

Sweetness

A Scenario for *Delta Green: The Role-Playing Game*

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Introduction

Sarah Garrison is a former Chicago police officer and former Delta Green Friendly who has lost everything. First, she lost her police partner to a cult. Then she lost the trust of Delta Green. Finally, after the divorce from her husband Timothy Bernier seven years ago—and the child-custody battle revealing the ritual abuse she perpetrated every night—she lost her children. After she failed her psych evaluation, she lost her job. Now she

finds herself at 46, alone, in a walkup, with nothing but fragments of a pension.

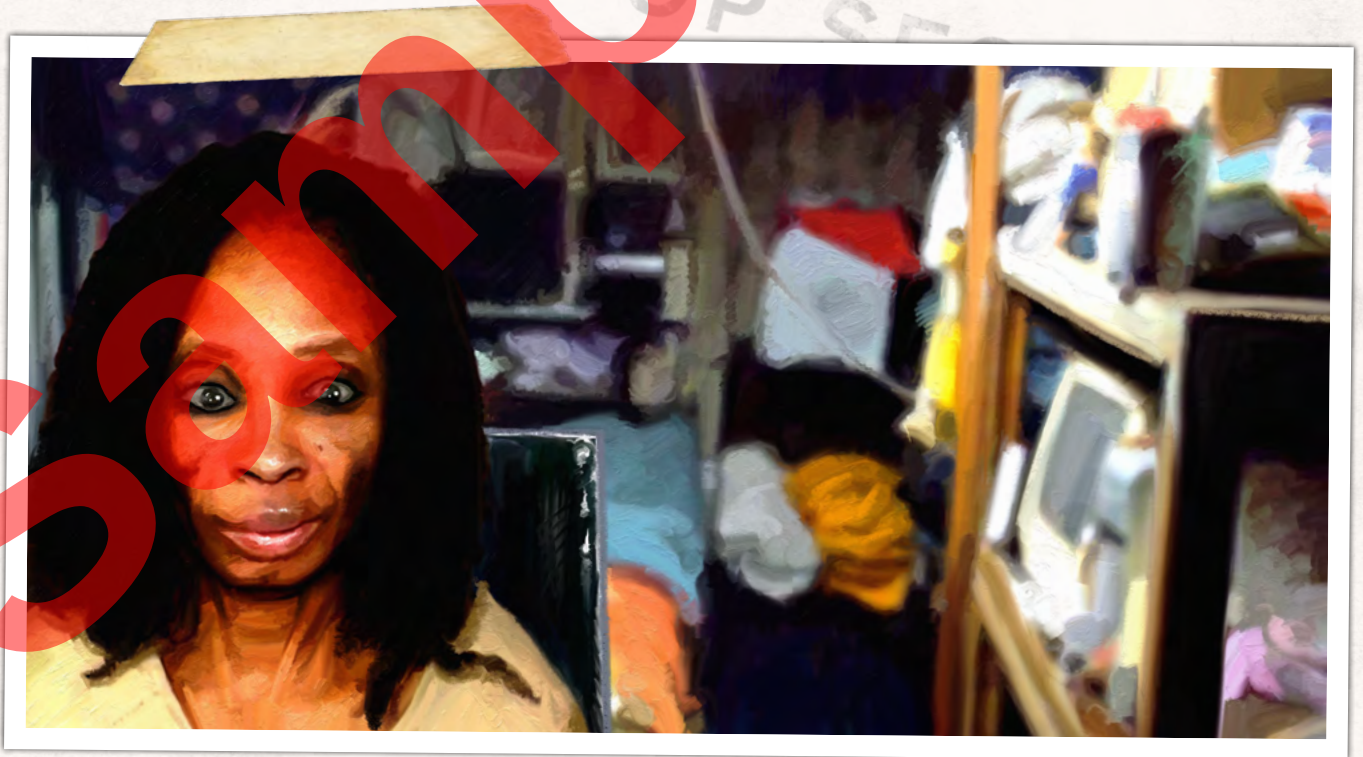
It was only a matter of time before she lost her mind.

Garrison spent only a year in the service of Delta Green. In that time she faced several threats, human and otherwise. She faced and defeated a cult with access to a power only vaguely understood. She gained access to things we were not meant to know, including an artifact of unnatural potency. In secret, she kept it for herself.

The artifact, the Stone of Yos, is the centerpiece of a storage facility she rents. She spends a lot of time in front of it—and now, in it. Almost all of her time.

Garrison's ex-husband lives in Tampa, Florida, with her children and his new wife, happy to be rid of her. The kids were content to be away from their mother and the cuts she inflicted on them after dark.

Then the Shadowman came.



The Truth

Sarah Garrison recovered the Stone of Yos from a burned-out drug den eight years ago. She uses it to call up a power that allows her to spy on and interact with her children in Florida, from Chicago, every night. She does not know that the entity that manifests from the stone remains behind, invisible, even when Garrison is not using it. As she uses it more and more, the influence of this entity infects her.

Soon, the creature and Garrison will become one. She will be trapped in the stone forever, just as it has fed on human users many, many times before. Freed of her influence, it will feed on the Bernier family.

The News Story

Delta Green is alerted to incidents at the Bernier house in Tampa when a Friendly notices a crime story on the local news—and, in particular, a mark painted on the door of the house.

The news and police angled the story as if the Berniers, a biracial family, are the victims of a hate crime by someone terrorizing their house. The story is a short blurb on the news. The police were briefly involved. A small fire was reported, and graffiti and other marks were found on the house. So far, none of the family has been injured.

The mark on the door, scratched into its surface and coated in blood, triggered the call to Delta Green.

The Call

Agents are alerted to the operation via secure means, which can include:

- » A FedEx envelope is returned to the Agent. The envelope appears as if the Agent filled it out and sent it to an obviously false address. The handwriting is *not* that of the Agent.
- » An unknown person bumps into the Agent, drops a sheaf of stapled papers, and then pawns them off on the Agent as if the Agent dropped it.

- » A phone call from the local police department informs the Agent that they've recovered the Agent's wallet. There is indeed a wallet in a plastic ziploc bag, with a state-issued ID for the Agent, plus a folder of papers.

The papers in these hand-offs are all the same: a brochure for a real-estate seminar at a Holiday Inn in Tampa, Florida, this coming Friday. The front is marked by a small, hand-drawn, green delta. On the last page is a ten-digit number written in the same ink. It may be a phone number but it has no dashes.

Calling the Number

Calling the phone number on the brochure before arriving in Tampa elicits no response. The phone rings and rings. Investigating the number with Computer Science or SIGINT skill of 35% or more reveals the number is likely a PIN dial-through number, not a real phone number.

The Contact

A huge sign floats above the entrance of the Holiday Inn: "THE TAMPA GREENFIELD HOLIDAY INN WELCOMES THE BURKETORRENCE REAL ESTATE SEMINAR." The hotel is filled with real-estate agents at all hours: in the bar, at the pool, in the lobby. The Agents have no problem fitting in if they're in business attire, and no problem moving about. They are assumed to be there for the seminar.

An Agent who makes a Search roll at +20%, or has a Search skill of 35% or more, spots their contact in the lobby. He's a white male in his late 40s. Sandy blond hair, round metal glasses, nicotine-stained fingers. He wears a concealed pistol and has the feel and mannerisms of law enforcement. An Agent with a Search of 60% or higher notices his shoes are stained with sidewalk salt from a much colder clime.

When the Agents notice him, he waves them over. He says nothing else but leads them to one of the smaller conference rooms (The Pine Room) for their briefing. This is their case officer, their Delta Green contact.

The Briefing

“Call me John,” he says. He’s brief and to the point.

- » A Friendly called in a possibly unnatural incident after seeing a restricted symbol on the door of the Bernier house. (See **THE MARK** on this page.)
- » “John” shows the Agents the news story on a projector from a laptop. The news story is on the usual streaming video services. He writes a URL on a sheaf of hotel stationery.
- » He hands out a brief dossier on the Bernier family.
- » Delta Green has reason to believe the mark on the door is serious enough to warrant investigation.
- » The Agents are to identify the origin of the mark and remove all vectors which might produce it.
- » The Berniers are eager to cooperate with authorities, though they believe it is some sort of mundane harassment. John recommends the federal hate-crime angle, but how the Agents enter remains up to them.

“John” says that after the briefing, the number from the brochure will connect to him. It is not there for the Agents to ask for help. He only wants to hear confirmation that the threat has been neutralized.

He excuses himself to use the restroom and does not return. He leaves the laptop. It is new, nearly unconfigured, and its browsing history only shows the news video. There are no email accounts or passwords.

The Mark

The mark is an oblong circle cut with three lines, with a smaller circle and line within it, drawn in what appears to be blood and effluvia on the tan front door of the Bernier home.

A successful Forensics roll, or Forensics of 30% or more, identifies the marks in the door as made with some sort of horn or claw—something sharp enough to deform the door but also somewhat blunt. The outside edges of the cuts are marked with black streaks. A police report says the blood and effluvia are a mixture



of cat, lizard and small rodent innards. By the time the agents arrive, this effluvia has been removed by industrial cleaner, and a new door is ordered and expected to arrive within the week.

A successful **Occult** roll, or having an **Occult** of 60% or more, identifies the mark as a symbol for a deity worshipped by a Greek mystery cult, called Kore, Kos, or Yos, about which very little is known. One source calls Kore the “queen of the underworld,” related to rituals called *katabasis*—a physical descent into the underworld. The etymology of the names Kos and Yos is unknown.

A successful **Unnatural** roll at +20%, or having an **Unnatural** skill of 30% or more, indicates that Yos is actually an abbreviation used in many restricted hypergeometrically active books, usually written “Yo.s.” It stands for Yog-Sothoth, a Great Old One said to control the ways between worlds.

The Bernier House

The Bernier house—at 3591 North Ridge Avenue, Tampa, Florida—is a recently-built, 3,500-square-foot rambler in the upscale North Ridge area. Timothy Bernier purchased it eight years ago, new, from the QuadMark Housing development company. He paid \$350,000 with a mortgage from Bay Street Bank. These facts are easily checked out, and nothing illegal is involved. Before the housing development, the area was occupied by a large scrap yard from 1913 to 1988.

The house is recessed behind a high wall, with a large garden, a back yard with pool, and several fruit trees. The garage is accessible via remote-controlled gate, with a long driveway up through the yard.

The house is pink stucco, the roof new with grey shingles, and the decor light and airy. It has no structural secrets, cubbyholes, or a basement (this is common in Florida), and is temperature-controlled.

The Berniers lived here for six years without incident until the mark appeared on the front door.

The Berniers

The Berniers are a normal family who, until recently, lived a quietly unremarkable existence in Tampa. Tim Bernier is a microchip designer for Altex Microelectronics, a local secure chip production company. He makes a very good living. His wife Evelyn is a stay-at-home mom who was once a dispatcher for the Tampa Police Department. Though the children are not hers biologically, their relationship is as close to perfect as can be imagined.

The children, Chad (16) and Kathryn (8), have not seen their birth mother in years. They barely remember her and never speak of her.

Kathryn was born deaf in both ears, and the entire family is fluent in American Sign Language.

The family's days are mostly concerned with getting the kids to school, sports, shopping, and generally enjoying each other's company. They are a tight-knit family. However, lately, it seems something has been haunting them.

Count all of the Berniers except young Kathryn as having 10 HP and 50 SAN. Kathryn, still growing, has 5 HP and 30 SAN.

Timothy Bernier

Timothy “Tim” Bernier (Black male, age 49) is a microchip engineer with a degree from CalTech and a string of high-paying jobs. His job history, easily searchable, meanders from California to Chicago to Tampa. His employer is ecstatic to have him and has lavished him with bonuses, raises, and perks like free vacations.

Tim thinks the current string of problems at the house are a combination of some idiotic racist, over-excited children, and a protective wife. He has seen nothing “supernatural” and he doesn't believe in such things. He always works to talk a situation back down to the solid ground of reality.

Tim is the only one who will talk about Sarah Garrison. His children do not mention her, and Evelyn does not believe Tim's relationship with his first wife is her business. If probed, Tim reveals that he gained custody

