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A PARANTHESIS IN
THE HISTORY OF SCANDINAVIA



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Tracing Trades















"Tracing Trades"

Chasing and tracing the history of human trade and trafficking between Korea and Europe, the journey starts with the investigation of the history behind the mysterious "Korean Man" portrayed in a Peter Paul Rubens drawing.

Being bought and brought to Italy by Francesco Carletti, a Florentine merchant in the early 17th century, the "Korean Man" could well be both the first Korean slave and adoptee touching European ground.

Shedding light upon Korean-European relations, and particularly international adoption, the quest leads to 19th century emigration of Scandinavians to North America, especially to the state of Minnesota, having the largest per capita population of Korean adoptees in the United States.

A Department of Alien Affairs starts investigating how the first East Asians came to Scandinavia.

In their search, Denmark's prime tourist attraction, "Tivoli" keeps appearing in historical documents.

Following these trades, they begin to look for traces that could help explain Scandinavia's colonial history and repression, as well as the region's self-definition, xenophobia, and worship of certain exotic elements.



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