

“In the eyes of the world, Russia has become evil . . . and this situation looks like a sort of cartoon or James Bond film,” Kovalev said. Even still, the young Russian is fed up with the anti-Russian attitudes rippling through the West. “If you get beaten up enough,” he said, “you will begin to defend yourself, and it doesn’t matter who started it.”

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