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100 Conspiracies

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This is a gaming supplement.

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Thanks.

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100 Conspiracies

This book contains one hundred possible conspiracy theories for you to use in your games. These can be uncovered secrets; ongoing schemes by villainous powers or the players can even be part of the conspiracy themselves, working to protect it against its rivals and to prevent its discovery.

The conspiracies are of primary use in modern occult and spy oriented games as well as *Postmortem Studios'* own *@ctiv8*. The models of the conspiracies could also be used in some historical games, covering the birth of the conspiracy itself, or as models for general types of conspiracy that could appear in any game from fantasy to science fiction.

Mystical elements have been kept to a minimum in this book, as with the real world magic, gods, angels, demons and similar are all presumed not to exist, regardless of what people believe. If you want to re-insert such elements that should be simple enough but should probably be presented as secret knowledge of the conspiracy cabal, increasing their effectiveness and power appropriately.

Conspiracy Vs Paranoid Conspiracy Theory

It's important, I think, to distinguish between conspiracies and the kinds of paranoid conspiracy theories that make up the majority of this book. Conspiracies are real and do happen. Criminals do conspire to pervert the course of justice or to undertake heists. Spy rings conspire to destabilise governments, smuggle contraband and supply terrorists/freedom fighters and so on.

Many genuine conspiracies have gone on, revealed in due course in historical documents or uncovered by the media. Watergate would be one very famous example. That these have occurred lends some plausibility to the possibility of others but, for the most part, the conspiracy theories that spark the public imagination have little to no grounds and are based on nothing but speculation and paranoia. These are the paranoid conspiracy theories, the likes of 9/11 Truth, JFK, Chemtrails, Fluoridation and Invisible Space Lizards. Spun out of fraud, imagination, ignorance, lack of understanding and some key psychological flaws that exist across humanity these fire people up and many become obsessives, devoting their whole lives to exposing a conspiracy that in all likelihood never existed in the first place. For game purposes, however, these are the conspiracies that are far and away the more interesting ones.

The Conspiracies

Each conspiracy presented in this book will follow a common format for easy reference and comparison. Each conspiracy will take up one page and will contain the following information:

Number

Each conspiracy has a number so that it can be easily found and referenced for when you want to create adventures based around that conspiracy or simply to find it again.

Title

Each conspiracy has a title, this may be direct or it may be humorous. The intent is to help you remember the conspiracy and to give you a one-line reference when flicking through to find conspiracies that interest you without having to read the whole page.

Description

The description covers the form and nature of the conspiracy. What it is, what it involves, what really happened, the big secret that everyone is trying to hide. The description may also give some idea of the scope and extent of the conspiracy and possibly what sort of resources it might have at its disposal.

How is it done?

This section describes how the conspiracy did whatever it is supposed to have done and how it keeps it a secret. This may give more detail on their resources and capabilities as well as their methodology and the scale of ruthlessness they might be willing to engage in.

Cui Bono?

Who benefits from this conspiracy? This section tells you what is being gotten out of maintaining the façade and who is reaping the rewards, the people who have something to lose. This is asserted from within the context of the conspiracy theory and may not entirely marry up with those who would genuinely benefit in the real world.

Possible Conspirators

This section lists the most likely conspirators from within conspiracy theory lore who might be behind this particular secret scheme. A little more detail may be given. Most, if not all, of these conspirators will be found within the companion volume 100 Conspirators.

Adventure Seeds

Each conspiracy comes with a handful of possible adventure seeds relating to the conspiracy which a Games Master might use to introduce it into his games.

Tips

Here and there some tips for play may be included, either general tips on running and portraying conspiracy theories within a game or ones specific to the conspiracy on that page.



001 - Election Schmelection Description

The 2000 and 2004 presidential elections in the United States were rather controversial. In both cases there was lots of suspicion over voting fraud and the 2000 election ended up being decided by the courts, not by The People. U.S. elections are world elections, arguably the E.U. and China are just as important for their impact on world politics but the U.S. election is an election of global interest and global impact. Could forces have been behind the outcome of both, very closely fought, elections and what was their interest in doing so? Controversy also stalked the 2008 elections, are these opposing forces a continuation of the interests of the same cabal?

How is it done?

Fixing an election isn't easy, there's no one, single thing you can do, it requires a large network of operations in order to do it and would involve everything from corrupting officials, falsely registering voters and fiddling with voting machines to voter intimidation and the exploitation of the mentally ill and infirm. With the shift to electronic voting the potential for a single point of fraud becomes much greater, especially with it all relating to a single company and group. Many of those involved in such vote fixing may be harmless dupes but a central cabal could be orchestrating the whole.

Cui Bono?

The most obvious beneficiary is whoever gets elected as a result of the shenanigans, but this individual is also beholden to whomever managed to get them into power in the first place. This person, or group, then, has the ultimate in blackmail material to bring down a president who refuses to play ball and further their agenda. Any shadowy cabal that does manage to get their candidate in may further wish to consolidate the power of a president, after all, it's much cheaper and easier to fix one election than to go after all the various elections in congress or the senate.

With a puppet president in power and that power consolidated and strengthened a controlling group could, then, act as a puppeteer over many of the important and world shaping policies of the nation. In addition they could shape domestic policies that favour them and their interests. If that cabal has other world-wide aims the United States makes an excellent proxy for them, the U.S. is not liked, globally, and retains the most powerful and well funded military in the world. A corrupted United States makes a powerful agent for any number of other conspiracies.

Possible Conspirators

Anglo-American Alliance, Big Pharma, Bilderberg Group, Black Nobility, Bohemian Grove, CIA, Committee of 300, Culper Ring, Descendents of Jesus, Energy Companies, Eugenicists, IMF, Immortals, Industrialists, International Banks, Invisible Space Lizards, Patriarchy, Pilgrim's Society, Republican Inner Circle, Rothschilds, Shadow Government, Skull & Bones, Technocrats, The Great Commission, Illuminati, Masons, United Nations, Zionists.

Adventure Seeds

1. The consequences of this conspiracy being uncovered could be huge. A great many politicians and party activists from every level, local to federal, could be implicated and held up on charges. This could disintegrate government leading to a protracted period of chaos. The groups covering up this conspiracy might, therefore, not only be limited to those responsible for it, but also to those who simply want to maintain order...

2. Someone has uncovered evidence linking a member of the cabal to the electoral fixed and the consolidation of power in the office of President as part of a longer reaching scheme. This witness and their evidence will need to be protected against all comers if the truth is ever going to come out. The players could be trying to protect, or to eliminate this person and their evidence.

3. What could be worse is that, in times of economic decline, people are attracted to strong leaders and big promises. Even if this conspiracy were uncovered the lack of democratic participation and the level of apathy in society might mean that nobody cares - then the cabal starts to move openly...

002 - The Two Towers Description

Many have come to believe that the tragedy of 9/11, the attacks on the Twin Towers and the Pentagon, were an 'inside job'. That they were not conducted by Islamic extremists - known popularly as Al Quaeda, but that some other, hidden, sinister force was behind their arrangement and execution. The conspiracy theories centre around various anomalies, real or imagined, around the events and seeming difficulties with the official account of what happened. The 9/11 conspiracies have lead to a rebirth of conspiracy theories generally and interest in them worldwide.

How is it done?

Ideas differ over how the events unfolded. The most popular theories involve explosives being pre-planted in the towers and WTC7 and a missile being used to strike The Pentagon. The argument goes that there was little to no visible wreckage at the Pentagon, that WTC7 suffered no direct damage and that the collapse of the towers was congruent with a demolition. There are a great many more details, many of which revolve around the apparent lack of response by the U.S. military to the threat and the exploitation of the event immediately following - the invasion of Iraq and Afghanistan being the chief example.

Cui Bono?

The most obvious beneficiaries are the very Islamic extremists that the conspiracy theory claims were patsies or didn't do it. Claims are made that the American government gained by using the attacks as a catalyst for public opinion to back a land and oil grab in the middle east and to topple Saddam's government. Other big winners could potentially include the mercenary companies given so many security contracts in Iraq, the military itself receiving funding to fight a new enemy - and the many private contractors that ended up working to rebuild Iraq and to exploit its energy resources. Politically the Republican party gained, having the reputation as a party of war and conflict, ensuring a second term for George Bush.

Possible Conspirators

Anglo-American Alliance, Bilderberg Group, Black Nobility, Bohemian Grove, CIA, Committee of 300, Energy Companies, Global Elite, Invisible Space Lizards, Mossad, Pilgrim's Society, Rothschilds, Shadow Government, Skull & Bones, Technocrats, Great Commission, Illuminati, U.S. Government, Zionists.

Adventure Seeds

1. The 9/11 conspiracy theories grow more and more spun out and ludicrous with every passing year and those who subscribe to them are all but entirely destroyed politically. Association with conspiracy theorists has tarnished what passes for the American left wing - guilt by association - and made it harder for genuinely underhanded political and security issues to be exposed. What if the conspiracy isn't 9/11 itself, but the conspiracy theories about 9/11? Who stands to gain the most from the discrediting of the left wing and investigative reporting?

2. Such a conspiracy requires a lot of participants from the highest levels right down to the people planting the explosives and firing the missiles. Keeping a tight lid on such a large scale conspiracy will be virtually impossible. Sooner or later someone's conscience is going to bother them and if anyone involved, at any level decides to split it open, it is going to be a politically and socially seismic event. The conspirators are gong to be willing to do just about anything to prevent the story coming out and, if they could pull off the attack in the first place, then their reach is long.

3. The same conspiratorial group is planning another false-flag operation but someone involved in the last one has leaked information to the characters about it. They have the opportunity to prevent another disaster or, at least, to expose the group behind it by gathering evidence of their responsibility. All manner of groups and forces have been brought together under the auspices of this conspiracy. How are they ensuring loyalty? How are they preventing leaks? Has that apparatus locked onto the characters yet? Exactly what sort of disastrous attack are they planning and to what end? Who are they intending to take the fall for it this time and what agenda is being furthered?

003 - From Toilet Seats! Description

The theory goes that the AIDs virus is simply too elegant and too 'targeted' to be the product of nature. AIDs - or rather HIV - must then be engineered, a bio weapon that has been used to target the homosexual community - perhaps as a test - and now upon Africa where it's causing massive devastation to countries already weakened by economic problems, superstition and religion. AIDs is considered to be a weapon against both the economies and the populace of this region, potentially also a population control weapon that meets the agendas of many potential conspirators to depopulate the developing nations, to weed out the weak or the morally degenerate and to maintain the first world/third world split.

How is it done?

The HIV virus was developed as a biological weapon amongst the western powers during the cold war and testing was begun in the 1970s with a few isolated cases. These were then stepped up to testing on the homosexual community during the 1980s and has spread to the 'immoral' heterosexual community since then, though the infection rate is still considered somewhat under control in the west. In Africa on the other hand the disease has been allowed and encouraged to spread like wildfire, distributed during charity-organised vaccinations and its sexual spread exacerbated by both tribal traditions, traditional medicine and the influence of the Catholic and evangelical churches.

Cui Bono?

The west benefits because the African nations are kept down, impoverished by their attempts to fight the disease and depopulated by its inevitable effects. This helps keep the countries down and in debt and more vulnerable to international exploitation or even a resurgence of colonialism. Examining the effects of a bioweapon 'in the wild' is also a source of great scientific knowledge and understanding of diseases and can lead to the design of new strains and new bioweapons of even greater effectiveness, including a possible successor to HIV designed to truly depopulate the world of its excess population.

Possible Conspirators

1001 Club, Angels, Anglo-American Alliance, Artificial Intelligence, Big Pharma, Bilderberg Group, Black Nobility, Committee of 300, Eugenicists, Global Elite, Invisible Space Lizards, Nazi Remnants, Rothschilds, The Great Commission, Whitey, WHO.

Adventure Seeds

1. The conspiracy is preparing to unleash 'super AIDs' upon Africa and Asia. The disease will appear to be airborne and to be a mutation of the normal HIV virus. The disease has been genetically targeted to affect blacks and Asians, based upon near-unique genetic markers that those races have in their makeup. Should they succeed then Africa will be left devastated and ripe for total exploitation and China's growth to become a world powerhouse will be stopped in its tracks.

2. The powers behind the conspiracy have a cure, one that's the result of a great deal of research but which has been kept secret despite a number of small leaks about the technology being used. Some of the scientists involved in the project have broken ranks as they believe the disease is out of control. They have the secret of the cure and want to trade it for amnesty and protection from the conspiracy.

The fact is that the Earth is 3. overpopulated, by around four billion people. The current population level is completely unsustainable at any reasonable level of a good quality of life. Something needs to be done but those with control of the HIV and super AIDs bioweapons have no intention of overturning the applecart in anything like so violent a matter. Those who have worked for them in the past do recognise the problem though and are willing to do something about it. This breakaway group - representing a split in the conspiracy - have inside knowledge and just need agents, or patsies, to get what they need from their parent conspiracy, keeping their true motivations secret from their new helpers, of course.

004 - Spaaaaace Maaaaan Description

Way back in the mists of time the influential, ancient cultures of men - such as the Aztecs, Incans, Babylonians and Egyptians, were influenced themselves by aliens who visited these cultures and inculcated them with knowledge far beyond that which should have existed at that time. Architecture, astronomy, materials science, mechanical devices, it is claimed that these aliens helped with it all and that the evidence of their intervention - and their forgotten science - has been covered up or sidelined. Any group that did have access to the truth about these ancient aliens might well have a technological edge and greater understanding than normal human cultures and may well engage in protecting and exploiting ancient sites to preserve their unique knowledge.

How is it done?

Who knows what alien technology and artefacts such a conspiracy might have uncovered? Almost anything could be possible for them from teleportation to weapons that allow for total disintegration, even interplanetary or interstellar space flight. There's no telling what capabilities they might have or what locations they may have discovered and exploited. They may be seeking to uncover and release the knowledge slowly, or simply to keep it to themselves. This could be a benevolent or a malevolent conspiracy just as easily.

Cui Bono?

The conspiracy clearly benefits from their access to ancient alien technology and ideas though the downfall of these previous civilisations is, obviously, a concern for them. Front companies may benefit from the slow trickle of alien-inspired technological releases and humanity as a whole may benefit from the advances, though they are being kept to an extremely slow rate. In another spin humanity as a whole might benefit from these technologies being kept under wraps, hidden away where they can't disrupt our societies or negative affect humanity's opinion of itself. Who wants to be scavengers when we can be inventors and conquerors of nature?

Possible Conspirators

Ancient Remnants, Annunaki, Council of Nine, Energy Companies, Global Elite, Grey Aliens, Hollow Earthers, Immortals, Invisible College, Invisible Space Lizards, Majestic 12, Men in Black, Nazi Remnants, Nephilim, Phoebus Cartel, Psychic Conspiracy, Rothschilds, Scientologists, Soviet Scientists, Technocrats, The Masons, The Theosophical Society, Thule Society, Vril-Ya.

Adventure Seeds

1. An ancient city site is uncovered in the Amazon during clearing. Mostly buried, archaeologists are keen to examine this preserved city-temple complex before looters get their hands on it. The conspiracy is also keen to get to the ruins before anyone else to extract anything that they know is of use, leaving the other explorers to pick over the less important discoveries. This city took everyone by surprise so conflict, or a cover-up, is inevitable.

2. An ancient alien device has turned up, exposed, to the public. At present the controversy over the device is limited to internet fora and the blogs of paranoiacs that nobody really takes seriously. The group that has the device is, now, however, working hard to get genuine academics and scientists to look at it and are having some success. The conspiracy dearly wants to track down who has this device and to recover it and take care of them, rival groups and academics on the fringes want to get hold of it for vindication and the group with the device needs protection. All of this activity will only feed into the conspiracy theories on the blogs but for once they'll have some fact to go on.

3. A member of the group is bequeathed one of these devices, a calculation and projection engine that, when deciphered, can project holographic architectural designs as 3D blueprints, to which pieces of stone, wood or metal can be very precisely crafted. The device's use is not immediately obvious - it isn't designed for human hands or minds - but its existence is bound to garner the conspiracy's attention sconer or later and they will spare no effort to get hold of the device and to keep its existence a safe and secure secret.

005 - Old Ways are the Best Description

Before recorded history there was an ancient super-civilisation, which spanned the Earth, achieved heights of technology and then, mysteriously, fell giving rise to the legends of Atlantis, Mu and other lost civilisations. Often thought of as utopias. These civilisations did exist and their remnants remain, patterns on the ocean floor, ruined cities and, here and there, in the forgotten places of the world and places that our technology is only just allowing us to reach, there survive outposts of ancient technology which we can decipher and use to our own ends - or at least the conspiracy that keeps all this information to itself can.

How is it done?

The ancient civilisation was able to travel the world and to build huge monuments. It knew about the stars, about forms of energy production that are mysteries to our most advanced scientists and they seem to have been possessed of a deep spirituality that is all but absent from modern man. They left great monuments of stone and Earth but these have all but been wiped away, replaced by pale imitations constructed by the tribal societies that inherited the Earth after them. Still, these secrets have enabled those who have uncovered them to move secretly and swiftly around the planet, to build concealed bases where they can never be found by those outside the conspiracy and to take their technology decades ahead of where the most cutting edge modern technology has gotten to. With these advantages the conspiracy is well able to keep a lid on discoveries that threaten their monopoly.

Cui Bono?

The conspiracy benefits because of its access to ancient technology and the true history of the world. They are able to guide, encourage or suppress development of technologies that they already know the ancients developed, trying to avoid their mistakes and shape the future of humanity as a whole, to set up themselves and their proxies as saviours and geniuses. Any cause that they decide to back gains from their unmatched intelligence information and their secret bases and means to travel from one place to another unobserved and unintercepted.

Possible Conspirators

Ancient Remnants, Annunaki, Artificial Intelligence, Bilderberg Group, Council of Nine, Energy Companies, Enlightened Ones, Global Elite, Hollow Earthers, Immortals, Invisible College, Cult of Mithras, Nazi Remnants, Nephilim, Rothschilds, Shadow Government, Soviet Scientists, Technocrats, Masons, Theosophical Society, Thule Society, Vril-Ya.

Adventure Seeds

1. In a newly uncovered ancient enclave one of the ancients themselves has been discovered and, unwittingly, revived. Horrified by the exploitation of what remains of his civilisation he has usurped much of the control of the conspiracy and is dismantling everything they have done in trying to find others of his kind to resurrect them and reclaim their supremacy of the world. The conspiracy is crumbling and coming apart which provides the opportunity for other parties to get involved in both exposing them and, potentially, doing something about this rogue ancient.

2. The ancients have a lineage that runs from the survivors of their fall, down the ages, through to the current generations. One of the characters is an inheritor of this legacy and when one of their parents dies they're inducted into that secret. Their bloodline has a higher chance of a genetic and mental compatibility with ancient devices but is not a part of the official conspiracy, drawing them into a life of occult espionage that they never asked to be a part of, the inheritors of the ancient legacy versus the conspiracy that has taken control of their heritage and uses it to secretly rule the world.

3. An ancient war machine, discovered in the Marianis trench, is out of control and has begun to cause issues for the conspiracy, things they can't keep under wraps such as tsunami, earthquakes and attacks on shipping and coastal settlements. Caught up in one of these disasters the characters discover some hints at the truth. With the conspiracy occupied trying and failing to stop the machine it may be down to them to uncover a way to stop it.

006 - Antichrist Superstar Description

Jesus was a real person of true and real supernatural power - whether from god or from elsewhere - the prophecies given in the bible are true and come from his gifted followers who had been apportioned a small degree of his power. Amongst those prophecies were the predictions of a rise of an Antichrist, everything that Jesus was but purposed to evil ends. Prophecy has a sense of inevitability about it but those who have believed in the rise of this antichrist have been keeping their eyes out for his birth in the hopes of allying themselves with or exploiting this unholy force. The child destined to become the antichrist has been born and when he achieves maturity at the age of 30, just as with Jesus, he will come into his full powers. Until then the child must be protected and suitably prepared for his inevitable rise to power and cataclysm.

How is it done?

Religious conviction is a powerful force for guaranteeing people's silence and complicity. The threat of the supernatural, whether fulfilled or not, has motivated wars, torture and martyrdom for thousands upon thousands of years and religion itself is a valuable tool of social control. The Antichrist is a false Christ and can be passed off as a second coming to those of suitable convictions, others can be controlled by the promises of power and wealth to come. Still others can be made to hold the course by the threat - real or imagined - of the powers the Antichrist is claimed to command. Even if one member of the conspiracy loses their nerve there are plenty of other fanatics to take their place.

Cui Bono?

The immediate beneficiary of all this activity is the Antichrist themselves, or the child purported to be the Antichrist. They are protected day and night and equipped with everything any child - or adult - could ever want for. Toys, money, companions, an education second to none, all intensively preparing the child to be a world leader, albeit in terms that their controllers wish to enact upon them. The conspiracy itself benefits from the kind of religious pulling power and fear that a Christ, anti or otherwise, can inspire and create. Religions themselves might benefit should such a devil-child turn out to be real and true as the reality of salvation by their version of god would become more likely should the Antichrist turn out to be true, many people would seek safety in the arms of one or more gods.

Possible Conspirators

Angels, Black Nobility, Bohemian Grove, Carbonari, Demons, Descendents of Jesus, Golden Dawn, Hellfire Club, Invisible College, Jesuits, KKK, Le Cercle, Mormons, Mossad, Muslims, Nazi Remnants, Nephilim, Opus Dei, Ordo Templis Orientis, Priory of Sion, Rosicrucians, Satanic Cults, Templars, The Great Commission, The Illuminati, The Masons, The Vatican, Wicca, Zionists.

Adventure Seeds

1. The Antichrist child has given some of his handlers the slip but is already precocious and intelligent beyond his years and this is all part of a game to him. Latching onto the characters he begins to manipulate them into conflict with the conspiracy, purely for his own cruel and sociopathic entertainment, subtly finding ways to ruin their lives and expose them to the conspiracy to which he intends to return but not before he's had a little fun out in the real world.

2. A righteous organisation has word of the existence of the Antichrist and believes it, wishing to put the child down and kill it before it can mislead and harm the world in the manner which the bible describes. Killing a child is not an easy thing for anyone to do and the righteous group needs to protect themselves both from public opinion and from exposure to the Antichrist conspiracy. If they're going to act they need patsies or freelancers willing and able to get the job done, no matter what.

3. The Antichrist comes of age and begins his rise to power, surrounded by and supported by his conspiracy he gathers power first in the religious and then the political arena. Clues pile up in the actions of both the conspiracy and their pet Antichrist, their actions, reactions and their doings in relation to other conspiracies until it becomes obvious enough to the group exactly who or what this person is - or believes themselves to be - and their agenda.

007 - Hiding in Plane Sight Description

Deep in the desert where nobody but the military and the most ardent of UFO spotters go lies Area 51, a notorious site in UFOlogy and thought to be the place where the U.S. government keeps its secret alien technology and the wreckage from Roswell and other UFO crash sites. Here, it is alleged, alien technology is being reverse engineered and used to produce the next generations of fighter planes, computer technology and remote drones all of which allow the U.S.A. to retain its military edge and to potentially combat any alien threat that might emerge. These ideas are given credibility by the secret development of America's stealth planes which, during their development and test flights, gave rise to some UFO reports.

How is it done?

The ability to hide the secret of Area 51 depends on several measures. Firstly there is the censure and enforcement that a military, government owned installation can bring. Anyone even threatening to reveal genuine secrets of the base can be locked up, charged with treason and can disappear into prison completely legally. Secondly there is its relative remoteness, size and lack of accessibility, factors which prevent anyone getting a really good look at it. Thirdly there is the fact that Area 51 is a stereotype, familiarity breeds contempt and cheesy fiction and crazy conspiracy theories are rife with stories about Area 51, so much so that anyone uncovering anything genuine there has to deal with a deeply sceptical and fatigued public who don't want to hear anything new about Area 51.

Cui Bono?

The government and any cabals controlling it gain through the exploitation of alien technology and the production of prototypes far beyond anything anyone else can mass produce, though they have to be careful not to tip their hand and reveal too much, publicly available and witnessed technology must remain credible. The military gains in terms of new toys and the world, potentially, gains in terms of defence against possible alien threats.

Possible Conspirators

Anglo-American Alliance, Bilderberg Group, Bohemian Grove, CIA, Committee of 300, Global Elite, Grey Aliens, Industrialists, Invisible Space Lizards, Majestic 12, Men In Black, NASA, Nazi Remnants, Phoebus Cartel, Pilgrim's Society, Shadow Government, Skull and Bones, Technocrats, Transhumanists, U.S. Government, Whitey.

Adventure Seeds

1. The characters happen across a UFO that has crashed - or been shot down - in the process of investigating the crash they are swept up by the forces that control Area 51 and conveyed to an on-site brig for decontamination, examination and for their future fate to be decided. The aliens and their craft in this case aren't taking their incarceration or dissection laying down and move to make their own escape providing the perfect opportunity for the characters to also escape as well as to discover more about what has been going on at Area 51 and who is really behind it.

2. The characters are, or are hired by, a group of UFOlogists who are desperate to get into Area 51 and see 'the truth' for themselves. The truth may not be what they expect but breaking into Area 51 is not going to be a remotely easy prospect, especially since they're so used to dealing with sightseers and ejecting them from the base. A successful foray into the base may uncover alien technology, Aurora fighters or simply advanced pulse jet aircraft. Of course, the whole UFO thing may just be an elaborate cover for an even more disturbing and dangerous conspiracy, something truly mind-melting and beyond anything that was expected.

3. The invasion that Area 51 was developed to counter is imminent and the base - and the conspiracy - are being rapidly and dangerously expanded in order to meet that imminent threat. The characters have some expertise or knowledge that means they're to be brought into the fold - whatever their previous indiscretions or work for rival groups. Whatever it takes to bring them on board, short of public disclosure, can be agreed upon and then they'll be set to work, dealing with the advance scouts and recruiting others - or eliminating security threats.

008 - Tsunami, Tsunayu Description

The 2004 Asian Tsunami, also known as the Indian Ocean Tsunami and the Boxing Day Tsunami was a devastating disaster for Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India and Thailand in particular. Almost a quarter of a million people were killed immediately with many more dying in the aftermath of the disaster or becoming refugees. Many are still considered missing or lost, their fates unknown. This theory contends that this enormous humanitarian disaster was no accident but rather that it was a deliberately triggered event. A test run for a new and devastating weapon of mass destruction, one that is able to unleash seemingly natural forces against an enemy and devastate their country under the guise of an 'act of god'. India and China in particular threaten the supremacy of the current first world in the coming century and it is seen as no real coincidence that such a weapon might be tested in an area that forms a threat to the manifest destiny of the Western world.

How is it done?

Various methods are suggested for how this could have occurred. Nuclear torpedoes fired from a stealth submarine to trigger the fault lines are one idea, as are special deep-sound harmonics, designed to set up a resonance frequency in the rocks. This is similar to a supposed invention of Nikola Tesla which was said to be able to shake buildings to pieces or to induce earthquakes. The scale of the disaster, its natural appearance and the chaos following it dissuaded and prevented any real investigation into what might have caused it so it was presumed to be natural. The conspiracy could remain relatively small, only those transporting and deploying the device would have any real knowledge of what happened - and those controlling them.

Cui Bono?

The first world gains by hampering the development of the second world. Conspiracies with concerns for population reduction also gain greatly from successfully testing their technology, though a quarter of a million people is a drop in the ocean to their final goal. A government using this powerful new technology gains an untraceable weapon which can be used, without attracting blame, upon their enemies, undercover and cause all the devastation of a nuclear device. The conspiracy could even hold nations to ransom, forcing them to comply with their agenda through the threatened use of such a weapon.

Possible Conspirators

1001 Club, Anglo-American Alliance, Bilderberg Group, Black Nobility, Bohemian Grove, Committee of 300, China, Environmentalists, Eugenicists, Global Elite, Hollow Earthers, Invisible College, Invisible Space Lizards, Le Cercle, Nazi Remnants, Pilgrim's Society, Rothschilds, Shadow Government, Skull & Bones, Soviet Scientists, Technocrats, Tesla's Legacy, The Great Commission, Thule Society, United Nations, U.S. Government, Whitey, WHO.

Adventure Seeds

1. The submersible and its crew were supposed to be destroyed in the tsunami in order to cover the tracks of the conspiracy but the vessel - if not the crew - survived and the wreck - largely intact has now been found, perhaps by the characters, perhaps by contacts or friends of theirs. Examining the wreck will reveal, to the right eyes, what has gone on but the conspiracy will be keen to keep it a secret.

2. The weapon is being used to threaten a more powerful government, perhaps threatening to be set off in the Gulf of Mexico, something that would be utterly devastating to both America and to Mexico. Demands have been made but both governments would rather not give in to terrorist threats and make a concerted effort to find out who is responsible, stringing them along as much as possible while they investigate.

3. The existence of this technology isn't as secret as the conspiracy would like it to be and everyone wants to get their hands on it from other conspiracies to national governments. There's a lot of money to be made for anyone who manages to steal the secret of the weapon and its deployment, especially if nations are placed in a bidding war against each other for it. Of course, having the information also makes you a prime target...

009 - Lost Beneath the Waves Description

The idea of Atlantis, the lost civilisation, resonates down the ages and remains in popular myth even today, often associated with other maritime and historical mysteries. Atlantis was, supposedly, an island state of great technological and social accomplishment, far beyond the dreams of the philosophers of the ancient Greek times with which they somewhat overlapped. In their hubris they overreached what they could accomplish safely and so doomed themselves, either cursed by the gods or the victims of their own mistakes. Some say that the Atlanteans still exist, in bloodlines that escaped to the New World or that intermingled with the old, others say that their technology has been discovered and co-opted or even that the Atlanteans adapted themselves to their underwater life after their city sank and that they exist still beneath the waves. For the purposes of this book Atlantis did not survive but their machines and knowledge did, discovered by the conspiracy fifty years ago it has allowed them to create secret enclaves and to tap into the very power that ruined Atlantis, confident they will not make the same mistakes.

How is it done?

Atlantis' sunken remains lie somewhere in the Atlantic in a secret location, protected from prying eyes by special camouflage and various government orders, inserted into the system, supposedly because the location is the site of a sunken nuclear submarine and thus a military secret as well as being unsafe. A sea-floor research lab continues the long and arduous work of examining and deciphering the surviving Atlantean artefacts while the conspiracy makes use of the Atlantean breakthroughs to cement and extend their control over the surface world, particularly in their use of the Atlantean slave technology, a set of neural controls that render someone into a helpless puppet of their masters. For all their touted philosophical and social advance, like most societies in their time this was done on the backs of slave labour, their philosopher kings given time to think and experiment because of the leisure slaves afforded them.

Cui Bono?

The conspiracy benefits from both the Atlantean technology and the ability it gives to control others and empower their secret facilities. With a perfect slave force they can usurp media, politics, police, military, any force they so desire, simply by subverting the leaders and main controllers. With a free energy source, provided they can keep it under control, they have a means to preserve civilisation - at least in their image - if their agenda requires more forceful promotion than this subversion. It gives them a way to survive the 'end of the world' very successfully.

Possible Conspirators

Ancient Remnants, Bilderberg Group, Bohemian Grove, Committee of 300, Council of Nine, Energy Companies, Environmentalists, Eugenicists, Global Elite, Invisible College, Nazi Remnants, Pilgrim's Society, Rothschilds, Shadow Government, Soviet Scientists, Technocrats, Theosophical Society, Thule Society, U.S. Government, Vril-Ya.

Adventure Seeds

1. A determined group of conspiracy theorists/treasure hunters aren't put off by the cover story, perhaps even attracted by the idea of stealing nuclear weapons they charter a private submersible and intend to descend and see what's going on down there for themselves. The ruins are dangerous, even to seasoned explorers and scientists, let alone to amateurs. Conspiracy and 'pirates' may well find themselves having to work together to defeat ancient Atlantean technology.

2. The mechanism of slave control is a type of semi-organic implant, one that has occasionally been discovered in people, many of them test subjects. The supply of these devices is, however, limited and can be traced back - through minerals and other deposits - to the underwater site. Something that may lead investigators back to the conspiracy itself.

3. Atlantis was only one settlement site of this ancient culture and recent explorations in Antarctica threaten to uncover another one beneath the ice that covers the mountains of Antarctica. The conspiracy moves to cement its monopoly while other groups seek to gain parity with them.

010 - Three Corners Description

The Bermuda Triangle is an abiding mystery. Even though it is claimed that no more than the expected or usual number of planes and ships go missing over the area many refuse to believe this and spend a great deal of time documenting the disappearances and the strange phenomena that are said to occur over this area. There are strange things genuinely happening in this area, time distortions, strange mists and places appearing and disappearing some of them extremely strange, unnatural. Someone is covering up the strangeness in the triangle, possibly to defend us against some sort of threat but more likely to profit from the strangeness that washes up on Bermudan shores.

How is it done?

The cover-up is done using the apparatus of government and intelligence services, as well as the navy and coastguard, not to mention some of the strangeness that has washed up, passing through the triangle from some strange 'other' places. The effect itself has a cause unknown, it simply appears to be a distortion in spacetime that periodically and unpredictably punches through realities, sucking some things through, pushing other things out and disrupting radio communications, electronic, space and time itself for the duration of the opening resulting in missing time, crashes, sinkings, hallucinations and other weirdness. The effect is beyond current understanding, though there are constant attempts to figure it out.

Cui Bono?

Ostensibly the people of the planet are protected by the control and cover-up of the Bermuda disturbances. Panic and public outcry would do nothing to solve the problem and would undermine global security and stability, something that cannot be afforded. The conspiracy in place to protect the world from the secret of the triangle does, itself, benefits a great deal from the cover-up as well, having exclusive access to the peculiar flotsam and jetsam and to its occasional use. This advantage, plus their extralegal powers, allow the conspiracy to not only protect their secret but to extend their control into governments, companies and other interested parties, supposedly to protect the secret but also providing the conspiracy with a large degree of control over the world and its peoples.

Possible Conspirators

Ancient Remnants, Anglo-American Alliance, CIA, Energy Companies, Enlightened Ones, Grey Aliens, Invisible Space Lizards, Majestic 12, Men in Black, NASA, Phoebus Cartel, Shadow Government, Technocrats, Tesla's Legacy, Theosophical Society, Time Travellers, United Nations, U.S. Government.

Adventure Seeds

1. The characters are on a boat out in the Bermuda waters when a strange mist envelops them, whisking them through to one of the many 'other sides' where they find not only this other world, but evidence of contact between this other world and their home world, complicity, even alliance though their own people would rather see them eliminated than help them return to their own world. Escaping this alien place will be difficult enough without people on both sides trying to kill them.

2. Someone, or something, strange has washed through from the other side. A person or a thing out of their time, out of their space. Whoever or whatever it is falls into the lap of the characters and while they have access to it they gain the benefits and the knowledge from it but it makes them a threat to the conspiracy and, thus, a likely target for their sanction, extreme sanction being the most likely outcome.

3. The anomaly, whatever it is, is growing more and more extreme in its effects to the point where it won't be able to be covered up for much longer. The characters are forcibly volunteered as guinea pigs for a new scientific experiment aimed at transiting the anomaly controllably to known destinations on the other side. If the experiment works then the forces of the conspiracy will follow in an attempt to get the problem under control. Of course, the lab rats were never really intended to survive the experiment and may turn out to be a spanner in the works.

011 - Huge Plates of Meat Description

There have long been tales of impressive, humanoid monsters roaming the wild places of the Earth; the Yeti of the Himalayas, the Sasquatch of Canada and Bigfoot of North America as well as many less well known claims of ape-men and men-apes across the world. While it is unlikely that any such creature could avoid human notice, capture and categorisation for this long it is remotely possible and that possibility becomes even greater if you believe there might be a conspiracy in place to cover up the truth of the matter. For one reason or another Bigfoot is considered to be a secret and one worth protecting with large expenditure, political pressure and even lethal force - if necessary.

How is it done?

The creation of the large, national, parks was a part of the scheme to keep the truth from the public. By restricting access and placing rangers and law enforcement in charge of protecting the wilderness large areas for the Bigfeet to get lost in were created and the means was made for people to 'disappear' while searching for them or running into them and for the areas to be protected from prying eyes. Political pressure, coupled with the ecological movement has cemented this control over huge swathes of the wilderness and with so many accidents and disappearances of hikers and climbers nobody pays too much heed of the occasional group of snoopers goes missing.

Cui Bono?

Such a large, intelligent hominid could be a leftover remnant of a previous hominid species or it could be a missing link between mankind and his forebears. Understanding humans better through science gives better understanding and control and the closer a creature is to human the more you can learn. Experimentation on humans is banned but on an unknown and unclassified humanoid creature? Genetics alone can be advanced massively by near-human experimentation and biological science of all kinds can similarly be pushed forward by such experimentation, much as the Nazis greatly advanced medicine and biology with their human experiments.

Such a creature also threatens religion, so the churches gain by having the creature covered up. Finally the eco lobby, desperate to protect such an important creature, could be complicit in such a cover up, intending to protect these creatures from tourism/hunting.

Possible Conspirators

1001 Club, Anglo-American Alliance, Big Pharma, CIA, Environmentalists, Eugenicists, Nazi Remnants, Shadow Government, Technocrats, The Great Commission, Time Travellers, Transhumanists, U.S. Government.

Adventure Seeds

1. As the Nazi rocket scientists were taken by America and used to move forward in the space race and in missile construction so Nazi and later Soviet biologists working on similarly advanced work were smuggled out after WWII and during the Cold War. Wilderness areas have been used to produce crossbreeds of ape and human and some have escaped their plantations into the wild. Pursuing stories of one such escapee a scientists and his backup - the characters - stumble across the experimental facility and its gruesome secrets, threatening to expose the conspiracy.

2. The population of Bigfeet in the wilderness has been increasing and, needing more food and space; bands have begun to move into the more tourist heavy areas and out along the borders. The characters are part of a team put together by the conspiracy to conduct a cull and to make sure that no word of these creatures reaches the general public - by whatever means necessary. The Bigfeet aren't as stupid or helpless as many believe them to be though and they can be dangerous prey - and hunters.

3. If Bigfoot were found it could provide direct evidence of man's descent from other hominids. In the popular mindset such a 'missing link' would cement evolution as correct. The evangelical lobby is - and has been strong in the United States and has used that influence to nationally and internationally cover up the existence of these creatures and to cull them back almost to extinction. Now a famous biologist has gotten wind of what's going on...

012 - Whirligigs

Description

Since the 1970s rumours have circulated in conspiracy theory circles about 'Black Helicopters'. This refers not only to the colour scheme of the vehicles in question but also to their purpose, which is alleged to be 'black operations'. Black Helicopters have been associated with everything from UFO sightings and cattle mutilation to a feared UN invasion of the United States. They've also been reported fairly consistently in the United Kingdom where, instead, they're called 'phantom helicopters' and seem to appear and disappear and are classed as UFOs themselves. The true black helicopters are stealth helicopters, developed by the British and the Americans using lessons learned first from the SR71 and later from the current generation of stealth aircraft as well as being prototypes and test beds for such technology. Their use is sanctioned in support of the broader conspiracy and they use high technology to be silent, all but invisible to radar and hard to make out visually, providing the perfect vehicle for black operations of all kinds and the enforcement of the will of the

conspiracy.

How is it done?

The black helicopters themselves are all but silent, fast, radar invisible and are stationed around the countries that have them in numerous secret facilities. They are mostly transport and observation craft but there are gunships, designed to use special undetectable weapons such as paper bombs to eliminate targets secretly and stealthily. The undetectable nature of the craft themselves is the biggest boon to their secrecy but, being classed as secret military technology also allows them to be protected with the full force of government and legal powers.

Cui Bono?

What group doesn't benefit from the ability to move people and materiel around in absolute secrecy or to insert covert teams over long distances into remote areas without detection? The governments are the most obvious beneficiaries since they gain access to the technology but any black group with its tentacles into these governments can, in turn, benefit. They are the perfect vehicle for investigating UFO sites, for conducting experiments on the public and for stealthily crushing resistance. The black helicopters could be part of any conspiracy.

Possible Conspirators

Anglo-American Alliance, Bilderberg Group, Bohemian Grove, CIA, Culper Ring, Global Elite, Industrialists, Le Cercle, Majestic 12, Men in Black, NASA, Phoebus Cartel, Rothschilds, Royal Family, Shadow Government, Technocrats, Illuminati, United Nations, U.S. Government, WHO.

Adventure Seeds

1. The black helicopters are intended for an internationalist takeover of the United States using agents throughout the U.S. political/military system to single out areas of resistance for the helicopters to strike at. In the meantime they are used for surveillance operations and to eliminate those who endanger the conspiracy. One of these people is a man living at a neighbouring farm to the characters and they're witness to him being terminated, which in turn renders them as targets.

2. One of the characters finds a black elicopter crashed in the woods. The materials with which it is made are far beyond anything they could imagine being possible and, amongst the dead men, there is a box, containing a strange, crystalline sphere which still glows with power. The helicopter itself is sought by the conspiracy to cover up its existence, the orb is a probe from an alien UFO and both the conspiracy and the aliens are seeking to retrieve it before it can get into what each group considers to be the 'wrong hands'.

3. The New World Order takeover of America is beginning. Witness to the first few skirmishes the characters see police and soldiers turn on each other and black helicopters swoop in on their town, depositing stormtroopers and gunning down any resistance. This is the beginning of a full scale military coup that is starting to sweep the entire country. Both sides, nationalists and internationalists are engaging in war crimes and all human rights are being forgotten. A group of players could swing the revolt either way.

013 - Chemtrailblazer Description

It is alleged, by some, that military aircraft are spraying chemicals and biological warfare agents onto the general populace from high altitude and that these sprays can be seen as long wisps that appear following the aircraft through the sky. It has even been alleged that commercial aircraft have been used to do the same thing, raining down chemicals nationally and internationally on an unsuspecting population. The purpose of these chemtrails has been accused of being anything from weather control projects to social control, pacification chemicals and mind controlling drugs that render the population lazy and disinterested, easier to control. Other claims state that the air is being seeded with metallic salts and very fine 'chaff' in order to facilitate better use of the HAARP project. The chemtrails may also be tested of high altitude dispersal of viral or bacterial agents, perhaps part of a depopulation project, using 'harmless' viruses to see how far and how fast they spread, confirmed through blood tests.

How is it done?

Aircraft are modified or equipped with special tanks for the dispersal of the chemicals and, when reaching cruising altitude, they release the chemicals over the target areas or into the target winds, from where these trails begin to dissipate and disseminate themselves through the atmosphere. Many of the aircraft involved are unsuspecting patsies; short-haul flights which carry less fuel and, thus, leave more room for the chemical apparatus, criss-crossing the nations and dispensing their covert cargo as they go, disguised as contrails. The conspiracy has access to both commercial planes and to specialist dispersal aircraft which are excused as being on 'exercises'.

Cui Bono?

Large scale public testing is the only way to truly be sure of the effects of chemicals and biological agents on the general population as well as seeing how they react to, change in and interact with the natural environment. Public tests of biological and chemical agents are not unknown as took place during and after the world wars, often without oversight or control. The information gleaned from these projects could inform a new generation of chemical agents and that information could be of great use to any conspiracy that seeks to control or eliminate a large population.

Possible Conspirators

1001 Club, Anglo-American Alliance, Big Pharma, Bilderberg Group, Black Nobiliy, Bohemian Grove, CIA, Committee of 300, Eugenicists, Global Elite, Grey Aliens, Invisible Space Lizards, Pilgrim's Society, Rothschilds, Shadow Government, Technocrats, Illuminati, Masons, United Nations, U.S. Government, WHO.

Adventure Seeds

1. An investigative journalist has come into information regarding the atmospheric seeding project, aimed to affect everyone on Earth - outside of the ruling classes and their direct subordinates - with a chemical that demotivates and renders passive. They need assistance and cover while they get the story out as well as corroborating evidence from the chemical plants and dispersal planes, clues to which are in the documentation she's escaped with.

2. The chemtrails are part of a plan to depopulate the Earth by around four billion people to return the population to a sustainable level. One of the scientists working on the project has begun to lose his nerve and wants out. He's put out feelers for someone, or a group of someones to extract him from his predicament under a cover story. Once free the real truth will come out and the hunt to find and eliminate him will become more intense.

3. The aerial seeding of chemicals is an intentional boost to global warming effect. The elite wish to weaken the infrastructure of the world by causing famine, floods and devastating forms of extreme weather and then to use their power and wealth to emerge as the visible, rather than the shadowy, rulers of the Earth. Once they take power they will cease their atmospheric seeding and it will seem, miracle like, that they have caused the droughts and devastation to come to an end. As the situation gets worse and worse globally some few begin to suspect the real cause and push for a covert investigation...

014 - The Mark of the Beast Description

Plans are afoot to get your personal information, medical records, passports and even your payment details for your credit cards, all available in a scannable, implantable 'chip' which can be placed beneath your skin or attached to your bone. At present these experiments are limited to universities and other academic or experimental contexts but there are always rumours of it being rolled out to the army, to the police or to public sector workers as a whole and, thence, to everyone in the general public. The excuses made for this undertaking are many but include convenience, efficiency and security concerns as well as greater ability to combat crime. Those who are suspicious of the move cite civil liberties as a major concern or suspect it as being part of a conspiracy to drag the world into a status of being the ultimate police state where everyone can be tracked and controlled. Many also equate this to Revelation from the bible and consider the chip to be the 'Mark of the Beast' as foretold in Revelation chapter 13.

How is it done?

The chips have any number of perfectly legitimate uses and the excuses given for wanting people to install it are all true. As such they make excellent cover for the research into and installation of more complex and powerful chips incorporating tracking technology, financial information and so on, the ultimate goal being to install the ultimate information society where everything about you follows you everywhere and there is no way to hide. The way it is being done is via all the excuses already given, convincing the public that this is for safety and convenience and thus winning over all but the most diehard paranoiacs and bible bashers who are effectively self-discrediting.

Cui Bono?

Any group with the agenda of control and the installation and maintenance of an elite stands to gain as does the banking system. Total information means there's no way to escape debts or fines and also makes it all but impossible to take on a new identity or to hide from the authorities. Companies as a whole gain as the chips can provide important demographic information about who spends what, where on what. Political dissent can also cause a person to be tagged, and watched.

Possible Conspirators

Artificial Intelligence, Big Pharma, Bilderberg Group, Black Nobility, Bohemian Grove, Committee of 300, Global Elite, Hellfire Club, Industrialists, International Banks, Invisible Space Lizards, Le Cercle, Rothschilds, Satanic Cults, Shadow Government, Technocrats, Illuminati, United Nations, U.S. Government, Whitey, WHO.

Adventure Seeds

1. A prototype model of the 'final' iteration of chip is being tested at a secret location. Stealing it and revealing precisely what shenanigans are being gotten up to in regard to this technology will require breaking and entering and kidnapping. The characters may be the perfect candidates to undertake such a dangerous mission though the chip will still need to be surgically extracted at another location. Whoever is hiring or motivating them may also not be entirely on the level.

2. UFO abductions are a cover for the installation of test chips. Now that RFID is becoming more commonplace some of the old installees may find themselves triggering an RFID detector with the information on their chip, not the RFID device that they're meant to be using. This could be the breakthrough that's needed and could also be dangerous, particularly if one of the abductees is one of the characters from the group. The conspiracy will use the UFO story as a cover, such claims aren't believable and excuse the presence of agents and intervention while also making it unbelievable to bystanders.

3. To test the tracking and identification capability of the chips, as well as their robustness, a group of subjects are abducted, chipped and thrown into the wilderness to be tracked down - hunted - by a set of testers armed with powerful weapons. If the chip allows them to track, kill and identify the test subjects over rough and wild terrain, it will be considered successful.

015 - Slick Willy's Sick Killy Description

While this idea was more prevalent during Bill Clinton's reign as president the conspiracy theory has refused to go away, particularly as the viewpoint that all political parties are just one big machine has continued to spread. This refers to the Whitewater scandal in particular but also branches out to other areas of contention. It is alleged that the Clintons have been quietly having their rivals and detractors 'bumped off' as part of a conspiratorial scheme to preserve the power and prestige of America's leading political families and the Clintons in particular. Around fifty names, all supposedly dying under mysterious or unclear circumstances, all linked to the Clintons are listed and this is not the first time death lists have arisen, centred around a presidency.

How is it done?

A president Clinton had the ear and command of the secret services, both known and unknown, perfectly capable of carrying out his - and other presidents' - dirty work for him. Ex presidents receive bodyguards from the secret service and these loyalists to him may have continued to work for him and his wife ever since. As president he is, doubtless, also the pawn or an important part of any conspiracies that control and direct the U.S. presidency and, as such, may have access to groups and powers beyond those thought available. His sexual shenanigans were, obviously, a cover intended to draw attention away from the much more dangerous and worrisome things that were going on. The conspiracy protects its own, even if its methods can sometimes seem unorthodox.

Cui Bono?

The Clintons most directly benefit from the deaths of their detractors but so does whatever conspiracy they serve or participate in, since it continues to gain from their patronage and their powerful positions and political influence. All presidents, it has been alleged, gain from the ability to covertly wipe out people who could be a real problem for them and the group that does the killings gains by having the ultimate blackmail material over the presidents and, thus, ultimately control over them - for all they may represent themselves as servants.

Possible Conspirators

Abortion Lobby, Assassins, Bilderberg Group, Black Nobility, Bohemian Grove, Carbonari, CIA, Committee of 300, Culper Ring, Demons, Global Elite, Hellfire Club, Industrialists, Invisible Space Lizards, Le Cercle, Mafia, Rothschilds, Shadow Government, Illuminati, Trade Unions.

Adventure Seeds

1. This conspiracy theory is dismissed since it is so poorly researched but deeper research can find creditable deaths linked with almost every president that there has ever been. A researcher has uncovered this truth and gathered their evidence but has also uncovered a list of dangers to the current president, a death list. Rescuing people on that list will go a long way towards helping prove that something strange is going on and the evidence needs to be foolproof before going public. They're going to need help to reach and protect these people, many of whom have no idea that they're even considered a potential threat to the presidency.

2. There was a survivor of one of these assassination attempts and they have, since, gone to ground and hidden themselves away, living under the radar and amassing enough money via illegal means to pay for a counter strike. The characters are secret service drafted in to bolster Clinton's security while he acts as an ambassador to try and calm renewed tensions in Northern Ireland. While there they are informed about a plot to kill him but in their investigations they may uncover the awful truth about what has really been going on.

3. The Clintons have, apparently, outlived their usefulness to the conspiracy or have passed outside its protection. Fearing for their safety but unable to go public about it they beef up their own security against the assassins who once worked for them. These security consultants, who may include the characters, will find themselves on the receiving end of a protracted, well equipped and well trained assassination attempt against one or both Clintons and through their intervention and success may manage to uncover the greater conspiracy and allow for the truth to finally come out.

016 - A Clone of my Own Description

Replacements, copies, impersonators and doppelgangers are common ingredients in many conspiracy theories but the secret capability to clone people - for whatever reason - is a conspiracy in and of itself. Plant and animal cloning has been done but there's a lot of laws in place that make investigating human cloning difficult and, whenever a scientist or a lab comes forward claiming to be able to do it they seem to quickly get shut down, investigated and exposed as fraudulent.

Or do they?

All these laws, all this effort to investigate claims of human cloning, all small of a cover-up of some kind to conspiracy believers. What that must mean is that powerful people and groups already have access to cloning technology and are trying to keep it exclusively to themselves by interfering in the legal and public pursuit of the ability to clone.

How is it done?

Secret labs hidden throughout the world and staffed by suitably bribed, blackmailed and controlled laboratory technicians, provide the clones produced from samples gathered from all manner of subjects. The clones are grown in tanks, volunteers and transgenic cattle all of which are kept in secret locations and guarded at all times by a select group of security consultants. Finished clones are either put on ice or fast-grown and educated in special facilities, ready to play their roles with absolute conviction and attention to detail. Clones have many uses in medicine, subversion and complicated plans and schemes, not to mention misdirection and creating false data and alibis.

Cui Bono?

Clones can be used to provide rejectionfree organs, which is useful to the aging power brokers of many conspiracy organisations who suffer the ravages of age and may have developed any number of organ problems and disorders. Clones can provide a ready supply of blood and transplant parts since they're - essentially - the same person. With identical DNA clones make great decoys and alibis and, suitably trained, can replace a 'real' person so flawlessly that nobody except the conspirators has any idea the person has been replaced. Lastly the cloners themselves can benefit from having privileged access to the technology and being able to sell it to the highest bidder, making them a powerful conspiracy in their own right.

Possible Conspirators

Ancient Remnants, Annunaki, Big Pharma, Council of Nine, Eugenicists, Immortals, Invisible College, Invisible Space Lizards, Phoebus Cartel, Rosicrucians, Soviet Scientists, Technocrats, Time Travellers, Transhumanists.

Adventure Seeds

1. A cloning facility is uncovered accidentally during a warehouse fire, confusing everyone who happens upon the scene. The local press is excluded and then further strange things begin to happen. Some people act in peculiar ways, evidence starts to go missing and the cloners close in upon those who saw too much or who have pieced together the truth about what has been going on there.

2. The sex-slave trade on the streets is thriving despite a clamp down on illegal immigration and passport theft. A few of these girls and boys start turning up dead but there's no record of them at all either in their home countries or with immigration. When a match is found the person is alive and well and still living in their home country. The only really strange thing is that none of the victims have navels...

3. One of the characters slowly begins to discover that they're not who they think they are but are an unactivated clone, placed in the group as a fifth columnist. Are they who they were made to be or the person whose life they have adopted? What do the cloners want with them as part of the group? What will happen if the cloner conspiracy does activate them, will they hurt their friends and loved ones and how will they react when they find out that you're not the real you?

017 - Conspiracy Conspiracy Description

Conspiracy theories seem to run more and more rampant ever since the millennium from 9/11 'troofers' to David Icke's 'Invisible Space Lizards' all the way to a secret bloodline of Jesus and a rogue planet that's going to smash us all come 2012. These conspiracy theories are running wild and out of hand and are being picked up and treated seriously even by otherwise intelligent people. This significant lunatic fringe has come to be associated with political opposition, most often left/ liberal, and has done tremendous harm to that side of the political spectrum through association with the tinfoil-hatted legions, undermining the credibility of alternative political philosophies and obscuring genuine underhanded sneakiness on the parts of politicians by tangling them up in unbelievable bullshit. What if this profusion of conspiracy theory is, itself, a conspiracy theory? A way to cover up what's 'really going on' behind a smokescreen of nonsense that not only undermines the political opposition but which gives people conspiracy fatigue to the point where they automatically dismiss even the genuine accusations?

How is it done?

Psyops agents and insiders spend a great deal of time creating authentic and semiauthentic looking material, trawling the internet for related ideas and people who subscribe to them, making anonymous tip offs, dropping off papers anonymously and pushing their ideas out onto the internet in a myriad of forums, chat rooms, poorly constructed web pages and web 2.0 applications. Not enough to convince anyone who really looks into these things but enough to get the 'believers' in a lather and to instil in them a evangelical zeal to get the 'truth' out to the people at large and to 'wake them up', even to the point of going to sites of great tragedy and claiming ludicrous things about them - be it Auschwitz or Ground Zero.

Cui Bono?

The political right and the normal, political orthodoxy gain greatly from the left wing or third party groups being associated with such insane, paranoid ramblings. It discredits their political opponents helping to marginalise them in the mainstream public mind and even remote association with these groups can completely annihilate any third party candidate's chances, even though they're slim in the first place. For a conspiracy that is genuinely up to something nefarious discrediting conspiracy theories as a whole and making people weary of the whole topic makes it paradoxically easier for them to go about their plans as nobody will believe anyone who uncovers something anyway.

Possible Conspirators

Anglo-American Alliance, Armenian Conspiracy, Artificial Intelligence, Bilderberg Group, Bohemian Grove, CIA, Committee of 300, Culper Ring, Global Elite, Industrialists, International Banks, Invisible Space Lizards, Majestic-12, Men In Black, Pilgrims Society, Republican Inner Circle, Rothschilds, Shadow Government, Skull & Bones, The Masons, United Nations, US Government.

Adventure Seeds

1. A well known conspiracy theorist has discovered that he's being used to disseminate bullshit to the internet and has gone slightly insane. All his attempts to let people know have been dismissed by the conspiracy theorists as meaning he's been 'got at' or was a plant all the while. Which is technically true but not in the way they think. He needs some hard evidence to clear his name and the players are just the ones to find it.

2. The players are manipulated, as a group, into providing a little substance to one of the false conspiracy theories. They're lead around by the nose to plant and then remove evidence, strong-arm some conspiracy theorists and to otherwise act in a strange enough manner to spark some wild speculation.

3. The characters are agents of the conspiracy and are busy planting seeds of made up schemes and plots when it turns out that the made up scheme they're creating evidence for is actually a real scheme being put in place by a different group of conspirators. They don't believe in coincidence and think it's all down to the characters being privy to secret information. On that basis they set out to plug the leak.

018 - A Little Corny Description

Crop circles are beautiful and eerie, whether they're the result of two old men with a plank or landing sites for UFOs they're still wonderful and instil a sense of awe and strangeness when you see them or walk amongst them. For a while they were all over the news, even internationally, and attracted a great deal of study and examination. That's tailed off but the crop circles continue to be formed and continue to grow more and more complex and elaborate, expressing mathematical concepts, fractals and fairly complex geometry much of which would require the 'two men with a plank' to be expert mathematicians and capable of surprising accuracy in their creations. Reason enough to think something else might be behind it, warnings or signals from some supernatural or interplanetary force perhaps.

How is it done?

Unnatural energies, either created by alien life or by magickal force, permeate the crop field and pass through the natural energy lines of the Earth, either 'leylines' or lines in the Earth's magnetic field, grounding themselves in the vulnerable crop stems and laying them out in pre-programmed patterns that attempt to inform or influence the people that observe them and the area around them. In fact this may be a struggle between these two competing forces, one positive, one negative, both seeking to influence the outcome in some cosmological battle for the Earth and the hearts and minds of its inhabitants.

Cui Bono?

Farmers certainly don't since they lose a lot of their crop to the circles or to trampling tourists though, in some cases with low value crops, farmers have made more by charging people for access to the circle. The alien conspirators may benefit from tinkering slightly with the Earth's magnetic field, the patterns being manifestations of that tinkering, 'programming' it to act in certain ways or to be used as a field-effect computer of sorts, or a conduit for some other effect that they have planned for the future. The crop patterns themselves may be a form of memetic programming, implanting thoughtforms deep in the consciousness of those who observe them, slowly and incrementally changing global attitudes or making Manchurian candidates of a sort of those who have encountered the circles. On the opposite side the magickal conspirators may be trying to recreate the effects of the stone circles of old, to reawaken magick in the world and increase its influence or, simply, to counteract the effect of these 'alien' beings.

Possible Conspirators

Ancient Remnants, Angels, Annunaki, Council of Nine, Demons, Enlightened Ones, Golden Dawn, Grey Aliens, Invisible College, Invisible Space Lizards, Nephilim, Ordo Templi Orientis, Prescients, Psychic Conspiracy, Rosicrucians, Satanic Cults, Theosophical Society, Vril-Ya, Wicca.

Adventure Seeds

1. A spate of very different looking crop circles has begun to erupt across America's grain belt on a truly massive scale. The two warring forces are stepping up their etheric conflict in this area and the fallout of it is building and building, straining people's minds - and the ground itself - with conflicting messages. Both sides are causing harm and the war needs to be brought to an abrupt close.

2. A mathematician has found a way to decode the signals that are in the genuine crop circles and has decoded and read much into the alien plans to charge Earth's magnetic field with a kind of intelligent, psyche-stripping machine. Now their agents are after him and he is fleeing, along with his special knowledge and some vague ideas of plans to foil their efforts.

3. The magickal disrupters are planning a festival to try and interfere with their opposition. In order to empower what they're doing they've thrown it wide open to the public and tried to bring as many people on board as possible, reasoning that their enemies won't risk exposure by doing anything overt to such a large number of people. Nonetheless, as the festival gets into full swing agents of the other side are infiltrating and seeking to eliminate the ringleaders and disrupt the festival in order to preserve their scheme.

019 - Storm in a Teacup Description

Climate change is very real but it is being done deliberately in order to shift the balance of power on the Earth and to wipe out the poorer nations while weakening the richer nations enough to make them susceptible to takeover by a generational fifth column of rich and powerful elites who have wormed their way throughout society over the last few hundred years. This is, effectively, terraforming but with as much a political goal as well as a physical goal. A reduced population is easier to control and with their populations and lands relatively cleared out the second and third worlds would be ripe for conquest by the richer and more powerful nations, even in their reduced state, opening up their resources for more effective exploitation.

How is it done?

Secret projects pump carbon into the atmosphere and heat up methane clathrate beneath the oceans to release its gases and accelerate the global warming phenomenon. At the same time they encourage cheap development in the second and third world, pump up consumption, encourage fossil fuel use and cause politicians to drag their heels in dealing with rainforest damage, dead zones in the seas and legislating on carbon production, efficiency and other measures that would stem the tide. The conferences and weak legislation that goes on is all for show though, soon, the 'brakes' will need to be applied before the process builds up too much of a head of steam on its own. Such global control requires a lot of agents in a lot of governments, businesses and intergovernmental projects as well as any number of dupes, patsies and willing global warming deniers.

Cui Bono?

In the very short term everyone benefits. The second and third world get rapid industrialisation and the joys of a consumer culture. They get education, industry, employment, convenience, better houses, vehicles and all the other things that The West takes for granted. Then they'll want more and won't want to give up what they have any more than The West does. Longer term everyone will suffer but most especially the island nations and the third and second world who still don't have the resources to cope with the social and financial upheaval that rapid climate change will cause. In the first world however the conspiracy will be poised to take over as strong leaders, needed in those times of crisis which will last at least decades, giving them ample time to cement their control of the whole, weakened, world.

Possible Conspirators

1001 Club, Anglo-American Alliance, Bilderberg Group, Committee of 300, Energy Companies, Global Elite, Industrialists, Invisible Space Lizards, Le Cercle, Pilgrims Society, Rothschilds, Shadow Government, Technocrats, The Illuminati, United Nations, Whitey.

Adventure Seeds

1. Catastrophic collapse of the methane hydrates begins, pumping greenhouse gases into the atmosphere at a phenomenal rate. Sea levels begin to rise far more rapidly, superstorms sweep the nations of the Earth and a panicked exodus begins of refugees from the second and third worlds while the first world clamps down its borders and the conspiracy begins to move. It's too late to save the world but scattered climate scientists have figured out the truth.

2. A prominent convert to the cause of combating global warming holds high political office but is being strong-armed and intimidated by forces unknown and their security detail is worse than useless. They're seeking private assistance to get to the bottom of who is threatening them and for protection while they make a series of talks and gather support for their attempt to fundamentally shift public perception and government support for a radical change in policy.

3. As part of a deep survey the character's submersible accidentally catches site of a hydrate 'boiler' near Antarctica after being washed off course. Having seen something they shouldn't they become hunted by the conspiracies full resources, starting subtle but building up to riskier and riskier efforts to stop them. Their influence extends to the military and to the science stations in the area. There's nowhere to run and no easy way to get the word out.

020 - High on Definition Description

Analogue TV stations are being shut down across the Western world and are being replaced by digital signals with every home getting a new digital box to receive the signal. The provision of these digital boxes is, in some countries, being accomplished with government assistance either directly or via contract with particular companies. This is a sweeping change to people's homes which will place a brand-shiny-new computerised device in almost every home that there is and because of this, and luddite suspicion that there was nothing wrong with analogue TV, there's a great deal of paranoia about these new boxes, that they might monitor and report back on what you watch or even that they might contain cameras and recording devices so that people can be bugged, no matter who they are or where they are, anywhere that there's a television.

How is it done?

Within the boxes are hidden tiny camera and microphone devices as well as solid state recording devices that make note of what television shows are watched at which times. This allows people watching television to be both spied upon and profiled according to what shows they watch and their reactions to them. The signals are stored and can either be remotely read or use an existing cable or internet connection to report back when queried. The digital signal is also capable of transmitting subliminal information with much greater success than the old analogue signals allowing people to be literally tranquilised by the television sets or exposed to commercial or political suggestions.

Cui Bono?

The government and other shadowy, controlling conspiracies would obviously gain greatly from a near-total surveillance society for all the obvious reasons. Groups that want to control people benefit from the potential for pervasive and subtle mind-control technology while media and corporate interests gain huge advantage from either being able to monitor and manipulate the audience - for a price - or through the ability to use subliminal marketing techniques far more effectively than at any previous time in history, despite them being outlawed.

Possible Conspirators

Artificial Intelligence, Bilderberg Group, Entertainment Companies, Global Elite, Industrialists, Liberal Media, Phoebus Cartel, Rothschilds, Rupert Murdoch, Shadow Government, Technocrats, Tesla's Legacy, United Nations, U.S. Government, Whitey, Zionists.

Adventure Seeds

1. A team of police investigating a high profile serial killer who has targeted the rich the characters start to get tip offs that couldn't have come to them any other way than by pervasive spying and wiretapping. No such action has been approved and the suspect is killing the very people he claims to be spying on him in what seems like a paranoid delusion but there may well be some genuine truth to his claims. The police are being used to stop him but what happens after that depends very much whether they can learn to leave well enough alone.

2. Someone has managed to get into the spy network and has begun to post compromising videos culled from the system onto Youtube using various anonymising techniques. Not only must the leak be plugged but the cyberterrorist - for that's what he's being called - must be stopped before he exposes someone of genuine importance rather than two teenagers having sex on a sofa. That's where the characters come in as the enforcement arm of the conspiracy.

3. Some people are particularly susceptible to the subliminal suggestions that are being pumped into their homes via the secret extra components in the digital boxes. It isn't too long after the general roll-out that the deaths start to happen. The man who stuffed himself with a single brand of chocolate bar until his stomach ruptured. The woman in hospital with chronic constipation due to taking packet after packet of a diarrhoea cure she didn't need and any number of unsuitable people who have marched themselves down to their army recruitment office in line with a subliminal advertisement to join the military. These incidents all seem unrelated but a proper investigation will turn out their commonality.

021 - Hell of a Hole

Description

In Russia, on the Kola Peninsula on the Murmansk coast sits the site of the Kola Superdeep Borehole. Here Russian scientists managed to drill down twelve kilometres into the Earth's crust - the deepest hole ever drilled into the Earth. Urban legend has it that the scientists hit a hollow point as they were drilling down and that up from the well came the cries of the damned themselves as well as a strange, bat-like apparition that rose up and burned across the sky. Since then this has, of course, been revealed to be a hoax, a hoax to test the credulity of Christian believers, but the hoax could, itself be a cover for something genuine, even a genuine hole to hell itself. After all, the Communists (the hole was dug in 1970) were in league with the devil were they not?

How is it done?

The hole may well have, at one point, been a genuine scientific endeavour and it has certainly shed a lot of light on geology and the inner workings of the Earth. This is, in and of itself, the perfect cover for anything strange and occult that may actually be going on. As a link between the deep Earth and the upper Earth this may be a conduit for communication or transit of that which lives below to come to the surface or that which lives above to travel below. Being so remote and so tightly, scientifically controlled the site is relatively easy to protect from any snoopers and makes a good, remote, base of operations for other possible conspiratorial uses such as earthquake machines, boring nuclear weapons and so forth.

Cui Bono?

Depending on the nature of the hole different forces could benefit. A Satanic cult would have a direct line to the boss and a place to throw still sacrifices, with pure souls, into the clutches of hell, cheating them of heaven and offering a powerful threat to corrupt and turn the purest of hearts. If there is a hollow Earth then colonist from the surface - such as Nazi remnants - may have been contacted or a new conquest - of the inner Earth (or vice versa) may be underway. Access to the magma currents and layers of under-Earth water may also give novel means to attack or spy upon rival nations.

Possible Conspirators

Ancient Remnants, Angels, Black Nobility, Council of Nine, Demons, Descendents of Jesus, Enlightened Ones, Golden Dawn, Hellfire Club, Hollow Earthers, Invisible College, Jesuits, Nazi-Remnants, Neo-Fascists, Nephilim, Opus Dei, Ordo Templi Orientis, Psychic Conspiracy, Rosicrucians, Russian Secret Service, Satanic Cults, Soviet Scientists, Technocrats, Templars, The Great Commission, Theosophical Society, Thule Society, Vatican, Vril-Ya.

Adventure Seeds

The borehole is to be widened so that
a capsule may be lowered for better
observations of the geology on the way down
the shaft. The characters are the crew
chosen to pilot and observe from the pod,
taking samples. They don't know the true
purpose of the pit or the reason that they,
in particular, have been chosen to go down.
What they find at the bottom is not what any
of them would ever suspect.

2. The conspiracy is attempting to get hold of a powerful, Cold War, nuclear weapon. One designed for maximum power in a groundburst situation. They intend to steal this from a nuclear decommissioning facility and to transport it to the borehole, detonating it to crack a much, much larger fissure in the Earth, deep into the crust to allow whatever is really down there up onto the surface.

3. A series of earthquakes devastate several important cities around the globe and the characters are part of the charitable and scientific relief efforts that go to each of the sites to try and rescue people and to understand what is really occurring. Present at every earthquake site are the various proxy charities of The Great Commission who are snatching up orphans and placing them within 'good Christian' orphanages. In fact these children constitute an offering to the devil, in order to try and bring forward Armageddon, a bribe to force god's hand and to bring about the end of the world.

E-mail circulars from crazy people can make very good sources of conspiracy information, as can forums where people discuss religion and politics. That's where this comes from.

022 - iSpy

Description

What exactly ECHELON is still isn't precisely known by the site at RAF Menwith Hill in the United Kingdom is known to be at least one of the central sites to the project and it is known that it's used for communications interception. This site is part of a network of satellites, ground stations and processing areas where communications signals, mostly those travelling via satellite networks, are captured, processed and scanned for intelligence information. Telephone, fax, mobile, radio, television and email communications are all subject to interception by ECHELON and certain key words and phrases can trigger flagging of a particular communication for further analysis. The sheer volume of communications going on around the world makes total surveillance impractical but ECHELON is the next best thing. What they may not be telling you is precisely how much snooping is going on and whether communications are being subtly altered or removed in transit, giving the wielder of ECHELON potentially enormous power by controlling the lines of communication.

How is it done?

ECHELON uses a variety of means to tap into communications signals which are then routed to stations for analysis. A lot of this is automated and searches for key words or phrases, such as - say, 'Osama' - which are then flagged up for review by a person. It's a blend of man and machine and an enormous breach of public privacy. Any e-mail, any phone call is subject to potential spying and analysis, no matter how inconsequential or unimportant and the machines may be used as much against political activists and opponents as it is terrorist threats or rogue states.

Cui Bono?

Whoever has control of ECHELON not only has access to the opinions and secrets of the world but to the greatest marketing resource known to man. With subtle changes, choice misdirections and the occasional wiping of a communication altogether the controller of ECHELON could go further, directly shaping public opinion through their manipulations, potentially on a mass scale. ECHELON represents an insight into the collective mind of humanity that very few conspiracies could afford to miss.

Possible Conspirators

Anglo-American Alliance, Anonymous, Artificial Intelligence, Bilderberg Group, Bohemian Grove, CIA, Committee of 300, Culper Ring, Global Elite, Industrialists, Internet Cabal, Invisible College, Invisible Space Lizards, Majestic 12, MI5/6, Mithas, Pilgrim's Society, Republican Inner Circle, Rothschilds, Royal Family, Shadow Government, Technocrats, Illuminati, U.S. Government.

Adventure Seeds

1. An Artificial Intelligence is loose in the net and has infested the ECHELON system, unknown to the system's controllers. It's using ECHELON to distribute itself throughout the main backbone of the Earth's communicationssphere and to tap into remote military systems with copies of itself. An elite group of hackers has lucked into a hack which has revealed the presence and existence of the A.I. but it has also noticed them and has begun fabricating a profile of terrorist activity and criminality, drawing down intelligence community assets upon them. Their innocence and the presence of the A.I. needs to be proven before it completely takes over.

2. A zaibatsu of powerful super-companies has conspired, while fulfilling the technical contracts for ECHELON to tap their own systems into its computers and information gathering/transmitting network. They use this for market research and to insert subtle brand awareness for their products into the public consciousness, amply returning their investment since they operate on such a huge scale. They also use it to monitor government communications that may relate to them and concerns about them and, now aware of a potential international clampdown upon them are moving against those governments involved.

3. ECHELON is a cover for a mercenary conspiracy group that hides behind Anglo-American cooperation and hires out its services to the highest bidders from amongst the other conspiracy groups. The services of ECHELON are available to the highest bidder, though the mercenaries work their own agenda into everything that they do.

023 - Our Friends Electric Description

With environmentalism and peak oil back on the agenda and back in the public consciousness the electric car has also made a comeback in the public perception, as have various hybrid vehicles. Little does anyone realise, however, that some of the very first cars were electric and that useful electric cars don't have to be little bubble city cars, slow, weak or unstylish. There have been several attempts to get electric cars 'out there' in the past and these have all failed, apparently due to public apathy and the perceived limitations of the vehicles. In fact these attempts have been sabotaged but who would want to sabotage clean vehicle technology, particularly in these times of environmental crisis - and why?

How is it done?

Governments can be pressured into making changes to the law that don't suit electric vehicles and environmental regulation is an area that's in constant flux, shifting the sands beneath the feet of those who are trying to create viable electric vehicles. Many of those involved in politics are financed by conventional energy or car companies and so have an instant level of conflicted interest. The companies themselves may act more directly by promoting half measures or competing technologies or creating patents on applicable technological techniques in order to prevent anyone else using the technology to upset the status quo. There's even suggestion that more 'direct' methods might be used in order to keep this technology properly contained and out of the public arena, even that its suppression is part of a broader conspiracy aimed at deliberately causing a collapse of modern technological society and transportation.

Cui Bono?

The oil and car companies are the most obvious, immediate, beneficiaries as their business doesn't have to contend with competition from any alternatives and the status quo is preserved, at least until the oil genuinely does run out. There's an awful lot of money and interest tied up in the existing infrastructure and so maintaining the status quo also suits the broader interests of business on a much larger and wider scale. Groups that are interested in destabilising the world, perhaps to take it over, are also interested in engendering catastrophes and an end to cheap and easy fuel for transportation would spell just that. Thus these groups also have an interest in perpetuating oil dependency as the short sharp shock of having to go cold turkey all at once is going to have a much greater impact on the world order than a gradual decrease.

Possible Conspirators

1001 Club, Ancient Remnants, Annunaki, Bilderberg Group, Bohemian Grove, Committee of 300, Energy Companies, Global Elite, Industrialists, Invisible Space Lizards, Nihilists, Phoebus Cartel, Republican Inner Circle, Rothschilds, Shadow Government, Skull & Bones, Technocrats, United Nations.

Adventure Seeds

1. Through dint of hard work and extreme secrecy a start-up company of bright-eyed idealists and brilliant engineers is close to perfecting the ultimate, marketable, desirable electric car. Finding out about this late and having no time or legal recourse to stop this car being released and going into production more extreme methods are unleashed upon them in their remote development site. The survivors need to get away, dodge their pursuers and gather enough information to preserve their progress and toe finger those who are targeting them.

2. An engineer who worked on an electric car project for one of the big car companies is ready to turn in evidence of their sabotage, having been paid to develop electric car technologies only so they could patent them to block development. Needless to say he's in danger now, both his lifestyle and his life itself, more so than you might expect just from a threat to people's business, perhaps all those patents weren't just about electric cars...

3. Hired to track down a 'defecting' scientist the characters find themselves drawn into a web. The company wants this man found so he can be dealt with before he releases his electrical technology information to another company or to the public at large. The company, small but very well founded, is a front for an organisation planning a technological domination of a post-collapse world.

024 - Everybody Pylon Description

For a long time a debate has raged about the effects of the electric fields generated by electricity pylons and other overhead cables. Accusations have ranged from causing depression and headaches to being responsible for cancer and even deliberate mind control or suppression. There's no proof of any of this but that may well simply be down to a cover-up, after all, if this is done deliberately then those responsible wouldn't want it known and, even if it wasn't deliberate replacing the overhead cables with some other shielded or buried cables would be fantastically and prohibitively expensive for any company to do. There's also the fact that the electricity cables link of cities in much the same way that ley-lines link up old sites of power. Is there a correlation to this, is the one the modern image of the other and have occult forces tapped into the potential of earth power in some way as well as electrical power?

How is it done?

Power is ubiquitous and has been around so long that people are inured to its presence and think nothing of the cables humming overhead or routed around their houses, all of them pumping out electromagnetic waste signal. It's something that's hidden in plain sight and, thus, there's little need to spend much in terms of time or effort in concealing the engine of the conspiracy itself, just dealing with the perception of it. Even there people love the convenience that a constant supply of power gives to them and so are likely to be hostile to anything that threatens the status quote, especially if it is unproven. The conspiracy then, such as it is, is bent upon quashing reports, questioning science and exploiting the electricity network, able to act at a relatively low-key level and let people's ignorance and selfdelusion do all the hard work for them.

Cui Bono?

If the power lines genuinely are causing harm then the question remains whether this is deliberate or a side effect that is being covered up. If it is accidental or incidental to their presence then, like the tobacco companies before them, the electricity companies all stand to gain from the reality of the problems being covered up. If it's deliberate and is being used as a form of mind or even population control - if turned up - then the conspiracy behind it all benefits, probably power mad groups or governmental conspiracies. If they are replacements for ley-lines then any group with a command of the mystic or the magical can use those lines to power their rituals and spells or to transmit and amplify their effects around the world.

Possible Conspirators

Bilderberg Group, Bohemian Grove, Committee of 300, Council of Nine, Energy Companies, Global Elite, Industrialists, Invisible College, Invisible Space Lizards, Phoebus Cartel, Rothschilds, Shadow Government, Soviet Scientists, Technocrats, Tesla's Legacy, United Nations, U.S. Government, Whitey.

Adventure Seeds

1. The electrical network, when harmonised with a special signal, becomes a massive transmitter of a specific frequency that acts as a mild tranquiliser. Turned on during times when the population is getting 'riled up' it saps people of their anger and their will to rock the boat, helping to maintain order. An overload of the signal makes a town of people so apathetic that they drop out of contact and take no care of themselves leading to a medical investigation that threatens to expose the conspiracy.

2. Using principles from Tesla regarding the transmission of electrical power through the ground, the conspiracy has recently determined a way to create deadly harmonics in the electrical signal to cause depression, suicide and rage in targets or even to unleash megavolts of power in their location or devices all at once to kill. A rash of deaths occur related to electrical 'mishaps' as well as unexplained illness and suicides that need investigation by the characters.

3. An environmentalist terrorist group is breaking into power stations and substations and performing pagan ceremonies rather than destroying them. Why? What do they know that the electrical engineers don't?

025 - Thank You Very Much Description

Elvis wasn't assassinated, he wasn't really controversial at the time of his death, all he really had going for him was that he was immensely popular but that's been enough to give rise to any number of theories that Elvis didn't really die. The general idea of the musician who faked their death, or whose death was faked, has reoccurred since for everyone from Tupac to Cobain and everyone in between. Some conspiracy theories are truly out there, such as the idea that Elvis was kidnapped by aliens, others make a little more sense, suggesting that he wearied of the high life and faked his own death to escape it. Sightings of Elvis continue to this day, even though he'd be likely to be unrecognisable at this age. Other conspiracy theories suggest that his death was faked by his record company, or even arranged by it, to boost sales. This seems more plausible for artists like Tupac who continue to put out records long after their death.

How is it done?

Faking a death is harder in an age of terrorist paranoia and genetic checks but a lethal accident with few/no remains would be a good way of faking a death even to this day. A doppelganger may be hard to find, let alone convince, but with luck one could be found or there's always cloning. Otherwise corrupting the coroner and the other legal bodies involved or having a secret service create a new identify for you also work well. Maintaining the conspiracy depends upon secrecy and not blowing one's cover or being found out, investigative journalists being the bane of any secure and secret life.

Cui Bono?

If the artist genuinely is fed up with the high life then they can benefit a great deal from shedding their former life and existence. A top selling artist also has the monetary resources and the loyal staff (or fans) necessary to perpetrate the deed. Record companies always see a big increase in sales when an artist dies, plus it frees up all sorts of material for release, not to mention the money to be made in 'best of' albums. The longer they can eke out the material and 'the legend' the more money they can make, especially if the artist isn't really dead and can provide an unending list of 'lost tracks'.

Possible Conspirators

Entertainment Companies, Grey Aliens, Immortals, Invisible Space Lizards.

Adventure Seeds

1. One of the big record companies fakes the deaths of many of its artists, particularly R&B and rap, at the heights of their careers. They're not dead but they are spirited away and held prisoner, forced under duress to write and produce more material which is released at a trickle rate to their fans, artificially keeping the artists' profile high right up until their legend finally begins to tarnish. When they can no longer make the company money they really are killed. Suspecting this was going to happen a newly 'retired' artist left clues and is continuing to get them out through codes within their 'new' releases' lyrics.

2. One of the older artists finds that they're missing the high life as they approach the end of their lives and hires the characters to investigate their faked deaths and to try and find any evidence that survives that they are who they say they are and that the death was faked. They want their due before they die and still have some squirreled away finances to pay for a proper investigation and a media summit to get the truth out there for everybody to see. Other groups have a vested interest in seeing that they stay 'dead' though, one way or another.

3. An investigative journalist made inroads into discovering where the fake 'dead' artists are being held before he, himself, was killed by a company assassin, formerly a gangland thug who they've groomed into being their gun for hire. Some of the journalist's effects will point investigators to finding their stash of evidence and after that to the island itself. Of course, proper evidence will be needed before anyone is willing to act directly but getting that evidence will mean visiting a private island with very tight security and defences.

The film Bubba Ho-Tep and the webcomic Sam & Fuzzy, both deal with this theme in an interesting, if comedic, way.

026 - Inelegant Design Description

Evolution is fake, the result of a conspiracy between the forces of secularism and science so that they can dismiss and ignore god and so that man can rule himself. All those fossils are fakes and what genuine ones there are indicate that man and dinosaur co-existed. All those dating methods are also faked by the scientific establishment to make the Earth seem older they are also heavily involved in crushing dissenting views such as those of Intelligent Design advocates, trashing their science while indulging in far weaker science themselves. This is, of course, piffle, evolution is about the best evidenced theory in science and the sheer scale and duration of conspiracy required beggars belief but, nonetheless, many people do believe this or some variation upon it. If there is a genuine conspiracy it lies on the other side of the fence, conspiring to pervert and misrepresent science and to force its agenda into schools and science classes.

How is it done?

Secret forces at work in the 1800s influence Darwin, and others, to come up with a theory for life that did not require the intercession or designing hand of god. Darwin came up with the Theory of Evolution by Natural Selection which has become The Modern Synthesis since, refined and revised in order to better stand up to scrutiny and to turn people away from god. While the theory is supposedly full of holes it stands because people don't want to believe in god, they want to be able to get away with things without being pricked by their conscience and this is how the conspiracy wants things, whatever their purpose genuinely is.

Cui Bono?

Atheists and secularists benefits greatly from attacks on belief in god as it enables them to push their liberal and progressive agenda by dismissing religion based criticisms and attacks upon their plans. Satanic and other 'evil' groups benefit because, without god, people inevitably must fall to evil and any groups that want to set themselves up as 'god' also benefit by toppling the rightful king from his heavenly throne, forcing people to look to human promises, power and ideology for their salvation.

Possible Conspirators

Abortion Lobby, Angels, Atheists, Communists, Demons, Enlightened Ones, Eugenicists, Global Elite, Golden Dawn, Hellfire Club, Liberal Media, Mithras, Nephilim, Nihilists, Psychic Conspiracy, Satanic Cults, Scientologists, Shadow Government, Soviet Scientists, Technocrats, The Illuminati, Transhumanists, United Nations, Vampires, Wicca.

Adventure Seeds

1. Rumours sweep the Christ Warrior underground of a secret diary of Darwin's, talking about how he was forced to come up with his theory and how his child was forfeit when he originally refused. This diary, if found, if genuine, would break everything open and remove the biggest obstacle to god belief that exists in the world. The diary is being moved from hand to hand until it can be got into the open. The next to be entrusted with it are the characters but they'll have to try and evade a global scientific and technological conspiracy in order to do so.

2. An unlikely conspirator the ones behind this are actually the religious establishment. Fearful that science would prove the existence of the Christian god in the 1800s and would, thus, eliminate faith as a virtue and condemn all souls to hell, they worked to create a theory that would allow the retention of doubt it is, after all, faith that god values and if you know that he exists, how can you operate faith? Historical and archaeological researchers have found some trace evidence of the genesis of this conspiracy and now it's beginning to move against them, determined to save the 6.7 billion souls on Earth from an eternity in hell.

3. Have you ever met someone who really, really believes in god? They're insufferable, dangerous and thoroughly insane. Genuine belief in a deity, real or not, is massively destabilising to society and certainty that there is a god fills people with a strange sort of existential terror that breaks many minds utterly as they scramble to understand what this invisible tyrant is and what, exactly, it wants. The scientific conspiracy exists in order to spare earthly society and billions of minds from the unearthly terror and madness certainty in god causes.

027 - Hattifatimas

Description

Our Lady of Fatima is an alleged Marian apparition that supposedly came to three Portuguese shepherd children in 1917. The vision of the Virgin Mother is supposed to have entrusted the children with three secrets, two of which were published in the 1940s and the third of which was revealed in 2,000. The first was a supposed vision of hell, a place of fire and torment, not a prediction, but just a warning, perhaps, about the potential torment that lies in wait for sinners. The second secret was an assurance that World War I would end but a warning about World War II, which was, of course, underway by the time the first secrets were published. Even so it was taken as a prediction of that war and of the Soviet Union. The third secret talks of the execution of martyrs, apparently the Pope and many other religious figures and was published in 2,000, perhaps to quell millennial angst about the end of the world but many allege that the published text of the third secret is not what was actually written down and bears little or no relation to what the genuine secret is, or predicts.

How is it done?

The Vatican has had complete control over everything surrounding the alleged visions of the shepherd children almost since the very start, every record and every piece of writing the children ever produced surrounding their visions from when they received them right up until the present day. With such a degree of control, national status and many devoted followers the Catholic Church, and any forces acting through it, find it easy enough to control access to the secrets and to get at anyone in whom their trust is misplaced.

Cui Bono?

If the visions were a hoax then the Church benefits from keeping that to themselves and perpetuating a pious fraud. If they were real then it benefits from holding onto genuine communications from god and having exclusive access to future knowledge and the sense of preparedness and legitimacy such control gives. Fraud or not a lot of believers really, truly and honestly believe that the secrets are real and the apparition genuine. Any group seeking control over the Catholic faith, particularly in Europe and South America could do worse than to piggyback upon the devout following of the Fatima.

Possible Conspirators

Black Nobility, Demons, Descendents of Jesus, Jesuits, Nephilim, Opus Dei, Prescients, Priory of Sion, Templars, The Great Commission, Vatican.

Adventure Seeds

1. A conspiratorial group from within the Church has stolen the third secret, the genuine third secret, from the vaults and is fleeing with it, trying to find a powerful church sect that's willing to receive their defection and what they believe to be the important information that they're carrying. A definite prediction of several events of the 21st Century and, further, a prediction for the day of Armageddon. Several members of the society equipped with this knowledge have killed themselves in despair, as have those they have come into contact with. The Vatican is determined to get this information back, by any means necessary.

2. Relatives of the shepherd children have a record made by one of them before their death that the whole thing was a fake, childhood imagination running wild. Embarrassed by their connection with such devout foolishness they want to get this information out there, to salve their own conscience, not because they think anyone will believe it - people will believe what they want to believe. They entrust the characters with the diary in hopes that they can get the information out there but almost as soon as the book - locked and written in a crude code - changes hands the vested interests start to make their presence felt in various ways.

3. A secret society that is aware of the real text of the third secret exists throughout the Catholic Church and in other religious organisations. They're recruiting important people, regardless of faith, even without faith, in preparation for some upcoming global disaster that they believe the third secret predicts as happening some time in 2012, a synchronity with other apocalyptic beliefs that they find disturbing. As the date approaches faster they act more openly, attracting investigators.

028 - I Have Some Reservations Description

The U.S. Federal Reserve sits at the heart of a great many conspiracy theories, as well it might being an economic policy setter with potentially enormous influence and the ability to issue money. These conspiracy theories normally settle around the idea that money must be backed by gold and silver, that the Federal Reserve is privately owned and controls the U.S. economy or that it's a tool of foreign powers or the secret masters of the world, usually held to be the old banking companies and families. The actual state of affairs is contrary to all these assertions but that doesn't stop the Federal Reserve being targeted in an enormous number of conspiracy plots and schemes and, if it were corrupted, it would be an economic weapon of mass destruction - as part of a global conspiracy. The Federal Reserve tries to calm banking panics, serves as a central bank for the U.S., regulates banks and consumer rights, manages money supply and handles governmental payments internationally. In the various conspiracy theories that exist it finances global conspiracies, undermines the economy and financially enslaves nations and individuals.

How is it done?

Control of the Federal Reserve is accomplished via its private banking members, these use the bank and their capital to dictate to the government and to punish it with financial constriction when it doesn't play ball. With control over the purse strings, effective control of the U.S.A. as a nation falls to the banks that are members of the Federal Reserve and their boards of directors, many of whom represent the Rothschilds and Rockefellers of the world, part of the global elite that really controls the world behind the scenes.

Cui Bono?

As the only superpower, despite its recent problems, the U.S.A. is still a major player on the world stage with a bloated army, a massive arsenal of nuclear weapons and enormous financial and technological clout. Any conspiracy that can wrest control of the U.S.A. benefits enormously and one of the main ways to accomplish such control is by controlling the money. Relatively unregulated and uncontrolled the U.S.A. still has a relatively 'wild west' banking system where the secret masters, little better than the robber barons of old (and in many cases directly descended from them) can make a mint and redouble their fortunes.

Possible Conspirators

Anglo-American Alliance, Bilderberg Group, Bohemian Grove, Committee of 300, Global Elite, IMF, Industrialists, International Banks, Pilgrims Society, Rothschilds, Royal Family, Shadow Government, Skull & Bones, Illuminati, Masons, United Nations, Zionists.

Adventure Seeds

1. Thieves, the characters stumble upon a remote secure warehouse filled, not with used notes destined for destruction as they had thought but, rather, brand new, crisp notes that shouldn't exist. A huge stockpile of 'genuine' currency has been built up by the conspiracy ready to flood the market and annihilate the U.S. Economy. The conspiracy is hot on their tail wherever they spend the money, not wanting it to get out just yet and it's a race between them to discover exactly what is really going on and to escape the conspirators net as it closes in.

2. There isn't enough gold and silver to guarantee all the paper and electronic currency that exists in the world and so an alternative guarantee is required. The conspirators have hit upon the idea of backing currency with narcotics and have laid in stocks at secret holding points around the nation. All well and good until some gang-bangers knock off a money truck and find unusually pure heroin and cocaine which starts to kill off users and anger drug dealers, all with no real clue where it came from - yet - and neither do the police and F.B.I.

3. The Government wants to break free of the conspiracy's control but this has to be done extremely quietly and with total deniability. Acting via proxies the Secret Service moves to get a team together to infiltrate and expose some of the banks that are part of the conspiracy and to gather enough information to expose them on the world stage and get sufficient public backing to arrest the ringleaders and create a new central bank.

029 - F.E.M.A. Seymore! Description

F.E.M.A, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, is an agency of the Department of Homeland Security charged with responding to disasters within the United States and coordinating local, national and international efforts to ameliorate or cure the situation as well as helping with recovery. In the conspiracy canon however, F.E.M.A. is a tool of the secret conspiracies with wide ranging powers to suspend the constitution in the event of a disaster, to declare martial law, seize property and people and to otherwise act as the first driving instance of control as the conspiracy moves to take over the United States. It is even alleged that evacuation camps set up by the agency are actually concentration camps and death camps that have been put in place to hold dissidents and unruly U.S. citizens during the takeover.

How is it done?

F.E.M.A. has existed for a long time in one form or another but in the wake of the 9/11 attacks it was drawn under the purview of the Department of Homeland Security and beefed up, ready to respond to disasters of a terrorist nature as well as natural disasters. In the wake of 9/11 people were more than ready to accept the extension of government powers both to thwart terrorist attacks on such a scale or to deal with the aftermath in a constructive fashion. Hidden within the barely examined legislation are the provisions that the conspiracy needs to take over within a legal framework, step by step, 'boiling the frog', all they need now is an excuse, a suitable 'terrorist' attack on a large enough scale for them to set their plan into motion, a 'false flag' operation that will make people as accepting of the next step of change as they were of the Patriot Act.

Cui Bono?

Those conspiracies seeking to overthrow the apparent world order and take over the United States, and the world, benefit from having an agency on the ground that can go in under the pretext of 'helping' while, in fact, acting as a tool of oppression and control. Groups within the U.S. Government that favour a more totalitarian and right wing form of control are the main beneficiaries as control of F.E.M.A. suits their hawkish agenda and security concerns. It can also be wielded, deliberately ineffectually, to undermine those cities and disaster areas which aren't 'on message' with their programme, as happened in New Orleans.

Possible Conspirators

Anglo-American Alliance, Bilderberg Group, Bohemian Grove, CIA, Committee of 300, Communists, Global Elite, Industrialists, International Banks, Invisible Space Lizards, Pilgrims Society, Republican Inner Circle, Rothschilds, Royal Family, Shadow Government, Skull & Bones, Illuminati, Masons, United Nations, U.S. Government, Whitey.

Adventure Seeds

1. The characters are caught up in ground zero of a new false flag operation, a terrorist nuclear attack on American soil. After the initial shock and dealing with the immediate survival needs F.E.M.A. swoops in to save the day, only, it turns out that in the days until they turned up emergency powers have been invoked and there were several other attacks. The F.E.M.A. experts, PMC mercenaries and soldiers turning up to help are also there to disarm and arrest dissidents and other marked individuals and to install direct governmental control.

2. Doing an aerial survey for an internet mapping company the characters witness the construction of a F.E.M.A. death camp and are shot down with smallarms fire from the guards, in the middle of the desert. They need to survive, but the only place with shelter and water for miles is the camp itself, under construction or not. The guards are out looking for them but they have a chance to both survive and get this information out to the public in the form of irrefutable evidence rather than hearsay and spooky sounding Youtube videos.

3. The characters are a disparate group who have been rounded up and placed within one of these camps for various reasons. Perhaps they're genuine terrorists, perhaps they're members of activist groups, perhaps left wing intellectuals, artists, poets, cartoonists or bloggers who have done something to attract the ire of the new controllers. The agenda is to escape, though things outside the fence aren't that much better.

030 - Slaves with Clean Teeth Description

The idea that fluoridation is a conspiracy was massively popularised by the obsessions of the insane base commander in the film Doctor Strangelove. Since its introduction fluoridation has been accused of everything from being a Communist plot to being a cause of rare forms of bone cancer. It's a hardy perennial of the conspiracy movement that moves with the times and becomes entangled within whichever conspiracies are most prevalent at the time. These days it's mostly to do with cover ups and mind control and fluoride supposedly can lower IQs, cause problems with the central nervous system, reduce fertility, interferes with the pineal glad and the onset of puberty as well as suppression of the thyroid gland, leading to depression amongst other things. Some of these effects would seem to tie in with supposed conspiracy agendas on population reduction and mind control, suppressing the will of the populace to resist. The oldest conspiracy theory was that the whole idea was cooked up to lessen public outcry over the use of fluoride in atomic bomb production and as a means of getting ride of the fluoride waste.

How is it done?

Sodium fluoride crystals, sodium fluorosilicate or fluorosilicic acid are added into the water at the point of supply by the utility companies. Extremely soluble these compounds break down and spread throughout the water and the concentration is monitored and handled automatically by machinery, or monitored and accomplished by hand. Of course, the places where these chemicals are added and mixed could also be used to add different chemical compositions and, so long as these resembled the regular chemicals, nobody need be any the wiser...

Cui Bono?

If the conspiracy is a cover-up then the government benefits the most. New nuclear warheads are still produced and though methods have moved on some fluoride may well result as a waste product needing to be disposed of. It would do no government and no party any good for this cover-up to get out, especially with the research that links fluoridation with various illnesses and problems. If, on the other hand, the conspiracy is one of mind control then there's a dual benefit to any conspiracy that wants to suppress and control populations. The alleged mind-altering effects of fluoride itself and the infrastructure required to put more obvious and direct mind controlling agents into the water supply as and when they want.

Possible Conspirators

Big Pharma, Bilderberg Group, Bohemian Grove, CIA, Committee of 300, Communists, Global Elite, Invisible Space Lizards, Le Cercle, Republican Inner Circle, Rothschilds, Shadow Government, Soviet Scientists, Technocrats, Illuminati, United Nations, U.S. Government, Whitey.

Adventure Seeds

1. Fluoride is being slowly replaced with other chemical agents that instil a more direct form of mind control. The characters are in one of the test areas for this new agent but are, for some reason, the only people in the town who are immune. The town is then subjected to a more violent and forceful test through the use of occupation by a PMC and being cut off from the rest of the world while also being subjected to slowly increasing levels of control and brutality in order to test their drugaffected tolerance.

2. A rash of rare bone cancers is affecting a town with its own singular water supply. As part of the CDC team sent to investigate the characters discover that it's down to a tiny, tiny increase in the fluoride supply to an increase in the natural levels of fluoride affecting the town. That such a tiny amount made a big impact raises warning signs but they're leaned on to keep it quiet.

3. Fluoridation is used to introduce one chemical but it does not act on its own. It acts in conjunction with another chemical that is introduced by atmosphere seeding via 'chemtrails'. Each is, thus, immune to investigation by itself as it does no individual harm. Combine the two however and you have a potent drug that turns people into little more than mindless drones for state or corporate control. Immune to investigation until a fringe scientist comes to the characters wanting help to gather conclusive proof.

031 - Tastes like Chicken Description

The food we eat every day is riddled with all sorts of chemicals and additives and, while the coded 'E' numbers may be largely gone from labelling this often doesn't reveal much more to us than the old numbers did. What's `tartrazine' or `partially hydrogenated vegetable fat' after all? Let alone other chemicals that haven't been part of public panics - informed or otherwise. Some would have us believe that these additives are there to suppress our sex drives, keep us fat and cull our numbers, control our minds and keep us lazy and stupid. This particularly applies to junk food but there's problems with things like the popularity of 'organic' food as well, it's expensive and you couldn't feed the world population by using organic methods, fad diets also kill and introduce other health and environmental problems. Eating is something everyone has to do and that makes it a vital pressure point for widespread control of the population.

How is it done?

Food processing plants are large, impersonal places and most of the workers are relatively uneducated manual labourers and don't really understand what they're doing - those that haven't been replaced by automation at any rate. Only managers and technicians really know what's going on and they only supervise and perform tests on samples from the produced food supplies, generally looking for bacteria and common poisons. It's simply enough to corrupt the tests and adulterate the supplies to get any compound required into the food supply and, more broadly, government agencies can be hoodwinked, bribed or controlled to pass substances for public consumption that might not otherwise be cleared, while also using the same control to suppress wonder foods and other healthy produce. Some of these food chemicals, lastly, may only be harmful or psychoactive in combination, passing checks individually but having a profound effect at the point of use.

Cui Bono?

Food companies themselves benefit from placing addictive ingredients into their food as well as producing it as cheaply as possible. If an ingredient is mildly toxic, but very cheap, it's in their financial interest to use it, whether it harms people or not. Other conspiracies use food - as well as water - as a channel to get the drugs and chemicals that support their agendas into the population at large, usually going for fast food and junk, the lowest common denominator, ensuring that they - with their rarefied diets - are kept safe. Lastly fast found outlets with their targeted marketing and reassuring sameness are excellent sites for the exertion of subtle mind control and brand loyalty.

Possible Conspirators

1001 Club, Abortion Lobby, Anglo-American Alliance, Big Pharma, Bilderberg Group, Committee of 300, Eugenicists, Global Elite, Industrialists, Invisible Space Lizards, Rothschilds, Shadow Government, Illuminati, U.S. Government, Whitey.

Adventure Seeds

1. A spate of deaths in a shabby neighbourhood are being blamed on a batch of strong crack cocaine but the common denominator between the victims isn't drug use but, rather, patronage of a new chain of fast food outlets in the area whose opening has coincided with a considerable drop in crime. There's something in those tacos that's killing and subduing people but does the ends justify the means?

2. Silidrinol, a new sweetener, promises to outdo all the other artificial sweeteners without the side effects of aspartame and others. It's the new miracle additive to pass the government tests and is being rolled out across everything. Silidrinol is also a tranquiliser that builds up slowly through regular consumption robbing people of their drive and motivation and making them far easier to rule, which is the goal of the conspiracy that has introduced it. Health fanatics in a community of junk eaters the characters begin to notice the change going on around them day by day and soon notice the conspiracy's observers, also present and taking note.

3. A food additive undergoing clandestine testing in the characters neighbourhood takes grip on all of them, inducing a tribalistic fervour within them, coupled with intense and mutually reaffirmed hallucinatory delusions about other, similarly formed tribal affiliations, setting people against each other. Eventually though, the effect will wear off and there'll be a price to pay...
032 - Live Forever? Description

The Fountain of Youth is a persistent topic throughout the occult, mythological and conspiracy communities. Whether a literal fountain (once believed to exist within Florida and once claimed to be owned by David Copperfield) or a code word for some life-extending technology, or even for the Holy Grail and other potential, magical providers of life and rebirth the consistent ideas are that it is secret, hidden and that its beneficiaries are people of great, secret power - that secrecy perhaps being key to their longevity due to the less pleasant details of how people's life might be extended. Any number of people in the public eye who don't seem to age, or who seem to age more slowly than they should, become targets for accusations of involvement as do those who vanish from the public eye under suspicious circumstances, the fountain - rather than their plastic surgeons - taking the credit for their youthful appearance.

How is it done?

Whatever the fountain itself is, literal or figurative, it is kept extremely secret and very tightly controlled by the conspiracy and it provides them with the ultimate tool of bribery and control, life extension and immortality. With access to the technology a person can live forever, need never give up their riches or their power to the next generation and can make truly long-range plans for the future. If the treatment must be a regular thing then those in control of it have access to the most addictive substance that exists - life itself. Something that nobody save the suicidal are incorruptible from desiring.

Cui Bono?

The beneficiaries of the treatment themselves are the most obvious beneficiaries and the ones with the most to gain from keeping their discovery secret. You can't afford for everyone to have immortality after all and any means by which is could be accomplished might be stormed and destroyed by those who desired it. As a means of control it can appeal to any conspiracy out there and the method by which it is accomplished may be limited to high tech, alien, psychic or magickal means, making it of special interest to those groups over all others.

Possible Conspirators

Ancient Remnants, Angels, Annunaki, Big Pharma, Bilderberg Group, Black Nobility, Council of Nine, Demons, Descendents of Jesus, Enlightened Ones, Eugenicists, Global Elite, Golden Dawn, Grey Aliens, Immortals, Invisible College, Invisible Space Lizards, Men In Black, Nazi Remnants, Nephilim, Ordo Templi Orientis, Phoebus Cartel, Priory of Sion, Psychic Conspiracy, Rosicrucians, Rothschilds, Satanic Cults, Soviet Scientists, Technocrats, Illuminati, Masons, Theosophical Society, Time Travellers, Transhumanists, Vampires, Vril-Ya, Wicca.

Adventure Seeds

1. The characters are candidates for the immortality process but it is revealed to them what the dark cost of such immortality is and it becomes up to them to decide if they want to go through with it, knowing the cost, or whether they want to blow the operation open and liberate the secret for and to everyone, or perhaps even to destroy it forever.

2. Trash journalists for a supermarket tabloid the characters unwittingly find themselves to be in the centre of a genuine revelation. One of those dead rock star sightings turns out to be the actual and complete truth. Not only has the star not died but they haven't aged a day in the intervening period since their supposed death. Now they're in possession of a genuine scoop but they're also on the wrong side of an operation that has existed for hundreds, perhaps thousands of years and it's not only rock and roll stars that they have made immortal but also killers with centuries of expertise in protecting their secrets - with extreme prejudice.

3. A renegade immortal breaking free of the organisation needs the help of the characters to evade his pursuers, at least for the short term. He has the secret of the process and is willing to trade it in exchange for said assistance and may even be willing to provide the treatment now, in advance, knowing that further treatments will be necessary down the line and that this payment will let him keep his hooks in his assistants for as long as he feels they're necessary.

033 - Something for Nothing Description

Free energy has been a pursuit of society since before industrialisation and many people have many different ideas on how such a proposition, or at least extremely low cost energy, might be accomplished. Unfortunately many of these people are batshit loco or don't know how to create an effective and proper scientific experiment to prove their point - or are simply unwilling to. Nonetheless, it's claimed that several of these free or near free energy sources are known about and are being either suppressed or controlled either by government, energy companies or conspiracies that retain the technology for themselves in order to power their schemes and secret technologies. Free or near free energy is, theoretically, possible in certain scenarios and certain models of physics but there's no evidence to suggest it has been accomplished or can be accomplished with current levels of technology, but then that's just how the conspiracy would like it.

How is it done?

The method by which the energy is produced varies from theory to theory. Some are the outgrowth of supposed perpetual motion machines (which to operate must be able to conjure energy from somewhere), others claim cold fusion was a suppressed success and that it works, others that zero point energy or vacuum energy can be tapped into and that suppressed alien technology allows for that to happen. Others point to electrical water fusion or other even more far fetched and peculiar ideas or hark back to some of the concepts of Tesla and the other, early electrical geniuses. The conspiracy itself operates through the scientific establishment, vested interests and regulatory bodies as well as more direct methods, including assassination, in order to guarantee the

Cui Bono?

The existing energy producers, particularly fossil and nuclear energy, benefit the most from the suppression of new 'free energy' technologies, as does the current state of western technological superiority. Free and non-polluting energy would allow the second and third worlds to rapidly industrialise and militarise to threaten the current world order. Lasting, free energy gives any conspiracy a step up over their competitors and the conventional, visible world in that they can produce as much energy as they like. With enough energy to throw around, almost anything is possible.

Possible Conspirators

Anglo-American Alliance, Bilderberg Group, Bohemian Grove, Committee of 300, Energy Companies, Global Elite, Industrialists, Invisible College, Invisible Space Lizards, Le Cercle, Majestic 12, Men In Black, Phoebus Cartel, Pilgrims Society, Rothschilds, Shadow Government, Soviet Scientists, Technocrats, Tesla's Legacy, Illuminati, U.S. Government, Vril-Ya, Whitey.

Adventure Seeds

1. The inventor of a working form of cold fusion fears for his life after the experiences of other energy pioneers and wants to lay in some paranoid levels of security to safeguard themselves while they seek help in making their technique an industrial reality. Everything is going to get thrown at him to discredit him and it'll be up to his team - the characters - to protect him from it all from gangland hits to public humiliation.

2. While caving the characters stumble upon an outlet vent to an underground complex, energised and kept warm/cool by zero point energy and a staging house for the conspiracy's larger scale plans for the nation and the world. The complex can't exist without the free energy and shutting that down will at the very least delay their plans. They're not going to take too kindly to being intruded on however, or exposed.

3. The demands of the new century for environmentally friendly alternatives have turned the government against the energy conspiracy and they are now moving to slowly release some of this secret technology into public knowledge. The energy companies and their cronies refuse to see which way the wind is blowing and based on these actions by the president are plotting an assassination. A secret service team working for the president the characters are charged with anticipating this problem and dealing with it, if necessary by making use of pre-emptive action.

034 - Shiny Stones Description

The Gemstone file is a famous set of conspiracy documents that circulates around largely as samizdat style photocopies, scans and internet files. The total document is said to run to around 1,000 pages but most copies of the file in circulation only run to around 400 pages. Some versions have been altered or appended to, particularly those in the antipodes where a huge amount of material on supposed conspiracies around New Zealand have been added. The file is primarily concerned with supposed conspiracies of the 1950s, particularly centred around Kennedy, Onassis and Howard Hughes, concentrating on Onassis as the mastermind of a web of corporate takeovers, kidnappings, assassinations, military actions and involvement with the mafia in a conspiracy to control American corporate and political life. The file is largely regarded as a hoax or the spurious rantings of a paranoid schizophrenic though the author, Bruce Porter Roberts, has been backed up by other authors or may have been motivated by art. Whatever the truth behind the file it has its devotees and those who take its words as gospel truth as well as speculating upon what the missing pages might reveal.

How is it done?

If there was a conspiracy of the type outlined in the Gemstone File it is now history and the topics are no longer of real concern to modern people. The file itself may, in fact, be disinformation, designed to discredit conspiracy theorists and to deflect attention from the real conspiracy or to taint those who investigate its secrets further with the scent of paranoia. The hunt for the remaining 600 pages may itself be intended as a distraction for the more committed conspiracy theorists in order to keep them busy and on a wild goose chase rather than hunting down something genuine.

Cui Bono?

If the file is genuine it lacks so much credibility - in that it really has none - that it may serve to protect the conspirators. In both instances real or fake, the very forces responsible for the conspiracy that it alludes to could benefit, as could the masterminds of other conspiracies who benefit from the distraction that the document represents. It may even be useful as a training document for anti-conspiracy groups to see who is willing to genuinely investigate and who takes these things at face value.

Possible Conspirators

Bilderberg Group, Bohemian Grove, Global Elite, Industrialists, Rothschilds, Shadow Government, Illuminati.

Adventure Seeds

1. Additional pages, supposedly from the Gemstone File, begin to appear here and there around the country, starting to fill in the missing gaps and to cover conspiracy activity in the 1960s and 1970s. Various groups both conspiracies and conspiracy investigators are after the pages and copies of them are selling for high prices on e-bay as well as them being linked to several murders. The characters are hired by a rich sponsor to piece together the remaining pages as best they can and given a large budget to accomplish it. Their opponents may be even more cutthroat and their sponsor may not be everything he appears to be.

2. The characters are a small marketing team tasked by an anonymous client with producing a similar hoax to the Gemstone File and making sure people believe it, while simultaneously making it stupid enough that normal people dismiss it as hokum. It needs to be just believable enough and to have just enough support - also fabricated of course - to hook the conspiracy believers. Having accomplished their task the characters become targets of the genuine conspiracy that they've just put so much effort into making look unacceptably paranoid and fake.

3. An informant, a sort of 'Deep Throat', supplies the characters with a copy of the Gemstone File (a genuine copy would make a good prop for this) and sets them the task of investigating and confirming the details within the document. The informant has some inside information and knows just where to find the necessary evidence. They're able to direct the characters to just the right places. Initially nobody much cares about what's going on but as they progress they stir up the fifty year old conspiracy and it begins to respond to their investigation.

035 - Is it Hot in Here? Description

Global Warming is a myth, something cooked up by controlling and domineering forces behind and within the government to limit and control people, to put the brakes on capitalism, to limit second and third world development and to force a population-reductionist agenda and to aid in the centralisation and empowerment of government strength. Science that goes against the myth of global warming has been swept under the carpet and stifled by a complicit media and those corrupted by the conspiracy. Just like the old ice age scares it's nothing but pure balderdash. The evidence for Global Warming is enormous and broadly agreed on throughout the world by the overwhelming majority of climate scientists but that doesn't convince the deniers who insist this is the result of a conspiracy and of bad science, blaming it for all the agendas given above, amongst many more. Some of those who claim it actually is true also claim this is part of a conspiracy, either to terraform the Earth for 'someone else' or to make it less hospitable to humans for some other nefarious purpose.

How is it done?

With global warming as not being real it is promoted by the manipulation of key scientific claims upon which other conclusions are drawn and it also deliberately ignores other factors which contribute to the slight, genuine warming of the Earth - solar cycles for example. From this erroneous data those scientists who are not part of the conspiracy become convinced and the media plays up the role of global warming in disasters that have been happening for millennia, global warming or not, associating the two. With global warming as being real it is accelerating faster than predicted because it is being accomplished artificially, deliberately introducing greenhouse gases into the atmosphere to change the Earth into something, other ...

Cui Bono?

If global warming is a big hoax then the beneficiaries are those with environmental or anti-human agendas, environmentalists, population reducers, those who want government to expand its power and to globalise more and more to meet the threat of catastrophe, real or imagined. If it is genuine and is itself a conspiracy then population reducers still win, as do those who want to control the third world or extend control over their own nations as part of a response to it, so do those who want to destroy humanity or alter the Earth extensively for some other reason.

Possible Conspirators

1001 Club, Abortion Lobby, Ancient Remnants, Annunaki, Bilderberg Group, Bohemian Grove, Committee of 300, Communists, Environmentalists, Eugenicists, Global Elite, Grey Aliens, Invisible Space Lizards, Liberal Media, Nihilists, Rothschilds, Shadow Government, Technocrats, Illuminati, United Nations, U.S. Government, Whitey.

Adventure Seeds

1. Private inspectors sent out by environmentalist charities to check up on compliance in industrial facilities the characters find out that a green-rated industrial plant, despite having been fitted with environmentally friendly machinery, is churning out more greenhouse gases than ever before. The plant is the site of one of the deliberate efforts to change the world's environment and they've just been unlucky enough to find that out.

2. A new, privately commissioned study, threatens to expose global warming as a hoax. It's the first one that's not relying on government resources or conspirators to investigate and threatens to blow the whole thing wide open. Fortunately the people involved in the investigation are going to have to travel to the far reaches of the South Pole, a desolate and remote land that is going to be perfect to have them 'disappear' in, especially since the melting ice caps are revealing some of the conspiracy's resources in this remote land.

3. Some of the island nations most threatened by global warming have clubbed together their resources and banded together in a political alliance to investigate who and what is really behind the rise in sea levels that they can confirm as being genuine. This new island alliance is wealthy enough to hire some top-line investigators to get to the bottom of the mystery and even to take direct action against it. Their very survival is on the line.

036 - A Yawning Gulf Description

After the first Gulf War veterans returned to their home countries and got on with their lives. Over the next few years it became apparent, and was eventually confirmed by medical study, that many of those who had served were suffering a higher than normal incidence of certain medical problems, specifically fibromyalgia, eczema, chronic fatigue syndrome and dyspepsia, as well as some suggestions of higher incidences of cancer and other diseases. Eventually this was largely explained by combined previous exposure to certain chemicals in day to day life, combined with exposure on active duty to oil smoke, chemicals, chemical warfare inoculations, depleted uranium and several other factors. Many believe, however, that as in the Vietnam war soldiers were being used as guinea pigs for other chemical compounds intended for use on the civilian population or use in medicine or mind control. They also speculate that the terrible behaviour and inhuman actions of allied troops in the current Iraq conflict may be down to other chemical testing and not entirely of the soldiers own volition.

How is it done?

Soldiers operating in foreign theatres undergo all the standard inoculations and, depending on the conflict, may also find themselves having to take injections to stave off the possible effects of chemical or biological attack, as well as suffering the side effects of toxic propellants, protective gear, armour or munitions. All of these possibilities as well as regular medical check ups make active military operations one of the best testing grounds for new biological and chemical substances. Especially since any terrible mistakes can be written off as casualties and attributed to enemy action.

Cui Bono?

Mind controlling conspiracies benefit the most, able to test both passivity and aggression enhancing drugs as well as loyalty drugs. Any takeover is really predicated on being able to turn the military and raising a group of brainwashed and drug addled soldiers to take your side could be an important step in preparing for a public takeover. If the military can be relied upon to follow orders and take your side no amount of public resistance is going to be effective.

Possible Conspirators

Ancient Remnants, Anglo-American Alliance, Assassins, Big Pharma, Bilderberg Group, CIA, Committee of 300, Global Elite, Grey Aliens, Invisible College, Invisible Space Lizards, Le Cercle, Rothschilds, Shadow Government, Technocrats, Illuminati, United Nations, U.S. Government, WHO.

Adventure Seeds

1. As a unit of soldiers active in the current war the characters are subjected to a test of a new 'rage' drug, aimed at turning them into psychotic killers, suitable for termination actions against insurgents. The drug heightens rage and anger and induces hallucinations. Subjected to what they believe to be a monster/ zombie attack the survivors find themselves snapping out of it to be confronted with the fact that they have been gunning down women and children and that the conspiracy has sent a unit of PMC soldiers to take the remainder of them out.

2. A support group set up for veterans of the Gulf War suffering from GWS has managed to get hold of some evidence that things run deeper than incidental exposure. They want some real evidence before they move forwards against the government. The investigation is going to unveil all sorts of things that they don't really want to believe and any investigators are going to run into resistance from amongst their clients as much as anyone else.

3. Those who have suffered from problems have been the ones sensitive to the timeactivated toxins that have been inserted into soldiers bodies. The actual scheme, when enacted, will be to disable most of America's army, having been involved in both wars, and the armies of much of their allies as well. The participants in the first Gulf War have now ascended the ranks in the intervening decade and taking them out disables the command structure while those participating in the current war disables the rank and file. Independent scientists are only just now finding the remote-activated nanoparticles that will allow this to happen and are about to expose the conspiracy.

037 - My Cold, Dead, Hand Description

The issue of gun control is an extremely hot topic in the United States, made all the more complicated by the poorly worded amendment in the constitution which appears to say one thing in modern English while having a different spin entirely contextually and in older English. Americans are paranoid about many things but they - or at least the gun owners - are particularly paranoid about having their guns taken away from them, to the point where it sometimes seems as though this is the only right they care about to the exclusion of all others. The fear is that the control or removal of wholesale gun ownership would remove a check and safeguard upon the actions of the government and pave the way for a violent takeover of America by dominating forces, usually pegged as liberal or socialist or, even worse, foreign or internationalist. Clearly every attempt to control firearms ownership or, heaven forefend, remove them from public ownership, is a step towards this disarmed and helpless future of control.

How is it done?

Various incidents and studies are fabricated or controlled by the forces of the conspiracy to paint gun ownership as irresponsible, responsible for massacres, crime and accidents and to paint gun owners as crazy nutters who won't bow to statistics or reality, all for the sake of clinging onto their guns. All these studies, all these news reports are part of a push of a liberal, pinko conspiracy to marginalise gun owners and to sell the American public on the good of being disarmed, after which the forces of the conspiracy will move in and violently take over, perhaps on the pretext of disarming the diehards who refuse to give up their quns.

Cui Bono?

Anyone who wants to take over the United States benefits from advocating gun control. A disarmed populace is, supposedly, helpless in the face of any enemy and the forces of the conspiracy will be able to act freely with a domination of arms over anyone who might try to resist them. This favours the more obvious conspiracies who desire to move into public domination. It also favours the internationalist conspiracies whose goal is one world government as the U.S.A. is currently something of an international renegade.

Possible Conspirators

Bilderberg Group, Bohemian Grove, Committee of 300, Communists, Mafia, Global Elite, International Banks, Invisible Space Lizards, Rothschilds, Shadow Government, Technocrats, Illuminati, Masons, United Nations, U.S. Government, Whitey.

Adventure Seeds

1. With the passing of new disarmament laws the police and army begin the process of removing firearms from the general public. Resistance from diehards gives the police and army the license they need to become more oppressive, serving the purposes of the conspiracy, which begins asserting itself more and more and showing its hand in support of the attempts at a government crackdown. As the conspiracy becomes more and more obvious the characters are left with a stark choice to comply or roll over as the sweep arrives in their town, where a lot of diehards are determined to resist.

2. A document detailing a long term plan to change the law and alter the constitution through a series of `false flag' gun related tragedies and crimes is in the process of being leaked but the conspiratorial forces behind it are determined to prevent it getting out and they have a surprising degree of control and a large number of agents attempting to intercept and destroy it. At the same time they're switching forward their plans and preparing to stage some of the tragedies detailed in the document. Going public will be difficult, directly interfering in the planned events may, in the short term, save some lives. It's a difficult choice.

3. A counter conspiracy has been created to stockpile arms and ammunition in caches across the U.S. Before the main conspiracy can go public it's fencing with this emergent conspiracy, trying to track down and destroy its stockpiles before making its move. The characters are drawn into this shadow war by both sides and seek and destroy, or find places to hide the material, dogged at every step by the other side.

038 - HAARPsichord

Description

HAARP is the High-Frequency, Active, Auroral Research Program, an array of antennae, that can be used to minorly 'heat up' the ionosphere so that experiments may be conducted and information gleaned about this semi-mysterious layer of the atmosphere. The ionosphere can be used to bounce long distance radio signals - and has been used to do so in the past. The conspiracies about HAARP come about due to some of the potential uses of the technology that HAARP researching could lead to, beaming power through the atmosphere to distant places - with potential weather 'control' applications - energising the atmosphere to scramble/ destroy missiles and for cutting off satellite communications globally or within target areas. HAARP itself isn't powerful enough to do this - so they say - but the knowledge derived from HAARP could allow for such technologies to be built, if it isn't already doing it ...

How is it done?

HAARP is covered as a research facility and is hidden in plain sight, even to the point of having open days and hosting classes on what they're supposed to be doing. Sometimes though, the site is closed, particularly when doing military research and it is when it isn't open that it is calibrated to be used as a weapon or a weather control device. Nobody, really, suspects that HAARP is fully powerful enough to induce atmospheric heating and 'nudge' weather systems, or that it can be used to blot out communications in quite precise areas, knocking out satellite communications, GPS and standard radio technology with frightening effect. Effects that are used to handle domestic and foreign problems and which, perhaps in conjunction with the global warming scare, are being used to destabilise and impoverish the second and third world.

Cui Bono?

Weather control is an insidious weapon so long as nobody knows that you have the capability and thus do not suspect you. For domestic control this can be a boon to certain governments who are able to target and wipe out or depopulate areas that are politically opposed to them, tilting the outcome of elections by dispersing those who vote for their opposition. Used to nudge weather elsewhere the technology can be the tipping point between starvation and plenty and can kick off hurricanes. The ability to black out communications and GPS over precise areas allows for overt actions to become covert in an age of spy satellite imagery.

Possible Conspirators

Anglo-American Alliance, Bilderberg Group, CIA, Committee of 300, Eugenicists, Global Elite, Invisible College, Le Cercle, NASA, Phoebus Cartel, Republican Inner Circle, Rothschilds, Shadow Government, Soviet Scientists, Technocrats, Illuminati, U.S. Government, Whitey.

Adventure Seeds

1. HAARP is taken over by educated 'terrorists' who use it to initiate a false-flag terror attack on American soil, devastating the grain belt through the creation of artificial hurricanes and storms. The combination of an external enemy, internal 'conspiracy' and the threat of starvation allows the genuine conspiracy to take overt and centralised control. Caught up in the initial storms the characters confront the changing nation after they survive.

2. Out hiking near the facility the characters are unintended witnesses to a massive 'test firing', much more powerful than their usual efforts, one which coincides with a declaration of war on Iran and a sudden and powerful air assault on Iran's nuclear research plants. Stories filter back about a communications black out and EMP effect on Iran, and no nukes, the dangling string that leads to the rest of the conspiracy and the secret uses of the device.

3. A renegade scientist is fleeing the project with the knowledge he's gleaned from it, eager to create his own device to counteract the effects that the U.S. owned stations have in some small way. He has his papers, evidence, diagrams etc but needs to be smuggled out of the U.S.A. to South Africa where he can present his findings to the leaders of African nations and beg for the financing to counteract the effects of the western HAARP devices. An enemy that can turn weather against you and blank out all communications is a difficult one to escape and he needs all the help he can get.

039 - Rust in Peace Description

Hangar 18 refers to two, separate hangars. One is at Wright-Patterson Airforce base and was, supposedly, the site that the Roswell saucer was taken to as well as later being the base of operations for Project Blue Book (a government investigation into the UFO phenomenon) while Hangar 18 at Area 51 is supposed to be a storehouse of alien artefacts. Since Area 51 has already been covered we'll talk about Wright-Patterson and Project Blue Book and a site for the containment of captured alien life, rather than alien devices. Supposedly this site has been a centre for UFO and alien research since the Roswell crash when both saucer and its occupants were brought to the base for investigation and autopsy. While in public Blue Book found nothing and set about debunking UFOs, in private they found, captured, shot down and otherwise gathered samples and a great deal of evidence of alien activity, not limited to a single alien species. Technology and understanding gathered here has fed the information and biotechnology revolutions and continues to do so, some captives still being alive.

How is it done?

Sixty years of investigations and many decades of debunking and downplaying have gone into refining the knowledge gleaned at Hangar 18 and into the apparatus to cover up, debunk or downplay alleged UFO sightings. What was once a wide scale public panic and hysteria is now confined to Science Fiction and mystery television and a fringe interest. The facility at Hangar 18 has been extended down into the ground and distributed over other sites, kept under tight security the projects there are completely hidden from the public eye and as secure, if not more secure, than nuclear or bio-weapons research facilities - having much in common with them.

Cui Bono?

Having a technological edge gives the government leverage and advantage over other nations and a leg up in the technology race, though without any profound and new discoveries for some time the rest of the world has caught up. New human understanding needs to advance before more of the discoveries from the aliens can be properly understood and implemented. Some of these species have strange capabilities, things akin to psychic abilities and interesting genetic traits and capabilities, any group that can exploit these stands to benefit. Even the devices that aren't understood can be operated and some of them seem to defy physics as it is understood.

Possible Conspirators

Bilderberg Group, Bohemian Grove, CIA, Global Elite, Industrialists, Majestic-12, Men in Black, NASA, Phoebus Cartel, Rothschilds, Shadow Government, Technocrats, Thule Society, Transhumanists, U.S. Government.

Adventure Seeds

1. The characters are aliens who have been shot down by an Aurora fighter aircraft. Upon crashing they do not have much time before a retrieval team will find them. If they flee, where can aliens go on a hostile planet where nobody and nothing looks like them? Where they can't eat, can't breathe and can't find power for their devices? Incarceration might offer hope of life and possibly even contacting their own race, provided they don't end up on the autopsy table first.

2. The characters are new inductees into the still-running Project Blue Book. The job of the agency is now to intercept and destroy UFOs, salvage them and their crews, study them and reapply the technology. They're also charged with investigating and preventing alien abductions and trying to understand alien psychology and motivation in regard to these issues. Starting low down characters will gradually be inducted into deeper and deeper secrets, including alien corruption of government and business.

3. An escaped alien from Hangar 18 manages to get into civilian areas and tries to find someone, anyone, who might take pity on it and help it. One of the original Roswell pilots the alien has survived this long and learned a little English. Blue Book is anxious to get the creature back, not least of all because its long incarceration has driven it insane and it has sworn terrible vengeance on all humanity.

040 - Rings like a Bell Description

Hollow Earth theories have come in and out of vogue over the years and range from ideas about subterranean caverns containing lost civilisations to inner suns and even concentric layers each with a world upon it, ranging down layer by layer into the centre of the Earth. The idea was initially promoted by Edmund Halley in the dying days of the 17th century but myths of underground places, like hell for example, are far older. The idea saw a rebirth in the 19th century and appeared in the popular fiction of the time recurrently, even out of that century and into the era of Weird and Pulp fiction. It saw another boost in popularity due to the pseudoscientific interest of the Nazis and persists to this day amongst some Nazi fetishists and UFO enthusiasts, so much so that expeditions are planned, hoping to find entrances at the poles to the inner Earth. Such a place could hide a great deal, lost civilisations, alien cultures and all manner of other strangeness all in a perfect position to catch the surface would unawares.

How is it done?

If your conspiracy is hidden beneath at least thirteen kilometres of rock and lava then you don't have to go to a great deal of trouble to hide it. Even today with the poles well explored, satellite surveillance and melting ice caps entrances could still remain hidden, particularly if they're underwater and if there's other ways through the crust then agents of the conspiracy could travel freely and without being stopped anywhere in the globe, simply by coming up from beneath, this also makes a perfect escape route for anyone needing to disappear after getting up to anything.

Cui Bono?

The beneficiaries of a Hollow Earth conspiracy are largely those who might inhabit and use such a hidden world. The only ones to take it properly seriously were the Nazis and, so, remnants of that terrible ideology may be the ones that inhabit and control the interior to this day, having created a new Reich beneath the Earth and biding their time, watching and influencing the surface until the time is right. Any other power that could access and control such an inner world would also benefit from hidden travel and the resources of a whole other Earth, relatively unsullied and unexploited - unless it has been inhabited all along.

Possible Conspirators

Ancient Remnants, Council of Nine, Demons, Enlightened Ones, Hollow Earthers, Nazi-Remnants, Psychic Conspiracy, Rosicrucians, Soviet Scientists, Theosophical Society, Thule Society, Vril-Ya.

Adventure Seeds

1. An expedition is planned by Hollow Earth advocates, heading into Antarctica to look for the opening into the Earth. Nobody expects them to have any success but many scientists and a documentary maker have been convinced to go along since they'll be able to perform some useful science on the way and make an interesting film. To everyone's surprise they do find a great cave entrance and soon find themselves caught up in more than they could have imagined.

2. There are forces living inside the Earth and they're hostile, responsible for tsunamis and earthquakes and other natural disasters the afflict the surface while nuclear testing has been used to try and strike back against those beneath. A new series of earthquakes and disturbances has been noticed by an independent researcher to relate to this and he wants to expose the government cover up of this secret, subterranean war.

3. A series of huge robberies from unbeatable vaults as well as daring and peculiar rescues from maximum security prisons has the world unsettled, especially since so many of those escaped have affiliations to far right and white supremacy movements. An investigation may reveal the involvement of an apocalyptic militia group, operating internationally and preaching about a coming 'day of reckoning' which will actually be when the Fourth Reich will emerge from its secret bases, accompanied and bolstered by its new forces, to reclaim control of the Earth. Of course, they may be talking rubbish and the escapes may not need subterranean Nazi science to be pulled off at all, but it is making them powerful and popular.

041 - No Funny Quips

Description

The Holocaust was a terrible and traumatic event that shaped the latter half of the 20th century in a great number of ways. Over six million Jews died at the hands of the Nazi machine, as did large numbers of gypsies, homosexuals and the mentally and physically impaired. These events are extremely well documented and there are still living witnesses, and victims, of the atrocities that occurred. Nonetheless, there are those who claim that The Holocaust was a hoax, that it never happened, or even more obscenely that it was self-inflicted by the Jews, deliberately, in order to garner sympathy and impetus for the creation of a Jewish homeland and its untouchability in terms of the international community. Traditionally the position of white supremacy and antisemitic groups in the West this idea has grown in popularity in the Arab world in reaction to Israel's treatment of the Palestinians and in an attempt to further demonise the Jewish people. There's little doubt that the Holocaust does colour international treatment of Israel but the conspiracy theories take the idea a lot further than that.

How is it done?

According to the Holocaust Deniers the whole thing was a cooked up work of propaganda. Prisoners of war were used to create the photographs and engineers made up the camps to look worse than they actually were. People were convinced to testify and Nazi officers were tortured into 'confessing' what they were up to. All of this was done, under Zionist control, to break German faith to their cause and to put them off conflict forever as well as to create massive sympathy for the Jews and to allow for their new homeland to be created and defended.

Cui Bono?

The Jews are obvious beneficiaries to a fake Holocaust, they gain massive sympathy far into the future in penance from those horrified at the actions of the Nazis and that something wasn't done sooner. They get Israel, Western patronage and an aura of being unable to do any wrong, even when they engage in Nazi-like behaviour themselves against the Palestinians. The West gains by having a complicit partner in the Middle East to act as a staging ground and proxy force. It also gains from a guilt stricken Germany.

Possible Conspirators

Anglo-American Alliance, Bilderberg Group, Committee of 300, Global Elite, Le Cercle, Mossad, Pilgrims Society, Rothschilds, Shadow Government, Illuminati, U.S. Government, Zionists.

Adventure Seeds

1. A group of Neo-Nazi researchers, the characters are placed in the uncomfortable position of discovering that the Holocaust really did happen and that they are being used as tools of a long-term conspiracy the focus of which is to reduce the standing of the holocaust in the public eye until all sympathy for Israel is demolished. With the characters forced to revise their opinion and with what they've discovered they're a risk to the project and the militias and other Neo-Nazi groups are more than able to gun down their own to preserve their plan.

2. An archive researcher in the bowels of Whitehall in London one of the characters happens upon some files of evidence that show that the Holocaust was, indeed, faked all those years ago. That the Jews were treated incredibly poorly and killed in some numbers - as a result of partisan activity and escape attempts - but not on the scale of the alleged Holocaust. The whole thing was cooked up by the allies as a way to permanently neuter Germany and to set up a contained Jewish state, outside their own nations. This is a bombshell, neither a Zionist plot nor something that exonerates the Nazis but something which robs the modern Jews of their identity and makes the allies the manipulators and conspirators.

3. Herr Doctor Krupp it an ancient husk of a man, over a hundred years old now but a brilliant and unorthodox physicist in his day. Indicted for war crimes he has evaded capture until now. The group of mercenaries sent to retrieve him the characters discover the Doctor more than willing to talk about his past now that he's been captured but the story he tells is very different. The Jews weren't killed, they were sent 'somewhere else' using his technology, an alternate reality of some sort and he claims to be able to prove it...

042 - I Don't WANT To Pay Tax! Description

There's a surprising, or perhaps unsurprising depending how cynical you are, number of people who believe that - in the United States at least - Income Tax is illegal. The reasons for this are many and various and incredibly baroque and obscure to anyone not steeped in American history, constitutional law and state rights. The short version is that the government isn't having any of it and the overwhelming majority of people who try to contest it end up paying up or being thrown in jail despite their best attempts to ignore the courts who, at least, seem convinced that the tax is all legal and above board. The conspiracy angle is a little different to the tax protester angle. Tax protesters argue that the tax hasn't been properly ratified or passed into law or that there are some other issues with it being legally enforced, conspiracy theorists posit that the whole thing is a deliberate means to defraud the American citizen and to try and push some conspiratorial agenda of control or societal engineering.

How is it done?

The Income Tax is given the appearance of legality by a smokescreen of paperwork, test cases and precedent that ignores inconvenient facts which can be said to include that the U.S. Government doesn't really exist or that America never actually broke away from British rule and remains covertly British to this day, a 'blunt instrument' of a globally minded British crown. Everyone goes along with it because everyone is told to go along with it and because the system is invested in perpetuating it, government being largely dependent upon said tax from the police to the judges.

Cui Bono?

The government is the most obvious and immediate beneficiary since it receives a huge amount of funds via the federal income tax. It's alleged that other causes, including Socialism/Communism benefit because this amounts to redistribution of wealth and is, therefore, a Marxist scheme to eliminate the middle class and to attack the upper classes. Any conspiracy that needs money or needs a powerful American state clearly also benefits from the American people paying tax. The American people themselves also benefit from federal projects and funds, but the tax protesters rarely seem to make note of that.

Possible Conspirators

Anglo-American Alliance, Bilderberg Group, Bohemian Grove, Committee of 300, Communists, Global Elite, IMF, International Banks, Invisible Space Lizards, Le Cercle, Pilgrims Society, Rothschilds, Shadow Government, Skull & Bones, Technocrats, Illuminati, Masons, Trade Unions, United Nations, U.S. Government.

Adventure Seeds

1. One of the smaller tax protestor movements, operating out of a remote lodge, is on to a possible lead on decent proof that that tax is illegal. Unfortunately there's a mole in their midst who has planted false evidence, enough of a pretext for the BATF to cut them off and surround them. They have the material to make their case and there's media attention now, but they need to hold off the BATF long enough to get the material out there into public hands. That may mean playing along with the charade of being a dangerous militia for a while, as well as rooting out who the traitor amongst them is.

2. The government is secretly moving tax protestors out of regular prisons and into the, supposedly closed, Black Prisons that are used for terrorists and other political prisoners, the ones that aren't properly recorded. Amongst the characters are relatives of some of these prisoners who are being moved and dropping out of contact, allegedly for all sorts of reasons but different ones told to different families of the affected prisoners. Their move suggests a change in their status and if this can be confirmed or the prisoners found it'll advance the cause a great deal.

3. Under the wire one of the states is planning to secede over this issue. Agents of the Federal Government, or rather the conspiracy that controls the Federal Government, are moving - also under cover - to try and nip this secession movement in the bud. The means used are smears, framing and 'accidents'. The characters can be part of the state security forces, a private protection company or the forces sent to enforce compliance, all operating secretly.

043 - Jesus Bloody Christ! Description

For a figure with absolutely no historical support for his existence whatsoever, Jesus attracts a lot of speculation and is taken for granted as being real by an awful lot of people. So much so that arguments over whether he has surviving descendents can be spun off into blockbusting conspiracybased films and can attract comment from the head of the Inquisition himself and/ or the Pope. Supposedly Jesus married Mary Magdalene and had children with her though, according to other theories he may instead have sired a line of descendents on the India/Pakistan border in Kashmir or the line that would become the Merovingian dynasty. Of course, there's even less evidence for these ideas than there is for Jesus himself, but if such a thing were true it would be a powerful claim to temporal power, a possible conduit for supernatural capabilities and a secret that could undermine the Church.

How is it done?

Supposedly the secret bloodline of Jesus is protected by any number of holy orders both in the name of mother church and in the name of protecting the bloodline from harm. From Catholic orders, monks and important cardinals to lost and mysterious holy knights such as the Templars, up to and including scholars and those patronised by the church, such as Da Vinci, any conspiracy group even peripherally religious has been implicated in keeping this under wraps and religion does provide for the fanaticism and dedication that would be necessary to keep such a thing under wraps for almost 2,000 years, certainly willing to kill or die to protect the secret.

Cui Bono?

The conspiracy that protects the secret and the Jesus bloodline stands to benefit massively. When the time is right they can have their own Messiah, ready to support them and to engage the fanaticism of fully one third of the world's population, more if you include those who consider Jesus to be a prophet, especially if the descendent can genuinely perform miracles - or be made to appear to. Control of the bloodline also gives them massive potential power within the church and a shadowy controlling interest, able to direct those resources and that faith where it wants.

Possible Conspirators

Angels, Annunaki, Black Nobility, Demons, Descendents of Jesus, Jesuits, Nephilim, Opus Dei, Priory of Sion, Royal Family, Templars, The Great Commission, Illuminati, Masons, Vatican.

Adventure Seeds

1. One of the characters is a 'lost' descendent of Jesus who has slipped the control and observation of the controlling conspiracy. They begin to manifest their powers and a connection with the divine universe, which soon begins to draw attention from holy and unholy powers alike. Those who wish to destroy them and those who wish to shut them away forever or use them to their own agendas. The character and their friends - now their disciples - must work out what's for the best before they're captured, an ancient story repeats itself or the powers get out of hand.

2. A friend or relative of the characters' group has found some actual, genuine, contemporaneous evidence of Jesus' existence and of his being married and having a family during a supposedly spurious and unrelated dig in the holy land. This instantly makes them a target for every involved conspiracy and for the various churches but, thoughtfully, they've sent the artefact - or a copy thereof - to the characters for safekeeping. That, in turn, makes them a target. They can't know the significance until they decipher it but anyone who is capable of making sense of the artefact is fairly likely to be in on the conspiracy themselves.

3. The New Messiah program is being commenced in the city or town that the characters live in. A specially groomed descendent of Jesus, trained since birth to be the perfect man and above corruption, flanked by guards from the conspiracy that raised him and in the company of other descendents starts with a small mission in the neighbourhood. The conspiracy wants him to make a genuine difference and draw people to him before they reassert control and pervert what he's innocently seeking to accomplish into control for them and the introduction of a legalistic theocracy.

044 - The Other Hoff

Description

Jimmy Hoffa was a controversial figure but a key one in the American Union movement, helping to organise and lead the Teamsters to very successful action and relative power in the 50s and 60s through the use of surprise strikes, secondary boycotts and other means of leveraging union strength in a powerful manner. He also managed to considerably expand the union into related fields, helping give it even more negotiating power. For all that he kept some nasty friends in the Mafia and was also surrounded by other, ambitious, men. His actions drew the wrath of the government which kept throwing dirt at him until it stuck, causing him to spend some time in prison. After being released he was last seen at a restaurant before disappearing. He was almost certainly killed but by who, exactly, and quite over what, remains something of a mystery.

How is it done?

Hoffa's death is an old case now and most people believe one mob outfit or another did away with him since he had fallen out of favour with them. There's no particular clue as to what he did to annoy the mob, other than losing his position within the union and being unable to follow up on past promises perhaps. With the government no longer interested - apparently - in finding out what happened to him or who his killer was it falls to random enthusiasts to speculate and to pick over the meagre evidence that does exist. We'll likely never know.

Cui Bono?

Hoffa was killed after he'd lost his position as head of the union, killing him appeared to serve no current or future purpose even though he still wielded power over the union via the friends he had within it the new head was an old rival of his and unlikely to follow his whims. He could no longer threaten the government and they'd shown that they could get at him, the mob equally had no real reason to go after him. If he had secret information on deals and schemes - four years out of date or not - that might be sufficient reason to silence him and depending what the information was that points to a different perpetrator in his disappearance though, of course, he may have faked his own death and disappearance.

Possible Conspirators

Bohemian Grove, CIA, Communists, Global Elite, Industrialists, Mafia, Republican Inner Circle, Shadow Government, Trade Unions, U.S. Government, Whitey.

Adventure Seeds

1. A group of road diggers the characters find a grave containing what turns out to be the remains of Jimmy Hoffa. He was killed, execution style, but with a government issued firearm. The government, the moment it finds out what they discovered, moves against them to try and silence them by any means they can, up to and including more killings. There's still people alive today implicated in the whole mess and they're willing to expend modern resources to protect old secrets.

2. The characters are hired by a living Hoffa who defected to Cuba and is deathly sick now, his death faked to escape government hit squads. He wants to go back to the U.S.A. and visit his son as well as to go public and to pass on everything he knows about what went on all those years ago. Of course, there are elements that want to stop him, including his 'Communist' hosts who don't want to disturb America's lightening attitude towards Cuba.

3. Hoffa's 'removal' was a warning to his successors that people could be reached, inside or outside prison, if they didn't play ball. His successors secret papers and diary to that effect, describing what happened back then and how things began to be curtailed following Hoffa's death, how union and government entanglement with and through the Mafia became more prevalent and it became theatre, as much as anything. This is a bombshell to drop upon the current political state of affairs and one that could reverse right wing fortunes. The characters are part of the media team meant to confirm and follow up on the papers and the story before it can be broadcast or printed, but it's clear someone is getting in the way of them doing their jobs.

This is one of those hugely popular conspiracies that you can find tons of extra ideas and speculations about on the internet.

045 - Drink the Flavor Aid Description

Contrary to popular belief it was Flavor Aid, not Kool Aid that carried the poison in the Jonestown deaths in Guyana, the Kool Aid is fine to drink. Jonestown was a very strange and peculiar confluence of fundamentalist Christianity, ideological Communism, fear of nuclear war and a progressive siege mentality. It was also a conspiracy in and of itself. Jim Jones was an atheist and a Communist, or at least started out that way. In much the same way as L. Ron Hubbard saw religion as a way to make a fast buck Jim Jones saw religion as a way to create an acceptable face of Communism in the United States - via the socialistic sounding teachings of Jesus - and a way to provide social care and avoid the victimisation of left wingers in that society. To that end they created a church, faked faith healings and collected dues which were used in social projects. He didn't attain all of his goals and failed to bring the Cuban community into his Church but he did slowly slip into a cult of personality based around himself and a fear of nuclear Armageddon. Even so, the mass suicide that resulted at their agricultural compound in Guyana seems a little 'wrong' to many people and conspiracy theories are blamed for the end to Jim Jones' temple.

How is it done?

People will dismiss the activities of lunatic fringe cults with little question, after all, suicide bombings, self mutilation and other peculiar behaviours and beliefs are par for the course in a great many mainstream religions, let alone cults. The mass suicide of Jim Jones' cult is all the explanation anyone might need and they're unlikely to look into it any deeper any more than people particularly have into Waco or other, similar incidents. Fringe beliefs are enough in and of themselves for most people not to care, especially in that environment and time in regard to Communists, dressed up in religious dogma or not.

Cui Bono?

Jones was actually quite successful in his projects and didn't have that many detractors within his cult. While his fear of nuclear Armageddon seems extreme now it wasn't too irrational at the time as it was a genuine threat. In setting up his cult he was calculating and rational and doing it for the reasons of helping others. None of this is consistent with mass suicide although it has come up previously. A successful Communist/Christian cult would have presented a very real ideological and intelligence based threat to the U.S. at the time and the elimination of the cult would have greatly benefited those forces arranged against Communism at the time.

Possible Conspirators

Bohemian Grove, CIA, Culper Ring, Global Elite, Industrialists, Jesuits, Republican Inner Circle, Shadow Government, U.S. Government, Whitey.

Adventure Seeds

1. The characters are media infiltrators amongst Jones' followers in Jonestown as things approach their crisis point. As things move towards that terrible conclusion they start to suspect that they're not the only infiltrators and that plans are being drawn against Jones to deal with the threat that his ideology represents and to extract the CIA taskforce that's been undermining him. The temple is set to be wiped out in a black ops mission and the characters are caught in the middle between the cult and their enemies.

2. Survivors of the cult returned to the U.S. and some of them went underground, waiting for the day that the information about what happened would be made public. Much of the data still hasn't been made public and so they have decided to go forward themselves, first they need some information retrieved to back up what they're going to claim, information from the old church buildings and from hidden burial sites in and around Jonestown itself. The characters are hired into making it all happen and exposing 'the truth' about Jonestown, unless this is simply the survivors' way of taking revenge upon the government ...

3. A source deep within the CIA suggests to the characters that the whole thing was a setup, a social experiment and an intelligence experiment to check people's vulnerability and to remove extremist elements from U.S. soil. They suggest that the characters should look into a similar cult based on Muslim theology that seems to be on the same track...

046 - JFK, WTF?

Description

Much like the 9/11 issue the conspiracy theories around the assassination of JFK are mostly to do with human psychology. When something big and important happens we seem to what the commensurate cause to be something equally big and grandiose. The 'lone nut' fails to scratch that itch, however well supported it is by evidence in just the same way cave-dwelling fundamentalists with box cutters doesn't satisfy, emotionally, as an explanation for 9/11. There are questionable issues about JFKs assassination, it's a very difficult shot from the book depository, the multiple wounds raise certain questions and even after all these years there are still aspects that aren't publicly known. Parts of the government disagreed over the likely scenario surrounding his death some thinking it was Lee Harvey Oswald acting alone, some thinking there was a criminal conspiracy. Targets for the conspiracy theories include the CIA, FBI, USSR, Cuba and anti-Cuban activists along with various forms of secret world government who might have taken exception to Kennedy's actions.

How is it done?

The primary way in which the cover up is said to have been perpetrated is through Jack Ruby, a man alleged to have links to the mob and who, like Oswald, claimed to have been set up and exploited and who also claimed there was a conspiracy at work. Ruby died of pneumonia before he could make his full accusations which, of course, adds another layer of suspicion and strangeness upon which to hang a conspiracy theory.

Cui Bono?

If Kennedy was bucking the shadowy forces at work behind the scenes, globally, then killing him and doing so in such a successful and secretive fashion both solved the immediate Kennedy 'issue' and allowed the conspiracy to hold that threat over any President or other world leader who might think they could buck the system. It's a chilling reminder that anyone can be gotten to. The Kennedys have previously been accused of having links to organised crime through the labour movement and another possible beneficiary could have been the mob if the Kennedys weren't playing ball with what they wanted them to do, the Mafia may have paid for a President and not received what they felt they were due.

Possible Conspirators

Bilderberg Group, CIA, Committee of 300, Communists, Global Elite, International Banks, Invisible Space Lizards, Mafia, Republican Inner Circle, Rothschilds, Russian Secret Service, Shadow Government, Illuminati, Whitey.

Adventure Seeds

1. A junk sale turns up some old film which, while spotty and damaged, appears to be home cine film of the Kennedy assassination from a different angle and there's one wavy shot of what appears to be a rifleman on the grassy knoll. This is potentially earth-shaking information, especially with modern enhancement and other techniques for examining film a great deal more could be gleaned from the film than it seems. Even though the conspiracy is old there are still groups that have an interest in seeing the real culprits not be found and subtly at first and then more stridently they'll work towards ensuring things remain quiet.

2. The group are brought together by the same conspiracy that disposed of Kennedy with the purpose of eliminating the current president in a similar fashion. In the process it's revealed to them how the Kennedy assassination was put together and how the real perpetrators managed to get away. They intend to use many of the same techniques in order to pull off this new assassination and, of course, now that this information is revealed there's no backing out, especially since they've been 'insured'.

3. Set back at the time of the assassination the characters are an investigative team attached to the Secret Service rather than the FBI or the Police. They are set to independently and quietly investigate what happened and may come to very different conclusions than the reports of those other agencies. Whatever they do uncover will be kept secret though, as it may embarrass the service. Still they may take quiet revenge on the group that killed the man in their charge.

047 - All Chicken, No Pork Description

One of the most bizarre conspiracies that I have come across during the research for this book is the idea that fried chicken, specifically KFC, is being used to make black men in the U.S.A. impotent or to somehow sterilise the black ethnic population and keep their numbers down. Of course, lots of people eat fried chicken and it's something of a racist stereotype to say that black people eat a particularly large amount of it so it wouldn't be a particularly well targeted attempt to sterilise a population even if it did go ahead. Still, the rumour persists and bears similarities with sexual prowess and genital paranoia in Africa where talk of 'penis thieves' is a fairly common occurrence. Of course, in any demographic that tends to be poorer there are going to be more problems raising children, worse diets and other non-deliberate factors which can see to support such a conspiracy and the sting of racism and fear of ethnic minorities is still felt today.

How is it done?

Presuming that this conspiracy is genuine it relies on complicity between government (health inspections) and the corporate group responsible for dispensing fried chicken to the masses. The compound that causes impotence, sterility and birthdeaths needs to be fairly weak and needs to build up in the body slowly to have its effect rather than being instant, habitual and regular eaters being the ones that are effected. The compound also needs to be something that isn't regularly screened for. The process is kept secret from those who work there and who oversee the company, a conspiracy that exists within the corporate and government structures but which is a little separate from them.

Cui Bono?

The status quo on a racial and political level is best served by preventing the ethnic populations from growing out of hand or progressing too far from the impoverished state that many of them find themselves in. While racism has decreased threats to the established order are still taken seriously and the civil rights movement is still considered in some quarters to have been a mistake. Right wing, racist conspiracies could still exist within many traditionally minded industries and within the government, even if it isn't acting more overtly, though this is a more delicate and vulnerable conspiracy than many others.

Possible Conspirators

Abortion Lobby, Anglo-American Alliance, Atheists, Big Pharma, Bilderberg Group, Bohemian Grove, CIA, Environmentalists, Global Elite, KKK, Nazi Remnants, Neo-Fascists, Republican Inner Circle, Rothschilds, Shadow Government, U.S. Government, Whitey.

Adventure Seeds

1. An informant within the conspiracy sets a wealthy black sponsor on the trail of the conspiracy and they, in turn, hire the characters to assist with the investigation. In the process they uncover a technologically advanced conspiracy involved nanotechnology, genetic targeting and elder statesmen of racism all targeted on genuinely 'keeping the black man down'. Revealing such information would all but destroy Americas urban areas in rioting - if not outright revolution - is it responsible to release the information or just to destroy the conspiracy?

2. The conspiracy and some cases of impotence poisoning that have been going on in scattered areas are not the result of a government conspiracy but that of a group of racial activists who are trying to stir up the ethnic minorities into open revolt by framing the government for these conspiratorial controls and interferences in their communities. The characters are FBI agents and science advisors working on tracking down this group and defusing the situation.

3. This is only the tip of the iceberg, various different ethnic foods are targeted with genetically specific toxins that are meant to have various effects upon them and to help keep them in their place even as white rule is slowly eroded, slowing down the takeover until some better and more long term solution can be uncovered. Investigations into this singular conspiracy theory begin to turn up a more wide ranging, and possibly global, conspiracy involving food additives and non-WASP cultures.

048 - The Lore of Distraction Description

The idea of The Law of Attraction is quite old and appears throughout New Age thought since at the late 1800s. The idea is that by wishing for something and acting confidently, as if you will get it, you will. The newer versions of the idea try to incorporate quantum mechanics and various other fringe science to gain credibility but at heart it's a combination of positive thinking and believing that simply because you wish for something really hard it'll come true, the concept being that like attracts like. This is easy to debunk, all you have to do is be suspicious of the idea and reject it on logical grounds, which shows that it doesn't alter reality since you reject it, but the idea is nonetheless - extremely popular. Supposedly this idea and the reality of it has been kept secret from the masses by a succession of controlling groups and organisations down the centuries and stems from Hermetic lore - specifically the Emerald Tablet. These groups want to keep this secret to themselves to monopolise its power and so have worked to keep it hidden. If you criticise the latest incarnation of the idea, The Secret, you may well be accused of being part of this suppressive movement.

How is it done?

The conspiracy has preserved its monopoly over this power down the centuries by creating false priesthoods, eliminating thinkers who have uncovered the power, burying mystic texts under layers of disinformation and working to debunk and discredit any who try to bring the idea to the public, as well as using their relative mastery of the ability to blank out the ability of others to manifest it. Their will, currently, overrides all others especially given their amount of practice, their ego and their common cause.

Cui Bono?

The conspiracy benefits massively from being the only ones manifesting their reality. If everyone were trying to all at once the world would descend into chaos or all the wishes would be negated by coming into conflict with one another. To those who know the secret of manifestation it is in their best interests, by far, to keep that secret to a small ring of fellow conspirators and to prevent the knowledge growing any wider. The inner circles of many other conspiracies may use this capability to hold their organisations together and to help them achieve their nefarious goals.

Possible Conspirators

Ancient Remnants, Angels, Annunaki, Bohemian Grove, Council of Nine, Demons, Descendents of Jesus, Enlightened Ones, Global Elite, Golden Dawn, Immortals, Invisible College, Mithras, Nephilim, Ordo Templi Orientis, Psychic Conspiracy, Rosicrucians, Rothschilds, Templars, Illuminati, Masons, Theosophical Society, Thule Society, Vril-Ya, Wiccans.

Adventure Seeds

1. As a group of deniable thugs the characters are employed to trash and terrorise a few key places and people that - at first - appear to be unrelated. As they continue though, being paid very handsomely indeed for their work, some common denominators start to appear between the various quantum physics labs, health gurus and other sites of interference they seem to be involved in cracking down on. They're being used to destroy research that might confirm the law.

2. The Law of Attraction is the one thing that unites the group, they're all practitioners but the universe seems to have conspired to bring them all together for some reason, in line with their desires. As a group they have a unique synergy and ability to get things done both for themselves and others but that's going to attract the attention of the conspiracy who, themselves, have a similar synergy in their highest ranks, plus an organisation to go with it. One group is positive, the other negative and it's unclear who will prevail.

3. The whole thing is a hoax cooked up to give people something, a replacement for religion almost, to believe in to keep them quiescent. By making good or bad occurrences the fault of the person controlling forces, like government, can't be blamed and anyone's failure, poverty or ill health can only be blamed upon themselves. This acts as a reinforcement to prevailing American values of self reliance and as a bulwark against socialist reforms and sympathy.

049 - A Million to One Description

Mars isn't a lifeless world, it's not exactly blooming with plant and animal life either, at least not visibly in this day and age, but micro-organisms remain in the soil in sheltered areas and down at the permafrost layer as well as at the poles. This has been known since the Viking Landers but in secret trials it was found that the revelation of alien life had such a profound effect on human psychology and ego that it caused madness and even violence. Not only have these current micro-organisms been found but genuine relics and artefacts of an old Martian civilisation have also been discovered, dating from before their world was destroyed and finally rendered uninhabitable - something which some think may have been relatively recent, within thousands of years. Since then the public has been being slowly acclimated to the idea that there may be microbial life out there and to the idea of a manned mission to Mars. Some forces behind the hiding of the knowledge want it to remain secret though, to give them any advantage that might come from Martian technology or to preserve the power of institutions and groups that stand to suffer the most from such a revelation.

How is it done?

Scientific information from space travel is all channelled via governments and typically through single agencies, though universities play a support role. This narrow channel of information transmission is much more controllable than a wholesale, private free for all and all governments of the world that have a space program all benefit from a relatively stable society. There's good reason for almost everyone to pull in the same direction on this issue.

Cui Bono?

The status quo benefits as do the potential recipients of any lost Martian lore or technology. The steady trickle of information that hints at Martian life helps acclimate the people of the world to the idea, to the point where the revelation shouldn't cause mass hysteria and then, if everything is set up just right, it could provide the impetus for a conjoined world government and a big push for space exploration.

Possible Conspirators

Annunaki, Bilderberg Group, Black Nobility, Committee of 300, Global Elite, Grey Aliens, Invisible Space Lizards, Jesuits, Majestic-12, Men in Black, NASA, Phoebus Cartel, Rothschilds, Shadow Government, Technocrats, Time Travellers, Transhumanists, United Nations, U.S. Government, Vatican.

Adventure Seeds

1. Private space launches are becoming more and more widespread and a consortium is seeking to prove itself by putting an automated, miniature satellite into orbit around Mars. The project was kept secret to start with but as it goes public the forces of the conspiracy - altruistic or otherwise - snap shut around the project, striving to discredit it, take it over or destroy its probe. The company team and investors that have made this project possible need to dodge their enemies, complete their mission and find out why they're being targeted.

2. Mars is a staging post for alien forces at work in the solar system and on Earth. They've subverted or allied with the shadow governments and are slowly taking over the Earth to exploit its resources and population to their own ends. An underground movement is collating evidence about Mars in particular to try and present it to the public and prove the existence of the aliens. The characters get caught up with a wounded courier who has just such a dossier on them.

3. The conspiracy has been so successful in hiding the existence of life on Mars and the ancient Martian civilisation that it has kept it even from NASA and the governments themselves. The characters are astronauts destined for a trip to Mars but right from their training it is like fate is out to get them and it becomes obvious as their flight begins that they're being sabotaged. Once they get to Mars they lose their communications rig and, while the Martian civilisation is long dead, the conspiracy has sent their own expedition ahead of the public one to eliminate the astronaut team and to strike a blow against public, manned space exploration. If they survive they may be able to return in either their ship or that of their attackers and to expose the conspiracy, as well as seeing the Martian artefacts.

050 - Just Plane Terrible Description

Pan Am Flight 103 exploded over Lockerbie and rained down upon the town killing everyone aboard plus many people of the town itself. The explosion was blamed on Libya and arrests were made. The bombing has been considered both as part of Libya's state sponsored terrorism and as a direct action by the Libyans targeted against America, even though many casualties were British. Conspiracy theories claim that Libya was framed or that the presence of certain anomalies suggest that the bomb was radio detonated or that the whole disaster may have intimately involved the CIA who had agents and money on board the flight at the time it was destroyed. There are also speculations about previous warnings about the possibility of an attack being ignored and accusations that the CIA prevented certain key items of luggage being searched or checked, one of which may have included the bomb.

How is it done?

The Libyans made great scapegoats for black operations since they were involved in international terrorism and state sponsored terrorism and since their networks, along with those of Iran and other pariah nations of the 1980s, weren't the most secure. Even a little evidence against such a nation, fabricated or otherwise, was enough to convince the public in the situation of the time and any protestations of innocence were unlikely to prove convincing. These days a more generic idea of a 'Muslim fundamentalist' fulfils much the same purpose.

Cui Bono?

Fingering Libya for the bombing helped demonise it further in the public eye and cemented U.S./U.K. stances on the matter as well as establishing them as being willing and able to perform such operations. This helped the geopolitical situation which furthered the aims of government and those other more shadowy forces opposed to both Islamic fundamentalism and, more broadly, to the old Communist bloc. The suspicious circumstances around the CIA suggest some form of factionalism and the fight against terrorism and Libya could well have provided cover for some sort of secret conflict between these factions, culminating in these - and potentially a fair few other - deaths.

Possible Conspirators

Anglo-American Alliance, Assassins, Bilderberg Group, Black Nobility, CIA, Committee of 300, Global Elite, Jesuits, MI5/6, Mossad, Muslims, Pilgrims Society, Republican Inner Circle, Rothschilds, Shadow Government, Illuminati, U.S. Government, Vatican, Zionists.

Adventure Seeds

1. Libya's come in from the cold somewhat in terms of international favour, thanks to some savvy political deals by Gadaffi. This thawing of relations may also lead to some looser security on certain files as part of a furtherance of the deal, intending to slowly de-implicate Libya without actually revealing the truth. A third party has, however, managed to get a line on the information and intends to take it public, if neither the CIA nor the Libyan security service gets to them first. The characters represent a fourth group that intends to keep the peace and get an angle on both the CIA and Libyan security services by having access to the information, a private security company in control of a deeper conspiracy group.

2. A rumour begins to circulate of a survivor of the disaster, whisked away from the site under secrecy during the emergency response and crash investigation. Whoever they were they have actual, first-hand knowledge of what went on and are still being held in a secure mental hospital despite having physically recovered long ago. Why the conspiracy hasn't killed them is unclear but getting access to them and getting them sober and off the psychoactive drugs that they've been put on may be enough to get them to reveal some interesting and truthful information about what happened and reveal something of the conspiracy which is at work.

3. The game is set during the 1980s and the characters are part of one of the two CIA factions at internal war with each other over corruption involving the Middle East, bribes and treachery. Their orbits with their opposing group bring them inexorably in closer and closer to the Lockerbie bombing and reveal, in the context of the game, the genuine reason for the bombing and the true culprit.

051 - Going Underground Description

The 7/7 bombings in London in 2005 were a major follow-up to the Madrid bombings and 9/11 and they have been subject to a great deal of speculation from the conspiracy fans much as these other events were. While 7/7 appears to be much more straightforward, there being video testimony from several of the bombers claiming responsibility, there are things that mag at the conspiracy theorists' paranoia. The bombers didn't fit the usual suicide bomber profile, they had young children, one had a pregnant wife, the explosion characteristics - to a layman - seem strange. The bombers bought return tickets and had extra bombs in their car, strange if they were planning to suicide. There was a private preparedness exercise going on within a large company on a similar, fictional, event and there's some talk of forewarning amongst intelligence agencies and foreign embassies, but not the general public. This is sufficient for many to think that these bombings 'too', were a governmental fix.

How is it done?

Al Quaeda isn't so much an organisation as a declaration of support and affiliation, it's the 'sympathy strike' of terrorism. Tapping into bad feeling amongst the extremist community while pretending to be Al Quaeda is theoretically very simply, so long as you can walk the walk and talk the talk you'll be convincing. The terrorists used in this exercise, then, could have been groomed patsies and the reason they had extra bombs and return tickets is that they were expecting to do more bombings, little knowing that they'd be blown up along with their first bombs. The videos were 'insurance' against them being unable to complete their first missions or to get away. The bombings may even have been conducted by America, intending to galvanise UK support and military aid for their war in the Middle East though, if anything, it had the opposite effect and brought out the British 'blitz spirit'.

Cui Bono?

The terrorists do gain, of course, by promoting their cause and terrorising people, dragging nations into quagmire, Middle Eastern wars of the type that dragged down the U.S.S.R. The claim runs that the U.S. gained by cementing British support. The U.K. government gained by having the excuse to bring in new security laws in the postbombing panic, though resistance to this remained stiff. Whoever was behind it, whatever the intended benefit, it seems to have backfired a bit.

Possible Conspirators

Anglo-American Alliance, Assassins, CIA, Culper Ring, Global Elite, MI5/6, Mossad, Muslims, Pilgrims Society, Republican Inner Circle, Russian Secret Service, U.S. Government, Zionists.

Adventure Seeds

1. The 7/7 bombings were a botched attempt on the part of America to galvanise U.K. support for American actions in Iraq. They misjudged the British character and thanks to the screw up, those responsible are now being hunted. The small CIA unit responsible wants amnesty, to come over to MI5/6, to blow the whistle on other dodgy operations against their allies. The U.K. doesn't want to tip its hand and is using intermediaries to extract the operatives from their hiding places and bring them in.

2. A follow up attack is being planned by the conspiracy behind these bombings and the similar ones in Europe and America. The intention this time is to do something so atrocious that it absolutely cannot be ignored or withstood without some for of response and is meant to bring Britain, Europe and the U.S. together. Perhaps they plan to destroy a maternity ward or to breach the Channel Tunnel, whatever the disaster the real target is Iran, to create a pretext for a new invasion no matter the cost and - current - unpopularity.

3. The characters are commuters caught up in a second attack on the London underground. This time it's a combination of gas, explosives and gunmen rampaging around the London underground, gathering people together, blockading stations and performing mass executions. As they fight to survive they're also witness to some stranger goings on, possible agents from security services not acting to stop the gunmen and even some signs of complicity. Even if they do survive the event they may find themselves dodging the agencies supposed to protect them while they try to get their story out.

052 - Mad at Madrid

Description

In March 2004 the Madrid public train system was subject to a terribly effective bombing attack that left around two-hundred people dead. While the bombing has been linked to an Al Quaeda inspired - but unlinked - group, controversy remains and the issue was confused because it occurred during a contentious election. Some claim that the bombings were engineered to oust the sitting government by making them appear somewhat responsible, others that it was an attempt to push Spain either for or against Iraq, others that ETA, the Basque separatist group was involved, directly or indirectly, or may have formed some sort of alliance with Islamic extremism. Investigations ran into dead ends as suspects committed suicide by explosive when confronted by the police. Those involved are alleged to be from disparate extremist groups and to include police informants, which ups the paranoia and makes some wonder if they were double agents or patsies, working for forces foreign or domestic on the governmental side. There seems to have been a great deal of incompetence in the police matters leading up to the bombing, incompetence that some read as deliberate.

How is it done?

The police unit dedicated to Islamic terrorism in Spain was woefully small, much more effort being concentrated on traditional enemies such as ETA. Given the ineffectiveness of their surveillance and investigative efforts it would be easy to slip a great deal past them. The incumbent government and the war in Irag which - at the time - Spain had troops supporting, were unpopular but the election still looked like being reasonably close. ETA and Islamic opportunists could have both seen an opportunity to push their agendas there and would be natural allies in such an instance as would the political opposition, mainstream or otherwise and - ironically - those against the war and ongoing bloodshed. The election further confused matters by making the investigation political, all factors which would be favourable in hiding a conspiracy out of public and investigative sight.

Cui Bono?

The most direct beneficiaries were the cause of Islam and the Iraqi insurgency. After the election Spain removed small, number of troops from Iraq. Security laws were toughened and the unit tasked with Islamic terrorism got a boost in support. The new party taking over gained from their opposition's perceived mismanagement and terrorists everywhere gained by showing that acts of atrocity could shape policy. If it was intended to forward American or globalist agendas then it was a miscalculation of the public character and response.

Possible Conspirators

Assassins, Bilderberg Group, CIA, Culper Ring, Garduna, Global Elite, Le Cercle, Mossad, Muslims, Russian Secret Service, U.S. Government, Zionists.

Adventure Seeds

1. It is Muslims, but it's also ETA using them to get at targets and to use tactics that they, themselves, wouldn't. They supply the expertise and materials and the fundamentalists provide people willing to die. A new operation is being planned that has some of the ETA people feeling queasy and they approach the authorities, ready to make some sort of deal.

2. The Madrid bombings are one of a series of botched U.S. black operations in Europe and elsewhere betrayed by their lack of understanding of non-American thinking. The characters are non-Americans, kidnapped and placed in a special camp where U.S. Intelligence intends to investigate how different sample groups from different nations and cultures respond to different kinds of duress. This will better inform future actions.

3. Members of the current government were complicit in the affair and made certain promises both within and without of the government agencies regarding what favours might be done if they got in. Being politicians and not spies they're somewhat sloppy with their security and record keeping and some oblique evidence of this has gotten out. Terrorists, Basque and Islamic, security forces, police and privately hired security are all after this information which is only a potential lead to the real story - and they're all conflicting.

053 - My Compass is wrecked Description

The magnetic poles of the Earth reverse naturally approximately every 250,000 years - on average. The Northern magnetic pole becomes the southern one and vice versa. The actual reversal takes place over a century or two and is preceded and followed by a weakening of the Earth's magnetic field. This is all due to the shifting properties of the Earth's ferrous core, which, basically, acts like a giant electromagnet. While inconvenient for navigation and potentially troublesome for a technological society - if there are bad solar flares during this period - this isn't really that much cause for alarm unless you're a homing pigeon. That hasn't stopped magnetic pole reversal becoming a watchword for global disaster and it being thought to do everything from scouring the Earth with solar radiation to dragging in asteroids to pummel the surface, even for the Earth to stop spinning in one direction and start spinning again in the opposite direction. It's alleged that prophecies of the Maya and the Egyptians foretell this destruction and that various secret societies, governments and groups know about it, are keeping it secret and are preparing for the apocalypse.

How is it done?

Knowing how and when such a reversal will occur is extremely difficult to predict, though the Earth is overdue for a flip and the magnetic field has been weakening. Some connect it with the so-called 2012 prophecies and suggest that as a date when this might occur. Detailed observations on the magnetic field, speculation upon its future and information about the past are all individually held by different groups but larger organisations are the ones in a position to take note of the correlations and to make plans, plus a public panic on a global scale wouldn't serve anyone's interests, the common good may be enough to keep scientists and other experts guiet on the matter if they have worked it out.

Cui Bono?

Any group that wants to wipe the Earth clean and start again from an elite or selected cadre stands to benefit from keeping such a future disaster as secret as possible. They can prepare and then emerge into a new Earth to mould it in their image and conquer any survivors. Other groups that simply want to wipe mankind out as a plague upon the planet are also served by keeping it quiet. Even conspiracies with more altruistic motives may be behind the silence on the matter as they know a global panic may prevent anyone from surviving, by keeping quiet they may be able to preserve something of humanity, even as the greater part is doomed to die.

Possible Conspirators

1001 Club, Abortion Lobby, Ancient Remnants, Annunaki, Bilderberg Group, Council of Nine, Environmentalists, Eugenicists, Global Elite, Invisible College, Invisible Space Lizards, NASA, Nihilists, Prescients, Technocrats, Illuminati, Theosophical Society, Thule Society, Time Travellers, Transhumanists, United Nations, U.S. Government.

Adventure Seeds

1. The characters are amongst contractors working on a new government silo and bunker, apparently part of leftover funding in case of widespread terrorist attack using dirty bombs, natural disasters and rogue state nuclear weapons. The bunker is enormous though and, though the contractors are supposed to be kept apart information does flow between the various groups and it becomes apparent this is no small project and that it's not for its stated purpose. Something is going on.

2. A decade after the pole reversal and the attendant chaos the characters, in their twenties when they entered the bunkers, emerge as the vanguard of the conspiracy to take over the world and inherit it. The other survivor communities are largely remnants of survivalists and new age communes who took their mystical outlook on 2012 seriously and will be opposed to this 'blast from the past'.

3. An independent scientist, working for a private satellite/technology consortium on the effects of solar flares has, belatedly, come to the same conclusion as the conspiracies have but is far less reticent about telling the public of his findings. At the moment he's considered a fringe kook but his scientific work is impeccable. The conspiracy wants him silenced but those given the job may find out the truth to his assessment of the situation and that could well lead to divided loyalties.

054 - Vote Manchurian Candidate Description

Since before the Cold War governments and other groups have been searching for ways to effectively brainwash, subvert and control the minds of others. While governments wanted to find ways to turn people to their side or to create the ultimate assassin - one who didn't even know themselves that they were an assassin. It's supposed that these techniques were, indeed, perfected during the Cold War, building on Nazi research and advances in psychology and that they have since been further refined from the relatively crude methods of before using virtual reality, implant technology and hypnosis. Any number of mysterious assassinations, terrorist operations and other black ops may have been carried out by Manchurian Candidates who then, completely honestly, protest their own innocence most vociferously, unaware that they did indeed do what was commanded of them. As a legacy of the Cold War these techniques are supposedly most used by the Chinese, Americans and former Soviet States.

How is it done?

Once you have your operatives out there they're easy enough to keep under wraps, after all, they don't know that they're agents so why should anyone else? The only risk is if their conditioning is somehow tripped by something they encounter out in the world. Because of this the trigger is usually made something obscure or a combination of obscure items, images, words or sounds that wouldn't normally be found together. The weak point in the conspiracy is maintaining the secrecy around the facilities that create these unknowing agents and keeping the doctors and psychologists - not to mention the guards - silent, as well as disposing of the failed candidates.

Cui Bono?

Any conspiracy benefits by having many agents, they particularly benefit by having 'invisible' agents, those they can use with complete deniability as well as being able to corrupt the agents of other forces. This is of particular use to corporate conspiracies, who can use the techniques in advertising and industrial espionage and to the government and government entangled conspiracies that developed the techniques in the first place. Agencies that wish to terrorise governments also gain since they can effectively intimidate those in power with the fear that anyone around them could end them at any moment.

Possible Conspirators

Assassins, Bohemian Grove, China, CIA, Communists, Entertainment Companies, Global Elite, Golden Dawn, Grey Aliens, Hellfire Club, Industrialists, Invisible Space Lizards, Jesuits, Men in Black, Mithras, Mormons, Mossad, Muslims, Nazi Remnants, Neo-Fascists, Opus Dei, Rothschilds, Rupert Murdoch, Russian Secret Service, Satanic Cults, Scientologists, Shadow Government, Soviet Scientists, Illuminati, Masons, Thuggee, U.S. Government, Vampires, Vatican.

Adventure Seeds

1. The characters are the security detail around a prominent politician who has been targeted by the conspiracy and marked for death. Unknown to them, while they're protecting him and tracking down the potential assassins, one of them is a Manchurian Candidate and thus the potential assassin. If they track down their controller before they're activated they may stand a chance of thwarting the assassination and of discovering their own conditioning.

2. Undergoing hypnotherapy for what they assumed was an alien abduction a patient has begun to remember the details of their conditioning by the conspiracy and some details about the facility where it was done. This may be enough for the characters, acting as investigators, to track down the facility and infiltrate or destroy it, or to co-opt the technology for themselves or their sponsors.

3. A retired spook has taken some mind control techniques with him into the private sector and has consulted - as the common link - between several media companies and private military contractors. The technology isn't perfect as his memory isn't perfect but it's having a profound effect within every field it is introduced to and earning him a fortune, much of which he's spending on his personal protection and that of his family. He knows the conspiracy will be after him for revealing their secrets, so what's motivating him to do so?

055 - ...Killed the Radio Star Description

GEC-Marconi was an important military contractor for the U.K. and U.S., heavily involved in the development of torpedoes for the British and of the Strategic Defence Initiative for the Americans successfully winning hundreds of millions of dollars of development money for the UK from the Reagan government in the 1980s. Of those involved in both projects some twenty-two died under dubious circumstances during the 80s and early 90s, most attributed to suicide but few having any real reason to commit suicide, let alone by the gruesome and complicated methods that many of them seem to have chosen to use to dispatch themselves. Several of those who died had made complaints and had arranged to meet their Members of Parliament to discuss some unknown matter, all of which is fodder for the conspiracy theories who allege that these deaths were either a cover-up or the side effects of something that these scientists were researching, others attribute them to work pressure and ethical issues surrounding science being bastardised for profit.

How is it done?

Apparent suicide is a good method for silencing or removing people. While suicides are investigated it does tend to throw investigators off the scent by giving them a ready reason why someone died and providing the simplest explanation, next to which criminal conspiracy seems manifestly unlikely. These suicides were gruesome though, in many cases, involving electrocution and decapitation amongst other means of death. While considered suicide the showy and exhibitionistic nature of these deaths suggests something more akin to example killings, warning people off going public perhaps. On the other hand, even in a time of thawing relations, the Russians, wanting to sabotage the SDI, may have been behind these killings.

Cui Bono?

If GEC-Marconi was cooking the books or conducting poor science then they gained by silencing potential whistle-blowers and critics. The British government gained by keeping the American military contracts associated with the company, despite unsubstantiated allegations of poor progress and bad science. The Soviets would have gained from interrogating the victims and from sabotaging progress on SDI and any conspiracies using SDI technology for their gain would benefit from wiping out those who could develop the same technology for others. There was also concern amongst anti-nuclear campaigners and analysts that SDI would upset the balance of Mutually Assured Destruction and lead one side or the other to make a pre-emptive strike.

Possible Conspirators

Anglo-American Alliance, Artificial Intelligence, Assassins, Bilderberg Group, China, CIA, Committee of 300, Communists, Culper Ring, Global Elite, Invisible College, MI5/6 NASA, Phoebus Cartel, Pilgrims Society, Rothschilds, Russian Secret Service, Shadow Government, Soviet Scientists, Technocrats, U.S. Government.

Adventure Seeds

1. Suspecting something was up some of the GEC-Marconi victims left evidence on time release in various lock ups and safety deposit boxes to come out around twenty years later, when they thought they might have been forgotten about and the information would be safe to release. The conspiracy responsible for their deaths is still powerful though and has control of many of the fruits of their research, anyone receiving this material and looking into it may find themselves on the wrong end of a Brilliant Pebble.

2. A new spate of suicides and mysterious deaths breaks out along the same sorts of lines as occurred with GEC-Marconi, this time amongst software houses under contract to the U.S. and U.K. military charged with developing projects to counter cyberterrorism. Aware of the previous cases the potential victims are more informed and prepared and move to protect themselves swiftly, cashing in assets, offering their stories to the media and hiring protection. 1980s methods don't work in the internet age and the conspiracy needs a new way to move against them.

3. SDI technology is implicated - to the aware - in a series of deaths of high profile agitators and revolutionaries around the globe, especially anti-globalisation campaigners. Coming together these groups move to uncover the plot against them and the secret SDI technology.

056 - Chill Out, Smoke a Bowl Description

Marijuana is illegal in the vast majority of places in the world, or at least controlled, restricted and bound up by baroque legality. In some places it is permitted for use for medical reasons, pain relief and its effects on certain disorders being studied, but in most circumstances it's banned and its use punishable under law, let alone dealing it. Understandably, marijuana use being so common, this annoys a huge number of people from the 1950s Beat movement on down to modern day smokers and their genetically modified, special hybrid plants with enough THC to get a Republican Party convention to turn into a kegger. In the process of trying to defend marijuana and get it legalised, and doubtless in part due to pot-induced paranoia, a number of conspiracy theories have been put forward as to why marijuana is so tightly controlled. Besides the 'fear of people blowing the doors of perception open' as a reason the most widespread conspiracy theory seems to be that industrialists and secret powers are afraid of the potential world-changing properties of hemp (which isn't the same as smokable marijuana) which has many potential uses, so they say, as a wonder material, a wonder food and even as a solution to the fuel crisis. This, they say, is what causes the powers that be to reject marijuana and to paint it in a bad light and control it, not its effects as an intoxicant.

How is it done?

Medical scares are relatively easy to cook up, anything is harmful in certain circumstances and in high enough doses. Supposedly the scare about marijuana was cooked up at the imprecation of certain powerful tycoons who saw it as a threat to their dominance and profits. As a result of that propaganda films and scares such as 'Reefer Madness' were created and pumped out, very effectively, through the few channels of media available at the time and to a trusting public. Even the countercultural movement of the 60s wasn't able to undo the effect of the propaganda and, to this day, world wide, marijuana is regarded as a dangerous narcotic and not as a mild, recreational intoxicant or an industrial crop.

Cui Bono?

The beneficiaries of marijuana control are numerous. If 'hemp' is this wondercrop that it is alleged it is then the existing infrastructure benefits greatly from it being controlled, forcing people to use other products in its place, more expensive, harder to produce products that support their industries. Those who want to keep mystical secrets to themselves benefit by repressing its use as a 'mystical' herb. Potentially, more insidiously, keeping it underground makes it attractive to countercultural agents and those who might oppose conspiracies, keeping them focussed on a non-issue and self-medicated into passivity.

Possible Conspirators

Annunaki, Assassins, Big Pharma, Bilderberg Group, Committee of 300, Global Elite, Industrialists, International Banks, Psychic Conspiracy, Rothschilds, Shadow Government, U.S. Government, Whitey.

Adventure Seeds

1. A biotechnology start-up has developed a strain of hemp with absolutely zero THC content an a bright leaf pigment and shape variation to distinguish it completely from marijuana and normal hemp so that it can't be used to hide a drug crop. This would seem to be the ideal solution but they're targeted by the conspiracy for elimination by any means necessary to preserve the status quo.

2. The drug has been used by shamans and mystics for centuries but you needed to be specially attuned before it could genuinely hook you up with the spirit world. A new crossbreed from Holland has the ability to hook almost anyone up with a spiritual third eye and, while its spread it limited thus far, it's growing. The conspiracy - and other agencies in the know - regard this as a threat to the world and need to destroy the crop and any seeds, round up those who have been affected and deal with the crisis before a new wave of mysticism destroys the world as we know it.

3. A store of old papers from the 1930s is in the process of being checked for declassification. One of the file clerks is an occasional partaker of the demon weed and stumbles upon the minutes from the secret meetings - threatening to leak them to the public.

057 - 666 and All That

Description

The Mark of the Beast is key to a lot of Christian eschatology and is referenced in Revelation 13 and 14. These oblique and obscure references have been taken to mean a great many different things down the centuries but the latest one - following on from paranoia about credit cards - is the idea of an implanted chip that contains ones identification and payment details and that, somehow, the government, acting under the sway of Satan/The Antichrist, will force people to have. This is supposedly one of the signs of the impending apocalypse and a method of damning even the faithful, since they won't be able to buy food or to live properly without one of these implanted chips. While there are various ideas about implantable chips, RFID, medical information, passports etc none of them are proposed to be compulsory and all are at the experimental stage at present, at least regarding use in humans.

How is it done?

In theory the government - which by this time may be a world government - will make it a legal requirement to have the chip for identification and security purposes and, as a result, for financial purposes, the chip replacing physical money for most purposes and making your debts and your identity inescapable to the majority of people. A precondition of being able to force people is having the apparatus to force people, the police, the military and the medical establishment all behind it. At present the mark is being kept secret and tested in a limited fashion upon soldiers and various test subjects with a view to being rolled out in the near future.

Cui Bono?

If the chip is the mark as they claim it is then Satan is the one who ultimately gains by having it be widespread, gaining power over the temporal world, if not the eternal one, and dragging many more souls down with him in his doomed quest to overthrow god and rule in his stead. Even if the mystical side of things doesn't exist, the idea of the chip, a universal ID and banking system, has broad appeal to utopians and dystopians alike, both to those who see a positive, unified future for mankind and those who see this as a terrifying prospect of biblical proportions.

The technology could suit any number

of controlling conspiracies who want to institute a total police state and eliminate free thought on a global scale but it also has legitimate uses that may appeal to many, all the better for slipping it under the radar and forcing people to get it in the name of safety and security.

Possible Conspirators

Anglo-American Alliance, Artificial Intelligence, Big Pharma, Bilderberg Group, China, CIA, Committee of 300, Communists, Demons, Global Elite, Industrialists, International Banks, Invisible Space Lizards, Le Cercle, Rothschilds, Satanic Cults, Shadow Government, Technocrats, Illuminati, Transhumanists, United Nations, U.S. Government, Whitey, WHO.

Adventure Seeds

1. The characters are missionaries on a Caribbean island which has just seen a takeover of its government by its military, backed by outside forces. As part of their takeover they are forcing residents - but not tourists - to accept the chip, a prototype of the 'Mark of the Beast' which seems to have marked, soul-destroying effects on those subjected to it. The characters are placed in the position of 'knowing' what is going on and wanting to protect their nascent flock from it.

2. A university in England that specialises in prosthetic and other implantable technology research is moving up to human trials of its latest chip and RFID technology, in a public-private partnership. A group of people are brought in to be test implanted but the chip has a strange side effect, turning them all into amoral, animalistic psychopaths, 'demons'.

3. A conference is held in a remote location to discussion the inception of an international, intermediary currency to help regulate international trade and make it easier to track certain deals and detect underhanded currency trading and other financial issues. The currency needs to be as secure as current technology can make it and there are various companies represented there to make representations of their techniques. Something underhanded is going on as a dark horse tech candidate, advocating chip implant for traders, seems to be rapidly gaining in support.

058 - Last Page Missing Description

There are many apocryphal books of the bible that didn't make it into the final edit. Some of these are well known such as the Gospel of Judas that was recently released to the public, others are far less well known but are still recorded and available for those who want to study them. The Gospel of Thomas, for example, is considered controversial and potentially heretical because it seems to condemn the construction of churches and the raising of a priesthood. It's said that there are other missing gospels and books, ones which are genuine, which are being kept hidden by the Vatican because they threaten their temporal power and present other interpretations of the life of Jesus, possibly even non-spiritual ones more akin to a Buddhist understanding. When all your power derives from certain interpretations of scripture you're more likely to be willing to do anything to protect your interpretation, as has been shown throughout history and across cultures.

How is it done?

The Vatican and the Roman Church has had almost complete control over documentation, archaeology and research relating to the bible for over a thousand years and has had ample opportunity to uncover, assess and hide any number of documents as well as having the ear of powerful politicians, kings and empires over that same span of time, the threat of excommunication and the assistance of any number of faithful believers. It's only since the Renaissance and The Enlightenment that the grip of religion has begun to slip and that questions have begun to be asked, this now reaching a crescendo with the rise of the New Atheism. Unused to being questioned the church is beginning to lose its grip, but for now it still has control of the hidden documents.

Cui Bono?

The chief beneficiary of keeping these unofficial documents out of the public eye is the Vatican and, more broadly, the other Christian denominations as a whole. Even the existing apocrypha raise some serious questions about existing dogma these, supposed, hidden apocrypha are even more controversial and could demolish the credibility that the Church, or Christianity as a whole, has. Religion is also a useful tool of social control for any number of forces and to undermine religious control is to undermine the predictability and controllability of the population as a whole.

Possible Conspirators

Angels, Assassins, Black Nobility, Demons, Descendents of Jesus, Global Elite, Jesuits, Mormons, Mossad, Muslims, Nephilim, Opus Dei, Priory of Sion, Rothschilds, Satanic Cults, The Great Commission, Illuminati, Masons, Vatican, Zionists.

Adventure Seeds

1. A dig near the site of the Dead Sea Scrolls has uncovered a new cave, filled with sealed pots that promise further revelations about early Christianity. Almost immediately the old apparatus swings into gear to try and suppress, control and vet all the information that is discovered. This is the internet age though and a time where less respect is given to religious beliefs. This struggle threatens to get out into the open and to expose the tactics of yesteryear to the cold light of day.

2. A troubled priest, working on the archives, discovers a lost fragment that shakes his remaining faith to the very core and he absconds with it. Various forces and groups want to find him and whatever documentary scrap it is that he is supposed to have, some to expose it, some to return it, some to claim it for themselves. He will seek his own assistance for his own reasons and it'll fall to the characters to determine who ends up with control.

3. The characters are hired to break into the Vatican vaults and to make off with a very particular item, an item which turns out to be an alleged Gospel of Jesus, writing from 'the main man' himself. While written in obscure dialects of ancient languages the document is a powerful and transformative memeplex which greatly affects anyone capable of reading it, translation dulls the effect, but not completely. Experts that they get to confirm the piece before they pass it on to their sponsor are profoundly affected, giving up their worldly ways to become ascetic street preachers and men of peace. This is a potentially deadly weapon in the wrong hands, or an agent for peace in the world.

059 - M' kay?

Description

MKULTRA was a genuine CIA program of the 50s and 60s that was looking into mind control and interrogation for use in the Cold War. MKULTRA has been connected with the ideas in The Manchurian Candidate, albeit the project by the opposite side to that presented in that fiction. MKULTRA paid particular attention to the use of drugs, though they also investigated electricity, microwaves and others. LSD was a favourite, though it was later abandoned. MKULTRA performed illegal experiments upon U.S. and Canadian citizens and was wound up by 1970 though some allege that their experiments and investigations continue to this day.

How is it done?

If MKULTRA worked and it did find effective methods of brainwashing, memory manipulation and mind control then it would be child's play for the project to continue officially or otherwise without anyone being any the wiser about it - at least not for long. MKULTRA could go completely off the books by controlling its own funding via hypnotic suggestion and would be completely capable of carrying on its research, under cover of ignorance. Any number of groups and forces would want to ally with it for its technology, if they could even discover that it existed. The scientists working within the project may be more concerned with making advances for their own sake than for the fate of those they experiment upon.

Cui Bono?

Any conspiracy or government that wants proven methods of interrogation, mental torture and mind control stands to benefit from having the backing of MKULTRA though they might become paranoid about their allies who may, after all, be manipulating their memories and mind controlling them. Because of this the MKULTRA group is something of a two-edged sword, useful against one's enemies but also somewhat dangerous to oneself. It's more likely that MKULTRA and the benefits thereof remain somewhat loyal to their originating agency and given the recent revelations about CIA black prisons and the use of torture and psych ops against terrorist suspects and groups it seems more likely that MKULTRA or its successor remains loyal to the U.S. Government.

Possible Conspirators

Big Pharma, Bilderberg Group, CIA, Committee of 300, Global Elite, Grey Aliens, Invisible Space Lizards, Men in Black, MI5/6, Rothschilds, Shadow Government, Technocrats, Illuminati, U.S. Government.

Adventure Seeds

1. The characters are the unwilling subjects for a new MKULTRA experiment in the effects of a new breed of hallucinogenics. Shut away in a 'fun house' designed to expose them to many different sorts of stimuli and duress they're constantly questioned on deeply personal and secret information, forced to confess in from of each other and put through strange scenario after strange scenario before being subjected to mind wipe and dumped at a charity hospital.

2. Under regressive hypnosis as part of a group looking into past lives the characters are exposed to commonalities in each others' fantasy lives and past traumas that slowly uncover that they've been the subjects of experiments. Tracing the information from their mutually remembered fantasies starts to uncover the people and places involved in what happened to them and that many of them are missing or dead. There may be all sorts of subconscious programming hidden away in their brains that will come to the fore during their investigation from attempts to create programmed 'warriors' as part of the MKULTRA program.

3. The characters are a supervising group from within MKULTRA, ordered to conduct a test of some new techniques upon a remote town and to monitor the effects. The new technique has unforeseen side effects upon the population which they have to cope with while keeping what's been going on under wraps and away from the news media or other potential trouble spots.

Mind control conspiracies allow you to mess with the character's loyalties and backgrounds. Are they who they think they are? Are they someone else? Are these really their thoughts that they're thinking? Most players will resent being too screwed with though.

060 - Montauk, Not Jamaican Description

The Montauk Project is a completely unconfirmed conspiracy theory about a spiritual successor to The Philadelphia Experiment. During the 1980s it's alleged that Camp Hero and Montauk Air Force Station on Long Island were used for high powered and risky experiments into time travel, teleportation, psychological effects, magnetic fields, psionics and 'hyperspace' - a great deal of reality bending and far reaching, experimental research to be done in one place. Montauk is credited with being responsible for a great deal of strangeness including the 'unidentified' creature washed up on Montauk beach, allegedly a bleed-over from another reality in much the same vein as the disasters in the Half-Life series of games, something which seems to be a theme with the Montauk conspiracies which draw a lot of inspiration (or vice versa) from fictional ideas such as hyperspace and even the Time Tunnel.

How is it done?

Montauk is kept secret by being remote and closed off from the rest of the world. Military bases are controlled and, further to that, the main part of the Montauk project was supposed to take place underground as well as using the more publicly viewable giant radar dish. Out of sight below ground the scientists could engage in their experiments without being observed in any way and Montauk was allegedly hooked up by a secret train system with other underground bases and facilities, so called 'D1' facilities. Kept permanently barracked underground and working on cutting edge science the team, which included survivors of The Philadelphia Experiment, had no opportunity to leak data.

Cui Bono?

Any of the projects Montauk was allegedly involved in had great, potential, military applications. Access to the manipulation of time could get allies or technology from the future to use in the present. The ability to transit space at great distances could give access to the resources of the other planets and to set up boltholes for humanity to survive a nuclear war on Earth as well as potential access to other civilisations. The same is true of dimensional or quantum travel, visiting alternate Earths. Enhancement of psychic abilities, if such exist, would give any existing psychic programs a boost and, finally, the ability to cause psychoses at a distance could be powerful as a demotivator to any enemy and allowing the user of the technology to set troops into disarray.

Possible Conspirators

Ancient Remnants, Annunaki, Artificial Intelligence, CIA, Council of Nine, Global Elite, Grey Aliens, Invisible College, Invisible Space Lizards, Majestic 12, Men in Black, Phoebus Cartel, Psychic Conspiracy, Shadow Government, Technocrats, Tesla's Legacy, Illuminati, Theosophical Society, Thule Society, Time Travellers, Transhumanists, U.S. Government.

Adventure Seeds

1. A dimensional rift opens up as the successor to the Montauk project starts. The military tries to contain it but disruptions from across time and space are letting 'things' through. The characters are caught up in the strangeness as it unfolds.

2. The old Montauk project was sealed off for 20 years in 1988 under emergency measures, though the cause is not known. The characters are assigned to be a special team to open up and investigate the vault, it being reasoned that anything in there should be dead or harmless after 20 years and that scientific understanding has advanced greatly since then. The characters have the opportunity to uncover secrets, get to the bottom of the mystery and to be exposed to the same dangers that closed the facility all those years ago.

3. Strange events, orchestrated by the characters possible future selves, begin to envelop them, warning them of and yet drawing them into involvement with the conspiracy and its effects as well as possible future problems relating to it. As they change events new versions of them appear and 'older' versions fade away. The nature of the future threat shifts and alters and never quite resolves itself, becoming more and more mercurial and strange. The only way to free themselves from causality completely would be to destroy the project, something they can only accomplish by becoming strong.

061 - To the Moon Alice! Description

In 1969 Mankind reached our nearest astronomical neighbour, the moon. We conducted numerous flights to the Moon from 1969 to 1972 before manned flights to the moon ceased and have not, yet, been recommenced, or so most people believe. Many other people believe that we never went to the Moon and that the whole thing was faked in order to trump the Russians in the Space Race and to provide a much needed morale boost for America which wasn't doing so well in the Cold War or the Space Race at the time. Conspiracy theorists raise a number of scientific and technical objections to the idea that we could have reached the moon, most of which have been debunked. The presence of reflectors on the Moon's surface, deployed by Apollo missions, would seem to indicate that at least something went to the Moon, though the theorists speculate that these were set by automated probes, not the Apollo missions themselves.

How is it done?

The rocket launches were showy and expensive fakes, but not as expensive or as difficult as getting actual astronauts and everything they needed to the Moon. The leftover budget was used to finance Hollywood experts to create a fake Moon landing film - or series of films - and to bribe and pay off those necessary to keep it a secret along with blackmail and other forms of coercion to keep people in line, even murders - some say of the three Apollo astronauts who died in a groundbased fire and deaths since. Since that time the secret has been kept through strident propaganda and has become established as an historical event, rather than a topic for current examination, something that discourages most from looking into the evidence. Now, perhaps, we do have the technology to get to the Moon and the new missions - suspiciously similar to the old Apollo missions - may either be new fakes or the first genuine flights to the Moon.

Cui Bono?

The U.S. Government benefited and continues to benefit from the prestige and mystique surrounding the Moon landings and these may have been a contributing factor towards the end of the Cold War and American victory in it. NASA benefited in terms of increased budget and perceived capability, though that has been eroded in the years since and the agency relatively impoverished. The establishment of a cover-up operation for such large scale events could have benefited any number of conspiracies and hidden the deployment of space weapons and observation satellites at any point from the 1960s to the present day. The apparatus may also serve to fake future Mars landings to much the same effect.

Possible Conspirators

Anglo-American Alliance, Annunaki, Atheists, Bilderberg Group, Bohemian Grove, CIA, Global elite, Grey Aliens, Industrialists, Invisible College, Invisible Space Lizards, Le Cercle, Majestic 12, Men in Black, NASA, Nazi Remnants, Phoebus Cartel, Rothschilds, Shadow Government, Technocrats, U.S. Government.

Adventure Seeds

1. The characters are astronauts for a new Moon mission but, arriving on the Moon off course, they land close to where the old Apollo sites should be. Venturing out onto the surface they find no sign of the Apollo missions, but plenty of sign of other, different, stranger goings on...

2. A friend - a set designer in Hollywood - leaks information of a very high specification Mars set being built and shows the characters as part of a boast to them about how well he's doing and how awesome his work is. This is a leak that must be plugged and they now have the entire satellite network, civilian and military, dedicated to tracking them down and ensuring they don't leak the information to anyone. Their plan is to fake a Mars landing just as they faked the Moon landings, all part of a new plan to contain the Chinese.

3. Those involved in the original fake landings are dying off and retiring at a rapid rate which makes many of them more of a security risk than at previous times. The various conspirators involved are having to work double-time to plug leaks, memoirs, deathbed confessions and other exposures that they can ill afford as well as needing to tap into the expertise of these people before they die or are otherwise incapacitated.

062 - Chechnya Mate

Description In 1999 the Russian cities of Buynaksk, Moscow and Volgodonsk were rocked by a series of bombings, targeting civilians and killing over three-hundred people. The result of which was an intensification of action in Chechnya against the rebels there and against Islamic fundamentalism and independence movements in other parts of the Russian federation. Some also credit the bombings with providing the impetus for the election of Vladimir Putin, a hard-line leader and one with links to the former KGB. It's these links that make conspiracy theorists suspicious and many believe the bombings were, in fact, carried out by the FSB - the successor to the KGB - for precisely these purposes. In effect then, they believe that this was a coup d'etat, a forcible shift in public opinion caused by these ruthless bombings for political ends. Unlike many other conspiracy theories this one has a nugget of genuine credibility, especially given revelations about other Russian operations, assassinations and tactics in the years since Putin came to power.

How is it done?

The conspiracy would have been conducted using patsy Chechens and organised by a unit of special police or military troops under the command of a ranking officer. The unit would have provided the explosives and directed the patsies into the right choices of target, monitoring the operation the whole while, ensuring it stayed on target and eliminating any patsies at the end of the operation or setting up further ones to be captured - thereby cementing the efficiency of the response and of the new regime. In a relatively confused and corrupt nation, with genuine war and terrorism constantly going on around the issue reality provided sufficient smokescreen for the nefarious deeds to go undetected.

Cui Bono?

The incoming Russian government and president are immediate winners from the action, the military more broadly and the anti-Islamic cause being additional strong contenders for being the chief beneficiaries. Any conspiracy wanting stability in Russia and its surroundings also gains a boost by strengthening the Russian Federation and increasing resolve to face down separatism and religious extremism though it could also be argued that the Islamic and separatist causes are furthered by provoking Russia into such hard action, embroiling them in more conflict.

Possible Conspirators

Assassins, Atheists, Bilderberg Group, China, Communists, Global Elite, Mossad, Muslims, Rothschilds, Russian Secret Service, Illuminati, Zionists.

Adventure Seeds

1. If this were to come out, as true rather than as mere speculation, then a lot of current members of the Russian government would be in serious trouble politically and things could swing violently the other way towards the opposition. Many would be prosecuted, many might go to prison or it could trigger a civil war, a situation Russia has been altogether too close to on several occasions since the collapse of the Soviet Union. A western journalist has happened upon evidence while researching other stories in Russia and their paper is paying for a privately funded extraction. That's where the characters come in.

2. Recent issues with separatist movements have eroded Russia's standing and confidence and a new example needs to be made but there isn't support for putting the army into harm's way again over such a small province. Something needs to be done to galvanise public support and a new string of terrorist atrocities would seem to be just the thing. Sensitised by the previous issues the media, foreign and domestic, is on the look out for similar questionable happenings and so new experts are needed to find a different approach.

3. A gang of terrorists inside Russia specifically to mount terror attacks the characters find themselves shadowed and mirrored by men from the Russian Secret Service planning their own attacks. To start with they're unaware of the characters but as both plans move towards completion they interfere with each other. The characters may make good patsies or they may need to be eliminated so they don't interfere with the black operation and confuse matters too much.

063 - Bum Note

Description

A lot of musicians die and of those that die a lot die in circumstances that may or may not be thought of as a little 'shifty'. Drug overdoses, car crashes, heart failure, sexual misadventure, all of these are classic conspiracy fodder for deaths in other fields but amongst musicians this is almost expected. Still, there are a lot of deaths and enough questions surrounding them that many people suspect something more is going on. Not just the faked deaths which have already been explored, but that these musicians are being deliberately eliminated for some reason, either as countercultural icons, as ways of subtly shifting the social zeitgeist or because they've happened onto something through their use of mind-expanding drugs and their artistic explorations, perhaps some mystical experience or knowledge that a conspiracy wants to ensure remains theirs and theirs alone.

How is it done?

Musicians live their lives in the public eye and subject to the scrutiny of everyone. They can have very few secrets from anyone and even fewer from their agents, fans, fellow musicians and loved ones. Any discoveries that they make, any fascinations, fads, cults or anything else they get involved in will be known to the tabloids in minutes - if even that long. Musicians are also almost expected to die of drug overdoses or misadventures with groupies, eliminating a musician via suicide or faked drug overdoses is easy and, failing that, there's always the obsessive fan route which can be taken to kill one. Nobody questions things too hard when a hard-living musician is found choked to death on their own vomit or even strangled with a pair of stockings.

Cui Bono?

If the musicians are uncovering mystical or other secrets then the conspiracy that is empowered by those secrets stands to gain the most by killing the musicians and artists who seem to stumble upon it. Otherwise it's a matter of social control and any group seeking that may gain. Those with understanding of the future may be able to predict how certain deaths might affect people as a whole and guide their choices and decisions. Those wanting to disarm youth movements and countercultural efforts might kill musicians to undermine their potential platform and still others may simply wish to keep the youth hopeless and depressed, without living heroes.

Possible Conspirators

Anarchists, Assassins, Council of Nine, Demons, Entertainment Companies, Global Elite, Golden Dawn, Hellfire Club, Immortals, Mafia, Nihilists, Prescients, The Great Commission, Masons, Theosophical Society, Time Travellers, Vampires.

Adventure Seeds

1. The characters are the security team surrounding a current rock legend. Recent events in their star's life and other small incidents have begun to make them suspicious that something is going on. The star is acting strangely, being philosophical and writing very different songs to their usual fare with much deeper and stranger meanings. Meanwhile strange people have been spotted at gigs and skulking around near the tour bus and the hotels. Their charge has been targeted by the conspiracy for something he's stumbled upon, something that needs to be prevented from getting into the public domain.

2. The family of a dead musician isn't satisfied with the coroner's report and hires a team of private investigators to look into the matter. There is evidence of foul play but it has just been ignored for the easy answer. There still doesn't seem to be much motivation for the killing however and more evidence will be needed to bring some sort of civil suit against those responsible, those responsible being a conspiracy that has no intention of being found out, at all.

3. The characters are the agency by which a prominent musician is to be killed though it must be made to look like an accident or the actions of a fan. They're not told why or given any particular specifics, not even a time frame, just that this person must die as soon and as efficiently as possible. Investigating the musician may turn up the reason why, they have access to some subliminal technology that the conspiracy wanted to keep to themselves, technology responsible for their successful career despite their lack of talent.

064 - A Very Small Chance Description

The field of nanotechnology is right on the cutting edge of science and, thus far, is largely limited to some interesting structures and 'toys' with no current practical application and some special beads and chemical delivery systems largely used in cosmetics, though they may just be employing the 'nanotechnology' buzzword to sell more face cream and deodorant. The nanotechnology available in the labs and research institutes is a little further ahead than that, but still far from the assemblers, dissemblers and 'grey goo' that so many both anticipate and fear in equal measure. It's thought, however, that in top secret labs and in the knowledge of conspiracies there may be even more advanced nanotechnology, drug delivery systems, implantable technology, cell repair technology, surveillance devices and other bleeding edge ideas that otherwise can't be said to exist outside of the fevered imaginations of science fiction authors.

How is it done?

The kind of technology being employed is, essentially, invisible - smaller than a grain of dust. It is, therefore, very easy indeed to hide, what's hard to hide are the production facilities and the teams of specialist scientists needed to engineer and mass produce such creations. These are hidden away under other names and within military black budgets, out of sight, out of mind and manned by experts whose records have been erased from the mainstream. The nanotechnology itself can be used to protect the secret, implanted within those with clearance so that they can be killed, brain damaged, monitored and tracked amongst even more impressive things - all via their implanted nanomachines or those clinging invisibly to their bodies.

Cui Bono?

Any conspiracy benefits from having technological supremacy and virtually undetectable means of assassination, surveillance, tracking and tapping into data are all too good to pass up. Even so, there's a reticence and fear about nanotechnology, just as there is around genetic manipulation which may limit the benefits to the more technologically savvy or alien influenced conspiracies.

Possible Conspirators

Ancient Remnants, Annunaki, Artificial Intelligence, Atheists, Big Pharma, Global Elite, Grey Aliens, Immortals, Industrialists, Invisible College, Invisible Space Lizards, Majestic 12, Men in Black, NASA, Phoebus Cartel, Rothschilds, Technocrats, Time Travellers, Transhumanists.

Adventure Seeds

1. A botched implantation leaves one of the characters causing interference with electronic devices and retransmitting the signal that's supposed to be going to the conspiracy and their surveillance devices. Why have they been tapped with nanotechnology? What is it that they might encounter or see that the conspiracy wants to know about? What will the conspiracy do when they find out that they've been compromised and possibly that their technology has been unearthed?

2. An accident at a secret black lab unleashes a 'grey goo' (runaway selfreplicating nanotechnology device) on a remote part of the country, the area in which the characters live. They need to survive both the goo itself, its computational mutations and the extreme measures that the conspiracy seeks to employ to contain the problem, which will likely include both aerial nuclear strikes (for the EMP effect) and ground based explosions though there may be observation teams sent in first.

3. A small town sheriff, deputies and coroner, the characters are presented with a series of strange deaths, all apparently down to stroke and embolism but all in the same part of the brain. A nanotech killer set upon one of the casualties has malfunctioned and is continuing to kill people. Agents have been sent to the town to control the problem but the small town crew are already there on the ground and do have the resources and capability to solve the mystery and deal with the crisis themselves, if they choose to work at it. The agents are there as much to contain any exposure as to solve the problem directly and so aren't taking the necessary action quickly enough to make a difference.

065 - New Cock-Up

Description

New Coke was introduced in 1985 by Coca-Cola as a replacement for their old formulation of Coke. It stands as one of the most well known and referenced marketing blunders ever and was hugely unpopular, leading - within short months - to the return of a slightly modified 'Coke Classic' and the renaming of the New Coke formulation to 'Coke II' - which still exists but is only really popular outside the continental United States. Despite that massive unpopularity there are still stories printed about New Coke and documentaries done on the marketing disaster. New Coke gets picked up on by conspiracy theorists because the reintroduction of Classic Coke caused a huge upsurge in Coke sales overall and this in spite of changes in the formulation to remove all traces of coca extract and to introduce High Fructose Corn Syrup in place of much of the sugar. Classic Coke was anything but and, given the popularity of conspiracy theories over food adulteration and the presence of Corn Syrup this is seen as being the 'true' intention of the whole New Coke business right from the start.

How is it done?

The release of new and updated products goes on all the time and it wouldn't be at all unusual for a new type, flavour or branding of Coke to come out. Changing their core brand however, one with a lot of history behind it was always going to be a risky venture and one that would attract a hell of a lot of attention. This provided the perfect cover for what this was really about, whether that was the revitalisation of the original Coke brand, the obfuscation of the changes to the formula or simply to steal headlines and business away from Pepsi when the 'one true Cola' was reintroduced. The whole change may even have been due to government pressure intertwined with the increasingly strident anti-drugs policy and Coke's coca ingredients at the time.

Cui Bono?

In the short term Pepsi and other competitors were beneficiaries thanks to a wholesale abandoning of the New Coke product. That's lead some to think it was some sort of industrial espionage stunt gone horribly wrong. In the longer term Coke increased its market share and showed a 'human side' in being willing to admit its mistakes. As far as Coke itself went there was little real change, a whole lot of market testing and development money thrown away, even though they did manage to turn the whole circus to their advantage.

Possible Conspirators

Anarchists, Big Pharma, CIA, Global Elite, Industrialists, Rothschilds, U.S. Government.

Adventure Seeds

1. Coke is about to undergo another makeover, not using the same method but rather a slow change in formulation to introduce new additives and to use a different water source, one with higher levels of lithium. The result is supposed to be a more passive populace, to ease mental problems and social tension. Needless to say this medication hasn't been properly cleared and is being done under the wire using Coca-Cola as an agency to forward their agenda. Some involved in the new formulation don't like this and want to get the story out.

2. A relative of one of the characters has a peculiar and violent reaction to a bottle of the new, secret formulation. An unforeseen and rare side effect of the new ingredients. Everything that can be done by the company and the conspiracy behind them is done to keep this quiet but members of the family don't want to be brushed off, no matter how big the bribe or how grave the threats. As friends and relatives the characters are the ones charged with getting the information together for a lawsuit, not that the courts will deign to even hear this case, due to the involvement of the conspiracy.

3. Cola is just one prong of a multi-food additive campaign. It's in combination, not singly, that these additives have their stupefying and sedating effect upon people as well as reducing their fertility and being mild carcinogens. The effect is deemed to be just enough to 'solve' certain social issues that the conspiracy considers pressing with just enough subtle effect and cover as to be undetectable. A contact of the characters has discovered the combination link though and intends to go public with it - unless they're stopped.

066 - Whisky, No Ice.

Description

By all accounts from history the world should be getting colder, not warmer. We're fortunate in that we live in a nice, interglacial period of relative warmth and stability, one that - if anything global warming has made too warm, what we should be doing is heading into a new ice age as these seem to occur roughly every twelve-thousand years. Ironically, global warming may yet lead to a new ice age as it may switch off the Gulf Stream that warms Western Europe, suddenly plunging it into temperatures more suited to Canada. This would being harsher winters, weaker summers, possible famine and may even lead to a restoration of the ice sheets and an increase in snow and ice caps, which could mitigate, or even counteract global warming through solar reflection, leading to a new ice age. The fuss about global warming could even be a cover to intentionally do this, to cover up a civilisational apocalypse that would remove Western dominance over the Earth or simply to avert panic and maintain the status quo while some hidden power prepares itself.

How is it done?

A widespread scientific conspiracy or disinformation campaign is necessary to keep people from uncovering the truth and to keep their attention focussed in entirely the wrong direction. Meanwhile various means are set up to create refugee camps and to set up force projection areas in warmer climes that will be less affected and more vulnerable to resettlement. Emergency powers are quietly passed into law using terrorism and ecological disaster as the excuse, ready to take over when the new ice age starts to bite. The best way to keep people quiet is to offer them, and their descendents, save haven from the forthcoming apocalypse.

Cui Bono?

Anyone aware of such a disaster ahead of time can steal a march on the general public and upon those who aren't prepared for it. Groups that are able to take advantage of such harsh occurrences are well placed to take control. It can also provide the galvanising motivation, albeit for a weakened Western world, to unite and to conquer the rest of the planet through necessity, directly, rather than through economic dominance.

Possible Conspirators

1001 Club, Abortion Lobby, Anglo-American Alliance, Bilderberg Group, Bohemian Grove, Committee of 300, Environmentalists, Eugenicists, Global Elite, Pilgrims Society, Prescients, Rothschilds, Shadow Government, Theosophical Society, Thule Society, United Nations.

Adventure Seeds

1. The characters are people in Britain or Ireland caught up in the harshest winter on record when the Gulf Stream switches off. The islands simply aren't prepared for such a harsh winter, not the houses, the vehicles, anything. A normal winter becomes a fight for survival in a snow covered and wind-blasted landscape in nations that can be paralysed by two inches of snow, let alone two feet. An exodus south could lead into a survival campaign that takes them - and many other refugees - towards the equator.

2. The characters are part of an environmentalist team on a privately owned ship doing science experiments out at sea, sea temperature and current readings. What they discover is completely at odds with how things are supposed to be according to all the scientific reports and gives a heavy clue to the forthcoming ice age. They're being stalked by other private vessels in the employ of the conspiracy however and so may find themselves attacked, captured or killed to protect the secret - if they won't accept a deal.

3. The cause of the ice age won't be natural but will, rather, be artificial. There's a plan to dump a huge amount of particulates into the atmosphere to filter sunlight and lower the overall temperature, ostensibly as a test of some macroengineering designed to counteract global warming but, in fact, which a much more sinister purpose of bringing on a sort of 'nuclear winter'. The atmospheric seeding has already gone into effect on a small scale but the particulates need activation with a particular frequency of energy beamed into the atmosphere. One of the scientists involved in the project is getting cold feet and provides the characters with the evidence they need to uncover what's going on.

067 - Novus Ordo Secloram Description

One of the chief accusations levelled by conspiracy theorists at any number of different, supposed, conspiratorial groups is that they're trying to bring about a global government, a 'New World Order' (which is a common phrase, used by politicians to describe a shift in the balance of global power and a new arrangement of things). The forces supposedly responsible for this differ from conspiracy theory to conspiracy theory and their means of going about it but they all link globalisation, charismatic leadership and international economics with the plot and usually ascribe sinister motives - such as population culling - to the supposed conspirators. Everything from global warming to bird/swine flu, economic depressions and mass media are blamed as being propaganda that's set to make people believe that this coming global government is a good thing. Of course, all the people of the world pulling together could well be a very good thing, depending how it played out, not in the minds of the conspiracy theorists however.

How is it done?

The New World Order conspirators move mostly in the shadows, operating like puppeteers through their various 'subcontractors', business, government, media and orchestrated operations through those intermediaries to encourage people to think globally and to disseminate ideas about problems that can only be solved through closer global action. Some of the most obvious methods and agencies are international banking and the United Nations though the GX summits and environmental treaties are also fairly obvious. All of these separate elements work together to slowly an carefully manipulate the world towards closer and closer political ties, regional unions and entangled economies until the world is a single unit without really understanding how it got there.

Cui Bono?

A single world government gives a single point of control and is the most political and social power any entity can have, to rule over the entire planet and to determine what direction it takes, to be the master of humanity as a whole. Any conspiracy that craves power can only crave this as an ultimate goal. Even those that effectively rule from the shadows may crave to rule more openly and to receive the kudos that are theirs to collect.

Possible Conspirators

Anglo-American Alliance, Annunaki, Assassins, Bilderberg Group, Bohemian Grove, Committee of 300, Communists, Eugenicists, Global Elite, IMF, International Banks, Invisible College, Invisible Space Lizards, Muslims, Nazi Remnants, Pilgrims Society, Rothschilds, Shadow Government, Technocrats, The Great Commission, Illuminati, Masons, Thule Society, Transhumanists, United Nations, Vatican, Whitey, WHO.

Adventure Seeds

1. The characters live through the point of transition where the nascent world government moves to take active control of member nations, starting with the cooperative ones and enacting civil war and divided loyalties in those that are less cooperative - such as the United States. Measures are brought in, such as martial law, supposedly temporarily, during the transition but as time wears on it looks as though that may not be the case, they may be permanent.

2. The characters are agents of the conspiracy, helping it to eradicate war and international rivalry as it approaches its endgame of taking over - for all the best reasons. You can't make an omelette without breaking a few eggs however and the characters are employed to create several false flag operations and to get ride of some of the political opposition to such a move ready for the final takeover and a united, peaceful, fairer Earth. Do the ends justify the means?

3. A hacker manages to get access to private contact information which rather damningly links several of the architects of the New World Order together, despite their public distance from each other. With this evidence and the content of some of their communications he has enough evidence to blow the whole thing wide open. The conspiracy knows someone has this data and the rough area in which they can be found, but not the exact person involved. The characters are bound to get caught up in their search, one way or another.
068 - Eightball, Corner Pocket Description

Amongst the various apocalyptic myths for the future of the planet are those about Nibiru, one of several proposed, mysterious, 'Planet X' objects that may exist in or around the solar system. Nibiru stems from Babylonian myth where it is associated with the planet Jupiter. In more modern, new age mythology it is presumed to be another planet that is now on collision course with the Earth and which is inhabited by aliens called the Annunaki - who may already be present on Earth. They blame Nibiru and a previous space disaster with the creation of the asteroid belt, caused by the destruction of a lost planet called Tiamat - all these names from Babylonian mythology. Supposedly the existence of Nibiru is being kept secret, either to avoid panic or in service to the aliens or some other agenda.

How is it done?

Nibiru is kept hidden mostly by the fact that nobody is looking for it. As it approaches closer on its strange orbit however, it is going to be impossible to deny, especially if it genuinely is on for a collision course or a close pass sometime in 2012. To keep it secret as long as possible a conspiracy needs to be at work censoring astronomical research, hiding images that capture the planet and doctoring other observations that would indicate its presence. Most of this can be accomplished with specialised computer viruses and watchdog programs but with Nibiru becoming visible now to some home telescopes more of a hands-on approach may be needed to keep things quiet.

Cui Bono?

If the Annunaki exist then they're the chief beneficiaries of keeping their planet a secret, especially if they've had to wait out thousands of years, hidden amongst human society for its return. If it's simply a planetary scale disaster then those who want to avoid a panic or inherit the Earth after the disaster gain benefit from making secret preparations and making sure nobody else, especially their enemies, has any idea what is going on. Of course, several groups in different countries and locations may have had similar ideas leading to conflicting conspiracies all trying to keep the information about the rogue planet secret.

Possible Conspirators

Abortion Lobby, Ancient Remnants, Annunaki, Bilderberg Group, Council of Nine, Eugenicists, Global Elite, Immortals, Invisible College, Mormons, NASA, Nihilists, Prescients, Rothschilds, Shadow Government, Technocrats, Illuminati, Masons, Theosophical Society, Thule Society, United Nations, U.S. Government.

Adventure Seeds

1. The sighting of Nibiru becomes public knowledge almost as soon as it becomes visible to the naked eye. Scientists not beholden to the conspiracy confirm that it is going to pass extremely close to the Earth and that, even without a collision, the effects upon the planet are going to be considerable in terms of tidal forces, volcanic eruptions, Earthquakes and so on. The characters need to find a way to survive the panic and the effects of its passing, before facing up to whoever or whatever has survived and manipulated the whole incident.

2. The Annunaki appear human like, though they have advanced technology. They've been hidden amongst us for over three thousand years, manipulating us and waiting for their home world to return. With the preparations complete they plan a colonisation of Earth, unless the characters uncover their schemes and disrupt them before the end of December in 2012. Many of them are hiding in amongst technology companies and government programmes and getting to them is going to be far from easy, especially if they're in cahoots with these groups rather than hiding.

3. Investigation into supposed FEMA 'death camps' uncovers something more deeply disturbing, they're a cover up as are a huge number of other efforts, all designed to funnel money into a colonisation effort aimed at Mars using Orion nuclear-push vessels. These ships are being constructed en masse for a small, selected elite to flee Earth when Nibiru inevitably strikes it and to set up home on another, barely inhabitable, world with a view to terraforming and surviving as best they can. If they blow it open, nobody will survive, but at least things will be more honest.

069 - I'm a Part of the Union Description

With greater unification coming about in various places around the globe, not least of all with the advent of the European Union, speculation about similar groupings in places like Asia, Africa and America have stepped up a notch and in some cases have taken a few, tentative steps. The supposed American scheme is the North American Union, though it doesn't exist outside of purely academic discussion. This supposed union would group America, Canada and Mexico - already bound in security and prosperity partnerships - into a single, federated political entity, give them a new currency - the Amero - and could expand to include Caribbean and South American nations in much the same way the EU has expanded to the east. Conspiracy theorists believe this is being done to quash American sovereignty, take away their guns, turn them socialist or any of a dozen other 'horrors'. They point to things like the SPP and the NAFTA as being precursors to an agenda of unification and homogenisation with the final goal of imposing a single world government.

How is it done?

The leaders of all the supposedly involved nations have all given strenuous denials while, at the same time, stressing the importance of mutual trade and security concerns. It may be, of course, that these leaders aren't the ones calling the shots and that behind the scenes things are continuing apace to create the necessary conditions for the NAU. The EU has done very well out of recession and unification could give all the countries involved an economic boost, something which is thought of as being a 'bribe' of sorts, to convince those nations that are reluctant. Economic and terrorist crises may even be being engineered to create the preconditions for union, allowing for a faster joining than trade, immigration and intermarriage can allow for.

Cui Bono?

The involved nations, or at least their governments and wealthy classes, would gain massively from a North American Union, particularly Mexico which would be brought up into the 'big leagues' from its second class position. Industrialists and financiers would also benefit massively, as would the larger machinery of government which would gain new levels of involvement and expanded powers as well as a new layer to work at. Conspiracies seeking globalisation or world government would get a considerable boost from tempering American paranoia with more level headed and cooperative views of the other incorporated nations and would have achieved a big step towards it.

Possible Conspirators

Assassins, Bilderberg Group, Bohemian Grove, Committee of 300, Communists, Global Elite, Industrialists, International Banks, Republican Inner Circle, Rothschilds, Shadow Government, Technocrats, Illuminati, United Nations, U.S. Government.

Adventure Seeds

1. Some of these academic studies which mention the idea were also studies into how one might implement such a change in geopolitics and convince people of it. The co-authors of that paper have begun to turn up dead in the background of political developments of a difficult and contentious type that could be more easily solved through greater cooperation. The characters are federal agents assigned to the murders, screw ups and mavericks never intended to work it out.

2. The characters are members of a PMC (private military company) being trained and prepared in South America for asset acquisition and protection in Mexico. As part of the NAU scheme private American interests, backed by the army, are planning to takeover Mexico, deal with the corruption and turn it into a U.S. client state in much the same way as Iraq. The PMCs will seize and protect industrial and other monetary assets to finance the operation. While the characters are in Mexico things are afoot back home to bind Canada in as well.

3. The characters are part of a paranoid, militiaman movement living in a compound up in the mountains. A bureaucrat who has uncovered the genuine plans - rather than your paranoid ravings - to submit the U.S.A. to a greater political bloc rolls up to hide himself amongst you, leading to a televised siege. An opportunity to get the truth out, if anyone believes you and if you can do it without getting shot.

070 - Something Bad Will Happen Description

The prophecies of Nostradamus, completed and published in the 1500s, are some of the most popular and most acclaimed prophecies of any alleged prescient other than, perhaps, the likes of Edgar Cayce or Mother Shipton. Nostradamus has been credited with predicting Hitler, World War II, submarines, the atomic bomb and numerous other incidents and historical events throughout his guatrains, despite being reviled as a hack by other astrologers(!) during his own time and despite these predictions being dismissed as retroactive prophecy a great many people still swear by them and insist that Nostradamus had the gift. Some claim that there are hidden prophecies, codes, within the quatrains and within the pictures from his books, ones that reveal even deeper and more accurate predictions for the future. It's sometimes even claimed that conspiracies, guided by this foresight, are at work to exploit - and even create - the situations that the man foresaw.

How is it done?

Many of Nostradamus' known writings were lost, let alone any secret ones. These are simple enough to keep hidden provided they are kept secure and the same is true of any secrets for decoding and rearranging the quatrains, clues which appear throughout Nostradamus' sources and in the understanding of his background. Once the conspiracy is hooked into the prophecies their ability to know about future events lends them great power, even beyond that singular advantage, the power such brings can be applied to keep things under wraps.

Cui Bono?

Any conspiracy with a window to the future has a huge advantage in exploiting that window as well as, through the fruits that brings. If they can replicate Nostradamus' astrological methodology (comparing planetary positions in past disasters to future positions) along with his inspiration then they have a positive method for prognosticating the future with accuracy, particularly if they can somehow mechanise the process. Which particular conspiracies gain the most depends on their outlook, whether they're the sort to take the mystical seriously and how far they would take it if they did.

Possible Conspirators

Angels, Assassins, Black Nobility, Council of Nine, Demons, Descendents of Jesus, Golden Dawn, Invisible College, Jesuits, Nephilim, Opus Dei, Ordo Templi Orientis, Prescients, Psychic Conspiracy, Rosicrucians, Satanic Cults, Templars, Illuminati, Masons, Theosophical Society, Thule Society, Vatican, Wicca.

Adventure Seeds

1. An internet start up company has stumbled onto Nostradamus' formula, though they don't know it, in developing a cell phone/website application using his astrological insights to make predictions. This threatens the conspiracy who have - until now - had exclusive access to his methods and they have more practice using the technology. They didn't, however, see this coming because they hadn't framed the question properly. Now they're using this novel take on 'predictive text' to hunt down and eliminate the company, its employees and its code. Being 'wired in' they've managed to get the word - and the program - out though, though only conspiracy nuts and other fringe weirdoes believe them, cue the characters.

2. The conspiracy believes one - or more - of the characters to be pivotal to some series of future events and begin interfering in their lives to help subtly mould the future direction of history within the context of the predictions. The character/s suddenly find their lives changing, their opportunities opening up and it all seems too good to be true, which, of course, it is.

3. Nostradamus' prophecies are running out and the conspiracy hasn't managed to replicate his technique. They need a genuine 'prophet' to work the machinery of prediction for them, a missing human element and one they have begun to work to fit into their scheme. What this means is wholesale testing, even kidnapping, of those who may lay claim to some sort of psychic or prescient ability and the attempt to force them - one way or another - to participate in the conspiracy's scheme. In their desperation they've been sloppy enough for investigators to get a handle on what's going on.

071 - Barack HUSSEIN Obama Description

Since Barack Obama first came forward as a candidate there have been a number of conspiracy theories and concerns about his background, his religion, his legitimacy for the presidency and, given the massive groundswell of public approval for his presidency the perennial 'antichrist' accusations. Small facts and inaccuracies have been blown up into massive issues and even legal challenges against his holding office. One of the more long lived and hard to stamp out conspiracy theories is that Obama is a 'secret Muslim' that, raised into Islam, has manoeuvred into the White House to soften the United States position against Islamic nations, to harden it against Israel and even to weaken it from the inside. The various controversies mostly relate to his background and birth, the involvement of Hawaii, Indonesia, Kenya and the background of his parents which also provide for speculation that he's a 'secret Atheist' or a 'secret Communist'.

How is it done?

Obama's less than transparent family background and his international moving around provided plenty of opportunity for him to be outside the record keeping and scrutiny of the U.S. Government. There's plenty of opportunity there for him to have been indoctrinated, brainwashed, even programmed as a Manchurian Candidate targeted on the U.S. Presidency, or at least as high an office as he could expect to achieve, before delivering his 'payload' of policy shifting and a superpower climbdown that would see the United States becoming a spent international force. Religion is already a powerful force in many people's lives, especially in Islam and they even have rules about breaking oaths with non-Muslims, then there's the tales of the Assassins and their brainwashing techniques from centuries ago, techniques which may well now be refined, even able to assassinate a nation.

Cui Bono?

Whoever controls the presidency has a powerful influence over American life and politics. American presidents empower their followers' feelings of legitimacy and provide an active moral and political compass for the American people in a way that Monarchs and Prime Ministers of other nations do not. While the President is not all powerful, much more power now resides in the executive and the Presidential office than previously in history and particularly in matters of diplomacy and international direction the President provides a lead. Control the President and, to an extent, you control the nation so any conspiracy would benefit from having him under their control.

Possible Conspirators

Abortion Lobby, Assassins, Atheists, Bilderberg Group, Communists, Environmentalists, Eugenicists, Global Elite, Hellfire Club, Invisible Space Lizards, Muslims, Rothschilds, Shadow Government, Illuminati, Trade Unions, United Nations.

Adventure Seeds

1. The characters are a small cell of right wing activists who believe themselves to be the only ones to have genuinely worked this out. There's no legitimate way to remove this ticking timebomb of a president which leaves them only one line of action. They're actually bonkers and clinically paranoid which slowly comes out during the game, but for them their delusions seem real enough to terrify them and motivate them to get the 'job' done - unless they're stopped, captured or have second thoughts.

2. An independent journalist has been researching into Obama's background and has discovered that he was actually born outside the U.S.A. and not in Hawaii after all. This story is huge, bigger than Watergate, but he needs to survive to get the story out, currently being stranded in rural Kenya. The characters can either be agents sent to contain and eliminate the story or agitators and bodyguards hired by the press company to protect their man and get him to somewhere he can legitimately submit the full story and all his research.

3. The characters are a cell of Islamic terrorists, aware of the 'modifications' to the President they are to take advantage of the situation to bring about a new '9/11' scale disaster involving a dirty bomb or a nuclear power plant. First though, they need to get access to the President in order to 'activate' him with a key phrase from the Hadith. Doing that will already be a considerable hurdle but after than the President will be 'on side'.

072 - Orgoing, Orgoing, Orgone Description

Orgone energy is a kind of 'life force' in much the same vein as Vril, Prana and Chi are considered to be. Orgone is a version thereof, dreamt up by one Wilhelm Reich in the 1930s and promoted throughout his life despite legal challenges and numerous experiments showing it to be hogwash. Part of the problem Reich had in getting interest and support for his ideas, quite apart from the fact that it didn't work, was the link between Orgone and sexuality and libido, extrapolating from Freud's work on human sexuality and taking it beyond the human mind to an essential force and power of the universe. Orgone was a partner and replacement to the thoroughly discredited idea of the luminferous aether, the agency through which light was supposed to propagate. Reich believed he could harness this libidinous force and use it to heal, energise and otherwise assist people - even against cancer. In making these claims he fell afoul of the authorities in more than one country though the quashing of his ideas and the completeness in which the government went about destroying his machines and research speaks to many of a conspiracy and that, perhaps, he was genuinely onto something people didn't want him to succeed with.

How is it done?

Orgone was stamped out due to a combination of health regulations, scientific studies and Reich's own defiance of the state. His claims were considered false by the scientific establishment, the FDA banned him from making those claims or selling his orgone products across state lines, he did anyway and so they had the necessary pretext to destroy what he has made and researched already. Orgone became just another footnote, adhered to only by a lunatic fringe and considered just as silly as casting runes or reading animal entrails.

Cui Bono?

Reich and Orgone were - and still are associated with the various countercultural movements of the world. Beatniks, hippies and new agers have all bought into the idea of orgone, as have conspiracy theorists. If it were a genuine science it would legitimise a lot of their ideas, including free love, things that undermine the established order. Orgone might also hold out the possibility of free energy, psychic power activation and other factors which threaten the status quo.

Possible Conspirators

Ancient Remnants, Annunaki, Big Pharma, Bilderberg Group, Energy Companies, Global Elite, Industrialists, International Banks, Invisible College, Invisible Space Lizards, Phoebus Cartel, Rothschilds, Shadow Government, Technocrats, Illuminati, Masons, U.S. Government, Vril-Ya.

Adventure Seeds

1. Independent and underground researchers, convinced of Reich's research and the validity of his ideas, have continued his researches in private and underground, sponsored by some rich businessmen who were part of the countercultural movement in the 60s and 70s. They've managed to create an orgone accumulator of considerable power, able to manipulate weather and provide virtually free energy but their boss wants to use it for somewhat more sinister purposes than they envisioned. The conspiracy in this scenario are the good guys, using their knowledge and access to orgone to try and shut down this 'supervillainesque' scheme.

2. Reich's techniques are used to keep the global elite relatively healthy and hearty - alongside conventional and cutting edge medicine. This is accomplished at retreats which seem to be debauched parties but these are just gathering the orgone, ready for cellular repair. Investigation into what seems to be a sex scandal involving withered old industrialists can get the investigators into considerably hotter water than they anticipated when they uncover the deeper secret, as well as making them targets.

3. Several different lines of experimentation and research point in the same direction as Reich's research and all threaten the same forces that buried his research in order to preserve conventional medicine. Traditional energy healing along with more modern methods like Reiki touch on the same ground and may uncover the same secrets. The characters are part of a team assigned to keep these things under wraps, ostensibly to protect the public but as they discover on the job, some of this stuff works.

073 - Paul is Dead Description

The idea that Paul McCartney of The Beatles is dead and was replaced by a lookalike and soundalike is a persistent one that is both taken seriously, regarded as a hoax and is the subject of a great deal of sociological study. Various clues are said to exist on various Beatles albums from the barefoot image of Paul on Abbey Road to oblique references, lyrical clues and backwards recordings worked into some of their songs. Various other 'clues' such as absent or present scars, chipped teeth and other physical evidence, as well as testimony from various people - who may have been playing up the hoax - and the suggestions of many DJs at the end of the sixties all contribute to the myth. As to the reasons for the hoax? Perhaps to maintain album sales, to keep the golden goose laying its eggs, even to keep the band together by involving them all in a secret, forcing them to band together to make sure the secret was kept. Perhaps Paul was even killed to prevent the band from breaking apart - at least for a while - having stormed out of several recording sessions in the past.

How is it done?

The conspiracy was orchestrated to hide Paul's death by bringing in the winner of a contest who looked and sounded like him and even getting the band on board with the conspiracy. The winner got to take over Paul's life in every respect and to live the dream, the band got to keep recording and the record label got to keep making money. Everyone had their motivations to keep it secret but the band couldn't resist leaving cryptic and not so cryptic clues in their art, music, lyrics and mixing. If Paul was deliberately killed then this was done through faking a car accident and paying off the necessary people to keep things guiet, probably under the pretence of privately taking care of his injuries.

Cui Bono?

Anyone making money from the existence of The Beatles benefited from them continuing and from Paul appearing to still be alive though, arguably, his death could have run up a lot of sales for them too it would have meant the end of The Beatles as they were - a very successful entity for everyone's profit margins. The band themselves benefited, even though they're supposedly the ones that distributed all the clues that he was still alive and, finally, given their experiments with drugs and spirituality, there's always the chance that they stumbled onto something they shouldn't and Paul paid the price for it as Lennon later would.

Possible Conspirators

Assassins, Bilderberg Group, Black Nobility, Council of Nine, Entertainment Companies, Global Elite, Golden Dawn, Industrialists, Jesuits, Liberal Media, Mafia, Opus Dei, Satanic Cults, Time Travellers, Vatican.

Adventure Seeds

1. The 'real' Paul McCartney has a breakdown and an admission, while drunk, that briefly appeared on Youtube, taken from someone's camera phone/microphone. The conspirators were able to get that taken down almost immediately, though it has fuelled new rumours. Those have been contained but the source of the leak needs to be bought off or plugged - literally. The characters are the hirelings put to the task of finding the culprit and retrieving or destroying the information.

2. In a flashback to the late 1960s the characters are the minders and agents of the conspiracy charged with either the death of Paul, the cover-up, or both. In a world without cell phones, CCTV or the Internet this might be considerably easier than it would be today, though players may have an issue adjusting to the period and its methods on the other side of the coin. No convenient hacking or Photoshop tools.

3. The Beatles were on to something through their combination of music and psychedelics, mostly in the shape of Lennon and Harrison. Paul was killed and replaced as a warning to them about what they were in the process of discovering and was meant to get them to back off and keep away from that line. Lennon was planning to go public with what he knew a decade later, which is why he was killed. There's a power in music and expanded consciousness that has been subtly encouraged in a new generation of musical artists outside the mainstream. These artists are now disappearing in convenient accidents and shootings as well, obvious enough for investigators to be put on the trail.

074 - A Very Slippery Slope Description

The global point of peak oil production is estimated to occur around 2020 after which it will enter an inevitable decline. This will mean less oil for all uses, not just as fuel for transportation and a huge increase - over time - in the price of plastics, fertiliser and many other fields. Some particularly pessimistic reports indicate that unless we're prepared for it, the lack of oil could well lead to the end of industrialised civilisation itself and a massive die-off of humanity as, without oil derived fertilisers and other products, as well as shipping methods, people will starve to death. Others claim that this isn't the case, that there are still plenty of oil reserves out there for the taking or even that new oil is being created through chemical and mineral processes, not the breakdown of organic life from earlier in geological history. Of course, some claim that the whole thing is a conspiracy to push up the price of oil and to sell people on expensive and restricting green technology as well as to undermine the Middle Eastern oil producers and impoverish and pull the teeth of Islam.

How is it done?

Just like Global Warming, Peak Oil understanding is dependant upon a great deal of complex science and statistical analysis that is over the head of the average layman and a lot of scientists as well. Studies are usually sponsored by one group or another, usually governments or businesses with a vested interest in the area being discussed. In this case the various groups involved are the environmental lobby, governments and the oil companies, each of whom have agendas that may be reflected in the results of the studies, fostering the idea that this is an immediate and imminent threat.

Cui Bono?

Depending on the angle there are many possible beneficiaries. Governments in oil producing nations are often very much tied into their supply, it's a ready source of considerable wealth for these nations and they need to keep buyers confident in their ability to provide supply, even if they can't meet that. On the other side of the coin they may wish to engender worry in order to push through a greening or fuel independent agenda. The same is true of the oil companies but, conversely, they may wish to make as much money as possible, creating the spectre of Peak Oil to artificially drive up prices. Environmental groups want the oil sucking to stop because of the pollution, wanting to encourage investment in alternative technologies, so it's in their interest to legitimise the Peak Oil scare as well.

Possible Conspirators

1001 Club, Anglo-American Alliance, Assassins, Bilderberg Group, Committee of 300, Energy Companies, Global Elite, Industrialists, Le Cercle, Muslims, Rothschilds, Shadow Government, Technocrats, Tesla's Legacy, Illuminati, U.S. Government, Whitey, Zionists.

Adventure Seeds

1. The characters are part of a survey crew looking for oil in unlikely places around the world. When they strike big, super big, their company isn't as overjoyed as they might be expected to be. Instead they send some people to deal with the problem in the remote location and to keep the existence of this new field completely under wraps.

2. The characters are part of an intelligence unit that discovers that the oil producing Middle Eastern states are holding out on the rest of the world about their discoveries and stockpiling massive amounts of oil ready for a future, artificially induced, shortage. They apparently plan to break western dominance and to prevent China and India becoming significant powers by slowly choking off the supply of oil and limiting it to their own nations, enduring temporary hardship in order to bring about a new Islamic resurgence.

3. The scientific evidence is part of a larger plot to keep people home and travelling less, to discourage the use of vehicles and fuel and to introduce austerity to beat down the populace into conformity. Peak Oil is just one prong of this conspiracy and the characters are drawn into it through a regional experiment done on their town, reducing the power and fuel supply to that town to gauge the average persons reaction to decreased capability and increased authoritarianism. This may come out of the conspiracy's monitoring agent is uncovered in his work.

075 - Infamy! In For Me! Description

The attack on Pearl Harbour is the single event that finally dragged the United States into World War II as something other than a supplier of material and money. The attack was sudden, devastating and - according to the official accounts - unexpected. With the attack the popular opinion of the United States finally swung behind involvement in the war and the United States' military machine went into action on both the Pacific and the European fronts taking on the Axis and providing much needed relief for the allied forces, particularly Britain. There are those who think this was no accident, that Pearl Harbour was allowed to happen, even made to happen, either by FDR and sympathetic elements within government and the military, or by the British in an attempt to draw America into the war and preserve European democracy and a future for the British people. This conspiracy theory is an old one but, even today, over fifty years later, the revelation that this went on would have far-reaching implications for international relations, American politics and the transatlantic 'special relationship'.

How is it done?

The method by which this was accomplished is subject to a great deal of debate. Some say the British kept foreknowledge of the attack secret until it was too late, some that FDR withheld the information and even checked on the viability and vulnerability of such an attack with military exercises and intelligence studies. It's also regarded as suspicious that much of the fleet was out of port and, thus, wasn't subjected to the Japanese attack, enabling the U.S.A. to go immediately to war in the Pacific without having to wait or rebuild so much. Since then various security acts have kept these revelations secret and have made them unlikely to ever be made public. The necessary records may have been destroyed, leaving only Churchill's diary entries and the occasional scrap of evidence that hasn't been destroyed.

Cui Bono?

FDR and the pro-war contingent benefited from getting what they wanted, public support for the war against the Axis. The European and Soviet powers got what they wanted in terms of American commitment - finally - to the war. In the longer term America benefited by becoming a superpower and inheriting the mantle of world power from the spent British Empire in the Post War years.

Possible Conspirators

Anglo-American Alliance, Assassins, Committee of 300, Global Elite, Invisible College, Pilgrims Society, Rothschilds, Shadow Government, Illuminati, U.S. Government, Zionists.

Adventure Seeds

1. Various wartime participants in the conspiracy left coded messages in memoirs that could lead an investigator through various symbols and memorials to a cache of information that reveals the truth. If the governments catch wind that this could be exposed they'll mobilise against it. Such an adventure should play out like a military version of The DaVinci Code culminating, perhaps, with a dig at a war graveyard or the tomb of the unknown soldier and taking in aspects of some of the giants of 20th century history.

2. The characters are members of the Culper Ring, the President's personal secret, secret service. They're charged with working through the plan to provoke the Japanese into attacking and into sacrificing American soldiers for the greater good of the world, a hard task and one made all the more difficult as they're forced to interact with the very people they're going to have to sacrifice. History won't remember them and, if it did, it would hate them but from a player's point of view the necessity of such an action might well be seen.

3. Soldiers, sailors and airmen involved in the incident are now a dying breed. Those who remain - both Japanese and American - want closure on what happened and to know that they weren't serving a corrupt government that sacrificed them in order to go to war. Some of them became wealthy; others that died bequeathed funding to the project to discover what really happened. Now's their last chance to get somewhere in discovering what happened before they all die off. That's where the characters come in.

076 - Philadelphia, Lovely Description

The Philadelphia Experiment, also known as Project Rainbow (though there was a real Project Rainbow in the 1950s) is a widely 'known' secret project, intended to either render the USS Eldridge (sometimes called Eldritch) radar invisible, optically invisible or to teleport it, any of which successes would have given the United States a significant tactical advantage in combat during World War II. Supposedly the experiment went horribly wrong in some way, killing sailors, rendering others mentally ill, even - allegedly - dumping some in an alternate dimension or through time, fusing others with bulkheads and causing others to just disappear. The Philadelphia experiment is linked, in conspiracy theory lore, with Montauk and the Bermuda Triangle whose strange effects may have been the inspiration for the technology of The Philadelphia Experiment. Einstein and Tesla are also both mentioned in reference to it, Tesla being the master of electromagnetism and, supposedly, having published a unified field theory in 1943, the same year as the experiment.

How is it done?

Presuming either disaster or success the full weight of the military machine would swing into effect to keep it a secret and hide it away. Logbooks would be faked, the crew brainwashed, replaced, imprisoned and otherwise controlled to keep things quiet. With the and existing worries about Nazi fifth columnists within the United States security was paramount and emergency powers could be brought into effect. With a perfected version of the technology invisibility, teleportation, time travel or interdimensional travel would all give those who possessed the technology ample advantage over any rivals and unique capabilities to protect their secrets.

Cui Bono?

The more direct conspiracies gain the most from such technology, if it emerges from the experiment. Secret services, the military, the government, groups willing to assassinate, stage false flag operations or otherwise engage in physical disruption as well as psychological disruption. Technological conspiracies also stand to gain from keeping this to themselves, giving them a huge force multiplier to their scant numbers of geniuses.

Possible Conspirators

Ancient Remnants, Annunaki, Bilderberg Group, Bohemian Grove, CIA, Committee of 300, Global Elite, Grey Aliens, Invisible College, Invisible Space Lizards, Le Cercle, Majestic 12, Men in Black, Phoebus Cartel, Rothschilds, Technocrats, Tesla's Legacy, Illuminati, Time Travellers, U.S. Government.

Adventure Seeds

1. The characters are a scientific and military team overseeing the project in 1943. When the systems are activated the Eldridge vanishes and is replaced by a ship called the Eldritch, a sister ship from an alternate and fearsome reality, filled with horrors and war. The alternative crew don't want to return to their reality and they have brought some very strange things with them, as well as some of their world's technology. All things which could get out of control as much as the sailors.

2. The characters are sailors and scientists on board a ship about to undergo an updated and refined attempt at the experiment. This apparatus is much more powerful and similarly passed off as being something much more benign to the ship and crew. When activated the vessel is subjected to strange forces and a form of mind-bending hyperspace, become detached from space and time and visiting several strange locations and times before - hopefully - being able to be put right.

3. The last of the sailors supposedly involved in the experiment has died and the conspiracy breathes a sigh of relief, hoping that this will mean their secrets are more safe. However, the characters, investigators into this sort of thing, are approached by a young, homeless man who claims to be one of the original crew and to have necessary information that can blow the story wide open and reveal just how far the experiment went and how it involved unethical human experimentation. If they're for real this could be a coup, if they're not then the characters are being taken for a ride.

There's a wealth of movie, comic, book and other material relating to the Philadelphia experiment and it's connected with the mythology around the Montauk Project.

077 - X Marks the Spot Description

Planet X specifically refers to transneptunian bodies, it used to be applied to Pluto, these bodies being theorised to exist due to the perturbations of the other planets. Planet X more generally refers to any mysterious or unknown body supposed to exist within the solar system or to be approaching it. The name has been used to apply to Nibiru, as has been covered in an earlier entry and to many other supposedly hidden planetary bodies including a 'counter Earth', a planet identical to this one, but rotating in an opposite orbit on the other side of the sun, somehow shielded from even the occasional view and that of planetary probes and robotic explorers. Such a hidden world could be the source any number of alien conspiracies and their collaborators as well as a retreat for lost peoples of this world - presuming they ever had the necessary rocket technology. This counter-earth has been a popular idea in the pulps and, though the idea has declined with the increase in human capability for space exploration, it does still turn up in various conspiracy theories.

How is it done?

Hiding a whole planet isn't easy, at least not once we got into the 1800s. While spinning opposite to the Earth will protect such a planet from casual view the Earth's elliptical orbit would mean it would be visible for some time and that probes sent towards the inner solar system would be affected, they'd have to be recalibrated or assisted after launch to reach the right place due to the effect of the hidden planet. An advanced alien culture might be able to cloak its planet or control human computer systems but there's still a human element and increasingly the risk of amateur astronomers to consider. Such a world can't stay hidden for much longer.

Cui Bono?

Any alien or ancient culture presences on the Earth benefit from this world being kept quiet, as does humanity as a whole, perhaps not wanting to disturb or perturb whatever power lives upon this world. With the Earth going the way it is groups that want to depopulate the Earth or even move house permanently have a place they can potentially escape to - albeit at great expense and difficulty - and that makes the Earth expendible.

Possible Conspirators

Ancient Remnants, Angels, Annunaki, Atheists, Bilderberg Group, Committee of 300, Council of Nine, Demons, Global Elite, Grey Aliens, Invisible College, Invisible Space Lizards, Majestic 12, Nazi Remnants, Rothschilds, Shadow Government, Technocrats, Theosophical Society, Thule Society.

Adventure Seeds

1. Astronauts on a new Moon mission the character's spacecraft suffers a nearcatastrophic fault that throws them well out of their assigned course. During this they may or may not notice the telltale gleam of Planet X through a porthole but their instruments will. The conspiracy goes into full effect to protect from even the slightest possibility of a leak and the astronauts, ground crew and others all start to experience their paranoia and defensiveness first hand through mind control, murder, pay-offs and blackmail.

2. Out hiking and camping in a remote part of the world the characters are witness to a landing from the other-Earth, one met be representatives of the conspiracy to exchange greetings, tribute and orders. While they weren't immediately noticed the characters' presence was discovered the morning after and they find themselves framed and subject to a nation-wide manhunt in order to discredit them and make it impossible for them to get away. They may find sympathy in the conspiracy and UFO culture which may be able to spirit them away.

3. The characters are the unwitting minions of visitors from this other planet, whether they be remnants of an ancient Earth culture, aliens or something else, they want to insinuate themselves into the modern Earth and need to protect themselves from detection of their presence or that of their planet. Characters may find themselves in rather peculiar and obscure missions doing things that they don't really understand, hidden behind layers of secrecy and misdirection, but after a few jobs the clues will be there to uncover the truth behind their employers.

078 - Make Room, Make Room! Description

While some people disagree, overall the opinion is that there are just too many human beings on Earth for the planet to support. There are very few places you can't see human influence and there's nearly seven billion people on a planet that can only support around two billion at a decent standard of living equivalent to a modern, European lifestyle. Some object to this assessment on religious grounds or unrealistic assessments of the ability of the Earth to sustain us, others believe this is true, or at least is the cover story for an intended scheme to depopulate the Earth of huge swathes of people. Whenever there's a flu epidemic this theory becomes more prominent, AIDS might be considered a failed experiment in this area and some point at other conspiracy theories such as FEMA camps and claim cruder methods of population control - mass culling in death camps - is to take place in the near future. Supposedly this is going to be done so that the conspiracy can repopulate the Earth with their own people and remake it in their image, a 'better' and more controlled world.

How is it done?

The subject of overpopulation has been addressed in science fiction and academia for a very long time but, with the surge in environmental awareness it has reached a new fever pitch. While only extremists - in the public eye - advocate some sort of cull many nations are facing up to the truth of a population crisis. China's one-child policy is seen as a rare public admission that this is a serious problem. The idea that someone might want to kill off 60% or even 90% of the world population is so abhorrent that people don't want to believe it and so are willing to overlook any clues that this might be being planned, at all.

Cui Bono?

Conspiracies that want to take over the world or create a monoculture in their image stand to benefit the most from depopulation, as do the elites who have the means to prepare for such. Religious fundamentalists and believers that they're the 'chosen ones' are also a threat as are those who have become bored and tired of waiting for the End Times. Arch rationalists who realise the problem and understand that people are unlikely to voluntarily stop having children may also see this course of action as a regrettable necessity.

Possible Conspirators

1001 Club, Abortion Lobby, Annunaki, Bilderberg Group, Bohemian Grove, China, Demons, Environmentalists, Eugenicists, Global Elite, Invisible Space Lizards, Muslims, Nihilists, Rothschilds, Shadow Government, Technocrats, Vampires.

Adventure Seeds

1. Research into the means to destroy most of the world's population requires testing. Strains of mutated smallpox, sexually transmitted diseases, new toxins or harmless markers that are stand-ins for these methods must all be tested. Some of these tests may be farmed out, the researchers having no real idea what they're doing but the implications of the studies may get through to some of them, especially if they hear about another, more deadly experiment taking place elsewhere at the same time.

2. The characters are survivors, caught up in the release of a genetically engineered virus that's killing millions. As a 'security measure' the conspiracy and its patsies are rounding people up, both the infected and the uninfected and using the disease as an excuse to clamp down and to kill many more people whom they regard as undesirable. Those the conspiracy can trust are vaccinated and kept on special databases to be spared, the rest are in trouble - including the characters.

3. The population genuinely does need to be reduced. The characters are inducted into a cross-national conspiracy of scientists, environmentalists and other concerned, internationally minded citizens who see this as the only hope to preserve humanity. As part of the conspiracy they'll act as couriers, researchers and - eventually - disseminators of whatever method is used to cull the population, which may be as simple as setting a few nations at each other's throats and taking advantage of the military confusion. Retreats and boltholes will need to be set up for the conspiracy and other selected advisors as well, problem areas where the intent of the conspiracy could get found out.

079 - Sleeping Beauty

Description

Princess Diana was a public figure loved by millions, sympathised with over her husband's infidelity and lauded for her charity work and her status as a fashion icon. When she died it led to a peculiarly un-British outpouring of grief on the part of the British public and the creation of a myth, lead by Mohammed Al-Fayed, of an enduring love between his son, Dodi, and her. For many people such a dramatic and personally affected event could not be left to be considered an accident, an act of chance, or even the interference of the paparazzi and the drug-induced incompetence of her driver, for them there had to be something more to it. The claims vary, perhaps she faked her death to get out of the limelight, perhaps MI6 removed her as a threat to the stability of the monarchy and the state or perhaps Dodi was the target all the time, intended to get at his father and Diana was simply collateral damage or even a distraction from the true target.

How is it done?

Even an estranged member of the royal family can count on a great deal of irrational loyalty and can have access to a great deal of funding. If Diana chose to hide herself or if the Royals decided to be rid of her it would be possible for them to do so though there are many leaks from within the Royal household meaning such a secret would be unlikely to be kept forever, especially in a time of decreasing deference to the monarch. If MI6 did it then they have the expertise and the culture of secrecy and there are groups operating almost independently within the UK secret services, stranger people have been targets of surveillance in the past. Lastly Dodi had a reputation as something of a playboy and his father is a controversial and not particularly loved figure, the paparazzi make a perfect cover for an assassination attempt.

Cui Bono?

If her death was faked then she - and Dodi who presumable was in on it - benefit from regaining their private lives and fading from public view. In the case of it being MI6 then the British state and the monarchy are the chief beneficiaries, particularly Charles and his sons who receive sympathy and he, as heir, gets a second chance with the British public.

Possible Conspirators

Assassins, Global Elite, Industrialists, Mafia, MI5/6, Muslims, Rothschilds, Royal Family, Illuminati.

Adventure Seeds

1. The real paparazzi involved in the incident do have some photographs that may blow open the doors to the genuine conspiracy. Most of their photographs were confiscated and destroyed by the police acting on behalf of the conspiracy or usurped by conspiracy elements. The paparazzi being who and what they are however, some film was kept back through threats and bribes kept them from being published for a long time. Dying from cancer one of the paparazzi with these images contacts one of the characters as a third party for getting the truth out there. They might be dying, but they don't want it to happen any swifter than necessary.

2. The characters are the MI6 unit responsible for taking out Diana. They've given the same mission and the same brief but left to their own devices as to how to make it happen and make it seem like an accident. Their presence and involvement has to be completely deniable, otherwise they have free reign. The task comes, obliquely, through their superior from the 'highest authority' and for the greater good of the British state. Who can refuse an order like that?

3. The characters receive a tip off that Princess Diana is still alive and is living in the remote countryside of Southern France, in a compound, well out of sight of the public and enjoying her privacy. She still has sympathisers and loyal assistants within the British establishment and a force of ruthless personal bodyguards. Confirming the tip, getting the story and getting out and away with it may prove as hazardous to the character's health as looking into her death would in the other scenarios.

This conspiracy theory is unusual in that it is backed by the considerable wealth and influence of the Al-Fayed family. That helps provide a patron to any characters looking into it.

080 - Jennifer's a Deep Girl Description

In 1968 the then Soviet Union lost one of its submarines, the K-129, a Golf II class ballistic missile submarine armed with nuclear torpedoes and three nuclear missiles. The Soviets completely failed to find or recover their submarine but the U.S. Navy and intelligence services managed to locate it using sonar technology and robotic submersibles. With the wreck found permission was sought to attempt to recover it in order to find out more about Soviet missile, nuclear and submersible technology and to get an idea of their codes and systems. Nixon green-lighted the project and a massive, specialist vessel was built under Howard Hughes' company to try and recover the submarine at a huge expenditure of resources. The mission was a partial success, recovering bodies, part of the hull and a nuclear torpedo but was otherwise considered a failure. The conspiracy theory comes in as to why the submarine went down and whether the U.S.A. is revealing everything that they discovered at that time or whether they found something stranger or more sinister at the same time they were trying to recover the submarine - at an unprecedented depth. Some say that it collided with a U.S. submarine, others that it was being compromised in an attempt to set the U.S.A. and China against each other at a time of Soviet/Chinese relations being at an all time low. Hughes, a paranoiac and an ambitious plutocrat, may also have claimed some of the material, quietly, for his own purposes.

How is it done?

The incident took place during the height of the Cold War, a time of huge military paranoia and the application of a great deal of secrecy-ensuring posturing, arrests, controls and laws. The submarine also sank in a remote and deep part of the sea, ensuring that any investigation would be greatly hampered by the conditions and the technological challenges, both factors which enable things to be kept secret more easily. Since then the records have been largely sealed, though aspects - such as video of found Russian casualties being buried - have been released, these could easily be fakes.

Cui Bono?

If the United States did recover more than they let on at the time then keeping it secret would be a sound strategic plan. The less people who know about something the more worth the secret has. If their network had been compromised by the Soviets then keeping their cards close to their chest preserved the secret and kept the Soviets guessing. If the KGB had been involved in trying to use a 'rogue' submarine to spark a war between the U.S.A. and China then it was in all sides interests to keep this quiet, to avoid war and to keep relationships warm between East and West.

Possible Conspirators

China, CIA, Communists, Industrialists, Phoebus Cartel, Russian Secret Service, Soviet Scientists, U.S. Government.

Adventure Seeds

1. The characters are part of a consulting team hired to make a second, private attempt to raise the wreck. This is ostensibly a government project but is, in fact, private. Intended as a means to create the first private - rather than governmental - nuclear power. This corporate conspiracy will then use that leverage to get themselves a corporate free state with complete freedom to pursue their money making agendas without interference from government.

2. Deep in the bowels of semi-secret facilities that once belonged to Hughes' corporations is a secret vault in which sit three vintage Soviet nuclear missiles. This was unknown to anyone until an audit uncovered them and the person responsible, who knows where they are, has offered them to the highest bidder. Several different conspiracies and conventional bidders all want to get their hands on the missiles - preferably without paying for them and the characters are agents of one of those, or members of a legitimate agency trying to prevent the sale.

3. The characters are the KGB team charged with taking over the submarine and creating a false Chinese launch against the United States. As a small team they need to find a way of removing or turning the rest of the 98 strong crew and then operating the submarine long enough and well enough to launch the false attack on Pearl Harbour and implicate the Chinese.

081 - Walk like an Egyptian Description

The Pyramids are an amazing piece of work, gigantic artefacts built - presumably - through slave labour and showing a precision of construction and a scale that many thought impossible for ancient civilisations. Each pyramid is burial site of a once powerful king and, along with the other Egyptian monuments, gives us an insight into the death rituals - and other cultural aspects - of a long dead civilisation. As well as their construction techniques the Egyptians demonstrated an advanced understanding of astronomy and the organisational ability to unite a huge nation around The Nile and their system of governance. Some claim that they could not have done this by themselves, that the Egyptians are one group in a long line of human civilisations which have been the beneficiaries of alien assistance. These theories cite knowledge we do not find credible in these ancient circumstances and also point to the widespread presence of pyramid structures in other cultures as evidence for this. The Pyramids still have secrets, hidden chambers, curses, death traps and astronomical alignments which some think - may reveal this alien influence or impart special knowledge to humanity still, thousands of years later.

How is it done?

Access to The Pyramids has been restricted for decades. Many of them were looted of their treasures long ago and to protect what remains access to many is limited to scientists and researchers and restricted to anyone else. The Pyramids are also important tourist attractions and so their preservation is paramount for two reasons. The British were the main scientific researchers in the Victorian era and up until they relinquished control of the country and so retain and maintain many of the secrets within academia and government. Under this veil of preservation continued secret research may continue into the secrets of The Pyramids with the occasional 'reveal' intended to mask the true purpose and discoveries.

Cui Bono?

Depending on the secret knowledge contained in The Pyramids it may be a benefit or a burden to the conspiracy that understands it - or both. If they are of alien influence or manufacture than understanding them may give insight into ancient technology or access to ancient devices contained and hidden within the structures. These may be used by the conspiracy to further their agenda and to seek out similar artefacts from other sites, even to identify additional pyramids lost to the sands or to time.

Possible Conspirators

Ancient Remnants, Annunaki, Council of Nine, Enlightened Ones, Global Elite, Golden Dawn, Grey Aliens, Immortals, Invisible College, Invisible Space Lizards, Rosicrucians, Rothschilds, Royal Family, Illuminati, Masons, Theosophical Society, Thule Society.

Adventure Seeds

1. The characters are hired on as assistants to a professor conducting a new survey of one of The Great Pyramids. What they don't know is that it's faked up. He doesn't really have permission and that they'll be found out part way into their survey but not before they've discovered something alien, strange and life altering. Something the conspiracy doesn't want to remain in their hands and what's to retain control of.

2. Alien forces are operating behind the scenes to instil and support an extremism Islamic uprising in Egypt. In the turmoil they intend to recapture their technology and secrets from The Pyramids and to destroy the monuments to cover up any remnants they might leave behind, much as the Taliban destroyed the Buddha carvings in Afghanistan. The characters are part of an agency moving to prevent this, whether they know there's alien involvement or otherwise.

3. The symbology of the pyramid appears throughout many corporate logos and secret societies, most notably the Illuminati. Participants in a drug trial designed to, temporarily, strip away the 'cotton wool' we surround our perceptions with the characters start to engage in pattern recognition, seeing patterns and links around them that they didn't see before, revealing a society-spanning pattern of themes and symbols and the conspiracy behind them.

082 - Those Crafty Soviets Description

Red Mercury is a fictional substance that has been attributed many different qualities since it first emerged in the 1980s. It has been everything from a nuclear weapon ingredient to stealth plane paint and even ballotechnic explosive, a type of non-radioactive, compression-based mini-nuke. Purported to be Soviet, in the post Cold War era it has turned up being sold to dictators and other parties wishing to join the nuclear club, though in every such case it's turned out to be simple chemicals. If Red Mercury did exist and was a ballotechnic explosive this would be a most significant, strategic weapon, it would enable the creation of personal nuclear weapons so small they could be easily smuggled into nationsd. The Soviet Union was fond of esoteric and unconventional research, while this is not considered to have bourn them much fruit, even one success would be significant, if not enough to rescue the USSR from its problems. Even if it is fake there's a conspiracy story, if 'Red Mercury' were being used to flush out nuclear dealers and their buyers for prosecution and intelligence operations.

How is it done?

Presuming Red Mercury to be a real substance it was developed during the dying days of the Soviet Union and, while it was produced, was not produced in great amounts as the country was going bankrupt. The technique and the substance fell beneath the 'radar' of the government and in the post-Soviet world the scientists and engineers involved with it scattered, taking the substance and its secrets with them. Since then they've been trying to produce and sell it to make their fortunes and other agencies have been trying to make it out to be a myth and to counter their efforts in order to keep nuclear proliferation relatively contained.

Cui Bono?

The beneficiaries of keeping Red Mercury a myth and contained are both those conspiracies that have access to it - giving them a powerful secret weapon - and those who wish to not see its use spread. Portable 'stealth' atomics, even atomic hand weapons, have obvious - and frightening - implications for world security and also provide a means by which a conspiracy can force compliance.

Possible Conspirators

Anarchists, Anglo-American Alliance, Atheists, Bilderberg Group, China, CIA, Communists, Global Elite, Phoebus Cartel, Rothschilds, Russian Secret Service, Shadow Government, Soviet Scientists, Technocrats, Illuminati, U.S. Government.

Adventure Seeds

1. The characters are part of a CIA sting operation to catch out a dictatorship's agents and a Russian Mafia weapons dealer trading in fake Red Mercury. During the mission there is a small atomic explosion indicating the presence of genuine Red Mercury after a shootout develops between the tactical team and the dealers. While this is passed off as a fuel-air or gas main explosion the agents present at the scene know otherwise. The Red Mercury cat is out of the bag and something needs to be done, quickly.

2. The characters are attached to a Russian Secret Service detail that's supposed to engineer a theft of fake Red Mercury by criminal elements and then track it in order to arrest and disable the arms dealer network. Everything goes well and the Red Mercury makes its way into the hands of the dealers. The characters are, then, part of a conspiracy to pass this off as genuine, fool people and use it to shut down a genuinely dangerous arms smuggling operation.

3. A nation has gotten out of line, rebellious to the conspiracy's agenda and needs to be punished for its crimes. The characters are agents or patsies of the conspiracy intended to act as couriers to a Red Mercury bomb which will be used to exact just that sort of revenge upon the nation and to force it back into line. The nation is a recalcitrant security state, a third world dictatorship with total security and population obedience. Even getting a baseball sized Red Mercury bomb into such a nation is going to take a great deal of creativity, cunning and superlative skill.

Red Mercury makes an excellent McGuffin for any number of conspiracy plots, whether it's real or not people will risk a lot on the possibility that it might be.

083 - Not Even Remotely Description

From the 1970s until the 1990s the CIA and the military funded research into remote viewing, the supposed ability to perceive objects and locations at a distance, psychically, and to report back on what was seen, in this case in order to provide useful data to correlate with spy plane and satellite images or to know what to look for. The program also looked into training people to be psychic and attempted to find what brainwave patterns and other neural activity might be associated with psychic phenomenon. The practice sharply divided the intelligence community that was involved, some becoming believers in the validity of what was being done, others remaining sceptical. Finally the program was shut down in the 1990s, having been assessed as having no discernable strategic value to the United States. China and the former Soviet Union also had psychic research programs, the Russian one being held in some esteem until the collapse of the Soviet Union. Some think that the U.S. program - and its partner programs - have simply gone underground and been swallowed up within the black budget and that they've had more far reaching results than have been made public. Perhaps them being discredited is part of the plan to keep the operators and their results secret from a sceptical public.

How is it done?

Always a secretive and low profile program the psychic unit has since been further swallowed up by being publicly humiliated and debunked and having its - official - funding cut. Those researchers and members of the unit that remained have been taken deeper into the military-industrial underground and hidden away to complete their research and to continue to provide intelligence information - this time about terrorism. The techniques for 'switching people on' and confirming psychic powers have now advanced to a great degree and new recruits for the unit are constantly being sought, not just remote viewers but potential telekinetics, mind readers and other talented individuals.

Cui Bono?

The psychics themselves benefit from being hidden out of public sight and from their powers not being considered to be real. On such a basis they can act more freely and are less likely to find their 'scrying' and other techniques protected against. From such a trusted position they may also have been able to use their powers to take over, becoming the leaders rather than the soldiers, mentally dominating those who try to control them. Any conspiracy benefits from a phalanx of genuine psychics under their control - and the techniques to create more.

Possible Conspirators

Anglo-American Alliance, Big Pharma, Bilderberg Group, Bohemian Grove, CIA, Council of Nine, Enlightened Ones, Global Elite, Golden Dawn, Grey Aliens, Majestic 12, Men in Black, Ordo Templi Orientis, Prescients, Psychic Conspiracy, Rosicrucians, Rothschilds, Theosophical Society, Thule Society.

Adventure Seeds

1. The characters are part of a criminal operation whose boss puts a great deal of stock in the supernatural and takes 'psychic' advice. When his operations start to get busted with alarming and unexpected regularity his advisor thinks he is being psychically spied on and the characters are sent to find out about it, under her guidance and funded by him. Much to their surprise, it turns out to be true, as do the terrorist dealings of their boss.

2. The characters are part of a review process of the black ops psychic budget. Their investigation sparks paranoia amongst the team that their funding is about to genuinely be cut and this leads the handlers and the psychics to revolt and to try using their powers to take over from the inside, starting with the characters' review team.

3. The characters, workers in parapsychology or tangential fields, are inducted into the conspiracy when the psychics within the project all, abruptly, go insane, as do new inductees via the activation program. They're brought in to find out the cause and to, hopefully, put an end to it. The cause could be supernatural, extraterrestrial or down to the covert psychic research programs of Russia or China. Without their own psychics to test their ideas the characters are at a distinct disadvantage to their enemies.

084 - Your Saucer Licence? Description

In June of 1947 something happened at Roswell New Mexico. In popular UFO lore this was the crash of a saucer and the recovery of parts from the wreck as well as the bodies of alien astronauts. This event appeared in the papers and on the radio, including photographs with fragments of the alleged wreckage and one of the soldiers to find it. After that the event was hushed up and pooh-poohed as being fragments of a weather balloon or otherwise written off. Since Roswell was involved in some secret research into bombs and other military material it isn't that unusual that attempts were made to divert attention away from the base and its operations. Nonetheless Roswell has entered the popular imagination as a site synonymous with UFOs and has been entangled in a great many alien and government conspiracy theories, supposedly helping fuel American technological dominance in the mid 20th century and providing the basis for technologies such as Stealth and the microprocessor.

How is it done?

Occurring on or near an airforce base, particularly one that had been involved in research and secret operations, anything happening in the vicinity of Roswell could be covered up relatively easily, especially given the open country around it. The military were directly on-site and ready and able to enforce secrecy on anything that did occur and the wartime mentality was still present in regards to official secrets and deference to the military. Any material itself could have been conducted to the base and then flown anywhere within the United States, ready to be stored and examined at leisure. Since then the myth of Roswell has worked against it, the mythologizing turning it into an amusing fiction rather than anything true.

Cui Bono?

Alien technology would give any government and any conspiracy a considerable boost to their capabilities as would understanding of alien biology or even the first overt overtures to an alien government or group, leading to trade and mutual understanding. A saucer and its occupants, dead or alive, are quite a prize and could lead to profound revolutions in scientific and engineering knowledge.

Possible Conspirators

Ancient Remnants, Annunaki, CIA, Global Elite, Grey Aliens, Hollow Earthers Industrialists, Invisible College, Invisible Space Lizards, Majestic 12, Men in Black, NASA, Nazi Remnants, Phoebus Cartel, Shadow Government, Skull & Bones, Technocrats, Thule Society, U.S. Government, Vril-Ya.

Adventure Seeds

1. The characters are troops and airmen involved with the original incident in 1947. They get involved with the crash and the recovery as well as the transportation of alien artefacts and astronauts and then given the offer of becoming part of the nascent conspiracy or swearing to silence. A whole game campaign could then proceed with the characters being key members of the conspiracy and making the important and difficult decisions on how to proceed, who to hush up, how to do it and how best to use the revelations that their access to the technology creates.

2. The characters are an eclectic group of UFO nuts who are out wandering the desert when they come across a very old fragment of wreckage, uncovered by the wind in the years since 1947. They finally have themselves a real, genuine piece of evidence of the existence of UFOs, an unnatural memory alloy far beyond current technology levels, something a lot of people will want to get their hands on, not only UFO enthusiasts but governments, conspiracies, sceptic groups and scientists.

3. Anti-vivisectionists (possibly the characters) break into a remote facility following up a lead that animal experiments are being conducted there by the government. Upon breaking in they find tissue cultures, hybrid experiments and a single survivor of the Roswell crash, still alive, contained in a special tank and all but insane from its long isolation - though it has managed to learn English during its captivity. They can escape with the creature but it has special needs in terms of food and atmosphere that will be hard to meet and will give away their position if they need to acquire any of the specialist substances.

085 - The Dreaded Lurgy Description

There's been a number of health panics in recent years and we are overdue for a genuinely deadly pandemic. Between SARS, Bird Flu and Swine Flu the paranoid hypochondriac has had plenty to fret about in the opening years of the 21st Century and even though none of these has turned into the slaughter-fest that the doomsayers have predicted it is only a matter of time before one disease or another really takes off and sweeps through the bloated human population like a brushfire. Even without a massive pandemic the fear and worry about such diseases is seen by some as a technique of social control, one aimed at keeping the populace fearful and pliable, especially when combined with fears over terrorist bioweapons or rogue states. A fearful populace is more willing to give up their freedoms and to allow themselves to be controlled, transported or experimented on in the name of a cure or other excuse, especially one hinged on health.

How is it done?

Diseases pop up from time to time anyway, there's no real need to create one artificially though, depending on how widespread you wish it to be it may be worthwhile to deliberately spread the infection to take it further, releasing it in plane cabins and hotels or ensuring businessmen and other travellers contract the illness. What's more important is the media reaction to the illness which can be blown up to massive proportions even if the disease is not particularly virulent or deadly. Even a few thousand cases and a scant two-score deaths are sufficient to cause a worldwide panic and stop people eating chicken or pork, even though neither bird flu nor swine flu is spread by eating such. The effectiveness of the panic is much more to do with reporting and public hysteria than it is to do with the virulence of any disease.

Cui Bono?

Health panics aid health agencies such as the CDC to get funding and to push their agendas. They pump billions of dollars into medical research and allow governments and other groups to enact more repressive and controlling legislation which can be brought into force during disease outbreaks, ostensibly to contain the problem. F or those with a world spanning agenda international travel means international cooperation is needed to combat disease outbreaks of this type, so diseases forward a globalist, 'New World Order' plan towards fruition.

Possible Conspirators

1001 Club, Big Pharma, Bilderberg Group, Committee of 300, Environmentalists, Global Elite, Liberal Media, Rothschilds, Shadow Government, Technocrats, Illuminati, United Nations, WHO.

Adventure Seeds

1. Associated with an independent lab the characters stumble onto evidence that the latest flu outbreak is that of an engineered virus, not particularly deadly but targeted genetically upon Hispanics. This flu outbreak appears to be a test of the virulence and spreading capability of such a virus as well as its accuracy in genetic targeting. This could presage a later, deadlier, racially oriented virus that could wipe out a whole racial subgroup and prove the technology for similar efforts against other racial subgroups. The conspiracy needs to cover up what it's up to and the characters and their lab are in the firing line.

2. The characters are friends on a holiday trip, chosen by the conspiracy to act as carriers for their latest virus. When they attempt to forcibly infect them the characters catch on to the attempt somehow, giving them valuable knowledge that something strange is going on and the capability to do something about it, even though they're far from home and can't count on any help from their government.

3. An independent reporters is researching into the latest flu epidemic to sweep the international stage but has found something disturbing. While it's widely reported there doesn't seem to be any evidence of an actual outbreak. The people in the hospitals are worried and perhaps even sick, but not with the disease that's supposed to be threatening the world, there's no deaths that they can find and the whole thing appears to be some sort of sick hoax, but the main media is reporting it all as if it were a true fact. They need more evidence in order to make the story stick and set about gathering it, with help.

086 - School's Out Forever Description

While the statistics don't exactly support the contention it's one of those things that 'everybody knows' that the youth of today is violent and getting more violent on a steady diet of dehumanising video games, television, movies and desensitising images of violence and gore accessed over the internet. Time and again school and college students seem to be losing their minds, taking up arms and taking out their sense of alienation, entitlement and rage upon their fellow students, faculty and any police or other security services that show up before - most often - turning the guns on themselves and denying anyone so much as an explanation as to why they did it. Various conspiracy theories tie into the school shooting phenomenon. Some believe that the alienation of the youth is one of the signs of the end of the world according to their scripture; others say that children are being born without souls or corrupted by the devil in the secular, liberal world. Others think that the actions of the children are being dictated by some outside source through mind control and other weaponry, even turning the kids into remote puppets. Some believe these are deliberately engineered events intended to create a culture of terror and dependence and to turn schools into fortified centres of authoritarianism, instilling the culture in children from a very young age.

How is it done?

Seemingly random violence, especially if the perpetrators don't survive, has no explanation and needs no cover-up. The lack of an answer will cause tormented parents, media and commentators to lash out at anything and everything that they feel offers them some excuse for the behaviour of the killers, video games, comics, films, usually avoiding the real causes which are more difficult to confront. There's no real opportunity for anyone to investigate if nothing is left to work upon, making any such artificial instances a perfect 'invisible' operation with virtually no risk of being found out.

Cui Bono?

Security tied conspiracies benefit from creating a security culture and an atmosphere of fear and trepidation where people need to be protected. Targetted killings can remove particular demographics within schools and cause others to question their politics, religion and other viewpoints very deeply as well as traumatising whole generations of children, whole schools at once, making them more pliable and open to suggestion, excellent fodder for recruitment.

Possible Conspirators

Abortion Lobby, Assassins, Atheists, Big Pharma, CIA, Demons, Eugenicists, Invisible Space Lizards, Satanic Cults, Thuggee, U.S. Government.

Adventure Seeds

1. The characters are members of a class in a high school. Without warning one or two of their school companions come in one day and go 'crazy', shooting up the school and trying to kill as many people as possible. There's no warning and no explanation for their actions and the characters - provided that they survive - are witness to the creation of a myth about their classmates, things that they know simply aren't true. If they get too close to the truth they may find themselves subject to the same process that turned their classmates into killers and they, themselves, may be written off as copycats.

2. The characters are private investigators hired by the families following the latest abrupt massacre at a college. The police and federal authorities are extremely unhelpful to them but they may find information connected to a particular drug deal that hooks into the killings, a new medicine, virus, bacteria or parasite that aggravates the aggression centres of those infected or affected. Someone is testing it in controlled, academic environments.

3. In the wake of a mass killing at their school (the characters are staff and/ or parents and students) the agenda of security becomes much more apparent. The school and the government are keen on armed guards, fences, CCTV, security consciousness classes, a more aggressive school psychiatrist and much more control on the creativity, self expression and free movement of the children. Some of this goes ahead without proper consultation to general approval but it rapidly becomes apparent that there's more than security going on and that it's being replaced with indoctrination.

087 - Proper Billing Description

Shakespeare stands in history as the most acclaimed playwright and writer of all time. His works are timeless and are constantly performed, updated for the modern age and have as much - if not more - influence over Western literature as The Bible. The standard story of Shakespeare has him as the successful genius, commissioned by the Royal Court, satirising the political and monarchical atmosphere of the day and masterfully slipping double entendre, witticism and beautiful imagery into almost every line. Yet controversy still rages over who he really was, about his apparent double life and over whether his works were actually penned by someone else entirely, the lead candidates being Edward de Vere, Francis Bacon, Christopher Marlowe and some have even suggested 'he' was Queen Elizabeth! Layered upon that are the secret societies of the period, the espionage of the age and Shakespeare's tendency to hide layers of meaning within his works; perhaps even coded instructions and revelations about the real history of the Elizabethan age. There may still be people at work today, maintaining the 'Shakespeare' cover story to prevent embarrassment and the undermining of the British historical self-image.

How is it done?

Shakespeare is too far in history to investigate very easily any longer and is such an established figure that any questioning of his existence is greeted with scoffing. That's enough to deflect most investigation though comparative analysis of writing styles and spellings is enough to construct a case of sorts for him being someone else, though it may simply be the interplay of influences coming into play. Serious academia is almost of one voice in regarding these outlandish authorship theories which also stifles investigation and adds a weight of authority to those quashing the fringe theories. If Shakespeare's secret identity really is that important then agents of the crown may be involved to maintain this and other Royal secrets.

Cui Bono?

The town of Stratford Upon Avon is a huge beneficiary of the Shakespeare myth as it drives its tourist industry, which the myth also does for Britain as a whole. Whatever secrets lie behind Shakespeare are intimately tied to the Royal Family and to the government, perhaps he was Christopher Marlowe, who was also supposedly a spy for Queen Elizabeth and his actions are still considered state secrets. Perhaps understanding who he really was would shed new light on the 'Shakespeare code' and reveal secrets that the British crown would rather remained secret.

Possible Conspirators

Black Nobility, Global Elite, Immortals, Invisible College, Jesuits, Rosicrucians, Royal Family, Templars, Masons.

Adventure Seeds

1. Members of a class helping an English Literature professor in Cambridge, the characters are sent to a private library to do research on the Elizabethan tomes and papers that are collected there. In amongst the papers there they find evidence that Marlowe was Shakespeare and that the plays were used to relay instructions to other spies of the court and to hide reports to the Queen. With access to one of the code keys they can uncover the fascinating information that the virgin queen wasn't, and had a sun, the succession is wrong which could overturn the existing monarchy.

2. Whoever Shakespeare really was he was involved with the Rosicrucians and symbology in the plays ties in with or alludes to their secrets. The society - or its successors - still exist and are working to protect the encoded secrets within the plays and writings of the bard. They've already dealt with one researcher, but he kept reserve notes which the characters have just been entrusted with.

3. Shakespeare was a member of an important and influential conspiracy. The sheer amount of interest in the legacy of The Bard makes the conspiracy vulnerable and so they've done all they can to confuse and obfuscate his background. Occasional records and clues still exist though to his involvement in this group and their nefarious activities. The excitement and enthusiasm over Shakespeare and the protected status of anything related to him makes it harder for the conspiracy to protect itself and someone may see something they shouldn't...

088 - Rare Breeds

Description

Eugenics was originally proposed as a means to eradicate the various congenital weaknesses that occur in the human species through selective breeding. That is to say that the mentally retarded, the physically infirm and those who produced such offspring should not breed, thereby stamping out the propensity for these genetic abnormalities to occur over several generations. A fine and worthy goal and one we still, somewhat haphazardly, pursue through selective abortion and the burgeoning field of retroviral treatments. Some took that idea a step further, reasoning that one could - through selective breeding - produce some sort of superman, a longlived, athletic, intelligent 'ubermensch', even though this had been tried amongst the nobility for centuries with poor results. Then along comes Hitler and takes the idea even further, reasoning that 'lesser' races must be destroyed and that a new super-race could be produced by extremely strict selective breeding from amongst perfect candidates. Hitler's actions, pseudoscientific, crude and horrific as they were, completely discredited the eugenics movement and cause it to be misrepresented and misunderstood to this day. Eugenics wasn't just popular in Nazi Germany, it was popular all over the world and some believe that it's still ongoing, under cover of various medical programs and manipulations, still trying to produce a 'Master race'.

How is it done?

The conspiracy works behind the scenes to keep people and races they consider 'unfit' within poverty and with lower life expectancies. They work hard to promote abortion in these groups and screening generally as well as monitoring health and 'tinkering' with children via vaccination programs. Able only to work out of sight since the 1940s their ability to work has been compromised but, nonetheless, they are running into successes and problems, both genius children in greater numbers and an increased incidence of autistic spectrum disorders, both a result of their intervention.

Cui Bono?

From the conspiracy's point of view the whole world benefits from the improvement of the human species and the slow elimination of genetic infirmity. They may also more directly benefit by creating a ruling class of genetic elites and slowly drawing them into the conspiracy to fill it out with geniuses and the genetically perfect. There may also be the introduction of alien DNA or an attempt to recreate a lost, ancient race.

Possible Conspirators

Abortion Lobby, Ancient Remnants, Annunaki, Atheists, Big Pharma, Council of Nine, Descendents of Jesus, Eugenicists, Grey Aliens, Immortals, Invisible College, KKK, Nazi Remnants, Neo-Fascists, Nephilim, Priory of Sion, Technocrats, Thule Society, Transhumanists, Whitey, WHO.

Adventure Seeds

1. One or more of the characters are a result of this breeding program and begin to be approached by the conspiracy, subtly at first, plus propositioned by members of the conspiracy of the opposite sex, who consider them to have good genes. The darker side of the group is readily apparent once they have any information at all, engineering the deaths and sterilisations of those they consider unfit.

2. The conspiracy is trying to recreate an ancient bloodline that they consider to be powerful, capable of unlocking many secrets. They've engineered the child's birth and have kidnapped it, the mother being an unwitting patsy. The characters are set to investigate the child and bring it back. Perhaps the child even does have some special abilities.

3. The conspiracy is attempting to create a genetic duplicate of Jesus Christ - or close thereto - by a combination of techniques including rebreeding the bloodline, retroviral modification and even outright cloning, all in an attempt to create their own 'messiah' with which they can control the 'end times' and gain control of the world. The child has, however, managed to give them the slip and has gone walkabout, running into the characters and pressing upon them for assistance and shelter, perhaps claiming to be lost but showing knowledge and wisdom far beyond their scant few years, whether due to the indoctrination by the conspiracy or some greater cause is yet to be determined.

089 - More Coke, More Snickers Description

The concept of using subliminal messages to effect people's behaviour, particularly with regard to shopping habits, has been around since about 1900 when an American professor of psychology made the claim that flashed images could affect people's perceptions. This was rapidly taken up in publications as being of potential use to advertisers but didn't show up as an actual practice until 1957 when market researcher James Vicary made some outlandish claims about the effectiveness of subliminal images in cinema. Despite the lack of verification and the negative findings of many tests the practice spread and eventually lead to bans in several countries and concern over mind control. Vicary ended up discredited and even admitted to fraud though, of course, this could all be part of the cover-up of some conspiracy. The conspiracy theory goes that subliminal advertising and messages do work, do have some effect, especially on the susceptible and that they're used even now in political and commercial advertisement and to plant messages in music and television. The 'satanic' messages in heavy metal albums may even be genuine.

How is it done?

The point of subliminal messages is that they exist beneath the level of your conscious perception. If you notice them under normal circumstances, then they're a failure. Subliminal messages are, by their very nature, hidden. The conspiracy works to get their subliminal messages into the media through control of those media sources, regulatory bodies, recording studios and so forth, distributed individuals and front companies across the media spectrum.

Cui Bono?

Subliminal messages provide an effective means of propagandising and view-changing for a hidden conspiracy that cannot act openly. For greedy business interests it provides an unfair advantage over their rivals and could allow new businesses to undermine and challenge old and established ones in service to the overall conspiratorial cause.

Possible Conspirators

Anonymous, Artificial Intelligence, Bilderberg Group, China, CIA, Communists, Demons, Global Elite, Golden Dawn, Industrialists, Internet Cabal, Invisible Space Lizards, Phoebus Cartel, Rothschilds, Illuminati, Masons, U.S. Government, Whitey.

Adventure Seeds

1. The conspiracy has found a new way to impress a much larger degree of information and influence over an individual via their TV screens. This subliminal crams in an enormous amount of info in a split second which for most people is fine as their subconscious slowly filters through what it has perceived. For a few, however, the impact of all that information without passing through the conscious mind first can cause problems, fits, even aneurisms. The characters are part of a health team investigating this phenomenon and coming across the truth.

2. Advances in the science have enabled the conspiracy to affect peoples' thoughts, behaviour and trends to a much larger degree than was previously possible with the strength of religious convictions. Test runs of this technology within local television network areas and over public access television with small audiences turn up a series of anomalies which alert the characters and/or the group or agency that they're associated with.

3.Subliminal engineering has, secretly, reached such a level that a sort of 'meme qun' can create a total and overwhelming compulsion in a susceptible target, allowing anyone to be made to commit suicide, to become an assassin or to be given quite complex and obsessive behaviours at the flash of a 'qun' in their eyes. The effect takes a few moments but someone armed with such a device can, effectively, convert anyone in their way into a programmed 'zombie'. Eventually a person's genuine personality and views can overwrite the artificial program but in the short term it's like programming a robot. A series of conspiracy forwarding assassinations have been taking place by confused people with no appropriate training or political affiliations thanks to this device and the real culprit needs finding and stopping.

090 - The Idiot Box Description

As technology has progressed so has the target of conspiracy theories, print to radio to television to the internet. There's some bleed-over from one era to another as the technology progresses and television especially is almost as all pervasive as ever, albeit fragmented into thousands of channels. Television itself is considered by some conspiracy theorists to be an insidious conspiracy in and of itself, a hypnotic box of mesmeric fascination that acts as a sort of social tranquiliser and a conditioning unit for training a passive populace and addicting them to pointless drama, cutting them off from the real world and separating them from engagement or interest in genuine politics, social issues or other matters that genuinely affect them. The television is also seen as a wide-band propaganda conduit, spilling forth the 'party line' on most issues with an air of unquestionable authority and only occasionally lapsing into squabbling about political affiliation which is irrelevant considering the presence of the genuine masters of the world in the background, pulling the strings.

How is it done?

The conspiracy has a stranglehold through financial and governmental influence over the producers of content, the infrastructure and the policies of the various stations and television production companies. They're responsible for 'development hell', locking down concepts and series that they regard as too stimulating or controversial while allowing others through, all according to an impenetrably Byzantine plan for social and political concept shaping on a national and international basis, often with frightening subtlety. The complexities of the business are such that their reasons can justified in any number of different ways and leave nobody any the wiser to their schemes.

Cui Bono?

Any conspiracy that wants widespread and broad social control benefits from influencing the output of large scale media such as television. Televisions are so widespread that they could be used as monitoring devices in the same way that library book withdrawals are used for profiling people. With the advent of digital cable, set top boxes and internet connectivity in televisual devices the opportunities for control and surveillance are increasing massively, broadening the appeal of involvement in television to conspiracies that may not have had an interest before.

Possible Conspirators

Bilderberg Group, Committee of 300, Entertainment Companies, Global Elite, Industrialists, Invisible Space Lizards, Liberal Media, Rothschilds, Rupert Murdoch, Shadow Government, Technocrats, Masons, U.S. Government.

Adventure Seeds

1. A researcher into brainwaves, sleep states and other associated phenomena has isolated a tranquilising frequency which he has also identified as being given off by many forms of television set and particularly during certain programming, that enacted by the conspiracy. The conspiracy is seeking to cover up and quash his research and sends the characters as agents after character assassinating the researcher in the television media as a quack and a dangerous, fringe loony.

2. As a test of a new system the characters are randomly selected as targets for a media campaign to demonise them and to see how the implications stick and how far they can go. Entirely fictitious stories are concocted about them implicating them in everything from paedophilia to shooting and killing police officers. The attitudes of those around them begin to shift, after all, there's 'no smoke without fire' and some police and law enforcement officials may pay more attention to the Channel 6 News than to their own dispatch.

3. The new generation of television boxes can monitor and record what you watch and compile it into profiling information on the watching habits of a family. This can then be used as a pretext by which to investigate particular houses or even as a means to track individuals based upon their television watching habits. The characters are federal agents, pursuing a particular suspect when they start receiving new intelligence based upon this technology as a field test by the conspiracy, tipping their hand as to the far reaching implications of their surveillance technology.

091 - Sarah Connor? Description

They say that Time Travel is impossible; it could create time paradoxes where you travel back and step on a butterfly, thereby affecting the entire world in a way that you never even considered. What happens to the timeline that you came from in such an instance, does it completely disappear? What if what you did caused you to never travel in the first place? At this point most people have another slug of whisky and abandon the whole idea as a bad one. However, what if the timeline is immutable; whatever you do or don't do is already laid out, so you can't travel back and successfully kill Hitler because he has lived. What you can do is remove artefacts that are already thought to be missing and you can observe history in the making. Alternatively time travel could actually be dimensional travel, taking you to a nearby quantum universe that only subtly differs - perhaps in the rate that time passes - to this one, so you don't disrupt your own timeline. Some suggest that time travel is impossible until the point a time machine is built and cannot go before that point. Some suggest that this has been done with the particle accelerators around the world and that the time travellers are already amongst us, or have been working upon us since the deep past, people from the future rather than aliens.

How is it done?

Time travellers have the benefit of advanced technology and the capacity to study our timeline before inserting themselves into it. They can bring wealth from the future, perfectly forged currency for example, which they can use to set themselves up within the context of our time and to exert their influence as well as using their advanced technology to fox and bypass our primitive toys.

Cui Bono?

The time travellers themselves benefit in either being able to influence the future - which is no longer their future now - or through being able to plunder the past for things that are missing in their time. The groups that they work with or sponsor gain from the knowledge and technology of those sponsoring them and, depending on what they've been told, may benefit from a 'cause', saving the future from some dire fate.

Possible Conspirators

Ancient Remnants, Assassins, Council of Nine, Grey Aliens, Immortals, Phoebus Cartel, Technocrats, Illuminati, Time Travellers, Transhumanists.

Adventure Seeds

1. A body turns up at the morgue before the conspiracy can get to it. The coroner finds some unusual things about it, atrophied little toes, no belly button, no appendix - nor any sign of its removal, an atrophied coccyx and a 'better' spine as well as no sign of wisdom teeth and a somewhat extended gut. What appears to be a slow progression of human evolution and the withering away of unneeded characteristics. This is enough to garner notice in some important circles and to throw the conspiracy into a panic and to feel the need to recover their comrade and destroy all evidence of his existence, electronic, physical and experiential.

2. The characters are approached by the time traveller conspiracy and told what they're working towards and why, though they may be lying. The characters are, for some reason, key to a particular event or person that the conspiracy desires to change. The conspiracy cannot act directly according to their own directives but can point the characters in the right direction to make the change that they desire. Many of the things they're asked to do may seem strange or irrelevant but the cumulative effect is huge. Whether the change is for the better or the worse may not be apparent in the immediate future.

3. The characters are targeted by the conspiracy, secretly, due to their influence on future events. The conspiracy acts upon those around them and arranges 'coincidences' and other happenings in order to shape the behaviour and thought patterns of the characters. The frequency of these strange events may well tip them off that something strange is going on and with a sufficient degree of paranoia the influence of the time traveller team and their allies may be uncovered.

Time travel can seriously screw with a game, causing all sorts of problems. The payoff - if it works - can be considerable though. Characters can even visit alternative futures where they failed, or did things differently.

092 - Big Badda Boom Description

The Tunguska event of 1908 was an enormous explosion, reckoned to be from between five and thirty megatons in power and most likely from the airburst explosion of a considerably sized meteor or comet about five to ten kilometres above the Earth's surface. This rather conventional cause has been rejected by an enormous number of people who prefer some alternative explanation for the event ranging from antimatter impacts to UFO crashes and everything in between. One of the particularly enduring conspiracy theories is that the explosion was the result of an experiment involving Nikola Tesla and the Wardenclyffe Tower. Tesla was known to have experimented with death rays and extremely high power electrical trickery as well as experiments with the ionosphere and it's speculated that this explosion was down to one such experiment, tapping into the potential power of the Earth's magnetic field and ionosphere and channelling it down upon Tunguska, causing the massive and unexpected explosion. At the time the widest held theory was that the explosion was heralding the end of the world and the biblical end times. Since that time further conspiracy theories have sprung up including the idea that secret, technologically advanced conspirators had perfected and tested a nuclear weapon in 1908.

How is it done?

At the time the explosion occurred it happened very remotely and there were no accurate ways to determine precisely what had happened or how. While the event was recorded on seismographs and heard at huge distances there was still no proper way to examine or understand it. By the time we had the techniques and science to properly understand what might have happened any evidence was long since cleared or faded. Since then, whatever secret has had a century to be hidden, secured and obfuscated behind a screen of misinformation and secrecy.

Cui Bono?

The influential powers of the time may have been able to use the threat of Tunguska to shape global policy and to get their way, blackmailing governments with a weapon of ultimate terror, at least until they could succeed in building one of their own. The Tunguska weapon could still hold a threat since no missile is involved and it can strike without warning, resembling a natural event. If the event were a UFO crash then the Russians could have benefited from the recovered technology, aiding their rapid industrialisation and space race lead later in the century.

Possible Conspirators

Ancient Remnants, Annunaki, Communists, Energy Companies, Global Elite, Hollow Earthers, Industrialists, Invisible College, Invisible Space Lizards, Men in Black, Phoebus Cartel, Russian Secret Service, Soviet Scientists, Technocrats, Tesla's Legacy, Vril-Ya.

Adventure Seeds

1. The characters are part of an expedition exploring Tunguska in 1908, scientists, surveyors and others attached to great universities. They're present when the great explosion goes off, caught at the fringes of it and are almost the first on the scene after the explosion, witness to the strange events and stranger people who turn up immediately in its wake, before the Russian troops arrive to investigate. They could become a part of the conspiracy or witnesses to the truth of one of the stranger events in history.

2. The characters are part of a new survey being sent to look for traces of the Tunguska blast with new ground penetrating radar and other up to date techniques. In the centre point of the 'ghost' of the blast wave they locate an object buried in the soil, or at least part of one. The remnants of a vehicle of some sort which contains advanced and strange technology. The conspiracy that claimed the rest of the craft following the original event catch wind of this and want to claim the rest for themselves.

3. Apparatus like HAARP are the successors to Tesla's work and may be capable of recreating his experiments in ionospheric energy transfer and the recreation of the events that lead to the destruction in Tunguska. With tensions rising, again, in the Middle East a mysterious explosion rocks one of the centres of Iran's nuclear program. Some call it a natural event, some the wrath of god, others a nuclear accident but some suspect it may be something else entirely...

093 - Unidentified =/= `Aliens' Description

Unidentified Flying Objects or UFOs have become synonymous with alien visitations in most people's minds. UFO actually means what the acronym stands for, any unidentified object in the air. This needn't mean aliens or flying saucers but could be just about anything provided that nobody knows what it is. That said those who report such things most commonly consider them to be alien craft, even though various forces have experimented with disc shaped aircraft and flying wings during the 20th century and there are other explanations for the most common aerial sightings. The UFO scare isn't new in itself, there was an airship scare in the late Victorian era and then the sightings of 'foo fighters' during WWII. The flying saucer scare stemmed from an original sighting in 1947 by Kenneth Arnold, though his sighting is commonly believed to have been light glinting off geese now. Conspiracy theorists attribute the existence of these craft - itself unconfirmed - mostly to aliens but they have also been associated with beings from inside the hollow Earth, leftover Nazis hiding in Antarctica, advanced aircraft from Earthly powers and time travel craft from the future.

How is it done?

If these unidentified objects really are advanced craft then they're able to remain hidden due to having a very low radar profile and an inhuman ability to accelerate to speeds well beyond those our craft are capable of and to make turns that should be physically impossible due to inertia. They also must have bases of operations beyond our ability to detect, either hidden from view in subterranean lairs, far across space or across dimensions from us.

Cui Bono?

Any conspiracy benefits from the ability to enact surveillance undetected and to move people and materiel across the world with huge speed and low detectability. Alien and other unusual groups benefit from maintaining a technological lead and using it to intimidate governments and strongarming them into doing their bidding as well as destroying any military attempts to defy them.

Possible Conspirators

Ancient Remnants, Angels, Annunaki, Demons, Grey Aliens, Hollow Earthers, Invisible Space Lizards, Majestic 12, Men in Black, NASA, Nazi Remnants, Phoebus Cartel, Soviet Scientists, Technocrats, Thule Society, Time Travellers, U.S. Government, Vril-Ya.

Adventure Seeds

1. The characters are a part of the conspiracy assigned to cover up the visitations of aliens to Earth. The aliens want to make contact and usher in a new age but the governments worry about what this would mean for the human psyche and religion. While some of the aliens appreciate this they're not organised hierarchically and act as individuals, so some 'rogues' buzz the Earth and try to make contact repeatedly. Because there's no overall organisation there's no concerted alien 'sanction' against human retaliation and cover-up.

2. The 'saucers' are experimental aircraft and always have been, starting with the Nazis in WWII. Rocket scientists weren't the only ones to be smuggled out to America and a parallel scientific race between East and West went on throughout the 20th century. Since the end of the cold war progress has slumped though flights are still conducted from Area 51 and developments are slowly being leaked to conventional aircraft. Investigation into a civilian aircraft disaster turns up evidence of a collision, but not a collision with any familiar aircraft and not one made of regular materials. Whatever this vehicle was it was bleeding edge and there may be further evidence near the crash site. Of course, this craft is still secret...

3. The characters are all members of an abductee circle exploring the memories of their kidnapping through regressive hypnosis, all from the same city. Each experience is wildly different but there's a single common thread that runs between all of them. As they start being targeted by whatever force has fixated upon them again, UFO sightings begin to become more prevalent in the city again but forewarned is forearmed and their hypnotherapy sessions have strengthened their minds against the fogging and forgetfulness that their abductors use to catch and release them.

094 - Just a Little Prick Description

Vaccination is one of the most important medical breakthroughs that humanity has made. Vaccination has all but wiped out many diseases, helping us to tailor our immune systems to destroy particular germs without having to suffer the disease. However, this massive amount of progress is threatened by various conspiracy theories that are having a real effect on people's health. Yes, vaccinations would be an excellent method to conduct broad scale human experiments, to infect people or render them infertile and too do various other nefarious deeds but there's no evidence that this is the case. A killer (literally) example of the ability of these conspiracy theories to do harm to human health - more so than the vaccinations - is the eruption of polio in Muslim countries where a conspiracy theory, originating in the Nigerian Muslim population, has caused many people to reject vaccinations as a vehicle for AIDS infection and population control, a conspiracy enacted by the West, apparently. The other recent example were unscientific fears over the MMR vaccine being associated with autism, a fear which has lead to a mini-epidemic of measles as children have been kept away from having the vaccine. Nonetheless, despite the real cost in human health the conspiracy theories remain and thrive and this would, indeed, be an excellent means to forward various conspiracy agendas.

How is it done?

The vaccinations are adulterated at source at a frequency that the conspiracy believes can be gotten away with. If they're infecting someone with a disease rather than immunising them then only a few targets need to be hit, after that the disease will run its course and pass from person to person without the need for further involvement. Sterilisation injections would need to be more broadly applied. Of course, if the genuine motive is to spread disease, then perhaps the conspiracy theories about vaccinations are actually being spread by the conspiracy.

Cui Bono?

Undermining trust in vaccination both potentially serves and hinders those conspiracies that do want to perform some sort of selective culling of the human herd. Conspiracies that want to experiment on, uplift, regress or otherwise tinker with human genetics and capabilities can also piggyback on vaccinations in order to conduct their experiments or get their chemical, biological or nanotechnological agents into the population.

Possible Conspirators

Abortion Lobby, Anglo-American Alliance, Atheists, Big Pharma, Bilderberg Group, China, Environmentalists, Eugenicists, Global Elite, Grey Aliens, Invisible Space Lizards, Le Cercle, Nazi Remnants, Neo-Fascists, Pilgrims Society, Rothschilds, Thule Society, United Nations, WHO.

Adventure Seeds

1. The characters are part of a vaccination effort in Africa, running up against conspiracy theories related to their vaccines. Even being threatened and shot at by paranoid villagers who've been told these things by their Imams. When they do find a cooperative village and conduct their vaccinations the whole village is overcome and dies rapidly from a toxin or disease that the characters can't identify. The batch of vaccine that they were given was botched on the dosage of the toxin they were unwittingly administering. If they can survive the militias and surrounding villagers they can investigate.

2. A botched batch of vaccinations has killed a large group of people but amongst the survivors a profound change in mentality has manifested itself, a rapidity of learning and a genius that's normally only found in idiot savants. This was no accident and the 'superior' children are the intended result of the conspiracy's actions.

3. Vaccination is part of a broader set of conspiracy plans undertaken to pacify and dumb down the population. Vaccinations are targeted by postal area and demographic to keep the 'proles' down, while those in wealthier areas and better doctor and school catchment areas are given the 'clean' vaccine. Those who receive the adulterated vaccine are subjected to influences that keep them relatively passive and which abrogate their intelligence. This can lead to localised violence, but it is not normally organised. The wrong batch goes to the wrong area, risking the secrecy of the conspiracy.

095 - Whacko, Texas

Description

The Waco Siege of the Branch Davidian compound (Ranch Apocalypse) at Mount Carmel was a defining moment of the 1990s, just like the Columbine Massacre and the Oklahoma City Bombing which can be viewed as a direct result of the conspiracy theories surrounding the Waco Siege. In the early 1990s accusations emerged about sexual abuse and paedophile activity centred on the cult leader, David Koresh, who was practicing polygamy and was allegedly involved with a number of minors. Additional accusations that they were operating an illegal stockpile of weaponry were somewhat confirmed in the ensuing shootout when federal agencies attempted to investigate and bring an end to any abuses or illegalities that were going on within the compound. When the Davidians - indoctrinated into a deep distrust and hatred of the government - fired upon the agents the incident developed into a full scale siege with many deaths on both sides before the compound was fired by the Davidians after many committed suicide or shot each other. Conspiracy theories have it that this was an attempt by government to extend its power too far, to interfere in free practice of religion and firearms ownership and that this was a sign of things to come for other militia groups and cults. According to the conspiracy theories this was planned to be a massacre or David Koresh may have been subjected to mind control and even set up to be a fall guy to discredit the whole militia movement, though this failed. The Oklahoma City bombing conducted by Timothy McVeigh was in part claimed to be carried out in retaliation for the Waco Siege.

How is it done?

The government expects to be believed, especially when report after report confirms the official position, even if it was a screwed up operation. Waco represents a time when this expectation failed, utterly, and represents a watershed in changing perception of government that would culminate in the 9/11 Truth movement. If Waco was a conspiracy to undermine the militia movements and cults it failed horribly and so represents an instance of a failed conspiracy.

Cui Bono?

The intended beneficiaries of the Waco Siege would have been the government and those groups concerned with disarmament of America and the lessening of religious influence. In practice the siege lead to a massive decrease in the public trust of the government and a softly-softly approach to similar circumstances that arose; all this in spite of the clear craziness and illegal activities of the Branch Davidians.

Possible Conspirators

Bilderberg Group, Bohemian Grove, CIA, Culper Ring, Global Elite, Rothschilds, Shadow Government, Illuminati, United Nations, U.S. Government.

Adventure Seeds

1. The characters are deep cover agents in a similar cult situation which is being handled by some of the agents also involved in the Waco Siege. This time the conspiracy is determined to get it right. The cult leader is a mind-controlled, antigovernment patsy who has been engaging in the worst excesses of any cult as well as stockpiling illegal weapons, producing drugs and severely punishing his cultists. As the deadline approaches his programming is slipping and his anti-government rhetoric is becoming genuine as he comes to understand what was done to him.

2. The characters are a team of doorkickers for the ATF or a similar agency. They come in when negotiations go south and are the first on the scene after they break the siege and kill the 'bad guys'. They find themselves being called out more and more on incidents and, being first on the scene, are often the first to view the evidence at the scenes. It becomes clear that something peculiar is going on as they see common symbols and behaviour across these incidents.

3. The characters are members of a militia movement or cult that are seeking to defend themselves and strike back against what they see as a governmental conspiracy to abrogate their firearms and religious rights. Their cult/militia leader has various missions for them to get back at 'the man' but these are illegal and dangerous, the very things that they're supposed to be arguing their activities aren't. Something more complex may be going on.

096 - Cool & Unsympathetic Description

In 1938 Orson Welles made his famous radioplay broadcast of the War of the Worlds, transferring the action to Grover's Mill in the United States. This was amongst the first examples of an attempt to give such a broadcast verisimilitude and that's in no small way responsible for the mass public panic that ensued. Welles later had to come onto the radio and ensure people that it was a fake broadcast though that anyone didn't realise that was a testament to the relative illiteracy and philistinism of the time. The conspiracy theories all centre around this mass panic, the broadcast and the alleged results after this broadcast. Some claim that the broadcast was a deliberate psychological warfare test, some that there genuinely was a small scale alien invasion in Grover's Mill that was covered up using the excuse of the radio play and some that the broadcast informed the decision to keep alien visitations and UFOs secret, rather than to allow the public to know what was going on, justifiably fearing a nation or worldwide panic and the deaths and chaos that would ensue.

How is it done?

Radio broadcasts reached huge audiences back then and were taken as gospel truth. The War of the Worlds broadcast took advantage of this by not being explicit about the fact it was fiction and that, coupled with the trust people had for media broadcasts at that time were what made it so successful, it is also what would have made it effective as a cover-up for a genuine event.

Cui Bono?

Inducing mass hysteria like this would act as a proof-of-concept for mass manipulation of people's attitudes and behaviours. While the media environment is no longer the same as it once was the psychological situation has not significantly changed and people's actions and attitudes can still be altered and influenced by media. If there was a genuine event of some sort then the radio play excuse benefited those who wished to keep it secret and convinced the powers that be to keep such secret in similar ways in the future.

Possible Conspirators

Annunaki, Bilderberg Group, CIA, Council of Nine, Global Elite, Grey Aliens, Invisible Space Lizards, Majestic 12, Men in Black, NASA, Phoebus Cartel, Rothschilds, Shadow Government, Technocrats, U.S. Government.

Adventure Seeds

1. The characters are residents of Grover's Mill in 1938 when it comes under attack by a robotic alien probe. They're forced to fight for their lives along with the local militia, until the army takes it seriously and finally manages to destroy the machine before dragging it away for study. The broadcast was a live one of the disaster and the survivors are conscripted into the cover-up and a new agency to protect and defend against any future disasters or visitations of similar ilk.

2. A cache of Orson Welles' personal correspondence and papers turns up on Ebay in mint condition. Amongst the notes are telegrams from the army intelligence unit and the secret service about testing American preparedness to deal with disaster, war and 'the strange' as well as the plans for the operation and discussion of some of the results. The conspiracy that started out doing psychological warfare back then in still in operation today, though their plans and their results are far more subtle than they once were. The recipient of the papers gets approached to buy them back, but refuses and becomes the focus of their mentality-bending techniques, ending with nobody to turn to but the characters.

3. A 'War of the Worlds' in reverse occurs, a genuine - if small scale - invasion attacks a small town in order to harvest and study human beings but the broadcasts made by the local radio and television broadcasters are instantly dismissed as being well made hoaxes and reported as such. The town's left on their own to face the threat, victims of the 'television that cried wolf', so to speak. It will take a great deal of evidence, gathered from the scene, real, physical evidence, to convince anyone of what really happened.

097 - Raid the Lost & Found Description

There are an awful lot of artefacts that various governments or conspiracies are supposed to have. UFO fragments, the original ten commandments, the ark of the covenant, Noah's Ark, strange mechanisms, incongruous mummies, fossils and other items of occult significance are all allegedly squirreled away along with the True Cross and the Treasures of Britain. If all these things are possessed by a single group or government they must be, surely, held in some state of the art facility somewhere, big enough and properly kitted out to hold, protect and study these artefacts, or to protect the populace at large from their reality warping and paradigm shifting strangeness. Warehouse Zero is one possible name for such a facility, hidden underground in a geologically stable and hermetically sealed facility, out of sight and out of mind, an arsenal for the conspiracy - if they can work out how to use what they have.

How is it done?

The facility is kept absolutely secret, hidden beneath layers of genuine military and government secrecy and pretend conspiracies that hide the real truth about the complex. Access to the artefacts is restricted more than just about anything else in the world and even those who load and unload the artefacts are not permitted to know what it is that they are moving. This is as much for the safety of the world at large as it is for the artefacts as many of them are unpredictable and incredibly dangerous.

Cui Bono?

The sheer volume of artefacts gives any conspiracy a huge pool of possible material to draw upon in support of their plans, plots and schemes as well as a library of potential research, strange technologies and secret techniques that they can hold over their competitors or use to advance their agenda. Occult and technological conspiracies in particular benefit from this as they are the bravest about using and researching these items. Conspiracies that see their role as protecting and controlling the public may see this stockpiling as serving the greater interest of humanity and so also benefit, morally, from their position of hiding away these items.

Possible Conspirators

Anglo-American Alliance, Atheists, Bilderberg Group, Bohemian Grove, CIA, Council of Nine, Global Elite, Invisible College, Men in Black, MI5/6, NASA, Phoebus Cartel, Pilgrims Society, Shadow Government, Technocrats, Illuminati, Masons, Theosophical Society, Thule Society, U.S. Government, Vatican.

Adventure Seeds

1. The characters are soldiers with decent security clearance and skills who have been seconded for the warehouse as glorified 'removals men' and security personnel, though their job mostly seems to be to drive forklifts while armed to the teeth. It's tedious, boring duty and they have no idea what's in any of the crates until an accident spills open one of the crates revealing a strange artefact, one that begins to have a very strange effect.

2. A shipment of artefacts from a satellite facility crashes near a small town and spills its artefacts down a gully into a river, killing the driver. The truck has fake plates and isn't on any manifests. Some of the 'artefacts' have made themselves scarce, others have floated away, others start to have a powerful effect on the nearby town or are found by people walking their dogs or kids playing in the woods. The conspiracy finds out something is wrong within a day or two and sends agents to recover what they can and to clean up the mess of what they can't recover.

3. The Warehouse occasionally farms out study of particular artefacts that they rate as being low in danger, limiting the information that the satellite labs and contractors have so that they can't get themselves into too much trouble. Even The Warehouse makes mistakes occasionally though and some of the artefacts that they send out turn out to have unusual facets that they hadn't reckoned on. A fragment of strange metal that they send for analysis turns out to be just one such artefact, capable of growing, changing and transferring information.

098 - Wikia, Wikia, Chonk Description

Wikipedia has become the first port of call for information for a huge number of people online. Despite being created and maintained by the people, for the people and despite various examinations showing it to be generally accurate (as accurate or more accurate than the Britannica) Wikipedia is shunned by as diverse a group of people as traditional academics, right wing extremists, left wing extremists and conspiracy theorists. Academics claim it's inaccurate, despite citations and despite the conclusions of studies, right wing extremists claim it has a leftist bias, left wing extremists claim it was a rightist bias and conspiracy theorists bristle at their pet theories not being taken seriously, despite them effectively vandalising many topics, repeatedly, with unsubstantiated nonsense about the New World Order or the Bilderberg Group. This would seem to indicate that, by and large, Wikipedia is pretty fair and impartial but the conspiracy theorists, fuelled by revelations that various companies and intelligence groups have been editing their pages, claim it's because Wikipedia is biased, defends the status quo and is riddled with agents of the various conspiracies that they like to claim are taking over the world. Wikipedia, because it rejects some or all of their ideas must, in their minds, be a conspiracy of its own, or in league with the conspirators, just the same as any debunkers are 'disinformation agents' and not just concerned citizens who are tired of the bullshit. With so many people placing so much trust in Wikipedia and with it having the public image and goodwill of the open source movement it might, indeed, be an effective agent for shaping public opinion by hooking people in and then slowly changing its information and restrictiveness to forward 'the agenda', if such a thing could be imposed on such a chaotic system.

How is it done?

Wikipedia's transparency is also its failing, that anyone can edit most articles leaves them open to abuse by all sides though the self-appointed administrators try to keep such manipulations at a minimum with nitpicking demands for accuracy and citation. Even so, a lot of people place a lot of trust in Wikipedia because of this transparency and even though many articles are becoming 'secured' that goodwill still exists. The conspiracy works by exploiting trust and then closing more content in line with the wishes of the conspiracy.

Cui Bono?

The beneficiaries of this conspiracy are those who seek to control information. In a time when even newspapers will quote and re-use whatever they see on Wiki controlling that source of information is a priority. Changing Wiki, in light of people's greater reliance on the internet rather than paper records, is like controlling history and so is useful to groups that want to hide their own history.

Possible Conspirators

Ancient Remnants, Anonymous, Artificial Intelligence, Bilderberg Group, CIA, Committee of 300, Global Elite, Internet Cabal, Rothschilds, Shadow Government, Illuminati, U.S. Government.

Adventure Seeds

1. Hackers discover a set of commands, flags and other apparatus to maintain the appearance of open content change without it actually existing. Furthermore users are being surveilled by the background programming, building profiles according to the articles that they read. Exposure of this information would compromise the conspiracy and the hackers are scared for their safety.

2. One of the computer operators for the conspiracy has changed his mind about what he's doing and has absconded with files and records of his activities. He can't trust the conventional media and is looking for protection and an outlet for what he knows that can be trusted and relied upon not to be compromised.

3. While using Wikipedia for their normal purposes a number of students keep being directed to pages of information about conspiracies. When they then try to reload the pages they're gone. Someone is attempting to contact them and to release information to them - or at least to some audience - via Wikipedia but is being rapidly shut down each time. There may be clues to find them and find out more, hidden within the briefly visible pages.

099 - Where da WMDs at? Description

In the wake of 9/11 justification was sought for an invasion of Iraq. Unlike Afghanistan, Irag had nothing to do with 9/11 and was just 'unfinished business'. An excuse was needed for war and a combination of a genuine conspiracy - of sorts - and Saddam Hussein's recalcitrance provided that. Saddam consistently dragged his heels and made things difficult for U.N. Weapon Inspectors to ensure that he wasn't up to any shenanigans. He had a record of acquiring chemmical and biological WMDs and using them in the past. Nonetheless there was no evidence of any held WMDs at the time after 9/11. The intelligence community, under pressure from the Whitehouse, appears to have 'sexed up' reports about WMDs being held by the Iraqis to the point where they seemed convincing, though not convincing enough to get international backing for the invasion this was enough - combined with the aftermath of 9/11 - to convince the American public and a scant few other nations to back the invasion. Embarrassingly though, it became clear following the invasion that there were no WMDs and never had been. Was this incompetence, as it was passed off, was it a genuine and full blown conspiracy, was the whole charade covering up something else (besides oil and Chinese containment) or were there real WMDs and, if so, where are they now?

How is it done?

People have a hard time believing conspiracies because it's so obvious that governments are incompetent and lumbering bureaucracies that can't even hide their own financial and sexual misdeeds, let alone anything more serious. It's far easier to buy that they're incompetent and politically compromised so if there were a conspiracy here it makes far more sense to use incompetence as a screen. People will readily believe that intelligence reports were adulterated and that the government us useless, which may give the real conspirator the cover they need to do their deed without anyone suspecting.

Cui Bono?

Presuming this was used as a cover to extract Iraqi biological and chemical weapons and delivery systems then the conspiracy not only has access to these weapons for their own use, but also to delivery systems that are in use by any number of 'target regimes' enabling them to fake attacks by those regimes to justify future wars or to release the weapons to key terrorist groups in order to wind up tension in the region. A SCUD attack with poison gas upon Israel would doubtless galvanise international support for that nation, despite their sliding international regard, for example. Even one of these weapons has the capacity to - properly applied - shift the geopolitical order massively.

Possible Conspirators

Anarchists, Anglo-American Alliance, Assassins, Bilderberg Group, Bohemian Grove, CIA, Committee of 300, Global Elite, International Banks, Invisible Space Lizards, MI5/6, Mossad, Pilgrims Society, Republican Inner Circle, Shadow Government, Illuminati, U.S. Government, Zionists.

Adventure Seeds

1. A gas attack is launched against Israel by Hamas using a launcher which could only have come from a sponsoring Islamic state. Israel goes completely all out in retaliation and causes a full scale Middle Eastern war in the process, dragging its western sponsors and allies into the conflict. Amongst this ensuing chaos and escalation suspicion begins to grow in some quarters that this was once an Iraqi launch device and that this is a false flag operation.

2. Investigations into the problems with the intelligence reports have taken years, however a new administration means a fresh broom. The characters are incorporated into a new effort to uncover how there could be such a failing and problem with intelligence information. In investigating what should be a simple incompetence issue they find themselves turned around and misdirected at every turn, very competently, suggesting that something else entirely is going on.

3. The intelligence compromise and other subtle prods were perpetrated by a young, new conspiracy group that is challenging the power and prestige of the 'old dogs' of the shadow government. With these WMDs they can hold a blackmail card both over the front-facing governments and their secret masters. The old and the new are about to clash.

100 - That Bloody Film Description

Solipsism is the idea that nothing outside of oneself can really be trusted to be thought of as real or true. This is somewhat implied by 'Cogito Ergo Sum' and is explored in ideas such as Plato's Cave, The Brain in a Jar, Descartes' Demon or Zhuangzi's Butterfly. It may be more familiar to the reader through the ideas present in The Matrix, that everything we see or perceive is some sort of illusion or fakery that cuts us off from the real world. More recently multiverse theory and ideas about information and simulation have implied to some that we can't even rely on the reality of ourselves as we're more likely - in such a universe - to be an artificial simulation entirely, a sort of cosmic scale game of 'The Sims'. Before you kill yourself from a sense of existential angst and pointlessness it's worth noting that there arguments against these ideas, the existence of novelty, the relative fidelity of external reality and its lack of resemblance to dreams or the imagination and so on. Nonetheless, it's a possibility that turns up occasionally in conspiracy theories, even that reality itself, which we do exist in after all, is a carefully engineered mental trap, designed to keep us separate from understanding our full potential or gaining access to higher levels of reality, psychic powers, magic or even from reclaiming our rightful places as 'qods'.

How is it done?

If people are just 'brains in jars' being fooled about external reality then there are several ways this could be accomplished. Extremely high tech computing power and virtual reality, directly interfacing with the brain is one way. Magic or demonic power could be another, perhaps the 'real world' is actually heaven or hell, presided over by demonic or angelic technicians. If it is the 'real' world that is the prison then everything in it is managed by some overarching conspiracy that is already in on the secret, whatever it is, and has engaged in social engineering and distraction to keep everyone else ignorant and their power and knowledge supreme.

Cui Bono?

It is the duty of angels or demons to keep people happy or tormented, either of which 'reality' can do. Perhaps heaven and hell are to relive your lives endlessly until you get them 'right' or with each play through being a torment, unable to succeed. A machine intelligence might use the dormant parts of our brain as processors or memory banks and aliens might lock you into a dream to study you or to transport you without complaint, even raising generations of humans in tanks to have specimens once they return home.

Possible Conspirators

Angels, Annunaki, Artificial Intelligence, Council of Nine, Demons, Global Elite, Grey Aliens, Immortals, Invisible Space Lizards, Men in Black, Phoebus Cartel, Rothschilds, Technocrats, Time Travellers.

Adventure Seeds

1. The VR suites that the characters are plugged into begin to glitch and show flickers and images of the real world as they briefly see through their own eyes. They're abductees aboard an alien vessel, halfway to its destination, slowly crawling towards wakefulness and finding there are many more like them on this nightmare ship.

2. The characters begin to be overcome with an extremely troubling sense of déjà vu, not quite having been here before, not the ability to predict the future completely accurately but something close thereto. They have been reliving the same lives for an eternity, to the point where all their options are much exhausted. Even heaven (or hell) suffers from entropy and is starting to break down, individuals like the characters are amongst the first to start and break free of the miracles that let them relive their lives again and again and the first to emerge into the real heaven (or hell) something that was never planned for.

3. Some people are free of the subliminal and societal controls that restrict the bulk of humanity. They have a drug that can offer glimpses of the real world - similar to donning the sunglasses in 'They Live' in effect - and a method of permanently awakening people as well. This is like waking up from a dream or downing a double shot of espresso. This group - a mini conspiracy - is trying to work against the conspiracy that rules the world.

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