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THE VOICE OF THE DRAGON

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(TRANSLATED FROM THE ITALIAN)



(BUT IT IS YOU.)

(INCREDIBLE.)



(ANOTHER SEEKER?)

(I AM IN NO MOOD TO PREACH TODAY. LEAVE ME TO MY SOLITUDE.)



(YOU MISTAKE ME. I HAVE HEARD ALL ABOUT YOUR TEACHINGS OF THE COMING OF RAGNA ROK, THE NEW AGE OF THE SERPENT.)

(BUT PLEASE, I MUST KNOW...HOW DID YOU COME TO BE HERE? THE WORLD HAS BELIEVED YOU DEAD THESE LAST TWENTY YEARS.)

(WHAT HAPPENED THAT NIGHT IN ST. PETERSBURG?)



(POISONED. SHOT. BEATEN. AND THEN DROWNED.)

(A LESSER MAN WOULD HAVE SURELY DIED.)



(BUT I WAS MEANT FOR GREATER THINGS.)

"(AS I DRIFTED IN THE FROZEN WATERS OF THE NEVA, I HEARD A VOICE CALLING TO ME. THE DRAGON SPOKE TO ME.)"



"(AND I WAS VOUCHSAFED A VISION OF THE WORLD TRANSFORMED BY HIS FIRE.)"



"(THE DRAGON HAS SPOKEN TO OTHERS, DOWN THROUGH THE LONG YEARS.)"



"(EACH GIVEN A GLIMPSE OF THE DAYS THAT ARE TO COME.)"



"(AND OF THE GREAT AND TERRIBLE DESTINY THAT AWAITS US.)"





(BUT I WAS SHOWN ONLY A FLEETING GLIMPSE OF THE WHOLE. THERE IS STILL SO MUCH I DO NOT YET UNDERSTAND.)

(PERHAPS THE VOICE OF THE DRAGON WILL SPEAK TO ME ONCE MORE. OR PERHAPS THE ANSWERS I SEEK MAY BE FOUND ELSEWHERE. EITHER WAY, I REMAIN FAITHFUL TO THAT VISION.)



(I CAN HELP YOU. I AM CERTAIN OF IT.)

(RETURN WITH ME TO GERMANY. LET US HELP ONE ANOTHER.)

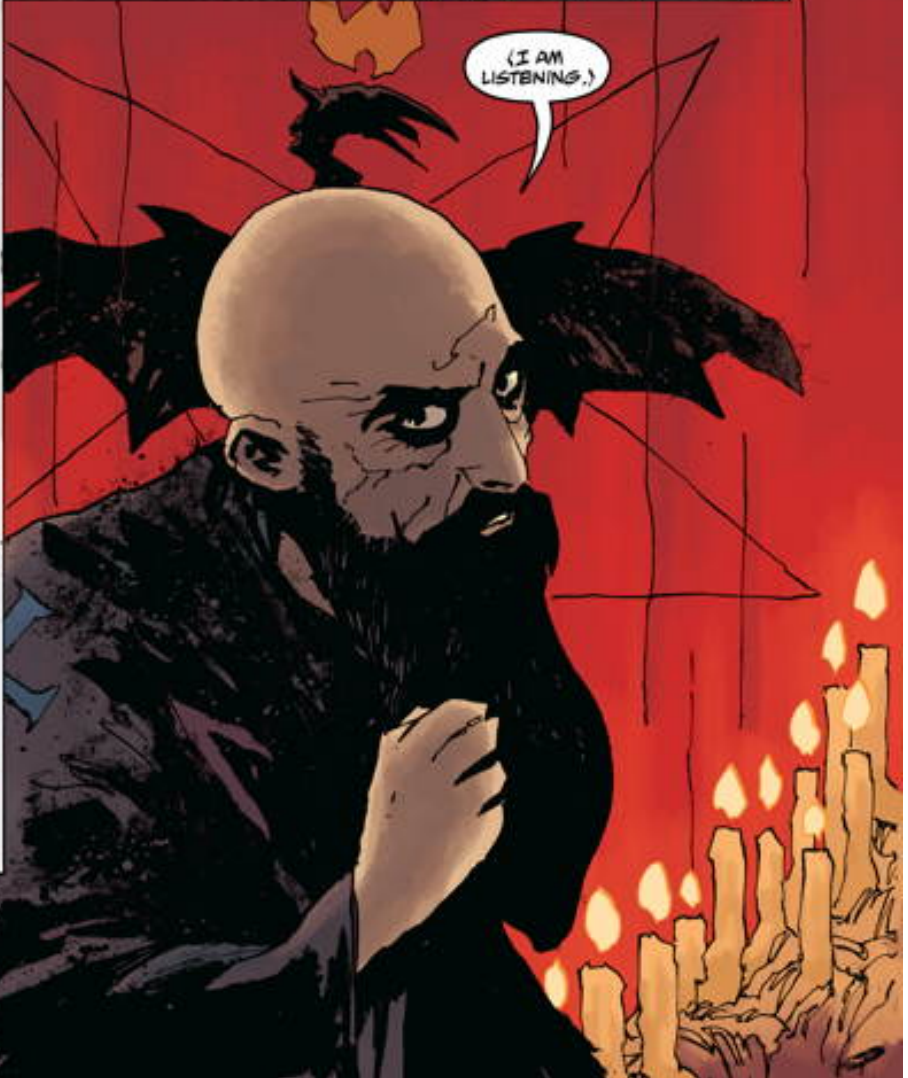


(TO GERMANY? THE ANCIENT ENEMY OF MY BELOVED RUSSIA? WHY SHOULD I DO SUCH A THING?)



(BECAUSE THE FUTURE IS OURS. WE ARE BUILDING AN EMPIRE THAT WILL STAND FOR A THOUSAND YEARS.)

(THE REICH HAS NEED OF YOUR WISDOM, HERR RASPUTIN. AND THERE IS MUCH THAT I CAN OFFER IN RETURN.)



(I AM LISTENING.)

BLETCHLEY PARK,
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE,
ENGLAND. JUNE 1941.

THERE WAS NO CORNER OF THE ENGLISH
COUNTRYSIDE THAT WAS NOT TOUCHED
BY THE WAR, IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER.



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BUT SOME
EFFECTS
REMAINED
HIDDEN FROM
THE PUBLIC
VIEW.

ALL OVER THE COUNTRY, MEN AND WOMEN
LISTENED FOR ENCODED ENEMY
TRANSMISSIONS. PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS
OF LIFE WERE RECRUITED TO DECRYPT AND
ANALYZE THE INTERCEPTED MESSAGES.



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