

Background Story for Thames Basin 2146

In my future everything and everyone is controlled by the new monarchy of consisting of two people who refer to themselves as the government. They own the Transatlantic Rail Company as well as the Transatlantic Rail Bank and stand in an alliance with the COIN. This is visualised by a circuit symbol of 5 strings (2 for the government and one for each company/alliance).

The government themselves created the Raven-Fish as their national animal to visualise their ability to swim even if they were made to fly.

The inspiration for this national animal came from the Thames river lamps and the legend of the raven of the Tower of London about the falling of the monarchy whenever raven leave the tower. Raven play a particular important role as it is now believed that Londinium (former London) was named by the Celtic name for Town of Ravens. In this future they replace religious symbols.

Engineering belongs to the higher class in this utopia. It is important and prestigious. The people living in Thames Basin however are fully controlled by the government. There are constant resistance movements. One of the most important one is referring to 'The Noses". An homage to the 'Seven Noses of Soho' (London), which were created by Rick Buckley to protest against the setup of CCTV in public places (<https://londonist.com/2012/04/a-tour-of-the-seven-noses-of-soho>).

The currency is used by both parties to broadcast secret messages.