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Republicans and a "Return to Normalcy" In the early s, weary from fighting a world war and disillusioned by the failure of Wilson's plans to create a new world order, Americans sought stability.

He normally could have gotten ushered straight to the front of the line but he had chosen a day that would have the bank especially busy for a reason. Finally after the people in front of him were served, one a braggart of a woman who made quite the show of pulling out a large sum of galleons, Albus reached the front of the line. Kilsharp," Albus greeted genially, knowing how much the goblins hated to be disrespected. It was a shame the teller sneered at him despite his politeness. The teller turned and spoke in low, clipped tones to one of the free goblins before turning back to face Albus. Step aside and wait for an escort. Kilsharp," He paid no mind to the guttural growl that followed after him as he walked away. Returning a few of the happy greetings sent his way by former students, Albus made his way to the side of the bank to wait for one of the lower goblins to escort him to the room where their human colleagues were stationed. He would add a few of his own charms, of course, in case the goblin magic was not quite enough. I was a few years ahead of James and Lily Potter, you know. Well, it warms my heart to know that my own little Harold will be able to experience the wonders of Hogwarts under your special brand of guidance. Little Harold Evanson, set to start Hogwarts next year. Hopefully by then those new wards everyone has been blabbing about will be in place. Have lots to do for the missus. It was nice meeting you, Professor Dumbledore. Before Albus could think too much on what had caught his attention, a goblin appeared before him and said to follow him. The sudden bright lighting of the room made Albus squint his eyes as they adjusted to the change. Albus shook his head at the blatant rudeness but soon put it out of his mind and made his way to where he had been directed. Shaun Morgan was sitting at his desk placed in between to walls of some kind of muggle component called plaster. As he took a seat, he could feel the privacy wards activate and discreetly cast his own privacy charms. It is a rather important visit. Not long ago we received a copy of a report from one of our branch banks that the Potter Main vaults were once again active. He would need to look into that at some point. He had a few contacts in America and Canada through the International Confederate. The air around the cottage had practically been saturated in it. It seemed that his idea to request help from Loki Skywalker would bear fruit after all. A wizard such as he would surely have contacts in the country where he lived. From his vantage point, Hadrian noticed Dean approaching first. Dean shook his head in amusement. Terry wants to practice the Expansion charm so we should all fit. Wayne is having a little pow-wow with Uncle Loki and Uncle Remy and his parents. He would have to design a pin about this, though, and award one to whoever beat a Gryffindor during the Knights of Loki duels. The warning bell for the train rang, signaling that the returning students should all board the train. I would introduce you to her but we should be getting on the train. It was nice to meet you, Mrs. Thomas," Thor offered to escort Melissa to where Natasha was while Dean hugged his mom and sister goodbye before walking off with Hadrian to find the compartment the others had reserved. Dean laughed and pushed at Hadrian to board the train. Su, Morag and Seamus joined them in the hallway with Wayne making his way to them with only a few minutes to spare. Wayne nudged Hadrian and gave him an intent look. Hadrian nodded and stepped aside to let Wayne lead the way. They found Lisa, Terry and Neville - along with Mandy and Parvati and Lavender of all people - not long after, not having to stop and check each compartment along the way thanks to Wayne. Terry did indeed use the Expansion charm and the compartment that normally only fit six comfortably was now large enough to seat fourteen. Hadrian to the window seat with Wayne sitting next to him and Terry, Lisa and Neville sitting across from him. Mandy, Morag and Su sat down next to Wayne, leaving two seats open next to them. They spent the train ride talking about their holiday; what they got, thanking each other for the gifts they received, what trips they made, what parties they went to. Parvati and Lavender took great delight in informing everyone of all the societal scandals that had happened over the break. Lisa could hardly contain herself as she told their friends all about New York, though she kept the hell dimension attack and the difference in underage magic laws to herself. No one except the trolley lady stopped by - which for some reason sent Hadrian, Lisa and Terry into slight hysterics - and between the twelve of them

they unloaded her of most of her stock. Hadrian watched his friends chat happily and smiled, glad that his mom had allowed him to return. He only hoped nothing else would happen. Immediately after that thought he felt like slapping himself for jinxing it. Missing a meeting with the headmaster was one thing, letting the whole student body of Hogwarts go unsupervised was another. And not only because of his status. I would hope that should any child disappear, it would be looked into," she added when Severus opened his mouth, most likely to accuse the lost boy of just that. Before the potions professor could find a point to argue the door opened to reveal Albus Dumbledore wearing a grim expression. What have you found? Albus made his way to his desk, sitting down as though he had the weight of the world on his shoulders. He looked into each of their eyes in turn before looking away. They all refrained from commenting on feeling the light probe of Legilimency. Protective magic spilled forth from Minerva, Poppy and Pomona, coating the room and its occupants with it. The charms professor was quite giddy at the action, knowing it could only mean good and amusing things. I only learned of this when I was informed by Gringotts that the Potter Main vaults were once again active. It has also been brought to my attention that a proxy has been named, though who it is has been blocked from my knowledge. Filius held back a grin. Albus sighed again, bringing the attention back on him. With the business of the Potter vaults it means they cannot claim to not know who the boy is. Surely we cannot go to North America and search for the young man. Not only do none of us have the time to devote to such a thing, we would hardly be able to keep it secret for long and whoever has taken him in would be alerted. Just as they were making their way out the door Albus said his final piece. Something strange was going on with the first years. No one was sure exactly what they were researching as they had taken steps to cover their tracks by grabbing as many books on different subjects as they could. All they knew was that it had started with - who else - Lisa and Terry. They had walked into the common room one day with fire in their eyes and gathered all the other first years up and were gone. When they returned that same fire had spread to the others, sparking interest and worry in the other students. The Gryffindor first years - bar Hermione Granger and Ron Weasley - made daily trips out to see Hagrid, where they stayed for hours on end if allowed, talking about Merlin knows what. A few had tried to pump Hagrid for information but it seemed that for once the half-giant had learned to keep a secret. That along with the fact that Parvati Patil and Lavender Brown willingly sat in the dirt was nearly enough to give Minerva a heart attack. Neville had been the ringleader on this front, making everyone certain that Romanoff was somehow behind it all. Hermione had attempted to find out what was happening but was brushed off by Dean - who told her that if they needed her help they would ask. No one wondered why Ron was excluded. Some of the Hufflepuff first years - Wayne Hopkins, Susan Bones, Hannah Abbot and Sally-Anne Perks - were seen several times whispering to one another in corners, scaring those who knew that when the badgers gathered together like that it meant something big. The only Slytherin in the know - Hadrian Romanoff because he seemed to be involved in everything these days - disappeared at odd times and returned with a triumphant grin. Sometimes he and Peeves would be seen coming out of the same room together, shake hands, and part ways. His housemates had tried to figure out what was going on but none of them had any luck, which only served to heighten the worry. The staff was at a loss. None of them could remember a time during their tenure as both teacher and student when the houses banded together like this, let alone only first years. Only Sprout seemed to have any idea of what was going on but she was tight lipped and seemed to be quite proud and pleased with the students. Not even the headmaster asking her plainly got her to reveal her secret. It was making the others anxious and no one had any clue as what to do about it. Bribing, scolding, questioning, even straight out threatening, none of it worked. One event sent terror into the hearts of everyone. Argus Filch either stumbled upon the secret or was deliberately brought it in and he was keeping it to himself. To know that the infamous Argus Filch and Peeves the Poltergeist were in agreement on something and were actively keeping it from everyone had actually made a second year Hufflepuff cry when he saw them discussing something. Nothing was set on fire, no one was brought back from the dead. There were no great parties or feasts. None of the possibilities the students and staff had thought up came to life - though the broom one did inspire Susan Bones and Hannah Abbot. One night and it was over. Nobody was sure whether or not they were happy to not know what happened. Vincent Crabbe would later swear that he heard the howl of a wolf.

Chapter 2 : Return to Normalcy or a new Beginning - KÅ, b bogen hos Syddansk Universitetsforlag

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Article Featured image courtesy IndiaTimes The local government election of 10 February marked a triumphant return of former President Mahinda Rajapaksa. Though the polls were meant to elect representatives for local government bodies the lowest tier of government , the sweeping victory of the brand new party he endorsed and gave his direct blessings to “ the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna SLPP ” has revived the possibility of Mr. Three years after losing power, Mr. The resounding victory of the SLPP appears to have shattered one of the greatest post-war political myths in the country: Symbolizing all that was good and beautiful as opposed to the bad and ugly , it was a term, a slogan, which enabled the anti-Rajapaksa forces to provide a clear and soothing alternative to the authoritarian mess that was the Rajapaksa-regime. With a common-candidate Maithripala Sirisena who seemed to reach the very heart of the Sinhala constituency and appeal widely as a friend of the minorities too, a good and benevolent government appeared to be a possibility to many. With the Rajapaksas defeated, so the argument and expectation went, a new country based on the seemingly pristine values of democracy, good governance and the rule of law was to be constructed: The Yahapalana-regime quickly turned out to be an embarrassment, one which may have generated the greatest degree of frustration within the shortest period of time in recent Sri Lankan history. Sirisena, during the Presidential and Parliamentary election-campaigns in And a regime which was elected on the promise of eradicating corruption was not only finding it unable and even unwilling to prosecute those alleged of serious corruption, but also found itself to be struck by one of the most devastating scandals: There was also, from the very start, an unresolved question about the mandate received by the Yahapalana-regime both in January and August, For the apologists of the Yahapalana-regime, the mandate seemed to be a clear and convincing one in favour of prosecuting the Rajapaksas for alleged corruption , introducing an entirely new Constitution which, inter alia, abolished the Executive Presidency, promoted maximum devolution of powers to the Provinces especially the North and East , and facilitated transitional justice perhaps through the establishment of a special court to prosecute members of the armed forces, or even through a hybrid court which involved the participation of foreign judges. For the apologists of the defeated Rajapaksa-regime, there was no such mandate whatsoever. Both these views masked a more nuanced reality which many were unwilling to acknowledge. From the Tamil people in the North, the mandate was always clear. It was for all that the Yahapalana-regime had promised and more. But the message that emanated from the Sinhalese, especially from those who voted for the Yahapalana-regime, was less clear. The Sinhalese, by and large, demanded only a modest reform-project. A view that has now solidified in the country is: On the other hand, in constitutional-terms, the reform project that a majority of the Sinhalese aimed at was perhaps something akin to the 19th Amendment: Nothing more has been possible since mid, with the current constitutional reform process now in a state of comatose. All this would sound terribly unfair to the Tamil population which may have expected some serious progress. However, it seems that it is this very regime barring a handful of Sinhala politicians which doubts its own ability to introduce far-reaching reform, while the two main parties in power have differences regarding key constitutional issues. Shouldering the weight of history which proves that radical reform is difficult with the Sinhala population, the regime got trapped in a game whereby they promised one thing to the international community and the Tamil population, and another to the Sinhala electorate. A regime which was less cocky, more honest, and willing to assess its chances realistically, realizing that serious reform needs to be convincingly championed and promoted from the President downwards, may have operated differently and perhaps achieved somewhat different results. In a sense, nothing of the above should be too alarming. After all, one of the foundational reasons for much of what has happened to the present regime has to do with the indubitable fear that the regime has of a possible return of Mahinda Rajapaksa. The Yahapalana-regime, from its inception, has been a reactive regime. Unable to set the agenda and play the game on its own terms, the regime is possessed by the Rajapaksa spectre. As a result, the

only thing the present regime has been able to do is to accuse the former regime of grievous misdeeds, and nothing else; a situation utterly despicable to the voting population. In addition, there is supreme incoherence at the hierarchy, with a President who at times shows that he is as clueless as an ordinary citizen in the street about what his own Cabinet is doing. A fresh crisis of governance has emerged soon after the election, whereby there is uncertainty about the longevity of the present Yahapalaya-regime, with both the UNP and SLFP trying to form a government. It is a crisis precipitated due to the reaction of the President as Professor Jayadeva Uyangoda has correctly pointed out , and also due to the pressure that seems to have been exerted on the President by a group of SLFP-Ministers in Cabinet. But, there are more serious reasons undergirding this crisis. Firstly, it is because the Yahapalana-regime i. Thus, the shock of defeat is palpable. Secondly, the crisis is a result of the deep and abiding lack of confidence the regime had, and has, about itself. Ever since the Rajapaksa team was able to show that they had massive numbers behind them at rallies beginning with the famous Nugegoda-rally, with the momentum reaching a climax at the famous May-day rally at Galle-Face , the regime would have felt it was engaged in a difficult, even losing, battle. And the Yahapalana-regime, going by its performance since , has every right to think so too. Thirdly, and related to the above, is the feeling harboured by the regime that the Sinhala-Buddhists are not entirely with them. And fourthly, the present crisis is also a result of the many glaring contradictions and antagonisms within the Yahapalana-regime; brought to the fore more clearly in recent times, especially during the election campaign. President Sirisena, in particular, took the lead in attacking the UNP, while Prime Minister Wickremasinghe was far more diplomatic in his approach towards preserving the coalition government. In the above context, the current crisis was inevitable. However, this does not necessarily or automatically mean that there ought to be a change of government soon after a local government election. President Sirisena, in particular, has no right to demand the resignation of the Prime Minister who is from the UNP ; especially after being responsible, together with the likes of former President Chandrika Kumaratunga, for the near demolition of his own party, the SLFP. If the President had wanted to, he could have been more measured in his critique of the UNP, knowing that his party and the regime in general would be faring poorly at the election; an approach which would have been less problematic to him, in case he wanted to continue with the Yahapalana-regime after 10 February. The reasonable way forward would be to invite a party which can muster a majority to rule. In short, in a situation where the Prime Minister does not resign on his own volition, the Prime Minister can be changed if the Cabinet stands dissolved, and that in turn can happen only if Parliament, inter alia, passes a vote of no-confidence “ for which a clear majority is required. Consumed by the greed for snatching power, the SLPP stands to lose much if it rushes to quickly where angels would fear to tread. Its aims, going forward, would be to help the SLFP establish a government without joining it. Charitha Herath from the SLPP-camp has pointed out, it would be necessary for the SLPP to ensure that this newly established government is of a very short duration and that during the course of that government, the greater likelihood is that the opposition would be led by the UNP, and not the SLPP. How these different challenges would be addressed by the respective parties will be seen in the days to come. What is certain, however, is that from now on, things will never be the same again for the Yahapalana-regime. Different people can draw different lessons from the results of the election concluded on 10 February. One of the more serious lessons that some might be unwilling to acknowledge is how patient a vast segment of the Sinhala electorate has been, over the past few years, in observing the ferocious campaign launched against the Rajapaksas and how willing and ready they have been to forgive and re-endorse Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa and his team “ especially after having realized that the Yahapalana-project is just talk and no action. Just as the people were ready to defeat Mr. It is a serious message that the present regime is unwilling to fathom. This is never advisable, and it may not even be a real possibility with President Sirisena. But, the overall result of the election appears to suggest that the point has been crossed when any action against the Rajapaksas “ especially, against the former President and the former Secretary to the Ministry of Defence, Mr. Gotabaya Rajapaksa “ will be accepted by their supporters with mere non-violent protest. From now on, it is almost impossible to challenge the Rajapaksas without risking a serious and even violent confrontation; as any action against them, however legitimate, would be seen as amounting to baseless revenge and nothing else. The clash, if it ever happens, would also have the strong blessings of the

Sangha-community, which has generally been very supportive of Mr. Instead of a puerile and vacillating leadership, they are almost yearning for a return to a strong hand at the helm: Instead of a hybrid-something that makes no sense, the demand would increasingly be for a leadership that can add meaning to their lives. Having reached the summit in search of a grand promise, the people have suddenly realized that there is nothing there. Instead what they find is a confused regime, unable to understand the gruesome reality that it has been comprehensively defeated at a local government election which was almost a national referendum of sorts. Continuing to hang on a stale hope of ushering in good-governance after three unsuccessful years with an unpopular leadership, the Yahapalana-regime can now be seen to be marching swiftly towards its inevitable death. If the same regime continues to rule it may not take too long to find "at the gates" a group, confident and vengeful, waiting to accept a corpse and attend to the customary practice of burying the dead. The end could still be a little less painful, if only those in power can think.

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