

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

C T / CONTINUITY

DECOY

VAULT



The Last Valid Signature

Discard face up if legally Probed; play continues.

A2-002 / CHAPTER 01

PLAYTEST 2.1

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

C T / CONTINUITY

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

C T / CONTINUITY

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

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

F C / FREE CITY

OPERATIVE

2



Authority Chain Incomplete

FILE POWER / SYSTEM

Higher Access defeats lower Access in a Clash.

A2-005 / CHAPTER 03

PLAYTEST 2.1

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

F C / FREE CITY

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

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

F C / FREE CITY

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

F C / FREE CITY

HEAD

LEADER



Marian Vale

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

A2-009 / CHAPTER 05

PLAYTEST 2.1

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

STORY BEHIND THE CARD / CHAPTER 02

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.

A2-003 / ORIGINAL ARCHIVE 002 FICTION

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

STORY BEHIND THE CARD / CHAPTER 01

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

A surviving operator grant gives limited permission without deciding who owns the city.

A2-002 / ORIGINAL ARCHIVE 002 FICTION

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

STORY BEHIND THE CARD / CHAPTER 01

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 archive distinguishes a report from a public declaration.

A2-001 / ORIGINAL ARCHIVE 002 FICTION

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

STORY BEHIND THE CARD / CHAPTER 03

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 initialled 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

Chapter III · Three Hours Without Orders

A2-006 / ORIGINAL ARCHIVE 002 FICTION

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

STORY BEHIND THE CARD / CHAPTER 03

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

Chapter III · Three Hours Without Orders

A2-005 / ORIGINAL ARCHIVE 002 FICTION

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

STORY BEHIND THE CARD / CHAPTER 02

The Name at the Bottom

FROM THE NOVEL

Across the room, Senn was briefing the two people who would go to Marian Vale. One was a civil-register clerk. The other knew the district. A guard would accompany them as far as the door. Kest had specified that they were to request a conversation, not convey a summons.

THE RECORD

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

A2-004 / ORIGINAL ARCHIVE 002 FICTION

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

STORY BEHIND THE CARD / CHAPTER 05

Marian Vale

FROM THE NOVEL

The civil-register clerk introduced himself as Tomas Ede. His companion said that she knew the district and could take a message if Marian preferred. 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. Her birthday had been last month.

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.

A2-009 / ORIGINAL ARCHIVE 002 FICTION

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

STORY BEHIND THE CARD / CHAPTER 04

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.

A2-008 / ORIGINAL ARCHIVE 002 FICTION

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

STORY BEHIND THE CARD / CHAPTER 04

Schedule Nine

FROM THE NOVEL

A certificate preceded the photographed instrument. 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 film they held was later still. Eliza entered all three stages.

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.

A2-007 / ORIGINAL ARCHIVE 002 FICTION

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

C T / CONTINUITY

OPERATIVE

4



The Crown of Contracts

FILE POWER / LAW

Higher Access defeats lower Access in a Clash.

A2-010 / CHAPTER 05

PLAYTEST 2.1

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

C T / CONTINUITY

OPERATIVE

2



Central Authority Not Available

FILE WAYS / SYSTEM

Higher Access defeats lower Access in a Clash.

A2-011 / CHAPTER 06

PLAYTEST 2.1

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

F C / FREE CITY

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

C T / CONTINUITY

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

F C / FREE CITY

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

F C / FREE CITY

BOMB



Forty-Three Seconds

FILE POWER / WITNESS

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

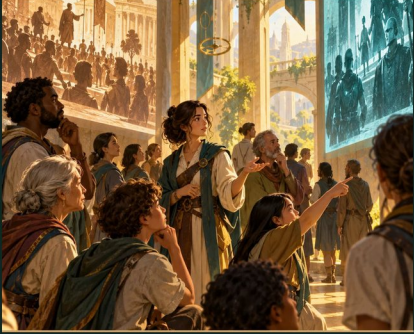
A2-017 / CHAPTER 09

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

He spoke from the dispatch receiver, not the counter. Essential services, he said, would be kept in operation by the crews at them, within limits stated by those crews and the places receiving their traffic. The eastern passage was for people on foot and attended medical movement. It was not a general freight route.

THE RECORD

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

The Crown of Contracts

FROM THE NOVEL

Marian went through the proposal again. Where it asked for agreement, she set a clean sheet across the empty line rather than crossing it out. She was not prepared to appoint the office; she was not prepared to pretend that refusing one proposal disposed of an inheritance.

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

On the service stair she met a man carrying a copy of her speech. He had underlined the sentence about inheritance. He wanted Marian Vale to read it, he said; perhaps the heir could give the whole thing to the people and end the dispute. Nara asked whether he had spoken to her. He had not.

THE RECORD

A companion to Chapter 8: The Lower City Speaks.

The City Already Less Owned

FROM THE NOVEL

“The terrace is already less yours than the list suggested,” Leda said. “It was never mine.” “I know. I am trying to remember it before I start choosing the curtains.” Marian laughed, a brief and unsteady sound. Arun was grateful that the hall did not require her to be solemn every time she understood something.

THE RECORD

Marian encounters work that would still require other people's agreement even if she inherited legal rights. She and Leda do not displace another building's claim to the reserved valve.

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. She would send the operating conditions to the departments and the receiving offices. Questions of succession and permanent government remained elsewhere.

THE RECORD

An overnight agreement records accepted work, technical limits and review. It does not appoint a new owner or guarantee that every affected household has been heard.

The Archive Must Teach Doubt

FROM THE NOVEL

She sent back a proposal for a public comparison register. 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. Later corrections would sit beside the earlier finding, not quietly replace it.

THE RECORD

A companion to Chapter 9: The First False Record.

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. Eliza asked him to stop saying fake until they had written what they could demonstrate.

THE RECORD

A companion to Chapter 9: The First False Record.

The Dead Speak Conveniently

FROM THE NOVEL

The speaker had reached the second item when Graham appeared above her. 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 companion to Chapter 8: The Lower City Speaks.

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

CT / CONTINUITY

TRAP



The Extinct Office

FILE GRAIN / LAW

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

A2-019 / CHAPTER 10

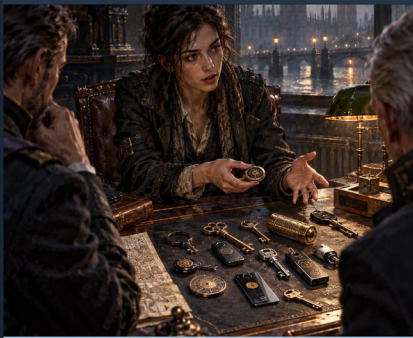
PLAYTEST 2.1

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

CT / CONTINUITY

OPERATIVE

0



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

CT / CONTINUITY

OPERATIVE

2



Pending Final Settlement

FILE WAYS / LAW

Higher Access defeats lower Access in a Clash.

A2-021 / CHAPTER 11

PLAYTEST 2.1

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

FC / FREE CITY

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

FC / 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

CT / 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

FC / FREE CITY

OPERATIVE

2



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

FC / FREE CITY

OPERATIVE

1



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

CT / CONTINUITY

HEAD

LEADER



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. Under it, separate offices had acquired one another's powers. The people issuing the notices still called themselves custodians.

THE RECORD

A companion to Chapter 11: A Government of Custodians.

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

A companion to Chapter 10: The Black Seal.

The Extinct Office

FROM THE NOVEL

Holt joined them with the current desk's reply. Its keeper could account for the wrapper on the family return. He denied issuing either fuel direction. The old office identifier in Rill's record was not one his present desk was authorised to use.

THE RECORD

A companion to Chapter 10: The Black Seal.

Continuity Was Policy

FROM THE NOVEL

A third review appeared in a digitised trustee digest from the previous century. This time the language had changed. Public-use reservation had become legacy separation risk. The recommendation was to maintain existing consolidated administration pending comprehensive legal reform.

THE RECORD

A companion to Chapter 12: The Archivist's Proof.

Proof, Not Revelation

FROM THE NOVEL

By the time the fourth group left, the proof packet had begun producing copies the archive did not control. Eliza discovered that this frightened her. She had spent her career protecting records from careless hands. Now she was deliberately making enough copies that no careful hand could gather them back.

THE RECORD

A companion to Chapter 12: The Archivist's Proof.

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

A companion to Chapter 11: A Government of Custodians.

Thirty-Seven Aircraft

FROM THE NOVEL

“Thirty-seven operational aircraft?” he asked. “Thirty-seven that flew within the last four days,” Korr said. “Thirty-one I would send on a long escort without first putting a mechanic inside them.”

THE RECORD

A companion to Chapter 14: The Commander of the Air.

Participation Is Slow

FROM THE NOVEL

Pera preserved the first photographs of the wall. The black mark appeared on two images made minutes before the explosion, though neither image was intended to show it. That established it had been present beforehand.

THE RECORD

A companion to Chapter 13: The Organiser's Square.

No Official Name

FROM THE NOVEL

The square had no official name. Now it had eleven names people would remember.

THE RECORD

A companion to Chapter 13: The Organiser's Square.

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

C T / CONTINUITY

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

F C / FREE CITY

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

F C / FREE CITY

TACTIC



Too Perfect a Memory

FILE POWER / WITNESS

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

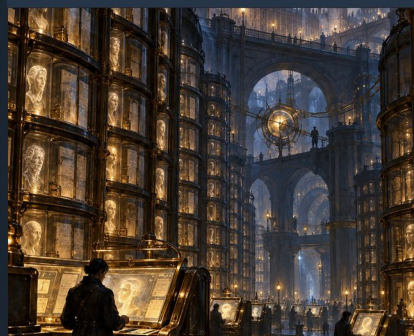
A2-032 / CHAPTER 16

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

A sleeping eye beneath a black sun. The image was simple enough to redraw from memory. That made it dangerous. Pera did not redraw it. She photographed the booth. Nara arrived while the screen was still showing the symbol.

THE RECORD

A companion to Chapter 15: The City Divides.

Four Maps of London

FROM THE NOVEL

A woman named Merel Vann stopped Nara on the stairs with four papers in her hand. "Which one is real?" Nara looked at them. One admitted the household to food distribution. One allowed access to the service lift during restricted hours. One acknowledged a housing appeal.

THE RECORD

A companion to Chapter 15: The City Divides.

An Army With a Supply Chain

FROM THE NOVEL

"That a machine arriving with a useful cargo can still be an army." No one objected. Voss proposed that the custodians issue a city guarantee and designate Rook temporary commander of air defence.

THE RECORD

A companion to Chapter 14: The Commander of the Air.

A Government of Ghosts

FROM THE NOVEL

Two custodial officers discovered that their replacement credentials had been issued under a role class marked historical. A tram worker's badge continued working perfectly while everybody around him argued over whether it should.

THE RECORD

A companion to Chapter 17: The System of Names.

Too Perfect a Memory

FROM THE NOVEL

Daran chose Isbister because the name already lived in public memory. Graham had spoken of him after waking. The archive held surviving accounts of those remarks. It also held Isbister's own sketches and correspondence, acquired decades later from a separate collection.

THE RECORD

A companion to Chapter 16: The Second Graham.

The Second Graham

FROM THE NOVEL

The second Graham answered questions. That was what frightened Eliza. A dead image could be compared with the past. A living speaker could manufacture a future. By the time she reached Pera's booth, six local recorders were already running. The woman whose brother had died was still standing beside the microphone.

THE RECORD

A companion to Chapter 16: The Second Graham.

Coordination Without Command

FROM THE NOVEL

"That is why the state board cannot become command." "Then what prevents it?" "Other people being able to see what we are doing. Local reasons. Expiries. Appeal. No permanent override." Nara said, "And representation."

THE RECORD

A companion to Chapter 18: Night of Three Orders.

Three Incompatible Commands

FROM THE NOVEL

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

A companion to Chapter 18: Night of Three Orders.

UNKNOWN

FROM THE NOVEL

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 companion to Chapter 17: The System of Names.

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

C T / CONTINUITY

OPERATIVE

2



Director of Essential Systems

ARUN

FILE POWER / SYSTEM

Higher Access defeats lower Access in a Clash.

A2-037 / CHAPTER 19

PLAYTEST 2.1

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

F C / FREE CITY

OPERATIVE

3



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

C T / CONTINUITY

BOMB



Level Seven

FILE GRAIN / SYSTEM

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

A2-039 / CHAPTER 20

PLAYTEST 2.1

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

F C / FREE CITY

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

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

C T / CONTINUITY

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

C T / CONTINUITY

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

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

F C / FREE CITY

DECOY

VAULT



Accepting the Inheritance

Discard face up if legally Probed; play continues.

A2-043 / CHAPTER 22

PLAYTEST 2.1

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

F C / FREE CITY

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

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

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

A companion to Chapter 20: The Archive Burns.

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.” “That is the point.” The sentence was quieter than the applause had been. It mattered more. At noon, the working draft went public.

THE RECORD

A companion to Chapter 19: The Engineer’s Choice.

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.” “No.” “Convenor?” “Rotating.” “First Convenor?” Arun looked at Nara. She shook her head before he spoke. “Temporary,” he said. Nara stopped shaking her head.

THE RECORD

A companion to Chapter 19: The Engineer's Choice.

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 the outline had been true. The label beneath it was handwritten. FOR WHEN THERE IS NO MASTER. Nara read it aloud. Nobody laughed.

THE RECORD

A companion to Chapter 21: The Unknown Record.

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 compromised by doing almost nothing. The live cable to the current identity service was locally disconnected at both ends.

THE RECORD

A companion to Chapter 21: The Unknown Record.

A2-041 / ORIGINAL ARCHIVE 002 FICTION

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

STORY BEHIND THE CARD / CHAPTER 20

Enough People Possess It

FROM THE NOVEL

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

A companion to Chapter 20: The Archive Burns.

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. Not the central building. One school classroom. One tram office. One former estate accounting room. Each displayed the same banner:

THE RECORD

A companion to Chapter 23: The City Without an Owner.

A2-045 / ORIGINAL ARCHIVE 002 FICTION

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

STORY BEHIND THE CARD / CHAPTER 22

Putting Down the Crown

FROM THE NOVEL

The private remainder would pass into the Vale Transitional Trust. Marian would be a beneficiary. Not sole controller. The charter barred the trust from acquiring political authority through ownership of public infrastructure.

THE RECORD

A companion to Chapter 22: The Heir Refuses the Crown.

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.” “Temporarily.” “Legally, perhaps not temporarily.” Marian looked at Kest.

THE RECORD

A companion to Chapter 22: The Heir Refuses the Crown.

A2-043 / ORIGINAL ARCHIVE 002 FICTION

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

F C / FREE CITY

OPERATIVE

2



Rewriting While Running

FILE POWER / SYSTEM

Higher Access defeats lower Access in a Clash.

A2-046 / CHAPTER 23

PLAYTEST 2.1

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

F C / FREE CITY

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

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

F C / FREE CITY

CORE

VAULT



The Charter

The player who legally Probes this Vault wins immediately.

A2-048 / CHAPTER 24

PLAYTEST 2.1

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

F C / FREE CITY

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

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

C T / CONTINUITY

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

Emergency orders limited to seventy-two hours unless renewed through the charter process. No permanent cross-system override. The district chamber would review citywide emergency orders, select representatives under published local mandates and originate district coordination proposals.

THE RECORD

A companion to Chapter 24: The Vote of the Ways.

A2-048 / ORIGINAL ARCHIVE 002 FICTION

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

STORY BEHIND THE CARD / CHAPTER 24

The Vote of the Ways

FROM THE NOVEL

The count happened in public without becoming public access to individual ballots. Station totals were committed first. Paper boxes were counted under local and central witnesses. Provisional citywide ballots entered the citywide count.

THE RECORD

A companion to Chapter 24: The Vote of the Ways.

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. Nobody liked the system. That made it dangerous. The registry no longer commanded anything important by itself, but three legal workflows still asked it whether a notice had been served under recognised estate authority.

THE RECORD

A companion to Chapter 23: The City Without an Owner.

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

It did not prove there were other Sleepers. The sentence on the back was a claim. The marks were evidence of something. Their meaning remained unresolved. Eliza published nothing that night.

THE RECORD

A companion to Chapter 25: After the Sleeper.

A2-050 / ORIGINAL ARCHIVE 002 FICTION

THE SLEEPER ARCHIVE / 002

STORY BEHIND THE CARD / CHAPTER 25

Was the Sleeper Bad?

FROM THE NOVEL

Months later, a child asked Eliza whether the Sleeper had really owned the world. They were standing in the rebuilt public hall of the Archive. The hall was smaller than the one that had burned.

THE RECORD

A companion to Chapter 25: After the Sleeper.

A2-049 / ORIGINAL ARCHIVE 002 FICTION