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"I WAS TWENTY-
THREE, MYSELF. IN
THE DARK ABOUT
SO MUCH, LIKE YOU.
AND, LIKE YOU, ABOUT
TO BE ENLIGHTENED."



HEY!
CLOSE THE
DOOR!

YOU KNOW
I HAVE TO DO
THIS IN THE
DARK.



SORRY,
VAN GOGH. THE
GENERAL WANTS
TO SEE YOU.

B.S., STUBBS.
WHAT WOULD HE
WANT WITH--

MOVE IT,
ROBERTS, OR
IT'S MY ASS,
TOO.



"I HAD ENLISTED TO GET AWAY FROM HOW...*STRANGE* THINGS HAD GOTTEN AT HOME. BUT THE U.S. ARMY WAS ABOUT TO PUT ME IN THE MIDDLE OF SOMETHING EVEN STRANGER."

THE ONLY QUESTION THAT MATTERS IN DESIGNING A SWORD IS WHETHER YOU FAVOR THE EDGE OR THE POINT.

NAPOLEON UNDERSTOOD--THE OBJECT ISN'T TO HACK UP MORE BODIES. IT'S *VICTORY*, PURE AND SIMPLE. RECEIVE MY MEANING?

THEN HE'S ALL YOURS.

THANK YOU, GENERAL.

CORPORAL, OUR BEST INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATES BRITAIN WILL BE DECLARING WAR WITHIN THE WEEK.

SO WE WANT SOME MEN ON THE GROUND THERE NOW.

SIR, UM, FOR A PORTRAIT? YOU WITH THE SWORD YOU DEVELOPED, SIR?

NO, CORPORAL. SABER STRATEGY IS A MICROCOSM FOR *CONFLICT ITSELF*. YOU LEAD THEIR EYES WITH THE POINT. ONCE THEY'RE LOOKING WHERE YOU TELL THEM, YOU'VE ALREADY WON.

WE'RE READY, GENERAL PATTON.

I UNDERSTAND, SIR. YOU NEED STORIES GAINING SUPPORT FOR AMERICAN PARTICIPATION, SHOULD IT COME TO THAT...?

NO, YOUR ASSIGNMENT AS A NEWSPAPER PHOTOGRAPHER FOR *STARS AND STRIPES* WOULD BE YOUR *COVER*, CORPORAL.

ON MARCH TWELFTH OF THIS YEAR, **ADOLF HITLER** ANNEXED AUSTRIA. THAT SAME DAY, HE SEIZED A **SPEAR** PURPORTED TO BE THE ONE THAT KILLED CHRIST ON THE CROSS.

HE SHIPPED IT ON AN ARMORED S.S. TRAIN TO NUREMBERG, WHERE IT IS KEPT IN A GUARDED UNDERGROUND VAULT. LEGEND HAS IT THAT WHOEVER HOLDS THE SPEAR IS **INVINCIBLE**.



MEANWHILE, **RUDOLF HESS**, WHO CONSIDERS HIMSELF "A FULL-FLEDGED MAN OF MAGIC," TURNED THE GERMAN OFFICE OF ANCESTRAL RESEARCH INTO AN **S.S. OCCULT BUREAU**...

...THE **HEXEN-SONDERAUFTRAG**, OR WITCHCRAFT COMMISSION, FORMED TO EXPLOIT ASTROLOGY, METAPHYSICS, AND THE OCCULT.



MAJOR, PERMISSION TO SPEAK?

GO AHEAD.



THEY'RE ALL CRAZY. ASTROLOGY? A MAGIC SPEAR? YOU KNOW NONE OF THIS MUMBO JUMBO IS REAL, RIGHT?

SIRS?



WE KNEW YOU'D SAY THAT.

BUT JUST BECAUSE IT'S NOT REAL DOESN'T MEAN THE GERMANS WON'T ACT ON IT.

SO WHAT'S THAT GOT TO DO WITH ME? I TAKE PICTURES OF SOLDIERS IN TANKS.

I'M THE **LAST** GUY WHO'D BELIEVE ANY OF THIS SHIT, SIR.



EXCELLENT.



THEY **KNOW**, ROBERTS. THEY KNOW ABOUT YOUR PARENTS. IT'S ALL IN YOUR FILE. THAT'S WHY THEY CAME ALL THIS WAY. THAT'S WHY YOU'RE STANDING HERE IN MY STUDY.



THE BRITS ARE UP TO THEIR ASSES IN THE OCCULT AND SECRET SOCIETIES. THEY **BELIEVE** IN IT TOO MUCH TO USE IT AGAINST THE KRAUTS.



USE IT? YOU WANT TO DO **MAGIC** AGAINST THE NAZIS?

MAKE HITLER THINK SO, ANYWAY.

PROPAGANDA ISN'T JUST FOR CIVILIAN POPULATIONS, SON.



WE WANT YOU TO GO TO ENGLAND. THERE'S AN ECCENTRIC OLD MAN THERE--ONE **ALEISTER CROWLEY**--WORKED FOR OUR INTEL HERE IN THE GREAT WAR.* HE KNOWS THE SCORE.

SO HE'S A SPY, PRETENDING TO BE A MAGICIAN?

OR A MAGICIAN PRETENDING TO BE A SPY. DOESN'T MATTER.



WE WANT YOU TO ENLIST HIM IN OUR EFFORT TO DEFEAT HITLER MENTALLY, SPIRITUALLY.



SOME SORT OF **CONJURING** WAR?

A **PROPAGANDA** WAR.



BEATS A **REAL** WAR, CORPORAL. ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT.

*WORLD WAR I.



"THE BEAST WAS A SHOWMAN, BUT HE COULDN'T READ HIS AUDIENCE. HE WENT ON ABOUT SYMBOLS IN ANCIENT EGYPT, BUT THE LADIES HAD PAID FOR GORE-- NO MATTER HOW THEY PRETENDED OTHERWISE."

THE WORD OF THE LAW IS ΘΕΛΗΜΑ.

WHAT DID HE SAY? THE LIMANS? DID THEY DO CHILD SACRIFICE?

THE-LEE-MAH. IT'S MY SPIRITUAL PHILOSOPHY BUILT ON THE **WILL**. DO WHAT THOU WILT SHALL BE THE WHOLE OF THE LAW...THOU HAST NO RIGHT BUT TO DO THY WILL. DO THAT AND NO OTHER SHALL SAY NAY. FOR PURE WILL, UNASSUAGED OF PURPOSE, DELIVERED FROM THE LUST OF RESULT, IS EVERY WAY PERFECT. THIS IS THE LAW OF THELEMA.

WHAT ABOUT WHEN **YOUR** WILL CONFLICTS WITH **GOD'S** WILL?

EACH OF US IS **IMBUED** WITH GOD'S WILL.

CHRISTIANITY TEACHES THAT MAN IS CREATED IN GOD'S **IMAGE**. ARE YOU A SATANIST?

YOU KNOW NOTHING OF JESUS CHRIST, THE MAGE. I **SPIT** ON YOUR CRAPULOUS CREEDS. THEY ARE IRRELEVANT IN THE QUEST TO REVEAL ONE'S TRUE WILL.



