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How to help a new person in your squad adjust

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When there's a new member in our squad or at work, we have an innate tendency to think that the newbie will adjust to the new bubble all by themselves. But have we ever tried thinking that it may not be the case, that the person can't exactly adjust automatically but may need advice and instructions from someone within the squad? Well, if you haven't thought these before, you can always give the following tactics a shot:

BE THE INSTIGATOR
Almost all of us possess this attitude that the new ones will introduce themselves and just automatically start telling "fun-facts" of their lives. But, put yourself in the new person's shoes. It's easy introducing oneself, but that's it. Out of the blue, you can't expect them to lengthen the conversation. So, in that case, you can always be the one to ask them polite questions. For example, memes can be a great help for connecting to the people of the same generation. You can always show them the meme that had you burst into heavy fits of laughter. String a conversation in that way so that they can open up.

DON'T GET INTO INSIDE JOKES AND PERSONAL LIVES
Every squad has inside jokes. You often don't even realise when you shift to a language consisting of references and jokes that no outsider will ever understand. However, the new friend hasn't yet had time to get to know the depths and meanings of the inside jokes. So, remember to explain the joke to them, either right then or later. And in case of going on about your personal lives, the new member will *always* squirm in discomfort when friends are having profound closure of everyone's personal lives. Anyone with a sense

of courtesy won't feel at ease. Try to avoid such circumstances.
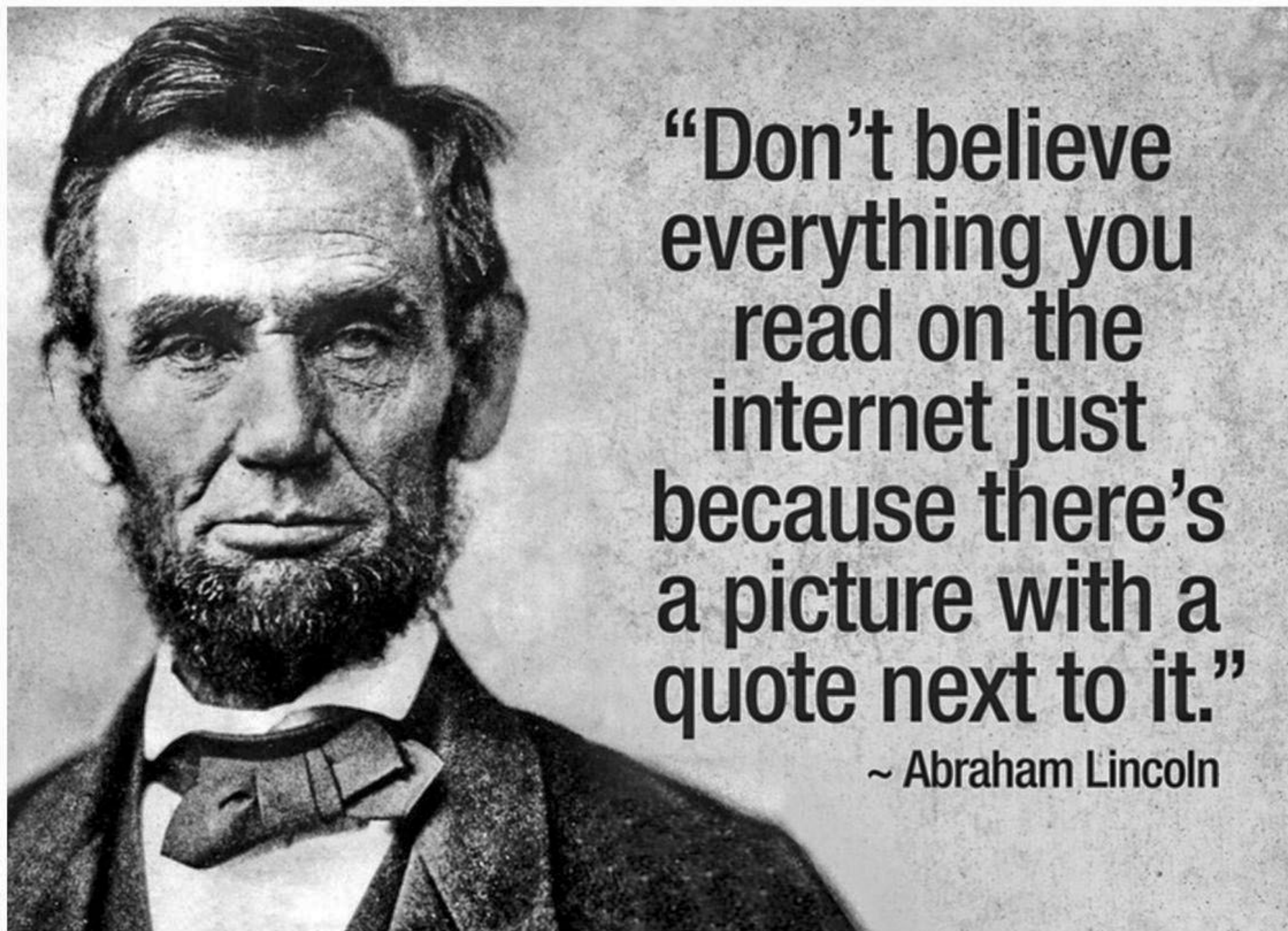
'VERBALLY' INVITE THEM
Say, you're all talking about something and then abruptly one suggests a hang-out at the new burger-place or want to watch a movie together, don't expect everyone to just accept that they got the open invitation. The new ones would probably feel like they're uninvited and it would hurt them. So it won't hurt to invite the rookie to join in the hangout. That way, everyone is comfortable.

NO FUSSING OVER THEIR MISTAKES
Often, due to nervousness, the newbie may make a dumb mistake which may make you laugh. Although you may not mean any harm by laughing at a trivial, clumsy mistake but it may shake the said individual's already quivering confidence. Even extroverts fall victim to such inferiority complex. That's why you should wait till a few days are gone and then make fun of them when they are not new anymore. You could also be a nice person and not point out people's flaws but that's too much to ask.

So, next time when there's a new face in your group, you can always be the sweet one to help them socialise. And as the new one will gradually be okay with everyone, they will always revere you as the one who first reached out to them, earning you a valuable ally when you finally start the revolution.

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"Don't believe everything you read on the internet just because there's a picture with a quote next to it."
~ Abraham Lincoln

Internet hoaxes you wish were true

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As Abraham Lincoln once said, "Don't believe everything you see on the internet…" we ought to live by these words of wisdom. But sometimes, some of the things you see on the internet would make you wish that they were actually true.

FAKE FRIEND REQUESTS
Facebook is flooded with fake profiles. Every now and then, we are bound to receive a friend request from one of these fake accounts. No one really cares if Neel Akash Sada Magh wants to be their friend. But imagine receiving a friend request from Cristiano Ronaldo. Exploring the account, you'll realise that it was made right after he joined Juventus. The reality being that it's just another Ronaldo fan boy, but wouldn't it be great if the actual Ronaldo decided to add you as his friend? Think about it, you guys could talk about your mutual interests such as football, fitness, and taxes.

SPAM MAILS
Some African monarch has passed away leaving behind a vast amount of money and for reasons unknown to mankind, their lawyer wants you to have half of it. Talk about fate. Who wouldn't want a share in someone else's wealth that in no way links back to them? Unfortunately, the mail landed in your spam folder and thus it's an immediate red flag.

FREE DEALS
There are two types of free deals that prevail on the internet, the first is completely free while the second one will require your credit card info. The latter pretty much destroys the purpose of a free deal and will make people have trust issues for sure. But usually, the second one always turns out

to be more lucrative than the first one. These "free" offers are everywhere, mainly as clickbaits.

GIVEAWAYS
This one is for those hardworking souls who try their luck at every giveaway event they come across. A lot of them have also come out successful in their endeavour to land some giveaway goodies. But these are usually small promotional giveaways. What people would actually love is to have an authentic car or gadget giveaway that we only see as hoax on social media platforms. If only those wild giveaways were true. We would've seen a lot more influencers and lifestyle bloggers than whatever already exists.

DELETING SYSTEM32 MAKES YOUR PC FASTER
This dead internet hoax seemed pointless at one point since the common assumption was that people aren't enough careless to delete an entire folder from their computer just because it's the talk of the internet. But no, some people had to prove this assumption wrong and they ended up deleting whatever they could from this core system folder. This most certainly did not enhance their PC's speed nor performance. But it would've been great if that was the case. We wouldn't find the need to change our processors or RAM. We could've made our PC lighting fast just by deleting a single folder.