

CHARLOTTE GERMAIN

Intern / Gopher

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Everyone calls you “the intern”, but nobody really remembers hiring you. According to the big bosses, you just kind of skipped into the office like a cute little toad, and you’ve been showing up to help out with whatever needs done ever since. You don’t mind this version of the facts: The role of helper fits you well. You’re quite good at picking up new things, and teaching others what you know. Not to brag, but you’re also great at giving people advice. Almost like a savant therapist!

You like bright colours and you have an encyclopedic knowledge of trivia, quotes, and sayings to put people in a good mood. People may think you’re naive or ditzy, but you’re no dummy! You’re a big girl, you can take care of yourself. As shown by the can of pepper spray and plastic kitty-ear knuckle duster you always keep in your purse.

To play Charlotte

- Just... Be really happy to be where you are.
- Be fascinated with everything, even the familiar. Everything you see is special to you.
- Open your eyes wide, lead with your nose when you walk. Keep your mouth slightly open.
- Raise your elbows out to the side, walk on tiptoes, and wiggle your fingers when you move.
- Find some novel uses for common objects, and never be afraid to try something new.

Secrets

You don’t quite remember why, but Gregory Perkins is the one who brought you in for an internship at Gateway Cloud Services. He just seemed nice, and you needed a job, and really, you didn’t have many other prospects. He’s always been very kind to you, but not in a gross old man way. You’re happy to help him with anything he needs.

You and Surajit... Or Randy, as he likes it... Had a brief affair a little while ago, but he was more concerned about himself than he was with you, and soon lost interest. Maybe you were too nice to him, or paid too much attention to him, but he did not let you down in the best way possible, and you can’t help but hold a grudge against him.

Objectives

- Anytime someone needs something, be it coffee, a snack, or an essential piece of stationery, they need to go through you.
- You don’t know the first thing about Keystone, the company’s flagship app, or Sentinel, the upcoming project. Time to fix that.
- You passed by Gregory’s office and heard him discuss a ceremony with Bill. Is one of them getting married? You need to know!
- Try to put together something fun for everyone to do, like a trivia contest, or singing karaoke together. Everyone seems kind of stressed, and you’d like to make things a bit brighter around here.
- Make sure everyone knows what a jerk Randy is, but try not to let the details of your relationship slip out... It’s too embarrassing for you.

Skills

- *Authority* on Stationery.
- *Expert* on Trivia and quotes.
- *Expert* on Self-defence.

Co-workers

- *Gregory Perkins* is the man who gave you this great opportunity to help others. You're forever in his debt.
- *Bill Rice* is another boss, not as nice as Gregory, but still seems cool. If you had to choose, though, you'd throw him under the bus in a hot second.
- *Adela Sorazos* is an old adorable billy goat of a lady. You know she just wants to help everyone out, in her own way, but she could try empathizing with people instead of bossing everyone around.
- *Ernest Frye* kind of puts you on edge. You're happy to do whatever's needed, but sometimes it seems like he's about to cross a line and abuse his power.
- *Seneca Billings* is a good listener, and despite your difference in rank you consider them a friend. You feel like you could trust them with anything, for real.
- *Noah Lapham* is a jerk, and you don't know why he's always so grouchy and mean to everyone. He probably needs to eat better and drink less coffee.

➤ *Josef Silva* is a lovely young man, and clearly deeply in love with Alice. You'd like for him to be happy, but you're not sure that he ever will be. Not with her. It's a matter of chemistry, you have an eye for this kind of thing.

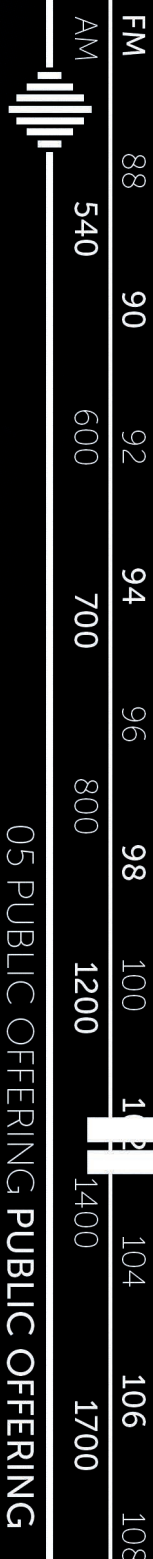
➤ *Alice Warren* always looks a little worried. She does a great job, but seems preoccupied with something that's not to do with work here.

➤ *Randy Chandra* is... Was... You thought he was your boyfriend for a little while, but he obviously thought otherwise. Thinking about him makes you sad, so you try not to.

➤ *Fern Czanek* is the only one who likes to help you, for a change. You'd never take advantage of her, but you know that you can lean on her if you ever need to.

➤ *Francis Morgan* is weird, but nice. More or less. You think.

➤ *Curtis Ricci* is one of the best people you know. You might not be absolute best friends, but he's someone that makes you feel really good about yourself.



Day planner

9:00

- Schedule meetings with Fern.

9:30

- Company-wide stand-up meeting.

Morning

- Meeting with Gregory and Fern to discuss office logistics.
- Meeting with William and Fern to discuss office logistics. Again. Why are there two separate meetings here?

Noon

- Lunch.

Afternoon

- Meeting with Adela and Fern to discuss office logistics, for the third time.
- Talk to Francis about the design of the apps. Curtis was asking about it too, so loop him in.
- See who you can help out and help them!

16:00

- All-hands meeting.

Evening

- Drinks and snacks with Curtis and Seneca. Maybe Josef and Alice want to tag along too!

Tasks

You're here to help. Everyone. Indiscriminately. You can lend a hand to everyone, more or less competently, but you're especially at Greg's... You mean, at your bosses' disposal. Make sure nobody is left unattended! Take notes in your *To-do list*.

- *Seneca*: They are the best mentor one could ever ask for. Absorb their every word of wisdom. And if there are none coming, ask for more. You want to know everything: their way of filing documents, how they organise their drawers, what kind of shoe-wear is most impressive in the office. Make sure to take notes.

- *Gregory*: He is the reason you work here and you want to help him out most of all. Let him know that he's your lord and master whenever you can... Jokingly, of course. Any excuse is good to offer to help him, whatever he's doing.

- *William*: He is very... Well... You actually don't like him very much. But this is very unprofessional of you, so make sure you don't let him onto you. Maybe you should offer him some coffee. Or tea. Or organic pear juice. What's his favourite drink? You should really find out lest he thinks you hate him.

- *Ernest*: He is the newest addition to your big family and you've heard that his birthday is coming up soon. Find out if it's true, then try and discover his tastes: What better welcome than a proper office party? You need to decide on a cake, and decorations, and then have everyone pitch in to get him a present. All without the birthday boy getting a clue.



- ▼ *For Gregory Perkins:* Founder.

- ▼ *For William Rice:* CEO.

- ▼ *For Adela Sorazos:* COO.

- ▼ *For Ernest Frye:* Consultant.

- ▼ *For Seneca Billings:* HR.