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The Future is orange

Over the coming weeks the Clinton electoral campaign will be subjected to any number of post mortems in an attempt to work out what went wrong. To many observers, at least those with an ability to see the wood from the trees, her Gerald Ratner moment was in New York when, to much amusement, she derided at least half of Trump's supporters as being deplorables - "racist, sexist, homophobic, xenophobic, Islamophobic - you name it." Phew. At a stroke she succeeded in cutting off and insulting a vast swathe of individuals with just as much of an entitlement to cast a vote as the next man or woman. Granted, President elect Trump has been pretty rude to all sorts of people, not least women, during this vicious and unedifying campaign, but it's hard to recall a moment when he specifically kissed goodbye to votes in such a clear cut manner and on such a grand scale as Hillary Clinton did on that night in the big apple.

Whatever happens, America's Brexit moment will probably take as long to play out as ours, but for the UK, looking on the bright side, we have a new president who is a committed Anglophile, applauded our vote to leave the EU, and has in Theresa May another newly elected leader, who has been astute enough not to insult him. When it comes to trade deals, we have gone from the back of the line to the front of the queue, which can't be bad.

The popular consensus remains, understandably, one of considerable shock and horror, and it probably will for quite a while. The reality, however is that the United States of America is much bigger than its president, and believe it or not, the world will keep on turning.

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