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PSI ORDER ORGOTEK & FSA SOURCEBOOK

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>>> ARCHIVE UPDATE <<<

GREETINGS, COLLEAGUE

The Western world has changed greatly in the past two centuries. North America is no longer the land of hope and opportunity that it was when Maxwell Anderson Mercer established the Æon Trinity those many decades ago. Indeed, we Trinity members have become virtual strangers in the place where Æon was born.

The following files present an overview of the current situation in North America. Study them carefully. The Nordamerican theater of activity is one of the most complicated and dangerous regions in all of settled space. Even if you do not expect to spend time in field operations, you must understand the circumstances that your colleagues face there; the risks they face may well have impact on your own work. There are many socio-political circumstances at work in North America, and most find their origins in one of two sources. This pair of "watershed factors" is quite different from the other, but they both are of equal importance.

The first source is the psi order-cum-corporation known as Orgotek. Like all the proxies, Orgotek's leader, Alex Cassel, has worked closely with Æon in the past. Despite the close relationship we share with Cassel, there is much that we don't know about his agenda. While his actions seem to indicate a shared interest in the Trinity's goals, we cannot presume that every step he takes is admirable or even desirable.

The second is the Federated States of America itself. The FSA is a classic fascist regime: Under the military's umbrella of power, business interests direct the government to their advantage. The Trinity is thus restricted, less for the reason that our nominal headquarters are based in the Chicago arcology than due to strong philosophical differences. Æon, therefore, can influence the FSA only indirectly — through businesses, labor organizations, and other groups that share our concerns.

Tensions run high between Orgotek and the Federated States. Orgotek participates in the nation's economic and social growth, but there is constant conflict. Orgotek's corporate policies are noticeably more lax than FSA society is, making each Orgotek complex a kind of liberal oasis in a sea of fascism. Proxy Alex Cassel takes pride in his identity as an American, but he's one of the greatest public critics of the Federated States government (which doesn't help Orgotek's relationship with the FSA). After all, America's leadership has hated and feared psions since the Gifted first appeared. The FSA will not outlaw psions as long as orders remain useful in the fight against Aberrants...but America won't stop piling restrictions and complications on the Gifted, either.

As if ideological differences weren't enough, there's the industrial side of things. Despite the Federated States' loss of political dominance, it remains a significant manufacturing nation. Its hardtech development (often using licensed Nihonjin innovations) creates another conflict with Orgotek's biotechnological pursuits. The "techno" versus "orgo" battles are waged to varying degrees in settled space, but Nordamerica serves as the front line. The precedents set here echo throughout the civilized universe.

Again, problems facing these areas aren't exclusive to the Orgotek/FSA ideological split. Nordamericans of all backgrounds grow dissatisfied with their current circumstances. Insurgency, ranging from civil disobedience to minor terrorist incidents to full-blown civil war, keeps the Federated States' districts in disorder and uncertainty. Æon does not yet have a uniform policy with regard to these acts; operatives monitor the regions so that we may work toward resolutions that avoid all-out war.

For these reasons, we acknowledge with gratitude your service to the Æon Trinity in North America. We hope that the files enclosed here enable you to advance your specific missions and Æon's goals.

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Æon Trinity

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PSI ORDER ORGOTEK PROFILE

>>> Æon Trinity Dossier <<<

These files were compiled to educate Æon Trinity field operatives on the agenda of Orgotek and on the capabilities of its psions, the electrokinetics. Orgotek has a way of deflecting even the most concerted interest — ironically, by having a very open public persona. The metacorporation has a PR machine as formidable as the one that Æon maintains. Orgotek's spin doctors are highly skilled at making a media event out of the most mundane occurrence.

Orgotek's strong public presence gives the impression that the psi order's operations are easily monitored, but nothing could be further from the truth. Press releases flood OpNet bandwidth and broadcast transmissions, giving equal attention to Proxy Cassel's visit to the Philadelphia Arcology Public Elementary #214, to the release of Tekne's Eisenhower v6.33 computer agent, and to Lumen's latest pan-corporate Summit on Methods and Implementation in Holo-Optical Storage Technology. Triton Division researchers dread being assigned to sift through the abundance of material that Orgotek pumps out on a daily basis.

spotlight, he doesn't notice what they're up to behind the scenes. Further, since Orgotek's media presence is so pervasive, Joe Hologram eventually tunes it out. Then, the company's personnel can go virtually anywhere and raise little comment.

This is not to say that Orgotek has no interest in pursuing financial gain or contributing to social programs. The organization is indeed unique among the psi orders in its dual mission: to defend humanity from threat of the Aberrants and to make a profit. As demonstrated throughout these files, Orgotek's two goals are not always mutually compatible, and various factions within the metacorporation assess their relative importances differently. These divergent philosophies seem to be the only chink in Orgotek's impregnable armor.

Otherwise, the metacorporation is a marvel of subtlety and bureaucratic efficiency, with long-term plans that even Trinity-affiliated clairsentients and telepaths can only guess at. Proxy Cassel is no doubt one of the most brilliant men in the Solar System, and his inherent powers and cultural status give him unrivaled influence over the unfolding fate of mankind.

Thus, operatives are strongly encouraged to maintain focus when dealing with Orgotek. The order isn't above constructing an intricate cover to accomplish simple actions. Only through diligence can we learn the true circumstances behind Orgotek's efforts.

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ORGOTEK MEDIA SATURATION

— Analysis (Personal Addendum): Adele Phillips, Triton Division 12.13.2119

...we are doing the best we can to keep tabs on the zappers. Unfortunately, it all comes down to TMI — Too Much Information. They shoot out a release when a janitor puts a fresh roll of toilet paper in the bathroom. I exaggerate, but not much. I wouldn't be surprised if Orgotek has a series of computer agents whose sole purpose is to churn out all of this material.

I don't suppose there's a chance we could politely ask Orgotek to just shut the hell up for a couple of weeks while we catch up?

There is a shrewd method to the Electrokinetics Order's media madness. The constant public displays that Orgotek puts on serve as planned distractions. If Joe Hologram watches everything the electrokinetics are doing in the

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METACORPORATION

— © Webster's Dictionary [update March 2116]

>>> audio pronunciation guide <<<

[noun] 1. A corporate entity that takes on responsibilities not directly related to profit-making, such as those obligations typically assumed by government bodies. 2. A corporate entity that achieves "celebrity status" among the populace due to extensive public awareness and financial influence. Also *metanational corporation*. (slang: *metacorp* or *metanat*)

— Excerpt: Textfile conversion from Orgonet [Orgotek's internal interactive communications and data network] 3.18.2120

De Koenig: And so I told him that sure it was a decent offer but I wasn't certain I was ready to go independent just yet.

Williams: I've met Apoderado before. He thought you were just conning him to get a bigger offer.

McCaskey: laughs.

>>> Connect: **Ollinger** [San Francisco Training Campus] <<<

Ollinger: uh, hi? is this the way i do this?

McCaskey: Hey, a trainee! Welcome aboard, Ollinger.

De Koenig: Srinivasan is allowing the newbies access to Orgonet? That's not like him.

Williams: Rumor is he's mellowed since you graduated, De Koenig.

Ollinger: this is really weird

McCaskey: This your first time on Orgonet, Ollinger?

Ollinger: i think so. this isn't like the opnet at all.

De Koenig: How long since you went through the chamber, kid?

Ollinger: just a week, and I got here last night

Williams: You're in for a treat, then. Welcome to electrokinesis. Your world will never be the same.

Williams: clinks a toast with McCaskey.

Ollinger: i don't know how to make any of this stuff work. flecks of paper and lint keep sticking to me, i fried my roommate's datapad last night, and when i wake up in the middle of the night, the lights come on like arc lamps

McCaskey: Heh, heh; get used to that for a little while.

Williams: Until you master the little stuff. Remember your preparatory training, Ollinger. You'll get all that under wraps soon enough, and then the fun begins. Were you a techie before you went through the tank?

Ollinger: no, i was in sales at orgosoft farms

De Koenig: Ollinger, I was trained out at San Francisco, too. Be careful; Srinivasan's a hardass. But he has to teach you stuff only once.

McCaskey: You'll be on campus for another two months, and then you'll do an internship with one of the big subsidiaries or little spin-offs.

Ollinger: i feel sort of weird, like i might throw up, all the time. or like my foot's asleep, or my heart starts beating rreeaally fast, or something.

Williams: That's normal until you figure out how to regulate your internal currents, kid. Then you'll feel pretty much just like you used to. I think.

McCaskey: Yeah, it's not like my sister said it was with ISRA; there's no transcendent change in your life, you don't ascend to a higher plane, none of that bullshit. We're all pretty much normal people.

Williams: Your sister's a clear?

McCaskey: Yeah, she tested the year before I did. That's the reason I got tested myself.

De Koenig: Excuse the social hour, Ollinger; I think those two have a thing offline. There will be one change to your life; your earning potential about doubles from the get-go.

McCaskey: invites De Koenig to take a fantastic multimedia voyage inside his own body.

Williams: It sure does. You're going to see your base wage go way up here. Psions are in a whole different salary classification, according to human resources. We're valuable, and the other metacorps would really like to snag us.

McCaskey: But personally, I don't think I could leave, even for a big offer from outside. I'm sure there's a lot of resentment and other bullshit at the other metacorps, especially the American ones.

Ollinger: sometimes i see things, shafts of light going from place to place, is that normal or am i going crazy?

Williams: That's normal. We call it 'spectrum sight.' You catch flashes of all kinds of energy, including bio-galvanic flows.

Ollinger: bio-galvanic? you just made that up to make fun of me, didn't you?

De Koenig: No, that's real; it'll be explained in your classes. It governs the relationship between living things and unliving things through psi particles.

>>> Connect: **Srinivasan** [San Francisco Training Campus] <<<

Williams: Oh, boy.

De Koenig: Mr. Srinivasan, hello!

Ollinger: eek

Srinivasan: Good afternoon, Jacob. Martha Ollinger, you are late for your photomanipulation lab. I am closing your network connection. It will remain suspended for two weeks.

>>> Disconnect: **Ollinger** <<<

Srinivasan: Good day, lady and gentlemen.

>>> Disconnect: **Srinivasan** <<<

De Koenig: Good-bye, Mr. — aw. Missed.

ORGOTEK

OVERVIEW AND GENERAL POLICIES

— textfile conversion, Arthur Bengali,
Neptune Division Associate

Orgotek is the best known of the psi orders. It has a large, well-funded PR arm that helps keep the group in the public eye. Further, Orgotek benefits from remaining on the universe's collective mind due to its for-profit status. This situation may seem dichotomous, but if you ask Prexy Alex Cassel — “prexy” is a blend of “president” and “proxy” (probably coined by one of his PR flaks) — he's happy to explain that the corporate model is a good match for his psi order. Orgotek maintains a diverse product line and employees pursue all manner of research and field work.

Orgotek is similar to other 22nd-century powerhouses like Banji or ABI, affixing its corporate identity to everything under the Sun. A brief overview of Orgotek's products covers the gamut of weaponry, personal-defense systems, computer agents, medical technology, psion-augmentation technology, and atmospheric and space vehicles.

Despite Orgotek's involvement in weapon production, it isn't part of the Federated States military-corporate complex. Orgotek sells personal-protection gear to individuals and psi orders, not to armies or governments. It maintains military and quasi-military vehicles and equipment for its own use throughout settled space. In areas that Orgotek doesn't own outright (such as some facilities in the FSA), it keeps out prying eyes by developing highly involved, expensive agreements with government officials. After all, Orgotek's equipment is to be used only in the event of interstellar emergency (an Aberrant or alien attack, for instance). Orgotek does not have world conquest on its mind — at least, not military conquest. Cassel strives to make it the penultimate metacorp in settled space.

Orgotek maintains humanitarian corporate policies that also take on a global perspective where possible, which may sound familiar, but the Æon Trinity is an organization committed to humanitarian goals that cover a global perspective. The main difference with the Big O, of course, is the Big Green: money.

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ANALYSIS: KNOWLEDGE IN MOTION (KIM) PROJECT

One reason that American citizens look favorably upon Orgotek is because of the company's Knowledge in Motion Project (begun in 2114). Public data systems still lack significant information due to Kuwasha's destruction of the OpNet in 2061. So, KIM caravans roam across North America providing free mobile-education services. These traveling libraries have helpful staff and extensive computer databases full of subjects such as history, art, science, literature, entertainment and politics. Orgotek gathered the information on its own from many sources in settled space and the Æon Trinity also supplied many files for KIM that were recompiled during Project: Rewrite.

The standard government education programs are presented in broad and revised fashions. Although people (and the FSA) were resistant to the idea at first, Orgotek pushed KIM as a merry pastime — free, wholesome fun. The Big O's well-researched information in artfully presented formats makes learning fun for most. And many areas outside the arcologies lack entertainment other than the authorized media channels, so KIM has even more appeal for these places.

The FSA is concerned that Orgotek uses the project for subversive ends. However, the metanat filed proper documentation to qualify KIM as a free entertainment service. The government's frequent spot-checks have yet to turn up anything illegal, though some data files have been confiscated due to “dubious content.”

Triton Division observations indicate that Orgotek uses the KIM caravans for covert operations and to identify latent psions. Even the local FSM law enforcement is used to seeing the opalescent vans in towns for a week or more, so such subversive efforts pass unnoticed. Orgotek should be cautious about such endeavors, however, since a number of people frequent the KIM courses. A single clandestine mission gone sour could put many innocent people in danger.