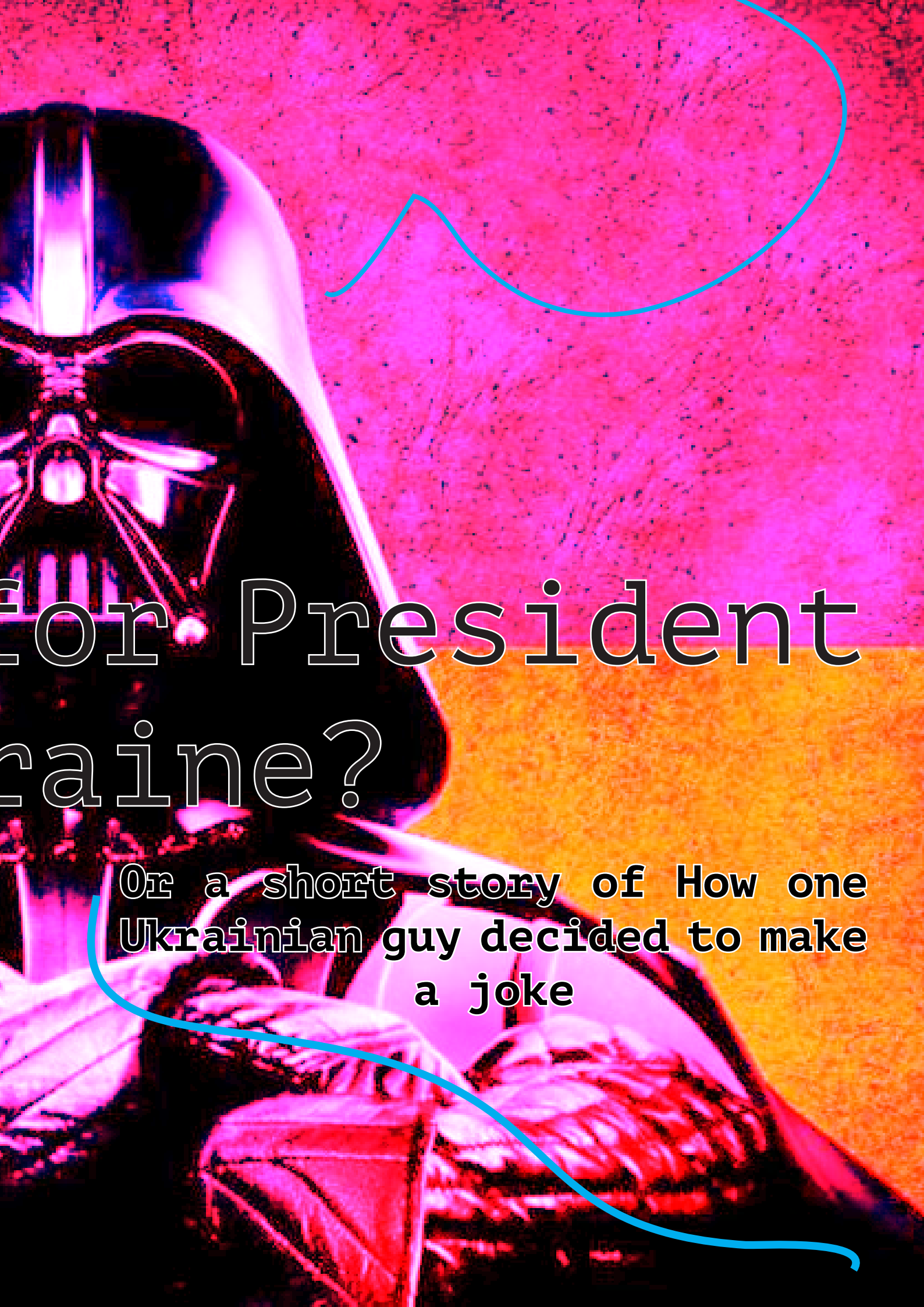




2014 Ukrainian
Presidential Election

Darth Vader for
President of Ukraine



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Ukrainian guy decided to make
a joke**

Darth Oleksiyovych Vader

Positioning himself as the iconic character from the «Star Wars» saga

On March 29, 2014, dressed as the famous character from «**Star Wars**» Darth Vader submitted a complete set of documents, including payment of an electoral deposit of **2.5 million hryvnias (312,500 euros)**, to register as a candidate for the presidency of the country.



During the registration process, Darth Vader presented a Ukrainian passport with **this name.**

Clones

During the election campaign, by October 2015, 44 Darth Vaders had submitted applications to register as candidates for local government positions. None of the aforementioned candidates were able to secure a victory in the elections.

HUH?
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Political Views

Strengthening Military Power

One of Darth Vader's key proposals was to bolster the might of Ukraine's armed forces by constructing a combat orbital space station akin to the Death Star. This ambitious endeavor reflected a militaristic approach to national defense, drawing inspiration from science fiction rather than conventional military strategies.

Economic Policies

In a move steeped in nostalgia and symbolism, Vader advocated for the retrieval of savings deposited in the Soviet-era Sberbank through the implementation of the «Darth's Thousand» project. This initiative aimed to address economic grievances by tapping into sentiments associated with the bygone Soviet era.

Social Welfare Reforms

Vader's platform promised to elevate the standard of living for Ukrainian citizens by implementing the «Bottomless Budget» program, which sought to raise salaries and pensions to astronomical levels. While appealing on the surface, the feasibility and implications of such an initiative remained uncertain.

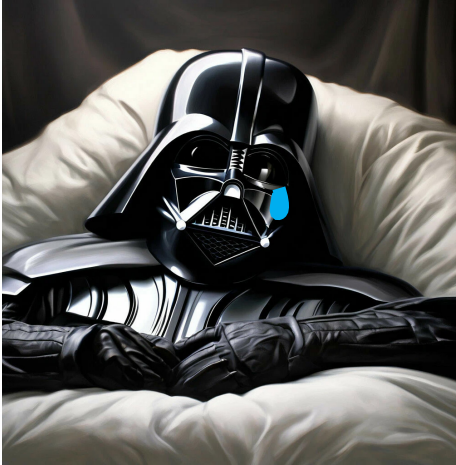
Environmental Initiatives

A controversial proposal in Darth Vader's agenda involved relocating the Chernobyl nuclear power plant 60 kilometers further from Kyiv, closer to Belarus. This proposition reflected a bold attempt to address concerns about nuclear safety and environmental risks associated with the infamous disaster site.

Linguistic Recognition

In a nod to the fictional universe of «Star Wars,» Vader advocated for the official recognition of the Sith language as a second state language. This proposal, while whimsical, underscored the candidate's penchant for incorporating elements of fantasy into real-world politics.

WHY not?



After several days of consideration, the commission refused to register the candidates due to inconsistencies in the data regarding the congress of the Internet Party of Ukraine. The official documents stated that the congress on March 25 took place at Stepova Street 1a in the town of Mykolaivka, Odesa region, but the village executive committee reported that the address in the registration documents referred to an apartment building where no mass events had been held. The commission noted that the media reported a ceremonial nomination of Darth Vader at the Internet Party of Ukraine congress on March 29 in Kyiv, but this congress was not mentioned in the documents submitted to the Central Election Commission (CEC).

The CEC members were outraged that the declaration of personal property, income, and expenses for 2013 was not personally completed by the candidate, except for the «personal signature» section. According to one of the commission members, another person filled out the candidate's questionnaire for the presidency. «Thus, the CEC does not have either the questionnaire or the declaration of income and expenses of the presidential candidate in accordance with Article 51 of the Law on Presidential Elections of Ukraine,» said Ihor Zhydenko.

Additionally, the CEC cited as grounds for refusal that the right to a name and the right to be elected could not be exercised by Darth Vader, as this would lead to "the humiliation of Ukrainian society, the discrediting of Ukraine in the eyes of the international community, and the degradation of the presidential post of Ukraine."

Zhydenko, a former people's deputy from BYuT, also suggested that such an action was aimed at discrediting the election campaign and proposed that Darth Vader not be discouraged, but rather present his candidacy in the Russian presidential elections:

"There are already green men there, and such a commander-in-chief would be appropriate."

