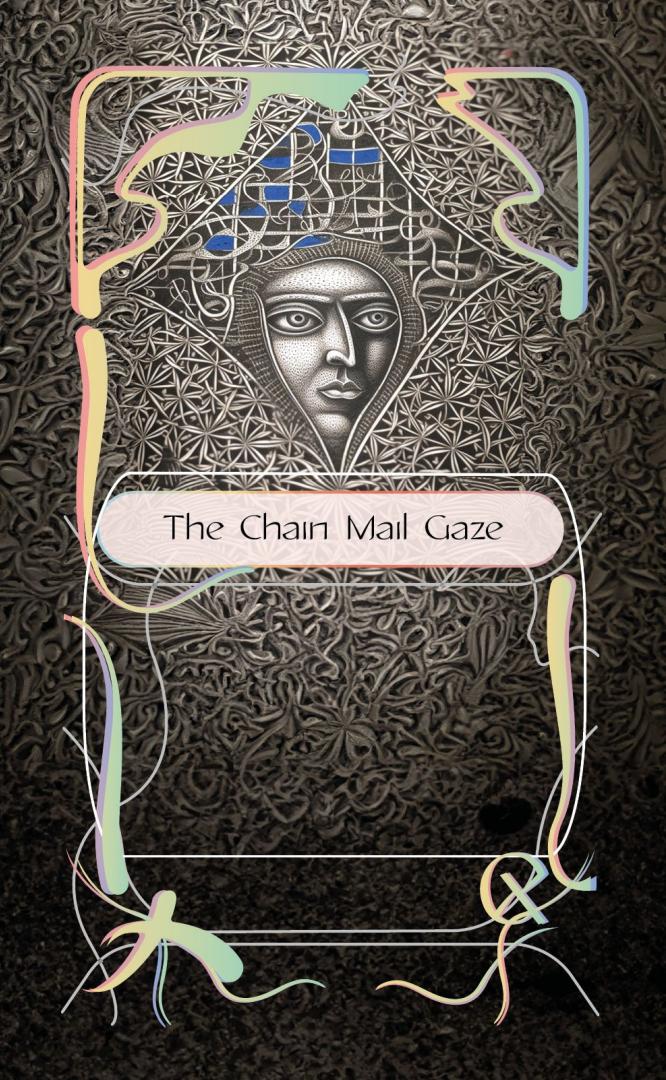


# The Chain Mail Gaze

**Wassim Z. Alsindi**  
Janitor (Epistemic) @ 0xSalon



*"The Church and the Network,  
Zeal and Time,  
Death and Money.  
All sides of the same Coin."*

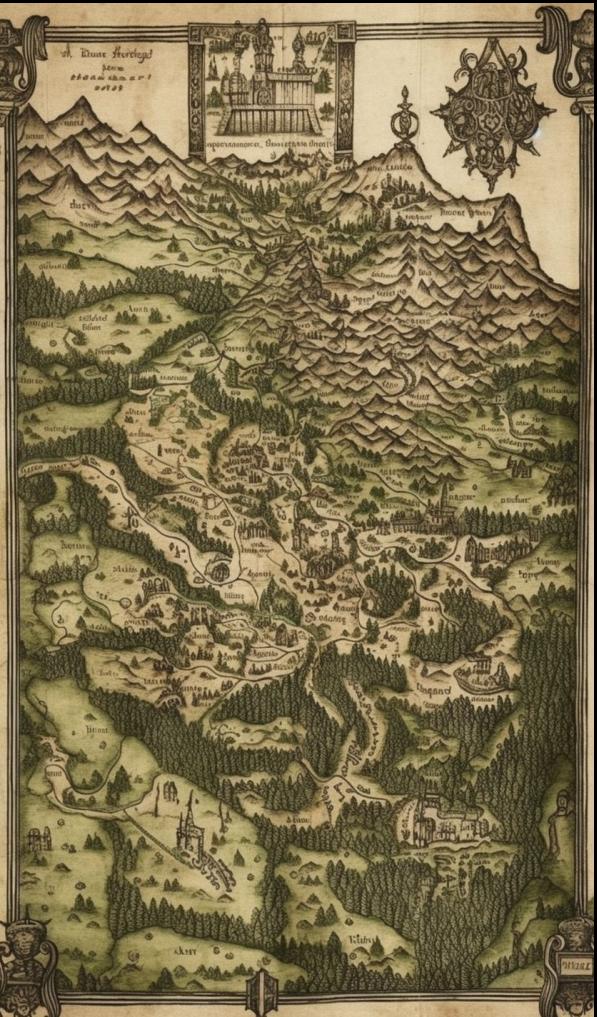


# *Prophet Motives*

For as long as there has been financial capital, **risk and speculation** have orbited, manipulated and harnessed it. As narrative feedback machines, simultaneously reading and rewriting realities, markets exist as a distributed conversation amongst speculators driven by **profit motives** and an appetite for divination and prophecy .

Today, **new strains of techno-colonialism** are emerging, which are the latest of a **series of echoes** throughout Western history. An ascendant cabal of elites are attempting to **reshape the world** in their favour, whilst hiding in plain sight behind the faceless technologies that have enriched them. Theirs is a Promethean zealotry without faith: affecting an aura of 'divine sanction' for the purposes of elevating the ego, enriching the 'chosen ones', and creating empires of varying stripes. **Was it not always so?**





## SEETHING LIKE A STATE

Decentralisation has a cost: the price of anarchy. The price is always due, but the rewards weren't cheap to reap. Sew Solid CCRU. What most did not expect was that payment would become due at the grandest scales of governance. The Westfailure State, forged under the fire of Peer Prussia, was ambushed by upstart modes of power, opening new vistas of communication, commodification, and communion.

The orientations that nation-states had used to enshrine their power, only made it easier to undermine them. The bigger they were, the harder they fell. Brextopia, The Neuropean Union, NATO's Cave, the United State-Machine. All returned to dust. The decline of the nation-state in the roaring twenties became a cannon of canonicity for an entire generation of soul traders. It wasn't even just the Bitlievers, in those days there were many networks, many messiahs, many ideologics, all with their own Prophet Motives.

# The Network State

"A network state is a social network with a moral innovation, a sense of national consciousness, a recognized founder, a capacity for collective action, an in-person level of civility, an integrated cryptocurrency, a consensual government limited by a social smart contract, an archipelago of crowdfunded physical territories, a virtual capital, and an on-chain census that proves a large enough population, income, and real-estate footprint to attain a measure of diplomatic recognition."

Balaji Srinivasan  
The Network State, 2022, p. 9.







Illustration of Liberland's Metaverse City  
Zaha Hadid Architects



Satoshi Island  
@satoshiisland

Watch our video & see how we're turning a dream into reality!

Yes, we already own the island

Yes, we can develop as advertised

Yes, the government supports our plan

Yes, our team has relevant expertise

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The Satoshi island project is the latest in a series of schemes aimed at bringing cryptocurrency fanatics out from behind the blockchain in their bedrooms and into real-world community in small island states.



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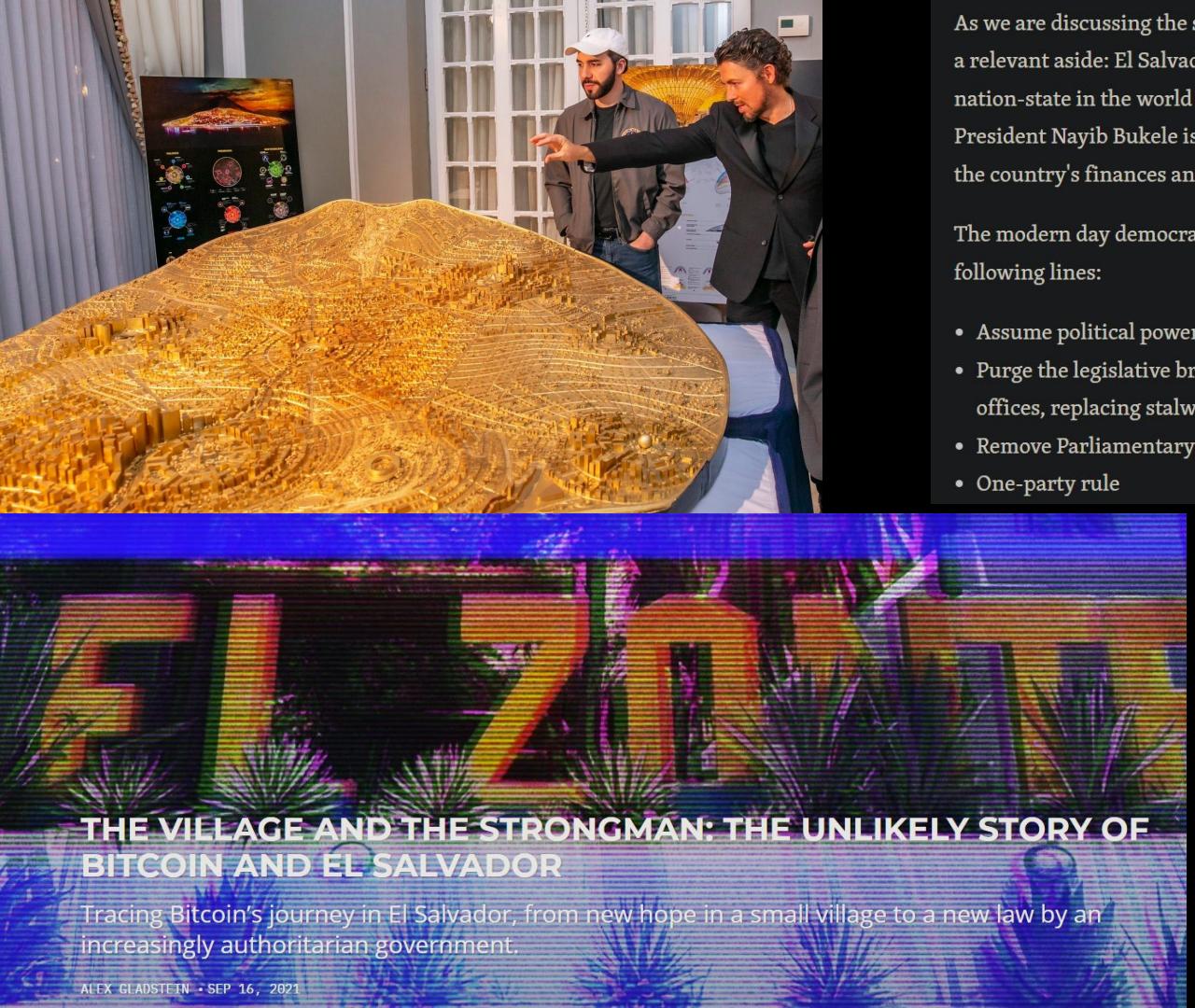
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As we are discussing the subject of cryptocurrencies and governance let's take a relevant aside: El Salvador recently made Bitcoin legal tender — the first nation-state in the world to do so — and many fear that the country's elected President Nayib Bukele is using the financial restructuring as a pretext to loot the country's finances and further consolidate his power.

The modern day democracy→tyranny pathway tends to proceed along the following lines:

- Assume political power by election, *coup d'état* or however else
- Purge the legislative branch: particularly Supreme Court and wider judicial offices, replacing stalwarts with supplicants
- Remove Parliamentary and/or Presidential term limits
- One-party rule

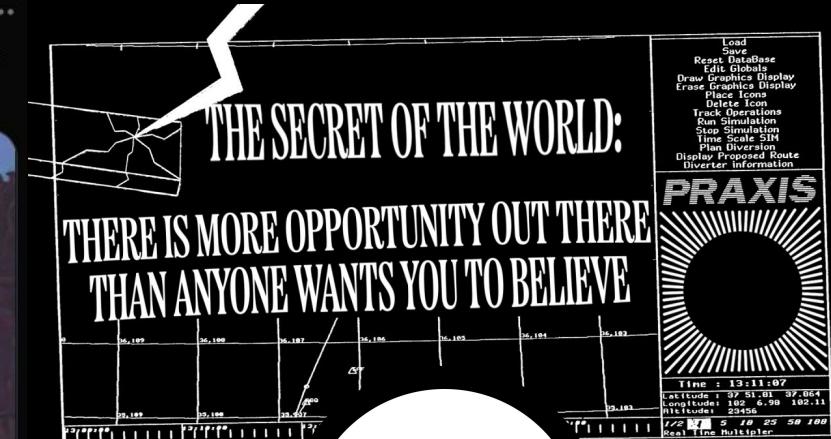
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A vertical stained glass window depicting a medieval knight. The knight is shown from the waist up, wearing a green helmet with a plume and chainmail armor. He is holding a long, curved sword with both hands, pointing it downwards. The background consists of a grid of colored glass pieces in shades of yellow, green, and blue.

The  
Chain Mail  
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# *The Knightwork State*

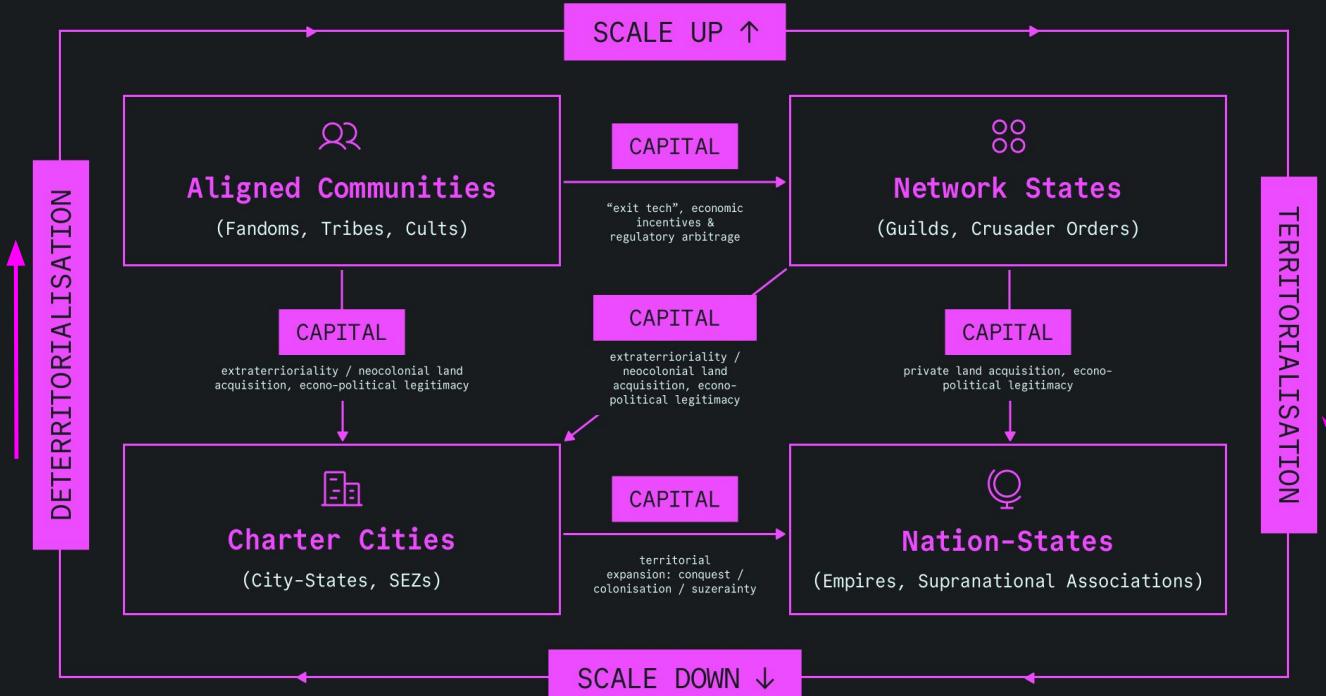
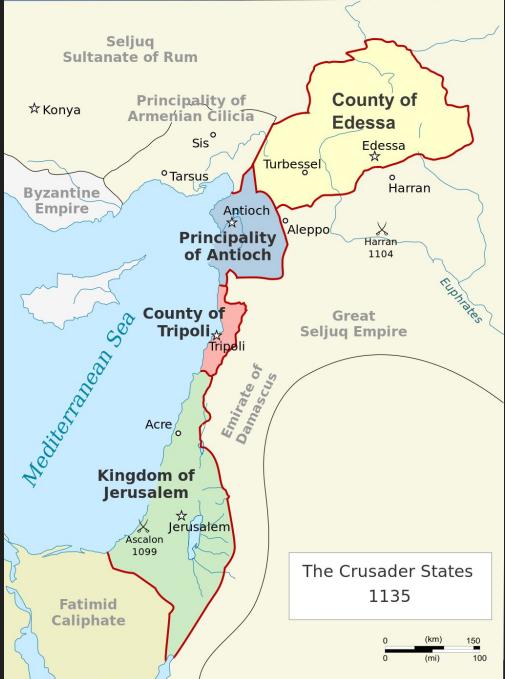
Today's tech overlords are the descendants of Europe's Crusaders: **well-financed, zealous fanatics** wreaking destruction on the planetary other, in the name of their 'greater good.'

The Vatican-sponsored waves of Levantine invasions that began in the late eleventh century were the **midwife of capitalism, colonialism, and 'technology'** as we know it today.

With the '**network state**' organisational concept, a cadre of powerful ideologues 'blessed' with tokenised wealth are toying with the prospect of **reshaping national frontiers**, mirroring the desires of Frankish noblemen and their **Knightly Orders** in the Levant a thousand years ago.

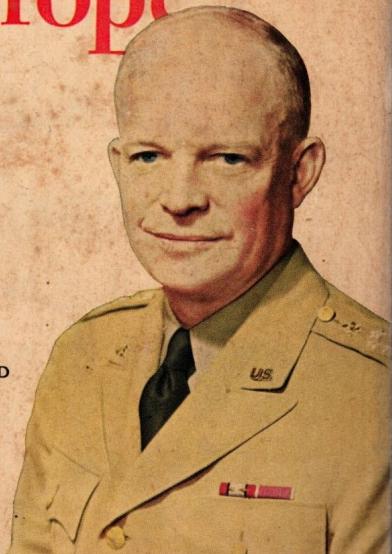


does Medieval Outremer look familiar?



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EISENHOWER

# Crusade in Europe



COMPLETE AND  
UNABRIDGED

HIS PERSONAL ACCOUNT OF WORLD WAR II—  
REVEALING THE MAN, HIS METHODS AND HIS VIEW



This crusade, this war on terrorism is  
going to take a while.

— George W. Bush —

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## "Do You Want To Start Crescent-Crusader Conflict Again": Erdogan To West

Jihad Against Jews and Crusaders

World Islamic Front Statement

23 February 1998

Shaykh Usamah Bin-Muhammad Bin-Ladin  
Ayman al-Zawahiri, amir of the Jihad Group in Egypt  
Abu-Yasir Rifa'i Ahmad Taha, Egyptian Islamic Group  
Shaykh Mir Hamzah, secretary of the Jamiat-ul-Ulema-e-Pakistan  
Ensho Bohman, amir of the Jihad Movement in Bangladesh

Christopher Tyerman

The INVENTION  
of the CRUSADES



# THE CRUSADES ALIGNMENT CHART

Structure PURIST | Structure NEUTRAL | Structure REBEL

Function  
PURIST

HARDLINE  
TRADITIONALISTS



DAILY NEWS  
CRUSADE  
NATIONAL REVIEW  
HERO WE GO AGAIN



PURIST,  
REBEL

Function  
NEUTRAL

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TRUE NEUTRAL

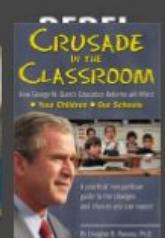


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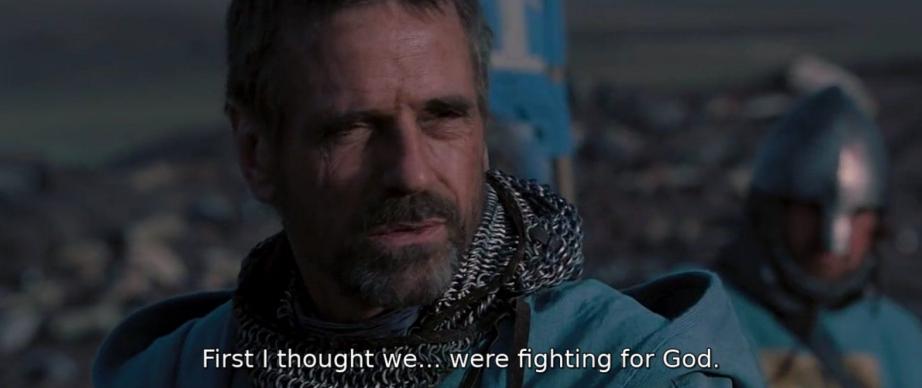


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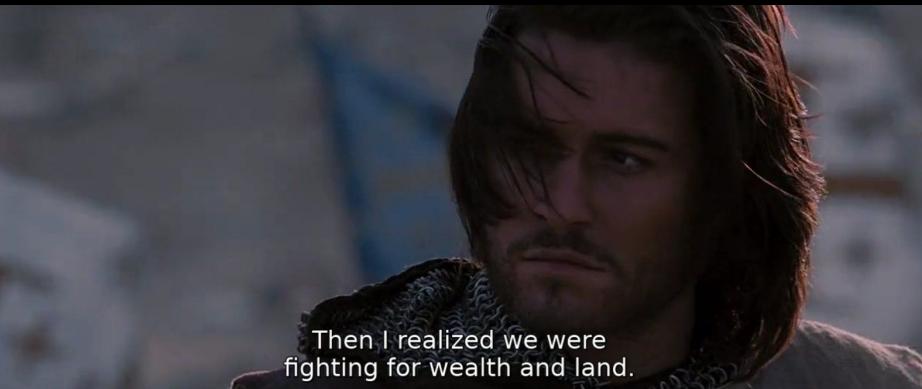




I've given Jerusalem my whole life.



First I thought we... were fighting for God.



Then I realized we were  
fighting for wealth and land.



I was ashamed.



# Is the Cure to Male Loneliness Retaking Constantinople?

July 19, 2023





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Taylor Swift will be a network state by 2030



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why does she keep coming back to this metaphor

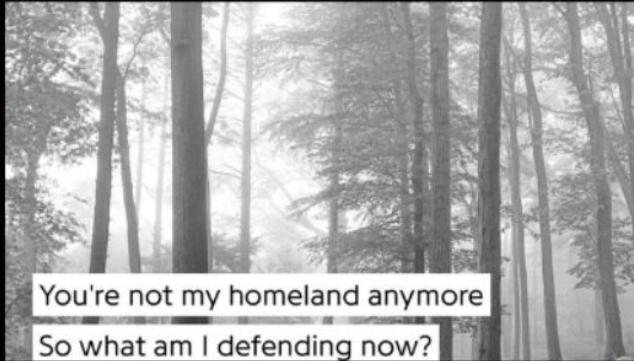


I forget how the West was won

I forget if this was ever fun

TAYLOR SWIFT, "BUT DADDY I LOVE HIM"

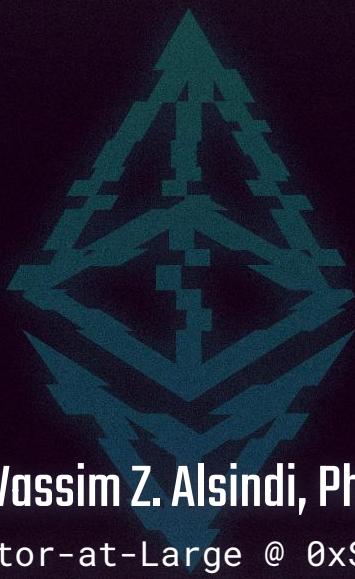
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Lavender Haze  
Maroon  
Anti-Hero  
Snow On The Beach  
You're On Your Own, Kid  
Midnight Rain  
Question...?  
Vigilante Shit  
Bejeweled  
Labyrinth  
Karma  
Sweet Nothing  
Mastermind

I can reclaim the land





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