

"UNDERWORLD's" Mar lind and Stein are collecting "SWEDISH CULTS"

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The filmmaking pair behind the latest UNDERWORLD sequel have set their sights on an occult-oriented short story collection.

Returning to homeland Sweden, Mans Mar lind and Bjorn Stein (SHELTER) will next get underway on a production based on Anders Fager's COLLECTED SWEDISH CULTS, reports [THR](#)

The book contains three connected stories that delve into the supernatural. While ultimately telling a larger tale, it's a cool prospect when an anthology of sorts has bits and pieces that could weave throughout, like the wonderful TRICK 'R TREAT.

Here's a breakdown of the book, courtesy of its Publisher: "At Underryd Dance Hall in the woods outside of the boring mid-sized town of Borås there has been dancing and partying since the dawn of time. There, a group of teenage girls meet to party, but they seem to have more on the agenda than just drinking and flirting. When darkness falls they lure a young man out into the marsh behind the Dance Hall building, to meet with the Messenger, a creature who is as old and ugly as he is powerful. They have done it many times before and their mothers before them, but this time something goes terribly wrong."

"Grandmother is going on a journey. Zami and Janoch, brothers from the immigrant suburb of Rosengård outside Malmö have been given a mission: They are going to cross Europe by car to pick up Grandmother in the Balkans and bring her back to the new country up north. But the brothers have never driven a car before; they have never even handled money and never spoken to anyone outside the family. And they keep to the shadows; people have a tendency to freak out when they get a look at Janoch ..."

"COLLECTED SWEDISH CULTS is a collection of short stories divided into three books, but it's more than that. Anders Fager himself compares the form with that of a modern American TV-series, such as True Blood or Lost. Each short story, or episode, tells a story of its own as well as adds a piece to the puzzle of the whole. And just as the TV-series with each new season adds a new perspective, each of the three books of Collected Swedish Cults shows the Fager

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universe from a new angle. What first appears to be a traditional collection of short stories soon evolves into a web of tales building an epic saga of good versus evil in a world inhabited by the supernatural."

Marlind said, "Collected Swedish Cults has everything I love, but also demand as a film's must-have ingredients; surprising stories with gripping and engaging characters, its own credible universe and a tone of its own."

The film is expected to hit Sweden in 2013. Hopefully, its source material will make it stateside beforehand.