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Big Secrets Volume #1

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In big secrets volume one we will be talking about credit cards, the lie detector test & fingerprints with alarms.

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(> Credit Cards <)

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Well when they made the credit card they put three things on it, which were supposed to be top secret, they did not want a person to know what they did or what was behind them. The three things I'm talking about are: the account number, the signature panel, and the magnetic strip.

Well let's see here, most things I have seen have 6-10 digits right? Yet credit cards have around 20 digits, why? Well its not necessary of course for a credit card to have that many, but it does! Each card holder must have a unique number of course though. Visa has maybe 70 million card holders at this time, Mastercard too. Which leads us to 70 million available numbers!

There are one hundred million possible combinations of eight digits, from 00000000 to 99999999. So eight digits would be enuf. To allow for future growth, Visa could have 9 digits-enuf for one billion different numbers!

In fact, a Visa card has 13 digits and sometimes even more. And American Express has 15 digits. Diners Club cards have 14. Carte Blanche has 10. They are obviously not expecting billions of card owners with those digits. But all the extra ones are only a security device. I mean if they were 4 digits each most people would have no problem getting themselves 3232 fake credit cards!

Say your Visa number is 4321 876 132 564. Each purchase must be entered from a sales slip. The account number tags your purchase to your account. Sometimes the sales people get bored and enter the wrong number. There are 10 trillion possible 13 digit Visa numbers. Only about 65 million of those are working accounts! Which means it is very hard to find one. Those are slim odds to find the number you could fill up a book full of 13 digit numbers. Still you would not duplicate a Visa account number.

Then we have Mastercard of the quadrillion possible combos only about 11

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million are active accounts. Among other things, that makes it possible for them TV, radio and other ads to invite card holders to call up and order. How can they be sure the guy even has a card?

They must base there confidence on the security of the credit carding system. If someone calls up even making sure to use the right number of digits the number will surely not exist. To be practical the only way to get a credit card number is to get it right off the plastic card.

So how do I get the credit card numbers you ask? There are two very easy ways that you can use anytime, one is getting it off the old copy that was run off in the store, so if they don't throw the copies away pick them up and it's yours..then you can also do this very simple trick over the phone:

You: This is bank 1. We are calling to tell you that the credit limit on your Mastercard has been raised to twelve hundred dollars.

Person: but my limit has always been 10,000 dollars!!!

You: Hmmm.. There must be some error or problem in the computers. Do you have your card handy? Could you read off the number?

Right there the person is very worried and wants his limit back so of course he gives you the number.

The signature panel and magnetic strip will be covered in later volumes.

(> Alarms and Fingerprints <)

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Lets make this fast so we can get to the lie detector part. This trick is quite simple. You walk into a big business office that has it so you must enter a certain number of digits before you can enter. Then it will open the door for you. So you go over and clean off the panel and wipe out all the fingerprints, stand outside the door and wait for a guy to go in. He will punch the numbers and go in. Take out sum fingerprint dust and you will see the digits. Write them down....you now know that those digits in some kind of order open the door!

(> The Lie Detector Test <)

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I'm sorry but because of my rush to start typing: How to Write an Adventure Tutorial section I will have to cover this in a coming up volume.

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Yes the lie detector test! The signature panel on credit cards the void pop-up  
a little metal slip is fun.

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