HAMARINN / THE CLIFF

A FOUR PART MINI SERIES BY SVEINBJÖRN I. BALDVINSSON

THE PREMISE The hardest secret to uncover is your own.

The Cliff is a dramatic mystery about a Reykjavik Crime Detective who is sent to a small rural community in Iceland to help a young local policewoman investigate a suspicious accident. Together they unravel a mystery that involves bizarre incidents and unexplained deaths, set against the backdrop of a controversial hydroelectric project.

One page synopsis

A young man is badly hurt in mysterious accident that takes place at a remote construction site in the middle of the night. HELGI MARVINSSON (35), a Detective in the State Police, is called in to help the inexperienced local detective, INGA ARADOTTIR (30). She is a young and ambitions woman and she is not happy with Helgi's assignment to the case. But as they get to know each other, their feelings evolve and they grow closer.

At first glance, the case looks like a freak accident. An excavator has fallen over the edge of a cliff at a time when nobody was supposed to be working. The operator is found unconscious inside the machine and rushed to hospital.

Environmentalists are fighting against the proposed power plant but the stakes are high in the small local community. The competition for contracting work is fierce and the landowners are expecting large sums of money in compensation from the government. But some of the locals believe that higher forces are at play, citing ancient legends surrounding the cliff on the construction site.

As the investigation progresses, secrets are unearthed and new information comes to light but somehow the case seems to get more and more complicated. The injured excavator operator unexpectedly dies in intensive care, an explosives expert is crushed under a rock at the construction site and people disappear...

Through the process of investigating the case, Helgi is forced to confront his own personal demons. He has recently lost his son but has been suppressing his feelings and concentrating on his carrier. The case and his partnership with Inga help him deal with his loss and learn to grief.