

# Storyboard Napoleon

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*A hand points a microphone at Napoleon, whose mouth moves as he talks and whose head moves around now and then. He has never seen a microphone before, so he looks at it nervously at first and often..*

*When the interviewer speaks, Napoleon's eyes mostly look in his direction, but shift left and right a lot, because he has never been interviewed before and is embarrassed to be seen in exile.*

*We do not see the interviewer, just their arm.*

*I will add superscript in editing for 5 seconds only: Napoleon, 1816. I will also add subtitles of what he is saying.*

## Interviewer (unseen)

Napoleon, I understand you learned to speak some English in exile on St. Helena.

## Napoleon

Since six weeks I have learned the English and I have made no progress.

## Interviewer

Uhhh, OK.... Can travelers learn to speak as much French in that time?

## Napoleon (indignant)

You think you can learn to speak French as well as me in six weeks? Spit it out on you!

*[Disgusted that the question insults his beloved French, he mutters a few words in French, maybe an insult]*

## Interviewer

What about travelers with no time to learn any French?

## Napoleon

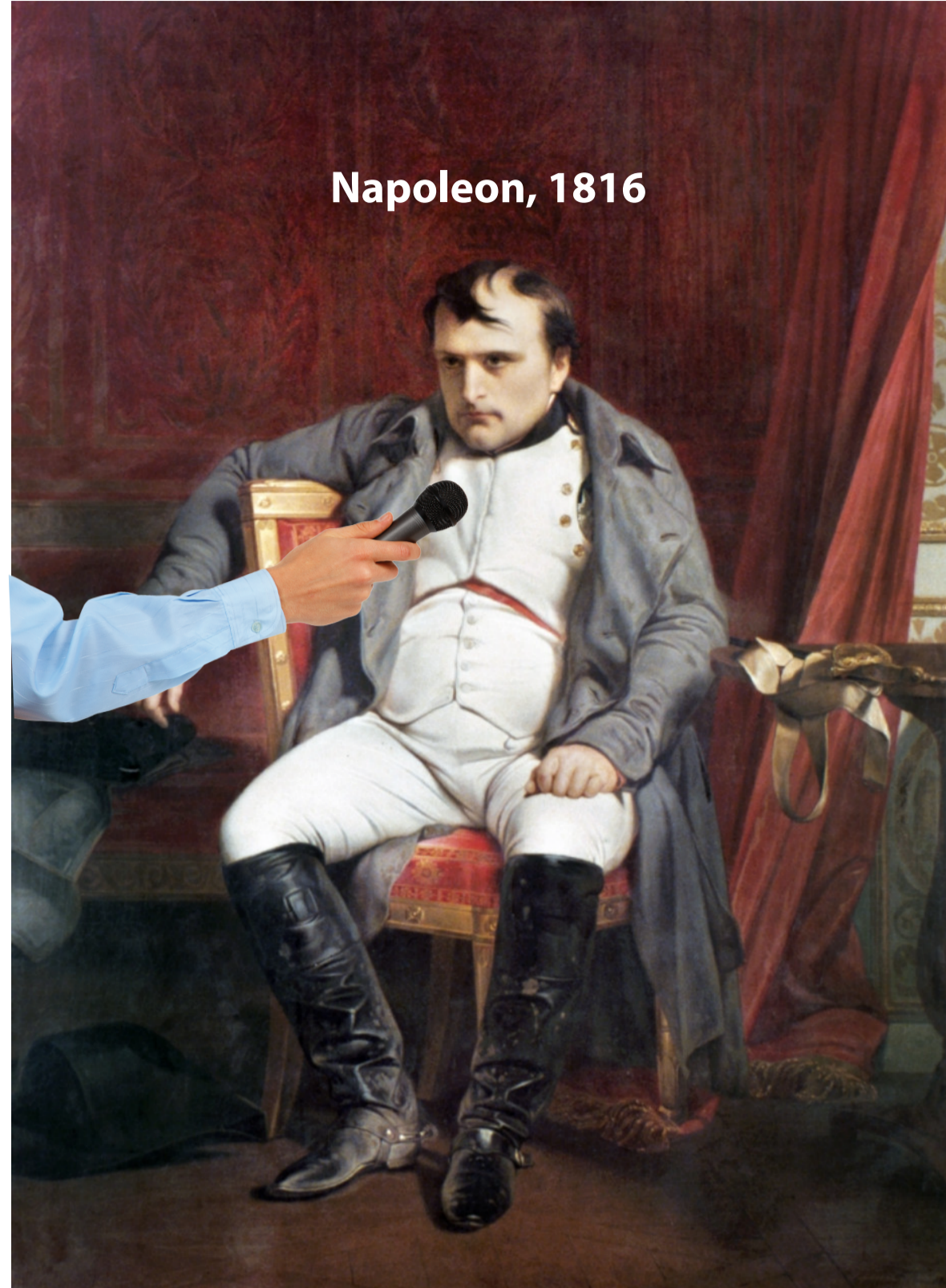
*[For the first time, he softens and smiles, because he respects people who know they can't speak his beautiful language.*

*He pulls a cell phone out of his vest and shows us the screen, which has the Just-In-Time French logo.*

*His eyes look at the phone.]*

Ah, then. All they need is "Just-In-Time French Phrasebook." They will get by just fine.

Based on Paul Delaroche's portrait of Napoleon at Fontainebleau 1814



*Zoom in close on phone so we can see logo clearly*

## Announcer

Just-In-Time French Phrasebook, the only phrasebook for travelers with no time to learn any French.  
Just-In-TimeFrench.com.



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