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Per No More: Per in the Sky, Episode 3

Per comme personne: Per in the sky

My father was a baby boomer. His generation came of age in the early 70s, and demanded a revolution. I always heard he had an incredible life, travelling to the four corners of the Earth. I grew up with all these wonderful stories and none of the experiences. Per, whose Danish name foreshadowed him becoming my père, was reported missing when I was six. His death has never been explained. Shortly after my son was born, I went looking for him. What I found out was more extraordinary than anything I could have dreamed up. It's all true. So I made it a work of fiction.

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Martina, another of Per's old friends, bursts into my life. They shared a house for over a year in Kathmandu in the late 70s. Their illicit activities were more significant than I thought.

Description of the other episodes:

- 1/6 Watch the Birdie: One of my earliest memories: I'm six years old when my mother tells me my father has passed away. 25 years later, shortly after our son was born, my partner and I came across an old photo of one of my father's friends. Maybe Ole the ornithologist had something he could tell me?
- **2/6** Per and the BFF: In the hippie heyday of the 60s and 70s, Ole and my father travelled all over Asia. Ole knows nothing of Per's demise 25 years ago on a trip to England. How come they lost touch?
- **4/6** Mom, Look Here: Okay, so my father, who disappeared when I was six, was a drug trafficker who snitched on his friends. I decide to question my mother.
- 5/6 Lost Love: I realise my mother knows nothing about Per's past life. With her, he tried to start over, but it all went sideways on vacation in Indonesia in 1994.
- **6/6** Per, Parent, Past and Present: I leave for Denmark to try to find out more about my father, his friends and his family.

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