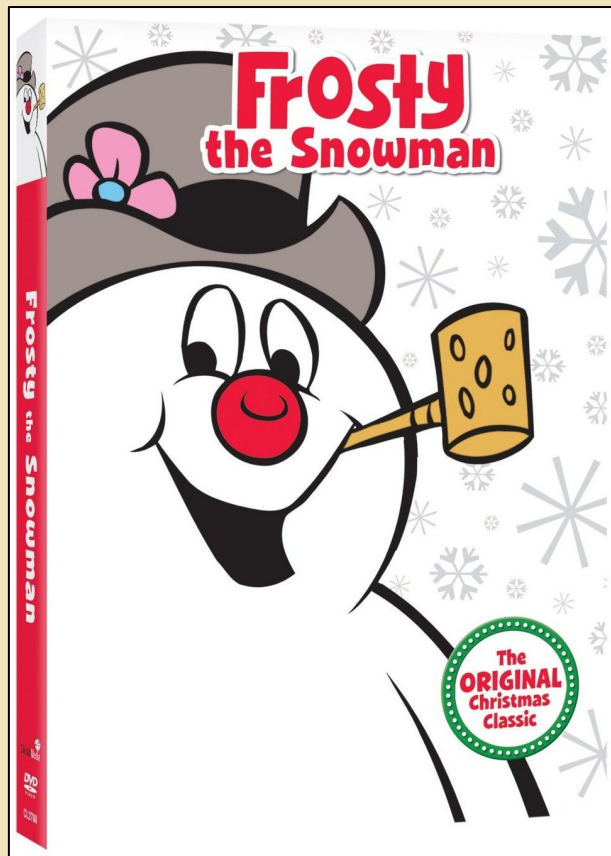
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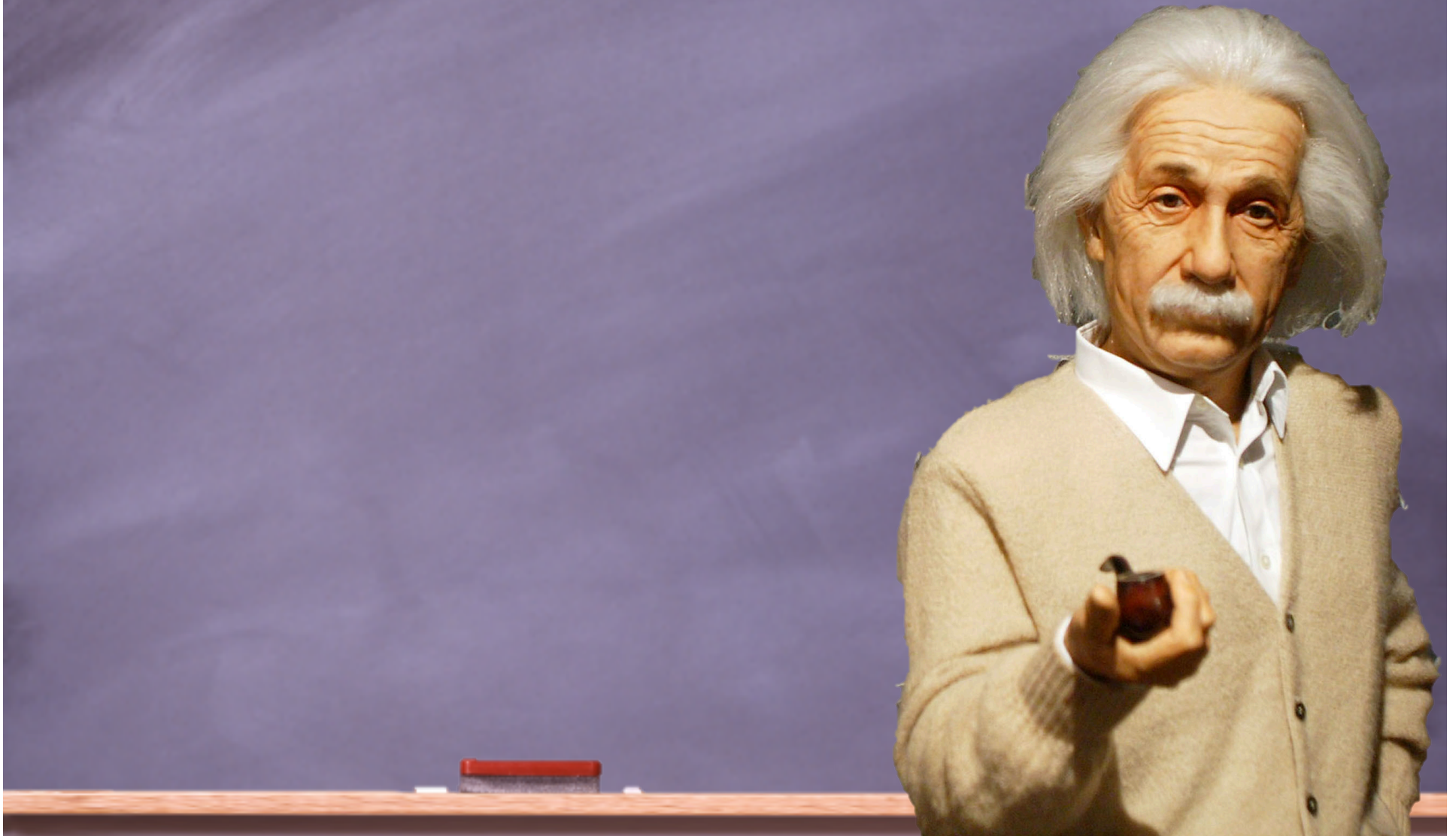
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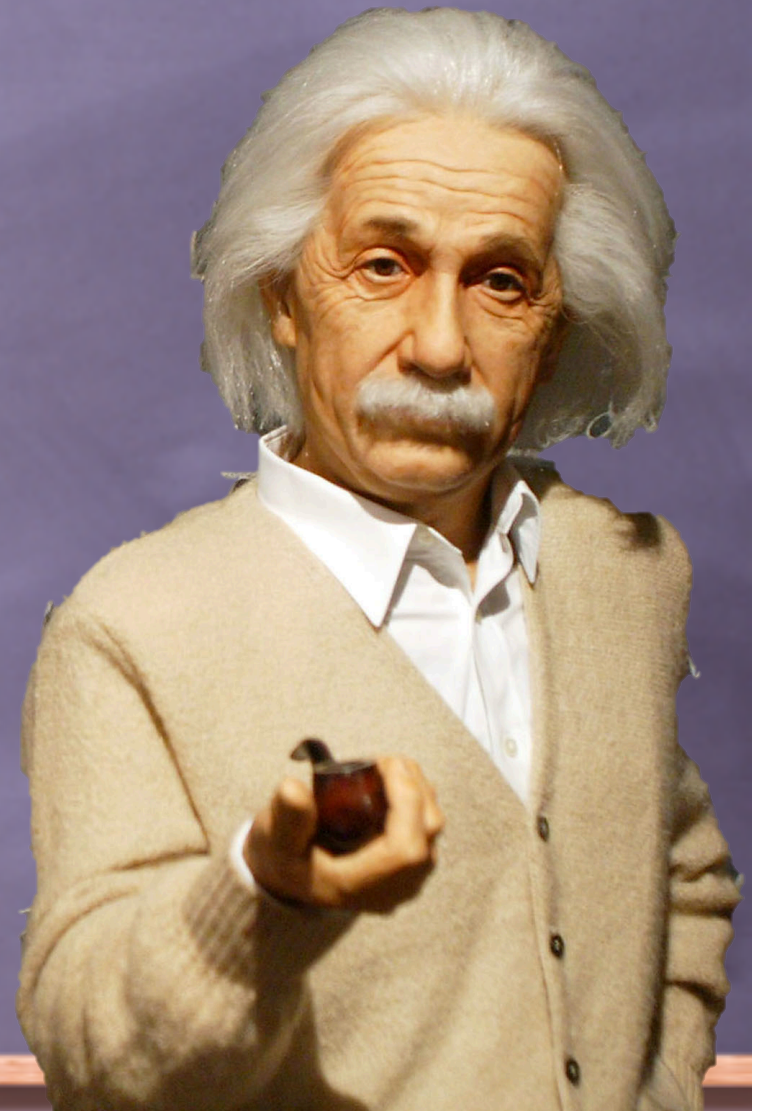


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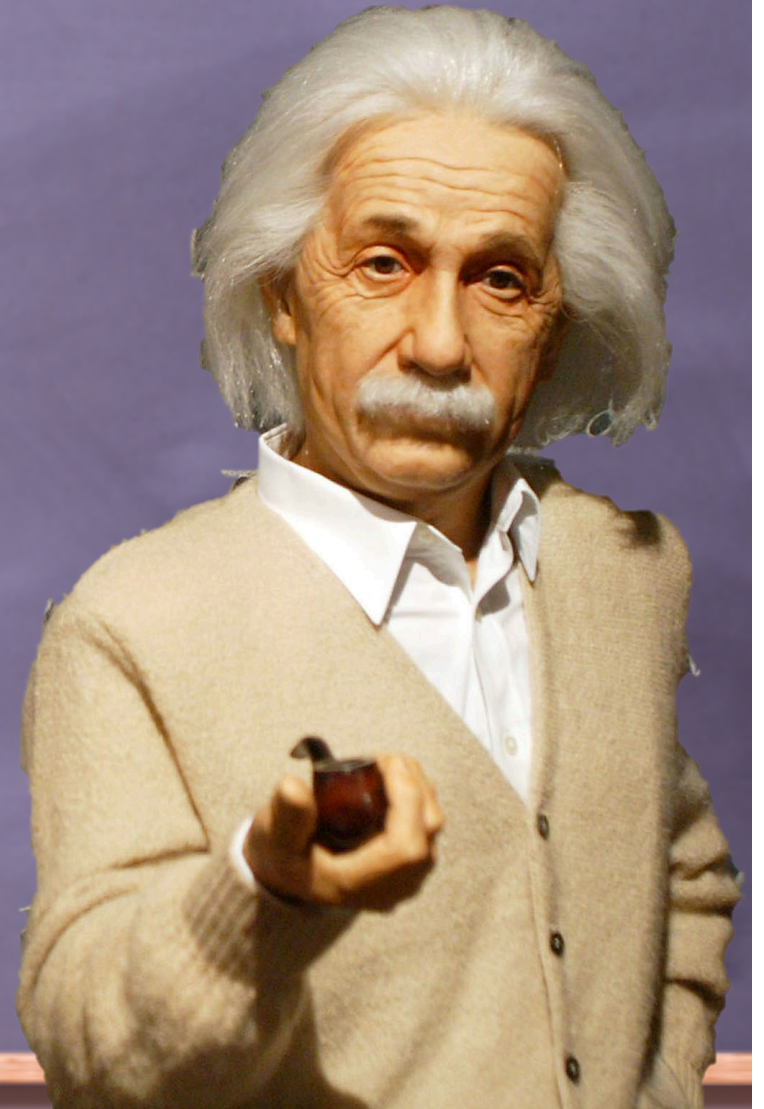
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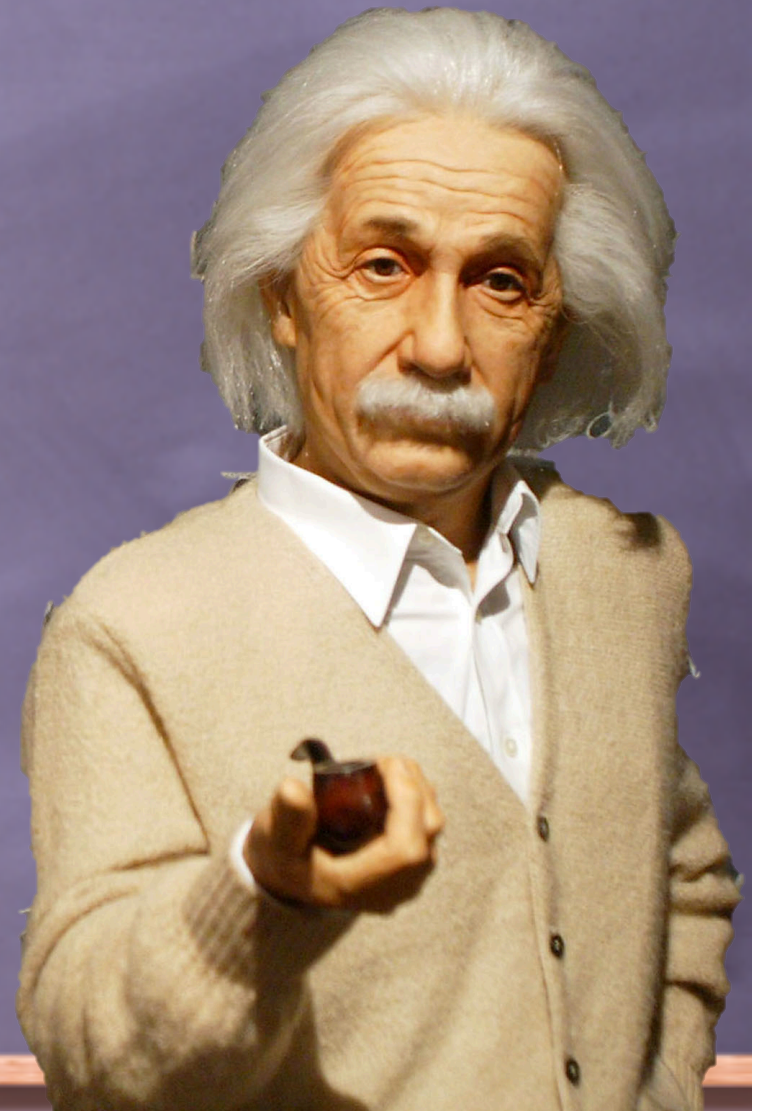


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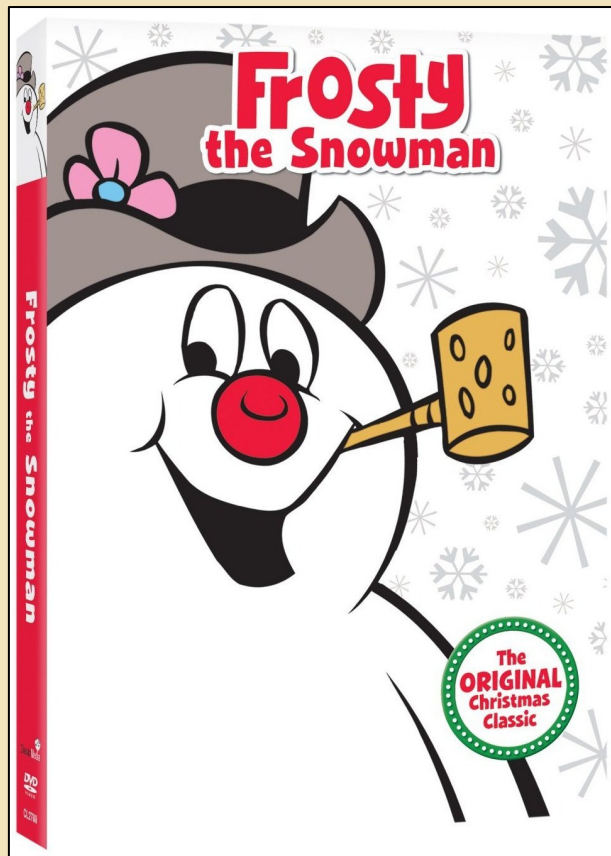
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1800's America – a market!



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- A. New York
- B. Amsterdam
- C. The North Pole
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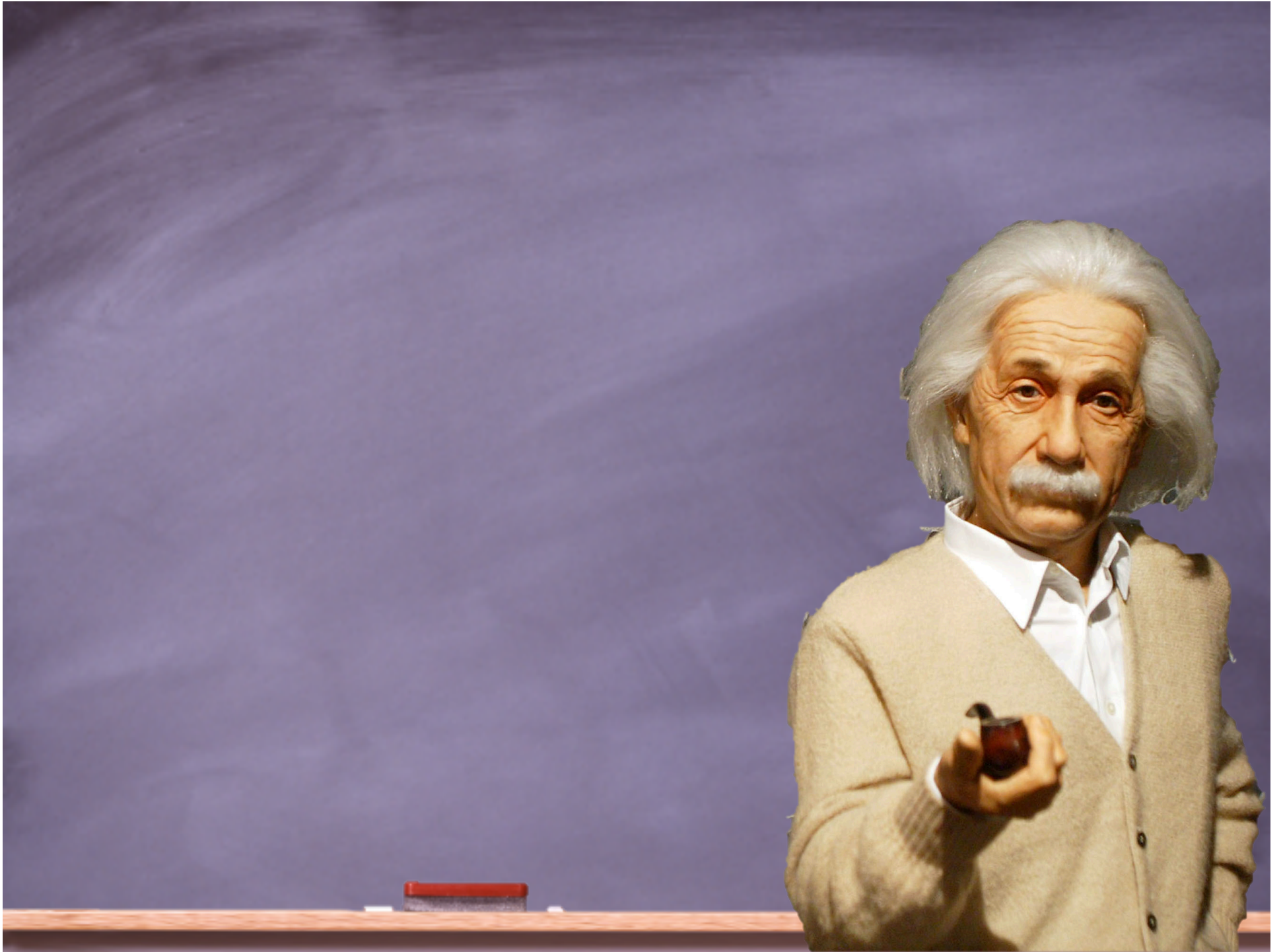


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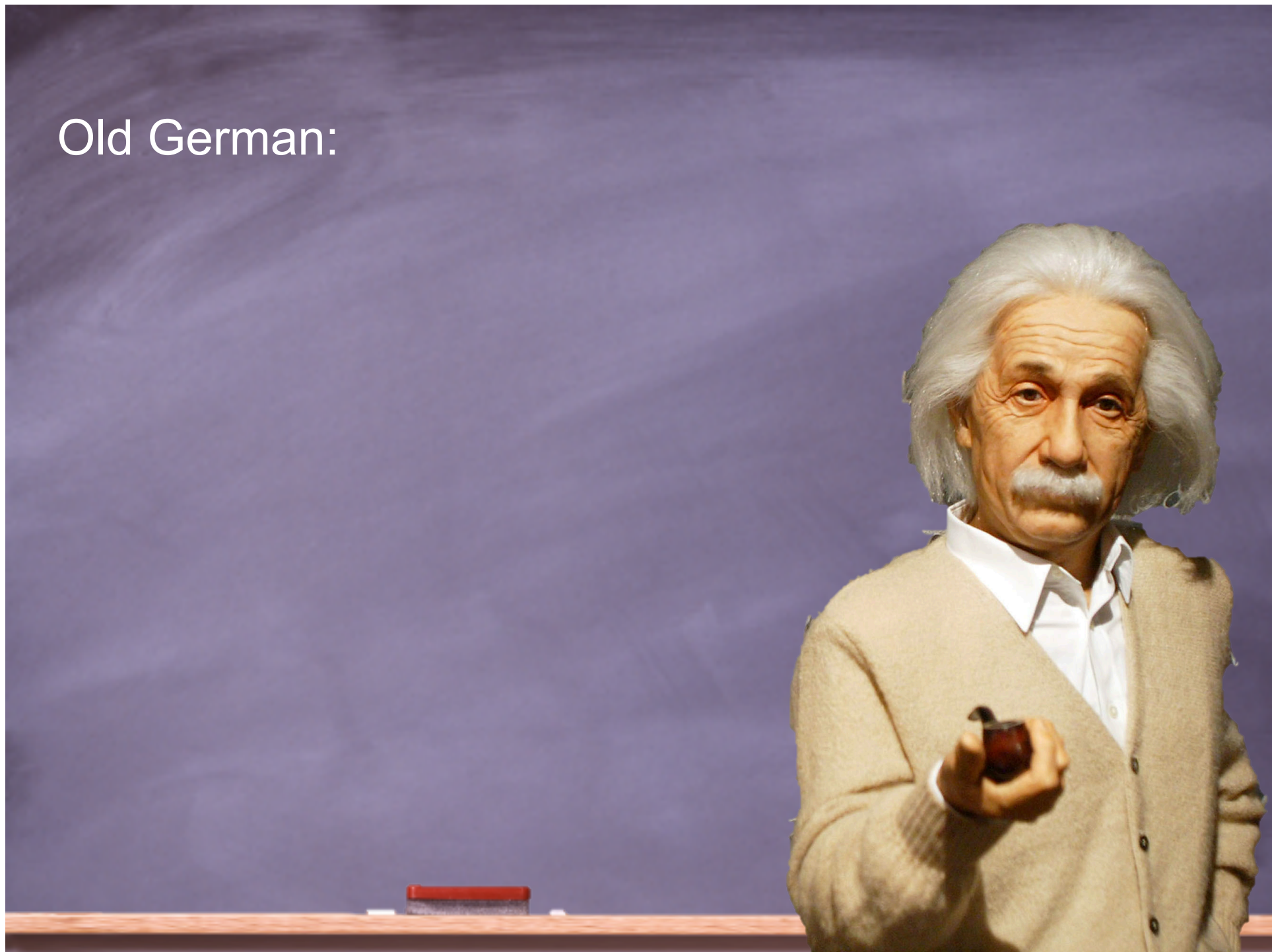


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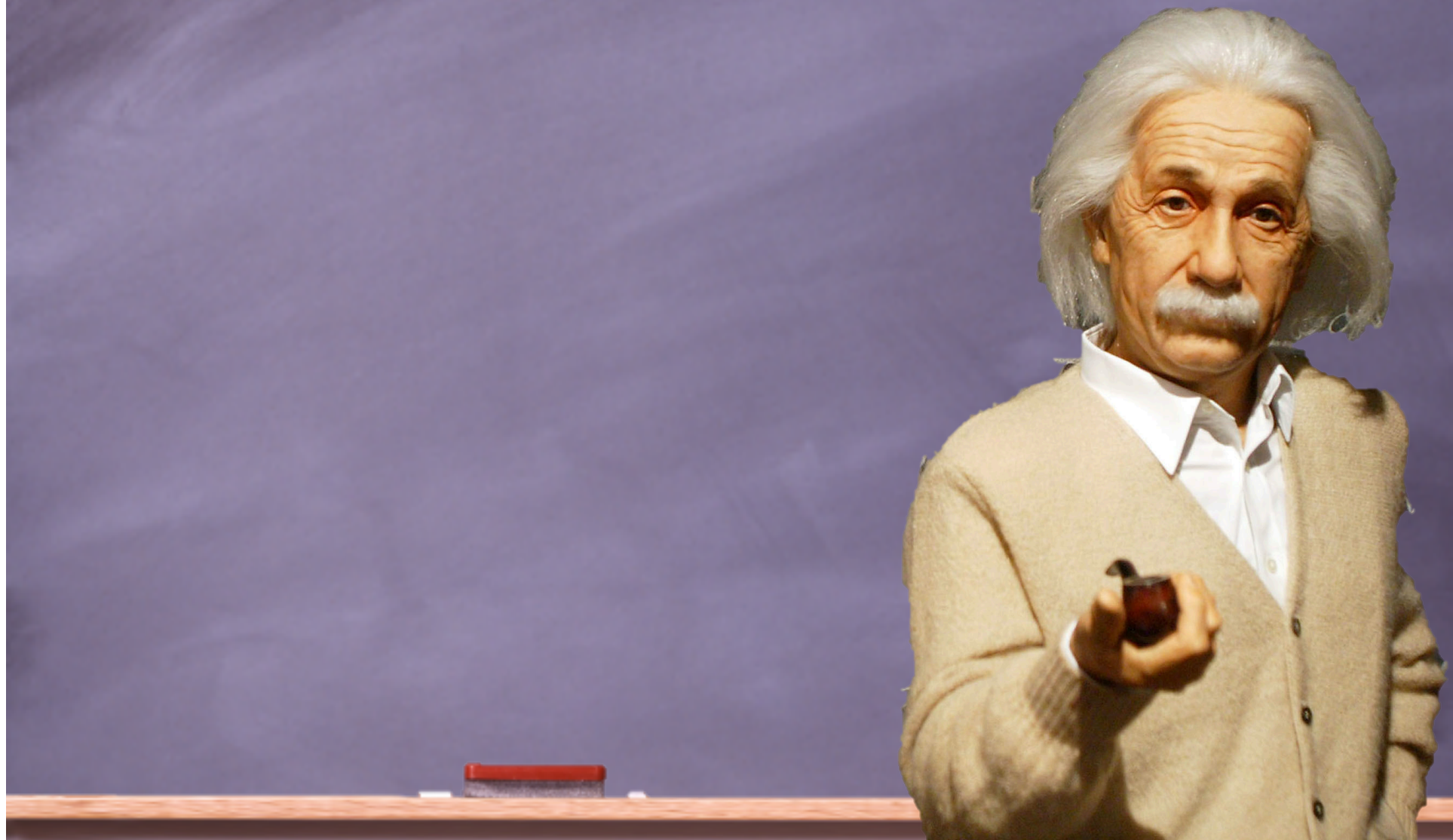
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Kris

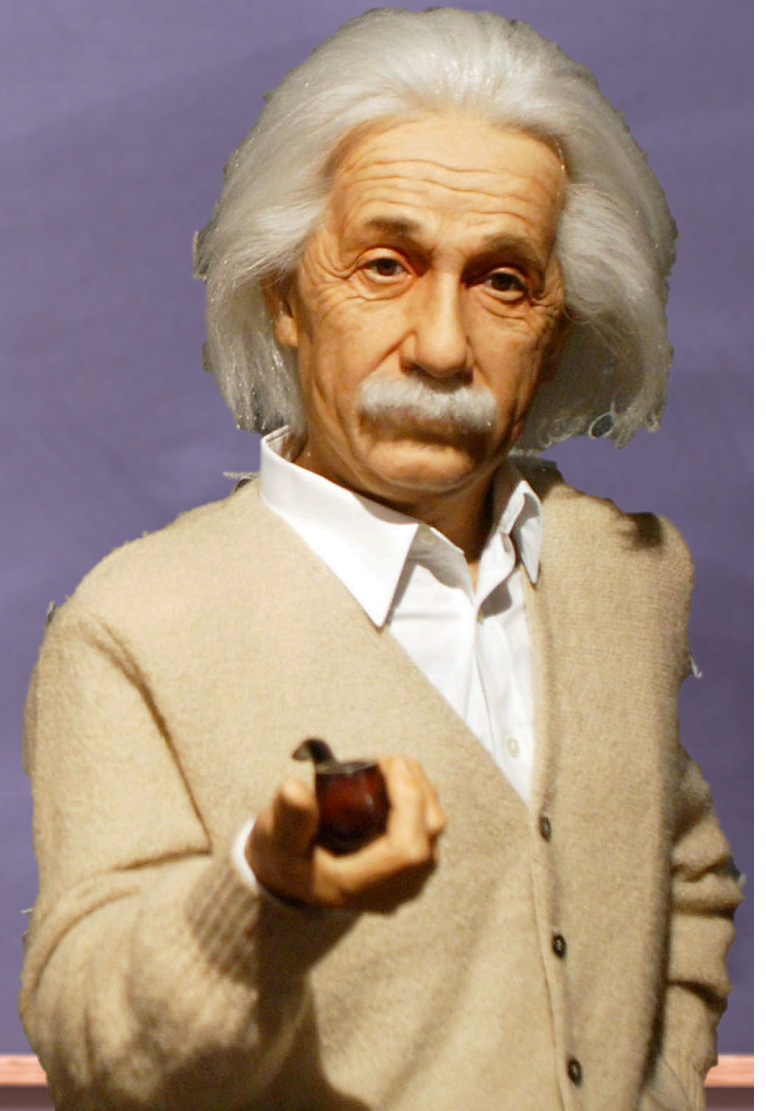
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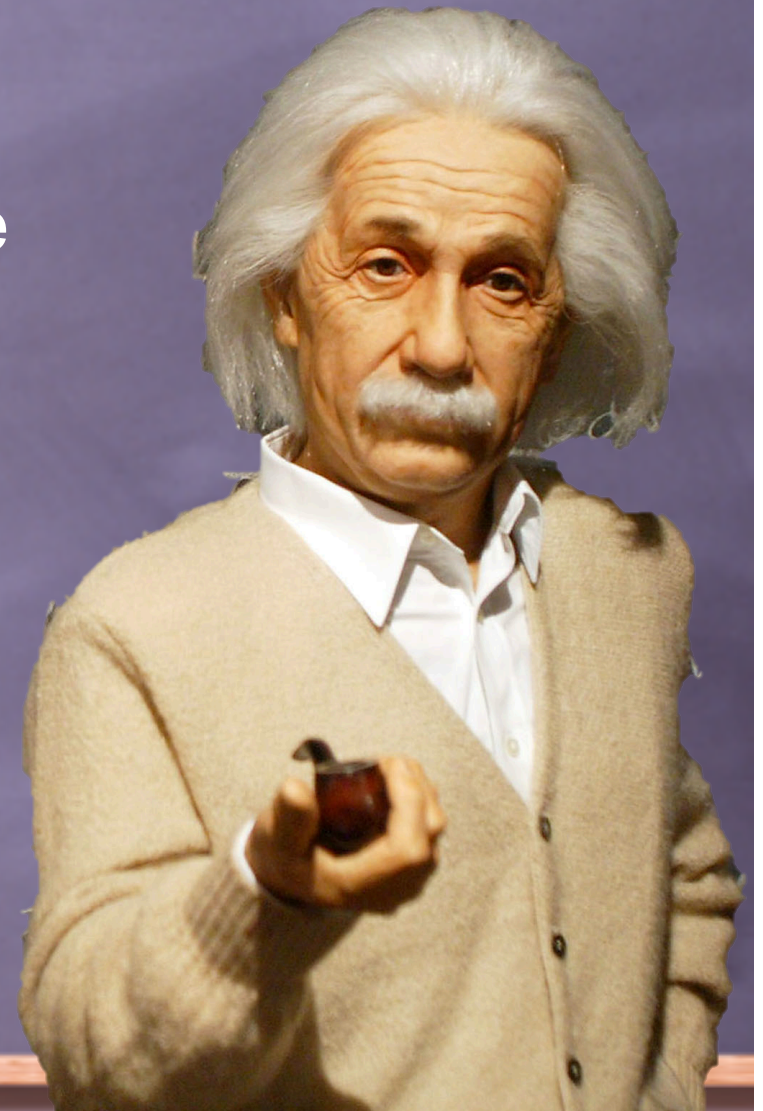


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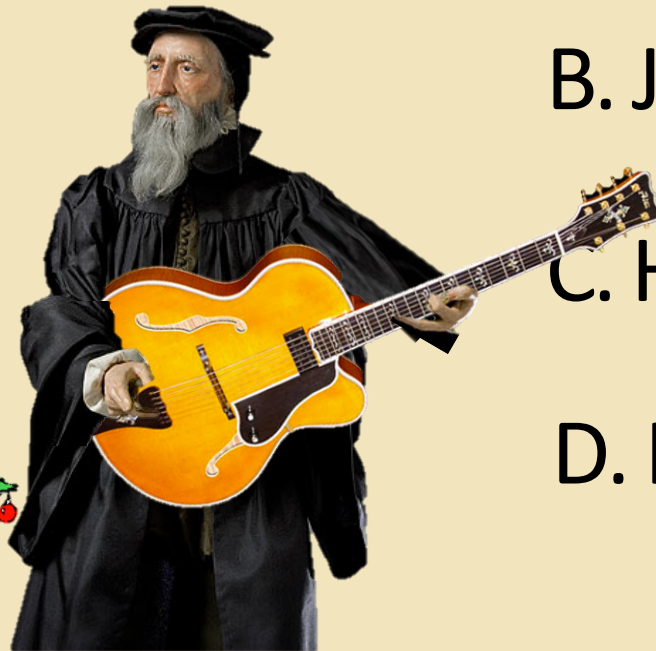


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# *Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree*



Legend associates Christmas trees rightly or wrongly with whom?



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B. John Calvin

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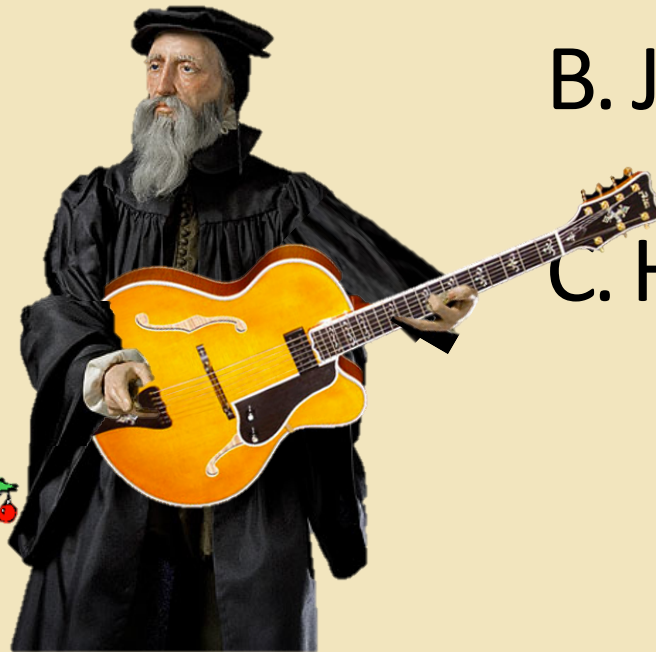
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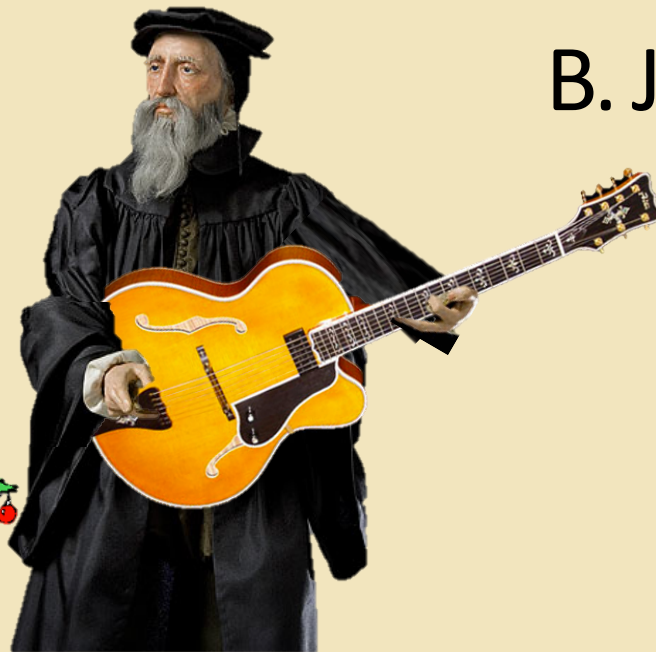




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*Hark! The Herald  
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What war had a significant peace moment  
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- A. Revolutionary War
- B. Civil War
- C. World War I
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*Rudolph the Red-Nosed  
Reindeer*



Where did Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer come from?



A. Sears & Roebuck

B. Norway

C. Montgomery Wards

D. Gene Autry

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# *Here Comes Santa Claus*





Which of the following has not been a regular image of Saint Nicholas/Santa Claus?



- A. Red coat with fur
- B. Blue coat
- C. Chubby
- D. Thin

Which of the following has not been a regular image of Saint Nicholas/Santa Claus?



A.

B.

C.

D.



POINTS FOR HOME:

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*The word became flesh, and  
dwelt among us, and we have  
seen his glory*

*Simplicity ... Poverty ... Humility*

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*WHAT DO YOU DO WITH YOUR  
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# THE CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE!