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Dear Mr. O’Connor,

Not forty-eight hours ago, Teegan was singing to America’s social elite dressed in an *haute couture* evening gown. Now, she’s running for her life.

After uncovering a carefully guarded secret—the fact that China instigated the Civil War of 2035—the 16-year-old Eurasian daughter of a Chinese General escapes her home in Concord and heads to Capitol Hill to make the truth known before a critical vote. As the daughter of the man who instigated the brutal Purge, she feels a moral obligation to do so. Teegan deeply believes that humans come before countries, and she is willing to defy her father and betray her birth country by doing the right thing. But time is short. She has just ten days to get there and bounty hunters, the U.S. Resistance, and the government are all in hot pursuit.

As Teegan heads out of the posh controlled zone where she lives, she will witness first hand the living conditions of ordinary citizens in a post-Second Civil War America. Along the way, she will make new friends but also powerful new enemies.

Her journey across the U.S. makes her grow into adulthood and gradually allows her to free herself from her father’s domineering behavior.

UNITED STATES OF CHINA, a YA thriller told in the first person, is complete at 95,000 words and ready for your consideration. The book is part of a trilogy. I have started writing the second book. The work combines the thrill of the HUNGER GAMES with the social commentary of FAHRENHEIT 451.

Sincerely,

Régis Geoffrion