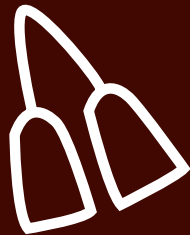


## Role: **Town Crier**



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Town criers existed in precolonial Nigeria to circulate information and call the villagers to meetings at the village square or the *Baale's* (chief) residence. A commoning designer serves the role of a town crier, which is to create conditions for participants to be able to gather.

### **Questions**

**How might** a designer serve as a town crier on a platform?

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**What experiences** show the designer as serving this role

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# Role: Stewarding Commoner



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Stewarding commoners work together to ensure that the commons are held within a set of rules. These rules affect operations, day-to-day decisions, as well as eligibility to participate.

## Questions

**How might** a platform help stewarding commoners bring others to the table?

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**What experiences** exemplify the costs of exchange for stewarding commoners?

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## Role: **Scribe**



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A scribe participates in managing the commons by detailing agreements on a platform.

### **Questions**

**How might** scribes, through a platform, help detail rules in use (de facto)?

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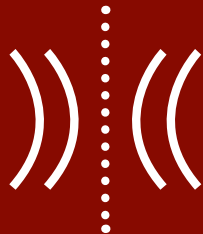
**How might** scribes, through a platform, help document rules on paper (de jure)?

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## Role: **Exploiting Commoner**



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An exploiting commoner is one who exploits a resource for individual gain but also to the detriment of others.

### **Questions**

**What are some calculations that** cause an exploiting commoner to maximize self interest?

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**How might** a platform deal with issues of fairness, transparency, autonomy and agency?

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# Role: The Oracle



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In southwest Nigeria, an oracle is a prophetic prediction through a medium. Data, like an oracle, is independent of truth. It supports arguments by presenting predictions strengthened by value ascribed to it.

– Raw Data is an Oxymoron

## Questions

**How might** *small data* be used to create new narratives?

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**What does** *data situated in practice* look like?

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## Role: **Upstream Ally**



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An upstream ally is a partner who, in recognizing his/her privilege, cedes some of the power it affords them to others so that they might achieve their objectives.

### **Questions**

**How might** a partner (usually external to the platform) serve as an upstream ally?

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**What experiences** might reflect the role of an upstream ally?

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