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CHARLIE FOXTROT - a novel about the Cold War, the Gulf War and the stupidity of war. CHARLIE FOXTROT is the story of Lieutenant Bennett, an army intelligence officer assigned to the 74th Cavalry in West Germany, during the final days of the Cold War. Bennett is the straight man, who through the looking glass, must interact with characters so bizarre, that only the army could manufacture them. Bennett must survive patrols across the East German border and sub-zero field exercises. He is forced to participate in absurd army intelligence investigations and is an eyewitness to the fall of the Berlin Wall. Just when Bennett though the was going home, his unit is accidentally deployed to the Persian Gulf War. While there, things seem to spin completely out of control...

Ten minutes later he turned into the squadron headquarters parking lot. He stopped the car, kicked open the door and practically fell out, with the energy of a geriatric. The cold, damp air enveloped him. He felt like a piece of lint being sucked into a vacuum, albeit slowly. He glanced up at the bastion-style building that housed the commander and staff of the 74th Cavalry Squadron. The headquarters building, like the rest of the structures on the kaserne or post, originally belonged to the German Army in World War II. The Americans had taken over the kaserne and a thousand others in West Germany at the end of the war. Bennett had learned that wherever the U.S. Army went, it stayed, just like the Romans had on the hilltop fortress behind the kaserne and all across Europe. But, eventually, they had departed, leaving the world crumbling pieces of lead cups and coins that could be auctioned off on late night cable. Bennett wondered who would move in when the Americans left one day. Would it be another conquering army, or would it be the Germans again? Maybe there was even a slight chance the buildings would be put to some good use, for things other than mechanized warfare. But, he doubted that. It would go on forever. It has always had and it always would. War was a good investment.

Master Sergeant Wyatt Peacock and Staff Sergeant Stanton T. Moses worked in the squadron's supply section. In actuality, they owned the supply section. Peacock was the NCOIC (non-commissioned officer in charge) and Moses was his assistant and general sidekick. Their offices were located in the basement of the squadron headquarters which allowed them all the privacy they needed to connive, cajole, liberate, requisition, purloin, secure and hijack military and non-military items ranging from .50 caliber machine guns to double-door refrigerators. Rumor had it that both Peacock and Moses were running a black-marketeering ring from a secret warehouse, but that was just hearsay. There had been a thousand rumors about them. If asked, most people in the squadron could only guess at what in the hell they were really up to.

With liberated plywood from Peacock and Moses, it had taken two days to assemble the Kangaroo Mouse Racetrack at Sea City. It was Reilly's idea to hold the races. He was the de facto oddsmaker, groundskeeper, commentator and executive vice president of Sea City Downs. A lot of people thought Reilly was an alcoholic because he drank constantly and he was of Irish heritage. In actuality, he wasn't a drunk. He was though, an obsessive compulsive who was easily addicted to either: Jack and Coke, hookers, or his latest focus, gambling.

When Burger awoke, sometime later, he was inside a medium-sized tent and propped up on pillows. Five, scantily clad Bedouin women were feeding him dates, wiping his face, giving him water and massaging his size 7, quadruple G feet. They stared at him with a mixture of fascination and awe. The woman who was giving him water was the first to speak. Burger noticed that her breasts were almost fully exposed from the

silk lining of her blouse.

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