A noted cryptanalyst from World War II is teaching a class of employees who were hired after the war.

Mr. Raven, why are you teaching us this penny-ante system?

The other teacher says this system is only used by a few people in one out-of-the-way place.

Did you ever hear of Louie?

No, who the heck is he?

Class, let me tell you about some things that happened during the war.

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The American military attacked many of these bases, but the big Japanese base at Truk Island was too strong, would have cost too many lives attacking it. They had to limit supplies from Truk.

The American Navy had a major codebreaking organization in Hawaii, producing intelligence to guide American forces as they fought across the Pacific.

“Other smaller teams were breaking other Japanese codes that were used in specific areas.”

Their main codebreaking effort was against a widely-used Japanese code that the Americans called JN-25. This gave the U.S. Navy inside information on Japan’s overall strategy.

Good job, sailor. Get this to the radio room and tell them to send it to Louie.

Sir, who the heck is Louie?

US forces attacked many other Japanese-held islands.