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THANKS, DAD!

C'MON SWEETHEART! IS THAT ALL YOU GOT FOR YOUR OLD MAN? YOU EARNED THIS! YOU'RE THE FIRST OF US TO GET TO COLLEGE, LET ALONE ROAD SCHOOL.

NOW STOP ALREADY! YOU KNOW WHAT MOM WOULD HAVE SAID.

SO MUCH HAS CHANGED SO QUICKLY! FIRST MOM AND NOW THIS... WELL, AT LEAST THE SUN IS OUT.

COULD YOU PLEASE PUT ON YOUR MASK? THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE HERE! AND... I AM NOT READY FOR YOU TO BECOME A STATISTIC!

SPECIAL BULLETIN AS COVID-19 NUMBERS CONTINUE TO RISE ACROSS THE NATION.
Going to get out of your hair...

Thank you!

You know your mother would have been robbing if she was with us...

Seriously?

WHAT IS IT, DAD?! YOU DO REALIZE THAT I AM A WOMAN IN MY MID-Twenties...

You betcha!

OK! You got me! Got distracted and wasn’t thinking. Thanks for the reminder. See you later this evening!
"You have no new messages."

Sure thing!...Sure thing! Just a few miles out...Leave a look...

Morning, um!

Morning, bud. Gas there’s a 38 tower not working in East Ann Arbor. Could you get over there and take a look? There seems to be something wrong... Don’t think it’s communicating back to me.

Sure thing!...Sure thing! Just a few miles out...Leave a look...

I’m on it, chief!

I hope this has nothing to do with all that crazy conspiracy stuff around 38 and its nonsensical link to the virus. How can people believe that stuff??

What the...
SWOOOOOP! EASY EASY! AND TAKE THAT NASTY DISEASE WITH YOU!

IT'S QUIET. NO ONE'S IN SIGHT. OVER!

LIGHT IT UP!

HEY! GUTS THAT DASHER! PACK UP AND LET'S CLEAR OUT. NOW!
LET'S GET THIS LEAST UNDER CONTROL!

GENTLE...

HALF AN HOUR LATER, THE POLICE ENTERED...

ALL CLEAR! WE HAD TO HANDCUFF A BIT. WE HAD SOME COMPANY, BUT WE WON'T BE ANY TROUBLE.

I'M REALLY SORRY TO HAVE TO DO THIS NOW... BUT DO YOU REMEMBER ANYTHING ELSE ABOUT THE ATTACKERS? THE ATTACK VEHICLES?

I REMEMBER THE PLATES: E33...
HEX, SWEETIE.

OMG? ARE YOU OK?

WHO COULD HAVE DONE THIS TO YOU?

MR. WILLIAMS, STAY STRONG. WE’LL DO OUR BEST TO FIND WHOEVER IS RESPONSIBLE.

OH, GOD... DAD.

IZAAH, HE NEEDS TIME TO REST. PLEASE WAIT OUTSIDE.

SURE...

I DON’T KNOW... I WAS JUMPED BY A COUPLE OF THUGS. THEY HAD MARKS ON... AND NOT THE GOOD KIND.

DON’T WORRY. I’LL FIND OUT WHO DID THIS TO YOU.

YOU’RE ALL I HAVE LEFT.
SEPTEMBER 2020 - THE NEXT DAY AT THE UNIVERSITY...

THAT'S WEIRD. THERE SEEMS TO BE A LINK BETWEEN 5G AND COVID IN THESE COMMENTS.

WHY TRY TO LINK 5G TECHNOLOGY TO THE VACCINE? WE DON'T HAVE A VACCINE YET...

THERE CAN'T BE ANY RESEARCH TO SUPPORT THIS CLAIM. IT TAKES A LONG TIME TO DO THOSE STUDIES.

STOP 5G CELL TOWER DEPLOYMENT IN MICHIGAN

52,063 have signed, let's get 75,000.

Laura Brant

NONE OF THE PEOPLE COMMENTING ON THE VACCINE'S LINKS TO 5G WERE TALKING TO ONE ANOTHER! THERE IS JUST NOT ENOUGH ON THESE PEOPLE TO SUGGEST THAT THEY ARE REAL PEOPLE.

HAM...LOOKS A BIT STRANGE?! SO MANY RANDOM COMMENTS. SOME DON'T LOOK LIKE THEY HAVE BEEN MADE BY A REAL PERSON.

I WONDER IF THERE ARE REAL...

Laura Brant

Abigail Palmer

UPDATE

Abigail Palmer, 2 hours ago

5G is going to destroy our immunity. The radiowaves from 5G will make it impossible to recall the virus! This is all an experiment on humanity.

Tony S., 2 hours ago

THIS IS A DANGER TO HUMANITY... IT HAS TO STOP!
Day turns into night.

That’s odd. None of them exist in places you would expect outside of the platforms. Digital ghosts?
A few days later, Frank is discharged from the hospital and is back home.

I'm fine, kiddo. Have I mentioned how proud I am of you for all the work you've been doing on disproving the link between 5G and COVID?

That's right. People need to understand that 5G is only the fifth generation of wireless technology. Right now, most of us are using 3G or 4G networks for our mobile phones and 5G is the new technology that will make things faster.

I get that dad, because if you buy so many outdated new technology all at once is a few words on social media shared by a celebrity or someone they know to become an issue. Because of the disinformation, people believe that 5G towers are going to make them sick and that 5G is somehow linked to the coronavirus, but I don't see how that could be true.

Oooh, disinformation. Old disinformation. Information that is not true and is being spread. It's easy to mix up the technology.

Hey, dad. I'm running a bit short on time, but I wanted to check in on you.

Thanks, old. I can't believe how many people think that there is a link and have been attacking 5G towers. People don't realize that this is disinformation.
People also are not fully aware of what 5G is all about.

That is part of the problem.

SS will help us do more with the devices and systems that we have. For example, I would probably be able to download a game or a movie about 5 times quicker with 5G.

This infrastructure then connects to our phones and laptops, which means we can do things like download movies faster, like you said. So only carries data and physical things like viruses or bacteria cannot travel in radio waves or telephone networks. It viruses are completely different from biological viruses, which cannot travel this way.

If this spreads more, it could get out of hand. Claiming that 5G towers are linked to the virus is dangerous—it’s wrong, and those claims might hide real threats, like the one on you, old!
BACK AT THE TEACHING ASSISTANT OFFICE...

TAP! TAP! TAP!

SO, THE DATA SHOWS THAT A NUMBER OF HACKERS ARE SIGNING THE PETITION SIMULTANEOUSLY AT CERTAIN TIME INTERVALS OF 3:30PM, 5:30PM, AND 8:30PM EASTERN TIME. THAT’S A TELL...

THE ONLY THING THAT MAKES SENSE IS THAT THIS... THIS IS A BOT FARM.

REMEMBERING COLEEN, HER FRIEND FROM GRAD SCHOOL, SHE CALLS HER FOR THE CONTACT DETAILS OF A LAWYER THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY MET, WHO MAY BE ABLE TO HELP...

COLEEN, CAN YOU GIVE ME THE NAME OF THAT LAWYER? LADY WE MET FROM DPI? THE ONE WHO KNOWS A LOT ABOUT CYBER LAWS AND DISINFORMATION...

THANKS!

WOAH, SHE SEEMS LIKE THE RIGHT PERSON. SHE PRACTICES CYBER LAW...

AND... HERE’S HER NUMBER... MAYBE SHE CAN HELP!

H, THIS IS ANA WILLIAMS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ANN ARBOR’S JOURNALISM DEPARTMENT. WE PREVIOUSLY MET...

NOT INTERESTED!

NOT WAIT...
SONDA ADJUSTS HER MASK AS SHE ENTERS THE PUBLIC SECTION OF THE AIRPORT.

CAN I CALL YOU AFTER YOU LAND? IT’S URGENT, I THINK I HAVE DISCOVERED A DISINFORMATION CAMPAIGN ONLINE THAT COULD RESULT IN A LOT OF PEOPLE GETTING HURT.

PANG... LET ME CALL YOU BACK AS SOON AS I LAND IN DC.

COAST 3 COAST AIRLINES FLIGHT NUMBER 8491 WITH NOW BOARDING AT GATE D.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WELCOME TO WASHINGTON DULLES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. THE LOCAL TIME IS 6:55 PM.
THE AFTERNOON TRANSITIONS INTO LATE EVENING AS SONDRA MAKES HER WAY TO THE TAI.

YOU DON’T WASTE MUCH TIME, DO YOU?

SORRY, I WAS TRACKING THE FLIGHT ONLINE...

LET ME GET MY EARPHONES ON AND WE CAN SPEAK PRIVATELY.

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OF COURSE, I’M GLAD TO HELP IF IT MAY AID, WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS? IT’S A STORY YOU ARE CHASING DOWN.

THANK YOU SO MUCH! I WOULDN’T HAVE CALLED IF THIS WEREN’T URGENT! MY FATHER IS ALREADY IN THE HOSPITAL, BECAUSE OF THIS WHOLE INFECTION I’VE BEEN MEANING TO CALL YOU ABOUT THEIR LAW FOR QUITE A WHILE. I WOULD SAY THERE MUST BE SOMETHING THAT CAN BE DONE TO FIGHT ALL THIS MISINFORMATION FLYING AROUND.

SHOCKING! WHAT SOME OF THESE OUTPOSTS ARE SAUG TO DO WITH JUST A FEW LINES OF CODE! I AM SURE THAT YOU NOW UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MISINFORMATION AND DISINFORMATION. THIS APPEARS TO BE A CLASSIC DISINFORMATION CAMPAIGN, WHERE FALSE INFORMATION IS BEING USED TO MISLEAD PEOPLE AND MANIPULATE THE MEDIA.

THIS IS REALLY WHY I NEED YOUR HELP TO UNDERSTAND IF THERE IS ANY WAY TO SHUT DOWN THE PETITION AND TO BE BLUNT—BRING THE BOY FARM OWNERS TO JUSTICE!

IT’S NOT THAT SIMPLE, ESPECIALLY SINCE MOST FARMERS ARE OVERSEAS, WHILE WE HAVE BEEN TALKING, I TEXTED SOMEONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN HELPING YOU, HIS GROUP LIKES TO KEEP A LOW PROFILE, BUT YOU SHOULD BE HEARING FROM THEM ANY MOMENT NOW.

I’M NOT THE ONLY ONE. ESPECIALLY, SINCE MOST FARMERS ARE OVERSEAS, WHILE WE HAVE BEEN TALKING, I TEXTED SOMEONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN HELPING YOU. HIS GROUP LIKES TO KEEP A LOW PROFILE, BUT YOU SHOULD BE HEARING FROM THEM ANY MOMENT NOW.

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THANK YOU FOR LISTENING AND AS I SAID, I WILL SEND SOMETHING YOUR WAY THAT NIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP OUT A LITTLE MORE THAN I CAN STAY SAFE AND GOODNIGHT.

YES, OF COURSE. THANK YOU FOR LISTENING. I REALLY APPRECIATE YOU TAKING THE TIME TO HELP ME OUT.

AND THANKS SO MUCH FOR MENTIONING ME TO YOUR CONTACT. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU.
CREATE YOUR BLOCKWRLD ACCOUNT

You'll get a free code for BLOCKWRLD Free Edition once you set up a new account. If you already have one, LOG IN.

First name

Surname

Email address

Re-enter email address

Password

Repeat password

The group seems to know something. They're moving quickly. It looks like this email is from them.

HEADER: blockwrld

secret library blockwrld

Ava's 3D avatar climbs the stairs of the secret library.

She tours around this vast facility, looking at other 3D counterparts as well.

BODY

HEAD

COSTUME

CREATE

I am a fool with a heart but no brains.
I am a fool with a heart but no brains.

And beauty will save the world. Nice to meet you Ava.

5 MINUTES LATER...

I'm really impressed by the analysis. Big, let's compare notes! Sending you a file now...
YOU GUYS NEED TO HAVE A LOT OF DATA. HOW ON EARTH DID YOU MANAGE TO DO ALL THAT?

WE HAVE THE VERY BEST WORKING WITH THE U.S. I'M QUITE CERTAIN THAT THE RUSSIANS HAVE BEEN TRYING TO DECEIVE US FROM THE INSIDE OUT.

AND THEY DON'T NEED SUNS OR WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION TO PUT US ON THE PATH OF CHAOS. THEY JUST NEED YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA DATA.

MOSCOW IS SUPPLYING A LOAD OF NONSENSE TO A MULTITUDE OF ANTI-VACCINATION PETITIONS AND HOAXES. IT IS A TICKING TIME BOMB WHICH IS GOING TO BLOW UP IN OUR FACES UNLESS WE DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

A MAJOR CHALLENGE FACING US ALL TODAY IS THE INTEGRITY OF THE DATA WE ARE DEPLOYING IN WHO IS BEHIND THE POSTER IS THE SOCIAL MEDIA POSTER HIMSELF. THIS IS THE DISINFORMATION PANDEMIC, AEA.

I HELP YOU, I JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT I CAN DO TO HELP.

WHAT SOCIAL NETWORK EVEN HAS THE FOR EXTENSIVE FACT CHECKING THESE DAYS? THE VELOCITY OF NEWS OVERTOPS HUMAN INTERPRETATION AND THE AI WE HAVE CAN BE TRAINED, BUT IS NOT QUITE THERE YET.

HAVE SEEN ANY RESEARCH ON DATA THAT MAY HELP US DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN THE ALGORITHMIC RESPONSORS ORIGINATING THOSE TROLL STORIES?

ALSO, ONE OF OUR GUYS AT KONE POISONED THAT A TOP MEMBER SIMILAR TO ANOTHER BOTS COMMENT.

IT'S TAKEN US YEARS TO DEPLOY THE TECHNIQUES AND CAPABILITIES WE HAVE TODAY. THERE ARE MANY OF US LOOKING TO PROTECT WHAT WE LOVE. I WANT YOU TO JOIN THE FAMILIY. AND WE ALL WANT THE SAME THING.

TOGETHER, WE CAN BUILD AN IEP FOR DIGITAL PATRIOTS TO FACE THESE BAD ACTORS, AND MORE PEOPLE LIKE YOUR SAD CAN BE PROTECTED FROM THE FALLOUT OF WHAT IS LARGE SCALE IS UNNOTICED BY THE COUNTRY.

YOU NOTICED A PRETTY SIMPLE TWEET ON THAT POSTER. IT'S OFTEN WAY MORE COMPLEX. IT'S A PATTERN THE HUMAN EYE OFTEN MISSES AND SOMETIMES REQUIRES, SHALL WE SAY, "GOING THE EXTRA MILE."

CHAIRMAN: Our secrecy is part of what keeps us all safe.

CHAIRMAN: We 'exist' in cyberspace. But should you choose to be our voice to the outside world, we can provide you with unparalleled resources to conduct your investigation. I'll leave you to it. You know what to do.
My name is Ava Williams. I'm a graduate student at UL of Ann Arbor, welcoming to the beginning of my journey for truth.

My father works at the local 56 company. He was murdered at a 56 tower. He was called out to fix these towers. They were attacked by some Punks, who wrongly believed that there is a link between 56 and covid.

We are in a war against enemies invisible to the human eye, one that has taken more lives than we could have ever imagined, the Covid-19 virus.

He was attacked. But these weren't ordinary vagrants. They were influenced by a conspiracy much larger than the sum of its parts.

I will be meeting Dr. Emily Hartman who is the chief virologist. At Park College University, they have also been working on a project to introduce a vaccine that will be effective against further strains of the virus and provides greater supplies of the vaccine.

We can't afford to be silent. These aren't just American lives, but all of humanity is at stake here.

Developing and administering vaccines to people is one way to protect citizens against COVID-19 and lots of work is being done to push this ahead. We have now developed multiple rapid vaccines. However, this is controversial, and foreign forces have fueled the anti-vaccination movements by creating a false narrative around how these new vaccines are dangerous and spreading false evidence. The outcome has hurt innocent people like my father. Even as an aspiring journalist, I don't realize the potency of disinformation until all this occurred.
Ava begins the long journey from Ann Arbor to Park College University.

She stops to take a break and to buy some refreshments.

Ava spots a gas station, somewhere close to Pittsburgh, on her GPS.

Ava spots the same car she saw earlier; pull up next to her at the gas station.

That'll be $7.50.

Thanks.

Ava spots two figures entering the shop and a worried expression appears across her face.
Dawn breaks over Park College.

Park College University - Parking Lot.

Ex: WE LOST HER!

SCREEEECH!
Dr. Hartman? I'm here at the reception.

Of course, Dr. Hartman! I'll be downstairs soon. Hope you're wearing your mask.

Haha, don't worry, I came prepared.

Why don't I take you up to the lab? We can talk more upstairs.

Hey, Dr. Hartman! So glad to finally meet you!

It wasn't that bad! Not that many people on the road.

We don't usually allow it, but considering you've come all this way and you've been recommended by Sirous...

You know about Sirous? Oh, never mind. Why am I so surprised? People need to know the truth. We're at war with something that could wipe this virus even more powerful.

Welcome to Iwan College! How was the drive all the way from Ann Arbor, Michigan?
I understand we have to wear masks to hide here. And the stakes are very high. I'll make an exception.

I have developed a messenger RNA vaccine. This works by conveying genetic instructions to cells so that they are able to synthesize specific proteins which, in turn, kick off antibodies that protect cells from the coronavirus.

A number of trials have been conducted over the last six months with various approaches. From mRNA vaccines to protein-based vaccines, as well as DNA-based and inactive virus-based vaccines in development, there are a wide range of studies underway to see where the best efficacy may be. Although there are several vaccines still being developed, our current vaccine has an efficacy rate of near 90%

Thank you, Dr. Gotaywala. We will be making a vaccine available to the general public. Our phase 1 and 2 trials have been successful, and we are moving forward. The vaccine is effective against new strains of the virus. The impact of these new strains on the human body is different. We believe this is the best way to get the vaccine delivered and administered.

Dr. Daichi Nakazawa
Atlanta

The first approach, which is the most known, is simply taking a portion of the virus or DNA and injecting it into the human body in such a way that it creates an immune response. This immune response then acts against the viral pathogen if it comes in contact with it.
A vaccine has never been developed at a pace as accelerated as this. It’s not just been us understanding the virus and what is needed for an effective vaccine.

Emily tells me you are working on something big related to fighting disinformation around the COVID-19 vaccine?

Emmy, that’s right, I am working on a documentary that sheds light on how certain groups are linking 5G to the weakening of people’s immunities and rendering the vaccines useless.

That’s interesting, have you been able to follow the money?

Yes, sir.

Good evening, Doctor?

Please, have a seat.

ALL THERE’S SOMEONE I WANT YOU TO MEET. HE’D PROBABLY HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE MOTIVATIONS AND ORIGINS OF SOME OF THE ANTI-VAX GROUPS THAT ARE STRONGLY AGAINST THE IDEA OF A VACCINE.

He’s a media studies professor here, Prof. Harris Adams.

That’s great, thank you.

I had mentioned your visit to him in Passengers and he said he would be up for showing you his research.

I know.

These investments are legal as far as I can tell, but it is likely to hurt people because it usually involves spreading falsehoods. Like any merchandising, vaccines can cause side effects. Usually, vaccine side effects are minor (for example, a sore arm where a shot was given) or a low-grade fever after a vaccine and go away on their own within a few days.

We have not managed to trace the money quite as far as I would like. It’s coming from the Pfizer investors, but others, I am not too sure at present.

It’s a labyrinthine network of companies which, if I am honest, is not what we are set up to look at... but if you know any financial crime experts who have more experience tracing the flow of money, what we have here may be right up their alley.

Well, I have been looking at the vaccine, but it has nothing to do with 5G or any such nonsense!

Certain communities have particularly strong response curves to this social-media marketing. Social media giants need to help put an end to what is so clearly a national risk.

Certain teams uncovered how a handful of people are funding ad campaigns to grow the anti-vax movement in the US.

My data science team uncovered how a handful of people are funding ad campaigns to grow the anti-vax movement in the US.
WHAT YOU ARE DOING... IT’S COME NOWHERE! I DO SEE THE NEED TO FIGHT AGAINST DISINFORMATION THAT COULD LEAD TO LOWES’ SAFE-UP OF ANY VACCINE! I AM PARTICULARLY WORRIED ABOUT THE ANTI-VAX MOVEMENT.

YOU CANNOT USE SCIENTIFIC AUTHORITY AND NUMBERS TO WIN THIS WAR. JIA, YOU NEED TO WIN THEIR HEARTS AND MINDS FIRST AND THEN SHOW THEM THE TRUTH! YOU DO HAVE CONCRETE PROOF RIGHT? THAT THERE ARE GROUPS DELIBERATELY SETTING OUT TO INFLUENCE THEM?

I HAVE THE PROOF. DOCTOR! AND, TOGETHER WITH YOUR OASIS, I THINK WE COULD MAKE SENSE OF IT ALL FOR THEM. I JUST NEED TO GET IN FRONT OF THEM.

THE OTHER CHALLENGE IS THAT YOU HAVE TO PERSUADE THEM THROUGH THEIR OWN MEDIA. THEY DON’T TRUST MAINSTREAM NEWS. ARE WE SURE YOU WILL UNDERSTAND YOU WILL NEED TO MEET WITH DARREN LANCASTERS, WHO LEADS TRUSTNATURE, THE MOST POPULAR ANTI-VAX SITE, AND BE “INVITED” TO SHARE A STORY... AND THE INEFFECTIVE PROOF.

MY RESEARCH IS ALL OUT THERE. BUT I AM SEEN AS TOO PRO-VAX TO HAVE A VOICE THERE!

WELL, I DID HAVE THIS INCREDIBLY... SHALL WE SAY “ANIMATED” DEBATE WITH DARREN OVER A TEA HANG. LET ME SEE IF I CAN FIND HIS NUMBERS... COULD GIVE YOU HIS — AH! THERE IT IS... DARREN’S NUMBER.

OK, LET ME SET THAT FROM YOU!

MAYBE THE DATA I HAVE TOO, SO THAT YOU CAN SHARE IT WITH DARREN. SHOW HIM THAT NONE OF THIS IS DOCUMENTED. THE ONLY THINGS MADE UP HERE ARE THOSE ADS!

I WILL SEND OVER THE DATA I HAVE TOO, SO THAT YOU CAN SHARE IT WITH DARREN. SHOW HIM THAT NONE OF THIS IS DOCUMENTED. THE ONLY THINGS MADE UP HERE ARE THOSE ADS!

YOU BECOME A VICTIM OF THE PROJECT X RANDOMIZED ATTACK. YES! PART OF THEIR DEMANDS INCLUDE THAT YOU KILL THE STORY AND THAT THEY’VE ASKED FOR $1 MILLION TO BE DEPOSITED INTO A CRYPTO WALLET WITHIN TWO DAYS OR THEY DELETE THE DATA. LITTLE DO YOU KNOW THAT OUR TEAM WAS ALREADY ANTICIPATING THIS AND WORKED WITH SYGNOS TO SET UP A DECAY SERVER, WHICH IS WHAT WAS ATTACKED.

IN CASE YOU’RE WONDERING, ALL OF THE ACTUAL DATA IS POST-QUANTUM ENCRYPTED AND NOW LIVES ON A SECRET SERVER IN AN UNDISCLOSED LOCATION. THE UNIVERSITY’S INFORMATION TEAM HAD SHARED THEIR FEARS OF AN ATTACK. AND LUCKILY THEY ALREADY HAD BACKUPS OF THEIR DATA IN PLACE. IN CASE SUCH AN EVENT TOOK PLACE. THANKS TO THEIR QUICK THINKING, WE DON’T HAVE TO DO MUCH. BUT WE WERE QUICKLY TO MAKE THE DATA EVEN MORE SECURE USING POST-QUANTUM CRYPTOGRAPHY.

LIE TO JIA. WHY WOULD ATTACK YOUR VACCINE RESEARCH AND NOT OTHERS? DO YOU THINK IT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH MY VISIT?

LET ME PATCH ANDREW INTO THE CALL TO.

HEY JIA, EMMI!

THANK YOU DOCTOR, I REALLY APPRECIATE THIS!

CALL ME MABIS!

I’LL DO MY BEST. SUCH A PLEASURE, MABIS.

TAKE CARE, JIA, AND GOOD LUCK.

AT LEAST WE NOW KNOW THAT I’M BEING WATCHED AND WONDERED IS BEHIND THIS. AS LONG AS MY STORY ABOUT THE HANDS-ON PETITION AND THE FALSE LINK TO THE VACCINE TO BE EXPOSED.
I am Williams. I spoke with someone who referred you to me.

Yes, that's me.

Good morning. I'm Ada Williams. Did she also refer you to Darren Lancaster?

I'm here. It's 7 a.m. I'm sure he had a lot of things to say. What do you want?

He just said you both agree to disagree on a number of topics and that you were an expert on anti-Vax perspectives. I was simply hoping I could ask you a few questions.

Fare enough. What kind of questions?

I am part of the team behind a new documentary on the different views around the COVID-19 vaccine and wanted to get a balanced perspective from all sides now that we do have several working vaccines.

Well, if you have spent any time researching my point of view, you know exactly what would happen in our community if there is talk about a vaccine.

I would like to interview you. Think of this as an exclusive opportunity to share your views with a wide audience.

Absolutely nothing!

Sounds like a plan. I'm glad with Monday, this is a surprise, but a welcome one. We need diversity of thought.

It's easier to social distance if we do a video conference. This virus is very real. It's the effectiveness of these vaccines which have been developed that I have doubts about.
ONE WEEK LATER, IN THE MEDIA RESEARCH LAB IN THE UNIVERSITY.

PLEASURE TO HAVE YOU WITH US, DARREN. LET'S GET RIGHT IN, CAN YOU TELL ME A LITTLE MORE ABOUT YOUR ROLE AT QUIMINNATURE?

THAT'S QUITE A FOOTPRINT, WHAT IS THE CORE REASON YOU'RE AGAINST VACCINATIONS?

PERSONALLY, DO YOU THINK THE IDEA OF GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS IN THE HEALTH SECTOR PROMOTING VACCINES IS WRONG?

MUCH OF WHAT WE SEE BEING PEDDLED BY THE GOVERNMENT IS PSEUDOSCIENCE WITH INCONCLUSIVE DATA SUPPORTING THEIR WISHFUL THINKING. OUR OWN SCIENCE TEAM THAT HAVE SHOWN THAT THE DATA THEY'RE USING IS QUESTIONABLE AROUND HOW WELL THESE NEW VACCINES WORK. OUR BACKERS BELIEVE IN OUR MISSION TOO, WE ARE HERE TO PROTECT AMERICA.

DO YOU EVER THINK, EVEN IF IT IS TRUE, IT'S STILL BELIEVE IT'S THE SELF-INTEREST OF THE SYSTEM AND FOR WHAT? THE NEWS AND EVIDENCE IS THERE.

WHAT IF IT'S NOT? EVEN IF IT IS TRUE, I STILL BELIEVE IT'S THE SELF-INTEREST OF THE SYSTEM AND FOR WHAT? THE NEWS AND EVIDENCE IS THERE.

THERE ARE MANY INTERVENTIONS THAT DON'T INVOLVE A VACCINE... HEED IMMUNITY IS A THING, RIGHT?

DONT PEOPLE ON EVERY DAY? NO ONE SAYS AN EWE. WE ARE POVERTY, CORRUPTION, WE HAVEN'T EVEN BEEN ABLE TO BSDUINFLUENZA FOR 600 YEARS.

BUT WHAT ABOUT COVID-19? IT'S A CREATION NO ONE HAS REALLY HEARD OF TILL NOW.

DON'T YOU THINK THERE'LL BE TOO MANY DEATHS BEFORE WE REACH THAT?

WE HAVE SOME HABDO VACCINES TO MAKE. ALL THE VACCINES AMERICAN KIDS HAVE BEEN HIT WITH. DON'T YOU BELIEVE WE'VE BEEN CLOSING UP THEIR IMMUNE SYSTEM?

WHAT ABOUT THE FACTS AND STATISTICS ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE UNITED NATIONS PUBLISH?

JUST BECAUSE IT'S A NUMBER DOESN'T MEAN IT'S TRUE. DON'T YOU THINK METRICS ARE USED TO PUSH AN AGENDA, UNDER A COVER OF BEING OBJECTIVE? WE NEED TO LISTEN TO THE PUBLIC, AND WITH SEVERAL MILLION VOTERS AS MEMBERS, WE THINK THAT TRUSTINNATURE HAS THE POTENTIAL TO BE AN IMPORTANT VOICE IN THE SPACE, WHY NOT THE SAME HERE? PARENTS HAVE TO BE ABLE TO DECIDE FOR THEIR CHILDREN. NOT THE GOVERNMENT. WHAT PARENT WOULD WANT THEIR KIDS TO BE PLAGUED BY AUTISM OR AUTOIMMUNE?

APPARENTLY IT SEEMS THAT WAY. GIVEN THE BILLION DOLLARS' WORTH OF MARKETING THESE MEDICAL COMPANIES INVEST IN.

SPEAKING OF MARKETING DOLLARS, IT APPEARS AS IF YOUR GROUP IS ONE OF THE TWO SPENDING TENS OF MILLIONS ON DIGITAL ADVERTISING ON FRIENDPLACE AND OTHER PLATFORMS? CAN YOU ELABORATE ON YOUR DONOR BASE?

NO COMMENT ON OUR DONORS. SOME ARE PUBLIC AND OTHERS PREFER TO BE KEPT OUT OF THE SPOTLIGHT. SO, IN REFERENCE TO YOUR PRIVACY, LET'S PLEASE MOVE TO THE NEXT QUESTION. BUT YES, TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION. WE ARE SPENDING ON DIGITAL ADVERTISING AS IT SEEMS TO BE THE BEST WAY TO GROW OUR BASE.
DO YOU THINK 5G WOULD PENETRE THE VACCINE USELESS?

I HAVE SEEN SOME CHATTER ABOUT THIS, BUT WE HAVE TO WAIT AND WATCH. COULD WE?

 THERE’S A PETITION IN A STATE CORELATING 5G DEVELOPMENT TO WEAKE... inertia.

BUT ARE YOU AWARE THAT THE PETITION HAS BEEN HACKED BY TROLLS?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

I MEAN TO SAY THE PETITION WAS ABOUT PROTESTING AGAINST THE INSTALLATION OF 5G NETWORKS AND THE IMPACT OF THEIR EFFECTS ON OUR HEALTH. WE STUDIED THE POSTS AND CAN CONCLUSIVELY PROVE THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF COMMENTS AND POSTS ON THE PETITION WERE SUSPICIOUS. WE HAVE EVIDENCE THAT THEY WERE NOT MADE BY PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES. IN FACT, SOME OF THESE POSTS WERE NOT EVEN MADE BY REAL PEOPLE, INSTEAD THEY WERE MADE BY BOTS.

MADAM, MY APologies.

MY INTENTION WASN’T TRYING TO SPIRIT ANYTHING ON YOU, BUT I WANTED TO MAKE YOU AWARE OF THESE DATA POINTS.

I KNOW THAT DR. HARS ADAMOS HAS ALSO SHOWCASED ANALYSIS THAT HAS HIGHLIGHTED HOW MUCH OF THE ADVERTISING ONLINE AROUND THE ANTI-5G MOVEMENT IS JUST TWO PARTIES: ONE OF WHICH IS YOURSELVES, AND ONE OTHER IS A QUESTIONABLE ORGANIZATION THAT WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO GET ANY COMMENTS FROM.

WE CAN’T CONTROL WHAT OTHERS DO ON THE INTERNET. IT’S THEIR PREVOCATION TO ADVERTISE.

DO YOU NOT BELIEVE THAT LACK OF INTERVENTION AGAINST COVID-19 COULD LEAD TO HARM?

I BELIEVE THAT A VACCINE IS NOT THE ONLY INTERVENTION. OUR COMMUNITIES ARE FULLY COMPLIANT WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING AND TAKE ALL PROTECTIVE STEPS TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THEIR LOVED ONES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US. WHEN WE RETURN, WE WILL MEET WITH A FAMILY THAT HAVE COME AROUND THE IDEA OF A VACCINE WITHOUT COMPROMISING THEIR VALUES SYSTEM.
AUG Pulls Up Outside a Residential Area.

I can't believe all this has happened in just one week.

AUG: Honey, is that you?

AUG: I've been so worried about you. Someone called and told me not to worry. Who was that? Never mind; you weren't there before? Then I saw you on the news. I am so proud, kiddo.

DON'T GO TO PRETEND OTHERWISE. IT'S BEEN A BIT MUCH EVENince...

THE INCIDENT, I DO FEEL, I MAY BE COMING DOWN WITH SOMETHING.

I don't know what you're working on, honey. Can't you take some time and relax?

I WILL JUST NEED TO SEE THIS THING THROUGH. I THINK IT'S ONTO SOMETHING I PROMISE I'LL GET MY SLEEP AFTER THIS IS OVER.

THAT'S MY GIRL. I'M SO THANKFUL THE INJURES AREN'T DEEPER. YOU AND ME, ALL WE HAVE IS EACH OTHER.

ME TOO, AND IT'S SO GOOD TO HAVE YOU BACK.

AS YOU MAY HAVE HEARD, CRAZ PLAID WOULD FIX THE LEAK. THE LEAKS ALL WRAPPED UP NOW.

I thought you had something to do with it.

SOMETHING ELSE IS GOING ON. POSSIBLY YOUR NEXT BIG STORY? IF YOU CAN HANDLE IT.

A FEW MONTHS LATER - AUG ARRIVES AT THE NATIONAL JOURNALISM AWARD CEREMONY.

THE PAPARAZZI IS PRESENT AND AUG SEES SOME FAMILIAR FACES.

WE INTERRUPT OUR CURRENT BROADCAST TO BRING YOU NEWS FROM THE CAPITAL CITY.

WE HAVE ARRESTED A SUSPECT WHO HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE MASTERMIND BEHIND THE ASSASSINATION AT THE SKY TOWERS IN MICHIGAN. THIS ARREST WAS MADE AFTER AN ANONYMOUS TIP WAS GIVEN TO THE LOCAL POLICE.

THE SUSPECT HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS GAUDENT ASCENDON. HE IS CURRENTLY BEING INVESTIGATED FOR TIES TO THE ANTI-VACCINATION PETITION AND LINKS TO FOREIGN BACKERS. ACCORDING TO OUR INVESTIGATIONS, ASCENDON HAS BEEN ORCHestrating THE ATTACK AND ATTACKS ON OTHER SKY TOWERS WITH THE HELP OF THESE BACKERS.

THE CRIMSON IS THE WAY, MISS WILLIAMS.

OUR FINAL AWARD FOR "BEST NEWSCASTER" AND "USE OF DIGITAL MEDIA" GOES TO SOMEONE WHOSE WORK HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN EDUCATING PEOPLE DURING A TIME WHERE INFORMATION IS EUPHONIOUS AND PEOPLE ARE QUICK TO BELIEVE NEWS WITHOUT VERIFYING ITS ACCURACY.

THE AWARD GOES TO MISS AUG WILLIAMS.
She has done great work around highlighting the benefits of a vaccine which will count the virus and encouraging people to explore opposing viewpoints, most notably her work resulted in a tad-off that thwarted an attack on an important vaccine stockpile.

The Internet sees a huge volume and variety of information pass through it every day. Politically, socially or economically we will probably disagree on a lot of things, but there is no place for disinformation in our lives.

As someone who is just starting my career as a journalist, I am honored and excited to be a part of a field dedicated to holding ourselves and our institutions accountable. People can get information from many places these days, making our ability to educate the public through accurate, fair, and factual reporting even more important.

Many of us are working to push disinformation. I thank you for recognizing my efforts and am grateful to have had the opportunity to have played a small part in a much bigger story.

Thank you!
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NOTES FROM CISA

Disinformation is an existential threat to the United States, our democratic way of life, and the infrastructure on which it relies. The Resilience Series (of which this is the second title) uses the graphic novel format to communicate the dangers and risks associated with dis- and misinformation through fictional stories that are inspired by real-world events.

The Resilience Series graphic novels were commissioned by the cybersecurity and infrastructure security agency (CISA) to share information to illustrate:

1) Foreign actors are trying to influence U.S. security, economy, and politics through the malicious use of online media to create and amplify disinformation.

2) While the strategy of using inaccurate information to weaken and divide a society is not new, the Internet and social media allow disinformation to spread more quickly than it has in the past.

3) Deepfakes, bots, and troll farms are just some of the emerging techniques for creating and spreading disinformation.

CISA encourages everyone to consume information with care, practicing media literacy including verifying sources, seeking alternative viewpoints, and finding trusted sources of information. Is the most effective strategy in limiting the effect of disinformation. For more information and further reading about disinformation, please visit the cybersecurity & infrastructure security agency website, www.cisa.gov.
We live in a world where the World Wide Web is rife with misinformation and disinformation. In a precarious digital world, the need for awareness about this risk is greater than ever. The Resilience Series works to simplify and present the threat inaccurate information can have on important events that shape the future of democracy.

In the second issue of the series, "Bug Bytes," we see Ava Williams use her wits and journalism skills to uncover a disinformation campaign set to damage critical communications infrastructure. Ava discovers a few allies along the way and races to try and help the world see through the web of lies being spun online.