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## The Dark Beyond

### *The Rathing Chronicles*

## John von Kesmark

*A generation ago, few people had heard of embryonic stem cells... A generation ago, it was considered impossible to merge human and animal genes... A generation ago, John von Kesmark began a science fiction trilogy that many saw as sheer fantasy – based on a future that he hoped would never exist. But now, can anyone be so sure?*

Britain 2078. The part human, part rodent Rathings rule with an iron fist, but have to rely on press-ganged humans to run the country and the economy, which is crumbling due to trade and travel embargoes imposed by the rest of the world.

A disillusioned and altruistic Rathing General plans to overthrow the government and launch an invasion, initially into Europe, and then further afield, with a view to conquering the world. But not everyone approves of his cruel, new dictatorship.

Meanwhile, a young human called Ashok is laying down his own battle plans. He wants to destroy the Rathings before they mature from their embryonic stage. But in order to do that, he must return to the past through a Time Gate and persuade the scientist who created the clones to stop his experiment.

Then there's the mystery surrounding the assassination of dozens of Rathings, and the molecular gold dust found at each of the crime scenes – a tell-tale sign that the killers may be etheric beings from another dimension. The pressure is on Rathing investigators to catch these shadow souls before they murder more of their kinsmen.

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