

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

F C / FREE CITY

DECOY

VAULT



The Master Is Dead

Discard face up if legally Probed; play continues.

A2-001 / CHAPTER 01

PLAYTEST 2.1

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

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DECOY

VAULT



The Last Valid Signature

Discard face up if legally Probed; play continues.

A2-002 / CHAPTER 01

PLAYTEST 2.1

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OPERATIVE

2



Custodians

FILE GRAIN / SYSTEM

Higher Access defeats lower Access in a Clash.

A2-003 / CHAPTER 02

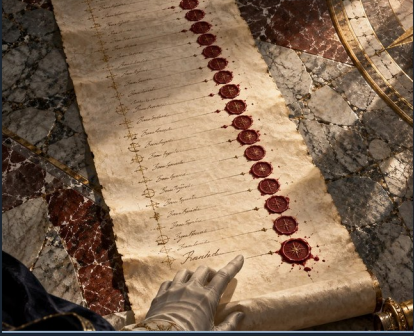
PLAYTEST 2.1

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

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OPERATIVE

1



The Name at the Bottom

FILE GRAIN / LAW

Scout: may reveal on Deploy to inspect the opposing Guard; may Move between any two friendly Guard slots.

A2-004 / CHAPTER 02

PLAYTEST 2.1

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OPERATIVE

2



Authority Chain Incomplete

FILE POWER / SYSTEM

Higher Access defeats lower Access in a Clash.

A2-005 / CHAPTER 03

PLAYTEST 2.1

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TRAP



Break the Seal

FILE POWER / SYSTEM

When attacked, both are discarded; an Engineer instead clears this and survives.

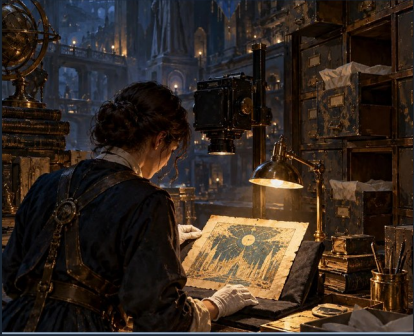
A2-006 / CHAPTER 03

PLAYTEST 2.1

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

C T / CONTINUITY

TACTIC



Schedule Nine

FILE GRAIN / LAW

Privately inspect the opposing Grain Vault.

A2-007 / CHAPTER 04

PLAYTEST 2.1

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TACTIC



Indispensable to Public Provision

FILE GRAIN / LAW

Deploy an Operative from hand into your empty Grain Guard; then draw 1.

A2-008 / CHAPTER 04

PLAYTEST 2.1

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

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HEAD

LEADER



Marian Vale

Once each round after you File, inspect the opposing Guard in that sector.

A2-009 / CHAPTER 05

PLAYTEST 2.1

Custodians

FROM THE NOVEL

Tern came in before Senn could answer. She had already obtained copies of the supply undertaking. One was tucked under her arm; another had gone to the door. In twenty minutes their agreement had acquired a heading Holt had not seen before: PROVISIONAL CUSTODIANS OF ESSENTIAL SUPPLY.

THE RECORD

Emergency supply acquires a name, a limited remit and a noon review. None of these settles who governs London.

The Last Valid Signature

FROM THE NOVEL

Eliza took the twenty copies to the waiting couriers. Before surrendering them, she asked each courier where they were going, and wrote the answers down.

THE RECORD

The service plates distinguish existing operation from new allocation. Holt finds an older operator grant that survives a vacancy and asks Eliza for faithful copies. The grant is local and limited: it is not unrestricted authority to move resources between stations.

The Master Is Dead

FROM THE NOVEL

Daran arrived as the last sentence ended. He had brought the copies in a flat envelope. For several seconds he stood looking from one face to another, trying to discover how they had received the news. Eliza wanted to tell him that nobody here knew much more than he did. Instead she touched his hand where it held the envelope. He was shaking.

THE RECORD

The registrar has not spoken to the examiner. He recommends that a draft retain the word reported, while the public announcement states that Graham has died. This record concerns how the declaration is made and heard; it does not establish the outcome of the wider battle.

Break the Seal

FROM THE NOVEL

She read it from beginning to end. Beside the reinspection time she wrote earlier if the load changes. Arun initialised the addition. Only then did she sign. Ivo witnessed the breaking of the estate seal and put its fragments in the shallow parts tray beside the worn guide.

THE RECORD

A local governor leaves central direction under a restricted operating note. The broken seal does not remove safety limits or make Arun master of other stations. The note later loses its qualifications in a relay summary.

Authority Chain Incomplete

FROM THE NOVEL

The door to the inspection gallery stood beyond the governor desk. Arun presented his maintenance badge. Nothing happened. On the panel, where a list of permitted compartments normally appeared, there were three words: AUTHORITY CHAIN INCOMPLETE.

THE RECORD

The access panel refuses a lapsed delegation, not every possible operation. Stopping the affected section changes what the ordinary maintenance badge permits. The failure is local and specific.

The Name at the Bottom

FROM THE NOVEL

Kest had specified that they were to request a conversation, not convey a summons. They carried questions about names, dates and the authority for making a petition in Marian's interest. There was no succession instrument in the case.

THE RECORD

Marian Vale appears first in a maintained succession return. Identity, excluded branches and her own consent remain unexamined.

Marian Vale

FROM THE NOVEL

The guard remained outside the gate. Ede asked whether he was speaking to Marian Vale, then gave her age: thirty-four. She felt the absurd urge to correct him.

THE RECORD

A named succession candidate receives an inquiry at home. Her ability to obtain attention changes before any lawful ownership is settled; she does not accept the estate in this chapter.

Indispensable to Public Provision

FROM THE NOVEL

She had it copied with the preceding certificate, the continuation provisions and the new evidence number. At the foot she dictated a statement that the extent and present force of the instrument remained under examination.

THE RECORD

The clause calls for qualifying public-use property to be separated from ordinary inheritance. It changes the succession question, but does not identify every qualifying asset or release the grain by itself.

Schedule Nine

FROM THE NOVEL

It identified the source as an office duplicate, examined against the executed schedule before that schedule was returned to private custody. Beneath the certificate was the copying date, many years later.

THE RECORD

The discovered source is a photographed, certified office duplicate. The executed original and later amendments have not been examined. Eliza makes the evidence usable without pretending those gaps have disappeared.

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OPERATIVE

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The Crown of Contracts

FILE POWER / LAW

Higher Access defeats lower Access in a Clash.

A2-010 / CHAPTER 05

PLAYTEST 2.1

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OPERATIVE

2



Central Authority Not Available

FILE WAYS / SYSTEM

Higher Access defeats lower Access in a Clash.

A2-011 / CHAPTER 06

PLAYTEST 2.1

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OPERATIVE

3



Manual Control

FILE WAYS / SYSTEM

Higher Access defeats lower Access in a Clash.

A2-012 / CHAPTER 06

PLAYTEST 2.1

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

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OPERATIVE

3



The Compact

FILE WAYS / LAW

Higher Access defeats lower Access in a Clash.

A2-013 / CHAPTER 07

PLAYTEST 2.1

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

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OPERATIVE

2



The City Already Less Owned

FILE GRAIN / WITNESS

Higher Access defeats lower Access in a Clash.

A2-014 / CHAPTER 07

PLAYTEST 2.1

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

F C / FREE CITY

OPERATIVE

1



The Wrong Question

NARA

FILE WAYS / WITNESS

Scout: may reveal on Deploy to inspect the opposing Guard; may Move between any two friendly Guard slots.

A2-015 / CHAPTER 08

PLAYTEST 2.1

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

C T / CONTINUITY

TACTIC



The Dead Speak Conveniently

FILE WAYS / WITNESS

Reveal the opposing Guard in Ways; if it is a Scout, return it to its owner's hand.

A2-016 / CHAPTER 08

PLAYTEST 2.1

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

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BOMB



Forty-Three Seconds

FILE POWER / WITNESS

When attacked, discard this and the attacker, including an Engineer.

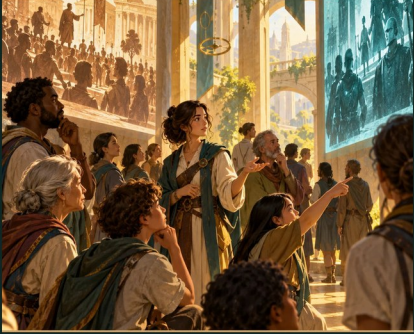
A2-017 / CHAPTER 09

PLAYTEST 2.1

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

F C / FREE CITY

TACTIC



The Archive Must Teach Doubt

ELIZA MARR

FILE POWER / LAW

Privately inspect the opposing Power Vault.

A2-018 / CHAPTER 09

PLAYTEST 2.1

Manual Control

FROM THE NOVEL

It was not a general freight route. The stopped drives would not resume simply because a screen described an engineer as being in control.

THE RECORD

The emergency arrangement is attended and collective: a walking passage, held freight, divided meal deliveries and agreed local power. It is not a universal mechanical bypass or a new Master credential.

Central Authority Not Available

FROM THE NOVEL

A lit panel above the stair still directed passengers towards the centre. Beneath it, in smaller letters, the control display read CENTRAL AUTHORITY NOT AVAILABLE. The message explained why a routing amendment had failed. From the crowd it looked like a statement that nobody was coming.

THE RECORD

An expired route settlement and incompatible local assumptions hold the eastern junctions. Generation remains available, but a central status message does not describe what the occupied routes can safely receive.

The Crown of Contracts

FROM THE NOVEL

Where it asked for agreement, she set a clean sheet across the empty line rather than crossing it out. On that sheet she asked who had authorised the office to approach her, how its representative would be paid and which decisions it could make without consulting her.

THE RECORD

The return office offers a mandate to manage prospective interests. Marian signs a limited reply but leaves that appointment unsigned. The title describes the temptation of delegated power, not a literal crown.

The Wrong Question

FROM THE NOVEL

Perhaps she could give the whole thing to the people and end the dispute. Nara asked whether he had spoken to Marian. He had not.

THE RECORD

Nara asks why systems indispensable to daily life must belong to an heir. Her speech distinguishes common needs from personal possessions; a shortened copy loses that qualification.

The City Already Less Owned

FROM THE NOVEL

“The terrace is already less yours than the list suggested,” Leda said.

THE RECORD

The visit does not confer authority on Marian or make the compact depend on her approval. Her household still needs a repair, but another building has no working tap. Keeping that reservation honours a need that her title could otherwise have displaced.

The Compact

FROM THE NOVEL

Tern did not promise to make the compact law. She accepted it for specified emergency supply work under the custodians’ current authority, subject to the morning review.

THE RECORD

The agreement is tested by a shared crew, fatigue and the competing need for a ward lift. Its first correction removes an impossible second assignment. Its last challenge comes from a kitchen whose serving line prevented its porter from attending.

The Archive Must Teach Doubt

FROM THE NOVEL

Each entry would identify one received version, its complete contents, where the archive had obtained it and what had been examined. The compact comparison would link to the longer sources.

THE RECORD

Public access means making the sources, the limits and the corrections available. The register begins by preserving a correction to Eliza’s own account, rather than asking readers to trust a new seal.

Forty-Three Seconds

FROM THE NOVEL

Tress laid the received passage between them. Six seconds matched the old test image for image outside the speaking face. He showed the unchanged reflection passing behind Graham while the mouth was replaced.

THE RECORD

Two independently retained views expose a reused six-second passage with altered speech. The finding applies to a particular received address; it does not identify its maker or decide the succession.

The Dead Speak Conveniently

FROM THE NOVEL

For an instant Nara thought somebody had brought back the old awakening bulletin. The market screen sometimes filled gaps with pictures whose familiarity made them seem like news. Then the man lifted his head.

THE RECORD

A forty-three-second recording appears to bring Graham back into the succession debate. Its political convenience proves nothing. The received package is preserved and sent to the archive; its authenticity remains unresolved.

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TRAP



The Extinct Office

FILE GRAIN / LAW

When attacked, both are discarded; an Engineer instead clears this and survives.

A2-019 / CHAPTER 10

PLAYTEST 2.1

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

C T / CONTINUITY

OPERATIVE0



Who Holds the Keys

FILE POWER / SYSTEM

Engineer: clears a Trap and may Move between any two friendly Guard slots.

A2-020 / CHAPTER 10

PLAYTEST 2.1

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

C T / CONTINUITY

OPERATIVE2



Pending Final Settlement

FILE WAYS / LAW

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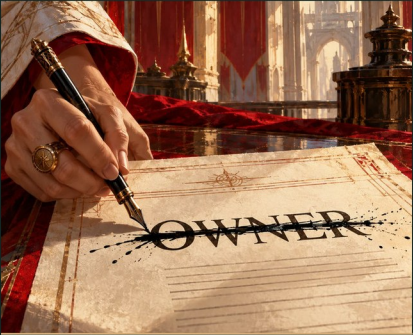
A2-021 / CHAPTER 11

PLAYTEST 2.1

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

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TACTIC



Strike Out OWNER

FILE GRAIN / LAW

Remove an enemy Grain Breach; ready the proof you cited for this Tactic.

A2-022 / CHAPTER 11

PLAYTEST 2.1

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

F C / FREE CITY

TACTIC



Proof, Not Revelation

FILE POWER / WITNESS

Choose a sector. Privately inspect its opposing Guard, if any, and its opposing Vault.

A2-023 / CHAPTER 12

PLAYTEST 2.1

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

C T / CONTINUITY

TACTIC



Continuity Was Policy

FILE WAYS / LAW

Ready one proof you filed in Ways; then draw 1.

A2-024 / CHAPTER 12

PLAYTEST 2.1

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

F C / FREE CITY

OPERATIVE2



No Official Name

FILE WAYS / WITNESS

Higher Access defeats lower Access in a Clash.

A2-025 / CHAPTER 13

PLAYTEST 2.1

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

F C / FREE CITY

OPERATIVE1



Participation Is Slow

FILE WAYS / WITNESS

Scout: may reveal on Deploy to inspect the opposing Guard; may Move between any two friendly Guard slots.

A2-026 / CHAPTER 13

PLAYTEST 2.1

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

C T / CONTINUITY

HEADLEADER



Thirty-Seven Aircraft

COMMANDER ROOK

Once each round before your Clash, cite your proof in that sector: attacker +1 Access.

A2-027 / CHAPTER 14

PLAYTEST 2.1

Pending Final Settlement

FROM THE NOVEL

The notices before them all carried the same heading: PENDING FINAL SETTLEMENT. It appeared above a fuel allocation, a rule for registering lodgers and the appointment of a supervisor to review public bulletins.

THE RECORD

Provisional notices now organise food, registration, security and finance. Necessary work gives the custodians practical authority without deciding its permanent limits.

Who Holds the Keys

FROM THE NOVEL

“People who can change the accepting systems are being contacted. Kest has asked for a recorded suspension of this office's operational authority while the orders are examined. That will give the people at the gates a current instruction to set against the old one.”

THE RECORD

Detaining two men does not stop new acknowledgments. Twelve accepted release requests yield one reported open door, an apparently occupied second room and ten locations still unchecked.

The Extinct Office

FROM THE NOVEL

The old office identifier in Rill's record was not one his present desk was authorised to use. He had supplied his own outgoing register for comparison and asked that the distinction be made before someone stopped his staff at the door.

THE RECORD

The emergency office was abolished, but some retained controller lists still accept its operational authority. A current transmission desk and a matching emblem do not by themselves identify the issuing actor.

Continuity Was Policy

FROM THE NOVEL

Public-use reservation had become legacy separation risk. The recommendation was to maintain existing consolidated administration pending comprehensive legal reform. No reform file followed.

THE RECORD

Periodic reviews show that public-use restrictions were revisited by successive offices and repeatedly left unimplemented for changing reasons. The sequence shows inherited policy, not proof of one mastermind or one unbroken conspiracy.

Proof, Not Revelation

FROM THE NOVEL

Daran showed him which components had identifiers independent of their position. By the time the fourth group left, the proof packet had begun producing copies the archive did not control. Eliza counted the copies remaining in the tray before she could stop herself.

THE RECORD

Eliza publishes a reproducible evidence chain together with its gaps. The recovered Schedule Nine supports the public-trust clause as text, while the executed original, exact present coverage and full legal effect remain unresolved.

Strike Out OWNER

FROM THE NOVEL

Ansel folded back the assent at its signature line. Printed beneath it, in a space exactly the width of Marian's ordinary name, was the word OWNER.

THE RECORD

Marian corrects the description OWNER and initials only that correction. The separate financial assent remains unsigned; her objection is not a final renunciation or a substitute for missing credit.

Thirty-Seven Aircraft

FROM THE NOVEL

Thirty-seven names appeared in the left column. Six had notes beside them that removed them from long-range work. Two more required parts expected from eastern depots.

THE RECORD

Rook returns with a fleet headline that becomes smaller under operational scrutiny. Thirty-seven aircraft flew recently; Korr would send thirty-one on a long escort without further inspection, and every mission still depends on fuel, parts, routes and ground crews.

Participation Is Slow

FROM THE NOVEL

The black mark appeared on two images made minutes before the explosion, though neither image was intended to show it. Pera dated the images and left the question of who painted the mark open.

THE RECORD

The assembly treats delay, disagreement and visible absence as costs of participation rather than defects to be erased. After the western explosion, those same relationships become emergency infrastructure while attribution of the black mark remains unresolved.

No Official Name

FROM THE NOVEL

The square had no official name. Nara called it the market when she needed to tell someone where to bring a cart.

THE RECORD

The meeting place acquires the public label Organiser's Square despite Nara's objections. Its mandates remain incomplete, its furniture improvised and its authority distributed among practical working groups rather than fixed in a named office.

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OPERATIVE

3



An Army With a Supply Chain

FILE GRAIN / SYSTEM

Higher Access defeats lower Access in a Clash.

A2-028 / CHAPTER 14

PLAYTEST 2.1

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

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OPERATIVE

0



Four Maps of London

FILE WAYS / SYSTEM

Engineer: clears a Trap and may Move between any two friendly Guard slots.

A2-029 / CHAPTER 15

PLAYTEST 2.1

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

C T / CONTINUITY

OPERATIVE

1



The Sleeping Eye

FILE POWER / WITNESS

Scout: may reveal on Deploy to inspect the opposing Guard; may Move between any two friendly Guard slots.

A2-030 / CHAPTER 15

PLAYTEST 2.1

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

C T / CONTINUITY

OPERATIVE

3



The Second Graham

FILE POWER / WITNESS

Higher Access defeats lower Access in a Clash.

A2-031 / CHAPTER 16

PLAYTEST 2.1

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

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TACTIC



Too Perfect a Memory

FILE POWER / WITNESS

Return one revealed enemy Operative in Power to its owner's hand; remove its Breach.

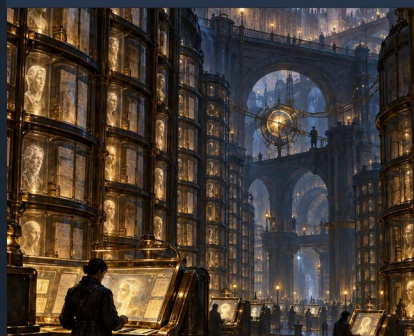
A2-032 / CHAPTER 16

PLAYTEST 2.1

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

C T / CONTINUITY

TACTIC



A Government of Ghosts

FILE WAYS / LAW

Return one Operative from your discard pile to your hand.

A2-033 / CHAPTER 17

PLAYTEST 2.1

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

C T / CONTINUITY

DECOY

VAULT



UNKNOWN

Discard face up if legally Probed; play continues.

A2-034 / CHAPTER 17

PLAYTEST 2.1

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

C T / CONTINUITY

TACTIC



Three Incompatible Commands

FILE GRAIN / LAW

Reveal one opposing Guard in Grain. If it is an Operative, move it to an adjacent empty enemy Guard slot.

A2-035 / CHAPTER 18

PLAYTEST 2.1

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

F C / FREE CITY

OPERATIVE

4



Coordination Without Command

FILE GRAIN / SYSTEM

Higher Access defeats lower Access in a Clash.

A2-036 / CHAPTER 18

PLAYTEST 2.1

The Sleeping Eye

FROM THE NOVEL

At the booth Pera photographed the sleeping eye beneath a black sun; half the onlookers had already started sketching it.

THE RECORD

A sleeping eye beneath a black sun appears before a Graham likeness begins responding across distributed public screens. The event is preserved as responsive behavior; identity, origin, mechanism and relation to earlier black-seal events remain unverified.

Four Maps of London

FROM THE NOVEL

Merel Vann stopped Nara on the lodging-house stairs beside the eastern viaduct. She had four papers in one hand and a parcel of bread going cold under the other arm.

THE RECORD

London is divided less by streets than by functions. Custodial districts, assembly mandates, engineering systems, air corridors, provenance histories and refusal notices overlap without producing one master map.

An Army With a Supply Chain

FROM THE NOVEL

“That a machine arriving with a useful cargo can still be an army.”

THE RECORD

The air service can protect food routes because it also consumes fuel, landing access, payment, maintenance and political consent. The forty-eight-hour arrangement separates civil mission authority, command in flight and ground safety without declaring one government of the sky.

A Government of Ghosts

FROM THE NOVEL

A hospital maintenance team found that one emergency access path depended on a trustee translation nobody had documented. Two custodial officers discovered that their replacement credentials had been issued under a role class marked historical.

THE RECORD

Inherited systems continue translating the retained Graham MASTER principal into current permissions. The record survives because successive administrations migrated it forward, creating a government-like layer of authority whose original person is gone but whose machine role remains.

Too Perfect a Memory

FROM THE NOVEL

At the archive, they built the first test from things Graham could have known and things only later records contained. Daran chose Isbister because the name already lived in public memory. Graham had spoken of him after waking.

THE RECORD

The feed combines Isbister's separate records and later reproduces a known posthumous catalogue error as first-person memory. The evidence establishes constructed autobiography from archival sources while leaving the underlying mechanism unresolved.

The Second Graham

FROM THE NOVEL

The public called it the second Graham. The feed itself continued to say I. That pronoun became the most contested word in London.

THE RECORD

The Graham likeness answers current questions and appears through multiple inherited routes. The archive records responsiveness, timing and authority acceptance without treating those facts as authentication of a surviving Graham.

Coordination Without Command

FROM THE NOVEL

“If engineers can coordinate around elected or appointed bodies whenever they say safety requires it, we have built another unelected government.”

THE RECORD

Engineers, fields, depots and a pumping station coordinate through visible local state rather than one new citywide command. The convoy succeeds, but the custodians immediately challenge the accountability and legality of the network that made the coordination possible.

Three Incompatible Commands

FROM THE NOVEL

Rook recorded flight deviations. Arun's stations recorded technical states and exceptions. Eliza, who had arrived at the Spine during the final approach, recorded the three orders and every place the operation had departed from them. She laid the documents side by side. Custodians: central warehouses.

THE RECORD

Three public instructions overlap over the same convoy: custodial safe-state and central warehousing. Marian's non-recognition of disputed identity authority, and receiving-court requests based on Lower City capacity. Their operational collision does not make them legally identical.

UNKNOWN

FROM THE NOVEL

UNKNOWN would remain disabled but preserved. Pera put the two-page instruction beside the witness record. At 04:10, Pera posted the UNKNOWN record beside the eleven names from the bombing, then immediately moved it because that comparison was obscene. She placed it beside the authority wall instead.

THE RECORD

A new delegated principal appears beneath the recognised MASTER record with no recorded legal or biographical origin. It is disabled locally but already copied into three systems, demonstrating that accepted delegation can create operational identity before anyone establishes a person.

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OPERATIVE

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Director of Essential Systems

ARUN

FILE POWER / SYSTEM

Higher Access defeats lower Access in a Clash.

A2-037 / CHAPTER 19

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Less Powerful by Design

FILE POWER / LAW

Higher Access defeats lower Access in a Clash.

A2-038 / CHAPTER 19

PLAYTEST 2.1

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

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BOMB



Level Seven

FILE GRAIN / SYSTEM

When attacked, discard this and the attacker, including an Engineer.

A2-039 / CHAPTER 20

PLAYTEST 2.1

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TACTIC



Enough People Possess It

FILE POWER / WITNESS

File one eligible card from your discard pile; its proof enters the Archive ready.

A2-040 / CHAPTER 20

PLAYTEST 2.1

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CORE

VAULT



For When There Is No Master

The player who legally Probes this Vault wins immediately.

A2-041 / CHAPTER 21

PLAYTEST 2.1

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

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TACTIC



The Brass Key

FILE WAYS / SYSTEM

Reveal one opposing Guard in Ways; discard it if it is a Trap or Bomb.

A2-042 / CHAPTER 21

PLAYTEST 2.1

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DECOY

VAULT



Accepting the Inheritance

Discard face up if legally Probed; play continues.

A2-043 / CHAPTER 22

PLAYTEST 2.1

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TACTIC



Putting Down the Crown

FILE POWER / LAW

Move one of your Operatives to any empty friendly Guard slot; ready the cited proof.

A2-044 / CHAPTER 22

PLAYTEST 2.1

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

C T / CONTINUITY

TACTIC



Nothing Collapsed at Midnight

FILE WAYS / SYSTEM

Remove an enemy Breach in any system; then draw 1.

A2-045 / CHAPTER 23

PLAYTEST 2.1

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STORY BEHIND THE CARD / CHAPTER 20

Level Seven

FROM THE NOVEL

Level Seven's east corridor was already grey. The emergency shutters had dropped across two doors and remained open across three others. Another impossible combination. Eliza stayed low. A sprinkler head above the first room was dry.

THE RECORD

The central archive is deliberately attacked through selective suppression bypasses and multiple ignition points. Level Seven east suffers severe losses, but the whole archive is not destroyed and no perpetrator is established.

A2-039 / ORIGINAL ARCHIVE 002 FICTION

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

STORY BEHIND THE CARD / CHAPTER 19

Less Powerful by Design

FROM THE NOVEL

"You have made yourself less powerful than the office I offered," Voss said.

THE RECORD

The working charter distributes technical, worker, district and public-audit roles, rejects a permanent central override and gives Arun only a seven-day convenor term renewable by a future board rather than by himself.

A2-038 / ORIGINAL ARCHIVE 002 FICTION

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

STORY BEHIND THE CARD / CHAPTER 19

Director of Essential Systems

FROM THE NOVEL

"Director of Essential Systems."

THE RECORD

The custodians offer Arun one cross-system office whose signature would replace disputed emergency authority. He rejects the proposal because concentrating responsibility in one inheritable office recreates the Master problem.

A2-037 / ORIGINAL ARCHIVE 002 FICTION

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

STORY BEHIND THE CARD / CHAPTER 21

The Brass Key

FROM THE NOVEL

The brass key was in a glass case on the wall. That part of their working theory had been true. The label beneath it was handwritten.

THE RECORD

A brass key remains sealed beside the selector. An independent eastern maintenance copy shows it can enter a disconnected manual-source test mode. Chapter 21 does not use the key or transfer any live authority.

A2-042 / ORIGINAL ARCHIVE 002 FICTION

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

STORY BEHIND THE CARD / CHAPTER 21

For When There Is No Master

FROM THE NOVEL

Marian wanted the glass left closed until they knew what manual selection would actually write. They agreed on isolation and documentation before custody of the machine or key was decided.

THE RECORD

Beneath the first Hall of the Atlas, a maintained continuity selector ranks available authority sources through primary principal, trustee fallback, civic continuity and manual selection. It selects a source; it does not create a person or legal owner.

A2-041 / ORIGINAL ARCHIVE 002 FICTION

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

STORY BEHIND THE CARD / CHAPTER 20

Enough People Possess It

FROM THE NOVEL

Daran held the casualty list beside the recovered holdings list. He put both on the public board. At four-twenty, the first remote reconstruction of the Schedule Nine evidence packet completed. The central copy had been damaged by water. The district library copy was complete. The engineering-station copy had one corrupted image.

THE RECORD

Libraries, engineering stations, schools, private holders, estate offices, custodial rooms and offsite stores reconstruct public access from independently verified copies without selecting a new master repository.

A2-040 / ORIGINAL ARCHIVE 002 FICTION

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

STORY BEHIND THE CARD / CHAPTER 23

Nothing Collapsed at Midnight

FROM THE NOVEL

The archive network reopened three more public reading rooms by dusk. The central building remained closed, so the archive opened a school classroom, a tram office and a former estate accounting room to readers.

THE RECORD

Distributed reading rooms reopen at a school, tram office and former estate accounting room under a shared warning: where a record can be read or stored does not make that location authoritative over the record.

A2-045 / ORIGINAL ARCHIVE 002 FICTION

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

STORY BEHIND THE CARD / CHAPTER 22

Putting Down the Crown

FROM THE NOVEL

The trust would receive the private remainder. Marian would be a beneficiary but not its sole controller.

THE RECORD

Marian keeps substantial private wealth while the operative clause bars identified public-use assets from deriving political or administrative authority from private succession to the Graham estate.

A2-044 / ORIGINAL ARCHIVE 002 FICTION

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

STORY BEHIND THE CARD / CHAPTER 22

Accepting the Inheritance

FROM THE NOVEL

"You understand that if you execute Schedule Nine after acceptance, you may be disposing of assets that have just vested in you."

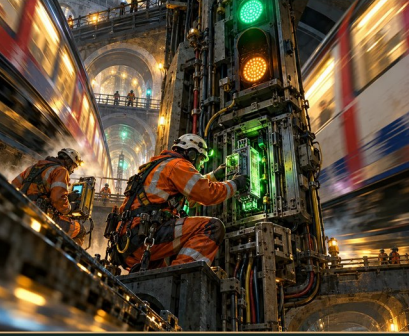
THE RECORD

After succession standing is recognised, Marian executes Schedule Nine and transfers only qualifying public-use assets whose estate title and classification survive provenance review. The execution does not erase unrelated private property or assets already vested elsewhere.

A2-043 / ORIGINAL ARCHIVE 002 FICTION

OPERATIVE

2



Rewriting While Running

FILE POWER / SYSTEM

Higher Access defeats lower Access in a Clash.

A2-046 / CHAPTER 23

PLAYTEST 2.1

OPERATIVE

3



The Vote of the Ways

FILE WAYS / WITNESS

Higher Access defeats lower Access in a Clash.

A2-047 / CHAPTER 24

PLAYTEST 2.1

CORE

VAULT



The Charter

The player who legally Probes this Vault wins immediately.

A2-048 / CHAPTER 24

PLAYTEST 2.1

OPERATIVE

1



Was the Sleeper Bad?

FILE GRAIN / WITNESS

Scout: may reveal on Deploy to inspect the opposing Guard; may Move between any two friendly Guard slots.

A2-049 / CHAPTER 25

PLAYTEST 2.1

OPERATIVE

1



The Sleeper Was Never the Only One

FILE WAYS / SYSTEM

Scout: may reveal on Deploy to inspect the opposing Guard; may Move between any two friendly Guard slots.

A2-050 / CHAPTER 25

PLAYTEST 2.1

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

STORY BEHIND THE CARD / CHAPTER 24

The Charter

FROM THE NOVEL

Citywide civil missions. Emergency orders limited to seventy-two hours unless renewed through the charter process. No permanent cross-system override.

THE RECORD

Five structural clauses are adopted and one standing emergency office is refused. The resulting charter retains no single victorious faction and is published with the failed proposal and correction history attached.

A2-048 / ORIGINAL ARCHIVE 002 FICTION

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

STORY BEHIND THE CARD / CHAPTER 24

The Vote of the Ways

FROM THE NOVEL

Eliza insisted on the wording. The count happened in public without becoming public access to individual ballots. Station totals were committed first.

THE RECORD

London uses temporary one-use civic credentials and distributed Moving Ways stations to ratify six separate constitutional questions without importing the old estate role hierarchy into the electorate.

A2-047 / ORIGINAL ARCHIVE 002 FICTION

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

STORY BEHIND THE CARD / CHAPTER 23

Rewriting While Running

FROM THE NOVEL

At 21:00, they attempted the estate notices registry. The registry had no advocates.

THE RECORD

The estate notices registry is decomposed into separate public, private, civic-land and archive functions while old and new routes run in parallel. Matching results migrate; conflicts stop for review.

A2-046 / ORIGINAL ARCHIVE 002 FICTION

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

STORY BEHIND THE CARD / CHAPTER 25

The Sleeper Was Never the Only One

FROM THE NOVEL

On the reverse someone had typed, THE SLEEPER WAS NEVER THE ONLY ONE. Eliza read it as a claim by the sender; the paper offered no source for it.

THE RECORD

A map left without a sender marks cities beyond London. Its typed claim about the Sleeper has no established source or demonstrated authority; the archive records it and begins ordinary inquiries.

A2-050 / ORIGINAL ARCHIVE 002 FICTION

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

STORY BEHIND THE CARD / CHAPTER 25

Was the Sleeper Bad?

FROM THE NOVEL

“He was frightened and tired. He did things that hurt people. You can read what he did here.” She showed him the next case, where a notice of his authority stood beside an objection sent by workers who had never met him.

THE RECORD

At the public archive, a child asks whether Graham was bad. Eliza shows him a letter, a forged recording and the limits of what the archive can establish about the man.

A2-049 / ORIGINAL ARCHIVE 002 FICTION