# Business in... Italy? Are you sure?

### Disclaimer

Probably many readers will find this story even funny, not being directly involved, however what's in the following <u>happened really</u>, as proved from all the still available written reports that third parties, not me, produced over time.

With this, I just want to have the <u>real version</u> of facts, available in the public, protected from censorship. Also printed somewhere, impossible to delete it.

That's why you find this story.

I won't put the names in clear, though they're not impossible to be found. It's the facts happened that matter, more than who the people involved are.

I can't repeat it too much, all what follows is "real", as proved from the many papers I was left. But, the real facts have been continuously disguised, although everything is registered.

Whatever will come, I'll be at least sure that, somewhere, there's what I would say. If I were allowed...

## Introduction: first things first.

Few moments, some starting elements, so after everything will be clear when we will enter the tale.

I'm an IT man<sup>1</sup>.

What I became, in my mind, at the age of 17, a lyceum's student reading a Nicholas Negroponte article, no, not on Wired, just in an ordinary Italian mainstream newspaper. That piece of writing had been translated in my language, and it was 1985.

Consider, at that time, no mobile phones were yet around, nor Internet was spread as we have it today, also laptops were yet going to appear.

Stone age.

But, Negroponte was so able to describe the soon coming world, where today indeed all of us are living, that I did realize it was exactly the place where I wished to start my just beginning work-life.

After that, it's a long story.

Today, I'm in my fifties. I can confirm that I was able to go, quite successfully, through all the stages of the IT industry updates that followed.

My effort has always been to constantly foresee every big coming change, although the "revolutions" rate was quite high, indeed.

There's nothing strange in this. After all, so many people act like that, even today! And it has been an interesting life, impossible to get bored!

I started from a BBS (Bulletin Board System), also called CBCS (Computer Based Conversation System), as Internet was for very few people (in universities and army, mostly in the US).

At that time, to explore the so called "telematics", you just had to get a "modem" device, then with it you had to link your computer to a fixed phone line<sup>2</sup>, then finally after slowly dialling the number of a BBS it did come possible to establish a link with a remote node, running (early version) at a 300 "baud" speed along a normal phone call. It meant you could send, in one second, just 300 bits.

Today, in a second, with xDSL, you send millions of bits<sup>3</sup>.

Well, someone said instead of communicating at such a slow pace, it would have been quicker to speak.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In the following, I will make a maybe excessive use of foot page notes like this one.

It derives from the exaggerated use of multitasking thinking, typical for those that did use computers too much during their life... I guess we may call it a "professional distortion" ©

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> As said already, mobile phones did not exist yet.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Also, today, no risk someone else in the family house picks up another phone on the same line, causing the PC2PC link to fail after hours of connections that suddenly gets lost... wow, that is History!

However that way, in a small 60,000 people city, I became the hub for all of the IT enthusiasts, eager to explore the new "barriers' free" coming IT world, by gathering every message and / or files from my co-citizens, then routing that data in a small network covering the world, the Fidonet, consisting of many more other BBS distributed one in each city, almost 70.000 at its best.

Something like the amateur radio networks, but working over phone lines instead of radio waves, enabling also to exchange small files, together with messages.

I also started to meet many nice people, so I became a reference point for many other "new tech" enthusiasts.

From amateur, then, I started small business.

In years, so many other revolutionary technologies did "come and go".

Things, before "impossible", kept up becoming possible.

Multitasking OSs, mouse, GUI... so many people, Gates and Jobs are those most famous, became well known because of building multinational companies from scratch.

The personal computer changed, through LAN and Clustering and P2P and so on, becoming the virtual thing it's today, in the actual Cloud globalized world, aiming to an imminent future of AR (augmented reality), also within IoT (Internet of Things).

In my small city, meanwhile, I founded and grew three micro-companies, highly specialized, the one dealing with HW systems assembling and repairing, the second with SW configuration and managing, the third with Networking installation and up-keeping.

The three companies operated in a strictly merged, in a "holding" configuration, me as the common shareholder, sharing also the same headquarter. You could have found working with me, in each company, considering the turnover, an average of 1-2 more people, employees or shareholders, as the case.

Every company was unable to survive by itself in the market, because too focused, however all the companies were forming together a very competitive cluster, exactly a "holding", though each was really tiny.

The companies' dwarfism is a constant, in my country<sup>4</sup>.

Our headquarters, the same address shared by the three companies, it was a single 200 square meters office with distinct labs for each, but a common store and administrative area.

Where a company, in the group, was the better skilled in the tasks required by a single work we were committed, that company performed that work, backed by the rest of the micro-holding. That way each one were able to focus to grow better its skills, chaining with others to build a more complex product / service.

Nothing exceptional. That's how a "non financial" *holding* usually works, and share the management it's the normal strategy<sup>5</sup>.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Quality before quantity?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Using a rough comparison, it's the same as it works, in IT, a cluster of servers. Even if it is more machines, each member server performs a single task servicing all the others, so the whole of the servers appears as a "one" from the outside.

At the start of this story, in the beginning of 2009, we just had built, continuously reinvesting in the years all our earnings, a big "Data Centre", up and working in a special equipped room we had built, ready to deliver a lot of innovative 6 services.

It was made up of many clustered servers, a lot of networking devices, a big storage repository, more of all, some Wi-Fi hardware transmitting to deliver all those services, in an innovative Cloud<sup>7</sup> approach, to all the companies that were operating in the area surrounding our office.

Our headquarters address was in a very good location; in fact we had the look at the whole metropolitan valley from a good elevated place, resulting for us in suffering no costs in linking to our customers, thanks to the use of "free of costs" Wi-Fi frequencies.

In that very moment, in my country it had become finally available the access to a "free of costs" Wi-Fi transmission bandwidth, thanks to a just published good regulator law<sup>8</sup>, and everyone was investing on this.

In that moment, also, the now common Internet driven Cloud services was just being prototyped, so we were hoping to work at least some few years before the big players growth<sup>9</sup>.

As an evidence for all of the above said, please consider that we did have formally applied, with this project, to a public grant<sup>10</sup>. To apply, we had to prepare and deliver tons of documents. Still today there are some thousand pages of evidence, registered and stored inside a public office in Rome.

We were just willing to start selling those services, after a long testing work.

That's where the story starts, next here.

<sup>9</sup> Usually, in IT world, all the business spaces that, thanks to some innovation, were initially available to anyone, sooner or later are filled by some big multinational, and that's when small companies like ours relocate into another new growing market made available by some different new technologies.

It's the typical cycle every independent small IT worker knows very well, you always have to stay close to the frontier of new techs, if you're a small company.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> It was innovative, compared to what existed those days. Due to the high innovation rate of the industry, obviously, what was innovative years ago, today results aged.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> No one was supplying Cloud services globally, in that moment, yet.

<sup>8</sup> The so-called "decreto Landolfi".

I told already, at least it's an interesting life; it's not easy to get bored.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> By sending a full business project to a major government agency, whose aim was to help the growth of young enterprises, with public funding.

## Prologue: the beginning.

In the 2009, a huge earthquake destroyed my city.



World attention was all for us. Among the other things, the G8 event, to be held that year in another location in Italy, was suddenly moved, just in my city. They said it was to help keeping the world's attention alive on us, and a chance to better show, to the world's most powerful people, what a bad tragedy had just happened.



Big world's politicians came and took pictures together with our local small ones.



Our city gone destroyed, the inhabitants reacted in many different ways.

Some changed city, few even died for the shock during the following months, but more than half of the citizens remained, as the government was very quick in building new "anti-quake" buildings, where tens of thousand of people are still living today, after ten years, awaiting for the old city to be fully rebuilt.

It never happened before to see such a quick and large-scale action, in Italy and maybe in the world, against the damages of an earthquake.

Honestly they did were **great**! Who denies that, he is a cheater.



And a lot more supporting actions were going to come.

For example, to help us also in the local economy, existing companies were reimbursed for the received damages. Then also tenders were activated to distribute grants to start-up companies, especially those founded by young people.

Me, I had my house unusable (as it is yet today, after ten years), but they are slowly rebuilding, and a big part of the city is repaired by now, thanks to special issued laws.

All the devices inside my companies headquarter went destroyed too, though the building walls didn't collapse. I was refunded for all received damages, not all at once but in several small steps (that is, with 5 different bureaucratic distinct processes).

That's why, like all the other people that did choose to stay, I started rebuilding my working assets, according to the motto often repeated since those days, that is "like it was, where it was!"

Let me pay a due highlight to the great help the World's governments offered.

For example, on the local press, everyone read that the USA offered to rebuild an ancient '700 church<sup>12</sup> while, in the same square, in front of that same church, the Russians took the commitment to rebuild an ancient historical palace.

FYI, today that church is still broken, while the historical palace was fully rebuilt. As follows:



The '700 historical palace



The still broken ancient church

More on this, the Canada, the Japan, the Germany, the France, the rest of EU, and many more other world's countries helped too, with many more buildings.

But, above all<sup>13</sup> it was the solidarity from the normal people, which we received from all over the world, which was unbelievable. So huge!

So many different things (dresses, food, devices, etc.) were sent as help, that the authorities had to ask officially for a stop!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> To be honest, as it was understood only later, while you're rebuilding, the right motto it should be "<u>better than</u> it was, where it was", but you know, when you're under shock, at first the mind doesn't work at its best. It's normal.

 $<sup>^{12}</sup>$  The same church where I got married, that's why I noted this, I'm particularly interested with it...

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> That one is really the best help received!

My little companies, too, received a lot of free help.

The first decision that it occurred to me, as soon as I found the heart<sup>14</sup> to go back in my workplace from the city where I escaped, when I entered the broken "lab" hosting my Data Centre, it was to rebuild that system.

Should eventually had came some help. Like it did, effectively.

It was not so easy, though, because I was left alone. In fact, all the other people in my teams had escaped too, away from the city area, or did quickly look for and found other less profitable but immediately fruitful employments.

However, with the whole World willing to help the earthquake victims, me included, I received a lot of help, and was able to quickly rebuild my Data Centre.

As said, my asset it was basically a "cluster" 15.

Consider that you don't need to add, to build a cluster, exclusively brand new server computers and devices. You can easily add even end-of-life, also used, computer servers, and that's a very common practice. The goal is to build one <u>virtual</u> big portal, you <u>can't see</u> the parts it's made of, from the outside, so the used HW is fine too, making also cheaper any subsequent eventual management (repair, substitutions, etc.).

Consider also that it was 25 years<sup>16</sup> I had been working in that industry. I knew a lot of technicians like me, so I received much hardware, from many IT System Managers, globally.

It took me really little to rebuild a bigger version of my Data Centre cluster.

Sure, the pieces used were mostly used HW, but the sum of all the devices it was a brand new cluster. That should be clear. Any IT technician, at least once in his life, built a system from used pieces. It happens often to build new systems this way, of any size. Any resulting sum of used parts is always normally considered a brand new system.

I did not ask for a written delivering note for any of those HW components I was given for free, unfortunately<sup>17</sup>.

In the start of 2010, I had a full asset rebuilt back. It was still to be deeply tested, before jumping into the market, however working and able to restart business.

You can see it in the following pictures I took, at that time.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Not before many weeks after the quake.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> I repeat, for better understanding by not-tech people, it was not a big single computer, but the sum of many different stacked computing servers and networking devices, working together, as one big virtual super computer, in such a way that from the outside you could see just one big server.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> And, in the IT world, 25 years it's really a lot of time, believe me!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> I just thought at restarting to work, not to documents.

I was not even sure if I'd really be able to restart, once rebuilt. Post earthquake future was undefined. Above all, you don't thank a mate delivering you free HW, with asking him bureaucracy, that's unfair!



I will go now a little more technical. Bear me just for a couple of pages.

In the labs, the cabling it was all from Panduit, especially that orange, patented fibre-optic duct. Really, that one was special, it was even US army certified for 100% working fibre-optic cabling. Maybe it was expensive, but the fibre-optic cables did really performed at best with it.

There are so many advantages in a "cluster" configuration, from a technical point of view!<sup>18</sup>

The patch panels rack gathered more than 50 working positions distributed in the headquarter offices, each desk equipped with a LAN, phone, and fibre-on-the-desk ports.

More to this, there were also a dozen of POLs for IP video surveillance<sup>19</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> If I'd give a full list of the advantages I'd go "out of topic". You can't go off-topic. It's a cardinal sin for telematics people! ⑤. Nevertheless, I can not hold back from adding one more thing (you know, I'm a techie after all, so how could I keep it out?), I must say that in that days technology was just moving to the next step. And which was it?

The previous step it was the one already described above, that is to build one virtual big portal by adding together a lot of single computer hardware servers. On the contrary, the "next step", a new tech spreading in those days, becomes available after you have a single big computer, even virtual. It consists in activating, inside that virtual big portal, many virtual resizable servers, to be rented also through the Internet. The customers are unable to understand if what they rented is a real or a virtual server (the technologies were developed from VMware and many more similar environments, and today that solutions are widespread, in the Cloud).

Yes, confirmed, I'm also a nostalgic of the IT history...

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Another brand new tech, for those days, which recently has become widespread.



There were redundant Domain controllers, an array of proxy servers linking to the Internet through 4 different sub-networks (xDSL + ISDN + Wi-Fi + PSTN/Sat), a small NAS server, a big SAN linked via fibre cable, plus bridges, and routers, resulting in a lot of safe redundancy.

Last not least, the room itself was "tailored" to host a Data Centre: after the quake, the walls were yet covered by intact insulating panels, the glass was REI 120, the floor was floating with REI 160 tiles, with underlying a full branded structured cabling.

There were also two different fire-resistant doors, at the opposite sides of the Data Centre room.

That environment was obviously carefully air-conditioned.

The power supply was protected too, thanks to a 16.000VA UPS.

Finally, I had to check and renew all the power cabling in the headquarter offices.

The worst damages to the devices inside the previous Data Centre, during the thousands of earthquake's hits, derived mainly from those malfunctioning power plants.

It's what often happened in many similar earthquakes, **especially due to the <u>UPS</u>** incorrect behaviour<sup>20</sup>.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> More about this is to be found afterwards, unfortunately.



Yeah, really a lot of stuff, but what a joy in rebuilding everything so quickly!!!

All of it, it was built and configured by myself, in almost a year lonely time work.

After the earthquake, there was no demand for work in the surrounding area, asking for my attention, so I really had a lot of spare time<sup>21</sup>!

Also, thanks to Microsoft policy with the MAPS licenses program, I had plenty of software, with a package for each company in my holding, to be installed and configured, so to have finally the cluster working at its best<sup>22</sup>.

Sure, it took a lot of effort, to install, configure and manage all that software. However, it was my work, and I had nothing better to do!

Now, I'm missing all of that, it's easy to guess from how I described the above.

Well, that system was ready to start working again but meantime, the <u>scene</u> had changed radically.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> I was not accustomed to have all of that free time, indeed!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Even if in those days I was already planning to have soon a backup, configuring at least some of those system services to run in Linux environment, too.

### The scene.

Ok, let's apply the rule now; please be patient for a while.

Which rule?

If you consider the first book, in western civilization, that is official qualified and fully recognized as "historical"<sup>23</sup>, since then you will find it exists one basic rule to be used, when reporting facts.

Every past event should always be considered by two points of view.

One is the single event, which could have happened anytime, coming and finally closing many situations that have been accumulating since long.

The second point of view is all the rest, the whole frame containing all the accumulated facts, all the situations that had piled up in time.

That is, the scene.

The two goes together: the single event, and the scene, with the causes that delivered to it.

Accordingly, me too I will describe before the scene of this story, by listing all the facts that mounted up. So, we will obtain the frame where to place all that story's sequence of events.

Since the first one, that it could be interpreted as a tragic misunderstanding, a first funny, curious equivocation.

Without it, though, there would not have been so many more hard consequences.

These are the surrounding facts:

1. With all those attention we obtained, and so many opportunities received, I found convenient to change my job.

What, a techie like me, changing work? Yes, and there were indeed many reasons for that.

As told already, when the shock finally goes away, you realize you can rebuild your life not only identical but, maybe, better! Furthermore, you know, when white hair sparkles, you understand you're not able to follow the quick daily renewing and upgrading required by the IT technologies, as once, when you were 20 years old.

So, while rebuilding that IT asset, with all that plenty of spare time available after the earthquake, I had time enough to think, and I gradually convinced myself to change my working sector, by leaving the IT one, also to make room for someone younger than me.

Because I had found a better work sector for myself!

I had entered the regional Enterprises District, which was a brand new law-designed<sup>24</sup> association of companies, with the aim of self-boosting its members' business activities, by delivering strategic empowering services.

That was a chance to find another better work, so becoming just a consultant, by making easy to exploit my experiences.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> It was written by an ancient Greek, named Thucydides.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> By the yearly "2007 Financial" Tremonti's law.

2. Simultaneously, the government had started to encourage with grants the enterprises willing to go doing business also <u>abroad</u>, instead of stay operating only within national borders. Therefore, inside that same above described District, I was put in charge to start an official "Export Consortium", taking advantage of more other brand new laws supporting those internationalization processes, this way quickly becoming the Manager of this new group of companies.

After, as required by that specific promotion laws, I started also using a brand new regulated form of project driven business, called "Business Network", with actually three different specific contracts, for three new group projects, which were each funded by additional public grants<sup>25</sup>.

You can imagine how this new work was absorbing all of my attention, instead of thinking to the tasks required by the old IT job!

3. Not to forget the earthquake event we started from, a couple of years had passed by, since the event after which all the G8 countries gave their help<sup>26</sup>. Our Government was finally activating a specific law, to boost local "business", by encouraging the creation of new companies, only inside the seismic area. They all had to be "start-up", pushing young people to apply at public tenders, after they had activated a start-up company, to achieve that different public funding for a start-up project.

**Important**: the money would have been available <u>only</u> at two condition:

- a. The young self-proposing person had to <u>be</u> available at working in the form of a sole **individual** company<sup>27</sup> AND
- b. The business, started by the brand new company, <u>must be</u> dealing in a work sector where the self-proposing person had to be someone who **never** had worked, before, in that same sector<sup>28</sup>.

You can still consult today all of those tenders proposing grants, in the public official journals.

### Summarizing:

- I was changing my work sector.
- After I had rebuilt my Data Centre, I had found a better work as a consultant.
- There were grants not only for the new "consultant" kind of work I wished to change to, and
- it also appeared grants for some Youngest willing to follow, as a start-up, my footsteps in my old IT work.
- Last not least, those start-up grants were not suitable for me, but only for someone starting a first-time activity, maybe in the IT business sector.

 $<sup>^{25}</sup>$  In EU, when you have good projects, there are always some public grants to ask for funding. If you know  $\underline{\text{how}}$  to find them, obviously. And that "how" became also my new "consultant" work, one of the strategic services delivered by the District that had enrolled me.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> As described in previous chapter...

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> So, multi-shareholders companies were not allowed.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> That is more of a simple start-up. There was an implicit requirement of <u>a lack of know-how</u>, deriving from any previous experience. That's how they designed that specific public tender... You could ask yourself the reason of such a strange rule. Me, I did. I suppose the writers of the tender wanted to be sure that the help would really go only to young people, which were starting a really new business. Without recycling older workers. The writers of the tender, I suppose, were trying to cut off all the people that, being experienced, would have been able to restart an activity by their own, without any public help. Okay, maybe it's a strange policy, but that was the law we had to respect for obtaining that grant supply.

That's where enters in our Scene a very young close relative of mine, let's call him **V**, who despite never having worked before in IT<sup>29</sup>, declared himself interested in activating a start-up company, with my help.

He confirmed it would be ok for him to work adopting that form of "sole individual company", as required by the tender, and it was ok for him to operate with the Data Centre, that same asset I had just finished rebuilding.

All of the above, at the only condition of having my assistance ensured, at least for the first months, to fill the lack of know-how he had in IT.

It was such an obvious condition for him to ask, that I agreed.

To avoid him any doubt about this, I also accepted to be formally hired, together with as many as 5 other people<sup>30</sup>.

All of these initiatives could appear risky. And they really were, I agree.

But, you see, during and after any big emergency it happens to do strange things.<sup>31</sup> And, above all, local earthquake area <u>it really was</u> economically depressed, so there was no hope to make a living, unless not by receiving some public form of help, like these tenders described above.

In fact, the enthusiasm by **V** and all the hired people it was really very high!

Well, maybe I'm luck, maybe I was good, we applied to all of the above-mentioned tenders, and all of our projects and requests were checked, accepted and admitted to funding, by the public offices ordered to manage those grants.

You can't imagine what their joy was, in the team!

I know it could be boring, I'm sorry, but this Scene must be very clear, otherwise much of the facts following could not be easy to get.

So, I'll add here a graphical scheme, to summarize all of the above reported facts, and to make it the simplest possible to see<sup>32</sup>:

Look, it was something weird! In fact, FG is a "police" body (to be accurate "military") that stands out in particular for the fighting of narcotics while, everyone knows, a rock concert is a place where it's easy to find someone consuming light drugs. Well, you know, that night, that huge barrack was practically empty from FG soldiers, maybe to allow a "normal" (?) show, but still, the attending audience was very hesitant to let go.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> To say it all, he never had a job before at all, so experience=0 by every point of view! Inexperience's madness.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> The tender was giving also higher grants when also hiring people.

That was to encourage the creation of work, in an economically depressed area.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup>I cannot help but remembering a very funny episode. I will report it, though I'm going OT. Forgive me! ◎

During all the many help efforts coming from the world after the earthquake; many were about shows, culture, events, and also music concerts. One of those concerts, it was from a famous rock group <u>but</u>, after the earthquake mess, no place had left in the city to hold a rock concert.

That's why they were <u>forced</u> to give the show from inside an auditorium, left intact, inside the Finance Guard (FG) national school for graduates barrack.

So what?

The same rock group singer highlighted this puzzling feature...

Maybe some cam registering, who knows who could give a look, eventually? ©

Ok, that episode comes back now in my mind because it's the perfect example to show how uncanny things can happen, during the days that follows a catastrophic event.

Really, you see things that could never happen, for any reason, during the standard real life!

That evening, and even now, I found those fears funny... and wait, let me declare it clearly, me I don't even smoke tobacco! © <sup>32</sup> Ok, I know, the 5W scheme is a tool used by reporters. Sorry for the field invasion!

WHO	WHAT	WHEN	WHERE	WHY
Me	- To give away the "Data Centre" asset <sup>33</sup> ; - To end up the Holding of IT companies; - After, be free to go on working as a simple consultant <sup>34</sup> .	The quickest possible, to get out of earthquake damages, and to restart working.	Inside the area destroyed by earthquake (thus helping my city economic reconstruction).	Too old to run in the IT, experienced enough to succeed in other new business sectors, yet willing to also help younger people, by exploiting years of work in the IT sector.
V	To start his first-time work, with a "sole individual" start-up company, he taking over the IT services production with the "Data Centre" I rebuilt.	Soon after having assured the public funds granted, needed to pay the Data Centre asset.	Inside the same offices headquarter of my previous IT companies' holding, where the rebuilt "Data Centre" asset was already installed, ready to start operations.	The big gain! The coming "cloud" new services market had appeared to be very profitable, able to also to pay all those hired people wages.
The Holding group.	To end every activity, and "even out" all the voices in the balances. That is, selling all assets, and paying all debts.	The quickest possible, after signing the due related agreements.	Leaving the headquarter offices to the new <b>V</b> "sole individual" company.	Me changing work, the Holding has no reason to exist anymore. V's company was a brand different new story.

In short, it was my Holding selling to V the Data Centre I had rebuilt.

Simple as it was, however all the operations, internally the holding too, had to be taken and carefully documented in every little step, as the whole process was admitted to a public funding, so it could have been subject to deep controls, almost for sure.

What I mean, we knew that all of the above was to be done giving the <u>maximum of attention</u> to the bureaucracy, with every single small action registered in papers, with every single payment done via regular bank transfer.

Additionally, no discounts were allowed, no direct exchange of value, no action resulting in a lack of highlighting whatever goods' prices, and no reimbursement or compensation of any kind<sup>35</sup>.

Basic compliance to EU rules.

We needed that everything to be clear 100%, and registered. You know how bureaucrats are<sup>36</sup>!

**If**, for example, I was thinking to allow **V** to pay the "Data Centre" later, after cashing out, delaying this way some of the payments, such a strategy would have meant not to re-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> Obviously, not for free, but at least for a fraction of the current market price.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> As said, inside a dedicated Export Consortium, and also activating many specialized "Business Networks".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> Such behaviour is, actually, something that every company is normally compelled to in my unlucky country, due to the existing national laws. According to its own accountant advisor instructions, every company must comply at this. Unfortunately, the fiscal laws are so difficult to be applied here, that every single operation, to be accepted as valid, is forced to produce and be able to show as documents not only an invoice, plus a bank wire transfer, but also all those in the previous bureaucracy (offer, order, contracts, etc.). More, it's not possible to use neither compensation nor cash, otherwise there's the 99% probability to be fined in case of controls. And that, even for the movements internal to a Holding!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> And if you never had to know, you were luck!

ceive the grant, because no delay in payments was allowed. Bureaucrats want everything clear and all processes closed, before they liquidate any granted aid<sup>37</sup>.

That's why, I also draw up a written paper together with V, in which we had registered that it was me that personally lent him the missing part of the needed money, so to allow him to fully close all of the payments, also to fully pay my Holding for all of the IT supplies received, that is that same rebuilt Data Centre asset itself<sup>38</sup>.

This way, as the Holding had its store emptied, also all of its activities did come to an end, finally I could terminate it. And it could also finally pay me back all the money I left inside those companies of mine, after 25 years of reinvestments.

Luckily, that "severance pay" amount was roughly the same of the money I had to lend to **V**, and this was okay for me. With that operation, we could close the whole supply, and then everyone could have start thinking, after, each only to his own future. Even if it was I, as usual, ending up waiting some more time again, before to have back my money. But I could bear it.

Here's another little scheme, for the above described financial movements:

1 →	2 →	3 →	4 →	5
The Holding	I withdraw my	I lend that	Then, <b>V</b> pays the Data	Activated the Data Centre busi-
sells the Data	"severance pay" €	amount of €	Centre to the Holding,	ness, <b>V</b> will give me back the €
Centre to <b>V</b>	from the Holding	to <b>V</b>	which then "even out"	sum I lent him, in the next future,
			balance and close.	from what he will cash out.

Well, to do what's summarized in the above scheme it's easier than it looks.

It were just some bank transfers, aimed to leave evidence, to be supplied in the future if asked, complying to fiscal laws.

Even if the money at the end come back in the same bank accounts where they started moving from, the business was done, the proprieties of the assets went changed, and the new company had the tools to start working, due to finding itself in charge of a debt, that it will pay back for sure, just by simply working.

Last not least, those public tender rules fixed some additional rewards when the proponents were closing the investment quicker than a maximum of a year. If declared in the proposed project application to the tender. We had all ready, so instead of one year, we had declared we needed just the minimum of three months time to finish, earning this way the maximum of points.

That was obvious in our case; the Data Centre was already mounted!

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> The weird fact is that, often, such an excessive requirement of exaggerated documentation, definitely, takes to damage for the helped entity. Consequently, many existing grants finish not to be even asked for, when the damages received from the effort to produce documentation are higher than the real benefits. "But, bureaucrats meet troubles, in understanding this particular aspect..." hey, is I good in talking their language? ③

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> After all we are family, I thought. And I was sure that he would have earned more than enough from its new work, to return all what I lent him. You see, it was the same work I've already been doing for years before, so I knew very well what he could earn! More, I was also inside that new working team, so I had the chance to check strictly if things were going as they had to, having the chance of correcting if needed, being me the most experienced worker in that team.

By the way, doesn't this role fit what the definition of a "Business angel" is, someway? ©

Immediately after being admitted to the grants, we started all the operations. That is, we made some hours of training-course; meanwhile we sought, choose and hired the people who would have started working on this.

We also made all the invoices and the bank transfers<sup>39</sup>, and started to prepare all the related papers to be delivered.

Our purpose was to have the allowed grant paid, and then to start selling our Cloud services offered by the existing IT plant, finally taking it to yield fruits.

Ok, so, now the scene is described.

I apologize if it was too boring, but some "technical" details were mandatory. Now, in fact, we have all the elements needed.

Here's the action, with the first event of this story.

Yes, it's when the troubles started.

So, additional bureaucracy to add!

Had it served!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> In the bank I <u>was asked</u> to move only the € funds really existing in the accounts. Even if the three movements, in the financial scheme reported, are in a circle, with the same money effectively going back to where they came from, the bank director did not allowed to do just the three movements that would had compensated each other.

He complained that each would have exceeded, taken alone, the physical funds existing in the bank accounts.

That's why, we had to split each big payment in many smaller ones, repeating that circle rounds many times. At the end, we had not 3 movements, but more than 20. Yes, sure it appears weird, but you just need to put all of them on a spreadsheet, and it's very easy to verify, summing up, that they're just no more than three equal operations, definitely.

## The troubles start. Act I: first peeking visit.

The 5<sup>th</sup> of March 2011, in the morning, three FG<sup>40</sup> soldiers suddenly came in our offices, finding all of our team in full swing for the imminent Data Centre activation.

It was few days after one first deadline, as set by the above mentioned public tender.

Before that deadline the building of the declared assets must be "completed"<sup>41</sup>. Yet, few days were remaining before another deadline, following, before which to deliver all the papers required to show that our work had been completed. We had to submit to a dedicated public Department. We had 30 days, between these two different deadlines.

After going to look around for few minutes, studying every corner of our offices, without saying much, at 11:20<sup>42</sup> the FG soldiers started a "strange" form of questioning, that ended at 17:25.

Six hours of interrogation, while they were denying, all the time, that it was actually an interrogation.

A really weird!

We all were just tech geeks, who more, some less, and never had to do before with any questioning by FG, or any other kind of police authority.

That's why we didn't get what was really going on.

What happened, is what they call "art. 351 C.P.P.", that is a typical trick they use. They take just one person at a time, they go and stay with him inside a closed room where no one else can enter or hear. They warn the questioned person that it is absolutely forbidden by the law to reveal anything about what's said inside that room, otherwise severe punishment will happen. And then they go on investigating, actually, interrogating.

First it was my turn, and I asked twice if it was an interrogation, so I could call some lawyer to assist me<sup>43</sup>, but they say that no, it was not an interrogation so no need to call any lawyer. Really, they were only just speaking with people informed of facts, they said...<sup>44</sup>

 $<sup>^{40}</sup>$  "Finance Guard", it was mentioned already before, in a previous note. It's a military police corps used to check, among other things, the finances of Enterprises, and to fight tax crime.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> When you have a Data Centre made of hundreds of different devices, every day you can obtain a better different system by changing even few of those smaller parts, following technologies upgrading everyday. <u>You never really complete it!</u> Nontechnical people don't know this. For example, at home, you buy a new device like a DVD Player, or a Dishwasher, you just press the "power on" button, and it works, untouched from then on. With a complex IT system it's different, you never end changing the parts, the devices that build it. That's why a self-built and continuously upgraded system is stronger than a brand new one, bought from some multinational like Dell or IBM. Sure, provided you're capable to keep updated the one you built by yourself, instead, with some regular daily work.

Hope that point is clear, <u>but enough with the technical stuff</u>, from now on. I said that one last time because it will recur often. <sup>42</sup> All of the information reported here is from papers, which <u>they</u> wrote, so no imagination by me.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> Well, maybe I was inexperienced, but at least by movies, I know I should have some rights of defence, or something like that

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> What I understand, now that I'm more informed, is that this is a trick they use to wring information. If you're not under investigation, you're just a simple witness, they say. To result as an "investigated" person, it must happen an "official event", that is the inscription of your name in some specific public registers (that normal people isn't aware of). Not being inscribed, as a simple witness instead, you're compelled to say everything you know, or you're to be punished. But, after, they always use what you say against you. This way, they do a full interrogation, without the nuisance of a lawyer assisting the victim. Def-

They spoke with me, let's say "in secret", for not more than 10 minutes, and I guess they found me not so emotional, so they quickly gave up. All our talk is reported in a "secret" verbal, that after years finally become public<sup>45</sup>.

Then, they went for **V** questioning.

In that case the "secret talk that is not an interrogation" went on for hours.

All of us, outside the room, were wondering what they were talking about, during all of that time long.

On the report minutes, another written document that did become public only after years, there are no more than 50 lines of text, and still today I'm asking myself what they have been talking really about for so long, with that poor boy.

Still today, after eight years, **V** is respecting that ban to talk, still keeping a secret on what happened inside that room<sup>46</sup>.

The fact is, that when they went away, <u>he was not willing anymore</u>, for any reason in the world, to keep on with our start-up project.

I don't know why, still now.

I'm not in his head or there's no paper where to find it.

What I guess, and I still think as the mostly reasonable, is that a very young boy, who never had worked before, who is still accustomed to "live for the day" with the few coins the family gifts, after reaching the heights of enthusiasm in dealing with such a big project, with such a big future suddenly becoming incredibly real, with every asset just activated, being suddenly thrown in fear for mysterious inexistent faults' punishment, by such a fearful fame military corps, he asks himself: "but who am I doing this?"

The fact is that your main asset, when you're an entrepreneur, your most precious resource is the confidence in your own abilities. If you believe in your chances, you go through the troubles, if you're not sure, you give up.

In that case, his sprout of trust in the project was heavy trampled since the birth.

But, I saw clearly that it would have been a big mistake to give up.

Economically, it would have meant to lose a lot of time, money and effort, but not only that! For whatever reason the FG soldiers had come, I could clearly see that us stopping would have been a sign, to any eventual accusing eyes, that we were hiding something, should us had give up.

So I tried and tried; but I had no luck in persuading him not to give up.

initely, it is a trick to deny a right of yours. Obviously, it works mostly from inexperienced people. It is easy to adopt some defence, if you know what's really going on!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> In every meeting happened with FG, at the end they always wrote a "verbal", a report, in the way they liked most. I always signed without making any questioning. I'm not a lawyer, so I was afraid to make it worst. Why having fears, after all, as if I had something to hide? Acting that way, instead, I had that all what was written it was their only full responsibility. In fact, for example, all I will be writing here, it is what they reported, not me.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> Well, you know, the FG is the worst Police Corp there's in my country, especially for non-criminal people. They are famous for having a huge power to inflict economic damage, regardless of jail or other classical punishment. They are the innocent's nightmare but on the contrary, maybe you guessed already, any real criminal has plenty of countermeasures.

What kept me legally tied to this decision of him was that form of "sole individual" company we had to choose, as forced from the public tender. He had the power to decide all by himself, by law, so I had no chance of forcing the situation out in a different direction.

The only thing I was able to obtain from him it was to wait a little before he closed his company, allowing me to try at least to repeat all the already closed operations backwards, so to avoid me heavy economic damages, and to restore something of my holding's companies assets.

Not to throw away everything, in short.

This backward movements, always respecting the severe fiscal law of my country, carefully registering in the accountancy all the new opposite movements also, helping every future control that could eventually happen.

But... you know, thinking at it today, out of the shock of that moment, I know that me too was not fully convinced to go on anyway, for many other reasons.

Too many things were inconsistent in that episode, with that visit we had received.

Many thoughts came in my mind thinking at it, when reflecting at the incident details, later after.

If, as they said, and also wrote in the only public report they left<sup>47</sup>, they only came to do a check at what we had done, to implement that project we had applied for public funding, that is, that we did our work to create that asset we had declared previously, well... It is evident that when you came to check a technical project, you should come with an adequate investigating team, with someone that has a good IT knowledge, which is able to understand the matter.

So obvious!

But, during those hours, I had the chance to be sure that all of them were unaware of IT and ICT! To check a project like our, you should had gone checking all the devices, hardware and software, of the found system. You must check for, and find, an IT asset, or it would be a scam instead of a project. It is the first thing! And, once found that kind of asset, you must verify its compliance to what's declared inside the written "project", delivered together with the grant's request.

I think it's an obviously mandatory activity, preliminary to any interrogation.

During those long hours, showing them the Data Centre room we had<sup>48</sup>, I repeatedly asked them if they wanted to go and check what we had built, so to verify the conformity with what it was declared in our project, which we originally asked public funds for.

But, they refused every time!

Also, neither in the "public" minute report they left, nor in the "secret" verbal they wrote, <u>there's any note</u> of the fact that <u>they had controlled</u>, and <u>they had found</u>, the IT asset that it must had existed, otherwise it would have been clear that we were conducting

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> And also repeated in the other "secret" report we had the chance to read only years after.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> We had put a big glass wall to the special Data Centre room, so to allow any visitor to see our "engine room" directly from the main entrance corridor of our headquarters. As if it was a shop window. Basic advertising. There's a picture of it in the Prologue chapter, exactly that one you can see there.

some scam. They did not write in their report that they had found and checked what they had come to look for!

Did they know what they were coming to check?

There's no track of a check done to an IT asset, in they reports.

If they don't even mention it in the documents... what had they come to control?

Speaking with them during that whole day, at the end I was sure that no one of the three had a little knowledge in IT. For example, I had even to help them in formatting the word processor they were using to write their reports, in their mobile PC.

Not even that!

And also, their attitude was inconsistent with what they declared.

They were not "neutral", as if they were there just to take a snapshot of the existing; they were acting instead with a "sheriff" attitude, if you get what I mean, as if they had come only to find something wrong, already being them sure since the beginning of... what?

Maybe you have seen, sometime, public officers acting politely, however implying in their attitude obscure threats. It's a classical technique to raise fear, the one that they used  $^{49}$ 

The previous are some of the feelings that slowly came in my mind, during the following days. One more thing, however, did soon scare me more, different from those listed above. Probably, that was the main reason why I had been unable to convince  $\bf V$  to go on, despite of everything.

Think about the complete picture.

We have some public officers, though soldiers, which come to check a relatively big project.

With the city shattered after the earthquake, and so little chances of development left available, despite those cons you have some youngsters trying to react and change from the misadventures suffered, employing also more other workers.

They go to check the conformity to a public tender.

They should at least have read the rules of that "public tender" before going, isn't it? And, the tender explicitly required that the proponent must be an inexperienced, first

time worker, as the main mandatory condition to be qualified for that public help.

So, how comes that, at the end of their visit, before going away, they publicly scolded, almost blamed, in front of all the new hired workers, the young  $\mathbf{V}$ , for having dared to start a new enterprise in a sector he was ignorant of?

And it was not the first time I had heard that reproach, during that one-day long visit.

So, I'm not saying that we only received some cheap "sheriff" arrogance.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> The classical example, seen when watching cowboys' movies, is when you have the sheriff actor speaking politely, just after laying a weapon on the table, as if it means nothing. <u>Attention!</u> I'm not saying here that, during that visit, they showed off weapons, but their attitude was slightly threatening, or rather, it suggested indefinite threats.

When they saying that, it meant they <u>didn't even have read</u> the tender they had came to control for.

## You don't read our project, you don't even read the tender, and you go and act as a sheriff...

A start-up company, made by one inexperienced person it is exactly what we had been required to form, and we had to do, to respect the will of the tender rules.

How strange, you come to check for a tender that forces us to have a requirement, but then you repeatedly blame us for having exactly that requirement?

The final question was, so: "why did you came, then, really?"
And the most relevant answer was: "Someone doesn't want our business to start!"

That said, one more fear: what if they misunderstood any of the many technical things we had declared, with no legal assistance, during the "secret talks that are not interrogations"?

Look, they also have neither the skills nor any know-how about those IT products....

All the above considered, me too finished to be highly worried, of that visit, and of what it could really mean<sup>50</sup>.

Even if they did not check at all any of our Data Centre assets, to verify if our work conformed to what it was foreseen in the project, before going away they took a copy of all the documents we had ready to be delivered, to the Departments in charge, to ask for the payment of the granted aid.

It was a ton of documents, from many different companies.

Who knows what they were going to deduce from all those documents, without having checked if those devices existed really?

However, we were not fined for anything, nor they took any other offending measures, after.

They disappeared.

Maybe someone will think that here I discussed this event too deeply, but when you consider that all the events that followed, as you will see, did came out from what happened during that first strange visit, you will agree that I had to.

I just hope here I made clear at least one main point: those FG acting that way, it could be something not to worry for, just few guards that had come to check the results of a project that 3 months was too little to achieve. But it could be also something more serious, as suggested by the mysterious and threatening attitude they applied to the stupid techies we were.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup> You never know what activates any public authority controls, in Italy. In report minutes, they wrote that the control was a "self-driven initiative"! That "self-driven initiative" label could be just a polite way to hide someone else input to go. Who gave that input? You can exclude nothing. In this country, there's a widespread tendency to regroup in gangs, not necessary criminals, still they easily can put in troubles someone they don't like, by giving adequate input to the FG, for example...

Trick, or threat?

At the end of that day, a huge damage left: we had to give up the project, no new plant was starting anymore to work in creating business, and I had to waste a lot of time more, to put all the things back, in an effort to limit the damages and to recover some part of the investment.

Still, after that, I went on changing work.

The holding companies would not have been working back as before the earth-quake, at least not with IT. All the other stakeholders interested in IT went definitely away. In one of those companies, as every other shareholder disappeared, I had to get help involving some nominees, to keep it alive for another short while, before closing.

It was a real mess!

Naturally, as we were not continuing with our IT project, even if all the papers to be given to public authorities to obtain reimbursement were ready, **we did not send**. We <u>refused</u> to achieve the granted aid, a cost due to waive the business.

I repeat, we did not deliver any document, of any kind, to any of the public offices put in charge to check that tender's project execution, so to be paid for the work done.

That's the most important among the other things I just said<sup>51</sup>.

As all the past invoices, and their payments, were already fully issued, I had to register them regularly in our accounting. This I did, to comply with the normal fiscal laws, more than the bureaucracy of the granted aid. I repeated backwards the same movements already done, to restore the starting conditions and reverting the wealth properties. I produced new additional documents with same values of opposite sign. And I did put in the accounting all those new invoices and movements, too. Conforming to the fiscal bureaucracy was an enormous waste of time and money for me, so much worse as the IT plant possible business remained stopped, while I went on, with my only forces, in the new road of changing work, so to become a pure consultant.

And I obtained a lot of good results, as I will describe in the next chapter.

That's how I passed the following years: with repairing that mess, while building a new good work for myself.

No trace of any more FG controls, meanwhile.

Good thing!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> All of the elements described so far will be important to understand, after, how absurd it is all what had happened!

## Troubles act II: the "Trojan Horse".

Time went by, and we forgot that single one-day episode. So many things happened, after it.

Due to the help that was finally coming to enterprises, I had plenty of customers locally, which asked me for advice to prepare the documentation needed to obtain refunds for earthquake received damages.

I helped tens of companies, allowing them to obtain a total of more than 4M€ of damages refund.

Really a good way to start a new activity, as a consultant, isn't it?

About the old headquarter offices: we had to leave.

The owner, which was a small public administration, asked back for the building. They had lost their offices, too, due also to the earthquake.

Having me not to restart the previous IT activities anymore, I didn't really need all of that space, so I packed all the Data Centre devices, and moved them in a small building lost in the countryside. Lost, and hidden, effectively.

Then I gave back that 200 square meter office.

I found another smaller office. One room was more than enough for a consultant job driven by a single. At least until, again, I had to restart hiring. That's something that happened soon, but I did not look for some IT technicians, I needed administrative workers now, able to act almost like me, as consultants instead.

Is to be considered that, in our city, the "real estate" availability was changing everyday.

There were a lot of buildings continuously becoming available, that were just repaired from damages, or if already intact, left by someone of the previous citizens continuously moving away.

All those buildings were not only to be used as offices. There was a very high turnover in private houses, too. When returning in their rebuilt houses, or while waiting moving to a better public flat, among those built in post earthquake emergence<sup>52</sup>, well everyone was continuously changing his address.

There were far more houses than families.

If I count the address changes that I was forced to do for my office, plus the home changes I had to do with the family, I must say that, in the years immediately after the episode previously reported, I had to confront with not less than 10 different "movings".

A single address exchange, and related moving, is a stressing task. Imagine taking an almost continuous series...

Consider that, in a single moving, it may happen that some items go lost.

But <u>after ten movings</u>, I found myself with very little left of the few documents that survived to the earthquake mess. I had hope there was a backup copy in the archives of my accountant, should I ever had need of something.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup> There's a picture in the first introductory chapter.

If she did not had to move too often with her office, also.

I was not the only one suffering that problems, it's easy to imagine how the normal mail service, the post offices, the banks, all the public services and utilities suffered from a continuous reorganization.

Everything did not work at its best, in such a long post earthquake emergency, because everyone was always camped in the "less worst" way they can.

In spite of all the above, I went on and I rebuilt once again.

And I must say that I was <u>very happy</u> of how things went, despite all the hurdles.

After two years, since the accident described in the previous chapter, I found myself with the following working assets:

- An Export Consortium, gone fully independent from the Enterprises District, to which many enterprises had associated;
- A top role in the aforementioned Enterprises District's board of directors;
- Two offices activated abroad, one in the north Europe, another in the north "Mediterranean" Africa;
- Three different "Business Networks" fully active, all funded by public aid, both for trade promotion and market penetration activities, to be held abroad;
- I had been appointed also the one Executive of the Reconstruction Consortium<sup>53</sup> for the block of buildings where I lived before the earthquake, in the very Historical Centre of my ancient city<sup>54</sup>;
- After years, finally my Regional government had transposed a EU directive, activating DMC companies for tourism<sup>55</sup> promotion. So, I was building another huge consortium, for the tourism promotion, with almost two thousand enterprises joining, from my whole NUTS 2 area<sup>56</sup>;

While all the above was going on, there were also a lot more of other smaller activities, which I won't report in detail, so to avoid confusion.

A group of four people, by now real consultants, for sure well grown professionally, after two years became more than the simple office workers they were when they started. That wonderful team was in that moment at work everyday in my office, to help me with all of the above-described tasks.

They had been fully trained at best, by me, and I was particularly happy of this investment of mine.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>53</sup> All activities for reconstruction was funded by the Government.

 $<sup>^{54}</sup>$  As big as it could be, a work on an ancient historical palace with more than 7000 square meters of floor slab.

It was an honour, doing such a work, to help in reconstructing such an important part of my city!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>55</sup> Tourism is, not only in my opinion, the wealthiest business to conduct in my country. On the contrary, government's support in promoting that sector had always been a shameful thing, until that moment. With the adoption of a EU directive, the Government had to pass away the control from its public offices to a "private operators" populated consortium, aiming for self-driven promotional activities.

It always ends up like that, in Italy, if you're an enterprise and you want something well done, you have to do it by yourself. Rarely the "public offices" works seriously to help you.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>56</sup> We reached such a high number of companies, by considering both the directly associated, plus the companies inside already formed groups, that associated too.

NUTS are a special EU coding standard, used to split the European territories into uniform areas.

Tens of other more people, though not directly hired by me, were helping their own businesses, thanks to my working activity.

I would be cynical, but certainly not a mocker, if I say that at the end, thanks to the solidarity of the World, the earthquake finished to be more a help for us, instead of a problem, especially if compared to the crisis that was running those years in the rest of the globe.

With all those activities running, having finally closed backwards all the actions related to the "renewed Data Centre" aborted project, I ended to completely forget it, and everything else related to the IT market sector in which I had worked for years before.

Simply, I had no seconds, even moments, to spend with it.

Things were really going great!

It did not last.

So here comes the act II of the tale: <u>two years</u><sup>57</sup> after, the 22<sup>th</sup> of April 2013, those FG soldiers reappeared.

They found all of these changes.

And started to talk.

A lot of visits!

And lots of chatter!

Of course, it was always that same kind of "secret talking", already described previously, the "conversation that it is not an interrogation" kind of talks.

Absolutely forbidden talking about what's said during it!

It looked like it was just some sort of "normally strange" bureaucracy template, to be followed due to some silly laws like we have too many, while the previously shown "threatening attitude", it <u>had completely disappeared</u>.

Please, feel comfortable!

A lot of endless talks, and a huge number of more documents, they copied and took away, every time.

I met almost ten different FG soldiers, which alternated their turn, during all those meetings.

Consider that, before, in the age when I was just a 100% IT tech dude, I had been among the other things also the main IT consultant of the local Prefecture offices, for quite some time long<sup>58</sup>. For example, I was put in charge to activate a first early Website for them<sup>59</sup>. And also they were the first in Italy, with another innovative project I built for them.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>57</sup> First thing I asked myself, was, where have they been for so long, and what they have been doing?

And why, again, after so many time, they restarted querying about such an old story?

Well... maybe that's a main difference between the private and the public "work" worlds: what's old in the one, it is yet recent in the other.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>58</sup> Since years before the earthquake, starting in 1993, until at least the 2004.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>59</sup> Those days, there were no other Prefectures in Italy yet, with a website.

I know it's unbelievable, but even the WWW was something new, once...

I activated a "LAN based" election's day "IT automated" data gathering, resulting in our province to be the first, every time there was a public national vote<sup>60</sup>, to send the resulting data to the Ministry of Interior in Rome. This accomplished, every time, a lot earlier than the other provinces sent theirs, even those having smaller territories.

We were always the first in having our results ready and delivered. They were really happy to be ahead with the new technologies, in the Prefecture of my city!

While delivering those works, and activating these projects, I had the chance to make acquaintance with a lot of public officers, coming from the many various local Police Corps my country is rich of.

I never had any reason to fear anything, nor worries of any other kind with them, as it was easy to understand that, after all, they're normal kind people.

I became used to interact with public officers, as they were someone you talk to normally, despite of their uniform.

Not strange, being the simple technician that I was.

And it was natural to keep this easy attitude also with those "continuously visiting" FG soldiers<sup>61</sup>. I just kept trust in their good faith.

Maybe due to this confidence, that's why they come to visit me so often.

A lot of nice kind talks, we could say there was just tea and pastries missing.

They visited me <u>11 times</u> during a <u>14 months</u> time. Quite a long time, isn't it?<sup>62</sup>

In addition, as I had discovered only after, they held 19 more secret meetings meanwhile, with a lot of other more people that dealt, or was dealing with me.

Plus, they had a huge additional number of interactions with many public offices, like banks or others.

We're still talking, also during those other meetings, about the "simply informed people" technique they use, that trick I did not know yet.

Everyone is compelled to answer to anything, but you don't know why they ask, and all said has to stay secret.

The law says that, when you're asked something as an "informed person", you're forced to answer with truth, otherwise you will be prosecuted if ever discovered lying 63.

The worst part is, and what I state here is sure, that looking at the calendar dates they reported in the documents that are now public, that a good part of all these "talks that are not interrogations" did happen after I became officially an "investigated person".

That's an event that happens when a person is formally inscribed in the so-called "Register of Investigation", to be held public by the local Tribunal.

But I was not warned of this, as I should have been.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>60</sup> It happens not least than once a year. Public voting is one of our national sports, an expensive one though.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>61</sup> More on that: I was repeatedly told, by everyone I asked advice to, regarding that situation, "if you did nothing bad, have no fears!", what I did.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>62</sup> Taking away my precious time from all those activities I was carrying out.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>63</sup> You may say it's funny, or it's absurd, but here's what happens: if you're a witness, you must say the truth, risking heavy if someone thinks you're lying or hiding; on the contrary, when you're officially investigated, having finally the right to defend yourself, you have the right not only to shut up, but to tell lies too.

That's why, to have the right to defend, you must quickly become "officially investigated".

What happens quickly, <u>IF</u> you're informed of this odd, is that you usually act to result "formally" investigated the soonest possible, so to be finally allowed to defend yourself.

That means they left me no chance to be assisted by a lawyer, as I should had been.

If I had known!

They negated me my right of having a due defence, since the very start.

Few years after the coming storm, I was speaking about these events with some of those policemen that years before had become friends of mine<sup>64</sup>. One told me a story, about when he was at the police school, and his instructors taught him that there are two ways to conduct an investigation. The first it is to gather evidence<sup>65</sup>, aiming to build a picture of what it had really happened, then to deduct from that the final conclusions, the actual "truth", **only after**. The second way it is to assume instead some fact as absolutely true<sup>66</sup> since the very start, then to work to demonstrate just that with some gathered evidence.

Obviously, in that second case, the risk it is to build a <u>false version</u> of reality. And that second path is what happened, in fact.

When I received their second "two years delayed" visit, the FG soldiers felt, and since then decided as true, that I was hiding something, due to the fact that every IT device it was dismounted and had disappeared<sup>67</sup>.

They also decided as true the fact that, this "something" which I was hiding, it was the same reason why everything had been dismounted, about that project we had given up.

Even if I really did not have anything to hide!

That's why I had to host them so many times, for so long, with all those "secret talks that are not interrogations".

That's why they went on, and on, thinking only to gather the evidence for what demonstrates that wrong feeling they had, ignoring all of the so many other elements that showed how things happened really else.

By using the "secret talks that are not interrogations" trick, pretending they were looking for something not about me, they left no chance to understand what was going on, nor to correct any wrong idea that they were building.

What I would done for sure, if I were enabled in my right to be assisted by a lawyer!

Instead, during one of that long series of visits, it appeared a rampant Captain, also, which every one of them flattered because having just been promoted "for field merits" 68...

<sup>66</sup> Being this the erroneous way.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>64</sup> Well, just true policemen, good old normal cops, not "soldiers" charged of dealing with matters they have neither the skills nor the know-how to understand.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>65</sup> Being this the good way.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>67</sup> And that's exactly the risk I foresaw those days, immediately after that "first peeking visit". But I was forced to follow that risky path, due to the reason I already reported previously. And I had forgot it, after such a life change.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>68</sup> I should have paid attention to all those alarm bells ringing in my head, in that very moment, looking at his attitude. But, I had too much other works running, which absorbing my attention, too much other business activities, while they were doing their best pretending to be gathering information for who knows which other secret aim, not regarding me. And when you're busy, you only think to find the way to go back to your business, the soonest possible...

As it is easy to be figured, this part of the story ends with them judging imagined intentions instead of real facts<sup>69</sup>, and deciding that I did intended to do some kind of crime, some fraud, and it was thanks to their first visit, that I then desisted, dismounting every device in the Data Centre.

In fact, that's what they wrote in all the official documents they produced, which I could access only long time after.

Let me repeat, that's not my imagination but this is the real story, which they put down in their writings.

In the following I will try to give a small summary of what's in those reports, trying to show how they reversed reality.

So, what are the events that happened in that moment?

I had just closed a big event in Tunisia<sup>70</sup>, with a lot of "real-estate building" companies I led to meet the opportunities in that sector, in the North African area. It was another successful event, among many I did in that period, one which I am really proud of.

Few days after I come back home, suddenly, all of my credit cards stopped working. In the banks, the employees went almost hiding when I appeared...

All the accounts were frozen.

I was answered, when asking for the reason: "You will be called by the Authorities".

The day after, I also appeared on all the local newspapers, because I was reported to have tried to fool "public" money.

Still now I cannot believe to have seen published such a reversion of reality.

I asked to a good friend of mine<sup>71</sup>, working as a reporter, to provide me a copy of the message that the local media had received by the authorities, which are obviously the FG team<sup>72</sup>.

In the note that they transmitted to the newspapers, there was exactly the opposite of what they officially had written, in official reports, it had happened<sup>73</sup>: they claimed that me, I had delivered some fake documentation, to the public offices, asking for a public payment.

Instead, that's what I had not done! It was a 100% full lie. And they knew this very well, after all...

<sup>69</sup> What happens when you start from an already defined judgment, while investigating doesn't yet begin...

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>70</sup> It is a nice country at our borders, where many Italians go to help their business activities.

<sup>71</sup> It's the advantage of living all your life in the same small city, you always know someone in the right place...

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>72</sup> "Timeo danaos et dona ferentes" - old Roman proverb.

<sup>73</sup> This ability, which they started using often thereafter, is to report in the public the opposite of so many facts they checked. It is something brilliant, provided they are sure of not being ever answered! You will see what I mean.

It is for that they go to take credit, in the official still then secret documents: for the fact that they had stopped me <u>before</u> I could do exactly any attempt to <u>deliver</u> any written document for such a request. Really amazing!

And that was just the first, of many more lies.

Should any doubt with this: here is a snapshot of the "press release" they delivered to the local newspapers, reporting the above-described inversion.

al fine di favorire l'insediamento di nuove imprese nell'area del cratere sismico.

L'impresa del principale indagato che era entrata in graduatoria utile per il conseguimento del contributo, per rendicontare la propria attività ha inoltrato all'ente erogatore

() fatture relative ad operazioni in tutto o in parte inesistenti, riguardanti la realizzazione di un call center nel capoluogo

Si tratta di fatture concernenti cessioni di beni e prestazioni di servizi emesse da altre tre società, effettivamente distinte dalla beneficiaria dei contributi ma, in realtà, di fatto amministrate dal principale indagato

What happened, after, it was a long sequence of more destructive events, which kicked me into a strange world I wouldn't ever imagine.

All of my money, and wealth, was "temporarily" seized<sup>74</sup>, so I lost every credit with the banks, thus all of my companies were seriously injured in their normal activity. Without being able to pay them, I had to fire all of my workers, also those that I trained myself at best, with so many effort; they were almost family to me, after so many adventures together. That was sad, indeed, but keeping them would have been a mockery.

All my customers, and the companies operating inside the "Business Networks", or in the "Export Consortia", reading a lie that I was the kind of person "that delivers fake documentation to the public", thanked me for all those past successes, but all disappeared, even if this meant for them to lose money in some still running public tenders. The doubt was: how could I really obtain that contribution for them, being I the one who "delivers fake documentation to the public offices"<sup>75</sup>?

They wanted to keep away their businesses from troubles, how to blame for that? In the small town where I live, those "suspects" reported in papers became "truth", in the people heads.

So I had to close the offices abroad, as the resources needed to keep them operative had disappeared, being frozen also the wealth in all my companies.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>74</sup> That's another strange bad, however typical, that became law in my country. It happens that, whoever has been investigated, when gives the investigators any reason for suspects, it is almost automatically hit by the authorization to be seized "temporarily" for a wealth, with a value corresponding to what the "suspected possible" damage could maybe proved in the end. More than maximum possible value is taken, even.

There a pre-judging tribunal where someone is always found sharing these same suspects. The State needs money after all. Temporarily means, "until all the future trial in court is fully finished".

Too bad it always takes many years to finish a judgement!

If you had to stay, for example, ten years without all your wealth... how could that be defined a "temporary" thing?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>75</sup> Never delivered any document, instead, besides the lie reported in newspapers. As told already.

That caused me to lose also every business contact abroad, and any chance to work somewhere else away.

Responsibly, I also left my management role within the Enterprises District, and also the one within the Reconstruction Consortium.

The latter was about rebuilding my family house, no risk on that!

And I must say that no one was so sad for my departure but, again, could they really be blamed?

Well, I finished to be suddenly cut off from every business I was conducting.

All this, due to the false information delivered to the media, whose final purpose was exactly to forbid me any chance of producing any more money, being I already deprived of all the wealth I had previously.

And, guess what: that negated me, once again, the right to have a defence. The good lawyers <u>must be paid</u>, private investigators too, also technical experts, and so on...

Believe me, what happened it was like another earthquake, worst, because it was all built from invented facts, as I had finally the chance to see when I received, months after, all the "secret talks" minutes that was written during the visits, together with their arising conclusions.

One more trick here: it was a package of more than 1400 pages.

What does this mean?

It's a huge document, compared to what's usually produced in cases that are much more important, and sensational, than mine was.

On the contrary to what you may believe, being the documentation too rich, it's hard to discover what did really happen, looking inside it. Really!

Why?

Who has the time to read all of those confused and boring pages?

Exactly, that is the new trick.

Any busy reader quickly goes to the few tens of pages at the end, where's the summary, and where it could be found just their conclusions<sup>76</sup>.

It's not hard to believe, that their final summary misinterpreted everything!

I'd really wanted, in that very moment, to have the chance to study in detail what they had put inside that entire pages package. After all, I was a good advisor, and a good professional, so it would have been easy for me to clear those tricks!

Unfortunately, such a study is something I was finally able to do only long time after, when I was finally in condition to do it<sup>77</sup>.

I could not study it before, because they did their best to keep me down in the worst conditions.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>76</sup> This is the aim of the trick: you can put in the end things that aren't really founded, not deriving from facts maybe reported in the thousand of previous pages where in fact, if you read, you find only mere suspects... but, no-one goes really back, verifying what's written, looking if there's only suspects or real proofs!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>77</sup> Now I'm writing about it calmly, but it took me a lot of time, to have finally my mind back clear, finally functional. In that very moment I was not so in myself...

In fact, soon, I was also repeatedly bombed of orders to appear inside their barracks.

And that's another trick

Each of the following actions they did, per se, it was legal, impossible to be disputed. Taken all together, instead, they are a strong way to keep me wrecked as a victim, under continuous pressure, to avoid me from thinking, and maybe causing me to do some mistakes they could profit of, while making it impossible to me to mount any defence.

After suffering the shock of being wrongly depicted to my local community as the worst criminal, I had to appear again and again in front of them, as if I was yet a "simple informed person" forced to answer anything they want.

I was ordered to go at least once a week, always to conduct the usual "secret talks that are not an interrogation" trick.

We went on like that for more months.

Every time the shock was revived, their intention to keep me unable to think clearly.

It was not they moving for the visits now, as it happened during the previous investigations, coming in my offices. On the contrary, they started ordering me to go inside their barracks, to appear in their office, or they would have come to take me by force.

If you see that office of them!

A 25 square meters room, with 6 desks inside, you enter and just find the space to seat, with 6 people all around you, staring.

Well, how could they pretend that it was not an interrogation, inside such a place? Every time it was more like a judgment.

They were still trying to have me to declare some inexistent crime?

Instead, I forced myself to stay confident, because I really did nothing bad, and everything was a big misunderstanding, trying to persuade myself that at the end everything would have been cleared.

So I always went, when called, and every time I was there, I received a different package of new documents, always about the same facts, which I had to sign in each page... $^{78}$ 

Looking now at what has happened, I think it's obvious that it was another trick they used, aiming at keeping pressure on me. Formally, they were still looking for the inexistent "something that I was hiding".

Did I not suspect that was a trick? But, hey...

I'm basically a technician.

If, by logic, there's nothing I did to be afraid of, if I don't have anything to hide, why should I go anxious?

That's why I helped myself to keep calm.

Probably, it was this attitude of mine, which resulted very annoying for them.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>78</sup> The fact that they considered a mean of pressure the act of signing, every time, a new copy of the very same thousands of pages, explains well what their skills really were, after all. Is that "investigating"?

But really, I can't get why I should go mad, if my actions are different from what you suspect or from what, worst, you've mistakenly understand inside your head!

To say it better, I'm responsible for what I really did, not for what you misunder-stand!

### What they misunderstood?

Here, let me report some of the incredible absurdities I had the chance to read in their version, a lot of time later. I won't repeat here all of the rubbish I found in more than a thousand of pages, I would just report only few of the most striking things I found!

Following the same order of their report, from first to last, it's possible to find the following "facts" <sup>79</sup>:

- 1. They write that it is impossible to believe that such an inexperienced person as the young V, having founded his single individual company the 26 July of 2010, was able to gather all those documents required to apply for the tender in few days (28 July 2010); and also that when approved in the 23 December 2010, that he was able in just 3 months to complete the building of such a Data Centre. It is not reported who's the IT / ICT authority, having which skills, that is stating such a speed is impossible.
- 2. They write that it is impossible that  $\mathbf{V}$ , as he declared, could have gone scared, because of their visit.

How could they accept such a declaration? That's the worst, offending statement for them, so bad that it required some sort of retaliation, after all they are soldiers working their duty...

Maybe that's why, in the same report where this statement can be found, they had him declaring also that the devices of the Data Centre <u>were never delivered</u> (!). That's quite strange however, being them the same FG people who did see that Data Centre, fully installed and working<sup>80</sup>. But they had him, inexperienced, to declare something opposite to what they knew very well, so to create more lies useful for accusation<sup>81</sup>.

To achieve this, they distorted what V, and me too, declared twice separately. Our exact declaration was: "you never complete a self-built Data Centre, it is a system you configure every day, continuously replacing one component or another to make it always better". That's something so obvious, for any technician in the world...

I already said this many times, before: our continuous daily effort was to obtain a product working better than the one existing the day before. But, that concept, it was "conveniently" misunderstood, becoming "the supply was never delivered". Just exchange one word: "completed" became "delivered".

What a smart trick! Swap just one term, and game is done... so smart, when dealing with a younger alone, undefended, unaware of what's really happening... ingenious!

<sup>80</sup> Pictures of the Data Centre are in a previous chapter of this story.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>79</sup> To use the term "facts" is really generous, here...

<sup>81</sup> The aim was also to hide their lack of know-how, and coarseness, maybe?

Changing our declaration, they could say that all our activities were not existent. "Look, it's them that declared it, not us!"

Instead, despite such a "smart" trick, we were just saying that we think we will never complete our work, following our endless effort to "pursue the innovation".

They changed this, reporting that it was we declaring that we never delivered the work at all, though those same GF soldiers did see that Data Centre we had built, already running<sup>82</sup>.

## That's where a lawyer would have been really helpful!!!

3. Last odd fact they disputed, it is that it's always me that keep appearing in every administrative operation. But look, this is exactly what happens in a "holding" kind of enterprise!!

In a holding configuration, you have different companies working in-group, while they all outsource some functions, as the back-office for example, by putting the same one person in charge for it.

How could they achieve such nonsense? Hard to believe, through the entire documents' package, they never use the term "holding" They consider instead every single operation as if it is done from many different and independent unlinked companies.

### That's the worst of all the tricks they used! 84

This way, when considered by the single point of view of each single company, all the operations make no sense alone. And, due to this nonsense, everything can be declared as fake. So they wrote that all the work we did since a couple of years time, it was instead simply a long series of dummy operations on paper, done with the only goal of fooling some public grant managing offices<sup>85</sup>.

Well, no Data Centre really existed, after all, as they had disguised.

This last one is the worst part.

I must repeat it: all that movements that I recorded inside the accounting, they declared all of them fictitious, changing the evidence in my defence in a way to attack me instead, before I could try to use it for a defence<sup>86</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>82</sup> And, not surprising, nowhere in their report there's written that they had verified that the hardware existed, during their first visit. Having not written before that they had verified the Data Centre existence, now they could deny it. So, not existing the work, they can claim, after so much time, that all the invoices and the payment documents, they're all fake documents.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>83</sup> Is to be noted their use of the ancient roman term, "dominus", instead, as if we lived more than 2 thousand years ago. I wonder if in the ancient Rome it existed, in the economic practice, something like a "holding" configuration!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>84</sup> Why do I say it's a trick? Because they vanished all the efforts I did to register in detail every single operation of my holding, thinking that in case of future controls it could be a shelter, an help to show the truth, because thanks to the registered information everyone could see clearly everything. They reversed the meaning of all those acts of mine, saying it was instead a disguising activity. Not protecting me, this became something to use against me, instead. Of the two one: or they did not understand at all my effort to make everything the clearest possible, or they <u>choose to pretend</u> not to understand. In between, I don't know what's worse.

<sup>85</sup> Does this seem weird? How can something like this happen?

Well, in Italy the "holding" solution is seldom used for business, though the EU regulated it with a common directive, hoping to make it easy and to improve its use in every European country. Here they are used seldom, and when this happen, it's almost exclusively for financial speculation.

That's why here the "holding" are traditionally little known, or used, entities.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>86</sup> It had been a big effort for me to record everything; and in the conditions I was after earthquake times, it was harder than it could be imagined! But instead of being a defence, the fact of registering everything was conversely transformed in facts accusing me. What I did, to register all movements, so everything could be anytime read and explained, was used to reverse again the reality. They claimed that everything was done not for clarify, but to build fake operations.

So, considering every single  $\in$  movement inside my holding as fake, then adding up all those "fake" movements, they reached an incredible final amount of false  $\in$  movements. Then they achieved that, although not existent, a lot of missing taxes should be paid for it<sup>87</sup>.

They applied that trick twice, also to all the backwards movements I did to repair things after their first ominous visit, me always willing to register everything so to facilitate any future analysis, instead of hiding my actions.

That doubled the missing huge taxes, "virtual".

Their conclusion was: despite every action is to be considered fake, I must pay the taxes on them. And, as it was considered the whole holding's internal financial flow, they invented millions of € of taxes, as due!

They are very quick in considering someone very rich, when it means asking for cash...

So, this was the reason and justification of the above-described "temporary" seizing.

As neither me, nor anyone in my family and friends, even considered all together, had all of that money they invented as due<sup>88</sup>, they were able to froze all what I have, waiting for an easy judicial debate where to recognize they're right, because they kept me unable to react, obtaining this way a definitive seizing of whatever little wealth it would be found.

Having artificially risen what they supposed it was due, should I'd found meanwhile any more €, they would had frozen those also, keeping me constantly unable to react, also in the future.

The effective result of the above, let me repeat, is to take away from me every possible resource, depriving me of every possible mean of defence.

Until they reached to the final sentence from a tribunal, closing all of their actions as good and right.

### So tricky! Isn't it?

Few more, however less notable, alleged facts/suspects I found written were:

- Finding me lending money to **V** it was a chance to make more investigations to verify if maybe I was also abusively practicing any banking activity<sup>89</sup>.
- The absence of written agreements, strictly checked for every single operation, what's normal among companies inside a "holding" became in their reports another proof of the fake nature of our operations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>87</sup> It's easy to understand how, inside a group, every invoice that is a gain for one company, at the same time, is a cost for another, meaning this that, in the end, all gains and costs results sum up to zero, for everyone. But, in this frame, they considered only the gain invoices, ignoring the cost ones, and that took from the balance to an incredibly high earning. And they did this, despite having depicted those invoices as fake.

Hard to believe! But there's plenty of that commodity in my country, the "imagination", our nation is famous for it....

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>88</sup> And they know exactly which everyone wealth is, nowadays. They're "Big brother". It's few years since FG can look at everyone bank account, in any bank existing inside the nation. The usual alleged justification for such a tremendous power is that they have to fight tax evaders. But, I won't bet they only look for this, snooping what everyone's wealth is.

<sup>89</sup> And to accurately check where any eventually some hidden wealth was, or who could eventually be of any help to me.

- All the many missing documents, caused from all those movings of the office and home, that is something everyone suffered in a post earthquake context, it became instead in their version a proof of my will to hide the truth<sup>91</sup>.
- Nowhere in their official documents, it is taken in consideration that those facts happened immediately after, and because of, the 2009 earthquake. Instead, they say, law is law, always, no excuses are allowed with not being "diligent". Even during any emergency of any kind!

More than the above, there's also space for a lot of dark humour.

The funniest<sup>92</sup> of all the possible jokes they facilitate with their interpretation of facts is that, according to them, I had been starting an activity <u>in 2009</u> with which I was accused I intended to use to fool the public offices. Weird, I was already planning since then to apply to a tender that would have been activated in the 2011, <u>two years after</u>.

As if I had the classic crystal ball, being able to foresee the future of almost 2 years!<sup>93</sup>

Summing up the things I reported above, it comes that all of the activities done by the FG had been just a classic, big "Trojan Horse".

They installed themselves inside my home office for months, analysing how I was organized, exploiting my good faith, looking at everything I could eventually use as a defence from any accusation they could invent, reversing instead any defence of mine in an accusation itself, to prepare accurately a fictional version of inexistent crime actions, while negating me the right of legal assistance both during the investigations, and afterwards, freezing all my resources that subsequently I could not use to find any defence, still forcing me under pressure for years, with more actions to avoid me organizing any kind of defensive action.

#### That's the real evil!

But at least, during those days, they were still very polite people.

For whoever should think I could have invented any of the above, before going ahead, to dispel any doubt on this, I put in the following more pictures. Allow me to show some <u>snapshots</u> of the worst lies, taken directly from the final public summarizing document, nowadays public, signed by a Magistrate (still wondering who the real writer has been...):

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>90</sup> When you have always the same people in a holding working tens of operations everyday, you think only to the one project everyone has, and you don't stay for half of your working time pre-defining "on paper" every single action, as if you never had meet each partner before. That's why companies gather in groups, or holdings, to simplify!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>91</sup> Funny isn't it? Those documents they found, they were misinterpreted and reversed against me, instead of being used to clarify. At the same time, any missing document becomes a proof of evil. You have it, it's against you, you lost it, and it's always against you.

<sup>92</sup> Yet it could be funny for everyone, not so much for me as involved...

<sup>93</sup> But, if I had, wouldn't I have used it to flee before the earthquake?

In tal caso solo il pronto intervento delle forze di PG ha permesso di svelare l'inesistenza della fornitura indicata nella fatture del marzo 2011, che non è stata materialmente rinvenuta nei locali della ditta al momento del primo sopralluogo (il 3.5.2011, fg. 140), così che tutti i soggetti coinvolti sono stati costretti ad ammettere che la fornitura non era stata effettuata e
It says that, in the first visit, the Data Centre was <u>not found</u> (!), that all of the accused people admitted the System <u>was never delivered</u> (!), and that it is thanks to the FG action that all the related documents were <u>discovered as false</u> (!).
le fatture emesse/ricevute dalle società in trattazione, non sono altro che un mero movimento cartolare a fronte di cessione di beni e/o prestazioni di servizi mai rese e non giustificate da alcuna valida ragione economica. Vero è che ha effettuato le movimentazioni bancarie sottese alle predette transazioni, tuttavia gli elementi di riscontro devono condurre a ritenerle inesistenti
Here it says that all invoices are false, because goods, works and services never existed and had no reason to be (!), and despite the fact that there's bank transfers as payments, still everything is always to be considered "not existing" (!).
Nonostante l'emissione delle fatture e l'attestazione bancaria di pagamento, in sede di accesso sia che dichiaravano che la prestazione non era stata ancora fornita
Here they say that despite the invoices and the payments exist, both <b>V</b> and me declared the goods were never delivered (!).
Inoltre, nonostante la richiesta di documentazione inerente la prestazione indicata nelle quattro fatture relative all'investimento oggetto di finanziamento,  grado di esibire alcunché a riguardo, incluso il contratto per

Here they say that they asked for some documents I was not able to show, as if there were no existing holding making them unnecessary, and/or losses due to so many moving of "offices" during the days after the earthquake (!).

Emergeva pertanto con una certa evidenza che le fatture ed i relativi bonifici si riferivano ad operazioni fittizie e che erano stati preparati al fine di predisporre la documentazione da trasmettere poi alla per ottenere l'erogazione del contributo.

Here they go to the fake conclusion: everything was artificially built only to obtain a public grant. (!)

Dunque la provvista utili	izzata	per il pagamento delle fatture emesse dalla		
proveniva	no da , ch	e aveva provveduto a depositarle sul conto		
per consen	itirgli di effettuare	e i pagamenti e creare la documentazione		
fittiziamente attestante	l'effettività della	prestazione. Alla fine, tali somme erano		
comunque tornate in po	ossesso	, mediante i sette bonifici sopra indicati		
(punto 3). Ad ulteriore riprova del carattere fraudolento della richiesta, vi è da aggiungere				
che la ditta	era stata intrapres	a solo due giorni prima della presentazione		
della domanda di contribi	uto alla Regione.			

Last not least, here they say all the financial movements, running in circle, was planned by me to create false documentation (!), and that a big proof of this fraud is, that V had started his activity only two days before asking the public grant (!).

Enough snapshots, though there would be a lot more.

I could still go on for long; but I think I showed enough, with the few above, how they were able to distort all what had really happened.

It could have been easy to answer, if allowed, to the lies above here, labelled with a (!) for each of the snapshots reported, showing that:

- The Data Centre existed, and I also had shown it, during their first visit, to the FG, but they refused to analyse it, AND they did not report at all that they saw it, but this doesn't mean that the Data Centre didn't exist;
- No one of the accused never really said that the System was not delivered, we always just said instead that it was to be continuously updated, so it would have never been definitely completed;
- Those documents they found we had ready, were all representing the reality;
- Goods, works and services has been all fully delivered:
- Operations were all real, and bank movements were related to existing works;
- Neither me, nor V, ever declared that the goods were never delivered, we instead twice said the goods existed, but the resulting System was something to be upgraded daily endlessly, for us to continuously achieve a better system performance;
- It was due to the post earthquake mess that so many documents went lost, also those we were required for, so it's impossible to blame us for "not being diligent", having acted as anybody else;
- There was intention neither to build false documentation, nor to fool away public €, from tender that had still to be published, years after;
- The financial movements all ended in a circle, true, but this does not mean they were fake operations. Even if, at the end, the cash were back in the starting position, there had been a big change of assets' "propriety", so there's nothing false<sup>94</sup>;

<sup>94</sup> There's only the cash €, to be seized, that is missing, and I guess it was what they have been really looking for during all of their long investigations, as if all of their action has just the goal, instead of searching for the truth, to look for the cash to con-

fiscate. A small quick seizing, "temporary", just few dozens of years long...

! It was not us, but the public Tender, which they had never really read at all, that required to start in few days a brand new sole company, little before applying. All our assets were ready, due to years of professional work and know-how!

#### Guess what?

I'm sure that, despite all what I reported above, someone could still think that this story originated only by some tragic misunderstandings.

And, if instead I had a chance, and I was not deceived, I could have explained what had really happened!

But what happened after, took away any doubt, from me, that it could just be only an equivocation.

Let's go further.

# Troubles act III: the Witch Hunt.

So here I am, the result of my whole working life lost once again, all my resources frozen, waiting to be definitely confiscated, after me having been deceived in my trust in the good faith of the "public officers", publicly discredited in the city's media as a criminal and a liar, being instead others the real liars.

I was shattered, and kept unable to react.

I did not know that they were still going to try to do their worst, again.

However, in what follows, I did not felt again such bad, never.

Why?

When you know you can't trust someone, you don't expect him to be correct.

On the contrary, if you know you're confronting a thug, you know it will try to do the worst tricks.

What most wrecked me, in the previous events, it was the failing of trust in the public people, those who wear uniforms and represent the State.

They should not be enemies to simple normal citizens.

At the end, they revealed to be instead that kind of nightmare officers, those stating: "we are from the government, and we are here to help you…"

And, they had no intentions to allow me to ever recover my forces.

They kept convening me in their barracks once a week, to sign again each sheet of the same thousands of pages package, reporting always the same above described "facts".

Then, each package copy, one for each company of mine, they announced every time they were delivering it also to the Tax Agency, for more proceeding about missing Tax paying.

Yes, always for the same "facts".

The result was that I finished having to face two different proceedings, one with Criminal Judge, and one with Tax Judge.

To pay eventually the same missing "invented" taxes even twice, they said.

Well, it's true, they are two different and independent kinds of Judgement<sup>95</sup>, and so it is possible that the results may be different.

It could even happen that one Judge considers you innocent, while the other considers you guilty. So much independent they are, one from the other!

While they're both looking at the same facts!

It's weird, really I don't understand how this can happen, but it's the law here ...

 $<sup>^{95}</sup>$  Due to our tradition, in my country we also have many different kind of Police corps. Almost ten, if I'm not wrong, maybe more... imagine what happens when they have to coordinate!

It's even worst than that, as they applied, also here, that same trick they had already used against me before.

With not considering my "holding" as one only entity, but instead 3 different companies, plus me as a private being, they generated not one but 4 different Tax proceedings, inside the Tax Agency Judgement.

This way, they also multiplied the costs I should face for building an eventual defence<sup>96</sup>.

And, look, obviously were multiplied the efforts and also the costs, with the high number of officers required to operate with so many procedures, inside that new different "Judgment Environment"…<sup>97</sup>

After depicting me as the "bad guy", to the Penal Judge, then also to the Tax Judge, do you think they had enough?

Finished with this, the FG kept going on investigating<sup>98</sup>, digging in the past, and considering the refunds that each of my three companies had received, due to the earthquake damages.

That was the reason for many more orders I received to keep appearing in their barracks.

And now, they had started acting a lot less politely, rather I felt that with some of them, their attitude were really changing in sadism.

I started having nightmares.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>96</sup> Here's the full story: the Tax Agency looked at the matter splitting again it in more parts, obtaining a different proceeding for each year. So, starting from 2009, until 2011, we had 13 different proceeding. They should be 12 (4 facts per 3 years), I never understand where they found the 13<sup>th</sup>...

Obviously, organizing myself to defend me in 13 different proceedings was something impossible. They refused to consider the facts as belonging to one single story.

When I tried to bring back the speech to one only "holding" system, I was teased instead.

They are very good to apply "formal" tricks to disable anyone's reaction.

The result of this tactic was to make it impossible for everyone to make any sense, maintaining all confused and inexplicable, in every single procedure.

So, if it is impossible to make it clear, they say, it is because all the actions reported are dummy operations, exactly.

Here's why that's just another trick: they never looked for what had really happened, they just wanted to show that <u>nothing</u> happened instead, just by hiding what <u>had</u> happened with this confusion.

And, last not least, by sharing the story in 13 different proceedings, the  $\in$ s to require back as missing taxes <u>was also again</u> multiplied!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>97</sup> Imagine my surprise when, years after, I received also a note where, not content with having multiplied the imagined missing taxes, they also asked me for a huge sum to pay all the "personnel of the commissions" that were needed to judge my case. What's weird? Sure, if I did not had those fake imagined taxes, I would not had those additional expenses too. The weird is, that those poor "personnel" had been already paid, anyway, with public money, even if I did not had yet reimbursed to the State those paid sums.

Well, I've not verified it, but imagine what it could mean, if the amount paid to the Commission's personnel, was a % of the Taxes, which **they** multiplied, by **themselves**...

<sup>98</sup> Despite, effectively, it's hard to say that they were really so good in "IT world" investigations...

They started asking me for impossible things as, for example, the documentation related to destroyed goods, the buying invoices that were issued years <u>before</u> the earthquake.

Very little of the companies, those survived in my city, had that sort of documents spared. Almost everything went lost in the rubble, for me too, so how could I show?

However I still forced myself to comply, for the little I could.

I kept appearing every time I was called, and I gave them all the few documents that I could find, but I did not know how to fulfil at the majority of those impossible requests.

After months of such a treatment, my conditions were down really bad.

I was not much in myself.

I dimly remember my wife, forcing me to go for a mental health check. How you can imagine, the psychiatrist discovered I was gone ill, being I for sure not in conditions to go on with those interrogations<sup>99</sup>.

That result, the doctor certified it, on a written document, which I sent to the FG.

And surprisingly, they answered immediately, saying that as soon as I would had felt better, I should had given them what I was asked for.

But really, their goal was not to obtain anything from me.

They knew very well that the documents they were asking were not available, neither for me nor for anyone else, in the post earthquake city.

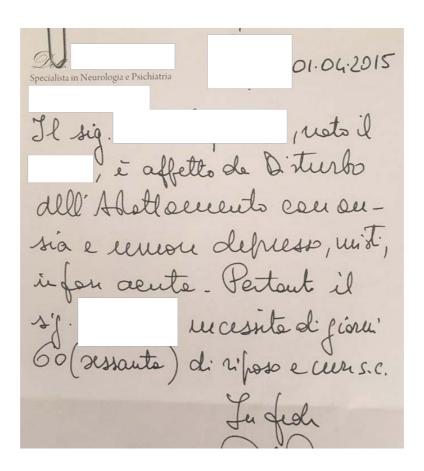
They just wanted to keep me in conditions not to react.

So, they did not stop really.

Here's a snapshot of the Doctor document, certificating the disease<sup>100</sup>:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>99</sup> I was always still forced to go alone, forbidding me to be assisted by any lawyer, as they always said it was still an investigation for yet undefined responsibilities with maybe third parties!

<sup>100</sup> A doctor's calligraphy it's always hard to decipher. I think that's a law of nature everywhere around the world...



Them being refrained in stalking me directly, they started then the usual sort of "talks that are not interrogation", with a lot of other people around me.

All those who had been shareholders, or workers, or anything else but interacted with me, in all of my holding companies, during the last years, received order to appear too.

It is easy to guess how, in the small city that mine is, everyone was looking at this treatment I was receiving.

When each of those people was asked to appear, he/she went worried and immediately after, got in touch with me, in a way or another, resulting again in an indirect but continuous stalking.

Always withholding me from taking a breath, avoiding me to get out of my bad conditions.

Many more people was investigated, in more than **30** "not interrogation", in an endless research of any more facts to accuse me for.

As if they were still looking for something "bad", that I want to hide?

Suddenly, I was awakened, one early morning, because FG had come at my door, by surprise, to frisk my temporary<sup>101</sup> house.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>101</sup> I am still living in that same flat today.

It's one of those temporary small flats that the population of my city received as a temporary solution after the earthquake, waiting for the real houses to be rebuilt.

However, those buildings were done from simple steel beams and plasterboard panels. I'm not saying they are made with cardboard, but still you can easily open any wall with a simple cutter, if not a saw.

That's why a search in such an inconsistent house is ridiculous, because there's no place nor any way to hide anything, though they started their research by asking me for "the location of my safe"...

Honestly in that moment I felt like if I was in the land of dreams.

What a safe, in such a place?

After all, as said, they too knew very well that I couldn't have those documents they were looking for: everyone had lost that pre-earthquake stuff!

But with this event I had finally reached one goal, thanks to this last act of them.

When they came for that perquisition, I was finally "formally" sure that I achieved the status of an "officially investigated" person, so from that moment on, I finally had the right not to answer, and to defend myself.

Allowed finally to ask for lawyer help. Disabling the "not interrogation" trick. Isn't it weird, uh?

Unfortunately this did not stop the harassing.

I was shielded only from the direct stalking, but they had plenty of experience in maintaining a "legal" indirect one.

Just one fact, as an example from many other: not long after, I received a strange call, from the Motorization office. This is a public office, there's one in each province, its task is to issue the car driving licenses, and manage the related periodic renewal, under the control of the Ministry of Transport.

With my surprise, I was invited to go hereafter for a health check.

To make it short, this part could also be considered even funny, nowadays, because they tried to hide that it was always them causing that order to check me, always with the aim of harassment.

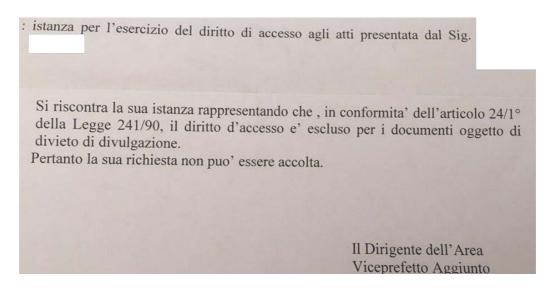
How?

The FG sent a note to the local Prefecture, which filtered, by sending himself a second note to the Motorization.

This way, even the person I spoke with in the Motorization did not know <u>why</u> I was called for a check, while the clerk I found when asking in the Prefecture was instructed not to tell me anything $^{102}$ .

I even tried to know more by delivering a written formal request<sup>103</sup>, which the boss of the relevant Prefecture Section answered, by saying there was a generic "prohibition of disclosure".

Here's the snapshot of their written answer, where they state the above rejection of my request<sup>104</sup>:



Due to all of the above I could not avoid, at the end, to hold a very <u>surreal</u> medical visit, with a doctor who didn't know <u>why</u> I was there with him, because no one told him about what I should be checked for, nor I had any chance too to know exactly why I was there!

Wish I had a movie of that meeting.

If I had been smart enough, you could watch a really funny video now!

It was really a joke, that medical checkout.

Or better, it was just the result of another trick.

However, if this was another action to keep me under pressure, or maybe to achieve showing that I was just pretending to be ill, it failed!

Due to this lack of information. I was subjected to a full range of long tests.

And, after a wide long research, it was certified again, definitely, by more different doctors, that I was really ill.

So much, that they also shorted the renewal of my driving license to 2 years, from the 10 that it usually is.

Luckily, my license was not permanently suspended.

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 $<sup>^{102}\,\</sup>mathrm{He}$  was clearly laughing under his mustaches, and not hiding it, while answering me nothing. A FUD trick.

 $<sup>^{103}</sup>$  We also have a law, among an incredible number of others, which in theory forces public officers to disclose every document they detain, but in practice...

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>104</sup> At least, to know exactly what a doctor should check me for!

Best, being my home-city the small town it is, it was not difficult for me to retrieve, despite all that "*mystery*", the original note the FG sent, which activated this Kafkaesque procedure<sup>105</sup>.

And, when you read that note, written always by the same FG soldiers, you find nothing more than a simple: "We called him, he answered he is ill, so you should check it, if he is yet able to drive".

Sure they did not write that the illness was the result of months after I'd been kept under an incredible stalking pressure, from them. That doctor certification I had sent, it was not attached to the note where they asked to control me, or the stalking would have clearly shown up.

No, it was not their fault, that curious sudden check up...

What's true is that they consciously used the "bureaucracy" as another weapon to stalk.

Here's the snapshot of their "secret" document:



After this trick failed too, like so many other similar attempts did, in an effort to break my mind, while having instead helped me in acquiring finally a "guaranteed" status<sup>106</sup>, what left them unable to deliver more damage to me with that "hidden stalking" strategy, they could do no more that closing that second "investigation" action.

And, again, invented tons of lies, even worst than those they did in the previous research.

Thus, forcing more pressure at me.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>105</sup> Yes, exactly, I'm talking about the same note that, in the Prefecture, they were instructed to keep hidden to me. Well, also in the public offices there are <u>plenty of honest people</u>.

Those are mostly among the workforce. They are fewer among the managers.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>106</sup> I acquired the "investigated person" status, as already told previously, so my rights of defense were finally activated.

Their main goal was always to avoid reactions from me, just to maintain me wrecked.

This way, I had a second <u>ultimate</u> proof that they did never investigate to achieve the truth, but instead they investigated only to proof some previously decided crime idea, true or false it may be, that they were ordered to deliver as true, since the very beginning.

I will try to be quicker here, with this second investigation summary, and to sum up, more than I had before, from those usual thousands written pages of the new package they produced.

Obviously I still have all that full documentation, so it is possible to go into details anytime, should it be needed<sup>107</sup>.

Here's what they said in their astonishing conclusion<sup>108</sup>, directly from some snapshots of their final written report:

Per quanto detto a parere degli ufficiali di p.g. operanti la società non ha mai svolto l'attività dichiarata per la quale ha chiesto ed ottenuto contributi ed indennizzi pubblici:"""di installazione di impianti di rete locale e geografica, con cavo in rame, fibra ottica, e wireless (d.m. 37/08) Codice ATECO 43.21.02.""" tantomeno quella con Codice ATECO 63.11.30 "Hosting e Fornitura di Servizi applicativi (ASP)" ma ha svolto esclusivamente attività di consulenza alle imprese finalizzata alla percezione di contributi pubblici.

Here, they say that in the end of all their long accurate work of investigation, they are sure that me I never had worked in my life with any business related to IT, Informatics, LAN or MAN, nor Hosting or Housing services to help any third party IT consistency.

Instead I had always been not more than just a simple consultant, able only to help in achieving public grants.

How could I imagine they would have ended with writing such a crap?

My God... everyone in my city knows I've always been working in Informatics, during almost all of my life!!!

If I never worked in IT, they say, it is obvious that I could not really had, before the earthquake, those devices that went broken, so to ask for a refund of the suffered damages.

For sure that's what they wished it were true... pity it was not!

This "fact" is something they declare as proven from the interrogations they made at people that worked for me. Looking better, it's appears that they talked only with those I hired in the last two years (2013-2014) when, true but only during that time, I worked only as a consultant.

<sup>108</sup> They applied their usual tactic also here, the usual thousand of pages no one will read, with a little nice summary at the end, where their crime idea is fully developed. A hurried judge is always happy to find quickly what the story is about, without looking deep at what the papers really report...

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>107</sup> In that second investigation I always applied the same tactic I used in the previous. That is, not disputing anything when, at the end of each visit, I was showed their written reports, for signing, before they hide them. My goal was always the same, to leave at them the full responsibility of what it's written in their reports. In this second investigation, I suppose I was helped too maybe by a greater arrogance they worked with, now that they did not care really of doing misjudgment...

However those goods, that I declared were damaged, they got broken because of the earthquake that happened in 2009. I bought those devices during the years before the 2009, when I've been working exactly as an IT / ICT company, and I had tons of proof about that, if they had asked me clearly  $^{109}$ .

For example, I've been working for a whole year to build a 4.000 "linking points" huge LAN in a big palace, the main Headquarters of the national Air Army, in the centre of Rome, our not far capital town, employing almost 30 different workers<sup>110</sup>... we had been commuting daily, from home to work, because my city is just one hour's drive from the capital. They exist written agreements, bank transfers, and military authorizations, tons of proofs...

But this glaring work I did, and many more others, are something they ignore still today, I'm afraid.

I guess they don't really care about it, after all.

Achieving this way, in their "accurate" investigation, that I never had been working in IT, being me instead only a simple consultant, obviously (in their mind) I cannot have the IT devices I said I had, when the earthquake happened.

So they say they showed clearly that I lied, when saying that those devices went broken.

If you think that the above is an absurd nonsense, you will be amazed by what follows!

After saying they discovered that the broken goods never existed, they went on giving the proof that the goods did not broke.

Isn't this incredible?

It's easy to see that, if the devices don't exist, there's no reason to show they never went broken. But no, reading their crime report, it is like if in a certain moment, it had suddenly arrived some other different writer, eager to go on with a deeper crime demonstration.

Who cares if the "crime" is real, or if it is invented?

Just find the proof to show it off!

So here they go, in their report, giving proof that the goods (that they had just declared not to exist) never went broken.

To achieve such a result, however, they met two stone proofs protecting me, which they have to demolish, before.

 $<sup>^{109}</sup>$  Or would they have asked for it to anyone in the city!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>110</sup> And the Army Security Services also strictly checked all of us, obviously, before my team was allowed to enter their main Headquarter!!!

FG is army too, but they are another division, and evidently the different divisions don't talk with each other...

<u>First proof</u> is the fact that to obtain the damage reimbursement, years ago, I had to deliver a written technical expertise, sworn in the Tribunal, prepared by a technician registered in a public professionals ledger, I will call him **M** in the following.

**M**, as a professional, wrote an expertise after analysing all the devices that went broken.

Then he swore it in the Tribunal.

That sworn written report still exists.

And it was not the only written document that shows what the truth really is.

You see, in my country, it happens that the organized crime goes rich by letting the worst "toxic waste" disappear, every day. So you can imagine how the whole earthquake area was immediately put under severe control, since the 2009, not to allow any illegal waste disposal.

Severe controls happened when people delivered any waste, produced from earth-quake damages, in the landfill.

And I had been deeply controlled too, when I brought those broken devices of mine as waste.

After a correct disposal I received many written, stamped and signed documents, showing which goods I had delivered, and that each hardware that I had delivered "as broken" was checked, before withdrawal, by the operators of a special "earthquake's waste office" 1111.

That documents are another good proof, the **second proof** protecting me, proving which are the goods I got broken by the seism, and also that they really existed.

How to demolish those two stone proofs?

About the first proof, the one about the sworn technical expertise, they did a series of technical "misunderstandings".

First, they reported:

Dall'esame del contenuto delle due perizie il tecnico incaricato certificava che i beni erano stati irrimediabilmente danneggiati da ingenti sbalzi di tensione occorsi durante il sisma nonché da cadute di macerie.

Here, they say that the technician in charge of writing the expertise, that is M, certified where the damages come from. That is, from:

- 1) Voltage fluctuations, and
- 2) Fall of rubble.

The FG reported also:

In merito a quanto riportato circa i <u>danni causati a seguito di forti scariche elettriche</u> sulla linea di alimentazione il perito dichiarava che la causa dipendeva dal mal funzionamento dell'apparecchiatura tipo UPS<sup>84</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>111</sup> Those "earthquake's waste offices" were special collection points activated in the seismic area to retire any earthquake-originated debris, only.

Here, they write that M declared also that the strong electric shocks came from an UPS, which had malfunctioned during and after the earthquake.

That big UPS was located in a sealed dedicated room, where a lot of working devices, servers and much other hardware, had remained alone powered on for weeks, abandoned after everybody fled from the city.

I have the pictures 112 of that big UPS that malfunctioned.

Here they are in the following.

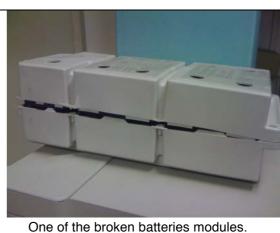
They're few snapshots I could finally take when I found the heart to return in my office, after the escape, which lasted weeks, due to the earthquake.

That UPS! So big, and such a professional defence against usual voltage fluctuations, but not useful when facing the so-called "acts of Gods" 113.

With earthquake shocks, the modules inside went broken. Look at it:



Big UPS, modular, in the left column the power modules and electronics, in the right column the batteries modules.





Deformed batteries inside a batteries module.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>112</sup> If you look at the other thousand of sworn technical reports stored in Municipality offices, delivered from thousand of companies that suffered damages like mine, no one did attach pictures, as we did instead. But this did not help, as it should. It's the usual story here, when the investigating team doesn't look for the truth, every effort you may have done results to be useless. If instead, worst, they don't finish to use it against you.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>113</sup> No small, or even big, UPS producer declares, in the accompanying documents, that their products protects against damages coming from the so-called "Act of God" (that is earthquake, floods, tsunamis, hurricanes, and so on).

Every warranty decays in such a cases. I can't blame this. Only in the day of the greatest quake, there were 3 thousand seismic shocks, plus hundreds of thousands in the following days, and how could anyone expect that an unattended device resists such a calamity?

Many other offices, also Public ones, suffered damages too from malfunctioning UPS, in the seismic area, during the 2009 earthquake.

I'm going again to talk here, for a moment, about pure technical aspects, sorry. Otherwise, maybe not for everyone who's reading it may be easy to get the point. Here it is appropriate, indeed mandatory, to quickly give a little information about what a UPS is, and in which way it works.

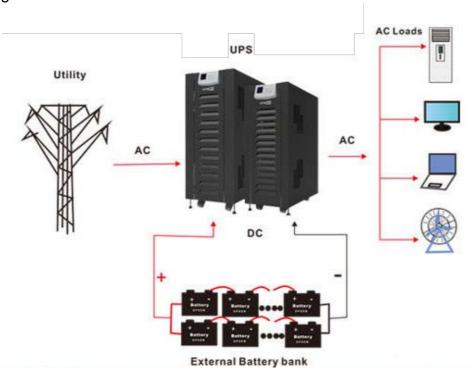
The normal "energy supply" comes from the utility companies and, due to the weather issues, or many other unpredictable reasons, it can't always result in a 100% regular energy flow.

When energy does not flow regularly, the electronic devices go broken.

So, the Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) is a system you put **BETWEEN** the external power supply, and your precious electronic devices.

Its work is exactly to separate one world from the other.

A diagram is best than a thousand words:



Despite all the mess that continuously happens in the "Utility" side, there's a "wall", the UPS system, which avoids any issue, will reach the devices.

Nowadays, many people have a small UPS protecting even their home PC.

Often, just 300VA is enough. Me, having to protect in my headquarters a big system, built from a group of hundreds of different HW devices, I had to install at least a 16000VA system.

It was exactly the one, which is shown in the above pictures.

That said, enough with the technical aspects, let's go back to the story.

The technician I put in charge to write the sworn expertise, we called him  $\mathbf{M}$ , had clearly written that my UPS went broken due to the earthquake, and due to this it then damaged what it had attached.

Looking at the above diagram, we are talking of devices pictured in the right side.

What did the FG appraise to demolish that first proof?

They called for the usual hidden "not interrogations" all the people, and office's clerks, living in the same building where my office was, asking them if they had received damage from the power supplied by the utility company.

No one received any.

A nice verification, but what does really that have to do with what's reported in the sworn expertise about me?

The FG concluded that, as no one, outside, had any problem from the external "utility company", that is what you find pictured in the left side in the above diagram, me I was lying when declaring I had problem after my UPS.

But it's in the other side of the above diagram.

Assessing this, they just show a crass ignorance of what a UPS is.

No one declared ever that we had damage from external issues.

We wrote instead that problems had originated from the UPS!

Not happy enough with this nonsense, they also wrote an order to the Utility Company itself to clarify if there were any troubles after the UPS I had inside my office.

Again, that's nonsense, or better, still ignorance about what a UPS is!

Correctly, in fact, the Utility Company answered that they cannot know in any way if I had or not an UPS, the day of the earthquake or anytime<sup>114</sup>. And what's more important, in case I had one, they cannot say in any way if such a system had went eventually broken, being that something they can't exclude.

Here's a snapshot from the document reporting the above reported Utility Company written answer:

Facciamo presente inoltre che la ns Società non ha in possesso elementi validi per poter confermare o smentire che alcuna delle utenze indicate possieda per proprio conto di Gruppi statici UPS, nè tantomento è in grado di sapere se codesti UPS abbiano subito dei danni.

Also, the Utility Company wrote they couldn't retrieve any information about voltage fluctuations, both internal <u>AND</u> external, <u>being this also something they cannot exclude it had happened!</u>

Here's this second declaration from them:

<sup>114</sup> The power flows in one direction only, inside a UPS, it does never come backward outside from it!

Non ci è possibile reperire ulteriori informazioni tra le quali l'eventuale presenza di sovratensioni momentanee interessanti i clienti indicati.

It's easy, just by simply reading the above technical answer, sent from the Utility Company to the FG<sup>115</sup>, that no one could ever exclude, looking <u>from the outside</u>, that the UPS had broken, or don't. It is <u>not possible to understand such a fact **from the outside**</u>, looking for example at what it happened to the neighbour, with that useless check the FG did.

At the same time, the Utility Company did not exclude that a malfunction could have happened, as it did happen!

Here we go again.

The FG, reading this technical answer, completely "misunderstood" it, achieving instead at the following conclusion:

a seguito di richiesta formulata alla società come dettagliatamente indicato al <u>punto 1. lettera j</u>) (idem) <u>veniva evidenziato che non furono registrati disservizi sulla rete per il periodo 01.04.2009 al 30.07.2009 per nessuna delle utenze cui era stata fatta richiesta e precisamente:
</u>

They changed the Utility Company answer, saying instead that this external Supplier had declared that absolutely there was not any kind of problems with the power supply.

#### They reversed what the Utility Company really wrote.

What this inversion helps for?

It means that, no problems in energy supply from the outside, no problems in the inside<sup>116</sup>, so, it is impossible that the devices have gone broke.

And, the sworn document is false, and **M** is a liar too. 117

A similar disguising trick was applied, in that investigation report, to the "fall of rubble" that happened, not in the main but only in another second office of mine, destroying a few other devices that were stored in that different address.

In the sworn expertise, provided you look at it, it's reported very clearly what had happened.

There's <u>a pretty small but clear table</u>, reporting the list of all the broken devices <u>AND the location where they were stored</u>, each.

And only for those little number of goods, existing in that different secondary address, it is declared that they went broken due to the rubble, instead from the electric shocks from the UPS.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>115</sup> And, that answering letter, <u>it also IS in the final package</u> of documents that was delivered by the FG with their accusation!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>116</sup> Though, inside, there's an UPS. But probably they had not the faintest idea of what a UPS is, or how it works.

<sup>117</sup> His only fault was to have sworn something that the FG didn't want. Despite it is the truth.

That sworn expertise has attached also the following pictures of the rubble, regarding those few destroyed goods:



But, the FG pretends they did not have seen that small list, indeed very clear, with the locations.

They go as if in the expertise it is declared, what's not true, "that the rubble hit everything, everywhere".

That's why then, they went to carefully check that there was no rubble in the companies' main address (where instead the fault of the damages it was the UPS, that had malfunctioned).

Pity, that this lack of rubble in that place is the same thing <u>it's correctly documented</u>, what **M** had accurately reported in his expertise, regret should someone had read it!

Everything that happened it was correctly written, in the papers of the sworn expertise we delivered to the public offices.

The FG, instead, used this inexistent declaration as a proof that it's a lie that the rubble had fallen anywhere<sup>118</sup>, thus denying any validity also to the above pictures, attached to the document that **M** have sworn<sup>119</sup>.

So, once again, they said that no device or good of any kind could have really gone broken, and the sworn expertise is a false, and the technician that swore the damages' report is a liar too.

They ended accusing also **M** for fraud!

Confiscating "temporarily" all his wealth from him too, they started to operate to keep also him in conditions not to react, as well, as they were doing since months with me.

One moment, what about that second strong proof, those other documents showing that the same devices had broken, which I delivered them to the "special waste offices" activated for "earth-quake originated debris", after each of them had been checked?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>118</sup> I repeat that's something I never told this way. Rubble broke only few goods existing in a second different address. But they pretend that me I declared that rubble hit me everywhere.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>119</sup> To tell it all, they also say that even if rubble had fallen, without removing and taking a snapshot of what's under it, a refund cannot be asked... as if we were not in the center of an ancient city where, after ten years, we are still waiting to achieve the remaining 50% of the reconstruction!

How many decades should one wait, in their mind, to obtain a refund for seismic damages?

Well, regarding this particular fact, really it's like if *this story is all a funny prank*, though tragic!

With their investigations, the FG did go also to interview exactly those operators working during those past days in those special "waste offices".

There's an official report about that visit too, in their documentation supporting the crime report.

The FG showed to that people the documents I was left by them.

It's the papers that report how each broken device results having been severely checked.

#### Guess what?

The public officers of that special "waste offices" <u>have recognized their signature</u>, and the stamp, and therefore the broken goods **existence**.

They validated those report they issued, and consequently what's in  $\mathbf{M}$ 's sworn written expertize too.

### Showing this way that, without doubts, neither him nor I were liars!

So, what? Game over, finally?

No way. The FG simply didn't care of those declarations.

Obviously they could not go seizing the Municipality goods, or those workers wealth, to put also them silenced like us.

But, after all... there would be no real reason for such an action.

The public workers are famous for not being interested in being too smart, or better, not to care really of what happens outside their own office.

Wage, least work possible, avoid any problem, forget the job when outside.

Maybe the FG just thought they would never have really any problem from them, regarding their invented accusations.

There's nothing to worry, really, they will never be such active to put in danger that "castle of inventions"...

And who will ever call them to witness, after all, so confirming what they had declared in those written reports?

That second proof was simply ignored.

No one will ever read those thousands of pages of the final crime report. It's very unlikely that someone will even notice this part of the story!

In the huge second crime report they delivered, there's also a plenty of other lies, in addition to those main I described in detail above.

Now, I don't want to be annoying, by going also with all of these additional lies, with as deeper details too.

I think I've been clear enough by now of the falsehoods I found built.

I will just give a quick sum up list of the weirdest:

- They obtained that some people, that then were not working since a lot inside my office 120, declared that they never saw "some" of the goods I showed as broken. As if it would be impossible that I had acquired new devices, during such a long time that those people weren't in my crew, maybe exactly those items they had never seen 121;
- They obtained also that another clerk of an <u>external</u> office to declare as true, from some photos he took in <u>2013</u>, that there has been no damages in <u>2009</u>, that is <u>4 years before</u>, in our headquarter office. Maybe in their opinion I should have been keeping, four years long, the debris scattered in my office, waiting for that clerk to came and take his pictures, so to help in building lies<sup>122</sup>!
- They ask, in their written report, for a very severe punishment for me, hey, they want <u>years</u> of jail commuted to me, because of the documents that went destroyed due to earthquake. They accused me for I had been extremely "negligent" for having all those papers gone lost <sup>123</sup>!
- They questioned to all the people that worked with me in the years 2013-2014 to declare if a Data Centre existed, and if they had seen it.

### And they all declared they had seen it!

## This is something that I, still now, cannot believe!

Such a witnesses <u>negates</u> what was invented, to accuse me in that other first crime proceeding, where I had been involved<sup>124</sup>. It's about the system, which they say it had never existed at all!<sup>125</sup>

There are many, many more that I will spare, though it's a shame that from such a bunch of lies, they had another chance to go on with their legalized stalking.

Yes, that's what we are talking about.

After that, there am not only me, with all my wealth frozen, with my "two children" family living only thanks to my wife wage.

There's also a second family, the **M** one, him also with two children, living with just one wage as well, all of their wealth frozen too, waiting to be definitely confiscated.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>120</sup> What it can be calculated was happening since at least one year before the earthquake.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>121</sup> Following instead the usual tactic of continually acquiring new devices, almost daily, to achieve an always better system, as from our work philosophy.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>122</sup> It would be a mandatory act, in a "civil" country, to look for the reason why a third party, like that clerk, accepted to deliver such a lie, indeed!

 $<sup>^{123}</sup>$  Sure, so during earthquake I don't care about my family or my own life, I should mind only to save those documents that they will need for their fancy crime investigations, years after...

 $<sup>^{124}</sup>$  That first one they activated, about the Data Centre that I had rebuilt after the earthquake, as described in previous chapter.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>125</sup> It's a pity that I can't use those declarations, as I would, in the other judgment.

I wish I could!

But, after so many years, no trial had happened yet... try to link this fact to the "temporary confiscation" tool!

No one dares to help also him!

And this "investigation" too ended with some money "temporarily" seized. Like a classical tale, there should always be a happy ending, from the point of view of the State, at least.

Here also, after having activated one procedure with the Criminal Judge, they looked to activate for the same facts a second proceeding.

With the Tax judge they could not, because the refunds were tax exempt.

So where to go aiming to double here, too, the harassing? How to continue also to keep difficult both thinking and defending, to victims?

Not a problem, in my country there's plenty of bureaucracy!

They filed a copy of the second crime package report to an Accounting Judge. That's a third kind of judging institution. This one, it is dedicated in judging only for crimes inside the Public Administration.

But, neither my technician M, nor me, we had ever worked in the Public Administration. So how could this third kind of Judge consider us, being it limited to address only crimes inside public offices, then?

The FG set that, as the money for refunds did came from the Government, it is "public money", so here they found a way to activate also that third kind of Judge.

Honestly, in which way having obtained "public money" changes me in something located inside the Public Administration<sup>126</sup>, escapes my understanding, however one more proceeding was activated with that Accounting Judge.

Once again, two different Judges looking at the same single fact.

Also here they are fully independent one from the other, thus allowed in obtaining different results in their final decisions, though the facts are the same.

There's no one single truth, but different truths, it depends from the single Judge that looks at the alleged suspects.

I will spare to list all of the additional lies that were added in the new other documentation prepared for that further "Accounting" proceeding.

One from many as an example, that I discovered recently: when they sent a copy of the "incrimination dossier" to this new Judge, that is, from the Criminal Tribunal to the Accounting Tribunal, it "happened" that some pages were forgotten, while making copies.

But what's missing?

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>126</sup> Hundreds of thousand of company receive, yearly, public money as grants, in a form or another, in EU countries. I showed also in the "The Scene" chapter how, easily, public grants are available for whatever enterprise project. According to such a statement, they all should be considered belonging the Public Administration too… Absurd!

Exactly the photo pictures of the broken goods, just look at that DVD containing the scanned documents that were transferred.

How strange...

Such a coincidence helps for sure, with their conclusion that the goods declared as broken, never existed at all.

Their main goal had always been every time to complicate any eventual defence. Then, if all this mud helps in wiping me definitely, better! It's easy to understand this tactic.

However, that same wealth of mine that was already "temporary seized", went seized once more.

It had already been twice seized, actually, one from the first Criminal Judge, and another from the Accounting Judge.

So now the very same goods of mine each went seized<sup>127</sup> three times... in proceedings that will each last many years.

But, this way, they had the chance to <u>show off</u> they seized three times a greater wealth than what they really got.

Multiplying "the alleged income" for the State, and thus the merits of their action. More tricks... but who doesn't need to build a career?

Not content of all that mess, they went to urge also the Local Government offices, so to have a fourth Institution involved to attack us, inviting them to recover back those public money they had paid me years before, as a refund for the damages that they invented I did not really had suffered.

This resulted in another request for the very same money.

That last action is something that the Local Government officers, being neither soldiers nor police, but simple clerks, tried to start, but in that case it was easy to react.

You see, sometimes people do not follow orders mechanically.

I just had to write a letter, asking if they had checked for the existence of any judgement, partial or final, which was stating that I had been found guilty of anything, or if instead by chance all that crime reports was just no more than simple suspects.

And I also asked those clerks, if they had <u>any kind of other document that proved</u> me guilty, apart from the fancy crime reports that they had received from FG...

Obviously, nothing like this existed, because the investigations were just closed, and we were very far from going into a trial in a Tribunal.

My letter was a very good reason for those clerks to stop<sup>128</sup>, waiting for a future final Judge statement, which today doesn't exist yet, in fact.

But that last, additional act from FG was something really awful.

The attacks were now rising, to a really more worrying level.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>127</sup> Ok, ok, just "temporary", for heaven's sake! <sup>128</sup> I can't say that they were happy to stop. Well… they looked like as if they were!

Now more than ever, their attitude was hostile, and the deception became lethal.

They started sending everywhere the information about me as <u>if already I had been</u> <u>definitely recognized guilty</u>, so long before any Tribunal had expressed a final judgement!

As if I had no right to a regular trial.

It was just another right of mine, to be deprived of.

Always pushing to keep me wrecked, meanwhile, to forbid me any reactivation.

That leads us to the final stage of this story.

### Troubles act IV: in the trenches.

No doubt, by now, that they would have stopped ever, with their efforts to find a way to delete me definitely.

No chance for things to go better, going on this way, hoping to be finally able to show the truth, sooner or later in future, against such a lies' factory.

Without any respite, they were keeping to look for a way to definitely wipe my life.

I had to start reacting some way! Good faith does not work, with these people<sup>129</sup>.

First of all, I needed a place where to achieve some shelter: I found one.

I found it thanks to the last "development project" I designed before the abovedescribed persecution, with the usual investment, which was approved for public funding too.

It was about a big start-up originated from an early customer of mine. I had been working for them since the first days I was in the IT business.

They're special, indeed.

They hold the biggest Cultural Heritage root in my city tradition, since its foundation, which happened centuries ago.

Having always worked in the non-profit, they were now willing to start also a new industry, in the sector of the "active tourism".

By activating wonderful walk paths inside the natural parks in my region, they aimed to offer a brand new touristic experience, halfway between culture and religion.

That's why they had asked me to shape their project with a specific business model, planning also the deployment of a new dedicated consortium, where to gather all the activities operating in the hospitality sector, which reside in the same area along where those new Paths were marked out.

The resulting project was approved and funded, by the local Government, which is always very interested in developing high-quality tourism, inside its territories.

After that approval, it happened to me that mess I've described.

So, being I in troubles, I took the chance to offer myself, for a dedicated work, inside that new tourist organization, to help with the deployment of what myself I designed.

Even for free, so to respect the non-profit formula, which they had always operated with.

And they generously accepted, despite my running misfortunes, by appointing me formally as the official manager of that project!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>129</sup> Should one think they were in good faith, they were sure, in their poor mind, they had found the worst of the criminals. Or, should they instead had been in bad faith, maybe there were even worst reasons, for such an hunt...

They had then suffered many pressures, for hosting me, but they resisted 130.

In this part of the story, I felt like if I was applied that same centuries' old tradition, thanks to which anyone, from any conflicting party, is needing a rest, he could find it, achieving true relief because staying inside "sacred ground".

As if I was still living in the Middle Ages centuries. The power of traditions!

Effectively, the organization that hosted me is a part of the Holy Mother Church, and traditions are hard to die in such an environment... so I guess I was not far from reality, with those feelings of mine.

I obtained to slow those stalking attacks, staying head down, inside that "trench".

Having finally found a shelter where to take a breath, I then started to look for a lawyer that would help me, being without any €, how I have been left.

I checked, looking around for professionals that would have been available in helping, though willing to wait for the payment, for money that maybe I could find, or maybe not.

Slowly I was successful in finding someone, but as you can imagine, no one wants to work for free. However, the malice of the attacks I suffered was such, that someone accepted to give some help, even if he could not be sure of being paid.

The money shortage slowed the defence action almost to death!

Especially because there were such a huge number of proceedings activated.

And it was really hard when, not long after finding the first lawyer willing to help in the first procedure, I was asked <sup>132</sup> to find more different lawyers, because to defend as companies, one is not allowed to use the same figure that defends as a physical person.

Not even if the natural person, and the only holder of the shares, coincide.

De facto, it was another way to keep on multiplying the expenses, to me.

The facts that really happened were so confused, that adding here a table will help for sure, to report in summary what the overall situation has become at that moment.

If I was unable to sustain expenses, it was due to that request received from the public, as "temporary confiscation". Despite all the seizing, what was found was less than what it was invented and still required.

 $<sup>^{130}</sup>$  I guess they are not new in facing the authorities, for example recently they had to go through further problems for having accepted some immigrants, a very hot problem in my country lately.

<sup>131</sup> And these I found, were among those who were already the most well-known for their professionalism, indeed!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>132</sup> Due to some different laws they pointed. It could look like another trick, but it's like if it is the whole law system that's gone tricky! There are such a high number of laws, in this unlucky country, that it's impossible to fulfill them all!

In the following table, I will sum up all the requests conceived from the "public inquirers".

But, before looking at it, it is fundamental to keep in mind that the really existing cash, a fact that's easy to check still now just by looking at the "bank accounts" documents reporting my holding's companies money 133, was just almost around 100.000€, not more than that.

What I mean, that one is the really existing currency I had in my availability, and that I did move among the companies' accounts, following exactly that same scheme I already showed earlier 134.

I never had more than such a value, in cash.

All the issued invoices is documentation produced simply to highlight the change of properties of the assets, more than the swap of money.

Each sum, that moved among the holding companies accounts, every time finished back from where it started.

That was noted as a "red flag".

Yes, that's true. But doesn't prove nothing, taken by itself.

The cash was moved mainly to comply to the legal obligation to have all the payments done inside the banks only, everything that is reported in the said invoices, done in the only allowed legal form: a "bank transfer" 135.

No other forms of payment are believed, and surely validated as real, in Italy.

In the following table, I will report each of the proceeding that were opened, one in each line, with also the amount they decided that I must give back as taxes, or to repay anyway, for an invented reason or another:

Opponent	What's about	Disputed €	Reason
Criminal Judge	Data Centre never existed	405.325,19	Missing Taxes
Tax Agency	Data Centre never existed 1° holding's company - 2009	38.229,45	Missing Taxes + expenses
Tax Agency	Data Centre never existed 1° holding company - 2010	111.423,24	M.T. + expenses
Tax Agency	Data Centre never existed 1° holding company - 2011	483.971,86	M.T. + expenses
Tax Agency	Data Centre never existed 2° holding company - 2009	1.384,75	M.T. + expenses
Tax Agency	Data Centre never existed 2° holding company - 2010	55.940,26	M.T. + expenses
Tax Agency	Data Centre never existed	91.438,20	M.T. + expenses

<sup>133</sup> All the related bank statements were carefully achieved by the FG, and attached to the Crime Reports, so everything is

I can complain only because evidently no one had ever read them with attention, as what happened prove.

<sup>134</sup> The scheme that is available in the end of the previous "The Scene" chapter.

<sup>135</sup> To put it simple: if the products exist, the contracts exist, the invoices exist, but the payments aren't done with a bank transfer, the Italian law allows to suspect that everything is necessarily false. And where the suspects arise, the fancy investigators may invent anything. Obviously, such a law is a gift to the banks.

	2° holding company - 2011		
Tax Agency	Data Centre never existed 3° holding company – 2009	146.170,98	M.T. + expenses
Tax Agency	Data Centre never existed 3° holding company - 2010	271.453,54	M.T. + expenses
Tax Agency	Data Centre never existed 3° holding company - 2011	104.184,62	M.T. + expenses
Tax Agency	Data Centre never existed Me – 2009	89.289,19	M.T. + expenses
Tax Agency	Data Centre never existed Me – 2010	55.940,26	M.T. + expenses
Tax Agency	Data Centre never existed Me – 2011	139.177,17	M.T. + expenses
Tax Agency	Data Centre never existed Me – 2011 sent twice <sup>136</sup>	188.243,52	M.T. + expenses
Tax Agency	Each expert <sup>137</sup> of the Judging commission has to be rewarded	61.235,99	Expenses
Retirement National Agency	Data Centre never existed	To be defined	Missing Taxes
Work Insurance National Agency	Data Centre never existed	To be defined	Missing Taxes
Criminal Judge	Earthquake damages 1° holding comp.	292.662,00	Refund not due
Criminal Judge	Earthquake damages 2° holding comp.	158.869,08	Refund not due
Criminal Judge	Earthquake damages 3° holding comp.	133.732,53	Refund not due
Accounting Judge	Earthquake damages Refund + expenses	827.000,00	Refund not due
Regional Government	Holding 1° company	132.075,39	Recover
Regional Government	Holding 3° company	116.449,88	Recover
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		TOTAL <sup>138</sup>	
	$\rightarrow$	3.904.197,1	<b>←</b>

Adding what's still to be decided for the two above listed Agencies, we have more than 4 millions  $\ensuremath{\in}$ , that they want back.

It's a sum that was fully invented, by multiplying the judging proceedings, with different Judges looking at the very same facts, by multiplying also the companies and the years related to each single fact, plus a ton of additional tricks, which not all were fully reported in the foregoing.

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 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 136}$  That's the same copy sent twice, only the required sum changes.

<sup>137</sup> They take a % of what they find to be asked back from the victim, that's why they always go to raise the refunds required.
138 This value does not include what's undefined above, nor more fancy "expenses" they will meet during their own following vultures' work.

Such a huge value, 4 millions €, came out from not more than 100.000 € real cash.

They were able to <u>multiply x40</u> the real existing €, so to report a striking number, claiming it as a wonderful result in the endless public fight against the "fraud to public grants", a kind of crime assimilated to the tax evasion<sup>139</sup>.

Compared to what existed really, it's incredible what that "lies' factory" produced!

Look, this part of the story is something I thought too many times, in the last years. That's why I will spend a little more words about it.

There are two bad facts emerging with such a frame.

There's one minor issue, first, related to those "public officers" behaviour.

You have FG coming. They're like predators, running their hunt. That's right.

It's a sort of a dark, weird sport. I mean, at least, you still may have a sort of confrontation, "from some point of view..."

But then, after you've been hardly wrecked, you have the Tax Agency coming.

They are like jackals, if we go on with the "comparison".

The latter care a lot less, if possible, about finding what the correct truth is.

They only want to raid whatever wealth left, everything they find, just multiplying tricks.

So first issue is, how can happen that such a plague started operating, here?

But that's not the main fact. The main issue is another, and it's a lot worse.

Every 6 months, all the national media channels report the same kind of striking news.

Every time, they announce that millions and millions of € were recovered from missing taxes. Without saying that those numbers are something related just to the first investigations results, so they are not more than suspects, while there's still years of proceedings to go through, to be closed in the Tribunals, to eventually acquire finally a small % of those sums, as real money flush, maybe.

Maybe that propaganda happens in an effort to justify the expenses of such a huge apparatus<sup>140</sup> in the bureaucracy, which in theory is "operating" against the tax evasion and the frauds with public wealth.

Now I can see very well how that is just another, bigger, trick.

Why I call it a trick? Hey, every time I hear these striking announcements, I wonder if I should apply an 80x reduction<sup>141</sup> also to those numbers.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>139</sup> To be strict, we must add what was also asked to other people that were accused too, so at least <u>doubling</u> the total of the money they pretend they had recovered, due to their inventions. But I won't detail also those numbers here, I'm sure I had made clear what had happened and how they act, so much imagination here...

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>140</sup> So many types of police/soldiers corps, and judges, and tribunals, and public officers...

Or maybe even a greater reduction ratio is to be used... who knows?

I also wonder if those inflated values are registered in the public main balance of the State. Sure, correctly alleged as money yet to come, but taken in account when dealing with, and/or managing the existing treaties, with the other EU Member States.

When my country government goes to compare its "Public Balance", with those of the other States, to verify the compliance with the EU treaties.

You can't be surprised if British people went fed up of all these bureaucracy tricks!

Me, I wouldn't be surprised if those given numbers, coming out from such a "successful" fight to the tax evasion, at some time, are counted as money that will be recovered for sure.

But effectively never will, because they never really existed, so huge.

More, imagine what, should other EU countries<sup>142</sup> ask for an action of "third party" inspectors, sent to verify if these alleged numbers are real... I guess they will discover that we are not so rich, the people of my country.

Ops... I apologize!

I'm sliding in a different subject here, dealing about how the "System" works.

Let's keep this kind of general considerations waiting for the final chapter, coming next this one, with the conclusions.

Let's go back to the story.

So, I finally found myself repaired in a trench, able to activate a minimal defence reaction, and started looking for some lawyers, and maybe other kinds of consultants<sup>143</sup>, which could help me.

Although I was "in the trench", yet I was not showed mercy in the outside.

Everyday they were looking at depriving me of any wealth I could have found. With a persecution, which was slowed but didn't stop at all.

Nevertheless, I had to try finding some way to restart working. I needed to pay those expenses that I had activated, to try building some defence.

And to activate more of it, should it have become possible, by finding how to pay the related expenses.

That's how I recalled about that Data Centre I had rebuilt<sup>144</sup>, after the earthquake.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>141</sup> As noted previously, what's 40x for me doubles to 80x, considering what's applied to the other involved and seized people. <sup>142</sup> Or, better, even UK, why not?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>143</sup> Like, for example, engineers for new technical expertise, or private investigators helping to check what's really behind this persecution, and many more...

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>144</sup> As described, with pictures too, in the previous Prologue chapter.

It was the same Data Centre my holding sold to **V**, the asset that the FG wrote it does not exist.

It was the same working asset that originated the first accusation, due to the fact that they decided, and described as absolutely shown, it does not exist at all.

I still had all those devices packed, stored hidden in a small building, one lost in the countryside.

Even having many years passed, and the hi-tech devices have aged rapidly, it could maybe have been a chance to rebuild a production of services to deliver, to be sold in the Internet.

It could also have been a demonstration, should any trial ever happen, to show that the truth is the opposite of what it was reported in that second investigation, that is, that I really am a worker in the IT field.

And, regarding the first investigation, also a way to show that the "as they said" unexisting Data Centre, **exists** instead!!!

But, rebuild where?

Not in Italy, because whatever its value could be, it would have been for sure "temporarily seized" too.

With a pretext of the "temporary" seizing of any wealth, they would have kept me away from demonstrating my abilities, and to find any resource to pay for some defence.

Outside of the persecution issues, I also did not have the € needed to help that asset's reactivation, neither to reintegrate the hardware, nor to survive abroad for the time necessary to reprogram the system software, adapting it to the latest *state-of-the-art*.

The IT technologies, during those years, had gone far ahead!

For example, in 2009 the by now "mythical" Satoshi Nakamoto invented the well-know BitCoin tool, thus activating the actual exploding world of the e-cryptos, and there were, those days, plenty of great and profitable services to be activated in this new frontier sector, maybe also thanks to that Data Centre plant I had available.

But, again, where?

In a desperate attempt to achieve such a result, I closed an agreement with a company, residing in Tunisia, a place where I had already operated successfully before, thanks to the Export Consortium I managed, being that State a place that particularly encourages and supports the investments in the IT business<sup>145</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>145</sup> Really, it's a great place for IT.

After the so-called "Jasmine revolution", they enforced their already existing laws, so to offer grants and real services to support the foreigner investments. This happened, in general, for a lot more kind of different businesses sectors.

But, for the IT in particular, they have special "Techno city Parks", providing space with energy, conditioned air, surveillance and so on, at a very cheap price, while giving <u>also</u> a reimbursement for part of the investing expenses.

Plus, they grant tax exemption both in the Customs and for the first years of a business startup.

All of the above, in a country where every year appear thousands of young graduated people, exactly in IT, with wages that are a fraction of those that has to be paid in the EU.

Last not least, that country is a strategic door between EU and the 1 billion potential customer's Arab world, located as it is in the middle of the EMEA area.

The only condition needed to succeed, is to have a trusty counterpart, residing inside what still is an Arabic country, after all. And I had one.

I should have thought before to move out there! But I was not able to think, effectively.

That same local company helped me in preparing the bureaucracy needed for the export. Still now I have all those documents, and preserve it with care.

For the installation of the Data Centre, whose value in 2010 was estimated in 800.000€, after 5 years still 500.000€ worth, I obtained a 100.000€ exemption from due import taxes, granted from the Tunisian government. However, as they were giving a grant, their bureaucracy was <u>very strict</u> in checking that the operation happened regularly.

So, I had to deal with a lot of more documents, with Customs, and the Travel Bill of Lading, Certificate of Origin, Surveillance, Insurance during transportation and many more... but I did all, happily.

All those documents are **another proof** of the Data Centre existence, and consequently of the lies I was targeted with.

With the financial support of the importing company, all the devices were exported from Italy to Tunisia, on the sly to avoid any opposition by the FG.

They did not notice the export movements... after all, it is always them saying that the Data Centre system doesn't exist!

So they had such a big implant, moved under their nose: I was able to hide a few quintals of hardware to those smart investigators, which after all did never care to search for it, as they were sure that I was unable to do anything at all.

But I spent my last resources in this moving.

Here are the pictures I took when we are loading it in Italy:



Conversely, I also received pictures of the Data Centre arrival, and of the devices as deposited in the "Techno City" lab room that was dedicated to us.

You can find them down here, in the following.

The Tunisian Customs Police, before the expedition, strictly checked also the "receiving room" location. They said we would have been forced by their law to keep all the devices, which they exempted us to pay importation taxes for, always closed in a secured room.

Deploying everything inside there, they would have come periodically to check the availability of those System devices. Should those devices disappear, they would have asked for the amount of taxes they had exempted us.

It's an honest deal.

Here's in the following the pictures of the delivery:



Just landed, in the harbour.

ist!



On the road. An ancient monument, the remains of a Roman aqueduct, in the left.



Inside the room which we were assigned.

We had arranged a written agreement with that partner Tunisian company.

After we had shared those moving expenses, what we did, any further remuneration to me, to pay for the System I was sending, it would have started only after I had rebuilt everything, and the system had started working and producing money.

It's the usual story, me always remain waiting to earn only after the production starts. But that re-activation it's something they cannot do easily without my help, so I had my warranties.

Unfortunately, still today I'm not been able to go there to rebuild it, due to the lack of money, so everything is laying down there, stopped still. Terrible!

But at least I protected that asset from seizure.

AND, I obtained more proofs, from their Customs, that devices and <u>Data Centre ex-</u>

Will it ever happen to me, to go for a trial in some Court? Not yet, at least by now. Years are gone away fast!

That export was useful at least to save the Data Centre System from seizure, and to gather more proof. But, after it, all of any more resource, both money and time, found in a way or another, were completely absorbed by the defence preparation only, to face those above reported tens of proceedings.

And to help with the further new troubles I have been addressed with. Them always aiming to keep me busy in anything else instead of letting me thinking at defending myself.

I won't list all of these new problems. Here there are just few examples, summarized. Just for the next, the first one, I will give more details.

Having not I the € to go neither to Tunisia to rebuild Data Centre, nor to travel elsewhere, and also the Tunisian company not anticipating the expenses for me to go and work there, I remained inactive once again.

That was the same way I was left, after the 2009 earthquake, having plenty of spare time. So, like I did during those days, I started using that time to study, upgrading myself to the latest IT technologies.

To study is something always useful that can be done for free.

And all those BlockChain's new techs really fascinated me!

I went all around the world of the Internet, looking at BlockChain based projects, mainly studying them as a practical application of that new arising technology.

The fact that often each was a way to raise cash through crowdsourcing was not a limit for my studies, minding I only at the model of the technology involved.

One of the many projects I found, it was about an ICO<sup>146</sup> aiming to create a special service. Such a service is to provide the collaterals, thanks to the crypto funds, that could allow the coverage of a loan also to the unbanked people. All of this, applied in a full P2P frame.

That forthcoming service would have been perfect, with the above situation of mine, because if I had found some little resource funding me, I could have been capable of activating back that exported Data Centre, and be able to finally start earning some money again with that implant, so to repay the loan itself, and all the other expenses I soon had to face.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>146</sup> It stands for "Initial Con Offering", it's a process to find the funds needed to start a new Projects based on BlockChain solutions. It's a tool that is aging quickly, today, but in 2017 billions were raised in thousand of BlockChain projects.

However, when I tried to participate in that company's ICO<sup>147</sup>, consider they reside in Singapore but, thanks to the Internet, they can be accessed worldwide, my application it was denied.

I was really surprised!

I asked for the reason, and they answered: "I have reviewed our records and our KYC<sup>148</sup> partner has flagged you as a participant in attempted fraud and tax offences."

I could not believe that the lies about me, as if I had been definitely recognized as guilty, had travelled around the world.

So I asked from where they got this information!

Much kindly<sup>149</sup>, the CEO of that ICO gave me both the reference of the external company delivering that AML/KYC info, AND, he sent me the note he has received about me.

I report that note in the following:

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PRIMARY NAME
NAME DETAIL
•
GENDER
Male
DATE OF BIRTH
None/None/1968
DATE DETAIL
• Date of Birth None/None/1968
NATIONALITY
Italy
COUNTRY DETAIL
<ul> <li>Citizenship Italy</li> <li>Resident of Italy</li> <li>Country of Reported Allegation Italy</li> </ul>
DESCRIPTION_1
Special Interest Person (SIP)
DESCRIPTION_2
Tax Crime
ADDRESS
ASSOCIATED PERSON
<ul> <li>sociated Special Interest Person)</li> <li>ociated Special Interest Person)</li> <li>d Special Interest Person)</li> </ul>
PROFILE NOTES
Keywords: fraud, tax fraud
People mentioned:
Profile:
an entrepreneur of was fraud and tax offences totalling EUR 400,000, as reported on March 16, 2017.
individuals, defraud the aforementioned money from the regional administration of in the form of public funds by issuing false invoices and statements regarding the fulfilment of a call centre in the earthquake-affected city of its property companies, administrated by three different companies, administrated by

 $<sup>^{147}</sup>$  It was an action that I decided to take to endorse my chance of exploiting that financial solution, when the delivery of the related services would have started.

 $<sup>^{148}</sup>$  KYC (Know Your Customer) is a procedure with which any customer must be checked for being real, or other issues, before being allowed to take part in a project. It goes in pair with the AML (Anti Money Laundering) task.

<sup>149</sup> He was really a gentleman, the CEO of that company! That's something, which doesn't happen every time, with ICOs.

That meant being definitely stalked, once more 150!

The same action was still going on, to keep me away to retrieve any resource and to organize any defence, globally.

This is just a small example, the only one I reported in details, of the reasons why I remained nailed in my city, during these last years.

Not in a prison, yet unable to move.

Due to the bad lack of resources, I finished to stay thinking only at finding ways to defend also from a lot of more stalking actions.

Here I will report a short summary of few of the main among the many more episodes activated to keep me stalked<sup>151</sup>:

 That friend of mine who helped me in accountancy, when I was in business, having she also lost her copy of my documents, regarding events happened before the earthquake, she too was applied of the same stalking pressure I described.

That's why, I guess, she finally declared that she had given me back every document. Instead, large part of the documentation had gone lost.

No direct damage from this, within the running procedures, but the fact of having lost another friend. Mainly it is the shock she too had to suffer, due to my persecution, which hurts.

 A certain technician, working in that same small Municipality where the headquarters of my holding were before the earthquake, was induced to release false declarations.

This was possible thanks to the low quality of some pictures, which can be found in expertize documents from  $\mathbf{M}$ , after they were additionally photocopied, obtaining the "low quality".

It would be easy to show, anytime, what a liar that man was, having I the original photos.

Wish I could get to a trial, someday!

In addiction to the above, one more fact about those pictures.

Strange but not surprising, I had the chance to discover that the photocopies of those same pictures <u>disappeared</u>, when a copy of the documentation was moved from the Crime Judge, to the Accounting Judge offices.

But, look... exactly those pictures that could help me went lost!152

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>150</sup> I noticed that in this report the "Data Centre" was still incorrectly reported as a "Call Centre". That initial "bug" appeared since the very first false reports, and it is a way to verify where the following news originated.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>151</sup> Each of those episodes **would be enough to build another full chapter in this story**, adding more details, but it's not my aim to become so extensive!

<sup>152</sup> There's a big trap for me, in such an event, due to the formal procedures in tribunals. But I was able to avoid it.

If a document is incomplete, once the examination is started, it is not possible to retrieve and add the missing images anymore.

That is due to formal rules

It's forbidden. But in that case I was lucky.

The same bureaucracy helped me, because that pictures are also available in other 3 parts of that huge document package. In their eagerness to create the biggest package possible, so to avoid anyone reading all of it, they had multiplied also the documents included. So, when tried the trick of making some pages disappear, they forgot that those same pages were reported also elsewhere, thus still available from the same package.

- The FG went also to the Enterprise District main offices, where I had worked, starting with the usual "secret talks that are not interrogation", and then attempting to achieve more lies to entrap me. However they were not successful. The people they met in the District were successful in repelling their tricks.
- This one is difficult, yet not impossible to describe. Let's go.
   It's about that "Consortium for the Reconstruction" of the ancient building in the Centre of the City, where my flat was too, that I had been appointed manager of, before I decided to resign not to allow my problems to interfere with the reconstruction of the houses of many other people, as reported before

The Executive that replaced me in managing, she refused to pay me for the part of work I did before her arrival<sup>153</sup>.

The fact is, that money would have solved a great part of my cash shortage. But that's not the worst part of this event.

After replacing me she started a lot of big unlawful actions, inside that Reconstruction Consortium. For example, there was a penalty of almost 1 million € to be asked for delays from the company that was rebuilding the palace, as from signed agreements, but she avoided. Thanks to many deceptions the homeowners were disabled to ask for the money they were entitled to.

When I reported this swindle to the authorities, being me too one of those homeowners, nothing happened.

Isn't it strange that my complaint finished in the hands of exactly that same Magistrate, the woman prosecuting me for the previously described investigations?

Guess what: instead of investigating that latter Executive<sup>154</sup> of the Reconstruction Consortium, for the disappearance of a 1 million € penalty to be asked from a big company<sup>155</sup>, that same Magistrate gave <u>instead</u> an order<sup>156</sup>, to investigate the other, former Executive, that is me. The order was to check if I had by chance made more "non-existent operations"<sup>157</sup>, so obtaining some other "not due" grant, aimed to pay the 100% of the Reconstruction expenses, for not existing damages, to a building that since years anyone could see broken from the earthquake instead<sup>158</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>153</sup> Informed about my troubles, she decided to keep for her all the money allocated in the voice "Executives payment", without sharing it with me for my part of the work.

<sup>154</sup> Female solidarity?

<sup>155</sup> As widely proved from a lot of written documentation that I attached to my written scam complaint.

<sup>156</sup> To exactly the same FG team, weird!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>157</sup> With clear written evidence of the latter Executive making a huge cheating, the order was instead to check if I, the former Executive, had tried to fool more public money, not due, as if no earthquake had happened really. The result of this was I having lost my rights to ask for the intervention of law, instead others acting unlawfully being ignored, despite evidence.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>158</sup> One of the people following this story said that, from the Magistrate, this has been another "frightening evidence of bad faith", that she showed. But I'm sure that guy will deny to have ever released such a statement. Guess why...

Every time, it is as if whatever happens, I don't know, let's exaggerate the example, an invasion from the Visigoths or the Mongols, provided I'm among the invaded people, that Magistrate she thinks it's enough to check just if me I did another "non existing operation" (that's a legal technical term), and nothing else of what happened matters really.

I will spare here more comments I received about those biases, comments I absolutely don't agree with, about what happens when you put a woman to do the work of a Magistrate.

And also a lot worst comments, about how instead of "bad faith", a different kind of exchange could have happened...

Once again, they did not really care to look for the truth. They went on just following prefixed ideas. So, without reading at all that documentation I delivered, they investigated instead me for the usual, other actions.

Always aiming to keep me away from any resources that could have allowed me to build a defence.

 Then, it happened that another clerk, in the Regional Government offices, denied a payment, to that non-profit organization that was hosting me, included in the grant I achieved for them. He deleted 200.000€ from their reimbursement<sup>159</sup>, due for the work done in a 3-years-long project's implementation.

So what? Isn't this something that could happen with a public grant?

What has this additional event to do with this story of mine?

The lost of that reimbursement would not be strange if, during a lot of the public meetings, with many other people that can attest what I'm relating, it would have not happened that being this same "villain clerk" present, he had not every time threatened that organization sheltering me, to "deliver all the documents to the Magistrate".

Such a threat, declared aloud every time he realized that I entered the same room, it is also illegal by itself, according to the laws in force<sup>160</sup>.

To put it in a more clear way, one simple clerk started acting as a sheriff<sup>161</sup>, assigning a huge penalty to the organization sheltering me, just because of my presence. At least, that's due to the false news spread, depicting me as a judged criminal, though no trial ever recognised me as such.

Sheriff attitude.

It's the same stalking strategy.

Those threats were a reason, for the non-profit organization, to desist in retrieving the full reimbursement at which they were fully entitled, instead, thanks to the EU laws.

Why they gave up the reimbursement? Are they rich?

No, consider what had happened.

Who knows what that Magistrate, and the FG, can invent again, to target them with more troubles, being I involved?

The organization hosting me was hit in its rights, and it was because of the shelter they were giving me.

I think they also suffered of more other pressure, I'm not aware of.

This last one happened less than a couple of months ago.

Suddenly me, and another Consortia, an association of farmers, appeared together once again pictured in all the local newspapers because, guess what, we had done "non-existent operations" 162, aimed as usual at fooling public money.

Oh no, again?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>159</sup> Maybe someone was afraid a % of that money could reach me?

 $<sup>^{160}</sup>$  But, once again, before the law someone is more "equal" than others...

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>161</sup> Guess backed/suggested by whom?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>162</sup> It's the technical term that I learned they use, when they find something they don't understand, but who cares, they just want to raid wealth, especially cash, because there's already plenty of other values that they had "temporary" frozen.

It was me that had prepared the request of damage reimbursement, for those farmers Consortia, so many years before, immediately after the earthquake. All the documentation I prepared it was examined and found perfect by the local Government officers, so those farmers got a full 1,7 millions € repaying the damages that they suffered in their factory plant, an asset built to package the milk they produce.

Now, they were facing the usual story of having all of their money "temporarily" seized, for that same above reported amount. With a seizing action addressed not only to the Consortia, but also to all of the Consortia associated farmers' personal wealth.

Wait... In less than a week, turn of events!

The farmers hired many lawyers, that found such big striking mistakes in the crime reconstruction done by those smart investigators<sup>163</sup>, that the Magistrate immediately withdrew everything, and all of the seizes were instantly revoked, even before entering in any Court.

What mistakes the FG did investigating, you can imagine from those I reported in the above story of mine. No need to report more of their bestialities.

They again don't even minded, as well, to read the documents they had retrieved from the offices where they investigated. They went directly to the conclusion they want, since the very start.

Same story.

First, they pretend to have done some investigation, so they gather a ton of papers that no one will ever really read, and then they go to what they want to obtain since the start.

Seizing the cash.

By acting with the same, usual, cunning ways.

But, here, they acted in such a coarse fashion, that the 13 different lawyers the farmers hired<sup>164</sup> were able to blow up the whole theorem in less than a week!

All of the above events, and others more, were a sequence of "bullets" I had to avoid  $^{165}$ .

I avoided these until now, ok.

But they still had at least a slowing effect on my ability to operate.

That, summed with all the reported troubles, kept me where I am still now: nailed down, unable to really react and get back free again.

The only achieved advantage it's the fact that, nowadays, I finally recovered some of my concentration, and so at least I'm writing this.

The other operability went lost, but hey, "temporarily".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>163</sup> Thanks also to the hints that I gave them. I was very happy to give advice, me still staying hidden in the trench.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>164</sup> You can say what you want about farmers, <u>but NOT that they are penniless!</u>

They have plenty of money in their bank accounts. Also "hidden under the mattress".

Enough to be both seized for the alleged amount AND to also pay the lawyers to get back all their wealth very quickly.

Really, I'm getting always more convinced that I've chosen the wrong working sector!

 $<sup>^{165}</sup>$  Yes, feel free to consider this sentence as a reference to the famous scene in Matrix, where Neo avoids the Agents virtual bullets...  $\odot$ 

Let's close the story.

The final considerations follow in the next, last chapter.

## Epilogue: now what?

You see, during these years, while I was stalked, with all the troubles I suffered, the medicines I was forced to take for some rest, with my children being discriminated not only at school, and all the friends and relatives I lost, and so on...

Every time, there was that same image, always returning in my head.

When I was a child, I liked a lot the Aesop fables. He's an ancient legendary story-teller, whose very short stories had an enormous influence over the Western civilization. They are still narrated today<sup>166</sup>.

One of this flash stories in particular hit me, the one named "The Wolf and the Lamb".

In few words<sup>167</sup> there is a Wolf drinking in a Creek, and near there's a Lamb drinking too. The Wolf wants to have also lunch, so he starts an accusation: "How dare you, just a miserable lamb, to stay near me, drinking my same water, you make it dirty what I'm drinking!"

Shivering, the Lamb answers: "I'm sorry, but look, the creek flows from your side, towards me, so that's why it is impossible that the water you drink gets dirty from me..."

You can imagine what happened then: outraged because the Lamb dares to contradict him, the Wolf jumps on him and eats the poor weaker animal, thus reaching its true purpose, being this what the Wolf wanted since the very beginning.

When I was a child, I thought that this Lamb was an idiot to stay so near that Wolf. I did not imagine that it could be the Wolf that had approached instead.

While I was living the tale I just narrated, I kept thinking to that fable, again and again.

There is no doubt that the FG, and all that apparatus of bureaucracy, was incredibly bigger and stronger than me. Being in this what they can be compared to the fable's Wolf, while I was the Lamb, daring to drink in the same Creek, that we could identify with the economy world, or the business in general producing the wealth we all need to live, that is the "water".

Yes, allow me to make a parable, from this story that I had lived 168.

Here in EU, we are told we are lucky, because we live in the best place in the World, as we get benefits by belonging to a **State of Law**, or *Rechtsstaat*<sup>169</sup> in the original German term used by the philosopher<sup>170</sup> who defined this concept.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>166</sup> Provided that the digital devices, which the Youngers are sticked to, are switched off. Sometime it happens!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>167</sup> Well, all of those fables are short already, but summing up more...

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>168</sup> That nowadays I'm still living, indeed.

<sup>169</sup> Quoting from Wikipedia: *Rechtsstaat* is a <u>doctrine</u> in <u>continental European</u> legal thinking, originating in <u>German jurisprudence</u>. It can be translated into English as "<u>rule of law</u>", alternatively "legal state", "state of law", "state of justice", "state of rights", or "state based on justice and integrity".[1]

That is, should a citizen have to confront with the State, it is the Law that rules.

The Law is the criterion that should be used, here as elsewhere in EU.

It is not to be applied the Law of the Jungle, instead, so the strongest wins, like it happens in many more other unlucky Countries, where there is not even the Democracy.

We are said.

For centuries people, here, suffered the Absolutism, and powerful people, that ruled using arbitrarily their unlimited power, did the worst crimes.

No. no!

Stronger or weaker, no matter whom you are, it is the Law that prevails.

Sure...

And the State and the Citizen are equal in their rights, in front of the Court and the Law.

Sure...

But what if, thanks to the enormous strength that the State owns, by seizing to the citizen all of his resources, you forbid him to have a defence, so to be ready when ever he will reach the Court "analysis" stage?

You became exactly like that Wolf in that fable; you take me away my Freedom, and fuck the Law.

Worst, when you use the trick of freezing the citizen wealth, if you justify such an action with facts that could be of pure invention, being simply suspects instead, not yet revise by any Court.

Also by negating the right to be defended by a lawyer.

That's what happened with the "secret talks that is not an interrogation" too.

Lawyers is just an annoying obstacle to be avoided...

Not being I still recognised guilty, this way I was immediately submitted to a penalty<sup>171</sup>, even **before** a Court has a chance to verify what the investigation outcome really was... and what happens if the investigations were done in a ridiculous way?

Nothing.

A *Rechtsstaat* is a "constitutional state" in which the exercise of governmental power is constrained by the law [2] and is often tied to the Anglo-American concept of the rule of law, but differs from it in that it also emphasizes what is just (i.e., a concept of moral rightness based on ethics, rationality, law, natural law, religion, or equity). Thus it is the opposite of *Obrigkeitsstaat* or *Nichtrechtsstaat* (a state based on the arbitrary use of power).[3]

In a *Rechtsstaat*, the power of the state is limited in order to protect <u>citizens</u> from the arbitrary exercise of <u>authority</u>.

The citizen shares legally based civil liberties and can use the courts.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>170</sup> Good old Immanuel **Kant**, one of my preferred.

<sup>171</sup> They call it "temporary", but what it's left really, in the end, after so many years of full deprivation of every wealth I had?

That's what is really happened, thanks to the "mistakes" of the public officials that should have applied the Law<sup>172</sup>.

Instead, they did use pure Strength, not the Law, all this years long! Where's the "State of Law"?

Still today they are acting like that, forcing me to stay down in a trench, to dodge their tricks.

When they entered my "home" office, showing off the worst lack of knowledge about my profession, negating to me and also to other professionals the skills developed in a life's studies, then reporting in the public the worst nonsense, despite the evidence of the facts, well they have been using just Strength, showing the arrogance that usually compensates the ignorance.

They formally acted legally, but in fact, out of the "Law".

And me, that am the weaker, I can only succumb, without the Law defending me<sup>173</sup>.

In my country there's a so-called Justice apparatus operating, where it <u>never</u> happened that a Magistrate was really punished for the mistakes he had eventually done<sup>174</sup>, nor he is subject to the controls of any other State institution, apart from a group of Magistrates themselves<sup>175</sup>.

It's self-referential power<sup>176</sup>.

And, look what, behind every Magistrate there's a swarm of secondary public officials, which benefits from that same impunity.

Those, they know they're free to shoot the worst lies, because immediately after you are "temporarily" deprived of all your wealth, this way you became unable to react 177.

Plenty of countermeasures also exist in case the citizen "victim", seeking for any resource to afford a reaction, had found some, as shown.

No one will look at which side the Creek water stream flows, ever.

Truth is a fact that makes no difference.

Truth is what is never looked for.

Every one involved in those procedures minds just to protect their own interests.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>172</sup> Too many of the people working as officers, inside the public administration, act instead as if the "State of Law" is something they never heard about. Instead, they are convinced that the State must win always, at every cost, also on the truth, and that it is just to use all the available strength to crush any citizen who dares to have a strife against it.

<sup>173</sup> Who enforces the law, to the "enforcer of the law"?

 $<sup>^{174}</sup>$  If it happened, you can count those cases with the fingers of one hand. Usually what happens is not more than a "verbal recall", or an "office transfer".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>175</sup> And in that world, there's exactly the opposite of the dog-eat-dog mentality.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>176</sup> In theory, it is an idea that can also be shared if it had not degenerated.

<sup>177</sup> Unless you're really very rich, please refer to the farmers' previous example, so you can easily afford lawyers, and automatically thanks to all the nonsense the investigations are full of, any accusation is quickly wiped.

But, nowadays, being so rich is something always more rare, unfortunately, sure not for any simple citizen... Justice became a good for rich people only?

It's <u>seven years</u> that the above facts had happened, and there are still 3 levels of trials in Court to go through: no Trial has started, yet.

How could this be defined "temporary"?

And guess what, after 8 years it becomes possible to ask for the "Prescription of crimes".

Maybe it is a solution, finally, to get out of that limbo?

No, it would be a trap. It would be a dead end.

Sure, hard to act differently, due to the money confiscation, yet it remains a trap.

Ok, by one side, I could give up with the trials in the Court, and maybe the "temporary" seizes won't be active any more.

But I will not have back at least my wealth, thanks to this? No way.

No, another trick here too.

When eventually should I ask for the Prescription of crimes, I will lose any chance to show all the lies that I suffered, first fact. Before talking about a second bad fact, a linked financial trap, let me talk about a third worst one.

Remember of all that sort of different Judges and proceedings they multiplied? Inevitably, somewhere I will lose control, just for any simple "formal mistake", so they could obtain a definitive condemnation.

Only one out of 22 different proceeding, all regarding the same facts, it is enough to burn me. If 21 Judges say I'm innocent, but one says I'm guilty, I will lose everything, because each Judge is free not to care about what the others said.

That's why the truth became something that doesn't really matter at the end. Want to know what it could be a "formal mistake"?

For example, suppose I had built anything, let's say something glamorous, a sky-scraper even, and everyone saw I did it, but I don't have the papers (invoices, written contracts, bank transfers) to demonstrate that it was me to build it, and/or to prove that such a real estate is mine.

Or maybe, I even have papers, but I missed one calendar deadline to deposit it.

In such a case the laws here allow the Public Accusation to state as true the fact that it is not I that built that skyscraper.

In which way does this apply to my case?

There's one particular "talk that is not an interrogation" they did to me, among many. Also this one is written down.

It was funny after all, when they asked me, repeatedly, where I had learnt these skills I have as an Informatics.

They wanted to know exactly which school had taught me.

I could not believe of being asked for such a thing, thinking at the famous apple in a garage, or at the strange DOS thing underestimated by the IBM, and to dozens of more stories like these... a school??

In that "talk that is not an interrogation", they asked me that same question 5 times in a row, and reported in their writings 5 times the question with my same answer<sup>178</sup>.

I said that I learned my Informatics skills by myself, searching in the Internet for example, so 5 times they wrote they found no credible source that can certify my know-how.

So "by law" they have proved and can say that it is false that I'm able to build a Data Centre by myself, even if they can see it in front of them and touch it, and that is why it is not possible that such a system really exists.

## That is not Law. It is just tricks made legal.

Definitely, resulting in the "Law of the Jungle".

They are free to apply a "formal rule" without caring of the real state of the art: everybody knows you can't learn in a School a technology that is old in the same very moment you have finished "studying" it. Traditional school is not useful for IT. Only the daily self-updating works really.

In IT world things are changing daily, everybody knows! But, they can ignore the rules of reality, by applying their old-fashioned rules.

No talented individuals, as for example the most known "Bill Gates" or "Steve Jobs", but there are thousands, would have ever succeeded here in Italy: there's no real help for the individual initiative here<sup>179</sup>, rather you find the opposite.

And let me repeat, they know they can say whatever they want, as they are calm that they will be unpunished like that Magistrate, from which they were <u>extremely careful</u> to receive the order to investigate, so to acquire his/her impunity, before acting at the worst way they can.

You know, they need to stay calm to operate, they say. If they have to investigate, how could they work in the best way if they should be afraid of ever paying, should they make any eventual mistake<sup>180</sup>?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>178</sup> Hey, they also did some show off, because able to use that amazing word-processor's tool of the "copy and paste"!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>179</sup> There's so much that could be said about that!

The Italian people has a reputation, so we are told, to be famous in the World because of being full of imagination, for their creativity and innovation power. Thinking at what I saw, I'm not so sure of this.

We surely have a great tradition, as we are coming from a lot of Heritage by some of the best minds that the human race produced, but that supposed reputation we have today it does not come from genetics.

What happens really is that those who are the best innovators, they are forced to escape, being otherwise stifled by such a heavy bureaucracy, when choosing to remain to live a life here.

A *bureaucracy* that is an excessive weight, a curse that kills any change, causing any innovative force to be something that absolutely must not be taken into consideration, in a place where it operates such a monster, which minds instead only at its self-preservation.

Enough for another full tale, here!

<sup>180</sup> Look, maybe I said it too clear here, but in fact this is the core of the "Justice workers" position...

This is a country where, if he wants, even the most insignificant "traffic regulator", provided he wears a uniform, he can enter your company office, and stop your business taking you away all of your wealth, risking nothing.

That's just Strength, not the Law<sup>181</sup>.

I don't know if I will ever be able to calculate all the damages I received when I was deprived of all the businesses I had built in a lifetime work.

The holding companies, the export consortium, three business networks, the role I had in the enterprise district, or in the reconstruction consortium, the offices and the investments lost abroad, the DMC, and many more...

But such an accounting, it would be nonsense now.

Main target is just to survive, since years by now.

Maybe the damages are even millions of € worth, but it does mean nothing in the conditions I was put.

After all they destroyed a whole life's businesses.

And it is not only about me. It should also be considered all the damages suffered by the people, which were working within those businesses, which lost their job, in an economically depressed area like the one we are in!

And, all the shareholders involved and seized of their wealth, too...

Anyhow, ironically, if for a miracle I would win all those proceedings against me, due exactly to these damages suffered by my companies in seven years time, for me it's over, in any case!

That's the second of the three traps that I mentioned above.

All the on-going business activities were suddenly frozen<sup>182</sup>, deleting any foreseen earning, but leaving a lot of expenses, and banks and creditors are still there, waiting for me to give them back their money.

So, even if I win every proceeding, and I show off all the lies I suffered, even if I'm recognized innocent everywhere, when at the end every "temporary" seizure would be deleted, still I will lose everything, because I will have to pay every debt that it was generated from that "frozen state" I was thrown in and left for years.

A "state" that could not absolutely be defined "temporary", unless being hypocrites.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 181}$  A lot it could be said about this, but I won't.

It is just a matter of how you see the world:

I think I should have the same rights when arguing with the State, as from the above reported Rechtsstaat concept.

Inside the public apparatus instead, I repeat, many think at the State as something that must always stay higher in rank, and it is right and good when it uses all its greater Strength, at the expense of the weakest.

It's not so different from that ancient '800 vision, when thousand of young people went to fight the First World War, losing happily their life, but wasting it instead, because it was a sacrifice to be done for the Nation.

There are plenty of examples, in History, of innocents who were led to die, while trying to kill other people they don't even know, because some few older, "most important" people had an argue.

It's always about the use of Strength, instead the Rule of Law.

That's what leads to the idea of a "Caesar", but that's a further subject...

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>182</sup> "Temporarily" stopped by the "temporary" confiscation.

That's the financial trap linked to the eventual use of the "prescription of crimes" tool, mentioned earlier.

That's why I say that I've been already punished, before I was able to enter any Court: no real chance to restart anything here, for me.

They killed the life I had until now, all my work. 183

The Wolf ate the Lamb.

A chance would be to find some other solution, in another place out of this nation, where they know how fake are the "official" information, should I finally find the resources to move away.

So, going back to this chapter title, now what?

I had plenty of time to think at it...

**This** present document is the first action for a restart.

You know, I'm really tired of all those lies running around me.

By now, the chances that I will succeed in showing what had really happened in a Court are sadly low.

Really, I need and I want to have the truth reported somewhere in the public: so I put it in the Internet.

Not only in the Social networks.

I've been constantly under control, thanks to the "Big Brother" tools the authority owns, during all this years. I'm not sure this story would last for long, staying only in simple, common social networks 184.

I will put this in the Freenet<sup>185</sup> first, because I will bet what you want that I will receive the strongest hits of censorship, against this.

And I will print it indelibly also inside at least a couple of BlockChain.

"Not being I an Informatics", I shouldn't know how to do such a thing. But look, despite their alleged "truth", I will do this the same!

They're free to guess which way I did it, I'm curious to see which more lies they will invent...

Only after, I will publish this also on many more traditional social platforms.

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 $<sup>^{183}</sup>$  What if, some young new politicians, searching for funding of new twists like the 80€, ask to the Magistrates' system to start acting as Tax Agents? This is another theory that I was suggested about the reasons behind my story. But should this be the eventuality, the result doesn't change: you don't find inexistent money for the 80€, but sure you destroy people's life.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>184</sup> It's the world is coming, or maybe has come already. Whenever anyone powers on her/his computer, I'd not be surprised if for each person there's an AI, a bot software running somewhere in the Internet, dedicated at tracking that person actions, thoughts, behaviors, tastes, "profiling" in short. The final owner of such "avatar" copy it could be a Government, or a Multinational. And who ensure you that they don't use it to influence your decisions, without problems if, would it happen, at the end, you are turned 100% in a puppet?

But this, how to preserve oneself from the anthill that too few, too rich people wants to change the world into, is another hard matter, too big to discuss here. And it can't be solved alone.

<sup>185</sup> Thanks to Ian Clarke and his team!

Yes, they say there is freedom of speech here, but after someone tells the wrong words, they come and sue for defamation. And guess what, they "temporarily" confiscate, as usual<sup>186</sup>.

But Internet can't be seized.

Few more words about it, I'm really bored of all those lies.

I can't stand it anymore!

There's always been someone teasing me, even *congratulating*, because I was so good in disappearing away all of that money.

How could this reversion have happened?

Everybody did see just all those invoices with the moved €<sup>187</sup>.

Local press repeatedly published only articles reporting the fancy accusations.

And no, please, I should not insist being ridiculous, by saying that I did not have in my pockets millions of €.

There's to get really angry about this situation: nailed and teased.

Yes it's true. I had disappeared for quite a long time.

It's because I was wrecked due to the stalking I suffered.

But, many people here, they think it's because I was full of money, and that during all these years I've been wandering around the world 188!

Being not this the only of a long list of false messages that were spread, following the first one I reported, that first note that was sent to the media, at the very beginning.

With me compelled/stalked to silence, waiting for a trial in the Court, a lot of more lies like this were spread during these years, always to keep me under pressure!

Me, I obviously know very well that, when put in a row, using a trivial spreadsheet, all of the financial operations that I did, everything sums to zero, but <u>no one did such an</u> accounting ever<sup>189</sup>.

So it was easy to let the people believe to all those alleged lies.

Being I the interested party, my version cannot be trusted, about this subject!

But, I repeat, I can't stand all of that lies anymore.

My relationship with almost all of the people that have suffered any kind of problems, because of that story, went bad, due also to those lies.

"I must suffer while he is rich?"

Friends, relatives, any kind of past shareholder, they all avoid me, if not worst, alas.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>186</sup> If with this story is it not clear why every Italian needs to have some funds hidden safe, I don't know how it could be shown better.

Me before I thought it was not necessary, but I was an idiot.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>187</sup> What I was forced to do to comply to the local fiscal rules.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>188</sup> To go abroad I should travel, and it don't exist neither airplane nor train tickets, but such a lie comes from gossiping, and in gossips you don't need to give proofs! Still applying tricks...

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>189</sup> And it would be the case, if someday I will find the resource, to have somewhere a professional accounting Study to do this work! Obviously, someone who is not frightened by the concept of "holding"...

So I'm not afraid of getting accused for defamation, due to what I already wrote twice, the fact that I've just been using their written words, by "cut and copying" from what they printed in their reports.

I decided to use a few precautions, anyway.

As already it could be noticed, all the names and any reference were deleted from what I reported.

Why?

It's not because I'm trying to hide!

In fact, there are enough elements left enabling anyone, who's willing to investigate, to find every coordinates of the places, the people and the events of this story, so to verify its truth.

Certainly, in case should anyone ever mind looking for the truth, not fearing that Wolf.

Should I be asked, I can also supply the original documents myself, should they disappear from the public offices as, in some cases, it have happened, already.

But look, my interest here it's not to hit anyone in particular, what I wanted when I started writing this, it was to highlight what are the dangerous traps of the system I live in, a bad kind of traps that I was forced to know, having to suffer them.

And all the hypocrisies that are behind this "gone mad" system.

Italy is only one province, even peripheral, of a larger modern empire many people live in. And share same problems.

Also, I won't put this in my native language. It will appear in any other, but not in the Italian language<sup>191</sup>.

I want the truth to be available, somewhere, because after all those never-ending attacks I'm still suffering since years, I don't know if I'll ever be enabled to show it somewhere, nor how I will end<sup>192</sup>.

Besides, having finally reported the truth somewhere, at least maybe I will spare someone the same fate, showing the traps that exist here 193.

There are a lot of precautions to adopt, before even thinking to operate a business in my country. To keep going with the parable, mind the Wolf<sup>194</sup>!

 $<sup>^{190}</sup>$  Think, me too I'm able to use that tool!  $\ensuremath{\mbox{\@olive{190}}}$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>191</sup> There's a clear reason for this, but I won't write it. I leave it to be guessed from what has been written until now. Let's see if you get it!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>192</sup> I'm sure there's no need to detail how a widespread going information could contribute definitely also to my own security, how's easy to imagine.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>193</sup> I'm not sure instead that, after this, the efforts to keep me disabled will end.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>194</sup> One more note about this. Another, but a funny one.

As soon as I finally went back in normal mental status, I started exchanging with the people I had around, and I discovered something curious. All the best people in my city, those I have admired for a reason or another when considering their ac-

But honestly, now, there's more.

I started writing this story to deny the traps in the system but while writing... let me report what else came in my mind... let's go to the start, I go from the first thing I've said: I'm an IT man.

Despite all the lies that have been invented against me, negating my very identity.

Talking about fables, there's another one with another Wolf who, thinking he is the most powerful beast around, goes on bullying every animal it crosses, without caring anything, until it meets an Elephant, and guess what? The Elephant don't even answer; it tramples the Wolf, which since then, this way definitely shuts its crazy ways.

While long I've been writing, I took a decision, as a specific additional goal.

I want to find that "Elephant".

But who's that Elephant?

It is you, all the people reading.

What does this really mean?

And, which way should this be related to that fact that I'm an IT man?

Well, all of my life I've been with my eyes pointed in the future as far as I could, trying to foresee the world we're going into.

Like this new "BlockChain technology" based coming world, which someone keeps trying to disable.

I think I can see what's going to happen in spite of everything, from the hundreds of different projects I met, in the swarm of the ICOs, the TGEs, the IEOs and so on.

Thousands of people are working everyday, with hundreds of projects, looking to disrupt every trace of the ancient nineteenth-century world aged concepts, in every sector of human life.

In health, education, wealth, travelling, banking... and what about justice?

Still keeping the simple citizens tied to ancient laws, always in danger to be eaten from each State old-fashioned "Wolf"?

Or maybe we could start <u>kicking</u> that Wolf every now and then, everywhere in the World, if it should overuse its powers?

I don't trust, that such kicks happen already. Guess why.

tions, in the most various roles, each of them finished to tell me they too have had troubles of the same kind I met, maybe not so nasty, but they too had been stalked, in a way or another. Where's the fun?

You know, it was almost like there's a Club missing. The club of the stalked people, those who faced the Wolf!

Not after what I experienced on my skin!

Everyone by himself is weak but, all together, there's a billion people community, operating in the Cyberspace, using the Internet everyday.

That is the "Elephant".

So here I ask for your help, most of all in making this story better spread around in the Internet, the widest possible, because the more know it, the more we are, those looking for a way to disable the danger of a bullying Wolf.

Also, whoever can, further kind of help is obviously appreciated, would it even be a Satoshi, a Wei, and any kind of tiny crypto sum. The smallest fraction can be of use in getting back free, disabling all those seizes<sup>195</sup>.

There's a help page, for those willing to help me to repel my Wolf, <u>here</u>. I will add updates in that same place.

And after... should this happen, there's a contribution to give to shape this brand new coming world. It must be a place where anyone should always be protected from being bullied by a system everyday changing towards the "Big Brother" form<sup>196</sup>.

Globally.

That depends on which resources will be gathered. It's not only a matter of wealth. It's about what it will be any other direct help eventually offered by any interested people. There's some organization to be laid down.

Think big!

So, here is finally where we end the telling of this still running story.

Allow me a last word, while I'm giving greetings, and I am sincerely thanking anyone who followed me until here.

Recently, in so many places in the Internet, I often find on-going talks, about a peculiar concept, that is, the Dignity<sup>197</sup>.

Anytime, during these years, the Wolf set free by an "everyday more and more sick" State have continuously attacked me, always hitting me exactly there, in my Dignity.

I invite anyone to check what this word stands for: it's not Philosophy, it's something each man genetically has written inside, and it's everyone's most precious treasure.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>195</sup> Be warned: <u>no FIAT</u>. Absolutely not! Anyone who helped could be targeted. By using crypto currency, instead, anyone is identified from his sending wallet, though keeping his privacy at will. And it does not leave me unable to explain where I got money from, an event that would became a proof of me hiding somewhere "who knows what wealth".

Thanks to this middlemen absence anyone who wants can help without practically any risk.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>196</sup> Remember that wonderful, visionary, genial movie "Brazil", the Terry Gilliam one? It's a 34 years old one, but it fits every-day more what we're living daily!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>197</sup> Some says the Stoicism started developing this concept, but it is far more ancient!

I thank God, and all those angels-on-earth, which helped me against the beast, because I was able to keep mine integer, besides all the attacks I suffered.

Until now.