

## Wither Turd Blossom?

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The easy joke is that if w.Caesar calls Karl Rove "Turd Blossom" as an affectionate pet nickname, then the president, of course is a turd.

I think, however, that [the blossom that deserves to wither](#) will not. w.Caesar gave George "Slam Dunk" Tenet the nation's highest honour for his bad intelligence on Iraq--or more likely for his good job of selling garbage as imminent threat. Rove, if there is a presidential string puller at all, will likely receive no less an honour for outing a spy.

If, perhaps, Rove were so heinously stupid as to have made a similar kind of slip/feed that cost dozens or hundreds of American civilian or military lives, he may be dangled off the credibility cliff. But he didn't. No one died. Several people were punished for their opposition to Iraq and calling the emperor naked (though caked in yellow), and none of those punished has died. Rove will live through this and, if not like Tenet, be celebrated by a grateful president.

Oh yes, the whole "no one died" thing ignores the whole 25,000 dead Iraqi civilians and unnumbered Iraqi military as well as Coalition of the Willing military.