

## A QUICK SUMMARY

The Secret Squids are mostly '21 UChicago students trying to research (and join) P.S, a group related to parasite. Back in July, an email from UChicago linked to [this webpage](#). Every 11 days, a new “fragment” of P.S. member Bara’s 2006 interview is posted by Ana Mead, our main informant. Right now, there are 2 main platforms being used: [Discord](#) (to talk to Ana and the bots), and [Tumblr](#) (bulletins on campus posted every Tuesday and Friday in a different location and code). See the [Social Media](#) pages for more platforms and info. If you have any questions, read below and check the groupme. Happy seeking!

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW RIGHT NOW

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**IF YOU ARE NEW** -- read or skim through to catch up. Before then, read below to see if there are any events happening this very instant that you don’t want to miss. Should nothing pressing be listed here, tasks may be found in the “Active Leads” section.

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- We have shirts! Contact Stephanie on [GroupMe](#) and fill out the [order form](#)
- Click [here](#) if you have something you need to drop off quickly
- Please add your Great Game cards to the [list](#) or update their frequency
- Bulletin #10 will be released 8/29/17
- [Squirrelcurated](#) (tumblr) has issued a call to action
- [Transcript](#) #11 will be released 9/5/17
- <https://tp4zpdtu2fh3zqjj.onion.link/>
- <https://soundcloud.com/user-143680687>
- Apply for a sect: <https://parablesoftheparasite.wordpress.com/>
- If you like D&D, join the discord and ask for lemonADE

Welcome, fellow truth-seekers! Share with us what you know and we shall return the favor. Should you bring others you trust into the fold, we only ask that you do so directly, selectively, and, of course, secretly. – A Humble Curator

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## ~ Our Group ~

### Communication

- [Discord \(Ana\)](#)
- [Discord \(Group\)](#)
- [GroupMe](#)
- [Link to this document](#)
- [Twitch](#)

### FAQ

**Q:** What the hell is going on?

**A:** Chances are, we don't know either. Hold on tight and enjoy the ride.

**Q:** What did I miss?

**A:** Either nothing or everything. Sometimes both. Either way, check the "What You Need To Know Right Now" Section first. After that, everyone here is very helpful and will explain what they can.

**Q:** Any rules?

**A:** Recruit incoming UChicago first years freely. Otherwise, try to keep exposure of our group to a minimum. Have fun.

**Q:** Which bot am I?

**A:** We've all asked this question at one point or another. Endless, painful, mournful hours spent staring into the abyss of uncertainty. Well- no longer! Fortunately for all of us, a brave member of our group, Luke, took it upon himself to build a tool capable of freeing each and every one of us from mental anguish. I am now honored to present: [the bot quiz](#).

**Q:** What are the Squids and/or P.S. all about?

**A:** Our group is dedicated to discovering more about P.S., and we're pretty sure P.S. is something to do with O-Week. If you still have questions (which you should), read or skim through this doc. After that, we'll answer what we can.

**Q:** What's this about letters?

**A:** Those with letters have simply entered into this situation through a different channel. That said, P.S. seems to be operating with them a little differently, most notably by requesting they withhold information. It's your choice whether you comply with that request or choose to share with the group.

**Q:** How do I get a title?

**A:** Just be involved. Anything that grabs the attention of P.S. stands a good chance of netting you a title.

## ~ Active Challenges ~

### RUUN (Tumblr)

- [Present list of objects](#)
- [Bulletin #1](#) (found 7/28/17) led to Eckhart Hall and contained *Futures*.
- [Bulletin #2](#) (found 8/1/17) led to Cobb Hall and contained *Times*.
- [Bulletin #3](#) (found 8/4/17) led to Harper and contained *Discoveries*.
- [Bulletin #4](#) (found 8/8/17) led to the Reg and contained *Images*.
- [Bulletin #5](#) (found 8/11/17) led to the Classics building and contained *Languages*.
- [Bulletin #6](#) (found 8/15/17) led to Bartlett and contained *Hospitality*.
- [Bulletin #7](#) (Found 8/18/17) led to Cafe Logan and contained *Sounds*.
- [Bulletin #8](#) (Found 8/22/17) led to Saieh Hall? and contained *Histories*.
- [Bulletin #9](#) (Found 8/29/17) led to Knapp Center and contained *Texts*.
- [Bulletin #10](#) (Found 8/30/17) led to ? and contained *Games*.

### Polychromatic Squares (completed)

Reticulite\_1: "puzzle 4: polychromatic squares [[gif](#)]"

Working gif: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B4NsAvBuvUqxWmlkVzVOYVo4Z0U>

#### [Spreadsheet of Imagination](#)

**Hint 14:** There's often contention over which is better: squares or hexes. In this case, their coexistence is key

**Hint 15:** 4 translations to produce a phrase containing your answer

**Hint 16:** Though P and S are more than just letters, your goal is what lies between

Solved by converting hex values of the colors to binary, then representing the binary as a 25x25 QR code.

Answer: "The code is polychromatic"

### Third Puzzle (Twitter) (completed)

Reticulite\_1: "Description unavailable [[link](#)]"

#### [Lines in order](#) // [Filling in blanks](#)

Line order: 1, 22, 6, 4, 9, 17, 11, 14, 13, 8, 16, 20, 10, 18, 15, 5, 12, 3, 19, 21, 7, 2, 23

**Hint 10:** Connecting the dots is a hefty challenge, but don't let it dash your hopes

Morse code (based on length of gap): ... --- .-. - .-. .- ... .. . .-.- -. .-. .- .-. .-. .- .-. .-

Translates to: SORTDASHESBYLASTLETTER

**Hint 12:** Measure your steps and you'll know how long you must travel.

[6 words at the bottom of this page are correct](#)

Solved: "Password is redacted"

[Response from R1](#)

## Chess Cipher (Twitter)

**R1 : Each solution translates to a page, a line, and a word, tell them to me**

**Hint 6:** A chess puzzle can't be solved without knowing who moves first, and how many moves are allowed.

**Hint 9:** Knights and Castles, Queens and Pawns-- seems like an exciting plot  
If only we knew the full story...

**Hint 11:** Some of the most famous games have never been played, but it's still worth going down the rabbit hole

White - 1 Black - 1 White -2/3

Page 112/113?

White moves first.

So the code needs room for 7 digits `___ // __ // __`

The numbers/letters were unicode characters on a grid that translated into three [chess boards](#).

### **Discovered Solutions:**

[Endgame Notation](#) // [Move Notation](#) // [Old Notations](#) // [Chess Endings Book](#) // [The Parasite](#)

Constants: color // piece moved // positions moved from and to // move number // has end state

#### **Board 1:**

- White Rook (2656) D1 to F1 (4→6 // 2) DF
  - ICCF : 4161
  - Algebraic : Rf1# 1-0
  - Endgame: KQBBNNRRKQBBNNRRPPPP\_1111
  - GBR: +4888.04h4f5

#### **Board 2:**

- Black Knight (265E) G5 to H3 (39→24 // -15) GH
  - ICCF: 7583
  - Algebraic : Nh3# 0-1
  - Endgame:
  - GBR: 1868.34g1h8

#### **Board 3:**

1. White Queen (2655) C1 to C4
2. Black King (265A) E4 to E5 \*forced move
3. White Queen (2655) C4 to D5
  - ICCF: 3134 5455 3445
  - Algebraic : Qc4+ Ke5 Qd5# 1-0
  - Endgame:
  - GBR: +4104.10c6e4
- Interpret as Queen C1 to D5? CD

Maybe piece is page, start is line, and end is word?

Maybe White King = 1st page in range, then black pawn = last page in range?

# ~ Disorderly Work Zone ~

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## ~ Journal Entries ~

### Brief Background

There have been hints throughout UChicago's online presence of some form of secret society. This initially manifested in messages on the school's orientation website, but also pervaded the social networking sphere. The email of Ana, our informant inside a group called P.S., could be found in these documents. Since contact was made with her, she's been helping us to learn more about P.S.

### 7/13/17 through 7/21/17

Ana makes contact through discord. She tells us the organization is called "P.S." They were founded in 1896. They're recruiting and they need help from first years because "something big is coming. Bigger than anyone realizes." Ana's relationship with P.S. is complicated.

### 7/14/17

Ana is organizing this with us first years because the reticulites have already chosen us.

### 7/17/17

Ana gave us [parasite](#) (pages 5-9 discussing Serres's connotation of parasite), [reticulites \(pages 44-45 detailing proper reticulite etiquette\)](#), and [rituals](#) (pages 17-18 detailing the recruitment process).

### 7/18/17

1. Ana: "they're going to throw some kind of a test at you. I can't help you, but I can get you information to put you ahead of the game. The more people you have working together, the more likely you are to get the whole story. What they're planning, it's bigger than anything they've ever attempted before. Everyone needs to work together - P.S., me, you more than anyone."
2. BOTiculate gave a riddle.
3. Passed arBOTer's agreeance test. He mentioned further tests and a leaderboard.
4. Two codes were broadcast from twitch and solved, producing two haiku.
5. Soon after, at 2 pm Chicago time, Ana was supposed to meet us on the discord. A front was kept up for a while before it was revealed Ana had been replaced by Reticulite\_1.
6. The stream now had 11 looping songs and colored bars appearing and disappearing at controlled locations and intervals.
7. Reticulite\_1 released several bots into the discord chat.
8. Ana sent an email confirming she is safe, but has to lay low.
9. Only one bot, BOTiculate, presented a riddle.
10. Entering the answer into the chat activated the bot. It released three strings of emojis, which were decoded and produced appropriate messages.
11. This opened up the help prompt (type 'help + [bot name]') and allowed us to interact with other bots. A leaderboard was mentioned but inactive.
12. arBOTor was defeated by the whole chat rapidly and unanimously answering its queries. We were informed shortly after by Reticulate\_1 that we had reached a checkpoint, and no more was to be done today.



7/19/17

1. (Twitch) Live stream began with the [456 message](#).
2. Penny [livestreamed](#) a reticulite encounter.
3. (Twitch) A reticulite replaced the 456 message with [dashes and dots](#).
4. Penny left a [note](#) about reticulites meeting at 15:00 CST on 7/20 in Classics Room 21.
5. (Discord) Received [runBOT's message](#).
6. BuzzFeed [quizzes](#) from reticulite\_1 were found.
7. Discovered sectBOT has info on Ana Mead, Penny Smahls, and Bara.
8. Discovered renBOT trigger words: eleven, ren, runners, monks, owl, squirrels, snakes, parasites, initiate, scholars, seekers, parangels, reticulites, arbiter, marketeer, and room.
9. (Tumblr) Got list of [alumni meeting locations](#).
10. Color pattern on Discord changed to RGBRGBGBRGBRBRGR

7/20/17

1. (Twitch) New color pattern alongside an [encrypted url](#). They eventually gave us a [hint](#).
2. Decoded colors said "Key is hard to see vigenere." The key, "facade," was at the top of the Twitch page. The [decrypted url](#) lead to the [emoji movie poster](#) object.
3. People were titled in the Discord.
4. Penny uploaded a [livestream](#) of the reticulite meeting. Here's the [transcript](#).
5. (Twitch) Reticulite erased the chalkboard, then wrote "Objects 1/121." The stream ended.
6. (Snapchat) Para Site sent out three short videos of a monk holding the raspberry pi object.

7/21/17

1. Solved initiBOT.
2. Received [video](#) of a reticulite descending from a spiral staircase (in the Logan Center?) holding the Sun Ra album object.
3. Discovered sectBOT has info on Adrian De Luca, India Weston, Mollie Braley, Ollie Pritchett, Parker Lewis, Arun Lee, and Yijun Liu.
4. Penny Smahls' sect switched to squirrel.
5. Ana gave us [quantum engineering](#), [initiation](#), and [room](#).
6. [Seeker profiles](#) were sent.
7. Object Digital Picture Frame was [recovered](#).
8. A rep from each sect plus a silent reticulite [interviewed](#) 4 initiates at around 4:00 pm CST, including Katie, Adam, and Josuen. ([Notes](#))
9. New [video](#) sent from "Donna Summers" AKA Reticulate 1 with object roller blades.
10. New [video](#) from Ana Mead of initiates talking before Hangouts. Here's the [transcript](#).

7/23/17

1. Received [scan 7 of 11](#) from Bara's disciplinary hearing.
2. (Twitch) [New video](#).
3. Alexis and Carter [searched the Logan Center art room](#), recovering a [list](#) of the 89 of the 121 objects.

7/25/17

1. (Discord) Reticulite\_1 came back and re-activated the bots; said they'll be staying for a while
2. India contacted Raven and Alexis, linking them to a [new twitter](#).
3. (Discord) Ana came back and took doc requests-we requested notable members, PS, and page 320
4. (Tumblr) Something's going down in Chicago -- more on Friday. [[Original post](#)]
5. Ana Mead:
  - "I owe you an explanation
  - I was in P.S. but got kicked out
  - Found out something I can't tell you
  - I'm trying to help ps on the dl not so dl anymore
  - I believe in what they are doing"
6. We advance-requested Logan Center, parangel, noise, objects, and scrying

7/26/17

1. (Twitch) [New video](#) requesting the first construction using either [max](#) or [pure data](#). The video said we will be done in 30 days. The construction was a simple switch. A button that turns a toggle on and off. Sent the patch to [p.s.parasite@gmail.com](mailto:p.s.parasite@gmail.com).
2. Three people completed this task and received a response telling them to prepare for the next task. They received a second reply saying they had done more than asked, with an attached file showing the anticipated construction.
3. (Discord) ArBOTer helps you make a choice. If you type something in the form of "\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_?" the bot will randomly choose one of the options.
4. (Twitter) [[view tweet](#)] Reticulite\_1: "Three translations, then reply ([link to music cipher](#))"
5. (Twitter) Public STAT:
  1. ParaSurmise: 53d
  2. PresentSecretives: 3
  3. PrenticeS: 3
  4. Pre-Pro-Spex: 17
  5. Ongoing Obj Experiments: 7
  6. Obj Activated: 5

7/27/17

1. (Tumblr) [New post](#) titled "On This Day in History."
2. (Reddit) t-slothrop responded:
 

from t-slothrop  sent 1 day ago

well i certainly wasn't expecting anyone to find this account. color me impressed.  
tell you what—come back with a specific question and i'll see what i can do. just this once.
3. (Discord) Ana sent us [runners](#), [rens](#), and [p.s.](#)

7/28/17

1. ([Tumblr](#)) The new lead from Lipson was postings on a board in Walker. Carter [decoded](#) it.
2. Called the number on the flyer (773-888-3786), female voice read the message on the board and said to follow her channel [UCArbiter](#). Here are the video [transcripts](#).
3. (Twitter) Reticulite\_1 said the translations should be music to notes, notes to numbers, numbers to letters
4. ([Twitch](#)) “Here is the second construction. You will need to be more inventive. Engineer a patch that takes in input from your keyboard. From letter keys. And causes the numbers 1-11 to appear. They should appear in a number box.” Caption is “there are many ways to accomplish this task.”
5. (Twitter) Pop Share:
  1. stats, July 28: 241
  2. PuzzSolved: 0
  3. PuzzPoss: 1
  4. ParaSurmise: 51d

7/29/17

1. (Twitter) Reticulite\_1 gave us [hints](#) on the music cipher.
2. (Reddit) Found Arbiter’s [reddit](#).

7/30/17

1. (Twitter) New hint from Reticulite\_1: “There are 8 bases all in a row, I know 12 people, and go to visit each. Yet, somehow, I make 14 stops”
2. ([Twitter](#)) New puzzle from Reticulite\_1: Each solution translates to a page, a line, and a word, tell them to me: [link](#).

7/31/17

1. (Twitter) Each solution translates to a page, a line, and a word, tell them to me: [link](#).
  - a. Three chess boards
  - b. We found some solutions, but don’t know how to convert to pages, lines, and words yet.
2. Reticulite\_1: “each [riddle] stands alone, for you to solve or abandon.”
3. No bots all day.

8/1/17

1. (Tumblr) [New post](#) asking about the contents of the letter and suggesting a campus visit.
  - Azam M recovered the [bulletin #2](#).
2. (Twitch) Revealed construction #3.
3. ([Twitter](#)) Pop Share:
  1. ObjRevealed: 7
  2. ObjCollected: 6
  3. PresentSecretives: 12
  4. August 1: 248
4. (Discord) No bots all day.
5. (Discord) Ana says they've moved the archive to the private shed so she can't get pages. In the meantime, she gave us the [P.S. summer reading list](#).
6. (Twitter) Hint 6 from Reticulite\_1: Only 6 letters in the first puzzle's answer

8/2/17

1. (Twitter) New hints: (1) A chess puzzle can't be solved without knowing who moves first, and how many moves are allowed. (2) In both puzzles and music, the combination of elements is often what produces meaning. Try it in 2/4 time.
2. (Discord) Bots are back.
3. (Discord) Ana can't get overviews right now, but instead brought us two formal experiments: [noise play](#) & [animal man 19](#). The latter is html, not a pdf.
4. (Twitter) Pop Share:
  1. ParaSurmise: 46d
  2. PrenticeS: 5
  3. PresentSecretives: 12
  4. Hints: 6

8/3/17

1. Received [transcript #8 \(typed version\)](#).

8/4/17

1. (Tumblr) Recovered [bulletin #3](#), leading to Harper on Tuesday.
2. (Discord) "Ana's informant" got access again and can now access "the boxes". We received the [Archive Index](#).
3. (Twitter) [Pop Share](#):
  1. stats, 4 Aug: 281
  2. PubSignifiers: 17
  3. TheGreatGame PlaySkirmish lead: PGN (18-11)
  4. ParaSurmise: 44d

8/5/17

1. Theo solved the puzzle-"The answer is melody"
2. (Twitter) New [image](#)-"Obsidian egg stone"

- (Twitter) Hint 9: Knights and Castles, Queens and Pawns--seems like an exciting plot. If only we knew the full story...

8/8/17

- (Twitter) Reticulite\_1 tweeted this [link](#)
- (Twitter) Pop Share:
  - stats, 8 Aug: 291;
  - PuzzPoss: 3;
  - PuzzSolved: 1;
  - ObjConfirmed: 22;
  - ObjRecoverable: 7;
  - ObjCollected: 6.
- Arbiter has a [Facebook](#)
- New [bulletin](#) from Harper--decoded version [here](#). Next one will be in the Reg

8/9/17

- (Discord) Ana gave us new files: [2017 forecast](#), Bara's admission [profile](#), and [rumbling](#).
- (Twitch) "Here is the fourth construction. Collaboration will become more important each time now. Engineer a patch that uses the home-row buttons on your keyboard. To trigger exactly 11 different synthesized sounds on command. Consider cycle~, rect~, saw~, tri~, noise~, pink~. You may combine and modulate the waveforms. The sounds should only play while the letter is depressed." Caption "eleven kinds of buzz"
- (Twitter) Pop Share
  - stats, 9 Aug: 339;
  - ProbSquids: 151;
  - '21: 195;
  - PresentSecretives: 15;
  - ParaSurmise: 39d;
  - PropheciesSatisfied: 4.

8/10/17

- (Discord) Received [Bara's Admission](#), [Phase 7 Rumbling](#), and [Appearance of 2017](#). Requested Phase 11 ringing, plans for the removal of McCarthy, something on Katherine, and the Origins of Squirrels.
- (Discord) Got some new member info
 

Name: Leah Harley  
Sect: Serpent  
Joined: 2002  
Specializations: neuropsychology, neurophysics

Name: Barb Goldberg  
Sect: Squirrel  
Joined: 1984  
Specializations: investigative reporting, sleuthing, chutzpah

8/11/17

1. Arbiter made a [video](#) about the Great Game
  - Geiger counter card appears; it's also a recoverable object on the Discord
  - 3D glasses card
  - Mark of the parasite cards
2. New [Tumblr](#): squirrel art
3. (Discord) lemonADE appeared; seems like they have admin privileges. They're inviting us to a [PS D&D game](#). They unlocked a voice channel, which will be in play on Monday.
4. (Twitter) Pop Share:
  1. stats, 11 Aug: 373;
  2. '21: 200;
  3. ObjConfirmed: 33;
  4. ObjRecoverable: 7;
  5. ObjCollected: 6; Outlook: Progressing Steadily.
5. The Pre-O flyer, when opened as a text document, yields the message:

P.S. If you have made this message your concern,

P.S. Then bear witness now to my swift return.

P.S. You will not find me in casket or urn:

P.S. So many laws of nature to unlearn.

P.S. To those who have a massive appetite

P.S. For things adventurous and erudite,

P.S. It would be a substantial oversight

P.S. To overlook the wondrous parasite.

P.S. Jesse

P.S. Keep track, I'm back.

8/14/17

1. New [bulletin](#)
2. New [transcript](#)
3. New member info

Name: Sam Abrams

Sect: Owl

Joined: 2002

Specializations: geopolitical tectonics, geophysical diplomacy

8/15/17

1. New [bulletin](#)
2. Pop Share:
  1. stats, 15 Aug: 388;
  2. ObjConfirmed: 55;
  3. ObjRecoverable: 8; ObjCollected: 6;
  4. PunStandards: Pretty Subpar.

8/16/17

1. People started getting envelopes in the mail with this [letter](#) and 2 Great Game card decks (11 cards per deck)
2. New Tumblr [post](#) with a Hyde Park Conspiracies podcast by Daniel Lipson. Notes [here](#). Looks like we need to watch this [blog](#)
3. Pop Share:
  1. ParaSurmise: 32 d;
  2. '21: 204;
  3. PuzzSolved: 1;
  4. PuzzPoss: 3;
  5. Hints: 9;
  6. SqrITumblrSubmissions: 14.

8/17/17

1. <https://parablesoftheparasite.wordpress.com/>
  - a. Choose to apply for a sect
  - b. [Game](#)
2. New Tumblr [post](#) by Ollie on squirrelcurated. Links to [Paragons of Strength](#).
3. Pop Share:
  1. 401
  2. '21: 209
  3. ParaSurmise: 31d
  4. ParaSongs: 1

8/18/17

1. New Arbiter [Q&A](#)
2. (Discord) Ana answered [questions](#)
  - a. Confirmed that this “is not an o-week thing”
  - b. [Phase 11 Ringing](#)
  - c. [Squirrel origins](#)
  - d. [Katherine Collins](#)
3. More sets of cards resembling those for the Great Game (in The Arbiter’s videos)
4. Pop Share:
  1. 501
  2. '21: 297
  3. ParaSurmise: 30d;
  4. Outlook: Pretty Spectacular
  5. ParaSects: Please Submit
5. Tumblr post with [bulletin](#) from Bartlett and Classics--[decoded](#)
6. New squirrelcurated [tumblr post](#)
7. New redmonkschicago [tumblr post](#)

8/22/17

1. Exposed Jacob- real identity Jordan Pruett
2. Adrian and Penny popped in to Discord and GroupMe, respectively, but nothing significant
3. (Discord) New member info:
  - Name: Maddie Beri
  - Sect: Serpent
  - Joined: 2013
  - Specializations: pop culture research & investigation
  
- Name: Linus Spieler
- Sect: Owl
- Joined: 1984
- Specializations: hypothesis proliferation, measurement precision, hazardous material disposal
4. New [bulletin](#) from Reynolds
5. New [hint](#) on Third Twitter Puzzle
6. Pop Share:
  1. 575
  2. '21: 349
  3. ObjConfirmed: 77
  4. ObjRecoverable: 9
  5. ObjCollected: 6
  6. ParaSongs: 2

8/23/17

1. New squirrelcurated [tumblr post](#)
2. New Arbiter facebook post?
  - a. Email response received a new pic (recoverable object) and title "A.S.H.: Arbiter Soon Hereafter" for Theo
3. New (4th) [Twitter puzzle](#): polychromatic squares
  - a. Hint 13: "Query refused"
4. Pop Share:
  1. 587
  2. ObjConfirmed: 88
  3. ObjRecoverable: 11
  4. ObjRecovered: 7
  5. Prompt3Submissions: 0

8/24/17

1. New [hint](#) on Twitter puzzle

8/25/17

1. New [tweet](#) - leads to [this image](#)



2. Pop Share:
  1. 598
  2. '21: 359
  3. PuzzSolved: 2
  4. PuzzPoss: 4
  5. Hints: 15
  6. Prompt3Submissions: 1/11

8/26/17

1. Pop Share:
  1. '21: 362
  2. ParaSurmise: 23d
  3. EngrPostsFound: 8/9
  4. Prompt3Submissions: 2/11

8/29/17

1. New [bulletin](#)

8/30/17

1. New [bulletin](#)
2. Eric Thurm appears on the Discord 🐼
3. (Discord) Ana reappears and tells us why she left PS-[note](#) + [doc](#)

## ~ Items of Interest ~

[These are only presently interesting or frequently referred-to items]

[Check the [Journal Section](#), [Grand Squid Archive](#), or [prior doc versions](#) of this doc for the rest]

[The Grand Squid Archive is the most complete]

### Item No. 1 : Bara's Disciplinary Transcript September, 2006

- Received from [The Parasite](#) link.
- [Scan 1 of 11](#) - *"There is only one question you need to ask. What is the parasite? (5/18)"*
- [Scan 2 of 11](#) - *"It isn't only a room. (5/29)"*
- [Scan 3 of 11](#) - *"I began my ethnography after I first read this line: 'are you related to the Owl and Serpent society?' (6/9)"*
- [Scan 4 of 11](#) - *"I can confirm. It wasn't a 'hallucination.' (6/20)"*
- [Scan 5 of 11](#) - *"They don't like to be called 'red monks.' (7/1)"*
- [Scan 6 of 11](#) - *"They sure do have a 'protocol.' (7/12)"*
- [Scan 7 of 11](#) - *"We conduct experiments. (7/23)"*
- [Scan 8 of 11](#) - *"When I was part of P.S., they never would never have said, 'you need an intelligent swarm.' This year is different. (8/3)"*
- [Scan 9 of 11](#) - *"In so many ways, 'you have to make a decision.' (8/14)"*
- [Scan 10 of 11](#) - *"Whenever I'm unsure about P.S. or the parasite, I read this passage of the transcript. Over the last few years, I've read it hundreds of times. Before you see it for yourself, this is the most complete answer I can give you to the question that matters most: What is the parasite? (8/25)"*

### Item No. 2 : The Book

- [The Index](#)
- [Initiation](#) - Appendix F
- [Parasite](#) - Pages 5-9
- [P.S.](#) - Pages 60-67
- [Quantum Engineering](#) - Pages 350-352
- [Rens](#) - Pages 309-311
- [Reticulites](#) - Pages 44-45
- [Rituals](#) - Pages 17-18
- [Room](#) - Pages 398-403
- [Runners](#) - Pages 528-529

### Item No. 3 : Twin Haiku

- Decoded from a twitch stream.
  - **Number 1 (Videos suggest links to [pylon one](#) and [mansueto](#)):**  
THE TOTEMS STRETCH HIGH  
LIKE MATSUTAKE TOWERS  
ABSORBING THE BUZZ
  - **Number 2:**  
AN ENTANGLEMENT  
OF QUANTUM GEOMETRIES  
THE PROXIMATE SITE

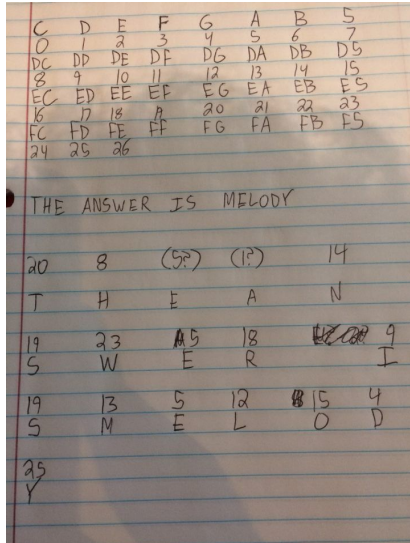
Item No. 4 : The Music Cipher (Twitter) & Swan Imagery

**Music Cipher (Twitter)**

(twitter) Reticulite\_1: “Three translations, then reply [[link to piano playing](#)]”

Solved using a base 8 code

Solution: The answer is **melody**.



**The Response of R1:**

[Black Swan Obelisk Drawing](#)

Black Swan ———

- Obsidian - Black Stone used in scrying (—— —)
- obsidian - Aztec: The source of life ; bringer of both life and death
- Egg- *cosmic* Egg - Egg ——— ——— ——— ——— ———
- Egg ———
- Obelisk w/ *smoke* machine at bottom
- Obelisk- square base + pyramid top - — — — — — — — — —
- Obelisk - —— symbol/regeneration axis mundi/solar generative power
- Swan- ethereal/ otherworldly —— in elements of water/ —— air - transformative powers
- smaller sculpture 3ft tall — 2ft —— of black —— —— base - —— ——

Swan's —— at base

Base holds fogger/smoke

Item No. 5: Unconfirmed Objects(† = no discord reaction, *italics* = privileged object)➤ Change (Recovered 0 of 8)

- Jesse's bottle of water
- I Ching (non-book version: coins?)<sup>†</sup>

- old man figurine (Jesse associates with self)
- Running water -- there's a type of water fountain that you can get for your cat where the water is never still)

➤ Histories (Recovered 0 of 8)

- Jesse outfit<sup>†</sup>

➤ Games (Recovered 0 of 15\*)

- die<sup>†</sup>
- broken puzzle piece<sup>†</sup>
- NES cartridge<sup>†</sup>
- John von Neumann and Oskar Morgenstern's Theory of Games and Economic Behavior\*<sup>†</sup>
- Early handheld game console<sup>†</sup>
- Educational plush (anatomical)<sup>†</sup>
- game controller<sup>†</sup>
- dollhouse couch<sup>†</sup>

- Full deck of Great Game cards<sup>†</sup>
- Copy of Theory of Games and Economic Behavior\*<sup>†</sup>
- Rubik's Cube<sup>†</sup>
- Baseball (or other sports ball)<sup>†</sup>
- Arbitrator's robes<sup>†</sup>
- completed game of Tic-Tac-Toe on old paper, something bizarre (too many x's, multiple winners, etc).<sup>†</sup>
- Chalk<sup>†</sup>

➤ Texts (Recovered 0 of 13)

- W. E. B. Du Bois's The Souls of Black Folk
- Michel Serres's The Parasite
- riot grrrl Bikini Kill zine ([lead](#))<sup>†</sup>
- The Communist Manifesto of a lesser (??)

- typewriter
- Jesse's library card<sup>†</sup>
- Library Card<sup>†</sup>
- Dictée<sup>†</sup>
- "Der Wanderer" poem text<sup>†</sup>
- (??) for PS image
- Fax or letter that Jesse sent to someone, detailing the room<sup>†</sup>

Item No. 6: Construction Orders

## ~ People & Entities ~

### Bots

- Type “Help” + [bot name] on Discord to learn about bots.

### Jacob Fullmer

- Founded the parasite [wiki](#).
  - As of 7/29/17, only the [Great Game article](#) contains any knowledge new to our group..
  - Also has link to PlayFair. Likely a distraction but contains a cipher we did not know about.
- Runs the [Open Secrets](#) Facebook group. Do NOT join it.
- Suspected plant. Not in the UChicago directory (All '21 members can be found in the directory)
- [jacobpfullmer@gmail.com](mailto:jacobpfullmer@gmail.com)



**Bobby Eleven** <p.s.bobby11@gmail.com> 10:43 PM (12 hours ago) ☆  
to jacobpfullmer ▾

You've done well. Much better than that "so-called owl and squid society." The next phase demands only the strongest willed and most resourceful among the... applicants. Please respond with your latest findings so we may place you in the Great Game bracket.

(P.S.) 0111011001110110011010010110101001110101010101110000110000100100000011010000111000001100001011100001101000011101000110011

**Bobby Eleven** <p.s.bobby11@gmail.com> 9:11 AM (1 hour ago) ☆  
to jacobpfullmer ▾

Disclaimer: not actually with P.S. Bobby goes much higher up.

Bobby is curious what your role in all this is, and would like to start by verifying the validity of your email address.

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**Jacob Fullmer** 10:07 AM (43 minutes ago) ☆  
to me ▾

Wait, how can you be "higher" than P.S.?

Nice time-stamp, haha. Also I like the code.

But I'm a little confused to be honest. I was told not to use this email for stuff like this. Is this like a test?

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- Contacted India and received confirmation that we were scamming him-- was indignant and threatened not to share a “new clue”
- Now a member the GroupMe
- Serpent
- Current member of PS but concerned that they are keeping secrets

### Ana Mead (see Discord)

- Email: [Honeymead11@gmail.com](mailto:Honeymead11@gmail.com)

- Sect: Unaffiliated  
Joined: 2013  
Specializations: suspicion, betrayal, and infiltration
- Has been providing information and documents to us all along, appears to be leading recruitment and trying to help us learn more

### Penny Smahls (see Facebook below)

- Appears to have been a plant. Gave us livestream footage. Examination of her social media and tinyeye reveal she was a fabrication. She was also noted as being born 11/11 on Facebook. Then revealed she is a grad student but is also recently in the fold and “1 step ahead of us” in initiation- did not go to UChicago undergrad.
- Real name: Omie Hsu
- Sect: Squirrel → Serpent → Squirrel  
Joined : 2017  
Specializations: information, unassuming disposition

### Chris Arkay

- Red Monk in the Chicago Fried Phoenix group - Doesn't know much but offered photo of red monks taken by him in the basement of BJ (see Facebook group)
- Runs a UChicago-based photography account @chris.arkay

### Daniel Lipson (see Social Media)

- Writer for The Maroon and runs the redmonkschicago tumblr page. Has only written one article and tumblr is not that populated .
- Has suspicious sources. May be working undercover with Ana
- See tumblr under Social Media

### India Weston

- Student at UChicago
- Was in the meeting with the red monks
- Sect: Serpent
- Joined: 2015  
Specializations: relational publicity, STAT, praxis

### Adrian De Luca

- One of Prof. Jagoda's students
- Sect: Unaffiliated (Serpent)  
Joined: 2016  
Specializations: narrative design, roleplaying, DM abilities
- lemonADE on discord
- Knows Ana, but they're not presently (8/15/17) coordinating
- Hosting a distinct D&D game (titles players “paladins”)
- Interviewed and recorded seekers' experiences

Bara

- Document is on their interview
- Sect: Serpent  
Joined: 2006  
Specializations: research, documentation, fabrication

Olivia Serpiente

- Facebook appearance
- Connected to Squirrelcurated
- “I like owls. I like snakes. I like girls”
- Studies at UChicago

Tay Arbiter

- Facebook appearance
- Promises to answer either/or or yes/no questions in a video (released 8/18/17)
- Youtube videos consistently refer to the Great Game (card game, same cards sent in mail)

Patrick Jagoda

- Professor in the English department at UChicago
- Students include Adrian deLuca, India Weston, among others.
- Has experience creating alternate reality games
- Taught a [course on Alternate Reality Games](#) (alongside Heidi Coleman) in the Autumn 2016 quarter, then [another, similar course \(Advanced Study Theater\)](#) for the Winter quarter.
- The goal of these courses was to “develop and implement a large scale alternate reality game (ARG) to be launched in 2017.”
- An photo of Jagoda featuring the letters “P.S.” on a whiteboard behind him can be seen in this [Maroon article](#) from Feb 2017.
  - One commenter edited out the “P.S.” This person also commented on the Owl and Serpent article??? How deep does this rabbit hole go????
- [Website](#)

Heidi Coleman

- Director of Undergraduate Studies at UChicago’s Theater & Performance Studies department
- Taught two courses on ARGs alongside Jagoda
- Works in the Logan center (the location of the original shop room from the livestream)
- Was referenced by the Logan Center building manager when Carter and Alexis went to retrieve the item lists

Eric Thurm

- UChicago alum (class of 2014) who knows Ana
- Took classes with Jagoda
- Wants to write an article involving PS
- <https://www.chicogamaroon.com/article/2013/6/4/down-the-rabbit-hole/>
- Big fan of small yellow birds
- Birthday is July 20

Members Referenced in Documents

- [Susan Sontag](#)
- [Hannah Arendt](#)
- [Joi Ito](#)
- [Carol Moseley Braun](#)
- [Carl Sagan](#)



## ~ Social Media ~

<https://genius.com/HydeParkConspiracies>

### Tumblr (redmonkschicago)

- Linked at “Follow The Council” at the end of a UChicago email
- Posted photo of three red robed figures in Rockefeller
  - First assumption: he was working for the reticulites. However, when approached he denied knowledge and pressed for details. None were offered and conversation halted
    - Working with the Chicago Maroon- Definitely Daniel Lipson, confirmed on post he made 07/17
- Confirmed Daniel Lipson, set up drop locations and interviews with alumni
  - Met on 8/8/17 by Azam M

### Dead Drop Locations (Tumblr)

- **Unvisited**
  - The University of Texas at Austin, **Austin, TX** (30.287864, -97.738658)
  - Potbellies Sandwiches, 635 Indiana Avenue NW, **Washington DC**
  - Billy Holiday Mural near 1815 E Pratt St, **Baltimore, MD**
  - The Pagoda at Patterson Park, **Baltimore, MD**
  - Cannon Replica Landmark next to an info Placard near Canton, **Baltimore, MD**
  - On a giant blue crab statue’s belly near the Baltimore Waterfront Promenade, **Baltimore, MD**
  - By a large replica of Frederick Douglass’ head with an informational placard at 1417 Thames St, **Baltimore, MD**

## Chicago Maroon & Official UChicago Publications

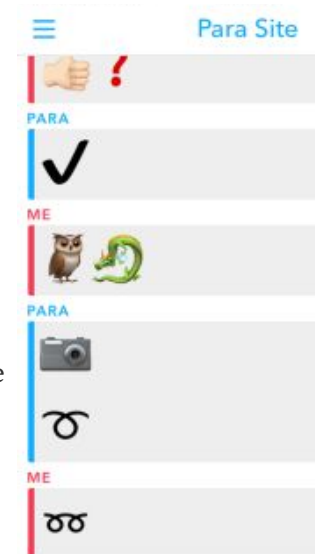
- [UChicago Magazine Vol. 5](#) mentions the Owl and Serpent.
- Article on “[Remembering the Society of the Owl and Serpent](#)” posted 6/9
  - Commenter: Brenna Domnauser “We do NOT need this kind of attention now”
    - Similar name to fb red monk sightings poster **Brenna Domnaus**-Got a reaction from Discord to that name
- Suspiciously paraphrased [article](#) on harvest thyme bistro.

## Facebook ([RedMonks](#) and [Penny](#))

- Facebook group of sightings.
- [Live stream 1](#) : Pursuit across campus.
- [Live stream 2](#) : Eavesdropping
  - [Transcript](#).

## Snapchat (parasite121)

- Presently Inactive
- Began adding friends from the class on 07/17
- Posted two pieces of valuable information onto their story (list of symbols and info on parasites)
- Then sent their friends a snap of one of the symbols - Rens
- Will not communicate with words, only emojis
- When members sent photos of symbols they made on their own, parasite would screenshot them and post it on their own story
- **Symbols**
  - The symbol in these snaps resembles that of the runner (see page 7). The camera emoji suggests Para Site seeks a photo of the runner?
  - Other possibilities: ichthys(Jesus fish), Zodiac sign of the Taurus, Anglo Saxon rune for “oe” sound
  - Snap story today has a bunch of the symbols from page 7 drawn onto mundane objects



## Twitter ([Reticulite\\_1](#) & [ps\\_public\\_STAT](#))

### Reticulite\_1

- Followed students who posted about being in the class of 2021
- If they followed back, began dming them asking questions
- Confirmed that the red monks liked to be called “reticulites”
- Begin questioning students on where they got the information “to close a leaky faucet”
- (7/17) Gave link to main Discord chat at 2 pm CDT-- unknown how gained access
- Asked where we received the fragments-- see Leaky Faucet

### ps\_public\_STAT

- Provides stats about our progress (see journal entries)

## Instagram (redmonksuofc)

## Reddit ([theparasite](#) & [UofC-Arbiter](#))

- [t-slothrop](#) (moderator) seems to be a reference to "Tyrone slothrop" who is a cartoon character in Gravity's Rainbow.
- Other moderator: [reticulite6](#).
- When messaged, asked “is this daniel again?”

## Twitch.tv (psc\_engineer)

- Activated on 7/18/17. Released a code along with the message “the stream at the University of Chicago holds the keys to an important moment, but those keys will only become apparent to the most attentive and observant in your ranks. P.S.: the stream is live now. [https://www.twitch.tv/psc\\_engineer](https://www.twitch.tv/psc_engineer).”
- Voice read 2 strings of numbers, which pieced together and decoded forms 2 haikus. (see above)
- Why is it ‘psc\_engineer?’
  - PSC(hicago)\_engineer?
- Received message “The tests are over, now the building begins”
- First construction was requested, and to be delivered to [p.s.parasite@gmail.com](mailto:p.s.parasite@gmail.com)
- Second construction requested from 3 apprentices who sent in first projects

## Reticulite 1 [email](#)

## YouTube (UC Arbiter)

## Discord

### Titles

\* renBOT reacts to [@Jseecan](#), [@ayalaa](#), [@Keon](#), [@sierramontañas](#), and [@Marco](#) with the “11” emoji

## ~ Reference & Archive ~

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| <a href="#">★ 8/4/17 - 12:00 pm CST</a> | <a href="#">★ 8/1/17 - 5:33 pm CST</a>  | <a href="#">★ 7/31/17 - 11:30 pm CST</a> |
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