

Investor who discovered the Internet says China irreparably broken

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NEW ORLEANS – Milton Cumberbatch is a longtime investor working out of his offices in sleepy St. John the Baptist Parish, a rural suburb of New Orleans, where he has over the past 117 years built a thriving day-trading practice that has increasingly been branching out into the on-line computer dating industry, most notably the Super Bowl Speed Round Match-Up, which he now considers to be deeply flawed.

The self-proclaimed 'King of Shorts' has been on the forefront of several notable collapses, including the Enron Bankruptcy in 2000, in which he pocketed \$365 billion by selling the stock short while it was still at \$317 per share. He also profited from the Worldcom disaster, in which New Orleans Saints former record-holding field goal kicker, Tom Dempsey, participated in a \$171 million payday based on perfectly timed margin calls. Dubbed the 'Oracle of Opelousas' by the *National Enquirer* in 2007, Cumberbatch also lead investor challenges to the Disney Board of Directors, bringing down CEO compensation from \$567 million in 2012 to just \$12.19 last year.

However, none of those projects have come close to that of the Peoples Republic of China, the largest economy in the history of the planet, with tens of trillions of dollars in annual gross domestic product that was supposed to lead hundreds of millions of men, women and children into the 22nd Century.

Cumberbatch was the person who initially discovered the Internet, only eight years after former Vice-President Gore, (a close personal friend of Cumberbatch's), invented it, for strictly scholastic purposes.

Just over a month after plugging in his Tandy 1000, Cumberbatch began working with the Technical Director of Guangdong Province, (which was then just a pre-industrial communist territory within the backwater nation), to build a multi-zillion dollar labyrinth of economic transactions, through the Linden Bit-Coin Currency (LBCC) – a virtual bank, headed up by 'Net Surfing Czar' Kentucky Rosenberg.

Fast forward twelve-and-a-half years later, and Cumberbatch bristles at the mention of the Super Bowl Speed Round Match-Up. After his initial coding, a group of 19 programmers from across the Asian Continent (now 18 after one of the programmers was lost in a freakish hand-gliding incident), a group that did not include Cumberbatch, were named to a Worldwide Match-Up Committee (WMC), who were appointed to make compatibility determinations, announced with great fanfare during the half-time of the annual Super Bowl. The WMC was so successful that the Chinese Government saw a 12,000,000% return on investment over the first 10 years – not to mention 347 million future taxpayers, the precious offspring of 347 million happy new couples.

In the last two years, however, growth has leveled off, and the number of marriages and babies have fallen into decline. Cumberbatch, who is selling short, believes that the Match-Up is irreparably broken. “Had I been put in charge of that Committee” Cumberbatch says, “we would be experiencing three-digit multiplication of both babies and bitcoins – as any halfways intelligent cajun will tell you, the two main ingredients for the gumbo of life.”

(As a side note, Cumberbatch is also an accomplished hunter and gatherer, who claims to have sucked the heads off crawfish, shot over 13,000 red siamese chipmunks, and, in his heyday, even wrestled alligators and crocodiles.)

Unyielding in his criticism of the WMC, Cumberbatch says the goal has been obvious. He says their actions have imperiled the nation of China, the Internet, and the World-Wide Economy.

“In designing the Match-Up, they were out to make love connections. And not a few love connections, a lot of love connections. And I think what should happen, when you appoint a WMC, they should not be allowed use the Match-Up. They are fiduciary to the entire on-line dating population, and they are fiduciary to all of the taxpayers who rely on the Linden Bit-Coins to fuel the Chinese economy,” he said in an interview with the *Chamber Rag* last year.

While the LBCC worked as planned under Rosenberg, fissures began to form with the WMC. Most notably, was what the British Government challenged as a miscalculation of Bit-Coins by World Bank-appointed Administrator, James Franklinton. According to the Queen’s lawyers, Franklinton has paid millions of dollars in Bit-Coins to men and women who could never find a successful mate.

Cumperbatch contends the WMC knowingly wrote loopholes into the fabric of the Web, and conspired to provide children to those who did not deserve them.

After twice being turned down by IMF President, Boutros Boutros-Ghali, Cumperbatch had to go back to LaPlace, twiddling his thumbs and sending out press-kits to agenda-driven rags like us who love a good, doesn't-necessarily-have-to-be-true, story.

One of the major problems, as Cumperbatch sees it, is the introduction of Directive 495 ten years after the program was first introduced on-line, based on Great Britain's challenge.

According to Cumperbatch, if there was ever a system that begged for reconsideration, it was the Match-Up. However, now that the United Nations has chosen not to cancel this year's event, staged in sunny Arizona, Cumperbatch and other investors like him – outside of the WMC, and who number in the dozens – have to live with the actions taken by the WMC as the Super Bowl continues, despite what many are calling tragic flaws.

“What you have to understand” says WMC member, Herman Stephenson, “is that Cumperbatch isn't so much an entrepreneur as he is a Carnival Barker. ‘Look at me, look at me’ he says, as he bites the heads off chickens. Sure, he has been extremely lucky with the timing of some of his investments, particularly short sales. But I am not sure that anyone would really trust him to do anything of real significance or importance.” In fact, Stephenson adds, “In twenty years of public service, I am not aware of Cumperbatch ever doing anything that actually contributed to the success of any single project.”

(Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of 116 Chamber Rag interviews with a man who has seemingly endless time to talk to the pseudo-press, since he really isn't doing much of anything else.)