



CHAPTER 7 – WATER TRADE

The latest attack of the Dark Forces on the Blue Planet has now lasted for over a year. A scarcity of water and C19 combine to form points of assault. While ministries are using all their skills of administration to fight the pandemic by keeping societies in suspended animation, with the media applauding their every move, C19 continues to mutate. The Dark strategy seems to be working: The issue of water scarcity is being pushed out of the daily news, a weapon to be used to even greater effect later. But it is the Blue Planet's trade and money systems that have always been particularly susceptible to crises and changes of all kind, both positive and negative. The WATERKNIGHTS discover that water is now also traded at the Blue Planet's stock exchanges. Upon closer investigation, the reports delivered by Agent Internet prove to be as imprecise as is to be expected for the media: Water bought at a stock exchange is not actually physically delivered. As it turns out, the water trade is more of an insurance policy to ward against price developments and not a guarantee of supply. Despite all this, the WATERKNIGHTS are inclined to view the water trade as a positive sign. It is the first time that water has been recognised and treated as a valuable commodity across the globe. But is it enough to enshrine the necessary awareness about the importance of water security and good infrastructures in the wider population?



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