

SCPF-GOC NEGOTIATIONS

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Global Occult Coalition Representative: Agent Cornel Wats, PTOLEMY Division

Extraneous information cut for brevity.

Agent Wats: So, Winston, was it?

Dr. Red: Dr. Red.

Agent Wats: Dr. Red. Got it. Coffee? Tea?

(Dr. Red does not respond, eyes and hands occupied with their pocket notebook.)

Agent Wats: Me neither. Caffeine. Trying to quit it.

(Dr. Red still does not respond.)

Agent Wats: Right. Well, let's not waste any more time then. In the last four-ish years, your facilities have reported an increase in the number of anomalies under your *containment*.

Dr. Red: You say that word like it tastes bad.

(Wats clears his throat.)

Agent Wats: The problem is, doctor, that there are certain anomalies currently in the Foundation's containment that we think are unnecessary to maintain. While I understand that some may be useful for study, perhaps even be used for the betterment of mankind, there is a... shortlist of objects that we would prefer to have decommissioned.

Dr. Red: No.

Agent Wats: No?

Dr. Red: We're not destroying our SCPs, Agent Wats.

(Wats scoffs.)

Agent Wats: It's a shortlist, doctor. And I hardly think anyone would disagree with these terminations. Humanity would be better off with them dead, wouldn't you agree? Autonomous lawn flamingos, infectious flesh virus, invisible sharks, a damn near indestructible lizard that hates humanity.

Dr. Red: It's a big demand. I'm not sure we can agree to it.

Agent Wats: Dr. Red, I want to remind you that our agreement, as outlined in the Arlington Summit, is a two-way street. We can't, and won't, scratch your back if you don't scratch ours.

Dr. Red: The summit decreed that the Global Occult Coalition would be able to advise us on our decisions of which objects to contain and which to terminate. Not directly influence us. Or am I misremembering?

Agent Wats: No, you're not. But I also recall the summit also dictated that the Global Occult Coalition would provide the Foundation with the resources that they need for their work. And that they may deny any further allocation of resources should they disagree with the work being done. Am I misremembering?

Dr. Red: No, you're not.

(Both fall silent for a moment.)

Dr. Red: Very well. We'll let you have some on your shortlist. Not all, though. After all, there's still research to be done.

Agent Wats: May we kill the lizard?

Dr. Red: You can *try*.

Agent Wats: In that case, I'm glad we can reach an agreement. I'll have our guys draft the official paperwork and send them to yours later this evening.

(Wats extends a handshake.)

Dr. Red: May I leave now?

(Wats puts his hand down then points at the door.)

Agent Wats: Yeah, that way.

(Dr. Winston Red exits the room.)

Agent Wats: I've had better conversations with Sarkites.