

DOUBTFUL TRUTHS

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MODE

“Black Humor”

LOCATION

Doubtful County, Delaware

TIME PERIOD

Contemporary

GENRE

True conspiracy

THEME

Truth is stranger than fiction.
Sometimes fiction is truth.

THE PITCH

In the perfect neighbourhood, four imperfect people are unsatisfied with the official explanations and decide to investigate. Are they crazy? Or more sane than you and I? Who is watching?

INSPIRATIONS

Twin Peaks, X Files, The Lone Gunmen

Hey stranger. You're not from around these parts, are ya? Well, that's ok. Folks around here are mighty accommodating, bless 'em. Give you the shirt off their back.

But there are secrets in this town. Some new. Some old. Some really, really old. My suggestion? Don't ask questions. You may not like the answers. You don't want to end up like... well... best not to talk about her.

None of your big-city learning amount to squat here. So keep your head down.. and enjoy the scenery...



FAMILY

(The protagonists employment, network and family).

	1	2	3	4	5	6
1 Married	to the 'perfect' partner	to an old sweetheart	to the heir/heirress of the town's richest family	to homecoming king/queen	with extended family living with you	to a local celebrity
2 Roommates/housemates	with the nosy journalist	with the new school guidance counselor	with the suspicious 'delivery' guy/gal	with amateur paranormal investigator	with an ex-lover	with a foreign chic whom you rarely see
3 Neighbors	with the tech startup	with the pastor and his extended family	the president of the homeowners association	with paranoid ex-military man	you suspect are supernatural or alien beings	lady running an underground lab
4 Unwanted attention	Occultist librarian has crush on you	Alcoholics Anonymous sponsor insists you need him	Private investigator following you	Paranormal investigators watching your home	Amateur photographer stalking you	Cop thinks you did it
5. Romantic relationship	with a recovering addict undergoing experimental therapy	with a married coworker	with the local sheriff's ex	with an amateur photo journalist	with the pastor who hears the word of God	with a con artist
6. It's complicated	you're involved with a recovering mental patient	you're in love with the shady businessman's wife	you live with your overprotective sibling	your sibling is the Mayor and is obsessed with their 'image'	you and your lover are both undercover agents	you had a sex change and are yet to tell your current partner about it

THE MISSION DOSSIER

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Big furniture moving trucks go in and out of the city	A local celebrity disappears	Lights in the cornfield at night	There's something behind the waterfalls	Strange chants coming from the forest	A mysterious hatch at the church belltower
2	Ghost in the Machine	Children are disappearing	Crop Circles	An Amish-like community springs up	Looks like there's a party going on at the Asylum	Some kids find a body in the 'love tunnel' ride
3	Teenage kids are joining a cult	Bullets graze a fugitive and reveals that he has green blood	Ten year olds sleepwalk and gather at the field	A 'cursed object collector' shows up in town	Lights at night at the abandoned hospital	An ex-famous child star reports seeing things in the mirror
4	News reports of a woman who tried to operate on herself	20 yr old brunettes who look almost identical are disappearing	Unusual bones have been discovered at the football field	Scared townsfolk report seeing a slender-man like figure	Cops talk about apprehending someone who steals human organs	Ghost broadcast
5	A viral video that causes big trouble	Haunted house	Ghosts in the church	Lawnmower runs amok	Giant footprints at the edge of the lake	Homeless person claims that angels are telling them what to do
6	Lake water stays very still even on a very windy day	Will-o-wisps appearing outside city dwellers windows	Coroner reports bodies getting up and walking away	Cult rumored to be operating out of the local abattoir	Too perfect husbands begin appearing with towns' top women	Circus sideshow shows up in town and people go missing

THE OBJECTIVE

(An element of the main mission)

	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Personal revenge	Prove your innocence	Prove the alien's did it	Prove the cultists did it	Prove the cops did	Prove the CIA did it
2	Stop someone	Steal an artefact	Expose a conspiracy	Surveillance	Find an abducted person	Rescue the sacrifice
3	Destroy alien base	Destroy cultist shrine	Find something	Hide something	Escape the law	Steal a manuscript
4	Make contact with a secret organisation	Protect an artefact	Steal the schematics	Get the town to take this seriously	Get video evidence	Swap something
5	Organise a safe house	Deliver something	Escort someone	Broadcast the 'truth'	Exorcism	Expose something
6	Hide a body	Pass on secret plans	Pin it on the neighbor	Trade technology	Destroy something without leaving evidence	Get the town to focus away from something

A LOCATION

(An element of the main mission)

	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Space uplink radio	Petrochemical plant	Airforce base	Army base	Naval Base	Private airfield
2	Pool hall	Bowling alley	Football field / Stadium	Baseball field	Greyhound track	School gym
3	Hospital	Mental health facility	Private health spa	Medical research facility	Sewers	Observation tower
4	Docks	Behind the waterfalls	Abandoned asylum	"Island of the Dolls"	School grounds	Heart of the forrest
5	Graveyard	Madam Etta's Palmistry Parlor	Circus	Church	Abattoir	Library
6	Swamp	Lakeside	Picnic area	Kissing point	Forest	Park

A COMPLICATION

(An element of the main mission)

	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Wrong person	Mistaken identity	Clones	Transport out of action	Love intervenes	Blackmail
2	Wrong location	Gender confusion	Storm	Martial law declared	Enemy within	Betrayal
3	Bad timing	Wrong thing	Time loop	Innocents in the way	Solar flares	Full moon
4	Followed	Military 'Intelligence'		Friday the 13th	Halloween	Broken device
5	Watched	Bad equipment	Trapped	Temptation	Leak	Drugged
6	Suspect goes missing	Missing page	Meteor Shower	Flashbacks / odd dreams	Self medication	Total eclipse

AN ANTAGONIST

(Need not be the main "target" and in fact doesn't need to be actively working against the Protagonist . Sometimes, they are just in the wrong place at the wrong time)

	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Intergalactic cop	Rogue AI	Pesky journalist	Corporate criminal	Alien parasite	Foreign Spy
2	Military police	CIA	Assassin	Cultists	Cult leader	Mad scientist
3	Religious zealot	Horde	Local crime boss	Interdimensional being	Otherworldly bounty hunter	Ex lover
4	Media barron	Shapeshifter	Undead	Alien infestation	Psyker	Evil genius
5	Evil clone	Genetically engineered child	Otherworldly bandits	Medical personnel	Supernatural being	Monster of science
6	Insectoids	Cybernetic lifeform	Witch/Warlock	Forrest entity	The possessed	Boogeyman

GROUP THERAPY

You never know where she will turn up. She just appears. Nobody knows her. Nobody knows where she goes. But she knows things. She knows what has happened. She knows who all the players are in the game. She has resources that she handles carefully. Nobody knows who she works for. Is it the Government? A private interest? Nobody knows. She turns up, debriefs everyone and then leaves.