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Subject: Re: Smoking Man

Posted by [davidf](#) on Fri, 26 Jan 2001 16:13:58 GMT

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> recesses of unknown facilities, judging us with passing and ambiguous  
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> of grass. The puppet-master, the illuminatus mirabilis, for whom our  
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18!? My wife is right. She is \*always\* right. :-(

Cheers,

David

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Posted by [Pavel A. Romashkin](#) on Fri, 26 Jan 2001 17:07:51 GMT

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That's the Lurkers I was referring to. I can see J and K smile right now, and maybe others, too :) Thanks folks, we know you are listening. Oh, one of the the unknown facilities some of them are in is located here in Boulder.

I was kind of hoping one of the lurkers would have initials DS, but I guess not...

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This thread is about lurkers, not about inferior software products that need IDL newsgroup to prototype the code!

Pavel

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