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Amidst the abandoned warehouses of Southwark, a plot has been hatched. Lady Rowena, Professor Evangely, and their accomplices have decided to continue the nefarious Septimus's research and are looking for his Guinea Pig – Olrik. Still deeply tormented after the Yellow M episode, the latter is in the care of Lily Sing, a ruthless, shady businesswoman, who's helping him restore his mental balance.

While a strange illness spreads through the city, Mortimer, too, is attempting to recreate Septimus's experiment – in vain. He eventually admits as much to Captain Blake, who for his part is investigating a string of bizarre incidents involving former soldiers of Major Banks's unit ... a unit whose entire roster, including the major himself, were confined to Bedlam Hospital with identical symptoms ...

Blake's investigation leads him and his assistant Millovich to the discovery of a spaceship buried deep beneath King's Cross. Meanwhile, Lady Rowena and her fellow conspirators manage to get their hands on Olrik and, using him as a guinea pig again, and with Mortimer in unwilling attendance, reactivate the Mega Wave. Unexpected discovery: the wave turns out to make contact possible with the occupant of the ship!

The higher echelons of the government, perfectly aware of that extraterrestrial presence in the heart of London, had been keeping it a secret. Banks and his men had been the first to discover it during the last war, with dire consequences for their mental health. The Prime Minister sides with his science advisor, Professor Scaramian, who flatly opposes the destruction of the spaceship. Blake, however, disregards them and, with help from Mortimer, and especially from Olrik, obliterates the vessel. Afterwards, the colonel, once again the victim of cerebral manipulations, promptly joins Major Banks and his men at Bedlam Hospital.

Orpheus – such is the codename given to the ship.
Is it the only one of its kind, though?
Has the threat truly been eliminated?

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