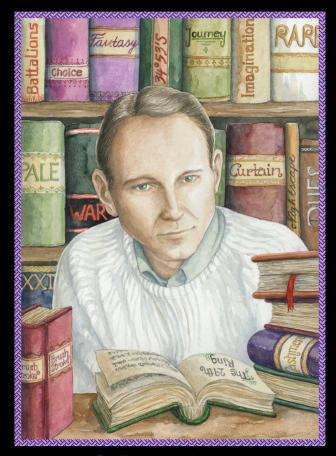
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Join me now for A Story I'm Telling, and discover aBitof Mystery born of The Egg Cracked. It's a simple tale really—but a critical reminder of how the guttural sound of one-upsmanship can echo so many times over the centuries that it drowns itself out like a canyon ricochet.

In other words, the bigger the lie and longer it lingers and is repeated, the less disingenuous it appears in the mirror hanging at the head of history's winding staircase.

Said another way altogether, a fake can seem genuine over time—as paradoxical as that may seem at first plance.

Truth and falsity are mutually exclusive, are they not, Mr. and Mrs. Reader? Even so, beware peering for too long into such a mirror, as you will see less and less of what is truly genuine.

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The PROVERBIAL Wobbly Alliance

EFORE WE GO ON FROM HERE, why not let at least one of the cats out of the bag right now? That is, reveal the self-perpetuating and self-serving nature of something whose unfair below-the-belt &

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low profile below-the-radar judicial and legislative powers have been maintained and bolstered by *Court & Congress* on *Capitol Hill* since the day *The Egg Cracked*™ on *September* 24, 1789.

It was on that precise date that federalist (today's pro-big government democrat) General of the Armies & 1st president, *George Washington* (1789-97), purposely affixed his *superfluous* signature to *veto-proof* legislation passed by a more than 67% majority (actually 70%) of Congress—and which would become the *Judiciary Act of* 1789.

Not surprisingly, Mr. Washington's shadow nominations of six neighborhood federalists to the *Supreme* (actually supreme) *Court* bench of 1 chief justice & 5 associate justices (actually 5 *judges*) quickly followed his signature on the judiciary act—and were just as speedily confirmed by the federalist-controlled *Senate* that the President kept in his pocket.

Naturally, Mr. Washington and Congress knew very well that they were moving to expeditiously shape and stack the Court with federalists. This, just a day ahead of the *Bill of Rights* being proposed to 75% of the *States* for ratification by at least 67% of Congress on *September 25*, 1789.

Here is *Amendment X* from the *Bill of Rights* that Mr. Washington and Court & Congress got the jump on, Mr. and Mrs. ReaderTM: "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to The People."

In other words, Congress (legislative branch) and Mr. Washington (executive branch) allied with the Court (judiciary branch) to avoid the impact of Amendment X by

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just 24 hours—said amendment together with Amendments I through IX intended to strengthen and close loopholes in the *Constitution*. Yes, the very loopholes that Mr. Washington and Congress used to benefit the Court and ultimately themselves as well.

As with any proverbial wobbly alliance of course, it wouldn't be long before the federalist-stacked Court under federalist 4th chief justice, *John Marshall* (1801-35), would move to strengthen its ties to the federalist-controlled Congress as a means of *extraconstitutionally* bolstering its own power in 1803 with so called "judicial review"—all the while moving in 1819 to *extraconstitutionally* boost the power of Congress with so called "implied powers" or what is referred to today as the "legislative oversight" that is so revered on Capitol Hill.

Contrary to what Mr. Washington (1789-97) patriotically believed, the strategy of Court & Congress was to partner and use "extraconstitutionality" to weaken the constitutional powers and prerogatives of any future president.

In particular of course, the judicial-legislative target in the executive branch would be any democratrepublican (today's republican) president that might succeed federalist 2nd president, *John Adams* (1797-1801)—as well as follow in the democrat-republican footsteps of 3rd president, *Thomas Jefferson* (1801-09); 4th president and author of the Constitution and Bill of Rights, *James Madison* (1809-17); 5th president, *James Monroe* (1817-25); and even 6th president and son of John Adams, *John Quincy Adams* (1825-29).



The HAIRLINE CRACK

ES, ABITOF MYSTERY™—or perhaps better described as that which transpires when a hairline crack is exacted on an egg without regard to what future damage is in store.

Let's say for instance that the nation's most nearly sacred document resembles just such *an egg cracked*.

The Constitution was not only delicately created with its ratification in 1788, but in turn was meant to be laid in its protective nest by way of the ratification of the Bill of Rights in 1791. Yes—delicately created and intended to be laid in a protective nest, but not intended to be cracked by the pro-big government federalist puppeteers pulling the strings during the birth of a nation.

Let's also say that the vast majority of the federalist-controlled 1st Congress and the federalist 1st president preferred that the egg not only be cracked but even hatched—its yoke and white thereafter indiscriminately scrambled.

Thus, they seized and handled the Constitution two years before it could be strengthened by the Bill of Rights. In the process, they purposely ignored its fragile nature. In other words—while striving for one-upsmanship, one could say that they ignored the *People* whom the Constitution's rights, freedoms & guarantees were specifically intended for.

What did *James Madison*, a democrat-republican (or republican), think of all this—considering the fact that he was the author of both the Constitution and the Bill of

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Rights? Did his desire for a strong central government conflict with his anti-big government stance? After all, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights put strict limits on each of the three branches of the federal government—especially the crystal clear and succinct limits in Amendment X, to reiterate: "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to The People."

In any event, Congress and the President cracked America's nearly sacred constitutional egg—and there was no way to uncrack it.

THERE IS MORE to DISCOVER

ORE WILL BE REVEALED, Mr. & Mrs. ReaderTM, as you delve into a certain rare collection of Miniature StoriesTM—one particular volume lying high up on an out of the way and until now long forgotten and dusty shelf in the Miniature Library TM of the Short Story Aficionado TM.

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The MYSTERY YET to be SOLVED

HE NEXT ELECTION IS NOT LIKELY to break the stalemate between the executive branch and the judicial-legislative partnership arrayed against it. That is a given.

As described earlier, judicial-legislative oneupsmanship has been ongoing since 1789.

What about complexion though?

No matter who wins the election and by how much, the complexion or nature of the *Wealthy, Powerful, Privileged, Indecisive & Isolated™* multimillionaires sitting on Capitol Hill's supreme Court will not change unless there is a retirement or death, and a replacement nominated and appointed by the President, and confirmed by the Senate.

Let's say that the *Wealthy, Powerful, Privileged, Indecisive & Isolated*^m multimillionaires of Capitol Hill's Congress move past stalemate. This is up in the air at present. Even so, how might that happen?

First off, let's assume that today's President is reelected by a wide margin of electoral votes based on the voting majorities in each state. If he wins the symbolic national popular vote, that benefits his case even more of course.

Said reelection assumption should be valid if one can presume a presidential party platform of the six high profile and already successful "nationals".

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that in turn light the way to *National Survival*TM cross the *National Landscape*TM.

Now let's assume that as a minimum, the House of Representatives and the Senate seat a majority of the president's party — but not just a small majority.

Is a large majority likely though?

Nothing is unlikely at this point in time. It's important to note though, that a majority of 60 in the Senate continues to be necessary because neither major political party can let go of Rule XXII.

Under the circumstances, will the mystery of 2020 linger on?

Yes, until the primary season gets underway for the party opposing the President. We'll see what happens then, won't we, Mr. and Mrs. ReaderTM?

In the meantime however, this writer isn't shy about the future.

As a matter of fact I'll even go for broke.

That's not to say though, that I'm interested in predicting the end of the world as we know it. That is, if things do or don't go one way or the other.

On the other hand, three out of five flips of my trustworthy 50:50 even odds *Eisenhower Silver Dollar* tell me that *National Eclipse & Demise*TM is not on the horizon.

National Survival™ is though, and in a big way too!

The main thing to remember is that you read it here first, Mr. and Mrs. ReaderTM!



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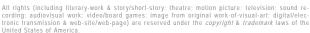
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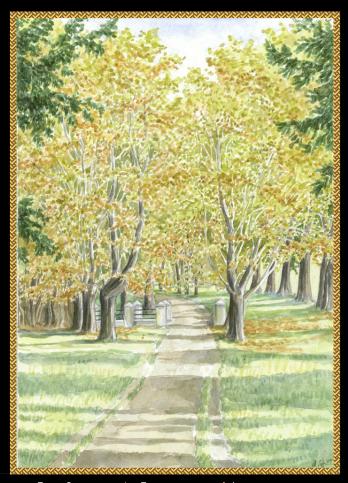




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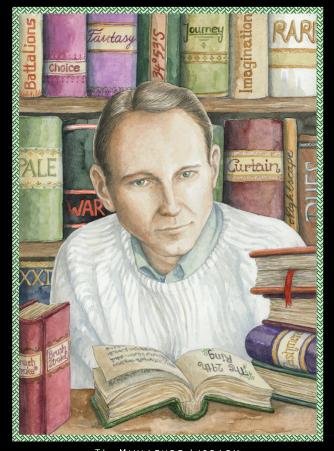
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