Series Creation Workspace

IN A MAZE OF DREAMS

A GIRL BY MOONLIGHT SERIES

What is the Conspiracy?

an ideology turned virus, a single dream that plagues the world, a toxic cultural movement, history haunting the present, the pull of some alien mind

What is its impulse?

to re-shape our dreams, to drive us to self destruction, to make us shed our bodies, to shatter the barrier between waking and dreaming, to instill an alien morality in us, to turn reality to farce

Who are its hosts?

a secret society, artists and luminaries, a cabal of sorcerers, an online gestalt, a sentient dream, ghosts and echoes

By what vector does it infect us?

insular communities and coded language, hopes and desires, passions and conflict, fashion and ritual, consumption and excess, a half forgotten song

The waking world belongs to everyone and no one
What defines the waking world?
(choose one or two)

looming spires, the press of bodies, criss-crossing wires, media saturation, protests and riots, smog and haze

What shapes our dreams?
(choose one or two)

money, work, surveillance, possessions, edifices, status, sexuality, conformity

What do we hide from others?
(choose one or two)

passion, emotions, gender, vulnerability, authenticity, sexuality, intimacy, dissatisfaction

We who breach the barrier of dreams
Why do we wander in other's dreams?

to uncover truths that others ignore, to help those whom society has forsaken, to escape the tedium of our day to day lives, to understand our waking lives, to banish the ghosts of our past, to experience real intimacy

What role do you play?
(each protagonist choose one or two)

forbidden lover, best friend, reformed conspirator, disillusioned cynic, tragic genius, weary caretaker, object of desire, oracle of the dream, target of the Conspiracy

Instruct each protagonist to select a playbook that reflects the roles they have chosen

How do we pass our days?

mind numbing repetition, boredom and despair, isolation and detachment, grueling dirty work, fruitless labour, morally compromising jobs

How does the world see us, if it notices us at all?

The dream is a personal reflection of the waking world
What is the dream to you?

How do we know when we are in the dream?
How do we navigate the dream?
What unconcious tell accompanies each of us throughout the dream?

What is your Avatar?

Your Avatar is a subconscious expression of your truest self. They live inside you, but have their own thoughts, emotions, and desires, and are alien to you. When you transcend, your Avatar manifests and takes possession of your body.

How did you learn to manifest them? What terrible secrets are they hiding? What do they yearn for? Why do you fear yours?

Describe your Avatar, name it, and assign it 1 virtue and 2 desires from the series sheet.

Our Transgressions

How do we defy the dream's form and order?
What truths can we share only with each other?
What would happen if anyone found us out?

What comes at the dream's end?

What will be left of the waking world, should the Conspiracy devour the dream?

If our dreams were free of the Conspiracy, what might we wake up to find?

Choose a name for the series that reflects these answers.

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