

Working Title: Day of the Daisy

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As of this time no release has been sought or obtained from James McBride, author of the novel Song Yet Sung. Passages from that novel were quoted to enhance the mysterious basis of this work of fiction.

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Prologue

As Miguel de Cervantes proved in his novel The Ingenious Gentleman Don Quixote of La Mancha published in the English language version in 1602, an author can say things in a novel that might not be acceptable as a piece of non-fiction.

The novel is presented in narrative format that one might experience at a professional gathering centered on knowledge transfer using a 'case study' approach. The novel begins with the first narrator opening the case study to set the foundation. Then the 'primary helpful citizen' is introduced. As the second narrator. This 'helpful citizen' narrates the initial discovery events and technical forensics trail (Chapter 2 - Chapter 11). The first narrator returns to podium continuing the case study's presentation in Chapter 12 to a postulated closing scenario.

To the best of the author's knowledge with the exception of the December 7, 2020 New York Times Briefing (NYT) article introduced in Chapter 1 there is no supporting facts or evidence suggesting that there is anything aside from an attempt to entertain with this novel.

In Chapter 1 our primary 'helpful citizen' first questions the the validity of the NYT slogan 'all the news fit to print' concerning why a New York City news media giant would become involved in a Georgia absentee voter registration and mail-in ballots. The NYT article may have been truly intended as a public service announcement targeting Georgia citizens residing outside Georgia. However, in a Southern sister state, North Carolina, there have been at least two major absentee mail-in irregularities that rose to the level of criminal prosecution, one each for Democrats and Republicans within the last five years.

The truth as the author discovered during the research phase of this novel was that Georgia seems to have a fairly 'tight, together' process for controlling registration and absentee mail-in ballot authentication. That is particularly true when examining Georgia's process in light of North Carolina's last absentee mail-in ballot. During the last national election cycle all a voter had to do for Carolina was have an adult sign your ballot as a witness. The author sincerely misses the protection given by a notary's witness that prior NC absentee voting processes employed. 'In the author's opinion' self-certifying voting processes and 'you do mine and I'll do yours' are a threat our liberty and freedom.

But with literary license coupling the phantom voter premise, mass incursions of the US Southern borders, a pandemic, political uncertainty, international tension with rising adversaries, city street chaos, etc., add a mysterious nefarious character or two, well you just might 'get' an evil force that is hard to derail. Fortunately, this is a work of fiction.

Every effort was made to demonstrate that it is possible to employ 'black propaganda', denial and deception', 'false flag', and 'information warfare' techniques in a "grand rogue manner". The author has no knowledge of such a plan ever existing. But it makes for great, imaginative fiction.

Note that the technical details mentioned by the author throughout the novel were verified as 'workable' with the tools available and on-hand with three exceptions.

The first exception involves the ‘rarcrack-ing’ of the ‘210203_dahlongega.rar’ archive file did not occur exactly as portrayed in the novel. However, the effort was prototyped as described in the novel. But with the computer resources on-hand it would have taken an extremely long time to archive the results: ‘GOOD: password cracked: spotoc’. The prototype test run was terminated after four days of execution without having derived the password. A literary device was substituted to shorten the writing time.

The second exception was the actual results obtained from ‘dogrep4home.sh’ search program. The search program employs a specialized search tool running a collection of filters arranged in a long pattern file against large target folders. Such searching techniques typically consume a huge quantity of computer resources or large run-times. When the 1.7 GB ‘~/Local_Folder’ was scanned by ‘dogrep4home.sh’ was first executed the prior results from ‘~/Thunderbird/Mail’ did not scale as expected.

This exception could have been resolved by executing a ‘modified’ program to scan the contents of the sub-folders in a manner similar to the massive scans of ‘~/Local_Folder’. But that would have caused the ‘size’ of the novel to increase without benefiting the plot flow. As such the author made a decision to sacrifice this additional technical detail for the benefit of plot development and reader entertainment.

The third exception involves the introduction of the ‘Daisy’ device. This device is an advanced voice assistant device with features designed by a fictitious ‘ladynada’ to serve as a literary Trojan horse. The author knows of no actual device with the Daisy’s features. The ladynada is a literary rendering of a brilliant real world engineer.

Apologies are extended to the Nigerian Pidgin English speaking community. Every effort was made to employ the proper words and syntax in an effort to provide authentic Nigerian dialog and phrases. These phrases as well as Italian are sprinkled in numerous chapters.

A list of technical terms is provided in Appendix A for any reader who may seek further clarification.