## YKK + XIX

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There are some crazy conspiracy theories out there. And when I say crazy, I mean crazy. Like really crazy. Like so fucking crazy that these conspiracy theories are actually stupid crazy. That's right, they are that fucking crazy. Although, they are conspiracy theories, so probably if they weren't totally crazy, no one would take them seriously.

For example, there's a conspiracy theory out there that the COVID-19 pandemic is an elaborate hoax to prevent Donald Trump from being elected to a second term as the president of the United States. Though at this point pretty much everyone, with the possible exception of Donald Trump, knows that he didn't win the 2020 election. So arguably, if that was the plan all along, you can't really say it didn't work.

Apparently, the whole thing was orchestrated by Russia, China, and the American elite, who collaborated to engineer the virus and release it upon the world, and then proceeded to spread false information about its veracity through the guise of pro-communist agencies like the WHO, creating a global state of fear where humanity could be manipulated to do radically demoralizing things like wearing a mask in public. Because what other explanation could there be?

So, perhaps you can see what I mean when I say there are some crazy conspiracy theories out there. But I myself am no stranger to crazy conspiracy theories. In fact, you might say they are a specialty of mine. For I am convinced that I can take any crazy conspiracy theory that has ever crazied, and make it look totally plausible, by conjuring up an even crazier conspiracy theory to take its place.

Now, please don't think that just because I can take the stupidest craziest conspiraciest conspiracy theory out there and come up with an even stupider crazier conspiracier conspiracy theory means that I am mocking the concept of the conspiracy theory. Far from it. It should be known that I have a great respect for the people who can come up with crazy conspiracy theories, even if they happen to be ignorant racist assholes. It's just that I have a profound ability to come up with completely stupid shit, and so I can spot the logical flaws in the craziest conspiracy theories of even the stupidest people out there, and go beyond their level of idiocy to a place that is so fucking stupid, and so fucking crazy, that it can only be the truth.

Some of you may remember the Y2K conspiracy theory. Well, actually, none of you will remember the Y2K conspiracy theory, because as will be revealed shortly none of you are old enough to have been around at the turn of the millennium. But I'll get back to that in a bit. For now I'll just use a delightful example from the pre-COVID survivor generation to illustrate how a crazy conspiracy theory can be proliferated, and how I can go and take that crazy conspiracy theory to the next level.

As the days were running down in the year of 1999, some of our brightest (and coincidentally, geekiest) minds began spouting off doomsday tails of what would happen at the precise moment the world's odometer rolled-over. You see, way back in the early days of the computing revolution, memory was not something that was come by easily, and so every opportunity to save hard drive space was exploited. In particular, dates only contained the last two digits of the year. And why shouldn't they? Everyone knew that if something was dated as "80" it referred to 1980, so to include the "19" took away valuable space that could be used for, well, I suppose two other characters, but the point was that you didn't want to waste hard drive space on something so obvious as what century you happened to be in. Until, that was, you were suddenly in a new one.

And so begins the great Y2K conspiracy theory. For you see, all over the world we have these ancient computers with dates coded using only two digits for the year, many of which are apparently somehow controlling a vast assortment of the world's missiles and nuclear weaponry, and they're all going to reset at the stroke of midnight on December 31, 1999. And nobody knows what they'll do. In fact, nobody even knows where all of them are. Some are underground, some are in satellites orbiting the earth at a few thousand kilometres per hour, and for some reason all of them are directly responsible for initiating the launch sequence for every single weapon of mass destruction ever created. And so we have this massive infrastructure of uncontrollable computer technology that is literally a ticking timebomb, ready to go off as we all celebrate what could in fact be the best New Years party of all time, where everyone dies.

That was the crazy conspiracy theory of 1999 (or maybe it would be more appropriate to say "of 99"). But I myself wasn't just looking for a crazy conspiracy theory, I was looking for the craziest conspiraciest conspiracy theory that ever theoried. Or something of that nature. Because something as stupid as the Y2K conspiracy theory wasn't enough for me, I needed something even stupider to believe in. And that's when I stumbled upon the YKK conspiracy theory.

You see, prior to the year 2000 there was a company called YKK that had a strangle hold (pun intended? you decide) on the zipper market. Back then nearly every zipper on every article of clothing ever made was made by the company YKK, and bore the YKK logo on it. And, as you may have already done, it didn't take me long to make the connection between YKK and Y2K. For Y2K was just another way of saying YKK. And that's how I came to realize that the Y2K conspiracy was just a cover up for the YKK conspiracy.

What is the YKK conspiracy you ask? Well, it is just as brilliant as it is stupid. For you see, if every zipper in the world is made by the same company, then every zipper in the world can be controlled by the same company. And more so than being controlled, they can be programmed. You might think that a zipper doesn't contain any computing power, but you'd be wrong. The zippers are so much more than you would ever think. And at the heart of their design is one thing and one thing only, the desire to see everybody else's butt.

For years they've given us comfort in the knowledge that they will keep our pants up, and that what those pants contain will be contained. Until one fateful moment, when the clock strikes 12, the new millennium begins, and every zipper in the world fails simultaneously, causing all our pants to drop to our ankles, never to be pulled up again. Because let's face it, the zippers are all broken, so what would be the point?

So there you have it, the YKK conspiracy theory. Pretty fucking stupid, am I right? But the stupidity of the Y2K conspiracy theory was nowhere near the brilliant idiocy of today's COVID-19 conspiracy theory. So you can only imagine how stupid my COVID-19 conspiracy theory is going to be. Though alternatively you could just keep reading, in which case you wouldn't even have to imagine how stupid it is going to be, because you'll know how stupid it really is.

To begin, I'll highlight that just like how I realized that the Y2K conspiracy theory was a cover up for the YKK conspiracy theory on account of the similarity in their names, it is the name of the COVID-19 conspiracy theory that made me realize it was a cover up for the XIX conspiracy theory, with only one key difference. This time around, XIX literally just means 19. There's nothing to it beyond that. There's no zippers, there's no secret COVID-XIX virus out there stealing our women (possibly with their zippers undone) while we ponder over whether there's a bigger connection between 19 and XIX other than the fact that XIX means 19. I just thought that YKK + XIX was a pretty cool title, so I went with it. Remember, I am going for stupid here.

And not to downgrade the stupidity of my own XIX conspiracy theory by highlighting the stupidity in the real COVID-19 conspiracy theory, but if the people with the power to orchestrate a pandemic really wanted Trump to lose the 2020 election that badly, why did they let him win back in 2016? It just seems like it could have been a lot easier to not let him be president for the first 4-years, rather than to kill millions of people so that he could only be president for 4-years. But then again it is a stupid conspiracy theory, and it wouldn't be stupid if it wasn't stupid.

And now there's really only one thing left to say, which is what the XIX conspiracy theory is. So here it is. It's short. It's sweet. And it's so fucking stupid. But most importantly, it's the absolute god-honest truth.

With the COVID-19 vaccine rollout having been initiated, one thing that may not have gotten quite the degree of scrutiny it deserves is the fact the vaccines that have been approved have all been approved for people aged 12 and over. Sure, the vast majority of COVID-19 related deaths have been amongst the elderly, so to focus the vaccine efforts on them should come as no surprise. And while there are tragic examples amongst the younger population, it is somewhat well known that generally younger people tend not to become severely ill or spread the disease as efficiently as the older population. So given the global desire to find a means to end the pandemic it totally makes sense that the first wave of the vaccination regime would focus on those that are most vulnerable to the virus.

And that's where the brilliancy of the XIX conspiracy comes in. With all the focus going towards preventing further COVID related deaths amongst the elderly, no one has stopped to ask why all these children are content to live in a world where there is no vaccine available to them. Just because they have imaginary friends who have imaginary friends, not to mention all the imaginary drama that goes on between them, doesn't mean that they haven't been actively monitoring the pandemic situation. They're just as vested in it as the rest of us are, for one simple, shocking, yet totally predictable reason. Or at least it's totally predictable if you're as big a fan of crazy stupid conspiracy theories as I am.

They're the ones that orchestrated the pandemic.

That's right. The children did it. You can let that sink in for a minute, but then I'm going to go one step further, and tell you which child was the grand mastermind behind what could arguably be described as the singular event which caused the most significant change in the history of human life.

It was my daughter. Mackenzie Cadence Fazekas. I mean, she regularly runs around the house claiming to be the fairy of evil science, which sounds like the exact type of science you would need to engineer a pandemic. So based on that one piece of undeniably irrefutable evidence, I can't think of any reason why she wouldn't have been the one to do it.

That's right. My beautiful, sweet, complete and utter darling of a baby girl, is the person who was single-handedly responsible for the COVID-19 pandemic, the devastation that it wreaked across humanity, and the inevitable aftermath of the fraudulent vaccination campaign that will result in everyone over the age of 12 dying before the end of 2021.

Oh yea. And in case it wasn't already clear, there is no vaccine, the whole thing is a big lie, and all they're doing is injecting us with poison. And if you need any more proof then just reading it here, then I'm going to be honest with you, you probably shouldn't try coming up with a conspiracy theory of your own, because no good conspiracy theory ever has relied on actual fact-based evidence.

So there you have it, the conspiracy theory that exposes the true nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, summarized in approximately half a page. As any good conspiracy should be. It was the kids this whole time. They created the virus, to scare us into taking the vaccine, which killed us all off, so they could inherit the earth. Makes sense to me, mostly because it's totally crazy stupid, which is exactly what I need a conspiracy theory to be.

And while I have to admit I do have a bit of a soft-spot for what she's done on account of the fact she's my daughter (come on, what father wouldn't be proud of his little girl for killing every adult on earth), in my heart of hearts, I'm truly glad she did it. Because the alternative was for the world to keep going the way it was, and you don't have to look very hard to see that we've been headed in the wrong direction for some time now. We voted for Trump for god's sake! Clearly there's no reason for us to stick around and ruin things any further.

So fuck us. Let's give it to the kids, see what they can do with it. I wish I could still be around to watch it happen, but having known my kids for the little bit of time that I was privileged enough to know them for, I know how much good the world has to offer. So I know that now, after thousands and thousands of years of us destroying it, it's finally in good hands.