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New Titles!

The final RMS Library is just about complete, with new book titles to top off the list! All written works are planned to be finished by June 2023.

New Illustrator!

We would like to announce that we have a new illustrator! **KT Zaposzny**, a friend of RMS, will be illustrating for the <u>Thicker Than Water Series</u> and also *The Expended*.

NEW: MUSIC!

Also new in RMS are our new music tracks! With music (and sometimes lyrics) composed by an RMS member to complement our titles, we have been having fun with these and we hope you will too! (Once we figure out what we're actually going to do with them! The main theme for The Girl in the Raincoat will be available on the RMS Website.) Some songs may be special; for example, You Are The Light for Life or Death will be sung by Rachel!



Month of the Poor Souls

Happy November! But while we congratulate ourselves on getting through the first months of school, let's not forget the Poor Souls in Purgatory. Today (I November) is All Saints' Day, and tomorrow will be All Souls' Day. Please let's remember to say a prayer for our friends and relatives who are no longer with us *bere*, that we may meet them again...you know where!

One date for RMS readers to remember... 8 November, the Feast of the Four Holy Crowned Martyrs! This month is also full of other interesting and important saints, such as St. Stanislaus Kostka, St. Cecilia, and St. Andrew!





RMS Library Titles

Here's an update on our current RMS coming-soon titles! Books with bolded titles are already finished and are just waiting to be published!

- Anti-Commie Irregular: Commencement (ACI Series)
- Anti-Commie Irregular: Finale (ACI Series)
- Sixteen Years (Donner Series)
- Life or Death
- Renée
- The Girl in the Raincoat
- Trooper A1 (TTWC)
- Trooper A2 (TTWC)
- Trooper A3 (TTWC)
- Trooper A4 (TTWC)
- Dans le Grenier
- Searchlight
- The Expended
- The Trooper Companions (TTWC)
- The Storm (Donner Series)

Monthly Random Information: Did you know...?

- The note names in Japanese are "ha, ni, ho, he, to, i, ro, ha."
- When you say "forward" and "backward", your lips move in those directions.
- In Japan, it's illegal to have a phone that doesn't make a shutter sound when you take a picture.
- Before the American Civil War, you would say, "The United States *are*." After the war... "The United States *is*."

This Month's Topics for Research:

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Witold Pilecki

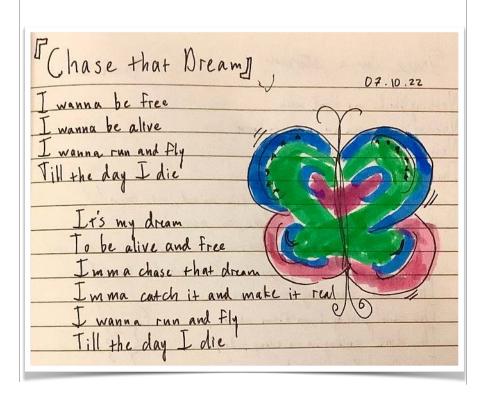
A Few Jokes:

What country is on the bottom of the globe?

What do you call a fake noodle?

What nails do carpenters hate to hit?

(Answers: China; impasta; their fingernails.)





Excerpt of the Month: from The Girl in the Raincoat

Ananja was beginning to wonder if she would find Marija and Stachna at all. The forest was expansive, and it would take her all day to search it, and that initial search wouldn't even be thorough enough to find them if they were hiding. And there might be other people in the forest. Ananja stayed on her guard, stepping carefully, rolling her booted feet from heel to toe as she walked. The movement made her handgun feel conspicuous, but she ignored it, knowing stealth was essential.

Finally she stopped and looked around despairingly. The sun was setting in the west, and she had finished her lunch hours ago. Ananja did not fancy spending the night in the woods all alone, and she stared pensively at what she could see of the blood-red sunset through the trees. Should she head east and return to the town, or go on, or stop here and somehow set up camp?

She tugged at her backpack strap thoughtfully, suddenly realizing her back ached from carrying all her belongings all day. And then she nearly had a heart attack. She heard a twig snap behind her.

She seemed to freeze for an instant, but then she spun around to see someone stepping hurriedly behind a tree trunk. Her heart pounding, she waited a moment before calling to them. In that moment she held her hand ready to retrieve her gun.

"I know you're there," she said softly, trying to keep her voice firm and cool. "Who are you, and why are you following me?"



Recipe of the Month

Homemade Wraps. Perfect for making in advance and throwing in the freezer, to be taken out and warmed up in the toaster oven!

You will need (to make 40 wraps):

- 10 eggs, beaten
- 1 butternut squash, diced
- 1 sweet potato, diced
- 1 onion, diced
- 1/2 cup frozen chopped spinach
- 4 bratwurst, chopped
- 1 small beet, chopped
- 2 cans refried beans
- ~ 40 small tortillas

Combine all ingredients except refried beans and tortillas in a greased skillet and cook until eggs are fully cooked and vegetables are soft. Remove from heat. On each tortilla, first spread a spoonful or two of refried beans, and then add a spoonful or two of the wrap filling. Roll up the tortilla.

Enjoy at once, or wrap in foil and freeze to enjoy later!

The person didn't answer. But Ananja knew she had seen them.

"I know you're there!" she repeated, louder this time, with growing confidence. Surely a Soviet wouldn't hide?

After some seconds of hesitation, her follower stepped out from behind the tree, grinning sheepishly. Ananja looked her over carefully.

She was a shortish girl, probably Ananja's own age or older, with bangless auburn hair that hung a few inches below her shoulders. She wore sneakers, and a long skirt or jumper that emerged from underneath her highly-contrasting men's leather coat. She stared openly at Ananja. In fact, for a moment, they both stared. Then the stranger's gaze dropped to Ananja's right hand, which Ananja promptly hid behind her back. But the young lady had already seen what she wanted to see.

"You're Ananja Szturm," she identified smoothly, looking somewhat relieved. "Good. We've been waiting for days."

"Then you are Stanisława Kamieniec?" Ananja guessed, also breathing a sigh of relief.

The girl nodded. "But call me Stachna," she added, smiling a bit more. "Sorry about the wait," she went on, apologetically. "I didn't expect you to come dressed as a Soviet, though."

Ananja smiled back, and relaxed. "Where's Marija?"

"There they are!" a voice to the tangent of both of them yelled suddenly in Russian, and there was crashing in the bushes. The two jumped back, startled, and turned to see a bunch of Soviets running for them...

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HAVE A GREAT NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER!

HAVE A HAPPY & HOLY ADVENT! GOD BLESS YOU ON CHRISTMAS DAY!

Thank you everyone for your support, Philomena Dashjr & Corinna Meadows



Achievements & Updates

- ★ Life or Death finished in 4-5 days!
- ★ New book started: *The*Expended. This book will also have music tracks for every chapter!
- ★ New book in the planning stage: Searchlight. Will be set in Communist China. Any information or ideas for the setting (can be sent through the "Questions" box on the main webpage) will be extremely welcome!
- ★ New crocheted project coming soon: "Virus Shawls"! (No reference to COVID!)
- ★ Only 4-5 more books to finish!

