Antti Leikas: Goblins – Journey into the Darkness

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The world's first goblin thriller!

When author Antti Leikas suddenly receives several generous research grants for as weird a project as goblin studies, alarms should go off. When he sits in dusty libraries around Europe and feels under surveillance, alarms should go off. And when a pretty representative from the Finnish Cultural Foundation appears at his door asking about goblins, alarms should be ringing all out.

But Leikas is a man with no fear, and so he finds himself amid events that threaten the existence of the whole universe. In the heat of crashing airplanes, threatening commando troops, and suspicious book publishers, Leikas finds out about the real powers linked to the goblins' existence. He will have to face the forces unleashed by his exploration.

Goblins takes the reader on the verge of ultimate questions – and plunges into the depths of an assuredly unprecedented thriller. What are souls? What is our universe built of? How efficiently does goblin Koponen's liver burn alcohol? Jump in, and you will know. This is a journey into the darkness.

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"The boundaries of truth and fantasy are being tested, just like a decent novel should. Leikas' ability to fabulate wildly in the framework of the recognizably real world has been present in his previous novels, but *Goblins* beats its predecessors. It's his fourth and most intense work of prose, a novel like a raging moose." – The Book of the Week, Kauppalehti newspaper, Finland

"*Goblins* could be called a picaresque novel with a fantastical twist. Even though the book's subtitle is *Journey into the Darkness*, and the universe is at one point within an inch of destruction, the undertone stays cheery." – Helsingin Sanomat newspaper

"...this novel, which can be read as an excellent adventure story, is a brand new treat for those who are interested in Nordic mythology. In Hollywood this would be made into a box-office hit movie." – Turun Sanomat newspaper

"A master's in comparative literature is not a prerequisite for reading *Goblins*. It's enough if you know how to cry and laugh. Even better if you can do them both at the same time." – Aamulehti newspaper

"Goblins is a fun read" – Keskisuomalainen newspaper

"...the text draws you in like a black hole." - Kaleva newspaper

"The setting is delicious." - Lapin kansa newspaper

"In Antti Leikas' work, his education background is visible, but also the fact that he has had fun with the text." – Ruumiin kulttuuri magazine

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