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Icarus¹

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Remember the myth of Icarus? His father, Daedalus, fashioned wings that he affixed to their bodies, enabling the pair to flee from King Minos's maze, where they had been imprisoned. Before they began their flight, Daedalus warned Icarus not to fly too low (lest the sea weigh down his wings) or too high (lest the sun melt the wax that held his wings).

Icarus ignored his father's instructions, so exhilarated was he by his newfound power. The Greeks had a word for it, one we still use, hubris: "exaggerated pride or self-confidence."

Icarus flew higher and higher until the sun melted the wax on his wings and he tumbled to a watery grave. Like Icarus, DeSantis is drunk on power. He crams through laws and doesn't care that they are unconstitutional as well as odious because he's appointed three of the seven justices on the Florida Supreme Court and Trump appointed six of the eleven judges on the Eleventh Circuit, the federal appellate court that governs Florida.

His motto—indeed the Republican credo—is adopted from Lily Tomlin's parody of Ma Bell: "we're the Republican Party. We don't care. We don't have to."

Taking on Mickey Mouse may just be a bridge too far, however. It's our job to see that it is, to see that we melt the wax on his wings.

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