

M.I.86

Based on the book series by Collin W. Buechler

# Synopsis

- A multi-layered series centered around a team of British operatives during World War II, one of who is a zombie.
- Each layer consists of two to three episodes, interconnected by a location and mission. A ten episode season would have two three part stories and one two part.

# Concept

- Each mission would consist of the primary A plot focused on MI86 combating the Nazi Supernatural Weapons Group while recovering an artifact. The B plot would revolve around a historical mission during World War II.
- As a center of operations MI86 is buried deep under a cemetery in London. The location is affectionally known as The Afterlife and houses nearly 300 undead wards that must be contained lest they spread their infection. It is from here that James, Rachael and Lance receive their mission assignments from Brigadier Biddlesworth.



# Characters & Cast

# James Dennessy

- Born and raised in the Mountains of North Carolina, James did not have an ideal childhood. His father was killed during the first World War and he was raised by his mother in conditions of sub poverty. His father's death and the great depression drove the young man to join the US Marine corps rising in rank to Gunnery Sergeant.
- He is at first cold, detached, and laser focused on the mission and its completion, but through his death and subsequent reanimation grows as a person, discovering what it means to love and care for his fellow man. Jame's journey of discovery sees him live the life denied to him by his rough upbringing and singular military focus.
- As an undead James must consume the parts necessary to regenerate his own body. What this means is eyes to stop from going blind, skin to prevent his from rotting, and of course brains to keep his working. Thankfully the magic animating him does differentiate between animal and human meaning that as long as he can consume the entire animal James can heal and remain in control. If he cannot keep his hunger satiated he could end all life on the planet by releasing a zombie apocalypse.
- Similar archetypes include; Jack Reacher (Reacher), Inigo Montoya (Princess Bride), Steve Rodgers (Marvel)



# Rachael Erstweather

- Rachael is the product of an upper class British upbringing but is down to earth and balanced as a person. Her class allowed her a formal education at a private girls school and she is well learned and a capable athlete having participated in both Gymnastics and Field Hockey.
- When World War II broke out she was recruited into Military Intelligence then MI86. She is assigned as a leash holder for James Densely to ensure he does not lose control. If needed she will terminate the undead marine to save humanity.
- Rachael is well established and is positioned as the love interest for James Dennessy. They are held apart because James is dead and all the implications of that singular fact. Her greatest fear is that she will have to kill James.
- Similar archetypes include: Peggy Carter (Marvel), Sonya Blade (Mortal Kombat), Princess Leia (StarWars)



# Lance Cogsweil

- Lance is not only the product of an upperclass upbringing but is of minor nobility. As such he is the reluctant product of a private education at military schools. He is self confident to a fault and far less intelligent than his background would suggest but a competent soldier with exceptional skills as a marksman.
- Lance is a spoiled, rich kid who would rather use his traditional good looks to womanize his way through life than to fight in the war. When his father got him assigned to MI86 the intention was to keep him off the front lines not to mention behind them. It doesn't take long for Lance to discover that being assigned as a member of James' team means he will have a front row seat to the worst of what the War has to offer.
- Lance begins his transformation into a more well rounded and capable leader after suffering what should be a crippling injury that leaves him confined to a wheelchair if not for the actions of the mysterious 3 brothers who heal his wounds. This second chance at a "normal" life changes Lance and provides a redemption arc that dulls the edges of his entitled upbringing.
- Similar archetypes include: Jamie Lannister (Game of Thrones)



# Theodore Seigel

a.k.a.

## The Baron von Sterb (Baron of Death)

- Born into a fallen noble family in Sauerland Germany The Baron is the last of his family name. He knew wealth and privilege in his younger years but that was lost during the first World War and he and the rest of the Sauerland took the hit of the reparations and great depression harder than any other location.
- In an attempt to regain his family's power and position he joined the Nazi party and climbed the ranks to lead the Supernatural Weapons Group. He is cold, cruel and logical in every move, not worried to sacrifice his soldiers or others to regain the power he believes is his family's birth right.
- After surviving a bullet from James during the invasion of Salla Finland Theodore is nearly immortal, being able to survive most bodily damage as long as he remains in possession of the Hammer of Life, an ancient Nordic Relic that he discovers and is used by Gretel to save his life despite the consequences to her.
- His only loyalty appears to be to the strange woman Gretel, who is always at his side.
- Similar archetypes include: Arnold Ernst Toht (Raiders of the Lost Ark), Tywin Lannister (Game of Thrones)



# Gretel

- The Baron's right hand and loyal companion.
- Gretel was born in the Black Forest circa 1542 and is the basis for the children's story of Hansel and Gretel. The story takes a darker turn than the Brothers Grimm fairy tale and Gretel consumes the witch and gains her powers.
- She is a powerful witch, but her powers rely on confectionaries to power her spells.
- Similar archetypes include: Melisandre of Asshai (Game of Thrones), Nancy Downs (the Craft)



# Supporting characters

Brigadier Alistair Biddlesworth



Leads MI86 and is responsible for mission briefings.

A veteran of WWI he has seen the worst of the worst and seen enough death for a thousand lifetimes.

George



An elder mystiche (Magic wielder) that assists James on his quest to stop Gretel from amassing more power.

George is the youngest of 3 brothers and one of the last of the elder mystiche remaining.

Ella Sauer



The Baron's Wehrmacht secretary.

Born in the Sauerland she idolizes and romanticizes the Baron and his family.



# Plot A

At it's heart, MI86 is a "race for the MacGuffin" series of adventures where ancient traps, Nazi's, and other extremist cults/sects play the part of primary spoiler for the MI86 team's mission.



# Plot B

Additionally, historical events play out in the form of abbreviated tellings of (for example) Operation Anthropoid (Assassination of Reinhard Heydrick), or Operation Gunnerside (Destruction of Heavy Water Plants).

- Initial Shooting Locations: Military bases, government offices, underground laboratories, medical facilities, ancient castles, forests, power plant
- High-Tier Budget (pending historical accuracies/creative direction)
- Incentives: State Film Tax Credit Program
  - (Post-Production)

# Collin W. Buechler

## (Writer of the book series)

MUCH OF THE CONTENT OF COLLIN BUECHLER'S STORIES ARE THE DIRECT RESULT OF WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A PERSON IS DEPRIVED OF SLEEP SINCE THE AGE OF 16. PUTTING HIS IMAGINATION'S DARK AND ABSURD VISIONS OF DEATH, DEMONS AND MURDER TO PAPER IS THE WAY C. W. BUECHLER HAS CHOSEN TO DEAL WITH IT.

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