



He Is the Eggman

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Humpty Dumpty was a good egg.

Well, that's what we tend to think, but the original nursery rhyme doesn't specify an eggman (*goo goo g'joob*) at all. And says nothing about his character.

All the rhyme says? He had a great fall, and the king's forces — masculine and equine — couldn't make him whole.

This was brought to mind with [yet another pratfall](#) by President Joseph Robinette Biden, Jr., along with yet another stream of journalistic puffery trying to make the octogenarian seem like a good egg — and the falls *insignificant*.

That was the general tenor of Adele Suliman's *Washington Post* [article](#), "Biden isn't the only politician to fall: Why we can't look away," last Friday. Ms. Suliman provides a history of stumbling

pol, which she relates to Biden's most recent tumble, at the Air Force Academy after his commencement speech.

But it's the *New York Times* that went all out, with four authors [explaining](#) our shared Biden moment: "The two Joe Bidens coexist in the same octogenarian president: Sharp and wise at critical moments, the product of decades of seasoning, able to rise to the occasion even in the dead of night to confront a dangerous world."

Yet, also, Biden's "a little slower, a little softer, a little harder of hearing, a little more tentative in his walk, a little more prone to occasional lapses of memory in ways that feel familiar to anyone who has reached their ninth decade or has a parent who has."

The article has been [roundly ridiculed](#), but the problem is, if anything, underplayed.

Now is not the time to be worrying about an eggman president.

It's our eggshell republic that should be on our minds.

Goo goo g'joob.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.