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My name is Willow. I am a member of Team W. This compilation is mainly written for other members of Team W, but since I will place it inside folder GFSCF-1-1919-ff, I understand that Researchers and maybe even Field Researchers might read this folder in the future. A short explanation is, therefore, in order.

For those of you unfamiliar with us - yes, we are aware of our relative anonymity - we are the Writers' Department of the Golden Fleece Society. If you ever wondered where your reports end up, it is in our hands. We receive all of GFS's reports and make sure they are archived. We also keep the database of previous Projects in case Researchers and Field Researchers need information gathered there. In a way, we could be described as having the same knowledge as librarians and archivists. Besides providing services for those active in the field, we also handle writing, printing, and designing Star Student coursework and other important matters. In a way, we are the spiders in the net. For example, it is us the Researchers contact for information about previous Projects.

Team W is relatively new. Before our department existed, all reports were piled into the Archives, and most of them have since been forgotten. They were thus gathering dust until the 1980s. As far as I am concerned, the GFS did not initially understand the

importance of an information base. Instead, they were prone to secrecy, so they did not have enough staff to either take proper care of the reports or sort them. After a while, just peering into the different archive rooms was overwhelming, not to mention finding anything of importance.

We are, of course, still prone to secrecy - after all, it is essential in our line of work - but we have realized that it is also essential to have a better overview of previous Projects. I cannot stress enough the importance of rediscovering Projects and forgotten information to better help our Researchers and Field Researchers. That is why Team W was initiated in 1981. It was a small team back then with only three members: Welma, Wahid, and Wakana. They had their hands full of current reports and could do nothing about previous ones. All that information still gathered dust in Archive Rooms 1 - 7.

After the reorganization of the A-team in 2006, the new management saw the need to address that, and seven more history-interested Star Students trained for Team W. During the ten years since, they have been able to organize the unsorted Archive Rooms 5, 6, and 7, which covers the years 1950 to 1979. However, even with ten members, the task was overwhelming. During the past three years, A-team inspired more Star Students to graduate as members of Team

W, and I am proud to be one of them. We finally have enough members to sort through and organize the last four rooms, and last year, I had the pleasure of being assigned Archive Room 1.

Since then, I have categorized the overwhelming amount of reports and information in Archive Room 1, and I will now begin to organize them in the same manner as in other archive rooms.

This folder, GFSCF-1-1919-ff, will contain the earliest information I have found. It comes from a leather-bound folio of the kind artists use to keep their sketches safe, and it contains an enormous amount of loose sheets of paper. It is the diary and keepsake folio of Geraldine Hawthorne. As you all hopefully know, she is otherwise known as Artemis and the founder of Western Shore University. She was also one of the first three members of the original A-team that initiated the Golden Fleece Society. If no files have been lost or misplaced in some other archive room, I believe it is the very beginning of the Golden Fleece Society and the Field Researchers that I am holding in my hands.

I have never before obtained any facts about the original A-team, except seeing their portraits in the Grand Hall, and I have to admit that I am beyond excited. As far as I am concerned, the original members of the A-team did a great job of keeping a

glossy front and hide all the important details. I am just happy that we're lucky enough to still have this folio in the Archives. Heaven knows how much of the early documents we have lost.

At first glance, this folio contains a treasure trove of information; diary entries, art pieces, photos, newspaper clippings, and meeting agendas. Because the original documents are almost a hundred years old, they must be protected from handling. Each part will be copied twice and organized into two different folders, one that stays in Archive Room 1 and one that goes to our usual safety deposit box. Since some of the entries are difficult to read, I will transcribe them to make it easier for future readers. After all, when a team needs specific information, they need it quickly, and one has no time trying to figure out if a word says "ritual" or "rise all."

As per tradition and rules regarding classified material, I will type my comments and transcriptions on an electrical typewriter to avoid them falling into the hands of computer hackers.

If you have any questions, you can get a hold of me at the Writers' Department or via André.



Geraldine Hawthorn's keepsake folio



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