**Inspiring Story of the Week**

**During one of the last major offensives of World War II, Dwight Eisenhower was walking near the Rhine and came upon a GI who seemed depressed. “How are you feeling, son?” he asked. “General,” the young man replied, “I'm awful nervous.” “Well,” Eisenhower said, “you and I are a good pair then, because I'm nervous too. Maybe if we just walk along together, we'll be good for each other.” No sermon. No special advice. But what words of encouragement. (Mark R. Littleton, in Reader's Digest)**

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[**An Ontario family's fireside argument over whether the earth is flat or round became so heated that the fire department had to be called out. Police said a 56-year-old man was sitting at a park bonfire with his son and his son's girlfriend when the woman asserted that the earth is flat. When she refused to back down, the man became enraged and started throwing camping equipment into the fire -- including a propane cylinder. Firefighters were called to put out the blaze. After admitting the fight was "stupid," the dad was charged with a misdemeanor. *(The Week magazine, July 1/July 8, 2016)***](http://www.mondaymunchees.com/)

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**A man named Smith, who wished he had a million dollars, awoke one morning and found that his wish had come true. A million dollars in brand new bills was stacked on a table. He sprang out of bed. Bounding across the room, he threw up his window to cry out his good fortune to Jones, who lived next door. To his surprise, Jones said the same thing had happened to him as well as to Brown, who lived on the other side of him. Everybody in the world had been given a million dollars. At first Smith was a little nettled. But he soon got over that. Why shouldn't everyone be as happy as he? Certainly everyone should be happy with a million dollars to spend. But, as the day wore on, Smith found that this sudden distribution of wealth wasn't spreading happiness at all. He switched on the radio to get the news, but found the radio was dead. All the people at the broadcasting station had quit. Neither was there a morning paper, nor the usual order of milk and rolls. The owner of the corner store had not opened up yet. Why should he, now that he was a “rich man”? Instead of making everybody happy, the distribution of wealth suddenly made everybody miserable. The only result of more money was that everything cost more – labor and materials, tools and goods. It was not real wealth at all, for the riches had taken away man's desire to produce. *(Bits & Pieces) millionaires***

**May 24th, 2024 - chunk of lava *(Ronald Rood, in Reader's Digest) imagination***

[**May 17th, 2024 - Children don't need toys to play. *(Susan Lewis, in Philadelphia) children’s world***](http://www.mondaymunchees.com/)

[**May 10th- 2024 - Meryl Streep *(Matthew Gilbert, in Boston Globe) mother’s day***](http://www.mondaymunchees.com/)

[**May 3rd, 2024 - Abraham Lincoln,  *(Bits & Pieces) written word power***](http://www.mondaymunchees.com/)

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