

By applying and accepting the role of Junior Archivist, I _____ hereby give the Organization of Phenomena Experimentation, Research, and Application, operational authority over my actions within the role of a(n) Junior Archivist until either loss of life or employment termination.

By joining the Department of Archives and Records, I acknowledge the roles and responsibilities regarding the security and safekeeping of any and all documents/records within O.P.E.R.A I acknowledge my role as a Junior Archivist will expose me to records of varying natures, ranging from public knowledge to highly classified and sensitive documentation. I understand that by misplacing documents, intentionally releasing them to unauthorized personnel, or destroying original documentation, I put the company's well-being at risk and waive the right to protest any punitive measure taken against me by the Oversight Committee.

I understand my time employed within O.P.E.R.A will see me temporarily confined to the premises of my designated Installation, Archive: CASTLE, for the duration of my duties and responsibilities as an Archivist.

Under the terms and conditions of the O.P.E.R.A General Employment contract, section 2, subsection 24-A, I understand opportunities for vacation and leave are dispensed at the discretion of my team-leader and/or Installation Director. Furthermore, I understand that for periods away from O.P.E.R.A facilities, temporary memory blockers will be placed to prevent the accidental or involuntary dispensation of classified information. I understand these memory blockers may vary

in severity depending on my exposure to classified materials, ranging from simple prohibitive memory blockers, to complete memory destruction.

I acknowledge O.P.E.R.A's actions and activities may lie outside of sovereign jurisdictions, are unbound by any sovereign power, and all things observed and experienced in my tenure with O.P.E.R.A are in service to the Organization's operational procedure(s) and interest(s).

Should I choose to terminate my employment, I understand I will be returned to the civilian population with all memories of O.P.E.R.A operations and procedures removed, so as to protect the company's interests.

In the event of my death, I impart all worldly possessions obtained while in service to O.P.E.R.A to O.P.E.R.A company holdings, where it may be redistributed at my Department Director's discretion. Personal effects which are obtained prior to employment, and brought into an Organization facility, will be returned to next of kin as listed in my will.

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Signature

To: 0511223-6115A

From: 0529996-2309SS

Junior Archivist

Archive Director

Lo'ii Cremie

20, 04, 1449

0900

Hey there rookie,

Allow me to start by saying: Congratulations on your new position! As you know, O.P.E.R.A is very choosy as to who they employ in their services, and since you're here, it means your references came back clean and you beat out nearly 200,000 other applicants! Feel proud, for the work we do is on the cutting edge, and by "we" I mean the Organization.

Now I have to remind you that the work we do is top secret, real clandestine sort of stuff. You can't tell your family, your friends, not even the dog you saw on your way to the port this morning. And if you leave the Organization's employ, discussion of your work with us is classified in the highest order.

As an Archivist, you'll be reading and evaluating documents of varying type for compilations, summarizations, and categorization. You might think this job is simple then, if all you're doing is reading, but I guarantee you any research O.P.E.R.A conducts is not the normal type of research you may be used to. Since our founding in 863, we have staffed a wide variety of skilled personnel all around the world, with all sorts of backgrounds which provide unique perspectives to analyze all sorts of phenomenon which defy all semblance of logic.

“What kinds of phenomenon?” you may ask. The “paranormal?” The “supernatural?” The “anomalous?” While all these fields are certainly within our scope, O.P.E.R.A’s primary concern lies with how we can apply or emulate these phenomena for use in the general public.

I understand from the perspectives of “normal” society, O.P.E.R.A just seems like a company looking to monetize and exploit potentially crises-ending research and technologies for profit (a problem which continues to plague our PR and Marketing departments to no end), but I assure you: behind the numerous casefile numbers in our many libraries, there is no shortage of phenomena which could prove disastrous and/or world ending in the wrong hands.

That last one feels a little dramatic but it’s no small estimation as to the scale of our research. On more than one occasion, staffed researchers have found, catalogued, and researched phenomena which, had they been handled inappropriately, could have ended all life on this planet. However, do not be misled by that statement, as there are more benign phenomena which are not nearly as destructive or dramatic as that; from a rubber fish that occasionally flaps around, to an orange that can produce seeds which grow without water.

Now, despite it being your first day on the job, I’m afraid we’re going to have to immediately begin your onboarding process, starting with your first assignment. The longer we wait to get you fully incorporated into the team and the department, the longer it’s going to take to make it through the mountain of paperwork we have since we lost our last archivist.

Your first assignment will pertain to what we call a “cold case,” which has been ongoing for several hundred years now. However, since no new developments have been made since 1329, we’ve been using it as a training exercise for new staff. If given the chance, I hope you reach out to your fellows if you have trouble understanding parts of the case, as two heads are always better than one.

A bunk and a shower facility are provided on premises, and meals are served three times a day at the dining halls. However, I must dissuade you from taking meals in your office, as we've been having a problem with mice. You'd think we wouldn't have one, what with our premises [REDACTED] over 9 kilometers in the air,

[REDACTED] we've still managed to find evidence of mice and rats scurrying through the complex.

But never mind that.

Welcome to the Archives Department.

To: 0511223-6115A

From: 0606996-9966S

Junior Archivist

Senior Archivist



20, 04, 1449

0930

What's up rookie?

Welcome to the team. I wouldn't worry about all that stuff about memory erasure and the like.

Afterall, it's not like you'd remember any of it happening. ;D

Jokes aside, the job is pretty straightforward, so don't worry about it too much. A monkey could do our jobs if we trained it how to read. Well, maybe "monkey" is a bit of a stretch. A university freshman student could do our jobs, since you need a bit of critical thinking to get thins done.

I hear Lo'ii already gave you your first assignment huh? If it's the D-12-678 file, if it looks like a duck, squawks like a duck, and swims like a duck, ask if it flies like one before saying it is a duck, yeah? But if it's the M-01-001 file, just remember it's been dead for a really long time, so don't lose too much sleep over it.

That aside, if you need anything, I'm down the hall, first office on the right next to the solarium.

Good luck, and work hard rookie.

To: 0511223-6115A

From: 0326996-0835S

Junior Archivist

Senior Archivist

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20, 04, 1449

0933

Hey there,

I can't wait to work with you! Our archive is pretty crazy, isn't it? I mean, ██████████ is pretty cool, right? I mean where else can you get your own private office AND see clouds pass by like this? Before this I used to work on a whaling ship, so I got to see some pretty crazy things.

But this job? Nothing even comes close. I saw a bird (I think it was a falcon of some kind) fly next to my window before diving away. And just last week, we passed through a thunderstorm, and seeing lightning strike the building harmlessly was super cool.

I guess what I'm saying, aside from 'hello' is to remember to take a look outside every once in a while. Be grateful for the day, and don't look down.

To: 0511223-6115A

From: 1226970-4412A

Junior Archivist

Junior Archivist
[REDACTED]

20, 04, 1449

0945

Hello,

My name is [REDACTED] Like you, I'm a junior archivist. Remember to refer to your handbook if you need a reminder of protocols or terms. If you need anything, I'm across the hall.

To: 0511223-6115A

From: 0607223-1000A

Junior Archivist

Junior Archivist
[REDACTED]

20, 04, 1449

0923

Hi!

I'm [REDACTED] but most people call me Gwin. You and I started at around the same time so I thought I'd take the initiative and send a letter introducing myself.

Have you seen the food hall?!

There're so many options I can already see myself never having to eat the same meal every day for a hundred years! [REDACTED] also told me that the menu changes every month and that there's more than one food hall in the building! How can that be? It must be something magical right?

Do your parents know what your new job is? Mine have no idea what I do. I just told them that I work in a library and I guess it's kind of right, right? I mean we're taking a bunch of documents and then cataloging them in a wide array of shelves which are divided and organized into sections and if anyone wants to take them out they have to be a member who checks them out and returns them once they're done with them.

We totally work in a library.

If you're down for lunch soon, I'll meet you in the canteen on the 14th floor.

See you there!