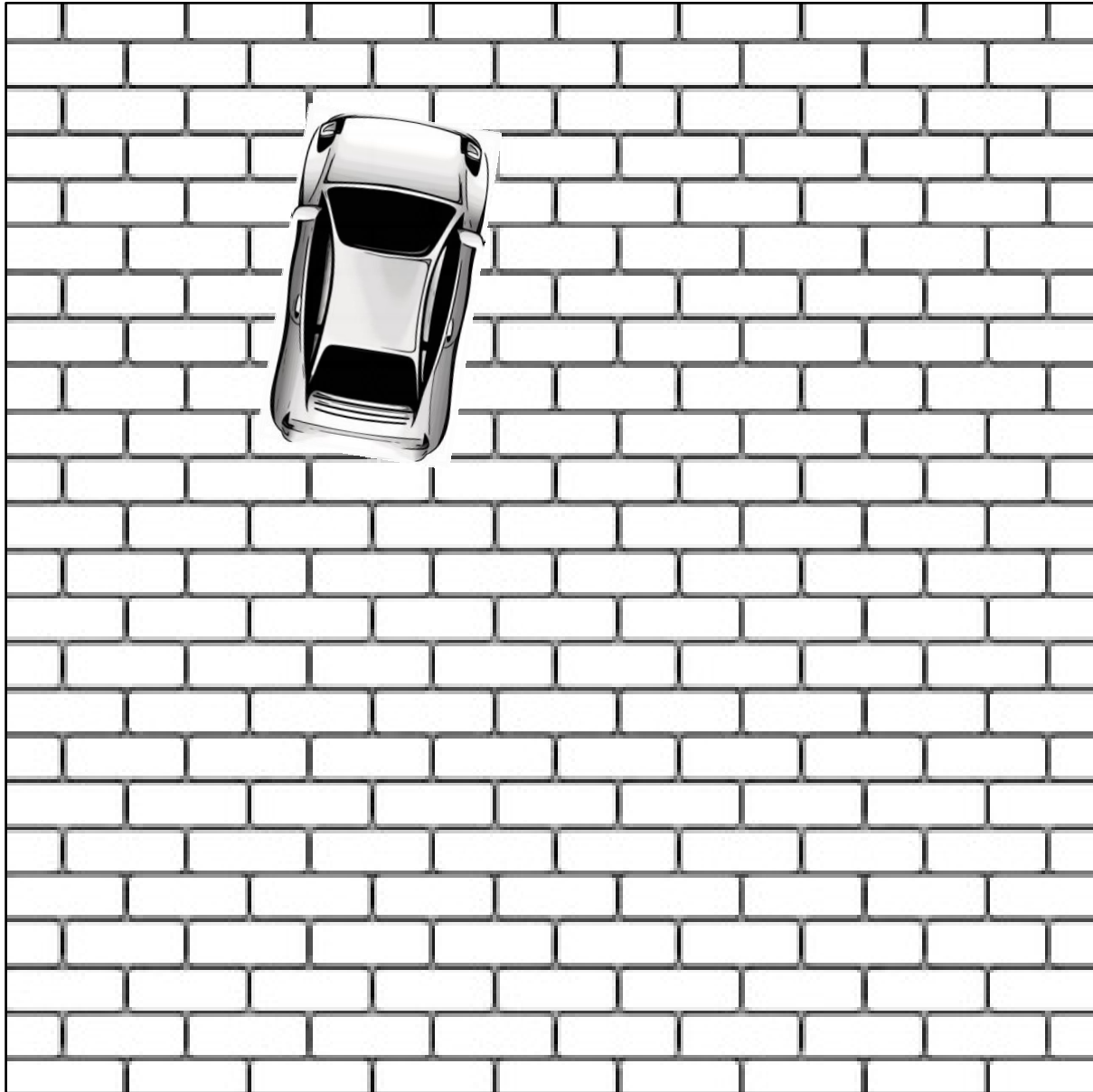


## Driving Me Up the Wall!



Sometimes people say, “It’s driving me up the wall!” This may seem like a silly or confusing thing to say. Driving up a wall is impossible.

“Driving me up the wall!” is an idiom, a phrase with its own meaning. No one can drive a car up a wall!



Drivers control cars. A person who is “being driven” does not control the car. Someone may say, “It’s driving me up the wall!” when something is irritating, and that person has no control over it or power to change it. For example, someone may say, “Being snowed in for three days is driving me up the wall!” and it would mean “Having to stay home because of the snow is irritating, and I can’t make it go away!”