**Innocent Until Proven Bankrupt**

The oak doors banged open with a cheap, TV-show flavor of gusto and a great big man, dressed in what appeared to be a hiking jacket and some Brett Favre jeans and carrying an unpolished flavor of largess equal to those banging doors, strode headlong into the not oversized office and all the way down the Hill they heard him shouting. Specifically, what they heard was Steve Bannon making his case at full volume, as he had done many times before, that: I know I’ve said that Paul is an undercover ultraliberal who is bent on selling the world to Islamic extremists with the help of half the party, for the price of who-the-hell-knows-I-havn’t-thought-it-through-that-far-and-probably-won’t-need-to, but c’mon it was an act of charity for Don to endorse him and damn you Mitt I didn’t know you’d be here but while you are damn you again for hassling my candidate about his fucking tax returns while you and yours either close down half our companies or else just ship em to China. Then he turned to the proprietor of the office. John I know you still got your panties in a bunch about that damn POW comment way back when, and yes it was stupid, but let’s stop this in-fighting and get behind our guy. We can’t I mean cannot have another Clinton era, it’s just gonna turn this damn party into a shadow of its already pretty shadowy self, and with even less backbone. Next thing we know the GOP’ll be following Hillary out to the Emirates to have falafels with fucking Bin Laden. What? Yeah I know he’s dead I was making a point. And guys, this is the time to strike. Hillary’s got her mind off the ball game because 1) she thinks she’s sitting pretty up 10 in the polls in Colorado, Iowa and Virginia, and 2) she’s got to be pissin her pants about that granddaddy sitting in the embassy in London about to take her to jail. John remarked that the guy isn’t that old, he just has white hair. Bannon took little notice. It’s time we all rallied behind our leader, listened to his judgement, however much it may grind against our personal beliefs and agendas, and focused our efforts on our enemies and common problems instead of fighting amongst ourselves.To which Mitt asked, incredulous at Bannon’s headlong ignorance of the (wonderful) irony in his statement, which (incredulity) helped mask the derision in his voice, Steve are you endorsing the President in his last three-odd months in office? Bannon started a snort but gagged as the instinctual scorn at the mention of BHO’s existence turned to shock as the content of the misinterpretation, irony and all, dawned on him, at which point his eyes widened and his brow moved toward the heavens then turned Earthward once more as the shock turned to outrage. Priebus! Dammit I was talking about Priebus! John’s smile had been widening steadily during the Bannon’s second call to arms, the unintended irony of which was not lost on him, and Mitt’s response, the derision of which did not escape his ears, but as Bannon began to lose it all over again his smile died away, for John has never enjoyed being shouted at.

When you have anti-establishment boiling on the right, lead by a crackpot presidential candidate who likes calling everyone, including himself, names of varying degrees of logical soundness, not to mention waging an all but all-out war against his own party at masterfully ill-timed moments in his campaign you have to wonder who’s benefiting from all this? At first thought it surely can’t be one who just had thousands of emails leaked and a terrorist weapons scandal come back from years ago to haunt her

Ridiculous Trump-Pence logo, a jumped gun on insider sabotage?

Manafort ties to Putin via Ukraine making Clinton email wikiLeaks too easy to wave away.

Setting up a huge smackdown at the debates. Feeding all the likely Clinton weaknesses, only to smash them down then when Trump is supposed to look his strongest.

Meanwhile, subtly perpetuating the disarray in the GOP via the new campaign hires. The end goal here is to have the Republicans come running to the Dems for help, and foster a new friendship to work with on the Hill and in the halls.

Conway and Bannon probably not in on the deal. Conway maybe, if they decided her capacity to influence swing and women voters is above some threshold which might actually damage Clinton.

If a voter changes sides in an election, does that make another switch more or less likely? Perhaps it depends on the circumstances surrounding the change. Scandal involving previous favorite? Gradual change of ideology? Sum of small scandals involving previous favorite?

And a side story: Piers Morgan, James Corden, Craig Ferguson, John Oliver sent to the US to weave themselves into US pop culture. Not to mention Game of Thrones, Downton Abbey, and the tabloid obsession with the royal family. Then Brexit. England plans to retake the US. Couldn’t do it while in the EU. Assange is in the Ecuadorian embassy, but it’s still London at the end of the day. Teresa May is anti-American culture, having banned Tyler the Creator from performing in the UK.