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## Electric Funeral

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The bids of Death are always done by minor actors, in this case as Chavez the buffoon becomes for a day a herald. A tyrant, who held an entire island slave for fifty years, ends his life surrounded by the to organic substances that defined his life and infamous oeuvre: excrements and blood.

His end is announced in a quasi carnivalesque fashion, with his son trying his clothing, and parading on his place, in front of a captive -and imported audience.

Now, the time has come.

The funeral bells are tolling, to deaf ears, because they are in effect inaudible, but at this point, nobody cares anymore if the tyrant is dead or alive. Or do they?

Fidel Castro has been in poor health for the longest time, as the proof of reality of his much touted medical miracle. Medical mirage, is the proper name for such a macabre illusion. His secret government has decreed that nobody has to know about him, or see him, or hear him, since senility also took the old orator as its most valued prey. The myth of the great orator is also demolished, for those who listened to him in an orgasmic rapture. The doves will not land on his shoulders any more, the old tricks no longer work.

Fidel Castro is in a medical coma, just waiting for B'rak Hussein Obama to be sworn as President of the United States, to exit the world of the living-dead and be forever buried. His brother would not give the satisfaction to George W. Bush of announcing the death of the monster, but will reserve the putrid corpse to be served on a proverbial silver tray to the incoming president as a good will gesture or as "borrón y cuenta nueva" petition. With Castro gone, and with the promise of retirement made in secret by Raúl to the incoming American administration, there is a completely different field where to play politics and where to draw -in wet sand- the fate of the

Cuban people. The Honorable Hillary Clinton will be the Mistress of Ceremonies, and by that she will amass a considerable amount of power, and will reserve for herself the privilege of dealing with whatever comes after the present tyranny. Will it be a new tyranny?

Most likely, because the ancien régime will not cease to exist that easily.

Will it be a transitional "soft-dictatorship"?

It's also very possible.

But we cannot mistake the death of Castro for the liberty of Cuba, since these are two very different concepts. Cuba can free itself of the Castros by the virtue of the span of the human life. But even free of the Castros, Cuba can fall victim of a newly minted Castroism, under very different rulers.

A free Cuba can only exist when all the trappings of the communist system are forever eradicated. An illusion of freedom doesn't mean that liberty reigns over the land, and illusion of freedom is just a fraud, an of frauds the history of Cuba is filled to the tops.

The freedom of Cuba cannot be achieved with a stroke of a pen -or imposed from abroad- it has to be reached by the will of a people.

A few days into the new presidency, Cuba will announce the passing of the most brutal man born in the Americas. It will be an electric funeral, a funerary circus of sorts. There will be a place in the state funeral for the American president to shed a tear -sincere or not- for the death of the man whose only accomplishment is deign of the Guinness Records: the longest tyranny in the history of the continent, and the demonstration that Hell can be brought to Earth with very few resources. Today, when the world waits for the comical parade to end, we all know that Castro has been irrelevant to Cuban life for many months, even tough the mainstream-media keeps on revering the corpse as if it were a living dictator. The old tyrant is dead. It's over.