Djupet: The Now in Göteborg

Powers reach into outer space and the inner self.

The greater evil and the greater good: which is which?

**Notions**

The ocean = space, water, the mind, the internet, the cosmos

* Information hidden in the quantum layers of reality
  + Past and future
  + Entities: The Great Dreamer, Greyface, possible female/lover archetype being
* Conscious exploration and unconscious intuition
  + Both have similar meditations/awareness + “lost in the haze” difficulties

The heroes’ partnership

* Monthy meetings at Flygarns Haga
* Loose alliance with extreme northern heroes, all “depths” oriented as well
  + Manchu shaman: Liaoning Province, Liaodong Peninsula, Qianshan Mountains
  + **Molten**, originally Norwegian magnetic guy at the North Pole

Society, law, institutions

* Swedish
  + Regular police – conceivably very difficult for the Göteborg police **– destructive fight with La Flecha Dorada & the question of what to do with her**
* International
  + Whatever Nordic/Scandinavian agreement is concerned
  + EU and not-quite or almost-EU
  + NATO and Interpol
* The spooks
  + MUST (*Militära underrättelse- och säkerhetstjänsten*), specifically UNDK (*Underrättelsekontoret*): works with Ministry of Defense and deployments; not at all cooperative wth KSI – history with the Havsmänn of the North Sea
  + SOG (*Särskilda Operationsgruppen*), formerly IB (*Insamling Birger*), formerly T-Kontoret –kosmonaut/ethernaut history
  + KSI: CIA and related interfering connections + quiet SVR interactions (perhaps)

Mysterious crafts and maneuverings in the Nordic waters

* The recovery of the *Vasa* in 1961; fully restored in its modern museum in 1990
* September 28, 1994: the wreck of the *Estonia* in the Baltic Sea
  + Initial attempt to entomb the wreck; International Estonia Agreement in 1995 vs. contacting it, enforced by Finnish Navy – it was indeed transporting military material
* September 15, 2011: Swedish military deployment in the Göteborg Archipelago
  + Mysterious submerged craft or phenomenon

Göteborg culture

* Long Swedish history, complex internationalism
* Ecology and Industry
  + Environmentalism and greening the harbor – actual ecology vs. neoliberal greenwashing
* Immigration and nativism
  + Suriname & Paramaibo – Indian immigrant community, Muslim minority; older immigration fleeing Desi Bourtése dictatorship following Cotonou Agreement (2003) + recent rightwing one of fleeing his 2019 conviction

**Kosmonaut,** Carl Henrik Lytke

The space suit

* Its Soviet origin and earlier history
  + Developed in the 1970s via information about CIA hallucinogenics research, delivered to KGB by Swedish spies
  + A few original kosmonauts survive, disoriented, weird, uncontrolled, informative
* He found or bonded with it in 2011
  + Göteborg Archipelago, deployment of Swedish military re: mysterious submerged craft or phenomenon
* **How does he keep and curate it?**
  + Its purpose and ideals: tied to his own, more so than he realizes
  + **Almost certainly needs Instant Change**

The Quantum Detective

* Missing persons cases
  + Cutouts via internet to local police, state police, federal security, Schengen authorities, Interpol
* Internet fanbase, posted videos,
* Micke Byström, community admin **– mistaken focus on 1950s kosmonauts**
* Tina’s testimony: heroizing, efforts to capture more

Lives in Örgryte

* Overly large apartment, formerly two-person
* Mathematics teacher in Bergsjön, commutes
  + Department head, colleagues; students, obligations
* Sandhir and his immigrant family from Suriname **– with others, saved from Flecha Dorada**

Loner and loser

* Overly passive, history of missed opportunities
  + “Contributed to” awards, various junk from older projects
* Failed romance with Sofie; she’s married to Johan and pregnant
  + Her life is non-problematic, as contrast not a problem

SOG (*Särskilda Operationsgruppen*)

* Headquartered in Karlsborg (inland, but at Vatten)
  + Vatten houses something important, all the way back to T-Kontoret
* Tacit tolerance for CIA cover for the cocaine smuggling – **not at all happy it’s been blown, initiates full cover-up mode; seeks silent rendition of La Flecha Dorada**
* **L**ong range goals, focused, superior control of “space/depths” medium; focus for the **“enemy” entity**
* Greyface**:** the Cold War hold-over who “went cosmic” back then, when it was IB
  + Vanished after events of 1973 – modern SOG is terrified of him
  + **Kosmonaut has been whisked into the etheric-kosmic trap that holds Greyface**

Cocaine import and distribution

* Originates in Colombia, organized in La Guajira, distributed along northern South American coast; exported throughout Central America and to Europe
  + Significantly amplified to fund U.S.-assisted direct strikes at Venezuela
  + Deployed La Flecha Dorada to Göteborg as the organization and profits there were unexpectedly high **– apprehended by Havsmannen**
* Local receiving and management in Göteborg
  + Swedish profiteers: processing into powdered form, use immigrant teens from Bergsjön as mules, with some CIA protection from Interpol and related groups
  + Oversight by Colombians: “Joey” and “Johnny”

**Havsmannen,** Johannes Bäck

Powers

* Needs and prefers aquatic environment
* Unreliability: **check Burnout for Growth and Shrinking – retcon because he might be stuck at enormous size**

Fishing community out in the Göteborg archipelago

* Heritage
  + Havsmänn were almost exterminated during the witch hunts
  + Expectations of producing an heir
* Local lifestyle and traditions
  + Taxi boat driver, outer route including Vinga
  + Recognition from locals with some degree of fear; has status but little true sociality
  + Provides sensitive, personal help, e.g., drug-related problems **– Lasse, local weed guy has some powdered coke from the initial distribution**

Lonely and sad, dreaming of love

* Ulrike, semi-girlfriend: hard-luck city girl, bit of a cryptozoologist; loves him on-and-off **–mad about the car keys incident, but super mad at herself for being mad**

The Great Dreamer

* Premonitions and inspirations
  + Eventual rise & restoration
* **The Call of the Sea**: the urge to dive deep and never come back – failed Ego and Awareness rolls

Regular, active sea and island patrol

* Vs. corporate exploitation, military facilities, environmental hazards, drug trafficking
  + Colombian cocaine export via Guajira airstrips, various locations then to Europe
  + La Flecha Dorada **– apprehended: need to play and examine in terms of relationship with police and other authorities – certainly some confused jurisdictional strife**
* Natural storms and dangers
* Pollution, exploitation
  + Göteborg harbor issues, “below the waterline” problems unmet by cosmetic policy
  + The pilot whales at the Faroe Islands: poisoned and crazed by anti-green corporate interests

Family history

* Parents: Markus and Linnea Bäck, his parents, were lost in the wreck of the *Estonia*
  + **What did his parents do? What brought the ship down? Are they dead, lost, imprisoned, or what?**
* Grandfather: Rune Larsson, raised him and taught him his heritage
  + Rune disappeared in the Archipelago events of 2011

UNDK – long and troubled history with the people of the sea – not KSI, whom they distrust

* + Rune is imprisoned by them, possibly transformed
* **Lennart Hankvist, hardnosed career officer = monitor and manage his actions**
  + - **Steps into La Flecha Dorada situation; willing to give her up to SOG in exchange**