— Этот Германн, — продолжал Томский, — лицо истинно романическое: у него профиль Наполеона, а душа Мефистофеля. Я думаю, что на его совести по крайней мере три злодейства. Как вы побледнели!..

“This Hermann fellow,” Tomsky continued, — “a truly romantic-era personality, the profile of a Napoleon, and the soul of Mephistopheles. I believe that on his conscience lie at least three crimes. Oh my, you just turned pale!”

— Pushkin, The Queen of Spades

“And that’s not even counting KirovLes!” Tomsky should have added.

Dear Readers:

Today concluding my review of [this piece](https://awfulavalanche.wordpress.com/2020/10/06/navalny-goes-va-banque-part-iii/) by reporter/analyst Petr Akopov. Where we left off, we saw that Navalny may have overstepped the line (just a tad) by directly accusing Putin of poisoning him. According to my blog-commenter James, Navalny is now busy on the talk-show circuit, [doing a full Ginsburg](https://awfulavalanche.wordpress.com/) on all the imperialist propaganda media. Describing what it feels like to be poisoned — “Ow! it hurt so much!” in full pathos. And Westie
burghers no doubt lapping up this farce because it’s more entertaining than the circus.

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Meanwhile, back in Russia, members of the government are not very happy with Navalny’s wild improv performance. Vyacheslav Volodin, Speaker of the State Duma believes that Navalny has been too outspoken: “This guy is a competely shammless fraud.” And pointing out how much was done to save his unworthy ass: From the pilots who emergency-landed the plane in Tomsk; to the doctors and nurses who fought ferociously to intubate him; to the President himself who personally gave permission to fly this recidivist to a prestigious German clinic…

Dante should have designed a special circle in Hell for such an ingrate, who now spits on the entire Russian nation.

For 7 long days, Navalny lay in a fake-coma… does that work for the 7 card?

Furthermore, in a no-shit kind of epiphany, Volodin opines that this whole poisoning scenario was scripted by the Westies: “In order to create tension within Russia, and to prevent Belorussia from asserting its sovereignty.” Captain Obvious concludes with: “Navalny himself clearly works with the special services and organs of goverments of [various] Western countries.”
After such a shocking utterance, the Kremlin felt the need to clarify: Uh, it’s not so much that Navalny works for the CIA; as the CIA works for him!

Uh huh, that makes perfect sense. As comedian Yakov Smirnov might say: In America, Secret Agent works for CIA. But in Russia, CIA works for him!

Putin’s Press Secretary Peskov: “We should clarify that CIA specialists are working with Navalny, and give him various instructions. And moreover, this is not the first time, either.”

Navalny was upset by Peskov’s words, he blustered back saying that Peskov is skating on very thin ice [little joke there], and said he planned to sue the man for libel: “He must prove that I actually have ties with American intelligence.” Well, that’s easy: Just ask Pompeo.

Akopov himself believes that Navalny is more than just a “CIA project”, he is more like a “joint venture” with all the Westie agencies. And this project also includes the Russian Neo-Liberal elite and the Westernizing section of the Oligarchy. They are all in this together as partners. [yalensis: And these knuckle-heads couldn’t come up with anybody better than Navalny as their Leader?] Akopov would not even want to venture a guess, which one of these “partners” holds the “controlling interest” in Mr. Navalny’s person. Although it is plausible that shares might be re-
distributed during Navalny's stay in Germany.

The question du jour is whether or not Navalny will return to Russia. Gentlemen and Countesses, you are free to place your bets on this one. Akopov believes that, yes, Navalny not only will, but must, return to Russia. Why? To complete his Quest. What is his Quest? To change the internal political structure and geopolitical vector of Russia. Here is how Navalny himself describes the pathos of the current situation: “A struggle is taking place between those who stand for Freedom, and those who wish to push us backwards. Into the Past, into that strange Orthodox imitation of the Soviet Union, only decorated with Capitalism and Oligarchs.”

“I win!”

Hm… I hate to admit it, but Navalny’s words actually have a ring of truth to them, which is why, if they were to come out of the mouth of a real freedom-fighter, then they might bear some weight. But you know what people say: If you want to sell a lie, then you have to sprinkle it with truth. Everybody who has studied Navalny and Navalniana, know what is actually going on here: Navalny and his neo-Liberal kreakle supporters represent that class of bourgeois intelligentsia who came along maybe 5 or 10 years too late to participate in the Yeltsinite plundering of the Russian people. They regret this, and wish for an opportunity to make their own fortunes, on the backs of said Russian people.
They are only millionaires now, but they want to be billionaires. 

[yalensis: Although some evil tongues claim that Navalny has actually lost his fortune somehow and is fleeing from his creditors; hence the current crisis.] Putin stands in the way of the kreakles because he (and his caste of functionaries) have somewhat curbed the openly pirate proclivities of the Russian bourgeoisie; partially nationalized them, made them go to Church, and forced them to follow certain rules. This is what drives Navalny and his ilk crazy. They want it all, and they want it now!

Putin, for his part, in his endless balancing act, trying to maintain two incompatible things, as Pushkin might have said (=capitalism and Russian patriotism) has scrambled to win the support of the patriotic bourgeoisie and the clergy, the two pillars of the Lost Russia he strives to re-build. Navalny again: “A part of society repeats Putin’s rhetoric about how the country needs to follow its own path. They are talking about restoring a kind of monarchy, based on certain spiritual values. And against them stand such people as myself, who consider this to be a lie and hypocrisy, and who are convinced that Russia must develop only according to the European model.”

Ah, Navalny! You had me at “monarchy” but lost me at “European model” – you wretch!

“It’s curtains for you, buster!”
Akopov, it goes without saying, is one of those intellectuals whom Navalny despises as supporting the “Putinite” model of Russian development: Rely on a strong Russian state (which Navalny mockingly calls an “imitation of the USSR”), lean on the Church, develop one’s own geo-political vector, etc. Navalny and his crowd regard these types as complete zombies, whose proposed model is worthless. But the only thing that Navalny counter-punts are equally worn-out ideas of what Lenin would call “the highest stages of capitalism” and which would, in reality, demote Russia to the level of an American colony. Same as the rest of Europe!

Akopov concedes, however, that Navalny’s “vision”, if one could call it that, of a European Russia imbued with “democratic values” does, in fact, enjoy mass support — among the Muscovite intelligentsia. This kreakle mass [Akopov does not say, but there are estimates that the Navalnyite program enjoys as much as 30% support among the residents of Moscow, not so much in the rest of the country] believe in exactly the same things that Navalny does. And have been “fighting” for this program (in one way or another) for the past 30 years. This section of the Russian bourgeois intelligentsia punts against Putin’s “national project” and now awaits eagerly for the return of their poisoned, and poisonous, hero.

[THE END] of Russia as we know it?