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Pavel Blažek's fake apology

Justice Min. Pavel Blažek's <u>apology</u> yesterday for lingering too long at the table last week of former Castle demon Martin Nejedlý was real enough, but it was for the fake world of headlines, tweets, talking heads and political chatter. As was PM Petr Fiala's tough statement about how Blažek would have been sacked from the cabinet if the lingering had been planned in advance and wasn't merely happenstance. In this fake world, a thorough investigation of the facts and circumstances, including witness testimony, SMS transcripts and liedetector tests, would be ordered, rigged and leaked to the press. Meanwhile, the real world of quid pro quos, backroom deals and global realignment goes on unimpeded. Blažek's destiny is to be mainly in the real world and to get his knuckles rapped at times for carelessly stepping over into the realm inhabited permanently by, say, the <u>Pirates</u>. Less certain than his own fate is that of Fiala, who is increasingly having to be a fake PM in a very real world.

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