

Hello, and welcome to another episode of Security Theater, the only web series that gets to the truth... beyond the truth.

*[Intro title and music]*

Operation Kitty Danger is moving into its fourth week. The landlord hasn't been by in a while, which leads me to conclude that the cat is broadcasting data wirelessly. I have made this *[hold up small tinfoil hat]* for the cat to wear. It should, uh, block the signal. I think if I explain things rationally to Rachel, she'll understand that it's for everyone's own good.

Now, here I have a very, very interesting document. It's very old, from World War II, but still classified. You can see the whole thing posted on my website, but the gist of it is that Himmler's sorcerers were far more successful than most people realize.

Now, the Himmler and the Ahnenerbe-SS and the Thule Society had this whole "thing" for Norse mythology. They thought that they could use archeological expeditions to prove that their perfect Aryan ideal was part of an ancient, globe-spanning empire centered in a place in Scandanavia called

*[Cut to picture of map of Thule]*

"Thule," which is, of course, utter nonsense. In the timeframe that the Nazis were talking about,

*[Cut to picture of the Queen as a Reptoid]*

the Reptoid Empire was already firmly entrenched in Atlantis. There is no possible way they would have allowed a rival kingdom to stick around.

*[Cut back to room]*

Even though they were dead wrong about their history, though, the thing is, the Ahnenerbe dug up some actual ancient rituals when digging through old Norse ruins. And that's where Project Helheim comes from.

Project Helheim was an effort to reach Hel. Not "H - E - L - L" Hell, but Hel spelled "H - E - L." One "L."

*[Cut to image of Hel]*

It's one of the nine homeworlds of Norse mythology, the realm of death. So, kind of like Hell, except less fire and more darkness. Hel was also the name of the goddess that ruled in Hel, so that's kind of confusing.

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Anyway, Hel was home to a whole bunch of terrifying creatures, like venom-dragons and goblins, but the most powerful things you'd find in hell were called the Aesmegir. Children of the Aesir, children of the gods, but living in the underworld. According to these documents, the Nazis were trying to create supersoldiers by having the aesmegir possess their own soldiers, which would supposedly give them all sorts of crazy powers.

Why is this relevant? Well, it looks like the original successes of Project Helheim are still around. My source says that he knows of at least two people who are definitely aesmegir walking around in human bodies, and they've not aged a day since the '40s. When we come back next time, I'll have photographic proof that nobody will be able to deny.

*[Outro]*

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