

## OSC Introduction

**Obtain. Secure. Counter.** These are the instructions and watchwords of our organization, and, in this era, the source of our name: the OSC. We are the sentinels who watch the shadows. We are the so-called Men in Black. We are those who stave off the destruction of the world by the numberless threats that face it – and leave the people none the wiser, free to go about their lives without a suspicion of how near is the destruction of the world.

- **Obtain:** We collect – by any means necessary – objects, creatures, and knowledge that crosses the border between the mundane and the supranormal.
- **Secure:** What is obtained is placed in repositories – libraries, warehouses, holding cells – which are warded by every means known to the OSC, ranging from physical reinforcement to technological alarms and traps and even metawave constructions.
- **Counter:** We study all collected materials to understand the threats they pose, to know how to oppose them and related forces, and – on occasion – to understand how these materials and their knowledge may be used to counter *other* forces. We also control the flow of information, including eradicating knowledge of events from witnesses when deemed necessary.

The OSC exists behind and within the governments of the world. We watch *them* as well, for often they are the ones to trigger a manifestation – delving into secrets we already know are best left alone.

But you already know something of these secrets, because that is why you are here. You have seen behind the ordinary, been a victim of the monstrous, walked into a room and found everything you knew was wrong. And you – unlike nearly all people – reacted *appropriately*, reacted *effectively*. You proved yourself more stable and resilient than the vast run of normal people.

And so you are now one of us. Welcome to the OSC. Your first assignment awaits.

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