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Having principles is commendable. But when life treats you harshly, breaks you, and leaves you feeling utterly defeated, is it always easy to stand firm on your principles? I can't undo the past, rewrite history, my history... My life has been far from simple... Standing tall in the face of adversity requires superhuman strength. Life is a long, drawn-out battle....



It will soon be 10 a.m. this Sunday, May 31, 2026. I've gone out for a short walk... I've lived in this village in Seine-et-Marne, in the Île-de-France region—near Coutençon—for six years. Public transportation is a disaster... Next Monday, Théodore will take the car (which doesn't require a license) to a garage in Gastins so I can be independent. It's been parked in the garden for three years. The drive belt broke, and we had to be towed by some young kids. Let's hope that this time, the mechanics will have finished the repairs within a year.

Poor guy, he had to wait a whole year, a long year, before getting his Panhard 24 BT back. It was his retirement dream... Well, they said the little car will be ready in three weeks... And to apologize for their huge delay in returning the previous car we took to them, they'll have the car inspected and bring it back to us.

Hmm... I'll believe it when I see it...

I did give Théodore the name of a garage in Guignes, but he says he trusts his usual mechanics....

The conflict with the ASSUR FORMATION driving school in Roissy-en-Brie has driven me crazy.

I enrolled there to try and get my driver's license for the second time. Disheartened by my failure in April 2024, I took some time before enrolling in another driving school.

Enrolled at ASSURFORMATION in Roissy-en-Brie since August 2025, I still haven't received a date for my practical driving test.

A real jerk from their team, after assuring me by email at the beginning of April that I would be scheduled for the end of May, calls me to tell me that I need to take more driving lessons. Because, I haven't driven since February! – since the end of