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Sewer Worker

Travis P. Jones worked as a sewer repairman. He contracted with towns to clean out their sewers removing storm debris. Travis replaced or repaired sewer lines. This work helped to stop the digging up of city lines that would tie up whole neighborhoods. He got into this line of work when he was 14 years old in 1926. His father was killed in an accident the year before. He had to now provide for his mother as well as his little sister.

Travis had heard about his Stavrosian connection from his father before the old man died. His mother tried to explain the Stavrosian way of life. By age 20 Travis was trying to find some of his people; the ones like him. He ran into a man while he was working, and the guy just started asking a lot of questions about Travis's father. Where he had come from, how old he was and how he died. Travis felt uncomfortable. What was this man concerned about Travis and his father. He said nothing and then called his mother. Dorian told Travis he should call the SGL. They all met at Caffè Reggio on Macdougall Street. The SGL men told Travis the man that talked to him could well be from a government agency. Travis asked which one it was. The SGL man laughed then said " Take your pick there is no shortage of secret groups in the government. They have more agents than people to follow. We could probably cut down on traffic if all the agents stayed off the road." He meant to be funny, but he was right; there were too many watchers with not enough people to look for. Travis left the meeting knowing that he was living in an uncertain world.

On a hot July day in 1944, he was deep in a sewer under a city in New Jersey. He heard rustling when several men dropped in calling for him. Travis stood looking into the dim light of the sewer. He could make out that the men had guns. Travis didn't know why they had guns or even why they were there. He did know it was time to run and he ran off into the darkness down through the sewer. He came up to a manhole ladder going up to a manhole lid. Travis pushed the lid out enough to reach the street. Once out of the sewer and on the street, he ran home to his mother's house.

When Travis arrived at the house, he could see cars and men outside on the street. There were men standing on her porch. Travis saw that going home was not an option nor ever be one again. He went back to the SGL for help. The SGL moved Travis and later his mother and sister to a safe house in Grand Prairie, Texas. He changed his line of work to a concrete finisher and worked until he was 84 years old, retiring in 2010. Travis passed away in 2018 at 96 years old from lung cancer. Just to many years down in the sewers.

His sister passed in 2021. She made it to 101 years old.

Travis never married or had children. His sister married and had one son who still lives in Texas. He keeps the Stavrosian ways. He holds First Life Celebrations with his children.

This report was sent by Travis Delong telling about his uncle and mother.
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