



The Lost Experience

Week One Summary (Courtesy of thelostexperienceclues.blogspot.com):

"The Lost Experience" is essentially ABC's way of maintaining interest in their program, LOST, during the summer months by giving fans a bonus storyline.

The best way to understand and engage in "The Lost Experience" is to use your imagination. Imagine that Oceanic Flight 815 actually crashed a few months ago. Imagine that you are a survivor of the crash and that you're maybe one of the random extras always walking around on the beach gathering wood or engaging in witty banter. You've seen everything that has gone on with the other survivors, overheard every conversation, and even had vivid dreams that were like flashbacks from their lives.

Now imagine you steal a laptop from Sawyer, boot it up (it works), and miraculously connect to the internet. ABC has just begun streaming LOST for free on their website so you decide to watch (it looks strangely familiar!) and during a commercial break (you can't fast-forward on their website) you see a commercial for The Hanso Foundation with the phone number 877-HANSORG.

You remember the name Alvar Hanso from that orientation video in the hatch. He funded the Dharma Initiative. So you decide to call the number and see what those guys are all about. This is what you hear:

You are offered five options (Audio compliments of thetailsection.com):

1. General
2. Alvar Hanso
3. Dr. Thomas Mittelwerk
4. Hugh McIntyre
5. Peter Thompson

Option 1 – General Audio: <http://www.thetailsection.com/hanso.option.one.mp3>

MUSIC

MALE VOICE SPEAKING IN DANISH

Translation: That's all for me tonight. And stay tuned for some news followed by Classic rock from the 60s and 70s including an exclusive recording by Geronimo Jackson's first complete album Magna Carta. Right after some words from our sponsor.

MUSIC: New York Streets

PHONE RINGING

WOMAN'S VOICE: Welcome to Verison's voice messaging service.

WOMAN'S VOICE: The Hanso foundation is located at 544 Persand Klingbai (?) DK 1604...

STATIC

WOMAN'S VOICE: If you can hear me don't listen to their lies. This is Persephone. I haven't got much time, none us do. If you want to know the truth about the Hanso foundation, the real story is in the number. A lie (line) pulled tight enough will always snap under the breaking strain. Use this password on their site... BREAKING STRAIN! They're coming!

Option 2 – Alvar Hanso Audio: <http://www.thetailsection.com/hanso.option.two.mp3>

MUSIC

MALE VOICE SPEAKING IN DANISH:

Translation: If you stay for a little while longer we'll be right back with side A from Jeronimo Jackson's Magna Carta right after these words from our sponsor.

AD BREAK FOR MONSTER DOT COM

PHONE RINGING

WOMAN'S VOICE: Welcome to Verison's voice messaging service.

WOMAN'S VOICE: You've reached the Offices of Alvar Hanso President and CEO of Hanso Foundantion

STATIC

WOMAN'S VOICE (ECHOING): Where is Alvar Hanso? What have they done with him? Who is in charge here...

DIAL TONE AND THEN SCREATCHING SOUND

WOMAN'S VOICE: Welcome to the Hanso Foundation

Option 3 – Dr. Thomas Mittelwerk Audio: <http://www.thetailsection.com/hanso.option.three.mp3>

MUSIC

MALE VOICE SPEAKING IN DANISH:

Translation: You just heard side A of Jeronimo Jackson's classical album Magna Carta. We will be right back with side B after these messages.

MUSIC: Rap

PHONE RINGING

WOMANS VOICE: Welcome to Verison's voice messaging service.

MALE VOICE: You've reached the office of Dr. Thomas Vernon Mittelwerk, Sr. VP, COO, and Chief Technologist of the Hanso Foundation. I will be unreachable for the next three weeks. However, for those employees Paik-Heavey Industries, and Widmore Corp. engaged in active projects, I will be continuously updating the confidential information line. Please refer to your project manual for hotline access instructions. Thank You and Namaste.

WATER DROP SOUND

Option 4 – Hugh McIntyre Audio: <http://www.thetailsection.com/hanso.option.four.mp3>

MUSIC

MALE VOICE SPEAKING IN DANISH:

Translation: If you stay a little while longer you'll get some more uninterrupted music after these words from our sponsor.

MUSIC: New York Streets

PHONE RINGING

WOMANS VOICE: Welcome to Verison's voice messaging service

MAN'S VOICE, US ACCENT: Hi this is Hugh Macintyre, VP of Communication and director of the Hanso foundation, I will return to the office in two weeks. If you are calling about the inquiry into our Korean offshore project please hang up and contact our legal department. To hear more info about Joop, the world's oldest orangutan, please refer to our web site at www.thehansofoundation.org. Thank you and Namaste

STATIC

MESSAGE 1: MALE VOICE NORTHERN EUROPEAN ACCENT: Hugh. Thomas. Just got the changes. Good work... we should go ahead and rename the accelerated remote viewing training facilities as well. We should try to put a public face on all this. Call me

MESSAGE 2: WOMAN'S VOICE, SCOTTISH ACCENT: Hugh its Darla. I need to talk to you about Sri Lanka. This just isn't right.

Option 5 – Peter Thompson Audio: <http://www.thetailsection.com/hanso.option.five.mp3>

MALE VOICE SPEAKING IN DANISH:

Translation: ... news and the weather forecast after these messages.

AD BREAK FOR MONSTER DOT COM

WOMANS VOICE: Welcome to Verison's voice messaging service

WOMANS VOICE, US ACCENT: "Hello. You have reached the office of Peter Thompson, VP General Council and Secretary of the Hanso foundation. Mr. Thompson is not available to take your calls. If this is regarding the inquiry into Korean offshore project we must regretfully decline to comment....."

THE PHONE IS SNATCHED AWAY

ANGRY MAN, US ACCENT: "Give me the phone Ireen. Give me it. This is Peter Thompson. As chief legal officer, I would like to remind you that to make threats against me and my colleagues, or any representative of the Widmore Corp. or Paik-Heavy Industries then these acts are criminal. Make no mistake - we will locate and prosecute you to the fullest extent of the law! That's a promise. Namaste"

Well, that phone message really caught your attention. It sounds like somebody named Persephone hacked the phone system and wants the public to know that 1) Some people in the Foundation are liars, 2) The secret is in the numbers, 3) The password is Breaking Strain, and 4) Alvar Hanso is missing.

So you decide to check out <http://thehansofoundation.org> to see if maybe this Persephone person hacked the website too. Maybe she wants to reveal more.

Once on the site, you look around and read up about the various ambitious endeavors of the Hanso Foundation. Then you decide it may be a good idea to try to sign up for the newsletter. When you type in the dialogue box, you get what looks like a handwritten message from Persephone asking if you can read what she is saying. You type 'yes' and she tells you that you are now logged in.

After this, you explore the site some more and then head over to Joop's Corner. You click on "Send Joop a message Here" and are transported to another hidden hacked section of the site. When the circles come up on the flash screen, you click them and join up the highlighted ones until a red circle appears, then you click on the red circle. A letter appears. It must be something Persephone wants the public to read. You read the letter.



Global Welfare Consortium
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19 September, 2005

To: Dr. Roderick Johnson, M.D., Ph.D., Clinical Director,
Centers for Disease Control

From: GWC Executive Committee
RE: Violation of Ethical Guidelines / The Hanso Life-
Extension Project

CC: Mr. Peter Thompson, Vice President, General Counsel,
The Hanso Foundation; Hugh McIntyre, Vice President and
Communications Director, The Hanso Foundation

Dr. Johnson:

We have received word of an unfortunate and most alarming issue in the past days concerning research operations by The Hanso Foundation in the sub-Saharan region of Africa. Sadly, we have exhausted our mandate as a watchdog organization and must petition you for a formal investigation.

It has come to our attention that a new strain of meningococcal disease has been reported in the coastal villages of the United Republic of Tanzania. This strain is particularly alarming in that it has successfully breached the simian/homo sapiens barrier.

As the enclosed documentation and correspondence demonstrate, we have repeatedly asked the Executive Board of The Hanso Foundation for assistance in determining the possible correlation between the outbreak of this transgenic disease and the research being conducted on primates in their Experimental Station in Zanzibar. As our requests have been met with utter and complete disregard, we feel we have no other choice than to demand your immediate intervention.

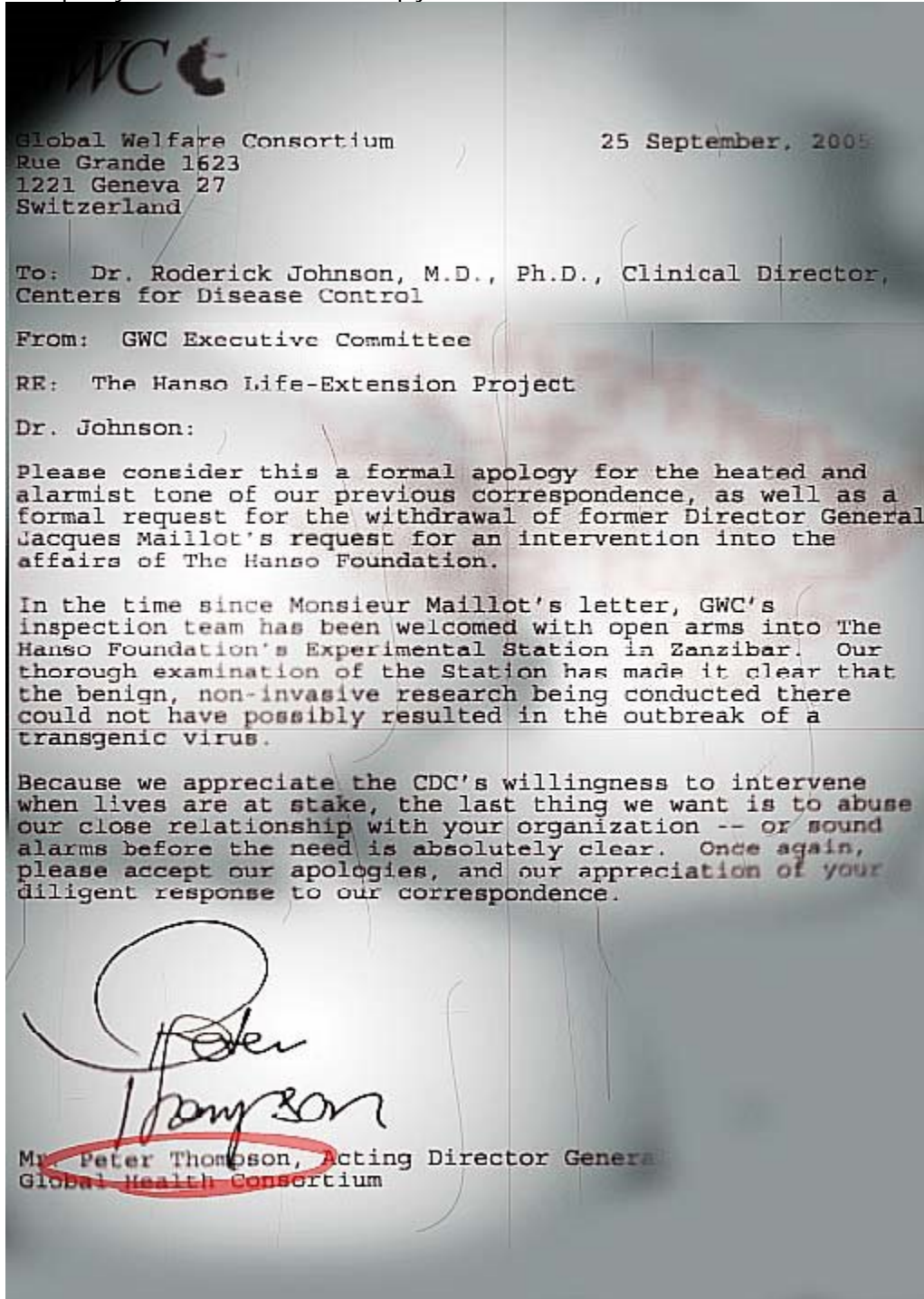
As The Hanso Foundation is using primates to research gene therapies intended for human use, the correlation should be obvious.

Considering the alarming nature of this outbreak and the mounting death toll it is imperative that The Hanso Foundation immediately open the doors of their Experimental Station for inspection and, should a link be found between their work and this disease, cease and desist their activities immediately.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Lives are at stake.

Jones/Maillet

When finished, you click Jacques Maillot's signature at the bottom. Now another letter appears. You quickly surmise that this is the reply from the first letter.



Once you finish reading, you click on Peter Thompson's name that is circled in red at the bottom and Persephone gives you her take on the letters saying, "The Hanso Foundation: Setting world speed records for subverting authority.

As you reflect on the letters, you come to the following conclusion:
"The first letter is from the director general of the Global Welfare Consortium, Jacques Maillot. It is sent to the Clinical Director of Centers for Disease Control. It basically says that there is a deadly disease that broke out near one of the Hanso Foundations research places. The GWC suspects the Hanso Foundation being responsible for releasing this disease. They have asked the Hanso Foundation themselves to see their lab, results, and experiments, but gotten nowhere with them, because they just ignore the request. Wanting some more authority to intervene, they ask the CDC for help.

Six days later, another letter from GWC is sent to the CDC, but this time apologizing for the way they reacted. They said that the Hanso Foundation is now being very cooperative, and no signs of them being responsible for the outbreak are evident.

The wierd thing is, this letter is from a NEW Director General of the GWC, Peter Thompson. You remember that you noticed on The Hanso Foundation website that Peter Thompson works for the Hanso Foundation.

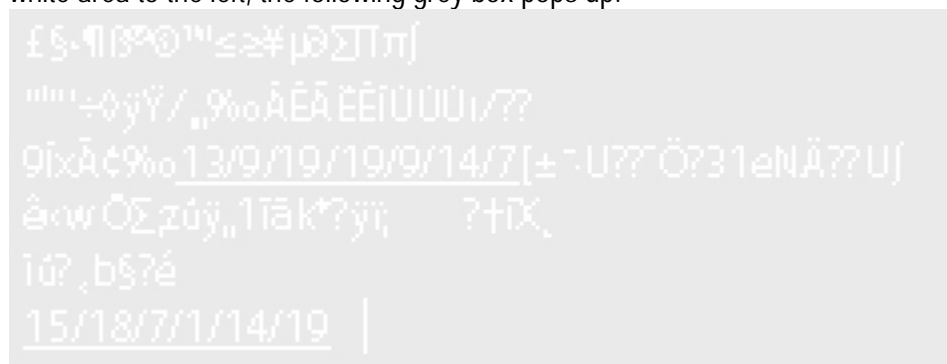
You come to the natural conclusion that The Hanso Foundation is not as friendly as it appears, and they probably actually DID release that meningococcal disease. Then, to cover it up, they used their power (or influence or intimidation or force) to replace the hierarchy of the GWC, so their operations could continue to according to their agenda.

You begin to wonder what their agenda is.

This explains what Persephone means when she says that the Hanso Foundation is setting world speed records for subverting authority.

All this speculation on disease has got you wondering what is really going on with Hanso's "World Wellness and Prevention Development Program" so you head over to that section of their website.

While browsing, you notice that your mouse pointer changes when you move it over the ocean between Africa and South America. When you click there and then move your mouse into the white area to the left, the following grey box pops up:



The box contains some numbers which you presume to be some sort of code, possibly from Persephone. You quickly discern that the numbers are telling you: MISSING ORGANS. You wonder if this is what Persephone was talking about on the phone message when she said that the secret is in the numbers.

Okay. Things are getting pretty heavy for you now so you decide to browse the internet for some other information you've been wondering about. After checking to see how the Mavs are doing in the NBA playoffs, you search for the book BAD TWIN because you remembered seeing Sawyer reading it with his stylish eye glasses.

You are surprised by several realizations: 1) BAD TWIN is by Gary Troup. You remember his name from the memorial service held on the island after the crash. 2) You can listen to the whole book in iTunes. 3) Gary was dating the flight attendant named Cindy, the lady the tailies had talked about. 4) Gary actually has the characters in his book discuss the "sneaky" character of Alvar Hanso & Thomas Mittelwerk. He also mentions them in the context of discussing a company called Widmore Labs, a name that you've noticed on some of the labels on meds on the island.

All these things make you curious.

You return to the Hanso Foundation website and find a press release from the Director of Communications, Hugh McIntyre. You notice that Persephone has done it again and embedded a link within the press release. You follow her lead and type in the URL <http://persephone.thehansofoundation.org>. There you find another set of numbers which you quickly decode. At first you get a message saying: "Log in at THF.org May 1 This is safe for now" but then the numbers change and the message says "SIGN IN WITH HANSO PR CLUE. 8, not 1 and 6." You decide to wait until May 8th to sign back into The Hanso Foundation Site.

On May 8, you sign in and browse around a little. When you get to the Executive Bios section, you notice that the date underneath Alvar Hanso's picture is underlined. You click it and get another hacked message from Persephone. It reads:

"Notice the grainy far away picture? It doesn't match anyone else"

Then it takes you to a global map which shows Alvar's last known public appearances in London (14.06.2000), Copenhagen (12.11.2000), Paris (23.02.2001), Geneva (12.07.2001), Rome (18.09.2001), back to Geneva and Copenhagen, then to somewhere off the map, then back to Copenhagen(01.01.2001),. His trip ends in Madrid (31.12.2002) on December 31, 2002

"This is the last record I found of any public appearance of Alvar Hanso. The man hasn't been seen in public since 2002!!! Is he hiding? Alvar Hanso was never there. Whose running this place anyway?"

Then you get a message in morse code but have some difficulty translating it. It says SAFE G, SAFER, SAFE M, SAVE ME...something like that.

You then realize that Persephone is trying to tell you than Hanso is not the one at the helm of the Hanso Foundation. You wonder along with Persephone who is in charge.

As you continue to search the website for more clues from Persephone, the clock suddenly changes and read OB:EY. You try clicking it and it leads you to another website www.sublymonal.com. Monitors appear in a circle around the screen. You're not sure what to do, but you've heard all about the numbers 4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42 so you begin clicking one monitor 4 times and then the next 8 times, and so on. It seems to be working...After clicking the last monitor 42 times, you are given a message that says "Code: Heir Apparent".

You return to the Hanso Foundation site and notice in the Executive Bios section that there is a new dialogue box on the bio for Thomas Mittelwerk. You assume that Persephone has give you a code word, so you type "heir apparent" into the box.

Here is what happens:

The screen "melts". You see a door. A blonde woman stands with her back to us and when you click, she turns around.

Suddenly Cal Tech records appear with a shadow. Some words are underlined in red so you click them. Another handwritten message from Persephone appears.

"Caltech has no record of this guy in their alumni database. He's never made a tuition payment. Does he even have a college degree? Why does he call himself a doctor? Of what. Who is this clown?"

Under the red stuff on the page, you can barely read "Gary Troup knows too much"
Under the blue stuff on the page it says "he must be silenced (or silenced)" (not silenced)

A little later, you check the hacked message again and the red & blue stuff has changed and the last two messages seem to have disappeared.

As you sit on the beach with the laptop perched on your knees, you realize that you've just downloaded a ton of new information into your brain. You start to wonder how all this fits in with what is happening to the survivors on the island. Your thoughts are swimming and suddenly you realize that you may now have more questions than answers.

But you believe that answers are there and that someone wants you to find them. Persephone is your new ally. You are depending on her for answers and she may be depending on you to use your knowledge to help her or others.

You check the battery life on the laptop and incredibly it seems to have not lost any power at all...it may even run all summer long. This is going to be interesting...