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How the cover gets made

"The cover line is 'The Silicon Valley Conspiracy.' We should probably include Jobs and Schmidt, and make it look ... conspiratorial."

"No problem."



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@ "Seems a little too straightforward."

"But it was inspired by the movie poster for Face-Off,"

"I like it better now, but no.

6 "They're cackling maniacally because that's what evil people do.

"Mmm-hmm. I can see that.





@ "What if they were a combination of druids and Mr Burns?

I don't mind cultish, but can we lose the robes?"

"So here's cultish, but not of a druidic strain-more of an Illuminati meets Masons feel."

"You seem to know a lot about cults.

"Let us speak no more of this.



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