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Mysteries in the skies: the D.B. Cooper's case

Washington , USA - The hijacker, disappeared 37 years ago on a parachute with a USD 200.000 ransom

Dan Cooper is on the top of the wanted men's list of the FBI, he's one of the few men who mocked the American investigatory systems. Cooper, if that's his real name, got onboard of a B-727 airplane on November, 24th 1971, in the morning. The flight, operated by NorthWest Airlines, took off from Portland, Oregon, and it was destined to Seattle. During the flight he got up and gave his personal details to the stewards, then he said to be in possession of a bomb ready to explode if the authorities didn't gave him, once in Seattle, USD 200.000 and four parachutes.

The authorities gave him what he asked for and once made the people get off the airplane, forced the pilots to take off again and fly back to Portland. But, when the airplane was flying, the man put on one of the parachutes and gave to the crew USD 2000 to sorry, then he disappeared in the dark of the rainy night.

37 years are gone and he still misses: did he survived to the jump? Where did he excatly landed? Where's the parachute? Where are the money, and, most of all, where's him, the hijacker? The only thing we have is an identikit.

Actually, 3 bunches of USD 20 bills were found, and one month ago the parachute's rests were found in the country nearby Washington's State, but later, the investigations showed that they didn't belong to Cooper, because it was made of steel, and the one discovered one monhs ago was made in silk.

So, the hunt's still going on. But there' a curiosity about name. Dan Cooper was the name of a toon created by Albert Weinberg, from Belgium, during the 50's. He was a Canadian airman, involved in many adventures regarding spying's cases and science fictions. His adventures were released on papaer called "Tintin".

In Italy the stories have been translated and released on "Corriere dei piccoli" at the end of the 60's.

An added insult to the injury?

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