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Zolotov vs. Navalny Showdown, in Memes

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On Tuesday, the head of Russia's National Guard, Viktor Zolotov, challenged opposition politician Alexei Navalny to a fight over an anti-corruption video alleging state corruption.

“I’m simply challenging you to combat,” Zolotov said in the video message. “I promise to turn you into a juicy pounded steak in a few minutes.”

The Russian internet was quick to react to the latest incident of bizarre statecraft in the country.

Here are our favorites:

"Navalny vs. Zolotov. The 21st century versus 1937... a law-abiding citizen versus a thieving doormat."

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Some compared the showdown to the upcoming fight between Connor McGregor and Khabib Nurmagomedov.

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A cheeky Navalny running from riot police.

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"I challenge you to a duel! Defend yourself!"

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Some compared the physical characteristics of the two politicians.

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Others noted the striking resemblance between President Vladimir Putin and Zolotov.

"That moment when you can't respond from your main account but you have a fake."

This caricature notes that Zolotov's challenge came at a time when Navalny is behind bars and

can't respond.

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