

The Light Air Recon system is right on track.

LAR Program Review

Lt. Nano

We passed our eval with flying colors — two months early...

Cap'n Cannonball

And we're under budget by 30% — Here's some money back!

The Adirondack Kid

Our simple approach allows us to deliver the first 300 units... What is that?!

Extraordinary Girl

FIST versus the **Incredible Inevitable!**

ROAR!

FOOLS! Everyone knows military technology takes a long time, costs a lot, and is very complicated!

This LAR is just a toy! But I'll make it a real weapon.

Is that an ICBM he's installing under the wing?

Your requirements are overstated!

Oh no! He's turning the LAR into a Laser Attack Recon and Global Effect System — a LARGE! But that's not what the customer wanted!

All this added complexity creates a point of diminishing returns!*

*The Defense Procurement Mess, Gregory, 1989

**Faster, Better, Cheaper; McCurdy, 2001

Faster, Better, Cheaper — Pick None! Ha! Ha! Ha!

Who is this guy?

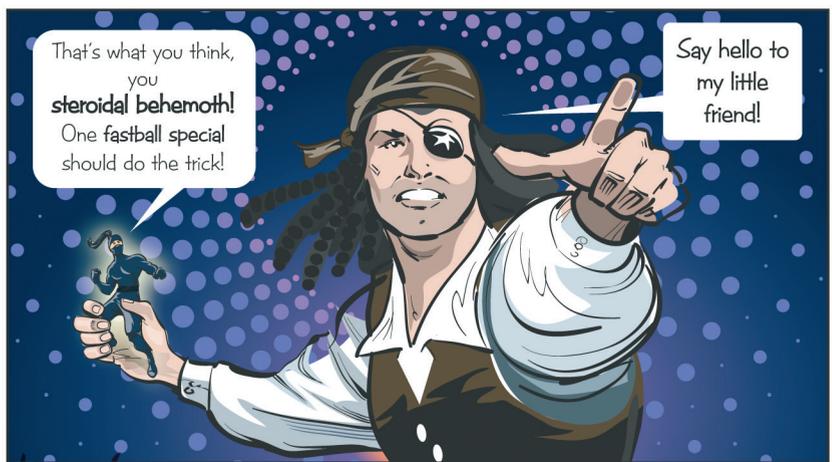
The Incredible Inevitable — My old nemesis! Keep your paws off the LAR!

Created by Dan Ward, Gabe Mounce, and Jim Elmore



Nobody can resist the **inevitable!**

You can't stop my **momentum!**



That's what you think, you **steroidal behemoth!** One fastball special should do the trick!

Say hello to my little friend!



Lt Nano flies through the air...



...and splits into a dozen tiny ninjas.

We won't let your bad theories destroy our good practices!

**Sumantra Ghoshal, Academy of Management Learning & Education, 2005*



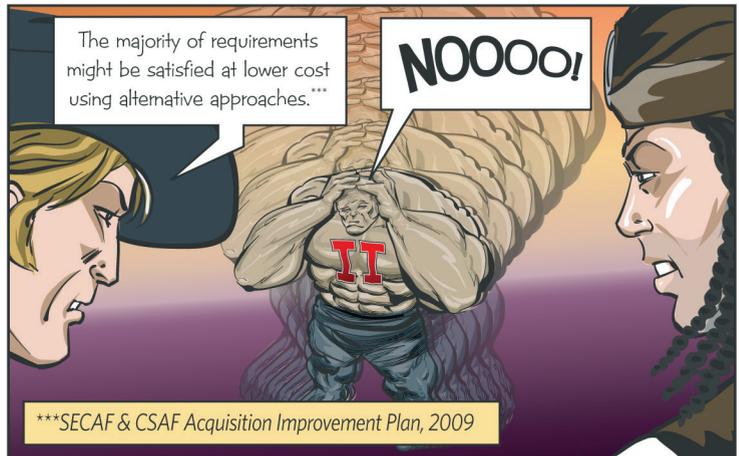
AHRGG! There are too many!

Your worldview overlooks the self-reflexive nature of estimates! It only costs a lot if you think it will.**

***R. Jackson & J. Dafler, a Slightly Deconstructive Treatment of the Cost Estimating Project, 2008*



Nice work, Lt. Nano! You held him off long enough for us to finish the LAR.



The majority of requirements might be satisfied at lower cost using alternative approaches.***

NOOOO!

****SECAF & CSAF Acquisition Improvement Plan, 2009*



Looks like he wasn't inevitable after all.

And not very incredible either.

Yeah, more like un-credible!

Oh, Lt. Nano... Ha ha ha ha!

Tune in next time, when we'll hear Cap'n Cannonball say, "Hey guys, wait for me!"