

In the year 2000, a group of deep-sea divers discovered what looked to be a large wooden chest in an underwater cave buried within the Mediterranean Ocean.

The chest was from an unknown period, with the only identifying marker being a carving of the old Aramaic word for “lost”. This could place it as having been created anywhere from the 8th to 11th century BCE, but most estimations are circumstantial at best.

The most intriguing thing about the find was not the chest, however, but its contents. Within was a stack of what looked to be four white documents with seemingly modern formatting.

The documents speak of a parapsychological organization known as “The Ministry”, with no known current or historical records pointing to its existence as an independent entity. They have no known affiliations either, from what it seems, to any documented religious or scientific institutions.

Regardless of their validity, the contents of them are equal parts intriguing and alarming.

Below are those documents.

Official Summative Report

Case: C-001

Written by: Instance Supervisor Eriksson

Report on **C-001**: "Y2K Relic"

Discovery

C-001 was initially discovered by Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] during a routine sweep of a Ministry facility embedded in the midwestern United States. Upon inspection of an electronics storage room, the agents spotted an out-of-place 90's era personal computer.

Upon initial encounter, the agents claimed that the screen of the computer displayed "AWAITING INPUT", despite not being connected to any power sources. The suspicious nature of the PC's sudden appearance along with its ambiguous nature prompted a calling of Instance Retrieval, who seized the item and put it in quarantine for further testing.

Brief Description

C-001 is a *DELL Dimension XPS T500* home computer, marked by serial no. [REDACTED]. Despite most other computers requiring an external power source, the instance is not, and is notably powered by anomalous means. Generally, the only normal aspects of the device are its physical components and peripherals, which are all appropriate and standard necessities for a computer of the period (incl. monitor, mouse, keyboard, and all crucial internal parts).

Where the computer's behavior bleeds into the supernatural, however, is in its software.

C-001 does not have a standard operating system, and instead, constantly displays a black-and-white command prompt awaiting text input. It wasn't until incident C-001-A that the computer was discovered to be capable of speaking through text for a brief period of time, during which it displayed a degree of sentience.

Incident C-001-A

The incident began when Instance Research personnel were conducting a check on the computer to log any changes. Upon examining the display, it was found that instead of the standard command prompt screen, the words "Hi, is anyone there?" were now on the screen. Now curious, personnel responded(at the time, Researcher [REDACTED]), and what ensued was a conversation that spanned roughly 3 weeks(transcribed below).

* BEGINNING INCIDENT REPORT*

Researcher [REDACTED]: I'm a technician just doing repairs on this computer. Who are you?

C-001: my name's Josh [REDACTED]. This is the first time i've gotten a response, wow, didn't think i'd be able to talk to anyone

C-001: chat hasn't been working lately, i mean nothing has to be fair. things have been a bit weird.

Researcher: What do you mean by weird?

C-001: well, to start, my computer's been on the fritz. i've only been able to upload my movies to [REDACTED] and access aol. none of the other things on my computer seem to work.

Researcher: Have you tried restarting it?

C-001: cant. the power button, unplugging it from my wall, disconnecting things inside the computer. tried them all, but for some reason it just won't.

Researcher ■■■: Can you estimate how long you think you've been

there? C-001: can't tell, it's just black outside

C-001: all the clocks in my house are frozen at 12:00am too, including the one on my computer. so, it *feels* like it's been a while. if i had to guess, maybe a few days.

Researcher ■■■: If it's been that long, how have you been holding

up? C-001: i'm alright, haven't really needed to eat.

C-001: or drink

C-001: or sleep, come to think of it.

C-001: i've just been in my room using my computer.

C-001: Tried going outside but I couldn't see anything. Couldn't tell if my eyes were closed or not.

C-001: usually my mom or dad would be here asleep by now, but their bedroom was empty when I checked. haven't heard from them in a while.

C-001: uploading my old homemade action movies is all i've been able to do. the only people I've had contact with so far are you and some other dude.

Researcher ■■■: Who's the other person, if you don't mind me asking?

C-001: well he doesn't have a name, and he doesn't really talk much.
his username is 689646045.

C-001: he just kinda sends me weird pictures. Like snakes and stuff.
Researcher ■■■: Any chance you could find a way to send me those?
I'm curious.

C-001: (*after 2 minutes of silence) shoot, it says it's gonna take a
while. i'll tell you when it's done.

(no photos or responses are received from C-001 for a duration of 2
weeks, until silence was broken during shortly after another examination)

C-001: just heard a knock on my door

C-001: i'm too scared to answer

C-001: i haven't seen anyone for a while, why would someone show up

now? C-001: i

C-001: help

(Pause of 1 hour)

C-001: NO ONE WAS THERE.

C-001: UPLOADING PHOTOS NOW.

END INCIDENT REPORT

After the incident, a series of photos was sent to the computer, and could be viewed by clicking blue, underlined text that appeared in the command prompt. They were labeled "IMG1", "IMG2", "IMG3".

After a while of continued attempts at communication, Ministry personnel did get a response, although it wasn't in the usual text format. They were sent as image links in a different font, and instead of nondescript filenames, they followed single word formats.

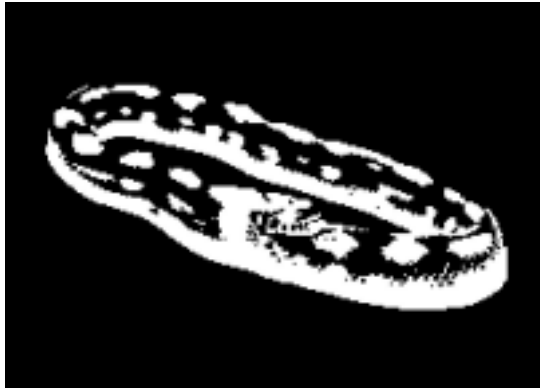
The images the ministry has so far are named "JOSH", "GEHENNA" and "OPHANIM". All of which are attached below this document.*

As of the writing of this report, there have been no more images. Research into the exact nature of these images, and whether they pose innate hazards to their viewers, is unknown.

(*See attached page for supplemental materials)

Supplemental Materials

IMAGES: "IMG 1", "IMG 2", "IMG 3"



"JOSH", "GEHENNA", "OPHANIM"





OFFICIAL REPORT

Dept. of Research

Approved by *Dr. Jansson*

Report on “C-002 “

Codename: “*Schismatic Relic*”

CLASS: **DIVINUS**

Description

C-002 is a series of 7 small, concentric brass rings(C-002A), with the hole in their center measuring roughly 115 x 251 x 261 mm. Running down the center of the rings is a red line that stops at the hole in the center.

Researchers, referred to at the time of discovery as “instance supervisors”, theorized it could be a part of a larger mechanism. This prompted research into the interaction between the rings and various small brass objects. The most promising result came when C-002 was introduced to an 1800s naval compass marked with the initials E.J.(C-002B), sourced from a Norwegian historical museum with Ministry ties. Upon introduction of the compass to the rings, they both began to shake violently, and shortly after, each ring began to rotate in different directions rapidly. After approximately 30 seconds, it seemed to anomalously weld itself to the compass, creating a new device.

The device functioned like a regular non-anomalous compass, with the only addition being the red-markings on C-002A, which would rotate depending on what direction its user was facing. When it was posited by research personnel that the markings could be pointing to something, the Department commissioned an Instance Retrieval Unit(what we now know as a Mobile Response Unit) to follow the compass. The expedition led to an empty stretch of land in Siberia, which contained a single bright red, tri-ring binder buried under a sheet of snow. When opened, it was found that the binder contained a ream of paper, each page with descriptions of the properties of previously uncontained Anomalous Instances. The only common link between the anomalies was that they had inherently violent and volatile properties. For more details on the most important sheets in the binder, see ADDENDUM I

Addendum I - First Contact with *The Cardinal*

The most important document, which is currently in Ministry containment, was a document describing the acting Director of the Ministry at that time. The description contained a number of startling properties with immense ramifications, which were found dealt with swiftly via the forceful termination

of the Director. In the process of searching for a new Director, an anomalous signal came through a Ministry Monitoring station in Siberia around where the red binder was originally found. The signal was impossible to trace, but was identified as belonging to an entity calling itself *The Cardinal*, which claimed it was responsible for the creation of the binder(which it claimed was non-anomalous in nature). It was at that point it began to give suggestions as to the promotion or firing of various employees within the Ministry in a seeming bid to gain our trust. The employees that the entity designated to “fire” were all found to be tied to groups hostile to the Ministry. Those marked “promote” were found to be the highest performing employees in their respective Departments. With their promotion, it was found that the success rate of instance containment increased by roughly 20 times its base percentage within 3 weeks. Over the span of a couple of years, and with the assistance of *The Cardinal*, the Ministry began a mass organizational restructuring, which resulted in the structure it currently finds itself in. Administrators are appointed by *The Cardinal*, and the administrators specialize in managing either external and internal affairs. Administrators are responsible for the promotion, employment, and firing of personnel within every department under their specialization, almost serving as extensions of *The Cardinal*'s will. While the work of *The Cardinal* has been a force of good for The Ministry, it has not come without its byproducts. One of the most harmful by-products is the entity formerly known as The Director, which is further elaborated upon in ADDENDUM II.

Addendum II - The Former Director

The former Director(C-002C) that was ousted as a harmful anomalous instance still lingers as an incorporeal force manifesting in various areas of the ministry. Its behavior begins with its manifestation in the department of its choosing as a middle-aged man with slicked back hair, an all-black suit, and a single white coffee mug with The Ministry's pre-restructure logo on it. Upon confrontation by the lead supervisor of that Department within approximately 3 days, it will de-manifest with no preceding anomalous effects or manifestations for the next 3 months. If the 3 day latency period passes with no interference by a Department lead, the Director's anomalous effects will undergo its second stage, which is the increasingly frequent alteration of reports surrounding more volatile and deadly anomalies to seem harmless(which only ceases with confrontation by a Department head of The Director and the use of Ministry Water* on the shreds of altered documents). These alterations have been proven to lead to the brutal and violent deaths of personnel at the hands of anomalies, primarily caused by the mishandling of harmful instances encouraged by the Director's new information. An example of such an alteration is marked as C-001 in our archives, and serves as a reminder of the lingering threat the Director poses to Ministry operations. Its format is consistent with the Ministry *before* restructuring, and

was more effective in its goals then, as it seemed to blend in well with all other non-anomalous documentation. This instance(a *DELL Dimension XPS T500 home computer*) was portrayed as relatively harmless by the document, but was subsequently found to have led to the death of the Lead Supervisor of the instance, *Dr. Eriksson*. He was found a week later in his apartment with roughly 2000 small but deep gashes in his upper chest, each filled with what seemed to be a large number of assorted confetti strips suspended in a liquid which was later found to be a gelatinous form of ██████████ Sparkling Champagne.

If ANY personnel happen across a document with antiquated formatting, it is MANDATED that they report it to their supervisor, shred it immediately, then finish by sprinkling Ministry Water* onto the pieces to nullify their regenerative properties.

The location of stations that contain Ministry Water will be provided to new employees upon completion of their Orientation and Training Program.



OFFICIAL REPORT

Dept. of Research

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Report on C-003

Codename: "Appearance of the Rusted Chain"

CLASS: NEUTRALIS

Description

Instance C-003 is an anomalous event involving a rusted steel link, roughly 8 inches in diameter. Its origins and exact mechanism of functioning is unknown. It is not currently in Ministry containment.

Each person who makes eye contact with the object during instance C-003 is subject to a different sight after a waiting period of roughly 7 seconds, the determinant of which is ambiguous. *Ministry water* has been shown to have no effect on the anomalous properties, neither catalyzing nor inhibiting the function of the instance. The only method to mitigate sustained emotional trauma, according to the Department of Containment, is to blindfold any and all witnesses to a manifestation event.

No action can be taken, nor is recommended, to stop a manifestation event from occurring. The targets are seemingly random, but consist primarily of high level Ministry employees at both the Departmental AND Divisional levels. Instance C-003 events tend to coincide with a Director Manifestation Event(DME), in that they will generally occur during the second day of the latency period shortly after its first manifestation in any given month. As such, the anointment and distribution of blindfolds are regularly performed by the Operations Maintenance Department at the start of a DME.

For a list of the most notable appearances of the link during C-003, see ADDENUM I below.

ADDENDUM I - APPEARANCE LOG

[BEGIN LOG]

Subject: Supervisor Andersen of the Containment Department

Appearance - A photo negative of an empty cathedral. At the center of the photo was an altar, on top of which lay a malnourished █████, swaddled in a green silk cloth. The altar looks to have sustained water damage, although the reason for this was not found to be relevant. Supervisor Andersen, upon looking closer at the photo, noticed a computer

monitor in front of the altar with the words "NEGLECTA ORATIONIS". Upon checking his own personal terminal a week later, he found a new image on his great grandmother's house in ██████ on the desktop, a place where he spent his childhood.

He refuses to tell Ministry personnel what else he saw in the photo.

Subject: Head Commander *Ringvold* of **MOBILE RESPONSE UNIT MORIAH**

Appearance - An old, empty fish tank(looking to be from the early 1800s), at the bottom of which was a small clay boat. After a period of 7 seconds, the aquarium began to pool up with water(originating from an unknown source). The boat then rose to the brim of the tank, dematerialized, and was then followed by the tank shortly after.

What replaced the tank after this was a ██████, a sight so distressing it led to the immediate resignation of Commander Ringvold after the conclusion of the Instance.

He was let go from The Ministry.

Subject: Administrator *Kvarme* of the **Internal Affairs Division**

Appearance - A small porcelain coffee mug marked with the name "Erikson" on the bottom. The side of the mug seems to contain the former logo of the Ministry. Upon making eye contact with the mug's logo, the Administrator began to report "increasingly cloudy vision" over a period of roughly a week.

After that period, the mug was found to have peculiarly re-manifested in the Administrator's living quarters, this time filled with an unknown black liquid. The **Research Department** found this to be genetically identical to human ocular fluid.

After this discovery, Administrator Kvarme was declared "missing" after a wellness check by Ministry personnel.

A link to the DME has not yet been established, and is the subject of ongoing investigation. The whereabouts of Administrator Capellen are still unknown.

[END LOG]



OFFICIAL EPITAPH

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Report on C-004

Codename: "The Deluge"

CLASS: **IRAE**

Description

Instance C-004 was first discovered as part of a digital photograph, coinciding with the materialization of C-003(a small iron link that shifts in appearance depending on the observer, most commonly a department head at The Ministry).

The photograph was a by-product of observation noted by *Supervisor Andersen* on the terminal found in his personal quarters shortly after the event. Andersen's attempts to withhold the image from Ministry Personnel were met with appropriate administrative action, resulting in his termination. What the Ministry found on the photograph is the subject of a new instance(C-004). The previous Supervisor's great grandmother's house was found to be under a colossal shadow, the cause of which was found to be an anomalously tall wave of what looked to be ocean water.

Consultation with *The Cardinal* was attempted concerning the item.

The Cardinal fell silent.

No communications have been found from The Cardinal on any Ministry terminals, and the containment of new instances has so far been halted for a period of approximately one week. As of the writing of this document, there has still been no word on the potential "deluge" instance from the Cardinal. For a list of changes to the Ministry's structure as a result of this, see Addendum I

Addendum 1

During the period of communication blackout with *The Cardinal*, it seems that all sources of *Ministry Water* were found to have depleted. All receptacles responsible for the delivering of it are rendered non-functional, even after repeated attempts at consecration protocols.

As of the writing of this addendum, initially, all instances seem to be attracted to one another. I am afraid it may be too late for us. For all of us. It seems the bread that has kept us fed has festered with rot and

putrescent mold. Time is at a standstill as we await a potential flood, which we don't even know will happen.

Come to think of it, since this ordeal, things have been making a lot more sense to me. Why The Director keeps coming back. Time and time again. On intervals like clockwork. The link appeared before me today and showed me this. A painting. Of white halls. Of black doors, each marked with a logo. The silhouette of a brain, in the middle of which was an eye. This logo is surrounded by a circle, and encircled with runes. But something is wrong. One of the doors is open now. The painting seems to shift as I look at it. Now it is an office with a large black chair. In the chair, a man. The Director. With his head buried in a sheaf of papers. His brow furrowed and his hands nervously wringed. The painting shifts around. It is the back of his head. It gazes down at the papers.

The top sheet reads as such:

Ministerium Agni.

He continues to flip through the pages. One by one. Until he stops at one. A large wooden boat. A report that does not exist.

Attached to the boat was a broken chain.

We will all drown.

memento nos

