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TEXT TEXT:

FROM THE TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY IS AN ESTABLISHED FACT. IT MAY BE THE ONLY FACT THAT THE INVESTIGATION HAS NOW. NO ONE FORCED THEM. THEY WENT OF THEIR OWN ACCORD.

BUT WHO IS HE, THIS MAN WHO FIVE GIRLS WITH COMPLETELY DIFFERENT PERSONALITIES FOLLOWED WEEKLY, LIKE LAMBS?

LET'S SET ASIDE ANY DETECTIVE NOVEL FANTASIES ABOUT CHLOROFORM MASKS, GAS CYLINDERS, AND INJECTIONS. THE ECHO WOULD PROBABLY HAVE MULTIPLIED SEVERAL TIMES AND CARRIED ANY CRY, EVEN THE WEakest, QUITE A DISTANCE. NOR IS IT THAT EASY TO DRAG A KNOCKED-OUT GIRL DOWN EMPTY HALLWAYS. ALTHOUGH THE "FORCE" SCENARIO CANNOT BE EXCLUDED, OF COURSE. THERE ARE QUITE A FEW EMPTY CLASSROOMS IN THE SUMMER, AND IN PRACTICE YOU COULD CARRY A GIRL'S LIGHT BODY OUT THROUGH ANY OF THE 54 OUTSIDE DOORS THEY HAVE THERE. THE INVESTIGATION DOES HAVE, BY THE WAY, WITNESS TESTIMONY FROM ONE OTHER GIRL WHO, ON 19 AUGUST, WHEN ADMISSIONS EXAMS WERE ALREADY OVER, WAS GRABBED IN THE STAIRWELL OF THAT SAME "FOOD" BUILDING, WAS GRABBED FIRMLY BY THE UPPER ARM BY A QUITE INTELLIGENT-LOOKING YOUNG MAN. HE RAN AWAY FAST WHEN HE HEARD HER SCREAM, "PAPA!" AND THE DISTINCT SOUND OF APPROACHING STEPS.

MORE THAN LIKELY, THOUGH, YULYA, LILYA, OLYA, ANZHELA, AND KSYUSHA FOLLOWED THEIR DESTROYER THEMSELVES. BUT HOW UNDER HYPOTHESIS? IT'S POSSIBLE, EVEN THE MOST RATIONAL PEOPLE FIND THEMSELVES GIVING MONEY TO GYPSIES. WHEN A CRY WAS RAISED AROUND AGTU, A WITNESS WAS FOUND WHO RECALLED A MAN WHO LOOKED UtTERLY UNREMARKABLE AND UNTHREATENING COMING UP TO HER COED DAUGHTER THAT SUMMER AND TRYING TO SELL HER A GUIDEBOOK FOR NEW INSTITUTE.
Students, they obediently followed him down those long corridors, went down into the half-basement, ducked into an office, and then took just as long to get back. "I never did understand why I, a grown person, was following him around as if I were on a leash," the woman wondered. The investigation checked out this thread too and sorted it out with that sorry excuse for an employee who had decided to go into business on the side. He turned out to have had nothing to do with it, but that's not the point.

Visiting the institute, a person automatically loses his sense of fear and stops anticipating danger. He feels at home; inside the institute you could get girls to go anywhere under any pretext. Any teacher, man or female, might ask, "Are you a coed? Have you entered? Doing your practical work? Help me carry these blanks (books, supplements, papers, forms)." The nature of the investigation speaks to the fact that the girls had been snared in a very subtle psychological way.

"Have you encountered anything suspicious during your entrance exams?" the investigators asked first-year coeds immediately. The perplexed coeds shrugged their shoulders.

"Who would you absolutely never trust, and who, on the contrary, would you follow without question?" I asked them in the hallway, trying to come up with a formula for someone a 17-year-old girl might hypothetically trust; I came up with this: 100 percent would say apart from A) a man, B) especially a young man, C) especially one with a distinct Caucasian appearance. In what instance would the defense system not kick in? If a request was made by A) a teacher, B) an elderly man, D) someone their own age, D') a woman their Mama's age.

"Everyone is trying to find something suspicious. But we need to model situations that could not possibly put them on their guard," advised Anatoly Suprun, head of the department of psychology, communications, and psychotechnology at Altay State University, to whom I turned for assistance. "This system may even have misfired several times. For some reason, other coeds refused to go along with the request, so the incidents might not have stuck in their memory. All the coeds were in a definite emotional state of heightened expectations. Moreover, over the threshold of the incident, we planned to spend five years. Their mindset of trust automatically kicked in, and if someone representing himself as part of the administration at the university the coed was trying to get into turned to her with a request: "Take these documents to my car." Yesterday's schoolgirls would have agreed without thinking. This man might not even be a teacher, but he has to go in and out of the offices and talk with friends—so that you'd think he belonged.

Unrealistic scenarios

It seems we’ve guessed how he managed to lead the girls outside the university walls. What remains are the big questions: who led them away and for what purpose?

The bitter joke about the girls being taken by UFOs that the investigators tossed around in their powerlessness immediately found confirmation in the municipal press, which found witnesses to a white sphere that first flew over Barnaul, then turned blue, then red, and moved off. All we can do is hope for a saucer if this terrible story never does have a conclusion.

Also not very plausible is the idea of a psychological bomb and a Chechen trail. The result is that the city is frightened, but there is no logical end—what or who they should be afraid of, which sins they were supposed for. This the people of Barnaul still don’t understand.

Almost immediately a story came out about it being a kidnapping for ransom. First, the kidnappers would have made themselves known (more)

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