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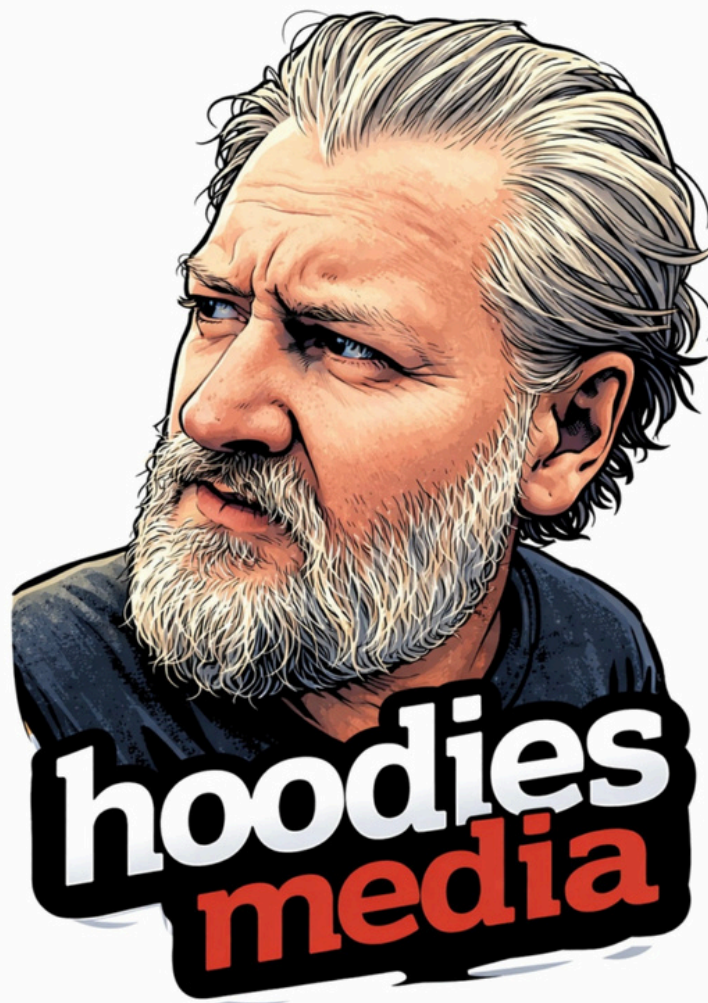
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EDITORIAL

Can you hear that? No! Not the Chinese weapon testing in the South Pacific but Labor MP's across the country running to zoom calls! They need to work out how to keep the Chinese happy while the feds have to condone any weapons testing in waters close to Australia. Maybe Albo can offer the Chinese Kylie Minogue? Or maybe Albo can tell Trump we don't need any subs after all? Who knows, but given most Labor politicians have time share apartments in Beijing Albo better not upset the Chinese!

Speaking of Albo we have to ask whose idea was it for him to go on the quirky podcast that insisted the PM play the game he did? Last week Mark Butler was acting like a Wiggles on his social media and you have to ask who is advising these morons? Have the Libs infiltrated Labor HQ? Maybe the Chinese have sleeper agents in Canberra what ever the case this kind of delusional behaviour needs to stop but hey it gives us lots to write about!

Another day another IBAC referral. These must make Jacinta Allan laugh I mean really. The state government news powers for IBAC don't come in for another 250 years so what's the point? No one takes it seriously anymore and IBAC have said they can't do anything. So yep the Libs are running to the letter of the law but when the government changes the law to keep IBAC out of their business the only hope for action is November's election.

So while Karl Stefanovic has been cuddling up to James Packer and Piers Morgan both helping him plan for his future Karl isn't so keen on people taking the piss out of him. I suspect when Karl was at Nine he was protected from the horrors of social media but now he's 'Free' he's in his own. It means that Karl is the subject of a number of parodies with comedian and radio host Henry Bretz getting the most traction. While Bretz is getting thousands of hits on his Karl impressions the man himself unfollowed the comedian which really only made Bretz go harder. If Karl is really going to be the spokesperson for free speech he best harden up because it only gets worse from here.

Two things out of the World Cup yesterday. The first we saw how contemptible FIFA actually are after Trump picked up the phone to the world governing body and asked what they could do about a red card for US player Folarin Balogun. The red card was rescinded and Balogun plays against Belgium but this was a dark moment for the World Cup. On a more positive note Mexico and England played what is the game of the tournament so far. An epic 3-2 win to England maybe the long awaited catalyst for England to finally bring it home?! What a game!

And finally bio hacker rich person Bryan Johnson has a thing called Autoimmune Gastritis, which means his guys are attacking him which also means it doesn't matter how much money or how narcissistic you are bad stuff happens no matter what!

And with that I'm off to have my diet breakfast of chips, chocolate and soft drink!

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DARE TO DREAM

Is it dare to dream time when you get to quarter finals of the World Cup? Brazil gone, Germany gone, Netherlands gone...but remaining for the quarters so far are Norway, England, Morocco and France...as much as I'd like to see Ronaldo get through I think Spain get through as do Belgium and Argentina and from there well...

I lived in England during the 2002 World Cup and still think had England not got Brazil in the quarter finals they could've won it all. England were a brilliant team, David Seaman in goal the back four of Bridge, Ferdinand, Campbell and Cole. A midfield of Scholes, Lampard, Gerrard and Beckham with Owen and Rooney out front. Sadly for England the Brazil team they got in the quarters had, Cafu, Dida, Ronaldo, Ronaldinho, Roberto Carlos, Rivaldo and Kaka to name a few. Even though Owen scored first Brazil decided to start back healing to one another and when Rivaldo was running parallel with the goal he somehow back heeled the ball to a waiting Ronaldo who broke England hearts.

France, Spain and Argentina are probably the best teams left in the competition but while all three teams have their superstars not least Mbappe and Messi there's no one team that you look at and think ugh anyone but them! That was Brasil in 2002 and France in 1998 who had Henry and Zidane so could it be that Norway with the 6'5" mega star Erling Haaland win it? Or could England go all the way for the first time since 1966?

The ultimate story would be for an Argentina v Portugal final with Messi and Ronaldo having the definitive fight to decide the GOAT, but that's barely comprehensible given the teams that are left, but can you imagine?

The two smokies are Norway and England and while they meet in quarters I'm going to put it out there and say whoever wins that game will win the whole thing! Maybe! I just think both teams are real teams, yes they have their stars but they're playing like teams rather than teams with big stars.

The sensible head says Argentina v France final and maybe we get the Final II, but like the rest of those daring to dream that's a fair way off. What we do know is that while we've had some brilliant games so far it only gets better from here and those that dare to dream could well win the whole dam thing! But let's go England!

WHAT NOW FOR LABOR & CHINA?

With Trump just an absolute maniac and with Australia so committed to China why don't we just finally ditch the Don, learn mandarin and embrace our Asian neighbours? The latest Chinese weapons testing in the South Pacific will have Labor MP's running for zoom calls to work out a response that doesn't upset anyone in Beijing but keeps Trump happy.

It's always been a balancing act for any Australian government when it comes to China but in 2026 when the US has been such a dire mess for the world could we cancel the subs and say in China we trust? There would of course be those that say god no! But there would be others that say China still has one of the biggest populations on the planet is at the forefront of tech initiatives and can do everything cheaper than everyone else, okay they buy a lot of our stuff! So what's the problem?

The problem is that Australia still thinks it needs to be faithful to the US and the UK. In a perfect world where Trump wasn't a lunatic that would probably stay the case but now? Well the US is tanking as is the UK and things are not like they were 10 or even 20 years ago so where do we go? Stand with the Chinese and billions and billions of dollars in exports or is don is good?

It sort of goes to the core of all that is Labor in Australia when you think about it. For decades Labor governments have wanted to maintain the relationship with China but saved faced for the Americans but what if they had to pick? Could we really let go of the US and go to the open arms of Xi?

China having nuclear weapons obviously isn't as upsetting as Iran trying to build them. The theory is that China might be more responsible with them, but at some point the US will push Australia to make a choice and then what? What if China does attack Taiwan? Will Albo just say ok to Trump or will he push back? Ideally he pushes back but this is Albo so as much as we should be learning mandarin it will be the star spangled Albo and Trump calling the shots.

GAS LIGHTING MEDIA & PODCASTS

I have to admit that a few years ago I was addicted to the likes of Joe Rogan and Diary of a CEO podcasts. In addition I was big listener to the podcasts that spoke to people who had achieved great success as I was curious to understand what they did to make it all a reality. I soon realised they were all full of shit and it was actually Tom Brady who said success wasn't about anything other than being consistent in what you did. You have to be the person that keeps going when other people say it's all too hard. That's been my philosophy ever since and I agree with Tom but while the podcasters do indeed gaslight their listeners we can't let mainstream media get off Scott free!

Mainstream media love to stick it to the podcasters. A big reason they do like to cut them down is the they get, literally millions of people across the world listen to podcasters say ice baths, journaling and 4am starts are the only way you can achieve success. That is of course bullshit but so is what the nightly news dishes out.

I do make a habit of watching the 6pm news when I'm home to hear the lefty lean of the daily news but amongst other items last night I tuned into bird flu. Now it's true bird flu has hit Aussie shores but the channel 7 news decided to say;

BIRD FLU! WILL EGGS RUN OUT? And something else along the lines of WILL THE EARTH EGGER BE THE SAME AGAIN?! It was such a bunch of bullshit and yet here it was on a nightly news service. It made me think back to the Covid years and how disgraceful the reporting was then. COVID CLAIMS MORE LIVES LOCKDOWNS HERE TO STAY! Again such absolute nonsense, but broadcast daily.

Now I know we have all said before how rubbish mainstream media is, but in an era where free speech is becoming an issue we do need to find a happy medium between the gaslighting podcaster and the media networks on free to air TV. Karl Stefanovic will tell you it's him, but I'm not so sure.

What we do need is the happy medium from real news networks, networks like the mighty New York Times, possibly the last bastion in the world of real journalism...obviously I'd like my fledgling media empire to be as respected as the Times but all in good, well, time.

I think it's all about taking the middle ground. Yes we need all sides of the story but we can't allow ourselves to go down the rabbit hole too far nor can we take as gospel what comes up on mainstream media. We need the happy medium and right now we don't seem to have it but we need to find it or it will be more division on an endless cycle of spin.

CULTURE

Fat Dad Tenor

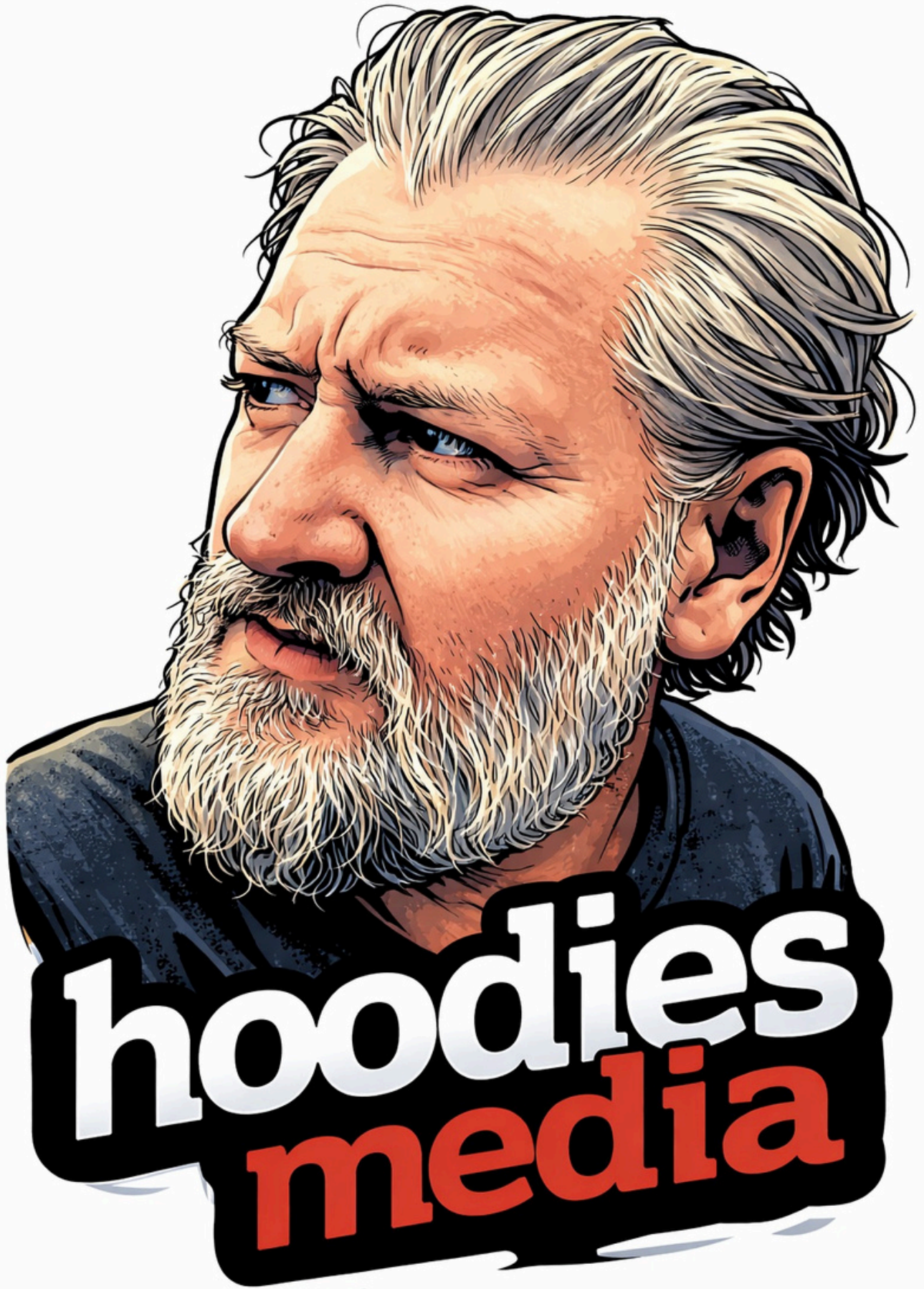
So I've been wanting to have some kind of outlet for my inner creative self and while the whole writing thing is part of that I needed something else. That something else is a new Instagram account with the handle... @fat_dad_tenor

As some people may know I used to sing opera and now am thinking about doing it again but while I work out how that might happen I thought why not start posting content about all things creative. A big part of that creative universe for me is opera so if you like opera or want to learn more about it then head to the handle and follow along.

Creativity, real creativity is now more important than it's ever been because we have Ai and tech nerds trying to erase it. Erase it in favour of an algorithm or a code that can write music, create art or produce something that's supposedly done from someone's soul when really it's an Au generated image that was created by a computer.

Now I'm not saying my small voice of creativity can fight off all the threats or technology but we can celebrate culture and creativity. We can celebrate it, live it, love it and remember it is all part of who we really are.

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