

Letter of Instruction Regarding Shofa Nagli's Performance

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Dear Ms. Nagli,

I am happy to relate on behalf of everyone here at the corporation that the news of your acceptance of the offer our executives proposed to you last year has created a buzz within our offices. The *Star Participation Initiative* has been a trying yet promising success amongst not only the users of ARGOS-brand products but far beyond that. I can only imagine where your cooperation in our initiative will take you in the future. Already, I would not be surprised if upon your arrival to our headquarters that you attract quite a following during your stay. Rest assured, you will have all the accommodations that our corporation can provide – including security.

I have been given the honor of drafting a copy of the “terms and conditions” document for our latest innovation in medical readjustment technologies which you will read from during the recording process. This letter precedes said document and I have taken the time to include instructions regarding your overall voice performance, notes to aid your interpretations of lines, and other scraps of guidance that should prove beneficial to your work. They can be found within the document in the form of footnotes.

If you have questions about the source material, please feel free to reach out to me through the address provided on the proposal confirmation document you received via digital telegram.

I look forward to the continued partnership between yourself and the corporation. I am sure such a thing can only serve to benefit both parties. Thank you for hard work and dedication to this project yet again.

Sincerely,

Cyphus Darmillion.

P.S. As part of your compensation for your time and hard work, the corporation has signed off on an all-expense-paid model of the ARGOS to be shipped to the place of residence listed on your hiring form. While it might seem out of the ordinary to send you a device designed for medical use when you might not have need for any kind of treatment, your file seems to suggest otherwise.

ARGOS™ Services Terms and Conditions

0. Preface¹

Salutations, fortunate technology enthusiast.

Before use of the ARGOS™ can commence, we are required by the Imperial Magistrate of Tarvallion VII to conduct a transmission of information that will provide you insight into all of the transparent operations of our services. While most interstellar companies bore the consumer with mindless drawls of legalistic philosophy that your vacuum-bot could calculate on its own, you, gentle consumer, do not have to worry. Our team of writers have worked tirelessly to ensure that you are provided with the most entertaining setting in which to consume this information. Along with this absolutely crucial terms and conditions tabloid, we have provided a mind-audio chip that contains the oratory performance of the one and only Shofa Nagli in which she narrates this document with a style of music the Terrans of old called “Big Band,” playing in the background for your viewing pleasure. We have all the faith in the cosmos that the High Eye will be satisfied with the layout of information presented in this document.

Glory to the High Eye, may he always fix his gaze on the Imperial Magistrate!

1. Introduction to Our Services

This agreement governs your use of the Augmented Rehabilitation General Occupational System™ (“ARGOS”), through which you can purchase, interact, alter, and engage with our applicational assistance services (“Apps”) and other in-reality services (“Content”). Our rehabilitation services include and are not limited to Psychotic Substances, Liquid Intoxicants, Carnal Stimuli, and Lethal Tendencies. Our services are available for your use in your galactic quadrant as determined by the Imperial Magistrate’s census (“Home Location”). To use ARGOS, you need to have compatible, Magistrate-approved hardware, software, and COSMONET™ access. Argos’ performance may be affected by these factors.

2. Time-Life and Imperial Currency Charges

You can acquire Content within ARGOS for free or for a time-life charge, either of which is referred to as a “Transaction.” It is necessary that we remind the consumer to ensure the desire to spend time-life for Content within our services as Refunds are difficult to obtain and that the consumer is fully liable for the loss of their time-life, as allotted by the High Eye. While we do not condone the prodigal use of time-life, we are required to by the Imperial Magistrate to fulfill all requests in regard to time-life exchanges (even if such a request should result in the depletion

¹ You need not worry about the preface. We’ll have one of our in-house recorders cover that part for you. I encourage you to take a listen to some of the audio demos we sent you of our renditions of Big Band.

of the consumer's available time-life, colloquially referred to as "death")² and report all transfers, surplus exchanges, and occasions of time-life depletion to the High Eye's official time-keeping priesthood. Please ensure that you possess the necessary time-life to fully satisfy the desired exchange.

Discontinuing the ARGOS

In order to obtain permission of use of the ARGOS, you are required to make necessary Imperial currency charges. By using ARGOS, you agree to receive daily notifications to your licensed visual-cortex-translator which will prompt you to make such a payment after a period of four weeks within the in-reality. Failure to make these necessary payments will result in a suspension of Apps and Content. For your convenience, access to the in-reality will remain available unless a confirmation for service expulsion is received. All service expulsion orders must be accompanied by an appropriate payment of time-life for the order and allow for a period of ten to twelve weeks for processing. While no more time-life charges will be made, the necessary Imperial currency charges will still be taken from your account, so plan accordingly.³

Improper Payments

See the document on "Authorizing Corporation Time-Life Rights". Any time-life charges must be drawn from your available balance and not a third-party lender. If unauthorized use of third-party time-life is discovered by the corporation, immediate action will be taken by the proper department to ensure that such action cannot be made again (commonly, through a detrimental payment of time-life by the user).⁴ Imperial currency charges, however, can be paid for through the use of a third-party lender at the discretion of the Magistrate's supervision in your Home Location.

3. Using Our Services

ARGOS™ ID

You will be issued two numbers that will assist the processing and authorization of our Apps and Content. You should have received the first set of encrypted numbers after submitting a blood sample prior to the arrival of the ARGOS. This set of numbers will have been uploaded on a mind-encryption chip similar to the complementary mind-audio chip in no less than fourteen hours and sent to you via digital restructuring.

This identification sequence will serve as our company's means of billing and authentication. All of the personal information that you provided at the commencement of the purchasing process is

² Hearing this from you, they shouldn't be too worried. You have a lovely voice that can woo hundreds.

³ Take care to disarm this statement. Consumers get fickle when you talk about their money.

⁴ Same tactic here. Don't linger on things related to the time-life too long. Money is one thing, but their life is entirely different, and they know that.

stored within this chip and enables the ARGOS to monitor your presence within the in-reality as well as validating that the user of the ARGOS is the registered owner.

This chip is always required to be implanted when the ARGOS is in use. This identification sequence is used to adhere to the standards of data collection and verification as suggested by the official doctrine of the High Eye.⁵ This identification sequence also ensures that all Apps and Content are adequately able to be administered to you at the time of interaction along with allowing ARGOS to accurately represent your in-reality avatar based on your physical appearance and allows all systems to adequately function.

Research shows that community during the rehabilitation process serves a powerful motivator for those with extreme cases of addiction and abuse. Therefore, ARGOS allows you to specify whether or not you would like to participate in your rehabilitation process in a social in-reality or an isolated in-reality using the in-reality control module that appears upon first launch of the ARGOS. Any settings you make upon initial start-up can always be changed through the in-reality control module at a later date.

Along with the inclusion of a social in-reality, ARGOS supports a means of interacting and recording your interactions with others in rehabilitation. You have the option to share the abbreviated value with anyone you may meet in the social in-reality so that you may stay in connection with one another between the variant in-realities, but remember to only share this abbreviation with those who motivation to continue your rehabilitation. Although there is no penalty for sharing the abbreviated value between users, any attempt to decrypt, share, or alter the full identification sequence will result in an immediate eviction from the ARGOS and denial of service.

Sponsor ID⁶

The second number requires no input from you other than the same blood sample submitted prior to the arrival of the ARGOS. This identification sequence represents the input of your specially-chosen rehabilitation sponsor and is kept on secured record at one of our many data vaults for safe-keeping. The sponsor identification sequence allows your sponsor to receive information about your progress and return helpful information, advice, and encouragement while you proceed through the rehabilitation process.

You are encouraged to communicate with your sponsor using the public abbreviation provided. Please note that there will be a brief delay for correspondence between you and your sponsor as the content of the messages are verified and encrypted using an advanced encryption method. The delay shall not exceed 24 hours after you or your sponsor has confirmed the transmission of the letter. Similarly, if there is any desire to exchange objects between you and your sponsor, please provide the proper packaging and label the package to be received by the Sponsor

⁵ Feel free to insert a word of praise here for the High Eye. Publicity is good.

⁶ Don't linger on this section. It's not important.

Relations department, as listed on the “important references” panel within the in-reality control module. Please allow up to a week for package processing and delivery.

Due to the nature of our systems and security, we are unable to provide you with more information on the use of the sponsor’s identification sequence nor are we able to provide any information regarding the character of your sponsor, such as location, contacts, or other patients, outside what is revealed while inside of the ARGOS. Any attempt to find and leak the full identification sequence will result in punishment to the fullest extent of Magisterial law which may include depletion of your time-life.

We reserve the right to assign you a new sponsor without providing the reasoning for the change. The work of our company is extensive and tedious, often calling for reassignments and reorganization. Often times, the change in assigned sponsor is not a result of our internal function but rather the unfortunate turnover rate for sponsors. Similarly, we are unable to provide you information on previous sponsors as outlined in the paragraph above.

Any complaints or questions must be put into writing and sent to our Sponsor Relations department.

4. The Rehabilitation Types

Though the kind of addiction our patients suffer from may vary, the quality of our rehabilitation services is unchanging. Tirelessly, our team of medical scientists and psychologists have worked to ensure that our treatments are the top-of-the-line so you can rest assured that you have the best chance to change your life for the better and rid yourself of the mental baggage that each type of rehabilitation requires in order to better serve not only our Imperial Magistrate but the all-seeing High Eye, who looks upon those who better themselves with a gleam.

Please consult the Official Compendium of Psychotic Chemicals and Effects to determine if what you suffer from is considered “curable,” “treatable,” or “untreatable.” If your ailment is considered untreatable, contact an ARGOS representative immediately. You may be entitled to financial compensation and experimental treatment at no cost to you.⁷

Psychotic Substances

The Magisterial Board of Definitions lists this addiction as “any substance which alters, enhances, or restricts the peripheral processes of one’s bodily or mental systems regardless of duration.”

Commonly, this form of addiction is found in military veterans, public athletic performers who have reached popular status, or as a result to exposure from the mining of asteroids or other celestial bodies whose chemical makeup are often discovered to have addictive qualities. While the Magisterial Board of Space Extraction no doubt works tirelessly to ensure that the most up-

⁷ Sell this, girl.

to-date safety procedures are in action, new substances found upon recently-discovered surfaces can prove a challenge.

Liquid Intoxicants

The Magisterial Board of Definitions lists this addiction as “any liquid that compromises the immunity of one’s body while forcing the body to collapse into a state of induced sensory weakness and dulling its perceptions.”

This addiction is prominent amongst the lower and middle classes due to the stresses of daily operation. Tragically, such an addiction can lead to the deficiency of one’s performance throughout his or her daily life, leading to a compounding issue.

Such addictions can come from alcoholic drinks, therapeutic mixes, or other concoctions with the aim of artificially triggering a distressed state of one’s body.⁸⁹

Carnal Stimuli

The Magisterial Board of Definitions lists this addiction as “any images or physical actions that garner pleasurable chemical responses outside of its otherwise orthodox context”.

Especially found amongst young people, addictions of the carnal variety can easily be the most difficult to overcome and the easiest to justify. It doesn’t hurt anyone, right?

This is simply not the case. The perversion of such actions may lead to dangerous conditions for all parties involved. These types of addictions are often difficult to fight and are the ones that require the most intimacy and attention to overcome and where are sponsors serve the greatest influence in the rehabilitation process. Not only are you putting your partner and yourself in unnecessary pain, if a child is conceived through the act, they will not be able to go through the genetic fixation process and any birth defects/undesired traits/beliefs are out of the hands of your control.

Save yourself from grief. Get treated.

Lethal Tendencies

The Magisterial Board of Definitions lists this addiction as “any action that involves inflicting damage, permanent or not, to another individual or one’s self with the use of an implement or otherwise.”

Certainly, this is the most sensitive and most dangerous of the addictions listed. This addiction is found most commonly amongst former criminals or people whom resorted to violence in many

⁸ Please view our brochure for our therapeutic, Magistrate-certified relaxing chambers that can be installed right inside of your Home Location! All the relaxation that liquid intoxicants offer without the harmful side-effects! It’s like taking a hypernap!

⁹ See above. We’ve had a great deal of issue selling this latest relaxation product. Feel free to do what you want to advertise it.

situations where anger and hatred prevailed. The leveraging of physical power over one's self or another often leads to a constant reliance and exercise of such strength similar to that of a carnal desire, but it is often more dangerous in the short-term.

5. Safety and Maintenance

ARGOS is designed for a single person to be involved in its operation. Any attempts to have more than one person operate ARGOS will more than likely result in injury and will void the maintenance warranty on the system.

If your mental chip is removed or tampered with by an external for any reason without fail-safe protocols going into motion (often the result of external physical tampering and not due to the natural degradation of the hardware) while you are still plugged into the ARGOS, injuries or worries may occur the immediate depletion of the external entity's time-life may result. If tampering is detected, security protocols will execute in the form in an instantaneous high-voltage shock being deployed from the battery and terminating the external entity.

Detachment of the chemical waste processor will result in immediate failure of the machine's hardware and you will be charged the full value of the ARGOS machine for damages, along with any criminal offenses that come with tampering sensitive, patented technology.

Do not attempt to trace the chemical waste network to its output. Such activity is heavily monitored and will result in many of the punishments as described in this document as well as punishments we have even yet to imagine.

ARGOS is a product meant to be used, not a mystery to be solved.

6. The Rehabilitation Procedure

This section contains the bulk of the scientific and mechanical oversight that goes into the successful execution of our rehabilitation system. Favoring transparency, this section will highlight the areas most commonly asked about in regard to our ARGOS system. As always, our company reserves the right to restrict access to any information as is deemed necessary by our company censor. Any information redacted in this section cannot be issued to the inquirer in any fashion. Any attempt to breach the security of this information will result in punishment to the fullest extent of Magisterial law. We advise that you proceed with caution.

The "Natural" Method

This method of rehabilitation comes from the ancient historical data of the Terran's extent of psychological repairing and restructuring. Though the records are often spotty at best, the Terran method of rehabilitation involves a great deal of personal revelation and discussion about the morality, the social or religious consequences, and the psychological origin of such behavior as outlined by many of the mental explorers of Terran fame (such as Sigmund Freud, Carl Jung, Jean Piaget, and many others).

You will work closely with our specially-trained psychologists in a setting that closely resembles the common atmosphere of a Terran psychologist (a plain room, a couch on which you may lay on, and a chair for the psychologist to sit) who will come prepared with a list of questions that have been judged through calculable data to be the most effective forms with which to gauge and address the issue.

The benefit is a more “human” approach to the mind and yet comes with the added benefit of having the chemical information that ARGOS collects during the process, which allows the psychologist to track chemical progress as well as apparent progress from your behavior.

The “Repulsion” Method

This method of rehabilitation utilizes the powerful technology that the ARGOS displays through the creation of in-realities. Whether done alone or alongside a psychologist (see premium rehabilitation packages), the ARGOS receives a series of more general and brief questions by which to gauge the creation of a suitable in-reality and then applies it to the user. ARGOS generates situations in which the sources of the addiction in question are often available and obviously-displayed and tracks your chemical responses as your senses judge the situation. The state-of-the-art sentient core of the ARGOS accurately knows when to reward you for making choices that steer you away from consumption of the source while increasing the level of availability and temptation that you experience. If you give into the temptation, the ARGOS will punish you according to your metrics and reset the program. It keeps running statistics based on previous trials and will adjust the level of reward and punishment based on long-term performance.

The “Restructuring” Method¹⁰

This method of rehabilitation is the farthest technology has come in aiding the field of rehabilitation. Designed entirely by company psychologists and engineers with the latest in scientific advancements in mind, the ARGOS is at its best here. While nowhere near as immersive as the other means of rehabilitation, this method has been proved by test after test to be the most potent in the shortest amount of time. All that you need is a few short hours to lay down in the designated mind-chamber and allow yourself to fall unconscious. ARGOS will take care of the rest – literally!

One of the benefits of this method is that the ARGOS comes equipped with a neural-chemical which safely coats the brain in a protective and nurturing liquid while the ARGOS works its magic to disable the addiction at its source – the neural networks that your brain has built to respond to the addiction. The ARGOS is especially designed for painless and efficient restructuring of the neural highways to eliminate all of those pesky paths that your brain’s electrical signals follow that leaves you wanting whatever harmful thing you do. Everything else

¹⁰ I think you’ll find the language in this next section a little easier to sell. We want this to be our main source of costumers from now on. You’re just gonna make that happen sooner.

is intact. The network of addiction is found and eliminated from your brain so you can put that good brain to use thinking about other things.

The liquid that coats your brain ensures that the natural environment and temperature is maintained while numbing you to the process of the ARGOS restructuring. After the procedure, it is carefully removed.

And that's it!

You'll find that when looking at sources of the addiction, you won't have that knowing need to indulge. You might even be repulsed by the sight of it!

After this procedure, you won't be repulsed by the sight of ARGOS brand products! Rest easy, consumer!

This is the most robust method of rehabilitation around and it would be foolish to not utilize this kind of technology. As a way of saying, "Welcome to an addiction-free life," we'll send you a laminated frame with a card written from one of our representatives and your sponsor who assisted you along the way!

Feel free to celebrate any way you see fit, new you!