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### The Illiterate

There was once was a notorious and famous criminal named Frank Avienu. He had a price on his head and was wanted all over the country by the authorities. Every effort to catch him failed.

Although Frank was a conman, he had a lot of close friends who were supportive and loyal to him. Until one day, one of his best fiends, Jed, came up with an evil idea. "I wonder how much the Feds will pay me if I turn him in..." he thought. Though he hesitated for a while, he still went on with his scheme and went to the Feds because this was a short cut to becoming rich. Being a friend of a criminal, you can tell where he got his loose morals from. So, he barged into the police station and demanded to talk with the agent in-charge of Frank's arrest. The agent refused to talk to him so Jed punched two cops and headed right in the office. Before anyone could stop him, he shouted "How much will you pay me if I tell you where Frank is?" "Frank Avienu? Who are you?" the agent wondered. "There is no need to know who I am, but I know where Frank is and I won't tell you if you don't offer me money." Frank being a criminal wanted for years, the agent decided to take the chance and agreed.

With all the information on hand, they hurriedly went to Frank's house and surrounded it without the conman's knowledge. Jed was so excited and with his itchy hands he couldn't wait to taste the reward. Anybody in the house would have no chance of escape and the only choice was either surrender or die.

The conversation went like this:

The police negotiator with megaphone shouted, "Frank you are surrounded, surrender or die! You have nowhere to run."

Then a still but confident voice shouted "Never! I will never surrender! I am a man of pride.

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Then the police tried again "You are surrounded and if you value your life, show yourself! Your friend betrayed you and you will pay for your ignorance!"

"No never. Friends are useless and my family is all dead. I'm a kind of man who never surrenders! He spoke with authority as if he had the whole army to back him up. Hours passed by, but he still did not surrender. The police were patient, too patient! Jed was very impatient and he was wondering why wasn't Frank surrendering. He just wanted his money.

"Surrender and we'll spare your life. The negotiator demanded.

The man inside the house answered; "I'll stay here, I won't go anywhere! I'm not afraid to die." By this time, the police were very frustrated and with one final try they said "We have tanks, shotguns and bombs. If you won't surrender, we don't have a choice but to use force."

With a still strong voice as ever, he shouted, "Are you nuts, do you have ears, I will never surrender, even if it causes me my life!" It had been a long day; the people, authorities and Jed were amazed by his bravery. With no other choice the police chief finally ordered to give the negotiator one more minute to persuade him to give up or die. The negotiator curiously asked, "Why won't you surrender? You'll die. This can be solved properly without any bloodshed. Why won't you just surrender?" Suddenly he stood up, walked slowly to the door and said loudly "...because I am not Frank Avienu." YAK!

P.S. The man in Frank's house was his illiterate cousin.

