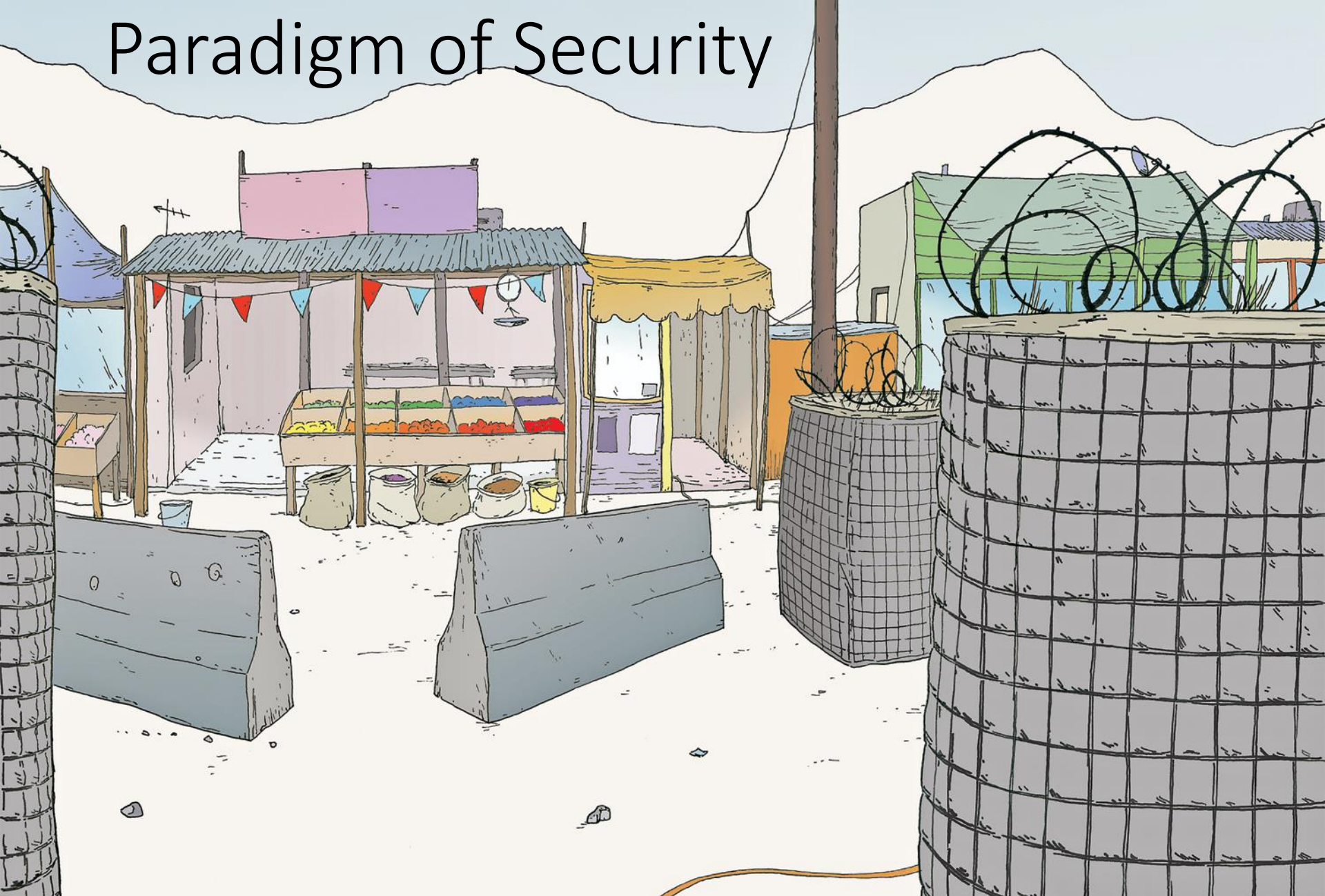




# Cultural Dissonances

**The case of Security: how prevailing security paradigms force a disconnect between the international and the local communities**

# Paradigm of Security



Security through isolation (deterrence)

Security can also be achieved through integration (acceptance)

Before 2001 anyone traveling to Afghanistan quickly learnt that one's security was in the hand of one's hosts, and that traveling without a host was not an option – thus relations with the hosts had to be as good as possible => languages learnt, cultural adaptation: **integration**



British mistake in 1839: installing Shah Shuja on the Afghan throne after evicting Dost Mohammed Khan for fear he would invite the Russians into his country.



**Psychology: Accept the risk**





**Rationality:** what constitutes a greater threat to your life? A terrorist attack?

Or a car accident?



# Afghan perceptions: security of foreigners cuts into public space and life in a major way



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## Hostile Environment Awareness Training

Principle: all theatres of war are fundamentally similar. Afghanistan = Somalia = Bosnia.  
Cultural differences exist but are secondary. One response for each situation.

Importance of insurance: but insurance is not security

Chain of Command: even ambassadors have no freedom to override security concerns

Because of security restrictions, all foreigners go to the same places (all eggs in one basket)

Barring Afghans from their own city increases anger

High levels of fortification attract attacks instead of deterring them (honour or action movie principle)

INTERACTION BETWEEN EXPATRIATES AND LOCAL SOCIETY BECOMES VERY DIFFICULT