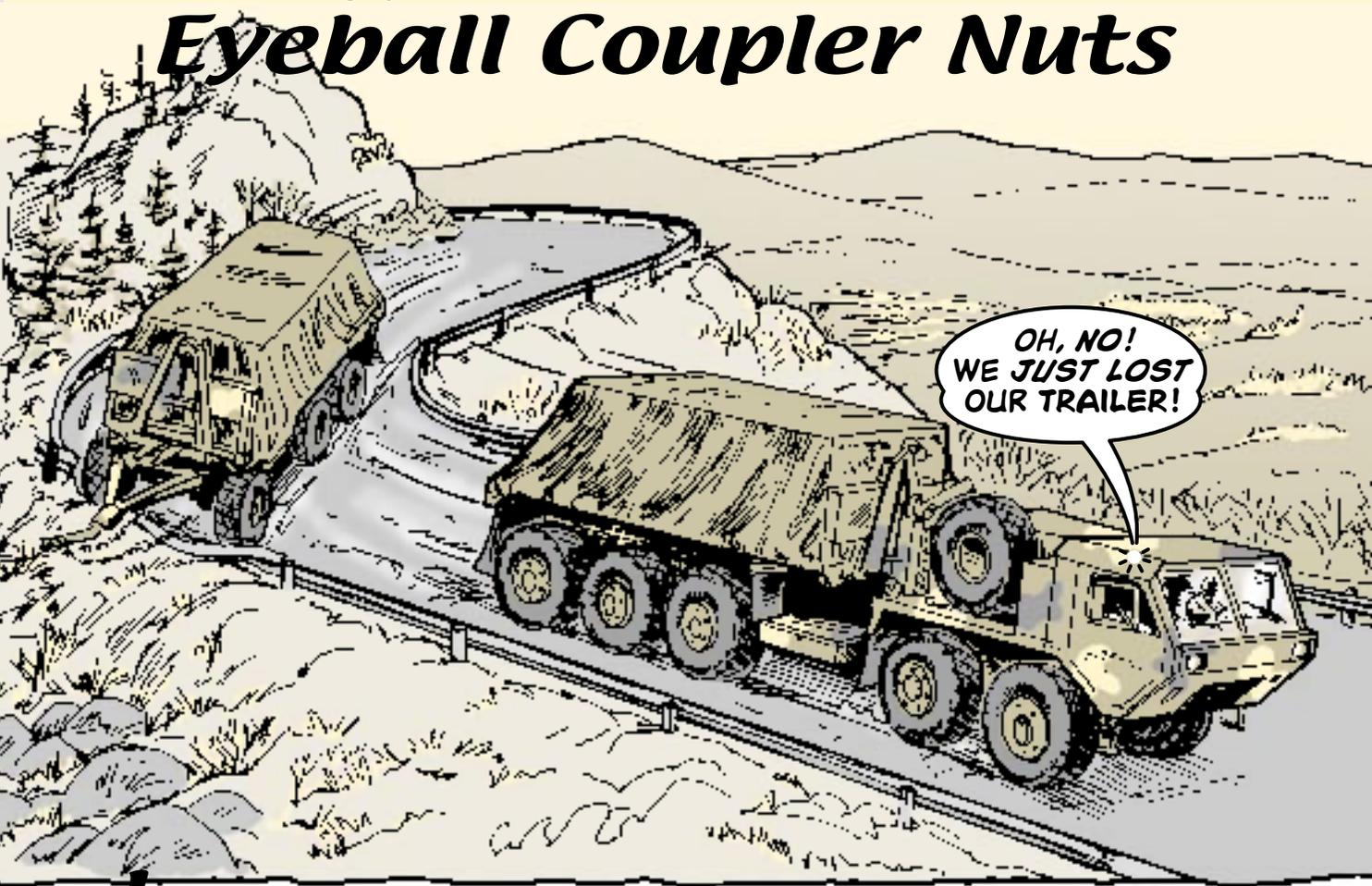


# ***Eyeball Coupler Nuts***



**L**oose capscrew nuts on the M1074 and M1075's self-guided coupler sleeve can lead to the separation of your tractor from its trailer.

These nuts attach the coupler sleeve to the tractor's rear crossmember. If enough nuts get loose, the coupler can break away, leaving the trailer behind.

So, give the nuts a close inspection right now.

You'll have to get underneath to make the check, plus you may have to clean the nuts off and use a flashlight. Do whatever it takes.

If you see that any of the nuts are loose, damaged or missing, or if you can see that they have moved—chipped or scratched paint around the heads—tell your mechanic.

He'll make the repairs or replacement and torque the nuts to 500 lb-ft, as called for in Change 4's revision to Para 15-13 of TM 9-2320-364-20-3. Earlier torque requirements of 320 lb-ft are not enough to ensure the coupler remains tightly mounted.

If the nuts do not show any damage or looseness, your mechanic should torque them to 500 lb-ft as soon as possible.

