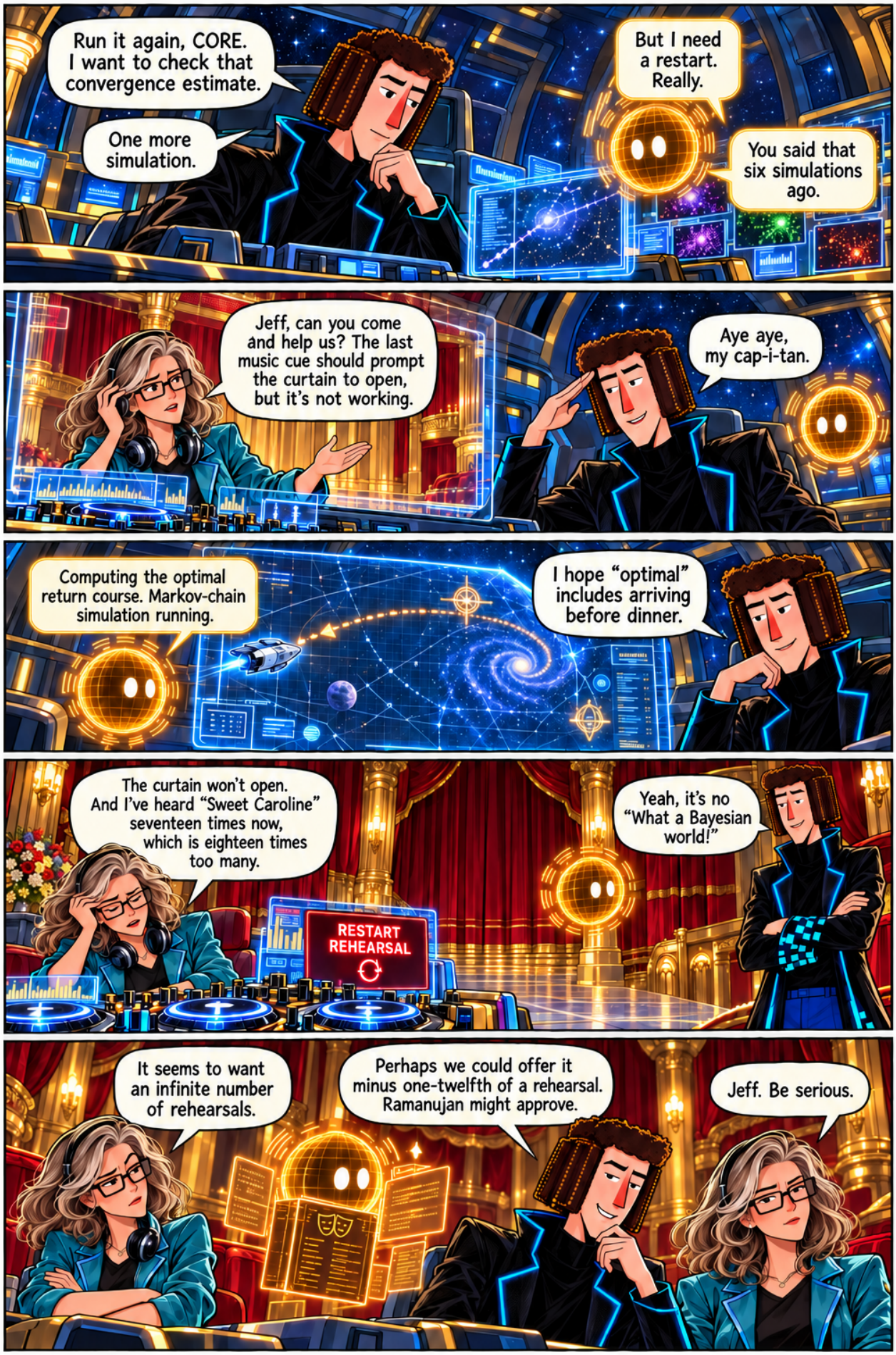
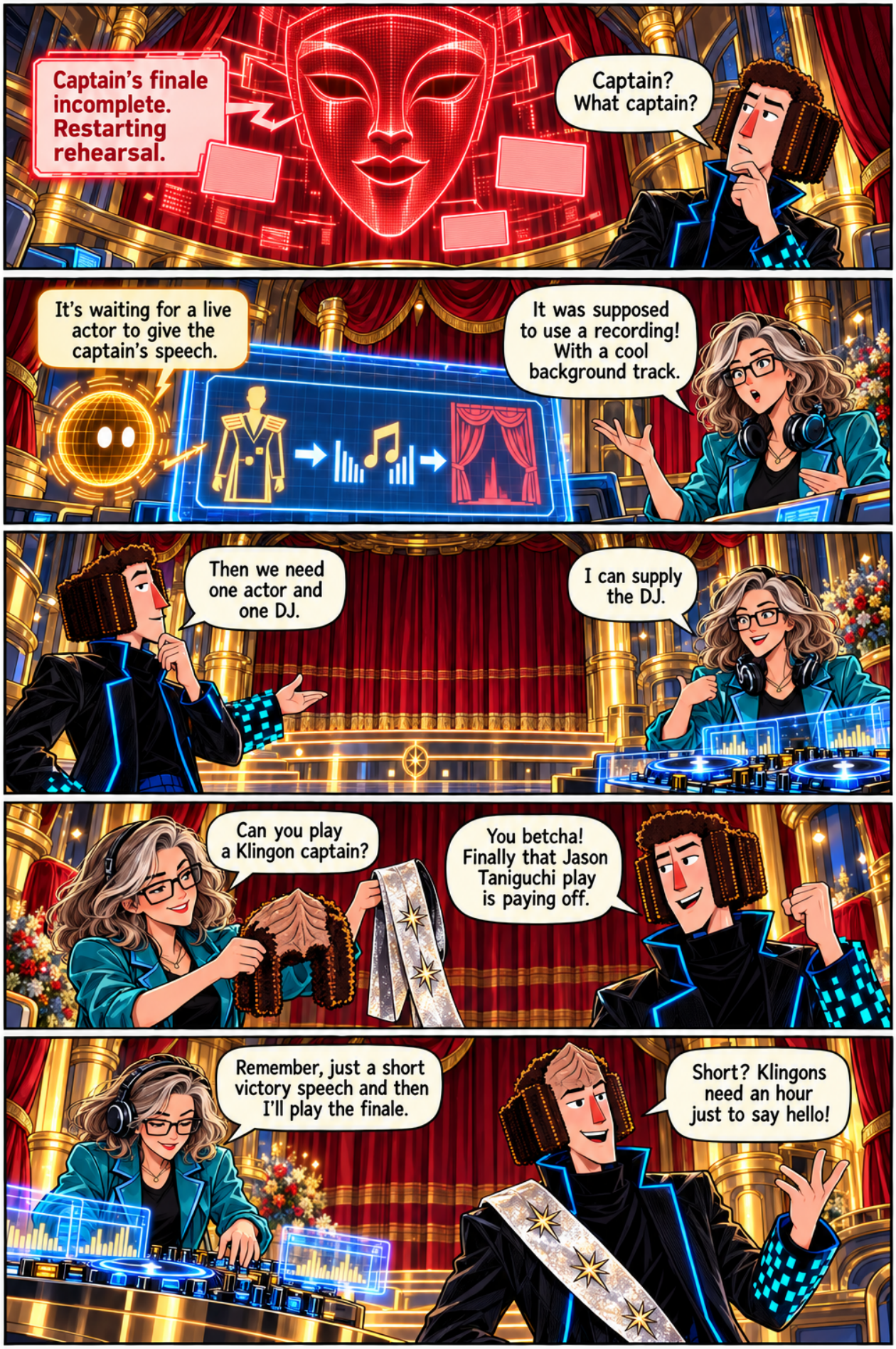
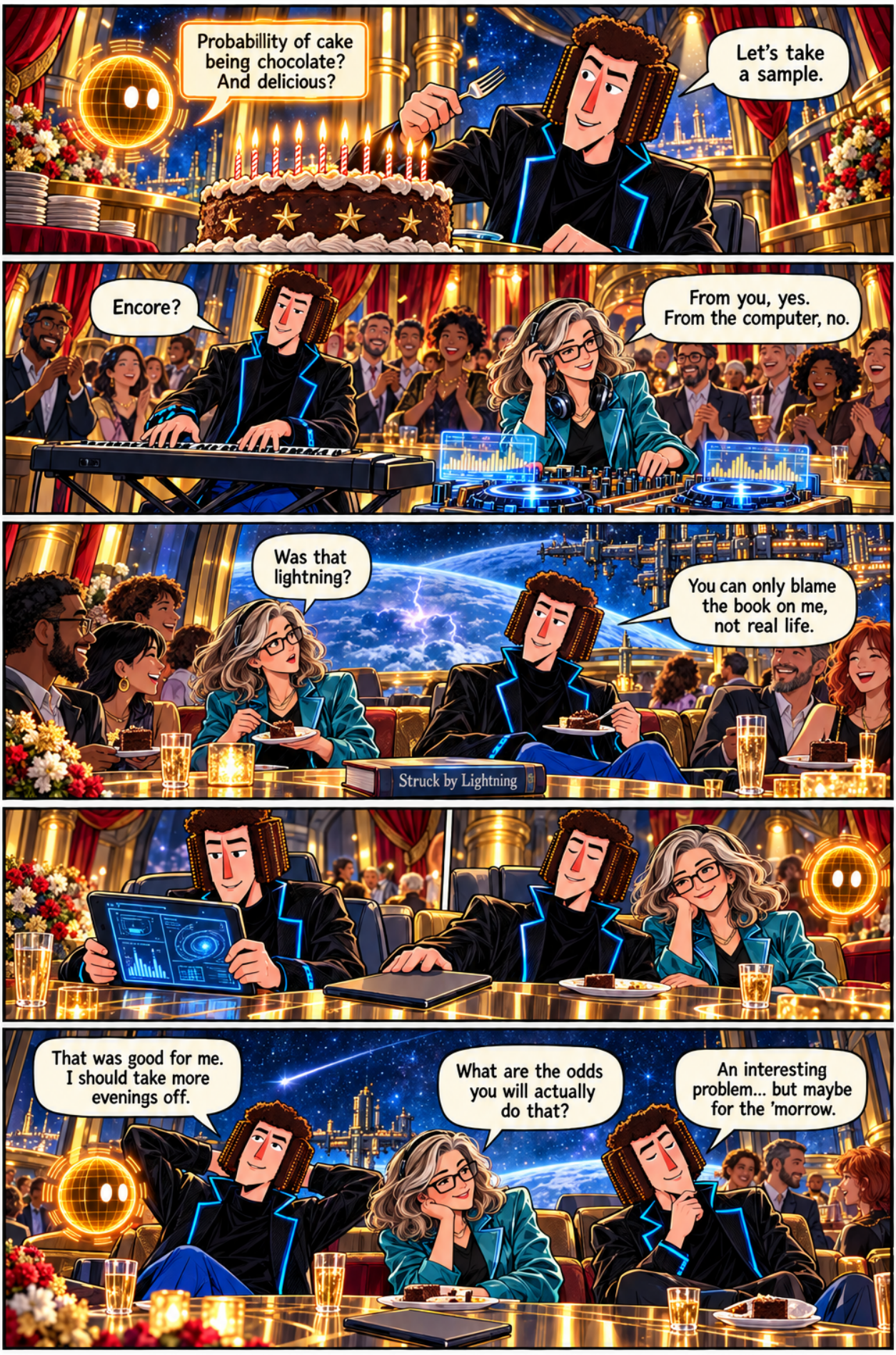

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Happy Birthday, Jeff!
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A birthday adventure from Sarah


Run it again, CORE. I want to check that convergence estimate.
One more simulation.
But I need a restart. Really.
You said that six simulations ago.
Jeff, can you come and help us? The last music cue should prompt the curtain to open, but it's not working.
Aye aye, my cap-i-tan.
Computing the optimal return course. Markov-chain simulation running.
I hope "optimal" includes arriving before dinner.
The curtain won't open. And I've heard "Sweet Caroline" seventeen times now, which is eighteen times too many.
RESTART REHEARSAL
Yeah, it's no "What a Bayesian world!"
It seems to want an infinite number of rehearsals.
Perhaps we could offer it minus one-twelfth of a rehearsal. Ramanujan might approve.
Jeff. Be serious.


Captain's finale incomplete. Restarting rehearsal.
Captain? What captain?
It's waiting for a live actor to give the captain's speech.
It was supposed to use a recording! With a cool background track.
Then we need one actor and one DJ.
I can supply the DJ.
Can you play a Klingon captain?
You betcha! Finally that Jason Taniguchi play is paying off.
Remember, just a short victory speech and then I'll play the finale.
Short? Klingons need an hour just to say hello!


Today is a good day to die... but not of boredom in another rehearsal!
That's my cue.
It's working!
Finale complete. Opening curtain.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JEFF!
Surprise!
You called me here to fix my own birthday party?
Well, to be fair the computer glitch wasn't supposed to be part of the surprise.


Probabillity of cake being chocolate? And delicious?
Let's take a sample.
Encore?
From you, yes. From the computer, no.
Was that lightning?
You can only blame the book on me, not real life.
Struck by Lightning
That was good for me. I should take more evenings off.
What are the odds you will actually do that?
An interesting problem... but maybe for the 'morrow.