Bikoy video: Trillanes, the writer; Yellow Otso, the producer

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I DON'T have the slightest doubt that the vile video "Bikoy" was the work of Sen. Antonio Trillanes 4th, his hideous swan song. If it had gained traction, he would have boasted authorship, and would have claimed that it was he who convinced "Bikoy" to make the allegations against President Duterte and his family.

It is a hilarious twist though that one ex-convict and swindler Peter Joemel Advincula got into the Integrated Bar of the Philippines headquarters to hold a press conference to announce that he was "Bikoy."

The guy is as insane as he is a sweet-talker, who was able to convince the usual activist nuns to take him in as they had taken in another fraudster a few years back, the crying man Jun Lozada of the NBN-ZTE fiction, who has since been convicted for graft by the Sandiganbayan.

Advincula is the equivalent of a "photo-bomber" in this episode. I suspect he approached Otso Diretso's Jose Manuel Diokno and fooled him into believing that he was Bikoy. He told Diokno he feared for his life, and wanted to go out into the open. He convinced the Otso Diretso basement-dweller candidate into arranging his press conference at the IBP's offices, where Diokno is an officer and has an office.

Advincula thought he had a golden opportunity to make some money. As Sen. Vicente Sotto has disclosed, he made similar allegations of involvement in the illegal drug syndicates in 2016 against President Aquino 3rd and his officials. He could just have changed the names in his template back in 2016.

Nut

Who knows what's going on in the mind of a nut? Maybe he thought the Yellows would reward him for his performance that would dent Duterte's integrity, and therefore of his candidates in the last remaining days before election.

Trillanes' Bikoy black-propaganda operation was compartmentalized, or on a need-to-know basis. Diokno believed the nutty Advincula.

The Bikoy video has all of Trillanes' fingerprints, his propaganda DNA. In the past three years, Trillanes and only Trillanes has been obsessed with two allegations against Duterte and his camp.

First is that Duterte has fat bank accounts, amassed through graft and bribes from drug syndicates. Remember that even in the election campaign for 2016, he dared Duterte to sign a waiver for the bank to disclose his accounts?

Second is that for some inexplicable reason, he seems to be obsessed in his allegations that Paolo Duterte and Christopher "Bong" Go have dragon tattoos on their backs that prove their membership in the Chinese drug syndicate called The Triad. He has been the only nut to have pursued such a preposterous allegation.

B-movie

Some crime B-movie that he saw on that Chinese criminal gang has probably etched the idea in his mind. The strangeness of Trillanes' obsession is that it is not the Chinese triad, but the Japanese Yakuza that is known to have dragon tattoos all over the bodies of its members. Does this bungling coup plotter have such a foggy mind that he can't even distinguish the Chinese from the Japanese?

It is only Trillanes who has been obsessed with these two things. And these are the same main two things claimed in the Bikoy video.

Trillanes innovatively but hilariously merges the bank-account thing with the dragon tattoos. Bikoy claimed that the dragon tattoos have secret codes that contain the bank account details of Go and Paolo.

You certainly have to credit Trillanes for imagination: That a tattoo contains one's bank details is something only the highest paid screenwriters in Hollywood could

think of. That would be better than SIM-like cards implanted just beneath the skin, the futuristic means for storing your financial and credit-card details. Why doesn't anyone dare Trillanes to bare his back to show he doesn't have a dragon tattoo?

There is another feature in the Bikoy video that has Trillanes' DNA. This involves the phenomenon known among literary scholars that even the most fantastical works of fiction are based on an author's actual milieu, or something that he has done research on.

'Game of Thrones'

J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter's Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry was based on British upper-class boarding schools. The "Game of Thrones" drew inspiration — even for its characters — from the Wars of the Roses in the 15th century among rival clans ("Houses") vying for the English throne vacated after the mad king Henry 6th's death.

The setting of the allegations in Bikoy's video is not Manila, not Davao, but Albay — Trillanes' home province. The bank where Duterte is supposed to keep his stash is not in Davao, not even in Cebu, but in the Rural Bank of Guinobatan, 10 minutes away from Trillanes' Ligao hometown.

The politicians Bikoy alleged had links to drug lords were all Bicol politicians, among them Camarines Norte Gov. Edgardo Tallado, Albay 3rd District Rep. Fernando Gonzalez, former Camarines Sur Rep. Luis R. Villafuerte, and Catanduanes Gov. Joseph Cua.

Did Trillanes just want to get back at his province-mates who hadn't helped him win in the elections, and do not bow to him?

Bikoy alleged that Misibis Bay Resort in Albay was a shabu laboratory that its owners operated. Probably Trillanes couldn't get free accommodations there?

The producer of this video could be none other than the Yellows, particularly its Otso Diretso candidates. Other than the fact that several of them jumped with joy when it was released and frenetically called for an investigation of its allegations, the website which was first distributed it MetroBalita had campaign ads for the group, especially for Romy Macalintal, Leni Robredo's lawyer.

Such a despicable gang to have spread such lies, and distracting the country from the burning issues the nation must confront. And they dare to ask Filipinos to vote for them, claiming to be honest? Email: tiglao.manilatimes@gmail.com

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