

Jacob Fullmer: Well no use pretending any more i guess / tbh i'm a little relieved, that persona was exhausting

A (The Infiltrat0r): yeah trust us we felt the same way

C: rule #1 of a fake persona don't use a real picture of yourself

Jacob Fullmer: @C well that's not me / though he is a real person

SW (The Spritely Spirit): Can sOmeone explain

C: you just stole pictures of jordan's brother that's sav

Jacob Fullmer: well i asked him for permission

C: so if you're not actually jordan's brother who are you

L (The Driven): Now we all recognize him

G: well who do you claim you are? @Jacob Fullmer

A: Hey Ana can you tell us who "Jacob" really is?

A (The Infiltrat0r): alright so who's actually behind the account the people wanna KNOW

Jacob Fullmer: speaking of which: could you please not bother jaron, he is on his honeymoon after all...

and though there isn't any point in my keeping up the facade with you, could you please not burn my cover publicly?

Frosh_VII (The Master Of C0de): Because this is a secure chat / We won't post to facebook if that's what you mean

C: yeah but we need some answers then

Jacob Fullmer: @Frosh_VII (The Master Of C0de) yeah that's what i mean

@JS (The ParaSinger) 2021 fb is pretty public for what i'm working at, this group is a small enough subset of seekers that i'm not too worried

A (The Infiltrat0r): yeah we won't expose you dude it's fine

Jacob Fullmer: @C fair enough. what would you like to know?

NW (The N0cturnal Sleuth): what exactly are you "working at"

J (The Skeptic): who you is

G: who are you?

Jacob Fullmer: i'm a member of PS and i'm a serpent group. honestly give@NW (The N0cturnal Sleuth) like an hour and i'm sure she'll figure it out

A: Where'd you get that letter from?

NW (The N0cturnal Sleuth): i cant decide if that's a compliment or shade lol

J (The Skeptic): Are you just Katherine in disguise? That was my only guess tbh

Jacob Fullmer: when i was a seeker the reticulites did things very differently

C: why did you create a fake persona, post in the 2021 group, and make the open secrets group

Jacob Fullmer: my recruitment was a personalized trail of puzzles

C: basically what was the purpose of the fake persona

Jacob Fullmer: not to trick you, actually / or not exclusively / but the serpents are trying to figure something out / the reticulites are trying to recruit over 1000 people, which is totally unprecedented and they didn't tell us why / so i thought i'd play along, as a seeker

NW (The NOcturnal Sleuth): so you're like penny--older student (i assume you're not actually 2021 bc you're past being a seeker) who's trying to help us out...?

C: why fake the interviews with brenna and the playfair emails

Frosh_VII (The Master Of C0de): How'd you get that interview?

G: or just trying to find things out on your own because the reticulites wouldn't tell you?

K (The Pixii Dynam0): Why were you so annoying then

Jacob Fullmer: i wasn't really trying to help you out tbh / i just want information

K (The Pixii Dynam0): You really sucked at the faking emails thing

Frosh_VII (The Master Of C0de): Not to be rude, but how were you so far behind us, even with insider knowledge?

Jacob Fullmer: that's the thing: i barely have insider knowledge. the reticulites aren't being very forthright

Jacob Fullmer: apparently they've been planning this for at least a few years w/o telling us

C: were you trying to build credibility as a seeker so you could see what the reticulites endgame was? so the facade was basically to get inside knowledge on this years recruitment

K (The Pixii Dynam0): And why did you want in on this chat (which we knew was sus but this is worth it)

L (The Driven): How do I become u when I'm older. Mess with first years

Jacob Fullmer: current theory is they've been planning this since 2006

@C yes, basically

L (The Driven): So 11 years ago?

Jacob Fullmer: @K(The Pixii Dynam0) well if i'm being totally honest you all were doing much better at this than me / Open Secrets was trash let's be honest

L (The Driven): Trash can not trash can't amiright

C: well for the most part we both have similar goals, trying to figure out what the hell is happening

A: Okay, so @Jacob Fullmer I still want to know how/where you got the letter.

Frosh_VII (The Master Of C0de): Some solid information would go a long way to building trust

Jacob Fullmer: @C exactly. so, do you have any sense of why they are recruiting so many people?

C: @Jacob Fullmer the only real clues we have about that are very vague

L (The Driven): @Jacob Fullmer Why r they sending the whole class cards?

Jacob Fullmer: @A well i put jacob's name on the list / most of the seekers are incoming uChicago students but not all

A: @Jacob Fullmer Did you write back to the P.S. email? And if so, what did they tell you? If not, why not?

Frosh_VII (The Master Of C0de): What information can you share with us? Our one membership criterion is the free exchange of most information. @Jacob Fullmer

RR: Nothing slips past us

Frosh_VII (The Master Of C0de): Right now we're just telling you everything we know

RR:What Chad said, we shared info with you

Give us info in return

Frosh_VII (The Master Of C0de): What year were you initiated into seekerdom?

A: Did you write back to the P.S. email? And if so, what did they tell you? If not, why not?

Jacob Fullmer: Yeah i did

A: The email that was listed in the letter.

Jacob Fullmer: Did you?

A: What did they write back to you?

Jacob Fullmer: They paired me with a mentor (which was funny because i actually know her) and a "secret" that i already knew

RR: What's your secret / And who is your mentor

L (The Driven): Who is the mentor?

JS (The ParaSinger): is it india?

Jacob Fullmer: They just sent me a picture of the mark of the parasite

Frosh_VII (The Master Of C0de): Can we see that?

Jacob Fullmer: Sure one sec / @L (The Driven): her name's Maddie

NW (The N0cturnal Sleuth): so "jacob", now that you're exposed, is your endgame still the same? are you still trying to "trick" us or are you working with us now?

Frosh_VII (The Master Of C0de): Can you gives us a verifiable lead or something we don't already know, just to make sure you're not playing us double-agent style?

Jacob Fullmer



Here's the pic. I imagine it's not too exciting at this point

RR: I haven't been as sassy as I would normally be, and I'm proud of myself

A: Can we see it in the context of the email? / For all we know, that could be the back of a card. This is pretty sus, y'know

Jacob Fullmer: @NW (The N0cturnal Sleuth) Well i'm already in PS, so my endgame is a little different with regards to initiation

RR: Something something Penny 2.0

NW (The N0cturnal Sleuth): when penny starts typing again we see u

Frosh_VII (The Master Of C0de): Let's just chill for a moment. What would you like to talk about@Jacob Fullmer ?

RR: @Penny Smahls Alright sis cut the crap and come forth

Jacob Fullmer: Well the parasite itself is important to me, and the Reticulites' secrecy has me worried I know i'm not the only one who feels that way

Frosh_VII (The Master Of C0de): Why is the parasite important to you and those you reference?

Jacob Fullmer: PS is completely organized around the parasite

Frosh_VII (The Master Of C0de): So there's nothing particular to you in regards to the parasite?

DY: penny wyd

DY: fr

Jacob Fullmer: I'm happy to help you with your initiation process but the actual nature of the parasite is the one secret we all keep / At any rate, i wouldn't be able to explain it if i tried

A (The Infiltrat0r): hey jacob, quick question. know anything about jesse?

DY: how much of the initiation process do we have left?

Jacob Fullmer: @A (The Infiltrat0r) As in the founder?

A: Can you tell us a little bit more about the relationship between the reticulites and the sects?

Jacob Fullmer: @DY not entirely sure, i would guess a few more weeks at most. but like i said, this is very different than my initiation

Frosh_VII (The Master Of C0de): You said the Reticulites aren't usually this secretive?

Jacob Fullmer: @A Well the sects are more recent, but some version of the Reticulites have been around for over 100 years / The sects are a little more informal

L (The Driven): @Jacob Fullmer So what have they been planning since 2006

A: Do you know what happens if a seeker refuse to join a sect?

Jacob Fullmer: That's what i'm trying to figure out @L (The Driven):

Frosh_VII (The Master Of C0de): The 11th arrival of the parasite, perhaps the last one

Jacob Fullmer: @A some seekers aren't in sects so that's totally your prerogative

C: can you give us any insight into this video

Jacob Fullmer: When i joined a sect it was face to face, but similar

Frosh_VII (The Master Of C0de): What are the different observed behaviors in the Reticulite order?

C: this is where we first heard about the large recruitment but most of what we know about it (not a lot) is from that video

A (The Infiltrat0r): yeah as in the founder. can you tell us if he's like uh around or something or some details on him?

G: what does the great game card game actually have to do with p.s?

Jacob Fullmer: @A (The Infiltrat0r) Jesse/the founder disappeared in 1907

he left behind a journal and a bunch of other stuff that we've been holding onto since then the Great Game wouldn't exist if not for Jesse / @G we use it for a lot of things

RR: Wow so this is a cult

G: such as? a few specific examples would be nice

Jacob Fullmer: conflict resolution, entertainment, projecting signs

RR: Entertainment / ?!?!

Jacob Fullmer: meme generation

RR: Jacob how old are you?

J (The Skeptic): bout 16

RR: Are you down with the memes

Jacob Fullmer: @RR we're not a cult. cults have dogma

RR: That sounds like something a cult follower would say / But okaaaay

A: You guys are veeeery insistent about that, I've learned.

Jacob Fullmer: usually a central leader too, which we also don't have

RR: The more you try to convince me you're not a cult, the more convinced I am you're a cult

PENNY MY GIRL

Penny Smahls: @RR .. hello

C: who are the reticulites? are they actual uchi professors/students? is it really just dean boyer in a robe

J (The Skeptic): lmao I get it cuz cut the shit...

RR: Wow

A: Come to save Jacob? @Penny Smahls

Penny Smahls: Here's a great opportunity to take a moment and really think about why P.S. does not share fundamental traits of a cult:

RR: Penny you're savage

Penny Smahls: Primarily, a cult is defined as a group that has obsessive veneration and devotion to a leader/ a god/ an ideology (and whatever it is, it takes on a transcendental quality)

Jacob Fullmer: Jeez Penny steal the show why don't you

RR: We like her more

Frosh_VII (The Master Of C0de): Is this like a legality / liability thing where the campus gets fined if it technically endorses a cult?

RR: So we'll listen to her more

Jacob Fullmer: ouch

RR: You know how we feel about you

A: Okay, what about PS and the parasite then?

Penny Smahls: What P.S. seems like to me, after thinking through my decision to join, is that it is fundamentally about world-building through change and community (the absolute opposite of uncritical fidelity to a set of principles)

RR: Okay I give, you're not a cult / I apologize

Frosh_VII (The Master Of C0de): I'm screenshotting that

Penny Smahls: And I think this is a moment to just admit (and to open up this kind of conversation): frankly, I don't really care about what the parasite is (though they will tell you once you are initiated), what matters to me about the parasite is what it does and can do (i.e. its potentials and, in this case, to bring people together through a common object)

G: why is the parasite a secret?

Frosh_VII (The Master Of C0de): Jagoda isn't directly involved in this is he?

A: WAIT @Jacob Fullmer I want to hear from you too

GR: if what it is doesn't really matter, why can't you tell us what it is?

Jacob Fullmer: yeah hit me with another quesiton @A

Penny Smahls: It certainly is not unreasonable to think this is a cult. I did, too, for a while and so was hesitant to explore and experiment further. It is part of why it took me so long into my program

A: Will you show us the actual email?

RR: So you aren't mad at us for thinking you're a cult?

Jacob Fullmer: also here's a point where we disagree... i care what the parasite is

GR: @Jacob Fullmer What's your take on this cult/not a cult discussion?

Jacob Fullmer: i want to see it myself

K (The Pixii Dynam0): Yeah sorry we roasted you guys so much / And you realize you're still suspicious

A: Feelings on the parasite? And, how was Maddie's name explicitly written in the reply?

Jacob Fullmer: i'd say curiosity is my main motivation

Penny Smahls: In my personal opinion (and I am doing that annoying thing that big kidz do), but I would not have been able to appreciate its depth and its value if I had not gone through the recruitment process@GR

Frosh_VII (The Master Of C0de): If you're already initiated, how did you get in on this?

A: I sympathize with that @Jacob Fullmer

Penny Smahls: So,@RR , I am absolutely not mad. Frankly, thrilled that you guys were activated by the mystery and decided to continue exploring

Jacob Fullmer: @A it's an insane idea when you think about it. a room that appears every 11 years? i joined PS to see it for myself. / @A also: i think they just gave her last initial

Maddie B

RR: Awe thanks penny

Penny Smahls: For those interested in thinking more carefully about the dynamics and characteristics of a group like P.S., I would encourage you to read the Primary Source (pages 60 - 67). It was the document that really convinced me of what the parasite could do and what the potentials of P.S. are.

G: who is ana? and why can she only give us a few docs at a time? @Penny Smahls

Jacob Fullmer: Hey i've actually got lunch plans with someone (i do have like some semblance of a life, wild i know) so i'm probably gonna sign off for a bit

RR: Alright bye Jacob

Jacob Fullmer: I'm a little disappointed you haven't guessed my real name by now

You basically know already

RR: Go away

Frosh_VII (The Master Of C0de): Didn't we

Jacob Fullmer: Maybe you did / AND i missed it

A: @Penny Smahls it's morning on the west coast

NW (The N0cturnal Sleuth): jaron?

Jacob Fullmer: nope

NW (The N0cturnal Sleuth): adrian?

Jacob Fullmer: strike 2

Frosh_VII (The Master Of C0de): Your last name is Pruett though

Frosh_VII (The Master Of C0de): @Jacob Fullmer

C: chad he's not jaron pruett he just used his pictures

G: @Jacob Fullmer jordan?

RR: Jacob is probably from some lame state like Wyoming

Frosh_VII (The Master Of C0de): HEY / Wyoming has great skiing

Jacob Fullmer: @G there ya go

RR: Your name is Jordan / No wonder you're a... you know what nvm

Jacob Fullmer: @RR savage

Penny Smahls: @NW (The N0cturnal Sleuth) yes yes yes. Certainly one thing that I share with P.S. before I even encountered them is that we share a commitment to make as much room in the world as possible for those for whom the world is not made.

NW (The N0cturnal Sleuth): wait you're jordan? / smh

RR: You know me

C: wow we're dumb how did we not see that

NW (The N0cturnal Sleuth): lol hey jordan. sorry for how many times i stalked ur fb

NW (The N0cturnal Sleuth): also penny i actually love how woke you are if u can drop some critical theory book recs i'd appreciate it

Jacob Fullmer: @NW (The N0cturnal Sleuth) you are scary good at it

A: @NW (The N0cturnal Sleuth) have you finished the haven section on stalking..

DY: wait raven did u say india said to ask if we have any questions

Penny Smahls: @NW (The N0cturnal Sleuth) - Ah, my favorite pastime is rambling off critical theory texts! Because I don't want to overwhelm you with everything that comes to mind (an experience you guys should embrace for, by the way), let me take some time to think about a manageable and focused list and get back to you.

C: @Jacob Fullmer we found jordan like a month ago but never made the connection

DY: // if so can you ask if theres a deadline for applying

C: u got name dropped in a livestream

NW (The N0cturnal Sleuth): @DY @A what's haven? is this like alcohol edu bc if it is i cant access it till next year

JS (The ParaSinger): daniel be asking how long he can procrastinate

it's the sexual assault lesson modules yes

NW (The N0cturnal Sleuth)

@Penny Smahls yay thank u!!!!!!!!!! honestly i would love it if u just told me anything that comes to mind; since im a gap year i finally have time to read!!

NW (The N0cturnal Sleuth)

also@Jacob Fullmer can u just change ur groupme name to jordan now? it's kinda weird cuz i still see u as jacob. cats outta the bag anyways

Penny Smahls

@NW (The N0cturnal Sleuth) - oh brace yourself, young padawang. There is plenty to read and never enough time to read it.

C: @Jacob Fullmer @Penny Smahls can you tell us anything about adrian de luca

RR: And okay i shall ask her

NW (The N0cturnal Sleuth): fuck im so ready!!!! also lol i love the padawang thing

G: @Jacob Fullmer @Penny Smahls or about ana?

DY: @Penny Smahls me after buying 8 classics at b & n

NW (The N0cturnal Sleuth): DANIEL SAME / but im cheap so i just took pics of the b&n books and bought them on amazon

Penny Smahls: Honestly, I don't know adrian very well. I have encountered him here and there, but word on the street is that he made an amazing D&D game.

Penny Smahls: Oh! Before I forget, I did hear that the Pre-O New Media and Game actually does have a deadline for signing up and that is this Friday. You guys really seem like the group that would enjoy that.

RR: Ugh I wish I could do it!

Penny Smahls: @RR I think it's an online class - you don't have to be in Chicago to do it!

RR: Well I'm going to be on a flight the 6th so that might conflict with something's

JS (The F0rcibly Titled): I'm already doing bound. I wish I could do both

Penny Smahls: It is probably ok that you miss a class. I would email the instructor and let them know in advance (which, by the way, is also a thing one should do come the school year)

Just remember to e-mail Professor Gardener instead of signing up through the UChicago site.

RR: Yeah I'm already doing another pre orient program?

Penny Smahls: Overachievers, the lot 'o yas

RR: Will that conflict with it / ^_(\`)/~ its how I got here

JS (The F0rcibly Titled): I thought it said you couldn't do two. But maybe it just meant two of the fly ins

We could just apply and see how it goes

GB: Who do I need to email to do the games and media pre o?

Penny Smahls: Why not? Email the professor and let them know you may have a conflict and see if you can't work something out. Do remember that your teachers want to teach you (and logistics are just a thing that everyone has to work around)

@GB - the email is bill.j.gardener@gmail.com

Penny Smahls: @Azam M - now that I don't know. I just know that this is an opportunity for incoming students, but I don't pay too much attention to every little thing (just too much going on). / Ah. Many thanks to @J (The Skeptic) for the helpful and healthy reminder to keep our schedules bearable and to make sure we have time to rest. (On the flip side: I also have a hard time of letting go of the "what if I just tried that? what would I learn? what would be different" thought, so .. [insert very complicated and impressive shrug thing you guys do])

RR: ~_(\ツ)_/~

J (The Skeptic): @Penny Smahls y r u a jedi

K (The Pixii Dynam0): @Penny Smahls Can you confirm whether this will have anything to do with PS?

Penny Smahls: Oh. That would be pretty spectacular if it has something to do with PS. As I said, not totally sure about the details of it. These are just notices we get forwarded to forward along, so you know what I know?

J (The Skeptic): Penny. One more thing btw

Penny Smahls: Alright, now speaking of healthy reminders, my stomach just rudely let me know that it is unhappy with my life choices about lunch, so I should probably go take care of that (at, unfortunately, not a Californian taqueria)