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For Trump—Reality Is Pulp Fiction

In the days of the Wild West, writers found fortune in sensationalizing less than reputable persons as heroic. Gunfighters who might kill for a remark made leaning up to a bar were portrayed as being all those things Eastern townsfolk/dandies wished they could be. Mostly it was lies, intended to sell pulp fiction. Now, for Trump—reality is pulp fiction.

Imagine being an Iranian negotiator, representing a prideful nation, the oldest continuous nation in world, having made the decision, in no uncertain terms, to pledge (subject to inspection), to not produce an atomic weapon, so long as tit for tat negotiations with the Trump Administration would allow for peaceful atomic energy. Imagine further that 2 days before those negotiations, late at night in Tehran, a coordinated attack brought by Israel/US (necessitated months of preparation), murdered Iranian leadership/families—while they slept. Then Trump sold it to the West as pulp fiction.

Trump took the horror that was Biden's non-diplomacy (calling adversaries names while participating in untold deaths), and turned it aggressive. Trump's sanctions/tariffs, which history will ridicule as threats to civilization, become popularized pulp fiction as his brutality gains assets for, acceptance from Americans—lowing prices at the pump. A saga sold to the multitudes who don't know their ass from a hole in the ground. As in: getting rid of

dictator Assad to bring in in Trump's buddy, al Jolani/ (former be-header in chief/now murderer of Christians/Alawites). That's a good thing—right?

Americans stupidly fail to see, while feeling wealthy in real estate, another pulp fiction—an industry held up by \$38T dollars of debt that they the taxpayers owe, and the houses that they peddle at \$800K are actual no worth than Americans will be able to pay—which could translate to 10/20% of that.

When they gloat about their broker as having doubled their wealth over a decade, they don't see it as pulp fiction. That their holdings and wealth are but an illusion, and when there ceases to be ever-higher valuations, their supposed wealth will disappear. Worse than that, they won't be able to sell that home in a market that drops like a lead ballon, nor be able to exit their positions in stocks with anything resembling grace.

Erstwhile friends who, underneath it all, continue to see Americans as exceptional, see Trump's tariffs and bullying (with murderous intent), as something long in coming, something to show the rest of the world you don't say no to Trump's mafioso shakedown .

What will be the end result? Those nations with the most valuable assets for Trump will be under attack as long as hubris and criminal/murder finds support with Americans willing to close their eyes for lower prices at the pump/unshakable real estate values/stock market wealth accumulation.

Along his path, Trump will only grow bolder, if the world cowers before him. If he gets Greenland (no matter what farce plays-out), he will be further emboldened. He's going after anyone dealing with Iran. You lot are next.

Some say that I must be gratified—having been proven right, that instead of 5% of holding in precious metals—I recommended everything one can't afford to lose when the dollar fails. In point of fact I am not gratified—I'm

anxious and even more isolated. As it comes clear that Americans who were okay with Biden sentencing Palestine/Ukraine to death, and now okay with Trump's attempting to turn 5 eyes into 5 Families, to steal wealth from the weak—out-of-control rise in gold/silver—is just another terrifying scenario.

This is a world where you don't want to have been right about too many things. If you advocated for metals over the dollar, didn't take the mRNA kill shots, while raising questions as to whether Putin is a thug while failing to extol Netanyahu—you best duck.

What's coming, for most, is unfathomable. 90% of undergraduates now think *words can be violence*. Worse, a third of students are willing to use actual violence to prevent the saying of those words. This generation is prepared to stifle debate it dislikes, casting even the most well-meaning ideological opponents as enemies of American society.

The left bears responsibility for that, a left that (inadvertently), passed the baton to the Trump, who opts to take the race home. What's the likely outcome? When it starts flying, forget about the 1st Amendment. Few who aspire to US leadership have affiliation with the Bill of Rights, instead they usher-in strife that makes possible a non-predictable US civil war.

If that weren't bad enough, Russia/China/Global South (after the Venezuela fiasco), see themselves (though powerful nations), as not being able to come to the aid of an ally on the other side of the world. There's your arms race. China will need to harness its productivity towards being able to face-down the US—anywhere around the globe.

The same China that is seen by Trump/West through a lens from 1 or 2 decades past. If you don't follow what's actually going on with China (instead accept the drivel that China is on the brink of collapse), then you belong in decades past. China is a productive powerhouse where Porsche/

VW/Toyota sales are down 40% because the West failed to recognize Chinese cars are as good—and can be had for half the price. Because of Trump's blindness, China/Russia now see Trump as a fool—that they have to gear up against and take on.

The US is in desperate shape, where we have entered a final phase of the Thucydides Trap (empire refusing to deal with rising powers), one where Trump greatly exaggerates US power while failing to recognize his/its impotence—compared to adversaries. Understanding how this plays out brings utter sadness and terror for the republic. Costs for our imperialism/ignorance will soon come due—in a world the US taught to hate. Viewed as a republican/democrat, the pulp fiction we have become appears as unreality. But, for those asking questions, feelings of alienation increase exponentially.

It's difficult for Americans to understand China's reliance on the teachings of Confucius, and the legacy that brings: an obligation to lift its citizens out of poverty, provide land reform to provide home ownership, and come to the assistance of smaller nations—while not exporting its form of government. Those are stories not to be told in Trump's pulp fiction.

Am I gratified to watch my wealth grow? Not compared to the fear it causes in me. Silver/gold are fixed assets that don't change. And, they are now the mile markers along a road to horror.

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