Overcoming Fear of the Command Line with Rainbows and Dragons

Three Quick Tips
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IT'S DANGEROUS TO GO ALONE! TAKE THIS.

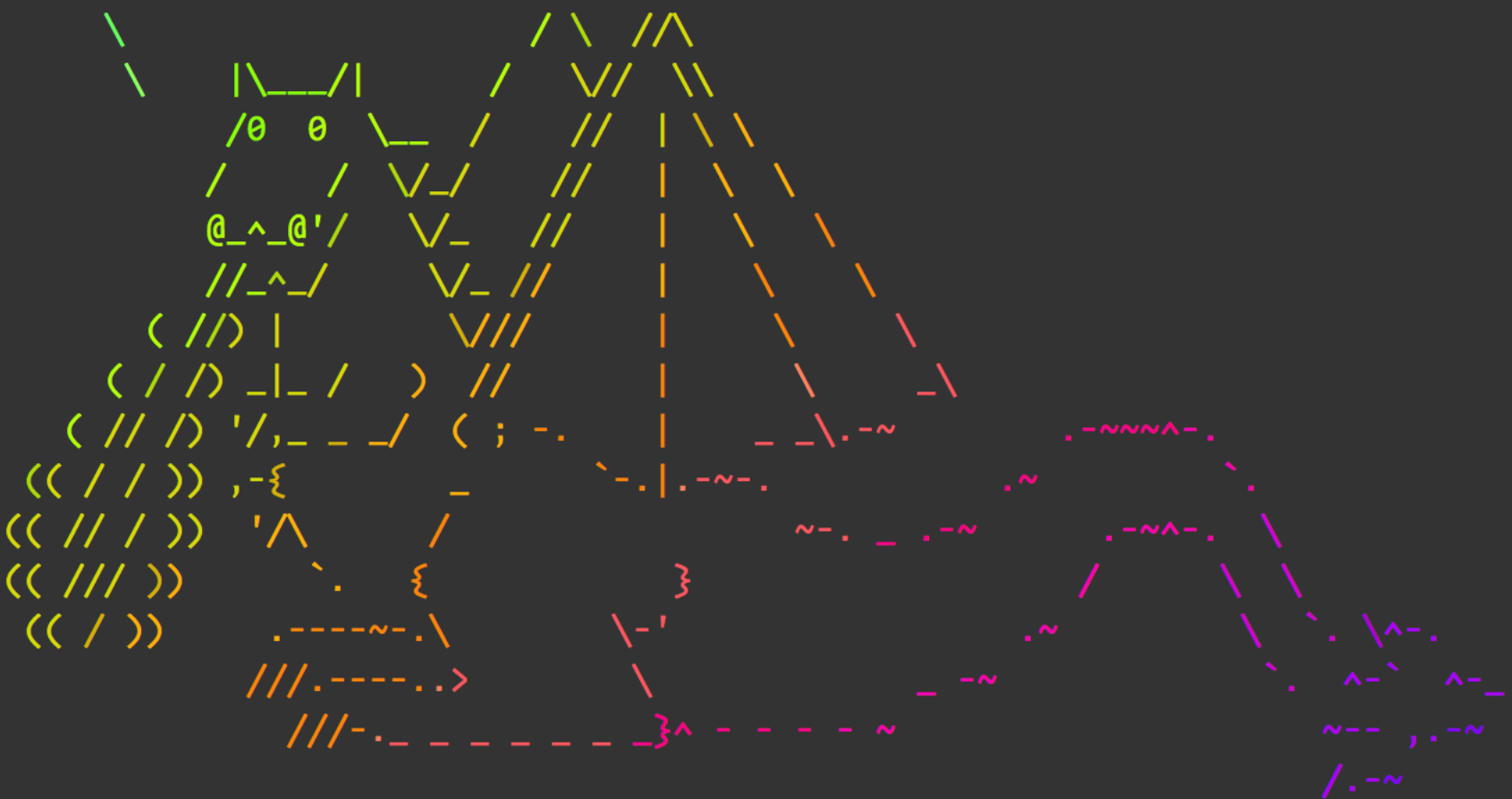# Bring a creature along to protect you

Tip #1

Combine the magical powers of
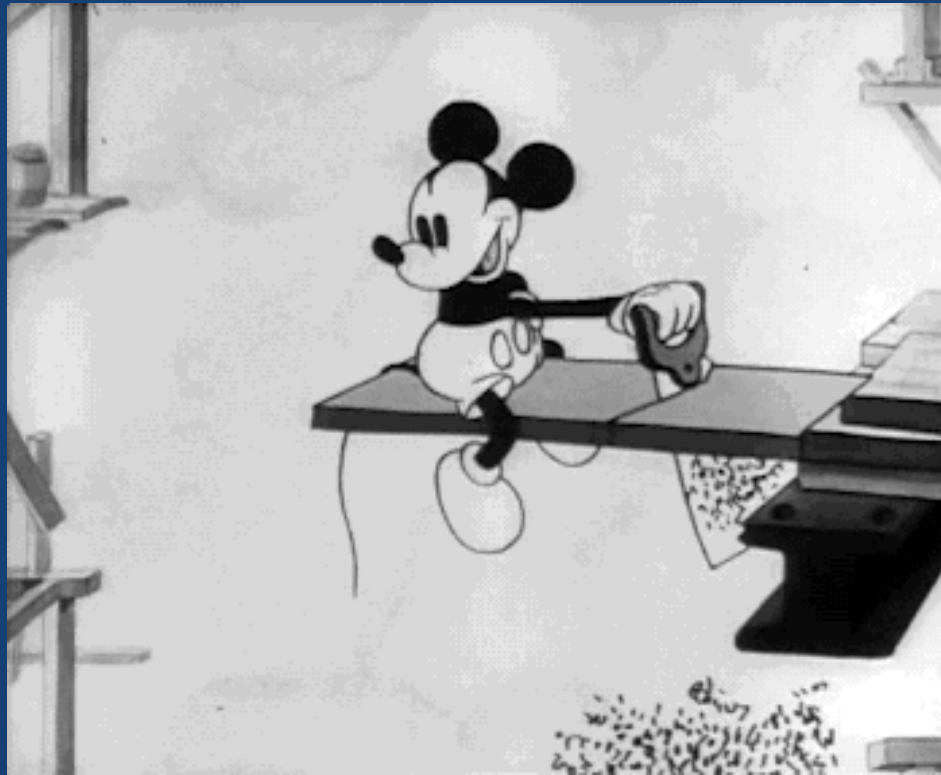'cowsay' (ASCII art) and 'lolcat'
(rainbows) to create...

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# Greeting that lives inside my .zshrc file
cowsay -f dragon 'Greetings, Human!' | lolcat
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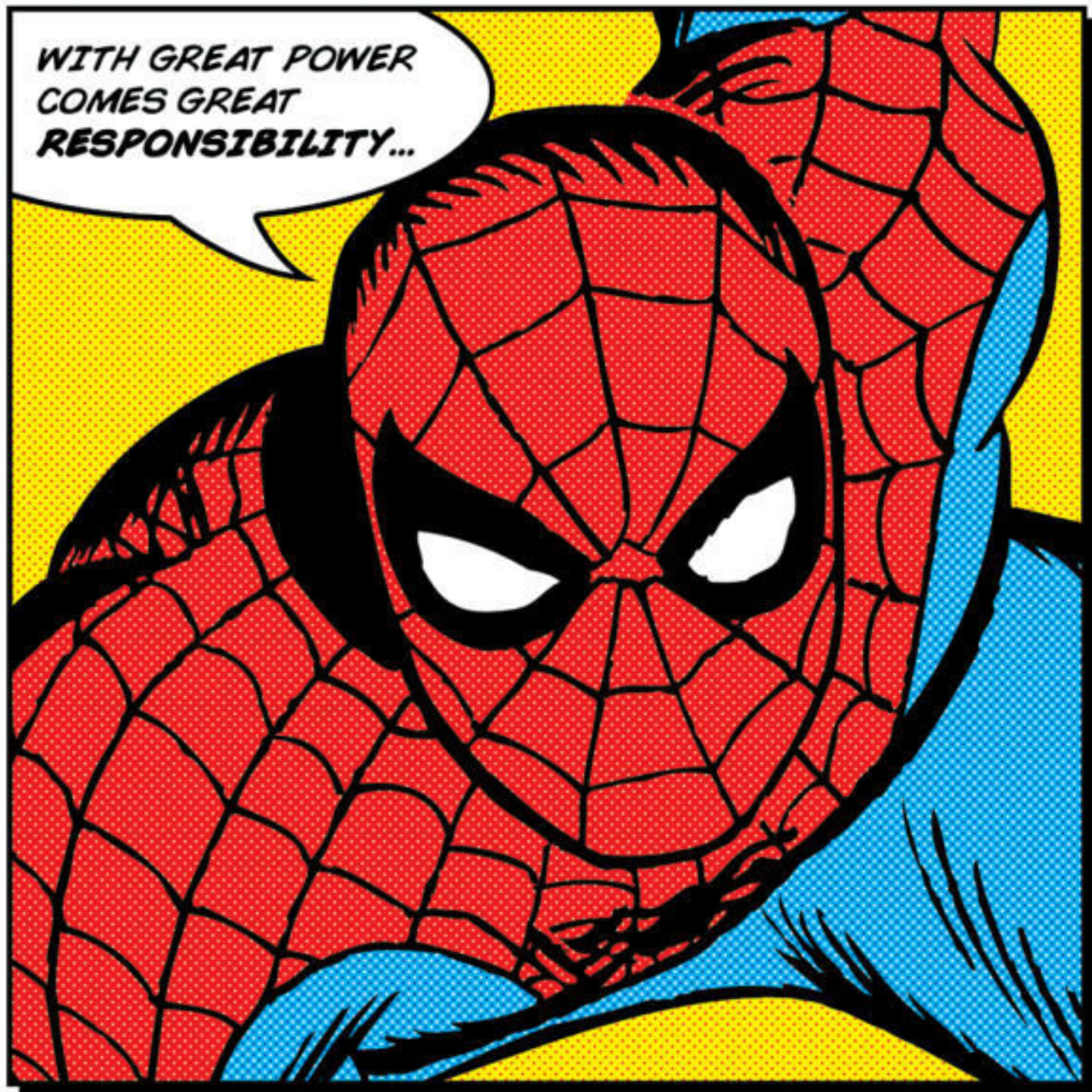
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Commands like 'rm -rf /' exist.

Defang the beast

I'm harmless, I swear

Tip #3
Make errors more exciting

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Tip #3

Install "alternative" programs to deal with common typos.

For me, the two commands I use (and typo) the most frequently are "ls" and "git"

Demo Time!

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Tip #3 Bonus

Very little makes me as angry as the error messages that have "Did you mean..."

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┌─○ 8.1.4 2017
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└──<< 🖍 >> git stts
git: 'stts' is not a git command. See 'git --help'.


Did you mean this?
        status
┌─○ 8.1.4 2017
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└──<< 🖍 >> fuck
git status [enter/↑/↓/ctrl+c]
On branch master
Your branch is up-to-date with 'origin/master'.
Changes not staged for commit:
  (use "git add <file>..." to update what will be committed)
  (use "git checkout -- <file>..." to discard changes in working directory)

        modified:   views/partials/sidebar.pug

no changes added to commit (use "git add" and/or "git commit -a")
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