

The Flashlight



Greetings, illuminator,

The Flashlight has failed. I know that now. Too broad in its scope, too lax in its fact-checking, too arch in its proclamations. We cast such a wide net that when we stumbled across a conspiracy that really mattered, people couldn't see the forest for the trees. And shouting the truth into a vacuum drove me down a dark path I fear I can never return from. Indeed, if you've found this, I am almost certainly dead. Someone needs to carry on our work, but it needs a new face, a new voice. I thought about handing over the keys to the Flashlight proper, but my actions have now tainted that site beyond repair. No, this is a brand new blog site, and one I leave in your hands. Please use it to pick up where the Flashlight left off, shining the light of truth onto those who would hide it from us. And if you ditch the doom-and-gloom and stick to the facts (something I was never able to do), maybe, just maybe, someone will listen, and you can make the difference I never could.

And you couldn't ask for better allies than @realjackbower, @robovamp2000 and @celesteluce666. Contact them on Twitter to let them know that you've found this. I truly believe their devotion to your cause will be as tireless as it was to mine. Because our cause is the same. If you are unable to maintain this blog, you have my blessing to bequeath it to one of them. The only reason I didn't send this to them directly is because ever since I've been on the run from the law, I've taken great pains to cut all ties with my former friends: it wouldn't do for them to be implicated in my crimes. Please let them know that cutting them off was the hardest thing I ever had to do, and I only did it to protect them. From me.

Now, pay attention, you've got a few more hoops to jump through. Go to www.wordpress.com and login using the username "lighthouse rules". To figure out the password, you're going to need to go back to the map. I've used a book cipher to encode the password, using the form "site number – letter number." So 1 – 2 would translate to the second letter in the description for the first map point. Count letters only, not spaces or other characters, and the names of the locations are included in these calculations. Good luck, and if you hit a snag, those same folks listed above can help you through it.

Here's the coded password, all one word:

20-9 16-3 37-2 39-10 34-6 18-1 35-1 24-3 2-7 5-1

Keep shining on for justice, my friend. This is Jared Nadir signing off.

- Uroboros