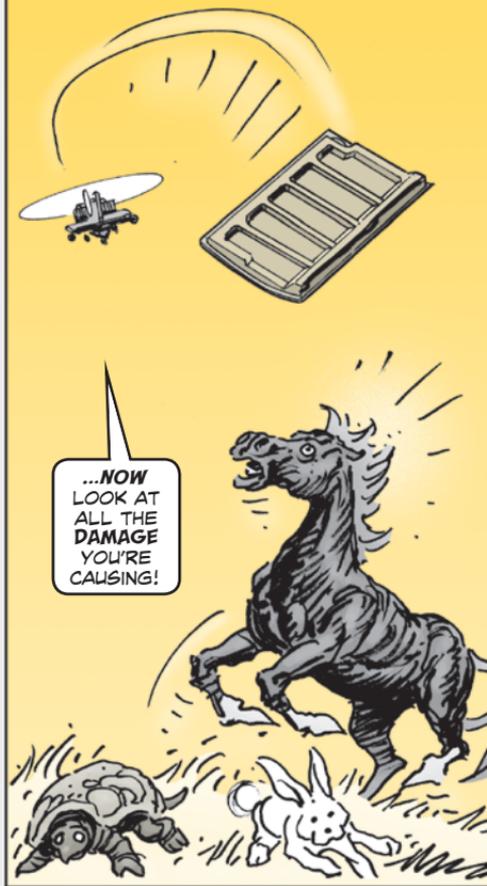
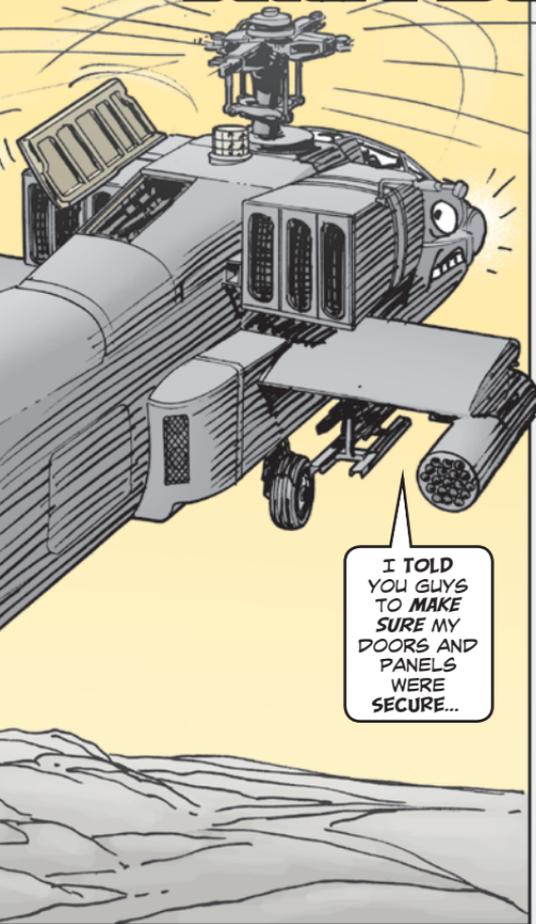


# Secure Before Flying



**F**lying is more than just hopping in your aircraft and taking off into the wild blue yonder.

The first order of business is taking care of pre-flight inspections. No door, latch, panel, fastener or quick release pin should be left unchecked or unsecured. That means making sure every door, latch, panel, fastener and pin is locked down and buttoned up.

Unsecured doors or panels can fly off their hinges in flight, damaging the aircraft or worse.

But rotor wash in flight isn't the only wind that can cause damage. High winds can also blow open unsecured doors on the flight line and flap them around. If doors or panels fly off their hinges in high winds, they can become deadly, damaging, not so foreign debris!

Always secure doors and panels so when high winds occur or flight time comes, mishaps will stay missing.