Adam Pelham

"It was astonishing the number of useless things people found to do."

- R.H. Barlow and H.P. Lovecraft, "The Night Ocean"

Even as a child, you had to deal with being second best. You were the youngest of two children, and your parents always compared you to your older brother, constantly pointing out how much better he was at everything. You did well in school but weren't top of your class, like your brother had been. You were always outclassed by the really smart kids, and it was pretty much the same in sports, music, and anything else you tried. You were *good* at everything, but you were never the best.

After graduating from the university, you joined the Laundry and decided that, from then on, things would be different. You were trained as a Computational Demonologist and worked hard to ensure that you would never be second to anyone again. You moved up in the ranks, eventually being appointed head of the department. You were proud of your accomplishments and content with the thought that you had finally proved yourself and were second to none.

Lately, however, you've begun to feel like people haven't been giving you the respect that you deserve. Despite being the best Computational Demonologist in the Laundry, people are still condescending, and your parents, when you talk to them, seem unimpressed. You can't tell them what you're *actually* doing, of course, but you've made it clear that you're well respected at your workplace. They can't stop comparing you to your brother though, who is now a respected professor at some university in the United States. Frustrated, you feel like the only way to gain the respect of both your family and your peers is to get to the top of the Laundry's hierarchy, at least, at Dunwich Training Centre.

The current head of Dunwich, Jeremy Salisbury, isn't doing a very good job anyway. A lot of things have been going wrong recently, and it's been up to you to fix the problems caused by his incompetence. Computers have been breaking more frequently than usual, and demons have been sporadically showing up in shadowy areas of the base. Jeremy Salisbury hasn't had a clue how to deal with any of it, and if it weren't for you, everything would be pear-shaped right now.

Nobody's past is completely clean. Perhaps you could find some dirt on Salisbury that would prove he's not qualified for his job. It would get him in trouble, potentially even fired. There are probably some files stored in a computer somewhere...

Unfortunately, just getting Salisbury fired won't be enough to put you in charge of Dunwich. June Whitfield is the second-incommand and will be in charge of Dunwich if Salisbury is ever incapacitated or removed from his station. If you want command of Dunwich, you'll have to prove that Whitfield isn't fit for the job.

This might not be too difficult though – from what you've seen of her, Whitfield is somewhat unstable, and it's getting worse every day. You might be able to use that to knock her out of the picture. That's probably best for all involved, anyway. Dunwich Training Centre is hosting negotiations for the new treaty with the powerful aquatic races of POSEIDON ALPHA and VARUNA NINE, and you don't really think Whitfield has the attention to run the negotiations well. You're clearly the right person for the job – you just have to make the people on base see the light.

Goals

- Maintain the Laundry's computers and fix any that break.
- Find dirt on Salisbury and use it to implicate him.
- Find out what's going on with Whitfield and use it to your advantage.

Contacts

- Jeremy Salisbury (David Farhi): The man in charge of Dunwich Training Centre.
- June Whitfield (Bertha Tang): A woman sent by the Laundry to work out a treaty with POSEIDON ALPHA and VARUNA NINE
- Jeffrey Lewis (Alex Rolfe): Computational Demonologist under you.

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- Stephen Hall (Eddy Karat): Computational Demonologist under you.

Memory/Event Packets

- Open at game start

Bluesheets

- Laundry

Greensheets

- Computational Demonology - Demon Banishment

Abilities

- Computer hacking - First Aid

Items

- Occult PDA - Multitool

Stats

- Combat Rating: 2 - Π : 1

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