

The Collector of Opportunities (Part 2 of “The missing piece of the puzzle”)

A year after “The Arcade” events.

The Thornsens are still dealing with the aftermaths of their shocking experience and its too many unanswered questions.

Among dangerous secrets, deadly conspiracies, double-dealings, encrypted codes, they, together with NSA Agent Angel Tallbright, will obstinately search for the truth, which will turn out to be a very complicate puzzle that will lead them to an unimaginable reality and the overwhelming responsibility to create a new and better future for mankind.

The Psychic Guild, of which Flavus Thornsen is a member, will do its best to give humanity that chance, but will the Roman Church be ready to accept the change and the loss of her certainties?

Excerpt

(Part 2, Chapter 6 -The Plot)

On the third floor corridor of the Vatican Palace the silence was absolute.

In the dimly lit antechamber the two Bishops were sitting motionless, waiting. It was late, but they were prepared to wait for the whole night, if necessary.

A feeble echo of soft murmurs seemed to reverberate among the high ceilings and the saints' portraits that decorated the walls. A few nuns came out of the papal chambers and passed behind them, sweeping the precious marble floor with the hem of their habits and vanishing into the dark hallway.

They had been waiting for hours. From the window overlooking St. Peter's square they have seen the flaming Roman sunset dissolve into a dark and starless sky.

The sound of hurried steps told them their waiting was over. A young Jesuit, father Nicola Rea, knelt in front of them and kissed their rings. He whispered the short, confidential message in the ear of His Excellency Gregorio Estenzi, knelt again and left without waiting for an answer.

“Is it confirmed?” asked His Excellency Enrico Borsi.

“Yes”

“It's never happened before.”

“No, never.”

“Not in the last five pontificates.”

“... the last six.”