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GOD'S EYE

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

WE LIVE AND WE DIE BENEATH THE ALL-SEEING EYE

A mathematician inexplicably vanishes from a secretive company in Reno, a company that specializes in the software that allows high-flying drones to spy on every inch of the city. She is only the first. Can the Agents recognize a pattern of killings and disappearances in time? Or will they be next to fall under the unblinking gaze of a pitiless power?

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Introduction

Reno, Nevada. May 2017. Like so many innovations of the wars of the early 21st century, wide-area surveillance moved swiftly to American streets. A high-altitude aircraft takes 1.8-gigapixel snapshots, two per second, and slightly less crisp infrared images by night. Onboard software processes every pixel individually, enhances the resolution, orients every image, and tags image elements for search and comparison.

Reno, Nevada's Persistent Vigil Imaging Solutions develops and refines algorithms to identify patterns and their significance in wide-area surveillance footage. The company runs expensive drone flights using its system for the Reno Police Department. Persistent Vigil is owned by Col. Clyde Mauch, USAF (ret.). Some of its code goes back to his team's early work in combat over ten years ago, before leaks of blue-on-blue

killings caused by faulty algorithms forced Mauch into the private sector.

One veteran of Persistent Vigil's origins is Anthony Cooper. He worked with Mauch as a lowly corporal six years ago, but he was an ingenious programmer and mathematician. He built routes for outside access into the code that made its way to Persistent Vigil.

Cooper has a plan.

The Forgotten Child

Anthony Cooper, an orphan since infancy, has a gift and a curse. He feels the intentions of some power from beyond. These intentions are instincts and inclinations, not instructions. They drove him to violence from the first moments he was strong enough to understand the power of cruelty.

His first nine years bathed him in the wordless, traumatic certainty faced by all young animals: cleave to a beast powerful enough to protect you, or be consumed by the world, one strip of flesh at a time. He and other children—he remembers no details—were raised in appalling abuse by caretakers who worshipped nightmarish gods. He slowly learned that the power from beyond was his only protection. And that power fed on pain.

Growth and Loss

Cooper's memories of his early years are vague, scratched into illegibility by trauma. Strangers rescued him and placed him in a home with a caring family. He doesn't remember much of his rescue or his stumbling months of recovery. Despite years of neglect and abuse, he mastered language skills more rapidly than doctors and counsellors had expected.

Anthony Cooper grew into identity without memory. The more he integrated with the outside world, the less he remembered of his early years—and the less he felt the comfortingly cruel presence of that power from beyond. That power had been his single source of control in an unrelentingly brutal world. He came to ache

for that embrace, as if those strangers had severed an umbilical cord connecting him to his *real* mother.

When Cooper was old enough give this power from beyond a name, he thought of it as God. But by then, God no longer spoke to him. Cooper's late-forming genius with language grew, in part, out of his desperation to name the sense of lack that ate at his core. But the words and their meaning, the very act of naming things, seemed to drive the answer further away.

The effort left Cooper a solitary, reclusive, polyglot genius. This helped him succeed in a society that otherwise had no need for him. The violence and rage he experienced as a child fed his inward assault on the barriers to comprehension.

Gifts and Promises

Cooper became a wild success story of the foster-care system. He graduated from high school. Stanford offered him a full-ride scholarship. But before he moved to California, he met an Air Force recruiter. The Air Force needed a steady supply of geniuses. Its best recruits regularly began great things and then got poached by tech firms with the vast resources they earned from Air Force contracts. Cooper saw a bright line ahead of him: a few years in the service and access to the most sophisticated technologies in the world.

Those technologies offered Anthony Cooper something better than the private-sector fortunes that enticed his peers. They offered him a way to sift realities. He would find God again. And he would demand to know why God turned away.

The Eye of God

As an airman serving under Col. Mauch, Cooper built much of the early code for Persistent Vigil. Many of those algorithms are still useful, ten years later. They far outlived Cooper's time with Mauch. Mauch disliked Cooper. He couldn't figure out what motivated Cooper, and that made Cooper unpredictable. Mauch remembers Cooper as one of several early underlings whose contributions he downplays.

Cooper left the Air Force in 2013. He maintained his access to the code that he had created for Mauch—some instinct told him it would be useful—but abandoned tech as a career. He found work as a linguist. In his time overseas he had mastered rare, ancient languages as a hobby. When a university archeological project hired him, it opened the way for his ultimate goal.

Cooper performed cultural research and translations, often of very old religious texts. His favorites were occult works, many of them deeply disturbing. He found what he needed most in *Geographic and Spiritual Alignment With Jannah*, a seventh-century

GOD'S TEETH: The God That Feeds

In a *God's Teeth* campaign, Anthony Cooper was one of the children rescued from Cornucopia House in 2001. He is older than most who survived that horror. Bast—Sredni Vashtar, the hungry God—abandoned him after his adoption, drawing to itself only those younger children who shunned human communication.

Agents can locate references to Anthony Cooper in Maryland records if they have access. He went into foster care in 2001 at age nine and was adopted at age 11. Cooper spent six years with his adopted family and flourished, winning science fairs and attracting attention as a budding linguist, mathematician, and programmer. He joined the Air Force in 2009 at age 17. In 2010, he was transferred to Mauch's drones program.

astronomy text by Ibrahim al-Tariq. The tome offered techniques for communing with Heaven, or rather with some unnatural power revered under that name. Cooper translated key passages, along with insights from other studies, in a sort of field manual that he called *Remote Stare*. The deepest insight is a ritual he calls the All-Seeing Eye.

The All-Seeing Eye focuses the attention of a higher awareness on a strange pattern of time, place, and bloodshed. The ancients called that higher awareness the Watcher on High, another name for God. The sorcerer, like God, comprehends the meaning of the pattern of killings. Under the power of the ritual, that shared comprehension makes the sorcerer and God as one. The sorcerer ascends to Heaven. Or rather, to the unseen dimensions of reality that are God's abode.

Cooper streamlined the ritual. He no longer needs to take elaborate steps to merely invoke the attention of the Watcher on High. More mundane means suffice. He needs only share comprehension of the lethal pattern with some other observer. Some watcher above, any watcher on high, who sees the miles-wide pattern emerging. No ancient could attain such a bird's-eye view without pleas to the unnatural powers they lived beneath.

The ancients had to invoke the power they called God. Cooper has drones. He discovered that Persistent Vigil's drones are capable of recognizing the pattern in the sequence of killings. They are not intelligent in the way of a human or higher being. But they don't need to be. They only need the visual acuity and processing power to recognize the pattern.

With the ritual, recognizing the pattern is enough to make even a drone the eye of God.

The Ritual Begins

The ritual needs blood. Cooper found assistants who would not balk at murder. His adoptive family includes a black-sheep uncle with a long history of smuggling and contacts in the Mexican cartels. The way Cooper figured it, drug cartels kill every day. Why not open a path to God while they're at it?

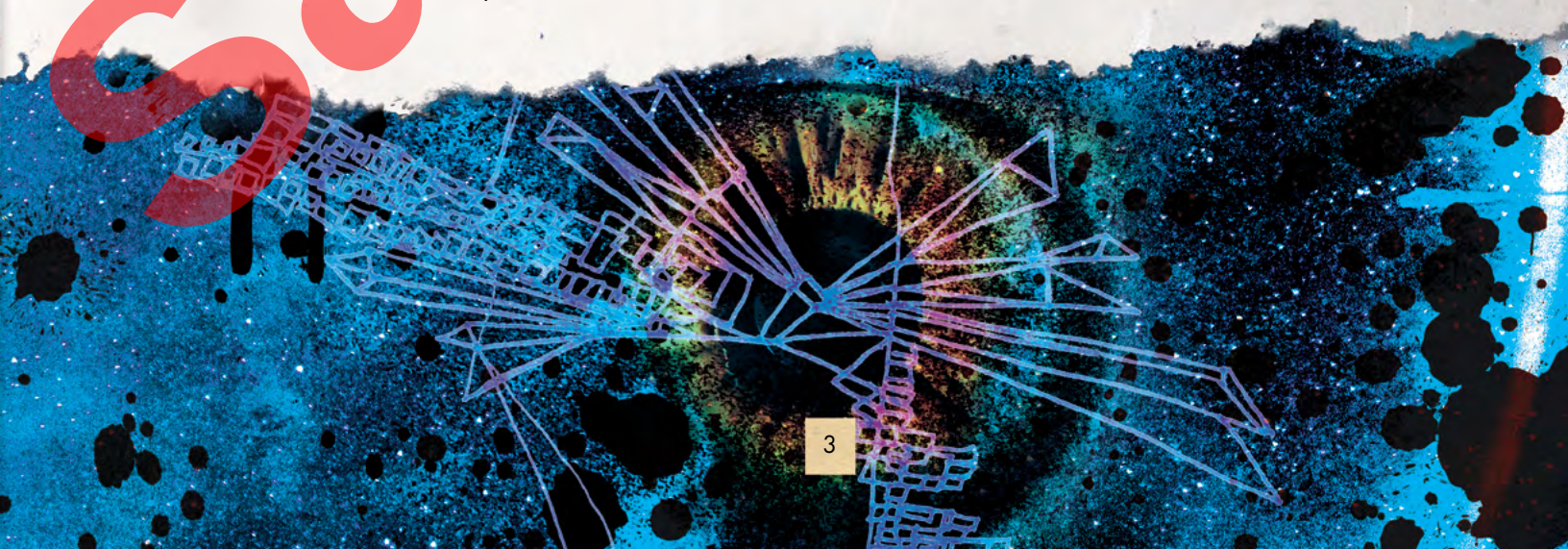
Pretending to have insider access to Border Patrol drone footage, Cooper used the Clairvoyance ritual to feed his cartel contacts live intelligence on the shifting security of border crossings in Texas, Arizona, and California. It was a hell of a resume, especially when he promised more. In return, the bosses sent a few *sicarios* to perform the deadly services Cooper demanded as payment.

Cooper gave the killers detailed instructions. The ritual had baroque and inflexible requirements as to time, place, and technique. The victims' identities were irrelevant. The killers agreed to follow his recipe.

As Cooper planned, each sacrifice helps to open the way. But he doesn't realize that his ritual is flawed. The killers worked the necessary occult sigils in blood only in the first killing, but that was enough for every sacrifice to open a random connection to the otherworld.

A ritualistic murder. Two other gruesome killings in less than a week. A woman seeming to vanish into thin air. Delta Green took note. The Agents rush to Reno, desperate to find the explanation for an unnatural vanishing. They may soon learn that the ritual is already nearly complete.

And the watchful eye still circles overhead.



OPINT: The Key and the Gate

As used by Anthony Cooper, the All-Seeing Eye requires a complex interplay of death and observation:

A watcher on high—Persistent Vigil's drone—recognizes the killing.

The operator—or, though Cooper does not realize this, another observer—recognizes the pattern that is emerging in the sequence of killings.

That merges the witness' awareness and the drone's "awareness" with that of Yog-Sothoth, the All-in-One of countless names, for whom a vision of another reality is existence within that reality. Witness and drone vanish from our world.

It takes both factors. Without the drone's recognition of the pattern, a witness who recognizes the pattern is in no danger. A witness who does not recognize the pattern is in no danger even when the drone does.

In the other world, the drone promptly "forgets" the pattern, its working memory suddenly overloaded with details of another world. Having forgotten, it returns. The witness is not so lucky.

Cooper made two critical errors. The first was in thinking he would be the only witness affected by his ritual. He planned the sacrificial killings required, but he did not expect anyone else would join with God. His second error was misunderstanding the nature of the God that he would contact. He expects to reach the power that inspired him in childhood. He does not realize that there are many powers that might claim a careless sorcerer.

Timeline

SUNDAY, 21 MAY 2017: The first to die was Howard Peña, a janitor at Greater Nevada Field, home to the minor-league Reno Aces. Peña wasn't scheduled to work that morning but filled in for a sick friend. He died bloody on the field, two hours before sunrise. The drone's software algorithmically identified a killing and predicted that another would come—Cooper had already installed the pattern of sacrifices—and with recognition of a pattern in the sacrifice, the drone vanished to another reality. The other world overwhelmed it with unexpected data, pushing the pattern from working memory to storage. "Forgetting" the pattern returned the drone to return to Earth.

MONDAY, 22 MAY 2017: Technicians at Nellis Air Force Base found inexplicable damage to yesterday's drone, stresses from its split-second visit to an impossible new environment. They set it aside for repairs.

WEDNESDAY, 24 MAY 2017: The second to die was Geraldo Calderon, a Mexican journalist who settled in Reno after fleeing repercussions from his coverage of dangerous cartels. Cooper's instructions specified a place that had no cover but had a feature that captured the killers' imaginations: an ancient Washoe stone circle now part of a disc golf course. The killers had planned to make Calderon one of their victims—what luck that an old foe had settled here!—and thought the Circle of Stones a fitting place for him to die. They mutilated him, draped an old tire on his shoulders, soaked it in gasoline, and lit it on fire. Again, the drone recognized a killing, vanished, and promptly reappeared.

SATURDAY, 27 MAY 2017: The third to die was Dora Sandoval, a cage cashier at the Western Village Inn & Casino. Since the coordinates lined up with the site of a great deal of cash, the killers took the opportunity to make it a robbery as well as a murder. They robbed the cage and then dragged her out as if taking a hostage. They drove a short distance, got out with her, and hacked her to death. The drone observed the killing, vanished, forgot, and returned. After it landed, technicians at Nellis Air Force Base again found inexplicable damage. The technicians set it

aside for repairs and sent word to Mauch demanding an explanation.

SUNDAY, 28 MAY 2017: Norah Brigid, chief mathematician and programmer at Persistent Vigil Imaging Solutions, had spent the last five days studying strangely detailed graphical glitches. Each appeared in only one still frame. They emerged when the drones vanished to other worlds on the prior Sunday, Wednesday, and Saturday. She studied the locations and elevations, the times, the brief, inexplicable electromagnetic surges. To her horror, she found a pattern. Her calculations, if they were correct, predicted the times and places of at least two more deaths. She drove to the location of the projected next killing. She set up a camera in her car to record her investigation and upload it to the Internet. She began to walk

across the street to the future victim's home. In a flash of inspiration, the pattern in the killings and glitches came to her. The all-seeing drone overhead saw her recognition. Both vanished to another world. Only the drone returned. Delta Green picked up the weirdness of the video. An operation was launched.

MONDAY, 29 MAY 2017: The Agents arrive at about noon.

TUESDAY, 30 MAY 2017: The fourth sacrifice is Lyudmila Barraclough, a retired chorus girl living in neighboring Sparks, Nevada. The drone returns from its otherworldly journey damaged as if by exposure to temperatures far below freezing.

FRIDAY, 2 JUNE 2017: The fifth to die is either Sadie Berry or her son Coyote, whoever happens to be at their luxury home on Rancho Manor Drive when the killers arrive. That death completes Cooper's ritual.

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