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against

Hadrian Grey
of the Serpens Kindred

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EXHIBIT 1 - Official interview with Academy professor Marian Gladstone of the Delphinus Kindred, Healer.

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Interviewer: Tell me about Mr. Grey.

Professor Gladstone: Hadrian? He's a lovely student, one of the best I've had. He's incredibly diligent with his studies. I've had to ask him to leave the labs, oh, about ten times, all in the past three weeks! I swear, if we didn't have set hours, he'd be in there through the night working on those experiments of his.

Interviewer: Experiments?

Professor Gladstone: Oh, yes! Hadrian has always expressed a passion for the more magical maladies and diseases. I believe in his free time he likes to take them apart, to study their components. I myself have often become enamored with the magical strains. It's so nice to see the fresh minds of today showing an interest in these things. Just imagine what they could accomplish! You know, the other day—

Interviewer: Thank you, Professor. Have you ever noticed anything strange about Mr. Grey?

Professor Gladstone: I'm sorry?

Interviewer: Has he demonstrated any peculiar interests, ever approached you asking about any —shall we say— less permissible studies?

Professor Gladstone: Oh, no, no. Of course not! Mr. Grey is an exemplary student. We have talked privately on more than one occasion and he has never demonstrated even the slightest interest into anything like that.

Interviewer: Very well. Then you are aware that Mr. Grey has been taken into custody on the charges of suspected kidnapping, experimentation on a student, and murder?

EXHIBIT 2 - This transcription is from page 394 of A Healer's Guide to Mundane and Magical Maladies by Barnibus Bentley; Mr. Grey's contributions have been included as footnotes.

Unlike their more mundane counterparts, magical maladies are far more insidious, attacking on two fronts: the anatomical and the magical.¹ The disease often affects only one of the three divisions of one's animus, with the elemental aspect being the most common. Both the ancestral and individual aspects are often too powerful for the disease to latch onto, although there have been cases where this has occurred, such as the extraordinary circumstances of Eleonore Hackney. Her case is unusual in that the disease, a strain now known as "Hackney's cough," latched onto the individual aspect of her animus and completely drained it.² Prior to this event, the connection between the individual aspect and one's mental state was unknown. In Hackney's case, as her animus was drained, her mental state deteriorated, until she was reduced to a comatose shell of her former self.³ Later studies experimenting with this strain on rats have demonstrated similar effects, and upon autopsy it appears that the loss of the individual aspect severs all neural pathways between the brain and the body. It is not apparent if the subject is still mentally present in this state.

Diseases affecting the elemental aspect are the most prevalent, making up 95.4% of all recorded maladies. The most common diseases, such as strix's breath or lindworm's curse,⁴ are found year-round, although they are most prevalent in conjunction with the mundane "flu season." Lindworm's often results in uncontrollable bouts of elemental magic that reflect one's elemental affinity, however, it is generally harmless. The magical outbursts are caused when the disease attaches onto the elemental aspect, destabilizing it and causing sporadic fluctuations. Treatment of such maladies is simple, requiring

¹ Coombs' Countless Cures has a detailed description of this effect.

² Once emptied, where does her magic go? Could this be replicated on a subject in a controlled setting?

³ If it is possible to drain magical essence from an individual, then it might be possible to return it through a similar method. A technique based off of this would be highly beneficial to patients suffering from magical exhaustion.

⁴ I remember when Agnes had lindworm's. Nearly drowned the cat. ~~If only we were so lucky.~~

EXHIBIT 3 - An excerpt from the private journal of Mr. Grey. It was discovered in a warded compartment behind his bookshelf.

Experiment #57

Dated August 13, 2020

Today was yet another failure.

The control test reacted within normal parameters. Minutes 1-5 showed no sign of discoloration or deterioration. By minute 6, black branches had begun to form. By minute 8, 76% of the body was covered in rune rot and the mouse had ceased movement. Rapid onset deterioration occurred at minute 11, and by minute 15, only the skeleton and bits of flesh remained.

Ritual steps (revised):

1. Intention - protection/barrier against disease
2. Sphere of Influence - intermediate, affecting the mouse
3. Technique - ritual (obviously)
4. Components - predominant element is water; blood sacrifice to power ritual and for ink potion, brush, bowl, knife
5. Mediators - focus, incantation, and gesture are all tied to the ritual circle (see diagram)
6. Diagnostic - casting enacted prior to experimentation (steps described on page 13 of Magic for the Novice Medic vol. 1)



The subject appeared visually normal from minutes 1-23, and the diagnostic remained stable. By minute 24, the branches appeared and did not recede; diagnostic showed lowered brain function; the mouse appeared unaffected. Minute 28, the branches held steady at 14% coverage with no behavior change in the mouse. From minutes 25-26, the branches increased rapidly covering 83% of the body; the diagnostic recorded catastrophic failure at minute 26. Attempts during this time to alter the circle and reduce the spread were futile. Diagnostic no longer registered the mouse's animus at minute 29; death followed at minute 31.

Blood remains the strongest binder for the ritual. It is still impossible to alter the ritual circle while active. Could this weakness be offset if the mouse's animus was supplemented with that of another creature? Talk to Gladstone about leeches and other parasitic diseases, and revisit earlier theoretical ideas for storing animus in an artificial container.

EXHIBIT 4 - Various lists found in Mr. Grey's residence with notes by the prosecution.

**Receipt of Purchase
Witches Cauldron Apothecary
Dated August 17, 2020**

Eye of newt - 2χ
Kronos blood - 5χ
Wool of bat - 2χ
Feverwort - 3χ
Graveyard dust - 4χ
Jackalope horn (2) - 2δ,4ο
Basilisk scale (5) - 2μ,56δ
Dire fur - 5δ,2ο
Silver cauldron - 1μ,23δ

Total - 3μ,87δ,1ο,4χ

**Receipt of Purchase
Cason's Central Menagerie
Dated August 19, 2020**

Common mouse (10) - 1δ
Wraith cottonmouth - 5μ,48δ

Total - 5μ,49δ

To do:

- Write to Kostas
- Pack for school
- Pick up supplies
- Brew ritual ink
- Write to Gladstone about labs
- Shopping with Theo and Aemilia on 19th

Deceptively standard ingredients for brewing "Rikar's Ritual Ink," except that the quantity of basilisk scales is too great, and Mr. Grey also purchased dire wolf fur. These items, when properly combined with several other standard ingredients and the essence of a ghost (illegal to procure, although Mr. Grey would have the family contacts), they make a crude version of "Imogen's Infusion of Inactivity," which is used in highly controlled settings to store living organisms in stasis. Given Mr. Grey's experimental leanings, it is plausible to assume that he is using it to contain one of these "leeching" diseases he is so fascinated with.

Also of note is his purchase of a wraith cottonmouth. Given its semi-spectral qualities and paralytic venom, it is a highly sought-after species among collectors and potioners alike, raising the question of its purpose for Mr. Grey.

Track down "Kostas," "Theo" and "Aemilia" for interviews. Also reach out to Professor Gladstone for information.

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**EXHIBIT 5 - Official interview with fifth-year Academy student
Viktorija Hale of the Cygnus Kindred, Healing Concentration.**

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Interviewer: What is your relationship to Mr. Grey?

Ms. Hale: Well, we have most of our classes together and we're also in the same study group.

Interviewer: How close would you say the two of you are?

Ms. Hale: We're practically dating! Haddy —Hadrian, sorry, he absolutely hates it when I call him that— is so doting, always taking me on walks through the dissection rooms, and we— [laughter] Sorry, sorry, your face was just too good! [laughter]

Interviewer: Ms. Hale, please answer the questions truthfully, this is a very serious matter.

Ms. Hale: Viktorija or Viki, please, and what's all this interest in Hadrian? I heard someone was interviewing Gladstone about him the other day. [silence] Ugh, fine, we only really talk when I ask him a question and he answers it. Satisfied?

Interviewer: Very. Thank you, Ms. Hale. Have you ever noticed anything off about Mr. Grey? Any odd behaviors or fascinations?

Ms. Hale: No, I don't think so. [pause] Actually, yeah. He always seems to have his head stuck into some complex anatomy book or another, but he takes it to a weird level of obsession. Once, I went to pick up some notes at his cabin, and I accidentally walked in on him while he was reading in the shower! Oh, and I heard a rumor that he like tortures mice or something in the labs.

Interviewer: I see. And where did you hear this rumor?

Ms. Hale: You didn't hear it from me, but it was either Kima Harris or Aemilia Faucheux. Wait, is this about the disappearance of that first-year student? You think Hadrian did it?

Interviewer: No comment.

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EXHIBIT 6 - A letter from Mr. Grey to his mother, Lady Tessia Grey of the Serpens Kindred.

September 16, 2020

Mother,

It is good to hear from you. I'm glad that both you and Agnes have been well. How is she settling in at Merriam Secondary? Is she homesick? I'm sure you remember how long it took me to get used to being away, but I was always more reserved than her at that age. Has father been home lately? Or is he still on that research expedition in Biscayne?

You will be happy to know that Ofydd has adjusted well to the rigors of Academy life. He seems to fit right in with the divination lot. I introduced him to Professor Langley and his name certainly made an impression on her. Are you positive that he is a member of the Lupus Kindred? He seems far too timid for their kind.

I'm afraid that I will not be able to make it home this year for the Reaping festivities. I know you wanted to celebrate together, but I am in the middle of a delicate and time-sensitive experiment, and I have literal heaps of homework to do on top of that. I swear that our professors like to punish us with double work for all the time they missed over break. Don't worry, I am still planning to hold a séance with Theo and our friends on the equinox, so I won't miss out on the celebrations entirely.

I'm sure much of it is still classified, but I heard about the attacks on that mundane population near home. It's rumored that the assimilationists were behind it. Is this true? If it is, then the problem is much bigger than I thought; this would make three large-scale attacks just within the past five months. If you can discuss it, what has been the reaction of the other kindred chairs on the council? Has the Consortium become involved yet?

You and I are far too alike, mother, so please don't overwork yourself with this mess. I will see you at Yule.

Your loving son,
Hadrian

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EXHIBIT 7 - Official interview with fifth-year Academy student Theodore Moran of the Aquila Kindred, Transfiguration Concentration.

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Interviewer: You are dating Mr. Grey, correct?

Mr. Moran: Why do you care? Don't you people have better things to do than ask about some student's love life?

Interviewer: Answer the question and I'll answer yours.

Mr. Moran: We're dating. Why are you here?

Interviewer: Have you heard about the disappearance—

Mr. Moran: Yeah, yeah, everyone's heard about it by now. That doesn't explain why you're talking to me, though. I've never met him.

Interviewer: But your boyfriend did.

Mr. Moran: They're passing acquaintances, that's all. His mother is friends with Ofydd's father, and she asked Drie to look out for him. I don't think they've talked more than a few times since the semester started. [pause] You lot have got it into your heads that he was involved with it, haven't you? Drie was right.

Interviewer: How was Mr. Grey right? Surely, he didn't expect we would ask about him; as you say, he only has a tenuous connection to Mr. Lewelin.

Mr. Moran: You can stop looking so smug. We were all on edge after Lord Lewelin started causing a stir when he couldn't contact his son, Hadrian more than most. After all, he was the one singled out by the lord for not protecting Ofydd. Like there was anything he could do.

Interviewer: Why don't you explain your version of events?

Mr. Moran: [pause] Fine. I think the entire school knew about Ofydd's poor health by the end of the first week; that's why no

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one thought it was strange when he didn't show up to class for a couple days. Hadrian's been bogged down with projects lately, so he sent my cousin to go check on him when he heard that Ofydd had missed class. Aemilia knocked, no one answered, so she went in and found an empty cabin. She alerted a staff member and they called you lot. Now you're here asking me dumb questions. Happy?

Interviewer: Immensely. Mr. Lewelin was last seen leaving dinner early on September 28th. Where was Mr. Grey that night?

Mr. Moran: We were in my cabin.

Interviewer: Can anyone confirm this?

Mr. Moran: My housemate was there with us until they left for their astrology class.

Interviewer: Mx. Rhys, correct?

Mr. Moran: Yes.

Interviewer: Did you and Mr. Grey stay together the entire night?

Mr. Moran: Yeah. Drie left for a bit because he had to feed his snake and grab some notes, but otherwise we were together. We studied at my cabin until around 10, and then we spent the night at his.

Interviewer: So, there is a period of time where Mr. Grey was unaccounted for?

Mr. Moran: You can't seriously— It was fifteen minutes at most!

Interviewer: Mr. Lewelin's cabin is between yours and Mr. Grey's. It is entirely plausible.

Mr. Moran: Right. Hadrian snuck into Ofydd's cabin, incapacitated him, hid the body without anyone noticing, covered up all of the evidence, fed Lilith, grabbed his notes, and came back all within fifteen minutes.

Interviewer: Magic can do many things, Mr. Moran.

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EXHIBIT 8 - Another excerpt from Mr. Grey's private journal. The crossed-out section was removed by Mr. Grey, but has since been restored after traces of magic were detected on the page.

Summary of results

Dated September 25, 2020

Extraction of slivers from the elemental and individual aspects of the animus has been consistently successful. The ancestral aspect has proven to be too difficult to remove at this point in time due to its complexity, and since the elemental aspect is replenishable on its own, most tests have been focused on extracting the individual aspect.

The tests have demonstrated that the removal of any amount greater than just 1/5th of the individual aspect causes a coma, and further extraction leads to death. Unless another technique can be developed, in order to amass a statistically significant amount without killing the subject, one would either need to extract small amounts from a large number of less numinous organisms or from one more powerful organism. The most suitable and abundant organism would be a human, but that would completely negate the purpose of this venture —not to mention, it would be illegal and highly taboo, so why ask for trouble?

The simplest and most effective course of action is to completely remove the animus of an organism. While this kills the subject, the largest quantity of the animus is obtained, and there is only a minimal amount of modification needed for successful integration. Without this modification, the patient's animus rejects the foreign "invader," causing further damage to their system. The most successful modifications are the result of transfiguration-based rituals focused on altering the "signature" of the individual animus to match that of the "patient" subject. Tests have been effective at restoring the patient's individual animus to earlier levels.

~~Preliminary tests on birds and deer have also been successful. I attempted to integrate a small amount of an organism's animus into myself despite not suffering from magical exhaustion. Surprisingly, results were successful. I have not experienced any apparent change in magical ability or strength, which may occur with larger transfusions. The integration of animal animus into humans is possible.~~

The next step is to begin experimenting on more magically complex organisms than mice.

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**EXHIBIT 1 cont'd - Official interview with Academy professor
Marian Gladstone of the Delphinus Kindred, Healer.**

Professor Gladstone: [pause] Excuse me?

Interviewer: Mr. Grey has been taken into custody. We believe that he performed these "experiments" on another student.

Professor Gladstone: I— I don't— You...you must be mistaken.

Interviewer: Quite a bit of circumstantial evidence has been found that indicates Mr. Grey's involvement in this matter.

Professor Gladstone: Circumstantial? Nothing physical?

Interviewer: Not yet, but it is only a matter of time. We have our best people on this case, courtesy of Lord Lewelin.

Professor Gladstone: The Lupus Kindred is involved?

Interviewer: It is Lord Lewelin's son that is missing.

Professor Gladstone: Oh, oh my.

Interviewer: You have stated that you are aware of Mr. Grey's experiments. Do you know what his current project is?

Professor Gladstone: Yes. He approached me at the beginning of the semester with some theories about transplanting portions of the animus between individuals.

Interviewer: Why did you approve it? The consequences—

Professor Gladstone: I'm very aware. Which is why he is required to keep me updated and I have been present for most of his experiments. It is still in the very early stages; he's focusing on the theory and is only experimenting on mice. I couldn't just reject this idea. It would have to be highly regulated if it proves viable, but the benefits...it could help so many people.

Interviewer: But it could be easily abused. If it fell into the wrong hands, the assimilationists would be the least of our current problems. The power to steal the animus of one's enemies and use it to augment your own abilities is an incredible lure. Do you think Mr. Grey is able to resist this desire?

Professor Gladstone: I do.

EXHIBIT 9 - Mr. Grey's school transcript from the previous year.



STUDENT NAME		CLASS OF	STUDENT NO.	
Hadrian Grey of the Serpens Kindred		2024	913857	
Course No.	Course Name	Credit Earned	Final Grade	
HL 513	Magical Maladies	4.0	A	
HL 444	Ritual Healing	4.0	A	
AN 692	Human Anatomy	4.0	A	
HB 437	Harvesting Herbology	3.0	A-	
PN 410	Infusions, Tinctures, and Salves	3.0	A	
MC 262	Cryptic Critters	2.0	A	
RN 433	Runes and Sigils	4.0	A	
NM 365	Numinous Numerology	2.0	A-	

INSTRUCTOR NOTES
<p>Keene (HL 513): Exceeds Expectations - above average understanding of content and willing to tutor others</p> <p>Gladstone (HL 444): Exceeds Expectations - outstanding dedication and excellent grasp of concepts</p> <p>Digby (AN 692): Exceeds Expectations</p> <p>Melnik (HB 437): Satisfactory</p> <p>Yorath (PN 410): Satisfactory</p> <p>Tibbot (MC 262): Exceeds Expectations - keen touch when it comes to chancy creatures</p> <p>Strange (RN 433): Exceeds Expectations</p> <p>Kahn (NM 365): Satisfactory</p>

ACADEMIC SUMMARY	GRADING SCALE	
Cumulative GPA: 4.0	97-100 = A	70-76 = Γ-
Credits Earned: 26.0	90-96 = A-	67-69 = Δ
Academic Awards:	87-89 = B	64-66 = Δ-
National Research Grant Recipient	80-86 = B-	Below 63 = E
Honors in Healing	77-79 = Γ	
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EXHIBIT 10 - This is the last entry in Mr. Grey's journal. His handwriting is quite sloppy in comparison to his usual neat style.

Sept 27

Someone broke in. The wards went off while I was in class. I made up some excuse or another and left early. Nothing looked wrong when I entered. Whoever got in was skilled enough not to leave any magical trace behind. They'd have to be a fifth year or up. No one below would be this clean. A divination class or two would be helpful right about now - maybe I should see Ofydd. He might be able to perceive who got in.

I did find one anomaly. The corner of the rug next to my bed was curled up. My compartment is under the floorboards directly beneath that rug. All of my notes and this journal are typically stored there.

There's only three people that know of this place: Theo, Aemilia, and Kostas. Theo has permission to access it whenever, so he wouldn't need to sneak in. Aemilia and Kostas only know because of our grant project last year. And I've updated the wards since then. Gladstone warned me about telling too many people about my current project, so neither of them should know anything about it. What were they looking for? What do they think they know?

I'll be moving this journal.

Fuck you, asshole.