

IS THIS HOW MOST WARS BEGIN?

A satire about militarization

Economy a bit slow?
Population too high?
Domestic criticisms mounting?
Political unity out of stride?

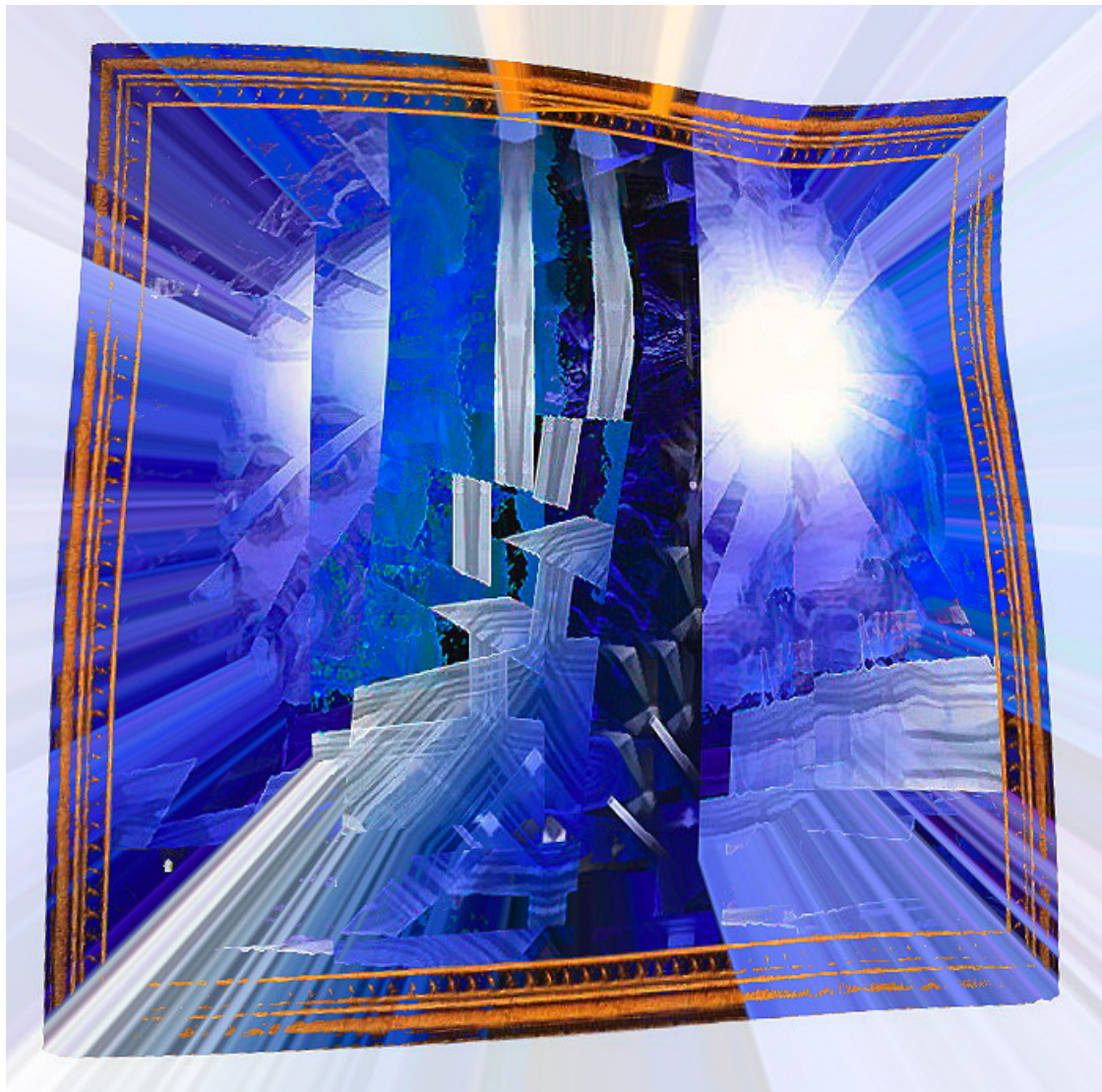
Don't worry –
Politicians have known
since ages old
the best solution
to internal problems
are external scapegoats.

Find some country to invade
while mentioning patriotism
& holding parades.

With proper manipulation
& enough disinformation
the majority
can be geared for war.

Invent a plausible context;
any excuse will do:
reasons won't matter
if profits come through.

There's nothing like a wonderful war
to unite a country
& make people feel
life's worth dying for.



Sam: Is this how most wars begin?

Terri: (covering her mouth) I'm not sure. Maybe multiple causes exist.

Kris: Maybe so, but with nuclear weapons this formula no longer seems viable – it's all too easy to destroy all human life.

Tim: Yeah, we need more wisdom and compassion.

Ted: (cynically) Or else something better than mere humans. The homo sapien brain evolved to function in small tribal groups, not mega-populations exceeding one billion.

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