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## LONG-AWAITED GREAT PUMPKIN RISES!

### IS LINUS AT LONG LAST VINDICATED?

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~ *Armed Freedom*

Linus Schultz\*, the little boy who perpetually confused Easter with Halloween was elated when the Great Pumpkin finally rose out of the Pumpkin Patch. "People have been making fun of me for years. Most have written me off as a dimwit deplorable," Schultz said in an exclusive interview.

"What they forget is the fact that I'm so sincere! *If you're sincere enough, you get to see this miracle happen!* Just like he promised, he rose out of the Pumpkin Patch and already he's making America great again! Healthcare reform is just around the corner. So is tax reform, infrastructure repair, and an end to coal miners being out of work. The Great Wall around the Patch will keep all of those terrible, noxious weeds out and, as you can plainly see in the picture, it's already underway! I just love the Great Pumpkin: he *always* keeps his promises!"

\* Our apologies to Charles Schultz for abusing his characters here.

Alas, poor Linus, but no. The Great Pumpkin did **not** rise. It was, instead, The Great Trumpkin. Really. So sad.

Having promised voters life, the universe, and everything, The Great Trumpkin *never* keeps his promises. More and more of the very sincere Linus-like hopefuls who voted for him are beginning to suspect that the rise of Trump is just one more case of P.E.<sup>1</sup>



Linus, in his enthusiasm for a magical savior, forgot that the prediction was that The Great *Pumpkin* would rise out of the Patch on *Halloween*. Sadly for him, he reported seeing his vision on October 25, five days early.

Sadly for all of us (maybe yes, maybe no) there are no magic saviors anyhow. Father Newel Post up at the National Cathedral and Franciscan Brother Levo Cetirizini both agree: the Good News is that there is no savior to do it *for* us. Apparently, the rising of New Life is an internal thing that needs to happen inside each of us in our own little corner of the Pumpkin Patch. So glad!

<sup>1</sup> Premature Emergence. You were expecting something a bit more racy, weren't you? Very sad. Unlike the President, this newspaper is family-friendly. Nearly always.

That sort of internal rebirth does appear to be happening amongst the ranks of Trump's own GOP.

Senator Jeff Flake joined his Senatorial colleagues Bob Corker and John McCain in accurately calling out Trump as unfit for his office and a danger to our democracy. Former President George W. Bush did the same. All four of *them* recently rose out of the GOP.<sup>2</sup> But with most Republicans calling anew for an investigation of Hillary Clinton's emails (again!) and giving Trump "a standing O" at a luncheon, as a group they resemble no one so much as Good Ol' Pigpen.



### Gunk on Parade

<sup>2</sup> Ground of Putrefaction. Well, what else would you call those who won't sound the alarm? Pusillanimous?<sup>3</sup> Or a Gathering of Pusillanimites? Has sort of an up-town ring to it, no?

<sup>3</sup> pu-sil-lan'i-mous *adjective:* showing a lack of courage or determination; timid.