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DEAR READER

These handwritten notes document what happened when I returned to my hometown.

I composed this diary to process the terrible experiences. I hoped that they'd be able to give me some relief. Writing down the events allows me to sleep peacefully again.

Some things that you will read may sound ridiculous in terms of common sense. But they actually happened. Believe me!

If I do not survive this hell, I hope that someone else can do something with this diary - if it's ever found. Maybe my notes will help anybody who ends up in the same horrid places which I found myself.

My name is Alex Shepherd, and I come from the small American town of Shepherd's Glen. I'm searching for my missing brother, Joshua...

ALEX

P.S. Joshua, I think about you often!



ME



HOW DID IT ALL BEGIN?

My father was a soldier, and I followed in his footsteps. Not from an innate love of my country, but because of boredom, which was so bad it threatened to smother me in Shepherd's Glen. But I was ambushed in my initial combat operation. I was badly wounded, and flown back to the States.

I was patched up in a military hospital. My wounds made me captive to a damned wheelchair for a long time. Thanks to the helpfulness of the pretty nurses, in their low-cut, white clothes and their provocative stilettos, I learned - if painfully - to run again. Things were looking up day by day...

...until one night a nightmare troubled me. I am sitting in my wheelchair and someone is pushing me through a filthy, run-down clinic. I hear terrible screams of people in agony everywhere.

Then Joshua stands before me, suddenly. When I talk to him, he babbles incomprehensible things. When I get close to him, he immediately runs away. Over and over again.



That is my brother Joshua. He is 13 years younger than me. After I was born, my parents tried to have another child for a long time. When Josh finally arrived, everything revolved around him. From the first day, my parents spoiled Josh. In the beginning, I didn't make much of it, since we were both growing up well. But at some point, Mum and Dad started to lose interest in me. I never worked out why this was.



JOSHUA

Since then, these dreadful images haunt me night after night, yanking me from my sleep. I wake up drenched in sweat, screaming. The physicians say I'm just processing my war experiences and pump me full of tranquilizers. Processing my war experiences! That is total nonsense! I am certain that these images have a meaning. But I don't know what.

I will certainly not receive an answer to this question in the hospital.

Nobody from Shepherd's Glen comes to visit me. Even my parents don't come, though the people from the hospital tried to reach them after my committal.

I get the feeling that something is not right in Shepherd's Glen.
I must go back.

I will flee from the hospital at midnight tonight. Nothing is holding me here! My state of health is finally okay and I have worked out an escape route: a highway passes by in the vicinity. If I find a ride there, I will be in Shepherd's Glen in the early hours of the morning.



Entry Patient's File

The patient in Room 206 is undergoing a transorbital lobotomy tomorrow. I have determined that after the surgery the subsequent medication is to be doubled.





MAYOR SAM BARTLETT

Our mayor loves alcohol more than his people. The Bartletts founded Shepherd's Glen together with my great-great-grandfather.

The Fitch forefathers founded Shepherd's Glen together with the Holloways, the Bartletts and the Shepherds. He is the town doctor. His little daughter is Scarlet, she loves dolls more than anything else.



DR MARTIN FITCH

BACK TO THE

Here I am! After my time in the army, I'm back in Shepherd's Glen. My plan to get out of the hospital worked: a truck stopped on the highway, its driver a man named Travis Grady. Nice guy. He dropped me off in Main Street. I didn't notice much about the drive itself, I was in a deep sleep ... and experienced that damn nightmare again.

I just can't get the images of Joshua out of my head... I'm worried about what's happened to him!

It is only minutes to my parents house on Craven Avenue from here. But what's wrong here? I don't trust my own eyes. The whole town seems to be vacant, it feels as if it were standing still. The town is also covered by mist. It makes me feel anxious.



JUDGE HOLLOWAY



She is the judge in Shepherd's Glen. Her two daughters are called Elle and Nora. The Holloways also founded Shepherd's Glen. Dad never liked the Holloways.

It seems to me that the mist is blowing in from Toluca Lake. Tourists have always traveled there for boating and fishing; Joshua and I spent almost every free moment on the beach during the summer months. But we never went into the water, Dad forbade us, and we never trusted ourselves to cross the lake to Silent Hill - the place was taboo.



SHEPHERD'S GLEN 150TH ANNIVERSAR

aturday and Sunday, September 20th and 21st

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By 10am on Saturday a parade
gets going on Main Street.

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Make-up and costume competition!
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of the Storm. Free admission

BILLY TOO,
AND SALLY?
HAVE THEY
DONE
SOMETHING
WRONG?

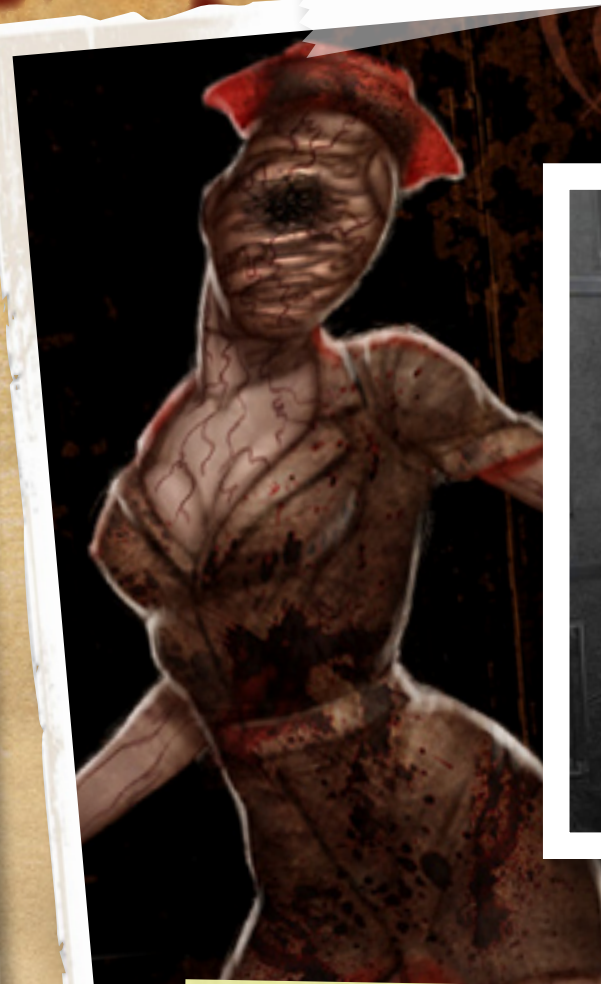
I AM AFRAID,
THAT'S RIGHT,
MY CHILD,
ALL OF YOUR
FRIENDS ARE
GONE.

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HARD LEGACY

Even if the relationship between me and my parents is okay, I am curious what they'll say on seeing my face as they open the door of the house. Is Dad finally proud of me? He was in the military 15 years and was a distinguished soldier with many medals. He tried to make a real man out of me for a long time. Until Joshua was born.

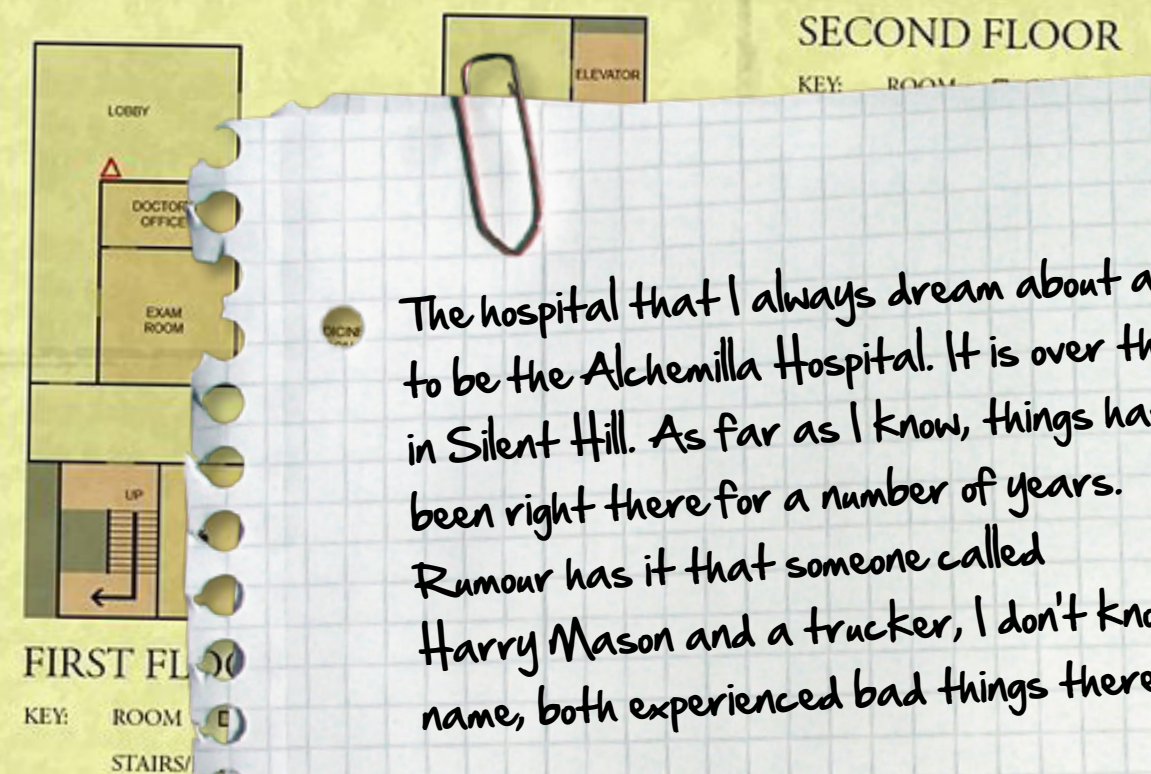
However, I followed in his footsteps - if only for a short time. Damned war injury! Dad has always thought of me as a weakling. When I joined the army, I wanted this preconception to be put to rest once and for all. I wanted to show him. That's right! I volunteered for the army, he never thought I had it in me.



The St. Alchemilla Hospital is one of two hospitals in the neighboring town of Silent Hill.



ALCHEMILLA HOSPITAL



The hospital that I always dream about appears to be the Alchemilla Hospital. It is over there in Silent Hill. As far as I know, things have not been right there for a number of years. Rumour has it that someone called Harry Mason and a trucker, I don't know his name, both experienced bad things there.

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WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON HERE?

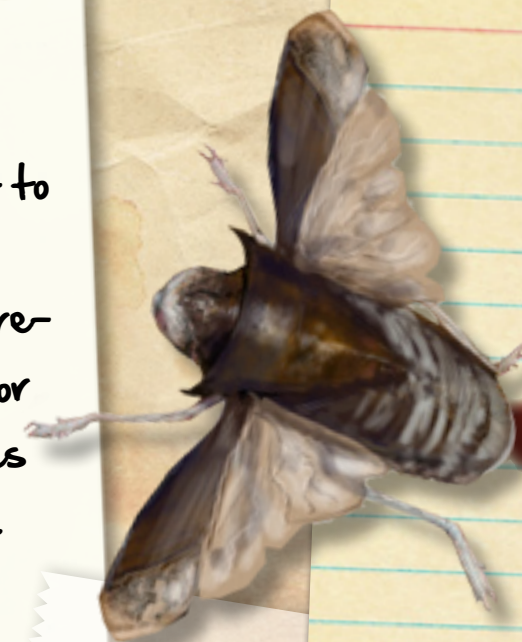
Death lurks in the streets of Shepherd's Glen. I was attacked in front of our house by several wild dogs. These are no normal stray dogs - instead of a coat, they have only raw flesh, muscles and sinew. They have a razor-sharp bite, move as swift as an arrow and have an incredible jump.

Luckily I've been trained in hand-to-hand combat, so I was able to defend myself against the beasts with my combat knife and other objects (axe, steel pipe...) which I had found.



ELLE HOLLOWAY

When I joined the army, I had no time to say goodbye to Elle. I think I love her. We've always known each other. We used to play together as children and later we went to high school together. She didn't pay much attention to the fact that her forefathers founded Shepherd's Glen. It wasn't a burden for her, but she's always been headstrong. She always does her own thing. I don't know what she's up to these days.



These insects are dangerous bloodsuckers. Before you know it, they are hanging all over your body. As soon as you discover them, you need to pull them off!



DEPUTY WHEELER

Dad and Wheeler stand for law and order in Shepherd's Glen. It is known that the deputy is untrusting and believes in all kinds of conspiracy theories. He knows a policewoman from nearby Braham who went missing approximately 20 years ago in Silent Hill. That's one of the reasons Dad forbade us to go there.

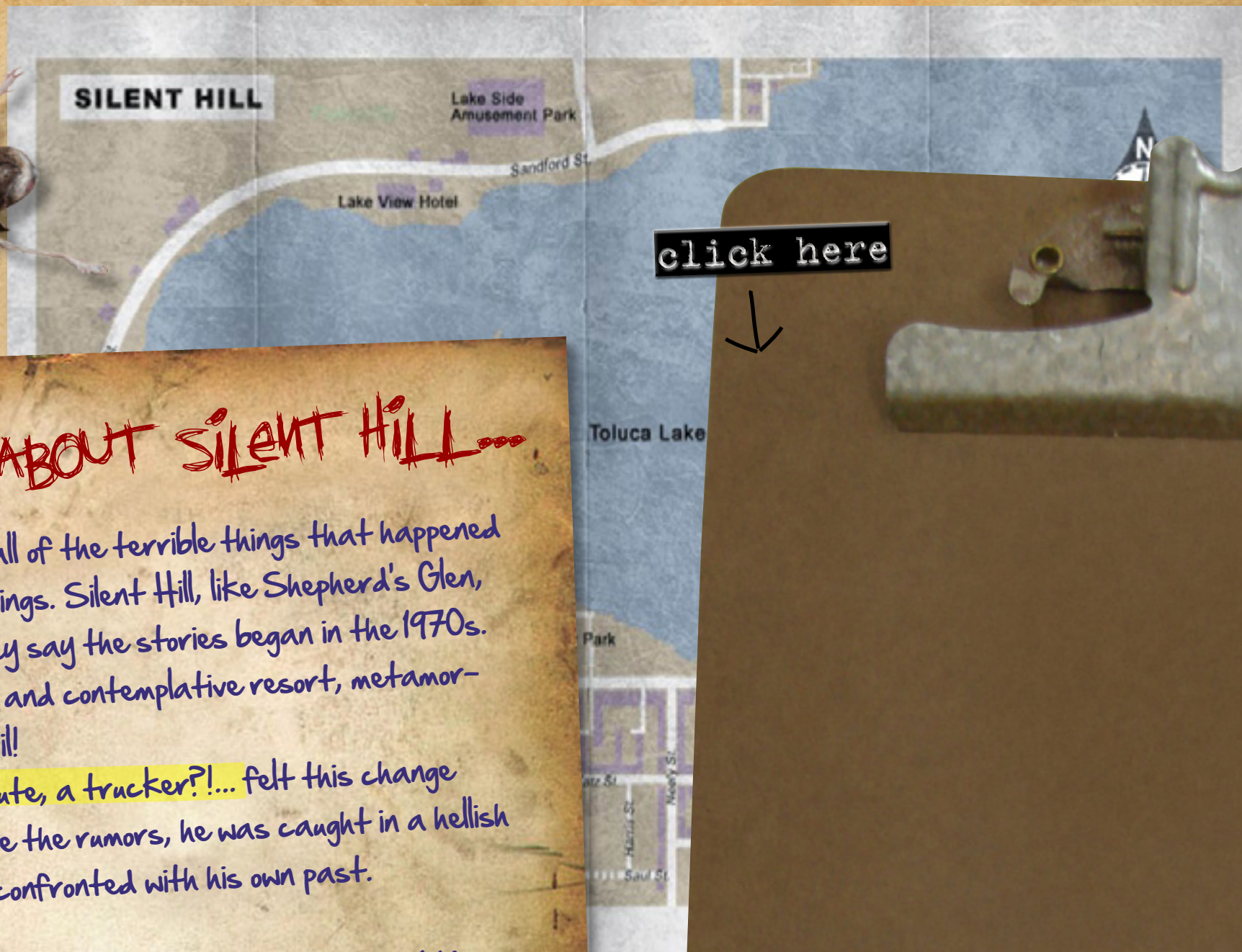
...gave me a walkie-talkie a little while ago. We have been in close contact ever since. The walkie-talking emits noise when these beasts approach. The closer they come, the louder the static. Knowing this has already saved my skin a few times...

If anyone should actually find my notes, know this: Every monster has a weak spot, if not several. Some of them you have to disable initially with light blows and then fell with a massive blow once and for all. I also recommend that you study the attack pattern of the creatures in case you need to avoid them.

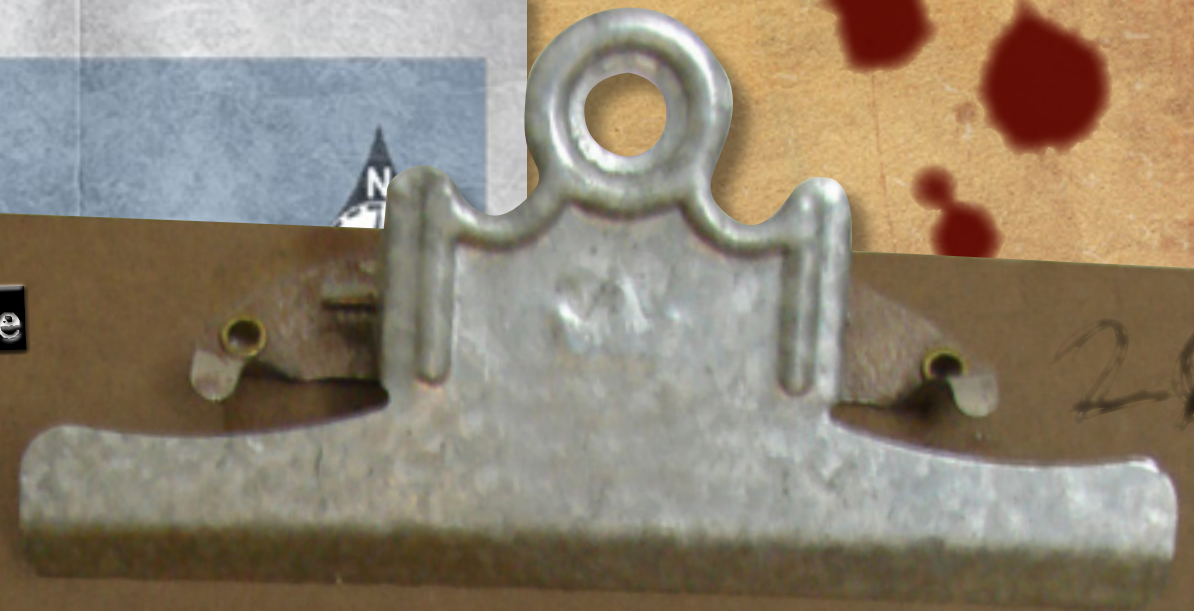
The doctors say that I am not in a position to distinguish between reality and fantasy. I am firmly convinced that they know exactly what is going on here. I see how demons kill patients! I would like to flee from this accursed place immediately, but I don't trust myself to go into the light. It appears as if the creatures are attracted by the lamp light. Patients that require light in order to be able to see something are their prey. They also react to any little sound. If I want to get out of here alive, I should stay in the dark and be as quiet as possible.

"Home, Sweet Home as if! Joshua actually disappeared without a trace! The nightmare that troubles me has become a reality. I discovered Mother an emotional wreck - she sits in her rocking chair and stares out the window all day long. Dad has gone off in search of Joshua..."





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WHAT I KNOW ABOUT SILENT HILL...

My Dad told me about all of the terrible things that happened in Silent Hill. Horrible things. Silent Hill, like Shepherd's Glen, lies on Toluca Lake. They say the stories began in the 1970s. Silent Hill, the peaceful and contemplative resort, metamorphosed into something evil!

A trucker... wait a minute, a trucker?!... felt this change first-hand. If you believe the rumors, he was caught in a hellish parallel world and was confronted with his own past.

Then in 1985, a certain Harry Mason wanted to spend his vacation with his daughter Cheryl in Silent Hill. There was an accident shortly before they reached their destination: The two were in a car crash and, as Mason came to, there was no trace of his daughter. He ran towards the town, hoping to find her there. He met an occult sect called "The Order".



CHERYL

Their leader, Dahlia Gillespie, wanted to conjure up a demonic deity in Silent Hill.

Ten years later, 1998, James Sunderland received a letter from Silent Hill. The sender was his wife. Of course, this is nothing unusual, except that in this particular case she had already been dead for more than three years. Sunderland drove towards Silent Hill, since his spouse was waiting for him in their "special place". Supposedly the town was wrapped in thick fog again.

Since then, no one has seen or heard anything from James Sunderland. Oh yes, and his wife's name was Mary Shepherd-Sunderland. Was she related to me?

In 2005, there were rumors that "The Order" was searching for Cheryl Mason. Since Harry suspected this, they moved to a different town to be safe. But, apparently, they were tracked down. Harry Mason eventually killed one of the pursuers, but he was acquitted in court.





CLAUDIA WOLF

Claudia Wolf, the leader of the religious sect in Silent Hill at that time, did not let up. Just like her predecessor, Dahlia Gillespie, she wanted to conjure up a mighty godlike demon.

One of the attractions of Silent Hill is apparently the Lakeside Amusement Park.

Does Joshua's stuffed animal, which I see in my nightmare, come from there? I can't make any sense of it.

This is Robbie, Joshua's stuffed animal. On the bottom: Lakeside Amusement Park, Silent Hill.



The name, Silent Hill, goes back to the legend of the people, whose land was stolen from them.

They named this location "The Place of the Still Spirits". By "Spirits", they did not mean their dead relatives only, but also the spirits that, as they believed, inhabited the trees, the rocks and the water around them. In the legend, it is said, that the holiest ceremonies were held here.

But it was not the forefathers of those people who now live in this town, who stole the land from the people. There were others, who came before.

At that time, this town had another name. But this name is now hopelessly lost in the mist of time. We only know that it had another name and that the town was left at some point for some reason by the inhabitants. **

** from the book of "Lost Memories" of Silent Hill 2



THE SILENT HILL CULT

As I have already observed, I know some of what happened in Silent Hill. Over the years, the town was systematically undermined. "The Order" had its finger in every pie, especially in public institutions such as hospitals and the orphanage. They used these places for the propagation of their belief.

It is said that The Order kidnapped people and brainwashed them, so that they became compliant. The orphanage in Silent Hill was nothing more than a re-education camp. And persons who did not comply with the established rules were killed by order of the "Lord". However, there was also a group of volunteers who joined the sect.

The end of the religious union was sealed after Dahlia Gillespie (Silent Hill), with the assistance of her daughter, Alessa, was unable to conjure up the god of the fanatical sect and when the sect priestess, Claudia Wolf (Silent Hill 3) also failed miserably in this later on.



DAHLIA GILLESPIE

ORDER RULES

1. Dedication

All Order members must devote themselves completely to this purpose and with all their belief, their actions and their life.

2. Membership

The membership in the Order is open to all, who long for the old customs.

Notice

There is evidence that makes the connection between the Order and the native people clear. For example, a ritual stone stands in the forest of Silent Hill. The Order names it the "mother stone" and erected the orphanage nearby. The native people also used it at ceremonies to speak with the dead. They named the stone „Nahkeehona“.



Ritual murderer, Walter Sullivan (Silent Hill IV: The Room), carried out the rest - he pushed the last priest of the cult and operator of the orphanage in Silent Hill, Toby Archbolt, from a cliff in Mexico.

SINCE THEN, THE ORDER NO LONGER EXISTS!

At that time, the circular symbol of The Order represented a deity. The two external rings stand for charity and resurrection. The three circles in the interior represent the past, the present and the future. The sign was normally drawn in red but sometimes appeared in other colors. Blue would mean that this god is cursed.

The aforesaid deity is addressed as "Holy Mother". The cult followers speak of "god" or simply name the center of their belief "she", since in many writings and images of The Order their god is represented as a woman. This god is supposed to bring the believers salvation and paradise.

Silent Hill apparently influences the total religion itself - the town was built on holy ground. Does this location possess supernatural powers?

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As expected, a life in Silent Hill is much more commonplace than some have heard, and the "Great Evil", "The Order", that is sought, originated from the same abyss, from which all religions originate: no part darker, than the fanatical heads of the followers themselves.



The following persons were elected by the decision of the Order of the Ordained to serve the will of our holy Lord: James L., Tony E., Justin H., Ryan N., Anna L., Matt N., Jeremy E., Sarah R., Jeffrey, E. Roger J.



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