



THE OUTLAST TRIALS

JT PETTY
THE BLACK FROG

THE MURKOFF
COLLECTIONS



MOUNT MASSIVE
ASYLUM FOR THE
CRIMINALLY INSANE

1960

MEDICAL
RECORDS

WHY,
MISTER KNISELY,
I THOUGHT
YOU WERE IN
ARIZONA,

JUST BACK,
I DO WISH I COULD GET
YOU TO CALL ME SY,

PATIENT
TRANSFER

YOU LOOK LIKE
THE CAT THAT CAUGHT
THE CANARY,

YOU'LL KNOW IT
WHEN I CATCH THAT
CANARY,

HOW'S YOUR WIFE,
MR. KNISELY?


YOU CUT ME
TO THE CORE,

AND THE KIDS?
LOST COUNT YET?


STOP, YOU'RE
KILLING ME,

I NEED TO FILE A
PATIENT TRANSFER,

OLD MISTER KNISELY,
ALL BUSINESS,
ALL THE TIME,



A TRANSFER TO
THE SINYALA FACILITY?
I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED,
WHAT DO THEY GET UP
TO DOWN THERE?



OH, YOU KNOW,
SAFEGUARDING THE FREE
WORLD AGAINST NUCLEAR ANNIHILATION
AND THE TYRANNY OF COMMUNISM,
MAKING A DOLLAR HERE AND THERE.



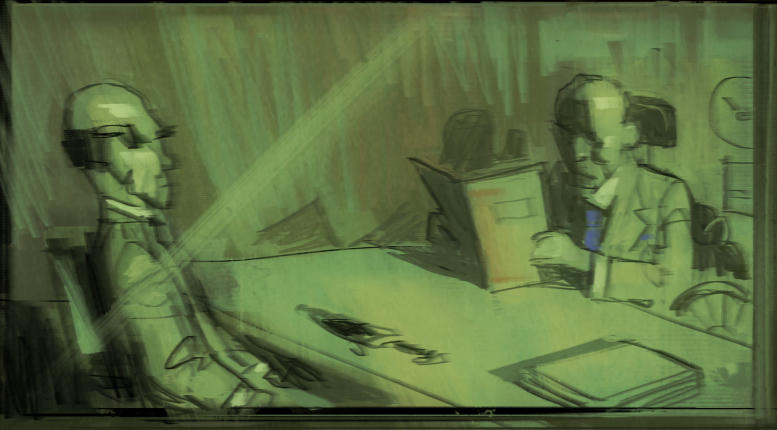
THIS MISS
BOGO...
BOGO...

BOGOMOLOVA.

IF YOU SAY SO,
HER FILE'S MARKED
CRITICAL SECURITY, YOU'LL
NEED PERMISSION FROM
A DOCTOR WER... OH DEAR, IT'S
ANOTHER FOREIGNER,
WERE-NICK?



WERNICKE?




RUDOLPH WERNICKE



SISTER LILIYA
BOGOMOLOVA.

YOU'VE READ
HER FILES?



SURE, SURE,
SHE'S BEEN CATATONIC
FOR HALF A DECADE, NOT DOING US
ANY GOOD AND EATING UP A DAMN
IMPRESSIVE BUDGET IN SECURITY AND
SEDATIVES.

WAY I SEE IT,
I SOLD THAT EASTERMAN
CHARACTER A DEAD DOG
FOR THE PRICE
OF A PRIZE HORSE.



HMM, QUITE.

I WONDER, COULD YOU
HAND ME THAT
LETTER OPENER?

THIS...

NAZI,...

DAGGER?



JUST A MOMENT,
I WANT TO PLAY YOU
A RECORDING.

PLAY

CLK

KI LADISPHONA SANANIA SHUH KA
LANA MOBA DESEEN VIADIA SO
BODA
SHAN ZANE


DNA CONA AMOS, KEAMO DEAMO NO MA
DIAMOS, AAKO MALAAMOS
CEAMOKAAMOS
BARAONBA,

WHAT THE HELL
IS ALL THAT?

IT DOES
NOTHING FOR YOU?
AH, WELL,

STOP PLAYING
WITH THAT KNIFE,

I WANT
TO SHOW YOU
SOMETHING.



IN HER FILES...
DID YOU NOTICE THAT
ALL OF THE STORIES
ABOUT LILIYA FAIL
TO END?

I'M NOT SURE
WHAT YOU MEAN.


WELL, FOR
INSTANCE--

SHE WAS BROUGHT
TO MOUNT MASSIVE BY
A YOUNG CIA AGENT
NAMED **GEORGE**
NICHOLS.

GEORGE HAD SERVED
FOR THE AMERICANS
IN EUROPE DURING THE
ZWEITER WELTKRIEG.
HE LOST AN ARM AND A
LEG, A GOOD PORTION
OF HIS FACE.

NOT UNCOMMON IN
A WAR OF LANDMINES
AND ARTILLERY.

1953



HE HAD HEARD STORIES
DURING THE WAR ABOUT
"THE ANGEL OF LENINGRAD,"
THE "RUSSIAN JOAN OF ARC."


THEY CALLED HER
BOGOMOLOVA, RUSSIAN
FOR "BELOVED OF GOD,"

STORIES WITHIN STORIES.
GEORGE HEARD A RUSSIAN
PRISONER OF WAR TELL A STORY
HE HEARD FROM A FINNISH
NURSE.


LILIYA NOT ONLY SURVIVED
THREE YEARS OF THE MOST
BRUTAL WARFARE POSSIBLE,
BUT PROVED HERSELF A
DEADLY HUNTER.



THE SIEGE OF
LENINGRAD
1943



A CHILD OF RUSSIAN LANDOWNERS
EXILED BY THE REVOLUTION, AS A
TEENAGER, SHE WAS GUIDED BY THE
VOICE OF GOD TO RETURN TO HER
HOMELAND AND DEFEND IT AGAINST
THE HUN.



"BOGOMOL" IS ALSO
RUSSIAN FOR
PRAYING MANTIS,
AN AMBUSH PREDATOR,
A SEXUAL CANNIBAL.



SHE COULD DISAPPEAR
ANYWHERE, IN THE SHADOWS,
AMONG STATUES,

AMONG THE CORPSES
FROZEN STIFF IN
THE RUSSIAN WINTER,

I SUPPOSE SHE
THOUGHT SHE WAS
PROTECTED BY GOD...

SO LONG AS SHE
WAS DOING GOD'S
WORK,



I HAD HEARD
OF HER MYSELF, AMONG
GERMAN OFFICERS, SHE WAS
AN OBJECT OF TERROR AND
FASCINATION,

THOUGH,
ONCE WE ADMITTED
DEFEAT...

WHEN GERMANY BEGAN
ITS RETREAT FROM STALINGRAD,
GOD MUST HAVE DECIDED BOGOMOLOVA'S
WORK WAS DONE, BECAUSE HE
STOPPED PROTECTING HER,

WHAT
HAPPENED NEXT
WAS GRUELINGLY
RECONSTRUCTED BY
GEORGE NICHOLS
YEARS LATER, LONG
AFTER THE WAR,

GEORGE WAS ONE
OF THE CIA'S EARLIEST
RECRUITS, ASSIGNED TO
TRACE MISSING MUTUAL
SECURITY ACT
FUNDS,

IT LET HIM FOSTER
A GROWING FASCINATION
WITH LILIYA BOGOMOLOVA
UNTIL IT BECAME AN
OBSESSION,



A NAZI OFFICER, AN
OBERGRUPPENFUHRER
RETREATING FROM
STALINGRAD,
CAPTURED HER,



LILIYA SLASHED HIS
FACE WHILE HE WAS
TRYING TO RESTRAIN HER,

IN PUNISHMENT, HE
CHOPPED OFF THE
HAND SHE HAD USED
TO HOLD THE KNIFE,

WHEN SHE CURSED
HIM FOR IT, HE CUT
OUT HER TONGUE,



WHO KNOWS HOW HE
USED HER WHILE
THEY WERE ON THE
RAT LINE TO THE
MEDITERRANEAN,

I REMEMBER THINKING
GOD WASN'T STRONG ENOUGH
TO PROTECT HER FROM
THE COMBINED EFFORTS
OF A CRUMBLING REICH
AND A NASCENT CIA,



BUT GOD DOESN'T
LEVEL MOUNTAINS,
HE GIVES US THE
STRENGTH TO CLIMB,




LILIYA DIDN'T NEED
A TONGUE TO PRAY,

AND IN GENOA, THE NIGHT
BEFORE SHE WAS GOING TO
BE DRAGGED ONTO A BOAT
TO ARGENTINA...

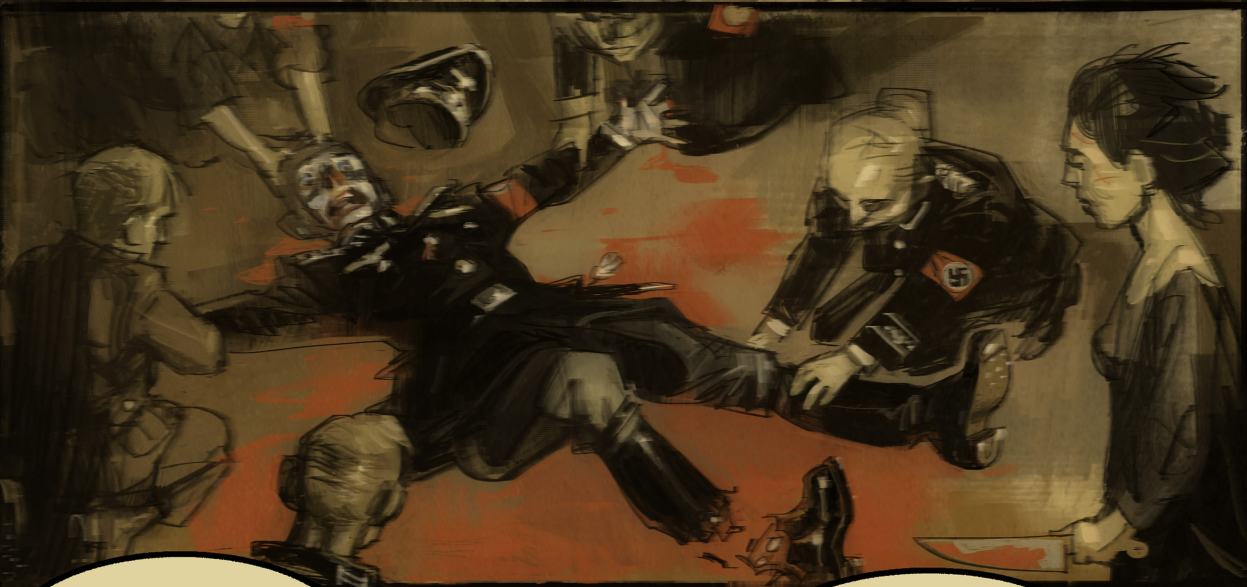


THERE WAS A MIRACLE,



SHE COULD SPEAK AGAIN,
AND AFTER ALL OF HER
TIME LISTENING TO THE
VOICE OF GOD, SHE COULD
SPEAK WITH HIS TONGUE,


AND SHE GAVE THE
OBERGRUPPENFUHRER'S
BODYGUARDS AND
STAFF SOME IDEAS,



SHE WALKED OUT OF
GENOA AND WANDERED
INTO THE FORESTS OF
EASTERN EUROPE,

WHERE SHE HAS
"LOST" YEARS, A TIME
CLOAKED IN MYSTERY,


JUST LIKE CHRIST,



BUT VILLAGERS AND
TRAVELERS REPORTED
FINDING THE INEXPLICABLE
IN THE WILDERNESS,



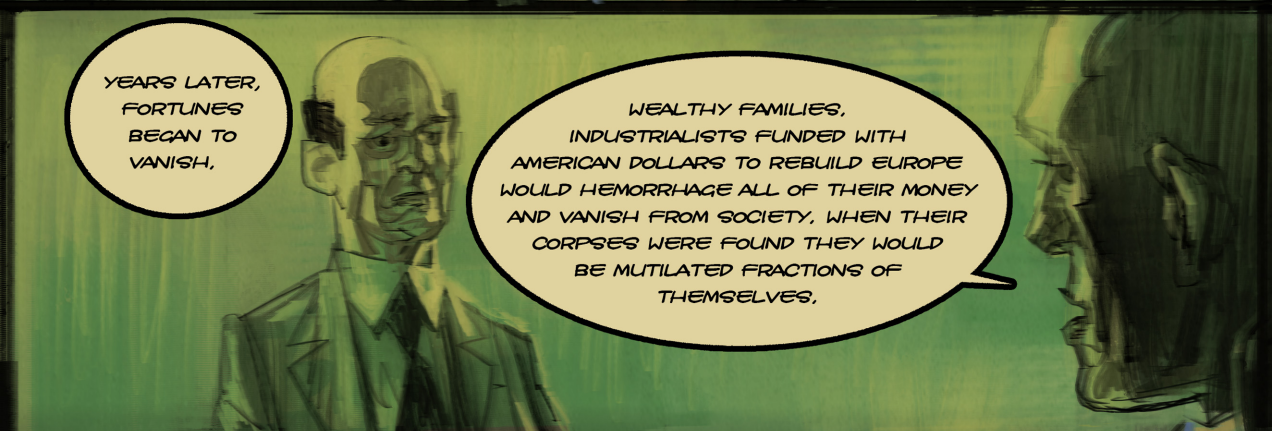
CORPSES TRANSFORMED
INTO RELIGIOUS STATUARY,



POOR GEORGE THOUGHT
SISTER LILIYA WITNESSED
SOMETHING, IN THE SIEGE
OF LENINGRAD, IN THE
ABUSE AND CORRUPTION OF
THE AFTERMATH, IN A
WILDERNESS CONSECRATED
BY THE BLOOD OF WHOLE
NATIONS.

SOMETHING ABOUT
THE 20TH CENTURY.

SOMETHING ABOUT
THE MIND OF GOD,



YEARS LATER,
FORTUNES
BEGAN TO
VANISH,

WEALTHY FAMILIES,
INDUSTRIALISTS FUNDED WITH
AMERICAN DOLLARS TO REBUILD EUROPE
WOULD HEMORRHAGE ALL OF THEIR MONEY
AND VANISH FROM SOCIETY, WHEN THEIR
CORPSES WERE FOUND THEY WOULD
BE MUTILATED FRACTIONS OF
THEMSELVES,



IT WAS SOMETHING THE
CIA COULD NOT ABIDE,

AND SO YOUNG GEORGE NICHOLS
WAS SENT TO INVESTIGATE,



SEARCHING RUINED ESTATES...



HEARING STORIES OF "THE ANGEL OF
LENINGRAD," OF "SISTER LILIYA," OF
"THE BELOVED OF GOD,"

PUTTING TOGETHER THE
STORY YOU'VE JUST HEARD,

GETTING CLOSER...

AND CLOSER.

FINDING CRIME SCENES,

FINDING EVIDENCE THAT
THE LEGENDS WERE TRUE,

UNTIL...

HE FOUND HER.



SISTER LILIYA
BOGOMOLOVA.

FOR YEARS SHE WAS
A RELIGIOUS PARASITE, EXPLOITING
THE SPIRITUAL VACUUM IN THE
HEARTS OF THE WEALTHY
ELITE,

TURNING THEIR FORTUNES
TO ASH, TURNING THEIR HUNGER FOR
CONQUEST AGAINST THEIR
OWN BODIES,

GEORGE NICHOLS NEVER
STEPPED ON A LANDMINE,

HE MADE IT UNSCATHED THROUGH
THE ZWEITER WELTKRIEG, SO LUCKY
YOU COULD CALL IT MIRACULOUS.



EVERYTHING HE LOST...



HE DID TO HIMSELF,

AT THE INSTRUCTION OF GOD,

AS TOLD TO HIM
BY SISTER LILIYA,



WHEN GEORGE BROUGHT
HER TO US, I HALF-BELIEVE
THAT WAS AS MUCH HER
IDEA AS THE AGENCY'S,

MAYBE THE WEALTH AND
CORRUPTION OF AMERICA WAS
TOO GREAT A TEMPTATION,


BUT WHEREVER
SHE GOES...



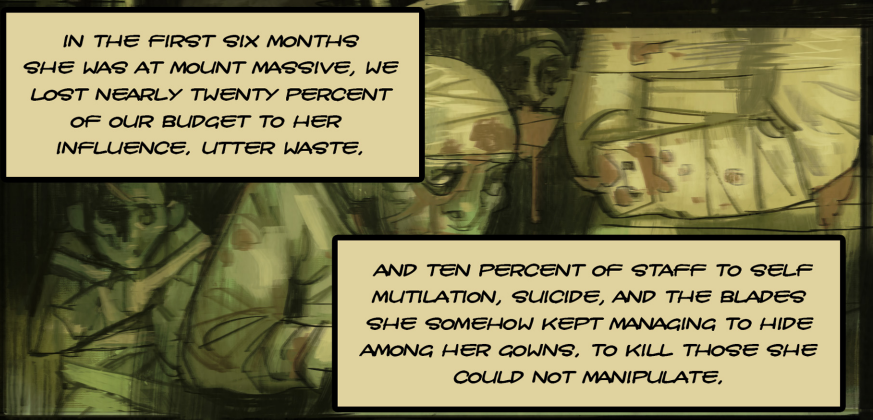
SHE MAKES ACOLYTES,

WITNESSES TO TESTIFY
HALF-FINISHED STORIES, BECAUSE
THEY END WITH THE TELLER
CUTTING OUT HIS TONGUE,

HALF OF THESE PATIENTS
ARE FORMER STAFF,
DOCTORS, ADMINISTRATORS,




IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS
SHE WAS AT MOUNT MASSIVE, WE
LOST NEARLY TWENTY PERCENT
OF OUR BUDGET TO HER
INFLUENCE, UTTER WASTE,




AND TEN PERCENT OF STAFF TO SELF
MUTILATION, SUICIDE, AND THE BLADES
SHE SOMEHOW KEPT MANAGING TO HIDE
AMONG HER GOWNS, TO KILL THOSE SHE
COULD NOT MANIPULATE,

BUREAUCRATS NOT
UNLIKE YOURSELF,




SHE'S TOO DANGEROUS
TO KEEP BUT TOO
INTERESTING TO KILL,

KEEPING HER DRUGGED
TO THE GILLS WAS OUR
ONLY CHANCE OF SURVIVAL,



SO BY ALL MEANS,
SEND HER TO SINYALA,



YOU'RE NOT SENDING
THEM A "DEAD DOG..."



YOU'RE SENDING THEM A VIPER.

AND IF THEY GIVE HER EVEN
AN INCH OF LIBERTY...

GOD HAVE MERCY ON THEIR SOULS.