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Consultant / Corporate spy

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Adela brought you in as a productivity consultant, in order to analyse the operations of GCS and trim the fat. You're here to make sure the startup doesn't collapse under the weight of its payroll before the next round of funding, since it's about to run out of its initial pool of cash. Mean and lean, that's the order of the day.

You may be very expensive to bring in, but you're worth every dollar. You're thirty and fresh out of a short military career that left you with a solid sense of discipline and a well-trained body. Better to always be prepared... You're not one of those lunatics who think the apocalypse is close. You're just stashing food away in your basement and nightmares wake you from sleep on a regular basis. But nobody needs to know that.

Folks tend to trust you and tell you what's going through their mind. Your job is all about secrets and you're phenomenal at collecting them. Do you brag too much? Well, why shouldn't you?

To play Ernest

- Be overconfident in your abilities. Always aspire to get more than you have. You deserve it
- Brag about your accomplishments, tell war stories. Be louder than you need to be.
- Take large steps when you walk. Get your nose in people's face, point your finger at them.
- Start a fight, then avoid it by any means.

Secrets

You're actually a corporate spy for Black Goat Technologies, a competitor of GCS in the cloud services space. Your goal is to find out as much as you can about the new product, Sentinel, and deliver a report to your superiors. Adela really hired you, though, and you're not above double-dipping: She pays well, you enjoy being paid well.

You tend to exaggerate your abilities in business, in warfare, in relationships. In actuality, you're coward when it comes to any of those, you're just good at hiding it with bluster.

You have a sweet tattoo. You got it with some of your Black Goat co-workers one drunken night. It's kind of unprofessional, so you usually keep it covered up. Sometimes it tingles, is it somehow getting infected?

Objectives

- Discover all you can about the new GCS product, Sentinel. Get into every meeting, every classified initiative, every move of the bigwigs. Just don't overdo it, or they might get a hint.
- Get dirt on as many people as possible, then bring it back to Adela to discuss who should stay and who should go. Offer to deliver the bad news. If you dig up some dirt on Adela, well... That's not a bad thing, either.
- You've heard rumours of a merger between GCS and BGT. Try to get the most out of the deal.
- BGT needs fresh meat. Try to get Fern and Josef to ditch GCS and come over to your side. Offer them anything: Mentorship programs, better work environments...

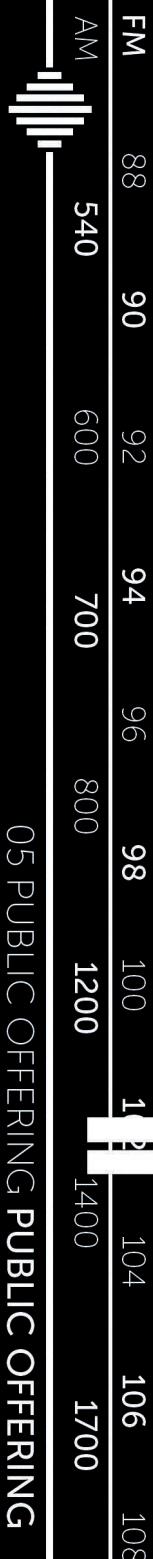
Skills

- *Authority* on Layoffs.
- *Expert* on Black Goat Technologies.
- *Expert* on Weapons.

Co-workers

- *Gregory Perkins* is someone to look up to. He's successful in all areas of life, he's his own man, and you've always admired and envied him from afar.
- *Bill Rice* is a caricature of a CEO from the last decade. He says and does all the right things, but everything he actually says and does is meaningless.
- *Adela Sorazos* is amazing. You've worked with her in the past, and you feel like could learn a lot from her. If only you could get her to notice you beyond the professional level...
- *Seneca Billings* is a keeper of secrets, you're sure of it. Like all trend-following hipster, you just need to flatter and impress them to get them to open up.
- *Noah Lapham* is your typical grouchy, cynical techie guy. He thinks he knows everything, and will talk forever if you intimate that he doesn't know about something.
- *Josef Silva* is a young man with potential: He's charismatic and passionate, but could use an older mentor to point him in the right direction.

- *Alice Warren* is all business, and doesn't seem to want to reveal much about herself to anyone she doesn't already know. Challenge accepted.
- *Surajit Chandra* is a guy who will smile and flatter you to your face, then stab you in the back as soon as you're not useful to him anymore. You know the type.
- *Fern Czanek* is always on the ball. You'd like to have someone like her in your own operation someday. Maybe she's interested in changing jobs...
- *Francis Morgan* is one of those weird, inexplicable geniuses, rare as they are talented. You can't see through whatever front they've got up, but, damn. You've got to find a way to.
- *Curtis Ricci* is a go-getter, a vibrant part of the team, and an all-around stand-up guy. He may not be the sharpest, but you can't help but like him.
- *Charlotte Germain* is... Jeez. She tries really hard. She's a doll, and a smart cookie, but... Jeez.



Day planner

9:00

- Schedule meetings with Fern.

9:30

- Company-wide stand-up meeting.

Morning

- Get inside every meeting you can. Hunt for information.

Noon

- Lunch with Gregory, Bill, Adela.

Afternoon

- Get inside every meeting you can. Hunt for information.

16:00

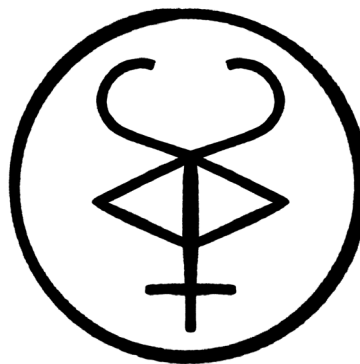
- All-hands meeting.

18:00

- Happy hour with your co-workers at BGT.

Sigils

- This is your sweet tattoo.



Mark it on your arm or shoulder with a marker, somewhere you can easily hide it or show it off. Apparently your tattoo protects you from the effects of the word POHOTHON. When you hear it, you can still move and speak as if nothing happened.

Tasks

Adela is under the impression you're only here to evaluate employee productivity, and you won't miss the chance to give her your opinion on that, but your *Planning report* for Black Goat Technologies is all about Sentinel. The way you see it, your two assignments don't overlap in any way: Getting into people's heads is essential to find out the secrets of this new product.

- ▶ *Project Sentinel*: Features.

- ▶ *Project Sentinel*: State of completion.

- ▶ *Project Sentinel*: Marketing strategies.

- ▶ *Project Sentinel*: Interested clients.

- ▶ *Gatekeeper Cloud Services*: Financial situation.