

CONNECT THE DOTS!

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Starring Marcel Romeijn as Gijsbert van Bergen



Format: 8 x 15 min. Single Camera, Studio & On Location

Genre: Mockumentary, Satire, Comedy

What's it about:

A “documentary” series following the investigative journalist Gijsbert van Bergen (at least he considers himself a journalist) and his efforts to unravel big corp scandals and sinister government conspiracies. Unfortunately he gets distracted (every time) because of his... well let's say his great ability to connect the dots (any dots actually). If there is a chance to go astray and follow a new (and always totally absurd) line of reasoning, Gijs will take it. Therefore every single investigation leads into a completely different direction than intended (most of the time a much less spectacular, but much more hilarious direction) and ends up in a crazy rollercoaster down the (wrong) rabbit hole. And there is always trouble at the bottom of that rabbit hole as shit gets real (and sometimes even dangerous) down there. And who are these mysterious people that seem to follow Gijsbert everywhere? Is there some truth in (at least one of) his fantastic theories after all and he is a danger to some secret society?

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What it is really about:

It's about the medium, and the message. It's about the internet and why it's so appealing to people who are desperate to believe in something (or anything). Homemade beliefs or selfmade religion if you will.

Structure:

The main focus of the narrative lies on the self sufficient plot of every single episode. Each episode starts off with an investigation that Gijs opens but that quickly heads towards a very unexpected and very new direction with the very first hints he finds or sources he interviews. There is a loose horizontal narrative though (the mysterious and presumably dangerous people who seem to follow Gijs) that has its short and funny cameos in each and every episode and that creates some mystery and suspense and raises the stakes for the unlikely hero on his sometimes quite quirky journey.

Look & Feel:

The show combines the typical style of an (almost) professional youtube channel (ringlights/beautylights!) with a high quality documentaries look.

Franchise Potential & Transmedia Storytelling

This enables the possibility for

And there are the youtube videos that could appear on a real youtube channel...they are hilarious of course

Episode 1

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Characters:

Gijsbert van Bergen (40, Journalist) - *I'm not a conspiracy theorist, but what if...*

The comic character's ideologically restricted view of the world reveals his comic perspective. This could be an intrepid naivety, paranoia, unfounded optimism, fixation on somebody or something.

A 'comic' protagonist

- gets himself into a normal environment. Either the comic protagonist is able to fit into his new environment or he's able to make the environment adapt to him.
- has to deal with other comic characters which creates collision between their different comic perspectives.

Gijsbert descends from a rich family that always thought of him as the misfit and looser and so he has something to proof. A lot actually, as his youth and young adult life wasn't exactly a success story: after long and fruitless studies (literature, art, wood science), a catastrophic internship at a local newspaper (local sports, not Gijsbert's cup of tea!) and a bunch of unfulfilling jobs such as bartender and part time mortician he decided to become an investigative journalist and started his own "publication": the youtube-channel: *connect the dots...!* His first 10 minute long documentary about Lady Diana's death and why she was assassinated by aliens was not exactly successful though. But then he gets contacted by Q-Tips aka the "the Smoker" and everything changes...

Want/Goal: The perfect scoop.

Need: He wants to be taken seriously and wants to show his father, that he is a real investigative journalist.

Strength: He is very empathic and he is very persistent!

Weakness: He is often a little too persistent. And he connects the dots where definitely are no connections! No proof is the best proof that the cover up is executed well! And well executed cover ups definitely point towards powerful entities.

Flaw/wound: As a boy he found out about the affair between his teacher and the local priest and publicised it in the high school newspaper and got into real trouble...

Q-Tips (Age unknown, Informant) - *I'm just guessing here, but what if...*

We don't get to know much about Q-Tips and the information he provides about himself is not exactly consistent. There are hints that he might be a government official (which is Gijs believe) as well as some indications that he might be a psychiatric patient on the run struggling with attacks of paranoia and delusions. This is something Gijs doesn't believe though! (But wait if he is psychiatric patient on the run, there might be a conspiracy! Sinister forces discrediting and hunting down a former government official or something like that). In the first episode Q-Tips speaks English with a heavy Russian accent which strangely pauses sometimes and makes way for a French accent in the second episode. When Gijs mentions this, Q-Tips gets tight-lipped and falls back to a Russian accent.

Episodes:

Episode #1: Explosive Dog Food & The Wall Mart Cover Up.

Episode #2: QAnon (Part1): Adenochrome and diarrhea from the darknet.

Episode #3: Invasion Of The Lizard People & A Visit To The Zoo.

Episode #4: Angela Merkel (Part 1) & The Dustman Conspiracy.

Episode #5: Flat Earth Theory & The Mad Professor's Revenge

Episode #6: Qanon (Part 2) & The Hole In The Park.

Episode #7: Angela Merkel (Part 2) & The Clone in the Kanzleramt

Episode #8: 5-G-Spot Plot & The Season Finale

Episode #1: The Wall Mart Cover Up & Deadly Dog Food.

Gijs has to hide in a basement somewhere in Europe to avoid the bad guys (actually the lawyers of the British Royal Family).

Gijs wants to announce the end of his youtube-channel. But he gets a call from a mysterious informant who wants to meet him in a parking lot around the corner...

Q-Tips? Like the rapper?

Like the cotton swabs!

Isn't the rapper named after the cotton swabs?

I have no information about this!

Is it your real name?

beat.

Off the record of course! Just for me, for well background information you know!

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Conspiracy Theories:

- Why they are so appealing: Big events MUST have big causes! Lady Diana could never die in a profane accident! The Royal Family must be behind that! AND THEY ARE SIMPLE!
- Why they are so hard to debunk: They are inherently self-sealing.
- They are not falsifiable
- They fill a need of control
- They provide a target!

