



CONSPIRACY IN THE UK

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“When you play, *play hard*.” –Theodore Roosevelt

THE SCORE

THE STREETS OF LONDON...

*"Let me take you by the hand and lead you through the streets of London.
I'll show you something that'll make you change your mind..."*

- Ralph McTell, 'Streets of London'

London. Seat of the British government, home to the royal family, and magnet for all sorts of weirdness. The papers are full of stories that years ago we'd have dismissed as fiction, but in our increasingly paranoid world, fueled by articles in the tabloids and speculation on the internet, it's all too easy to see that the world we think we know is just a front. Theories and ideas abound, not entirely impossible to disregard. Perhaps the terrorist bombing campaign was nothing but a hoax orchestrated by the government to justify joining an unjustifiable war. Perhaps the recent outbreak of flu was the result of something the Russians have been engineering in their labs. Perhaps ancient standing stones and modern day crop circles are evidence of alien visitors. Perhaps members of the royal family are really lizards.

For every person actively chasing after conspiracies there are those who are drawn in unaware. And sometimes, just sometimes, there's some truth to those stories, and there's someone eager to stop them spreading any further.

Whether it's agencies at crossed purposes, friends with crossed agendas, or crazies with crossed wires, you can guarantee people are going to get hurt in the crossfire.

MOVIE NIGHT

Although these are mostly sources filmed in and around London, some of them are set elsewhere but concentrate on a theme that blur the lines between thriller, science fiction and doomsday scenarios...

Movies: The World Is Not Enough, Die Another Day, Skyfall, The Bourne Ultimatum, Mission: Impossible, Hot Fuzz, World's End, Attack The Block, Storage 24, 28 Days Later, 28 Weeks Later, Children of Men, V For Vendetta, The Quatermass Experiment, Quatermass and The Pit.

TV shows: 24: Live Another Day, Spooks, Bugs, Utopia, The Prisoner, Sherlock, Torchwood/Doctor Who, Misfits, Orphan Black, Quatermass

Comic books: The Secret Service, V For Vendetta

RELATIONSHIPS...

1 FAMILY

- Scarred parent and worried child
- Concerned parent and obsessed child
- Siblings
- Cousins
- Step parent and step child
- Teenager and 'connected' uncle/aunt

2 FRIENDS

- Friends since school
- Work together, day in, day out
- Drinking buddies
- Internet contacts
- Shop assistant/bartender and regular customer
- Members of the same club

3 SUPPORT GROUP

- For victims of the same tragedy (inc. families of victims)
- For alcoholics/drug addicts
- Grief counselling
- Social events for newly divorced people
- Rehabilitation for criminals
- Stress counselling for military personnel

4 ROMANCE

- Happily married
- Unhappily married
- Have a child together
- Having an affair
- Had a drunken fumble that one time
- Will they/won't they?

5 PROFESSIONAL

- Employees of Her Majesty's government
- Representatives of a sinister agency
- Scientists at a medical laboratory
- Worked together on a Top Secret project
- Working for a foreign power
- Investigator and assistant

6 STREET

- Journalist and subject of current story
- Homeless person and someone who knows him/her
- Conspiracy theorist and 'suspicious' figure
- Addicted to the same drug
- Criminal connections
- The hunter and the hunted

**...ON THE STREETS
OF LONDON**

NEEDS...

1 TO GET RICH...

- ...through selling secrets
- ...through blackmail
- ...through working to the top
- ...through completing this 'one last job'
- ...through a revolutionary new product
- ...through computer hacking

2 TO GET LAID...

- ...before you reach 40
- ...with your great looking new colleague
- ...with your partner for one last time
- ...to prove you still can
- ...now that you're back on the market
- ...in order to deliberately spread your 'disease'

3 TO DISCOVER THE TRUTH...

- ...about your mysterious past
- ...about the aliens
- ...about the reoccurring code/symbol
- ...about what happened to your experiment
- ...about what happened to a loved one
- ...about the terrible tragedy

4 TO EXPOSE...

- ...the power behind the throne
- ...the power behind the government
- ...the agenda of the monolithic corporation
- ...the secret alien invasion
- ...secrets hinted at by a dead writer/artist
- ...details about an ancient civilization

5 TO LOCATE...

- ...the missing child
- ...the highly sought-after technology
- ...the dimensional gateway
- ...the stolen Top Secret information
- ...the mysterious blackmailer
- ...the antidote/cure to the disease

6 TO ESCAPE...

- ...from the police
- ...from the men asking questions
- ...from the city/town/village
- ...from the country
- ...from 'old friends' who aren't what they seem
- ...from reality

**...ON THE STREETS
OF LONDON**

LOCATIONS...

1 FAMOUS LANDMARKS

- ◻ In a pod of the London Eye
- ◻◦ Midway across Tower Bridge
- ◻◦ In the Whispering Gallery of St. Paul's Cathedral
- ◻◻ In the grounds of Buckingham Palace
- ◻◻ In an office near the top of the Shard
- ◻◻◻ By the base of Cleopatra's Needle

2 CROWDED LOCATIONS

- ◻ In Trafalgar Square, during an annual festival
- ◻◦ Before a film premiere at Leicester Square
- ◻◦ Beneath giant neon adverts at Picadilly Circus
- ◻◻ Weaving through shoppers and tourists on Oxford Street
- ◻◻ Waterloo Station at rush hour
- ◻◻◻ The Notting Hill Carnival

3 GALLERIES AND MUSEUMS

- ◻ The new exhibit at The British Museum
- ◻◦ A quiet corner of The British Library
- ◻◦ Around a popular canvas at the Tate Modern
- ◻◻ Beside pickled and preserved samples at the Royal College of Surgeons
- ◻◻ Amongst dinosaur skeletons at The Natural History Museum
- ◻◻◻ A private party at The Victoria and Albert Museum

4 SANCTUARY

- ◻ An old World War Two bunker
- ◻◻ A dimly lit church
- ◻◻◻ A private office near the back of the building
- ◻◻◻◻ The small upstairs bar above a quiet pub
- ◻◻◻◻◻ An 'old boy's' club
- ◻◻◻◻◻◻ A restricted-access laboratory

5 ESCAPE ROUTES AND DEAD ENDS

- ◻ A rooftop/balcony with an amazing view
- ◻◻ The tunnels of an Underground station
- ◻◻◻ Lost amongst the boxes in a warehouse
- ◻◻◻◻ Down a long, dark alleyway
- ◻◻◻◻◻ In the back of a taxi-cab
- ◻◻◻◻◻◻ Into the sewers

6 OUT OF LONDON

- ◻ A quaint and quiet little village
- ◻◻ A large mansion in Surrey
- ◻◻◻ On the Thames heading towards the sea
- ◻◻◻◻ Fleeing across the moors
- ◻◻◻◻◻ On the streets of Liverpool
- ◻◻◻◻◻◻ A dingy nightclub in Manchester

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OF LONDON**

OBJECTS...

1 WEAPONS

- ◻ An easily concealed handgun
- ◻◦ A sniper rifle
- ◻◦◦ A switchblade knife
- ◻◻◻ A cricket bat
- ◻◻◻◻ Kitchen utensils, in the wrong hands
- ◻◻◻◻◻ Quick acting poison

2 TECHNOLOGY

- ◻ Advanced electro-stun weapon
- ◻◦ A small weapon concealed within a mundane item
- ◻◦◦ A scanner that detects strange energy fluctuations
- ◻◻◻ A rocket assisted vehicle
- ◻◻◻◻ An alarmingly complex bomb
- ◻◻◻◻◻ A small beeping device with unknown properties

3 BIOLOGY

- ◻ Reptilian DNA
- ◻◦ A blood sample from a suspect
- ◻◦◦ An infected animal in the streets
- ◻◻◻ A vial containing a deadly nanovirus
- ◻◻◻◻ The unknown carrier of a terrible new strain
- ◻◻◻◻◻ The cure, finally isolated!

4 PAPERWORK

- ◻ A rough manuscript of an unpublished book
- ◻◦ A list of names, one of which is crossed out
- ◻◦◦ Observations of someone's activities
- ◻◻◦ Words scrawled in an unknown/alien language
- ◻◻◻ A print out of apparently random numbers
- ◻◻◻◻ A diary of someone's final days

5 PICTURES

- ◻ A still from a security camera
- ◻◦ Faded photographs from twenty five years ago
- ◻◦◦ A children's drawing, with worrying content
- ◻◻◦ A photo with clues hidden away in the background
- ◻◻◻ A hand drawn plan/map with notes
- ◻◻◻◻ A photo of the next target

6 MEMORIES

- ◻ Strange lights in the skies
- ◻◦ Snapping jaws and slashing claws
- ◻◦◦ Being strapped into a chair
- ◻◻◦ Part of a song you can't pin down
- ◻◻◻◻ Flames, bodies amongst rubble, the sounds of screaming
- ◻◻◻◻◻ Your true identity, unlocked by a single word

**...ON THE STREETS
OF LONDON**

A SINISTER INSTA-SETUP

RELATIONSHIPS ON THE STREETS OF LONDON

For three players...

- * Family: Cousins
- * Support Group: For victims of the same tragedy
- * Professional: Employees of Her Majesty's government

For four players, add...

- * Friends: Internet contacts

For five players, add...

- * Street: Conspiracy theorist and 'suspicious' figure

NEEDS ON THE STREETS OF LONDON

For three players...

- * To Discover The Truth: about what happened to a loved one

For four or five players, add...

- * To Escape: From the men asking questions

LOCATIONS ON THE STREETS OF LONDON

For three, four or five players...

- * Famous Landmarks: In an office near the top of the Shard

OBJECTS ON THE STREETS OF LONDON

For three or four players...

- * Pictures: A still from a security camera

For five players, add...

- * Weapons: Kitchen utensils, in the wrong hands