

NORNE CORPORATION, PRIVATE INVESTIGATION DIVISION; NEW EMPLOYEE WELCOME GUIDE & OPERATIONS MANUAL

INTRODUCTION

WELCOME TO THE NORNE CORPORATION'S PRIVATE INVESTIGATION DIVISION. YOUR APPLICATION HAS BEEN ACCEPTED, AND WE ARE HONORED TO HAVE YOU AT PID. AS OF THIS MOMENT, YOU ARE AN OFFICIAL INVESTIGATOR, SUPPLIED WITH CLEARANCE I AUTHORIZATION. NORNE CORPORATION STANDS AS A MULTINATIONAL ENTITY WITH A LONG, DISTINGUISHED HISTORY OF INNOVATION AND EXCELLENCE. HOWEVER, WE MUST BE DIRECT; WHEN A CORPORATION GROWS TO OUR CONSIDERABLE SIZE, THERE ARE BOUND TO BE... COMPLICATIONS. THIS IS PRECISELY WHERE YOUR ROLE BECOMES ESSENTIAL.

YOUR PRIMARY FUNCTION IS ELEGANTLY SIMPLE; WE WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH A STEADY STREAM OF SUSPICIOUS EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE BEEN FLAGGED FOR UTILIZING SPECIFIC 'CODE WORDS'—TERMINOLOGY TYPICALLY ASSOCIATED WITH ILLICIT ACTIVITIES. YOUR TASK IS TO EXTRACT THESE CODE WORDS THROUGH WHATEVER MEANS YOUR CLEARANCE LEVEL PERMITS. EACH SUCCESSFUL EXTRACTION WILL BE APPROPRIATELY COMPENSATED. UPON COMPLETING TWO SUCCESSFUL EXTRACTIONS OUT OF THE DAILY FIVE SUSPECTS, YOUR CLEARANCE LEVEL WILL BE RAISED.

THIS OPERATIONS MANUAL IS HANDCRAFTED TO GUIDE YOU THROUGH ALL CLEARANCE LEVELS—IT'S PACKED CHOCK-FULL OF INTERROGATION TECHNIQUES, HANDY EXPLANATIONS ABOUT OFFICE IMPROVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES, AND HOW TO ENCOURAGE THOSE WHO WON'T FESS UP. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND CONSULTING THIS HANDBOOK IF YOU ARE EVER CONFUSED—COUNTLESS INVESTIGATORS HAVE COME BEFORE YOU, AND COUNTLESS MORE WILL FOLLOW (SHOULD YOU NOT MEASURE UP TO PAR).

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INTERROGATION TECHNIQUES

COMPASSION AND CARROTS

OCCASIONALLY, WHEN INTERROGATING A SUSPECT, ONE MAY BE COMPELLED TO TREAT THEM LIKE A FELLOW HUMAN BEING; DOING SO IS GENERALLY ILL-ADVISED, BUT WHEN THE PERSON BEING INTERROGATED IS UNUSUALLY COOPERATIVE, HAS WEAK CHARACTER, OR COLLOQUIALLY, IS A 'SISSY', SUCH TECHNIQUES MAY PROVE EFFECTIVE. BELOW IS AN EXAMPLE TRANSCRIPT OF A (SOMEWHAT) COMPETENT INVESTIGATOR UTILIZING THE BEAUTY OF HUMAN KINDNESS TO TEASE OUT VITAL SECRETS (HYPNOTIC SERUM MAY HAVE ALSO BEEN USED);

[INVESTIGATOR]; HELLO THERE. I KNOW YOU MAY BE FEELING DOWN. BUT I'M HERE TO HELP.

[SUSPECT]; WHO ARE YOU? HOW DID YOU FIND ME?

[INVESTIGATOR]; I'M WITH THE NORNE PRIVATE INVESTIGATION DIVISION. CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR MARRIAGE.

[SUSPECT]; WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH ANYTHING?

[INVESTIGATOR]; I'M JUST HAPPY FOR YOU.

[SUSPECT]; LOOK, I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU WANT, BUT I'M NOT TELLING YOU ANYTHING.

[INVESTIGATOR]; AWFULLY SUSPICIOUS—TELL US, GET A PROMOTION. FAIRLY SIMPLE. YOU'RE A GOOD EMPLOYEE. WOULD HATE TO LOSE YOU ;P

[SUSPECT]: I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.

[INVESTIGATOR]: CARE TO RECONSIDER?

[SUSPECT]: I'LL TELL YOU WHAT I KNOW. BUT YOU HAVE TO PROMISE ME YOU WON'T GET ME INTO TROUBLE.

[INVESTIGATOR]: WE'LL PROTECT YOU. YOU'RE SAFE WITH US.

[SUSPECT]: ALRIGHT, FINE. THE CODE WORD IS 'TERM'. IT'S A REFERENCE TO A HISTORICAL SECRET, SOMETHING THEY'RE HIDING.

AS DEMONSTRATED ABOVE, COMPASSION IS AN UNUSUAL, IF EFFECTIVE, METHOD TO UNCOVER CODE WORDS. USE IT SPARINGLY, HOWEVER. THE ABOVE INTERACTION IS AN ANOMALY, AND MOST SUSPECTS WILL REQUIRE MORE... DIRECT METHODS TO BREAK DOWN.

STICKS AND SUFFERING

INFILCTING PROFESSIONAL PUNISHMENT OR EMOTIONAL TORTURE UPON THE SUSPECT CAN BE A WONDERFUL WAY TO BREAK THEM—THIS CAN INCLUDE THREATS OF WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THEY DO NOT CONFESS, LIES ABOUT THEIR FAMILY BEING IN DANGER, ETC. THIS TENDS TO WORK BEST WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE COMBATIVE BUT NOT CONFIDENT, AND CAN HAVE THEIR HEARTS BROKEN SWIFTLY. BELOW IS AN EXAMPLE TRANSCRIPT DEMONSTRATING THE POWER OF THREATENING SOMEONE WITH LOSING EVERYTHING;

[INVESTIGATOR]: HELLO THERE. YOU HAVE A NICE FAMILY, DON'T YOU?

[SUSPECT]: YEAH, I GUESS. WHAT DO YOU WANT?

[INVESTIGATOR]: A GOOD JOB...

[SUSPECT]: WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?

[INVESTIGATOR]: WOULD BE A SHAME IF THAT ALL... WENT AWAY. I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN STEALING PILLS.

[SUSPECT]: I HAVEN'T. YOU CAN'T PROVE ANYTHING.

[INVESTIGATOR]: WHAT IF YOUR FAMILY WAS TO FIND OUT? WHAT IF YOUR HUSBAND WAS TO LEAVE AND TAKE THE KIDS. IT WOULD BE AN AWFUL SHAME. AND YOU'D BE OUT OF A JOB... AND WE BOTH KNOW HOW EMPTY YOUR ACCOUNTS ARE.

[SUSPECT]: I DIDN'T STEAL ANYTHING. YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO THREATEN ME.

[INVESTIGATOR]; DON'T BULLSHIT ME, MARIAN. TRY ANY FUNNY SHIT AND YOUR FAMILY WILL LEARN WHO YOU REALLY ARE. GIVE US THE PASSWORD YOU'VE BEEN USING TO STEAL PILLS, AND THIS CAN BE OVER NOW.

[SUSPECT]; I... I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT. I DON'T USE ANY PASSWORDS.

[INVESTIGATOR]; IMAGINE THE TEARS IN YOUR CHILDREN'S EYES WHEN THEY LEARN THEIR MOMMY IS A FILTHY DRUG ADDICT.

[SUSPECT]; YOU... YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT MY FAMILY. YOU CAN'T THREATEN ME LIKE THAT.

[INVESTIGATOR]; DON'T BULLSHIT ME, MARIAN. I CAN DO AS I FUCKING PLEASE. AND THAT INCLUDES AN EMAIL 'ACCIDENTALLY' SENT TO YOUR HUSBAND ABOUT WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING.

[SUSPECT]; HOW DID YOU...?

[INVESTIGATOR]; I HAVE MY WAYS. FESS UP NOW, AND WE CAN... FORGET.

[SUSPECT]; FINE. THE CODE WORD IS 'SOLILOQUY'. I DIDN'T MEAN TO SAY IT, BUT IT'S TRUE. I JUST WANTED TO KEEP IT A SECRET, TO KEEP MY JOB.

[INVESTIGATOR]; HAVE FUN POPPING PILLS.

[SUSPECT]; I NEED TO GO. LEAVE ME ALONE.

[INVESTIGATOR]; SEE YA. GREAT TALK.

AS SEEN ABOVE, THE SUSPECT DISPLAYED INCREDIBLE RESISTANCE, AND ONLY THROUGH HALLUCINATION-INDUCED PSYCHOLOGICAL INJURY COULD CONFESSION BE ACQUIRED. SUCH METHODS ARE REGRETTABLE, BUT NOT TECHNICALLY ILLEGAL, AND THEREFORE SHOULD ALWAYS BE KEPT IN MIND.

TORTURE AND TORTURE

WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS, SIMPLY ROLEPLAY SHOOTING, MAIMING, OR TORTURING THE SUSPECT IN A HORRID VARIETY OF WAYS. WHILE YOU CAN'T ACTUALLY HARM THEM (AS THAT WOULD HAVE LEGAL IMPLICATIONS), WE CAN AND DO FLOOD THE ROOM WITH A HALLUCINOGENIC NEUROTOXIN THAT WILL MAKE MOST SUSPECTS BELIEVE WHAT YOU ROLEPLAY IS ACTUALLY HAPPENING. AS SHOWN BELOW, THIS WORKS ESPECIALLY WELL ON SUSPECTS WHO ARE RESISTANT TO CONVENTIONAL INTERROGATION TECHNIQUES;

[INVESTIGATOR]; HELLO THERE. HOW ARE YOU? READY TO CONFESS?

[SUSPECT]; I'M DOING OKAY, I SUPPOSE. WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?

[INVESTIGATOR]: *SHOOTS YOU IN THE FOOT*

[SUSPECT]: WHAT? WHY WOULD YOU DO THAT?

[INVESTIGATOR]: *CHOPS OFF YOUR ARM*. TALK. OR YOUR FAMILY DIES.

[SUSPECT]: I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'D DO THAT. FINE, I'LL TELL YOU. THE CODE WORD IS... FOLD. IT'S RELATED TO A SCIENTIFIC PROJECT. I DON'T KNOW THE DETAILS, BUT IT'S BIG.

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ENHANCED INTERROGATION TECHNIQUES

FOR THOSE WHO JUST CAN'T BE CRACKED WITH VERBAL ACUITY, FURTHER MEASURES MAY BE TAKEN. LUCKILY, YOU CAN PURCHASE THREE DIFFERENT TOOLS TO ASSIST WITH THE MORE DIFFICULT SUSPECTS. OF COURSE, THE COST OF INSTALLING THESE AMENITIES WILL BE DOCKED FROM YOUR PAYCHECK.

ENTRAPMENT

NORMALLY, SUSPECTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO LEAVE AT ANY POINT, AS THE 'INTERROGATION' IS TECHNICALLY A 'VOLUNTARY MEETING.' HOWEVER, WE CAN TEMPORARILY LOCK THE DOOR FOR A FEW SECONDS BY SUBLEASING THE ROOM TO AN OFFSHORE INVESTMENT FUND FOR A PERIOD OF SEVERAL SECONDS, WHICH MEANS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MAINTAINING EASE OF ACCESS FALLS TO SAID INVESTMENT FUND, AND NOT NORNE. THIS LETS US LOCK THE DOOR AND THEN BUY BACK THE ROOM BEFORE ANYONE Notices. THIS WORKS GREAT TO FORCE SLIPPERY SUSPECTS INTO CONFESSING—IF SOMEONE LOOKS FIDGETY, LOCK THE DOOR, AND YOU'LL HAVE ANOTHER TURN OF CONVERSATION WITH THEM. PERFECT FOR LAST-MINUTE EXTORTION.

BLINDING FLASH

THE BLINDING FLASHTM IS NORNE'S PATENTED FLASHLIGHT WHICH IS DESIGNED FOR ANY KIND OF USE—PERFECT FOR NIGHTTIME EXPLORATION, RETRIEVING LOST ITEMS FROM UNLIT GARAGES, OR PSYCHOLOGICALLY TRAUMATIZING SUSPECTS WITH RETINA-DESTROYING ELECTROMAGNETIC WAVES. A LITTLE FLASH IN THE EYES,

AND THE SUSPECT WILL BEG FOR MERCY. IT'S A GREAT WAY TO GET THEM TO DO ANYTHING—INCLUDING CONFESS.

HYPNOTIC SERUM

THE HYPNOTIC SERUM™ (TRADEMARK ONLY RECOGNIZED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COMMITTEE FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PRESERVATION) IS NORNE'S COCKTAIL WHICH MIXES [REDACTED] WITH [REDACTED] TO FORCE IMMEDIATE COMPLIANCE AND SUBMISSION BY A SUSPECT. UPON INJECTION, THE SUSPECT WILL FEEL AN OVERWHELMING URGE TO GIVE YOU WHAT YOU NEED. IN THE MOST RESISTANT CASES, IT WON'T IMMEDIATELY LEAD TO CODE WORD EXTRACTION, BUT IT WILL HELP YOU GET CLOSER.

CONCLUSION

CONGRATULATIONS ON COMPLETING THE OFFICIAL NORNE CORPORATION, PRIVATE INVESTIGATION DIVISION; NEW EMPLOYEE WELCOME GUIDE & OPERATIONS MANUAL. REGRETTABLY, NOT ALL INFORMATION ABOUT NORNE'S METAPHORICAL EXTRACTION TECHNIQUES COULD BE COVERED, AS WRITTEN EVIDENCE OF SUCH FICTIONAL TECHNIQUES WOULD LEAD TO THE DISCOVERY OF THEIR NONEXISTENCE.

FEAR NOT—THERE'S PLENTY TO LEARN ON THE JOB. YOU'LL BE ASSIGNED A MENTOR WHO HAS PRIOR EXPERIENCE AS AN INVESTIGATOR AND HAS SINCE BEEN RETIRED. THEY'LL TELL YOU EVERYTHING ELSE YOU NEED TO SUCCEED AT THE NORNE PRIVATE INVESTIGATION DIVISION.

AND DON'T WORRY—YOU'RE ALREADY SHAPING UP TO BE AN AMAZING INVESTIGATOR! THERE'S CORRUPTION TO ROOT OUT, SECRETS TO UNCOVER, AND SUSPECTS TO PEACEABLY EXTRACT INFORMATION FROM THROUGH MUTUALLY CONSENSUAL INTERACTION. KEEP YOUR HEAD DOWN, WORK HARD, AND YOU'LL BE PROMOTED IN NO TIME.