



Invitational Series # 002

Packet 1

Questions

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1. SCP-3385 is an extradimensional British one of these vehicles filled with cryogenically frozen corpses. While aboard one of these vehicles, Anand Mannava realizes that his memories have been replaced by those of a deceased crewmate. SCP-741 is a wrecked one of these vehicles that carried an anomalous payload and was owned by the (*) Soviet Union. One of these vehicles called SCPF *Eremita* harvests the amnestic compound Y-909 after its crew feeds D-class personnel to SCP-3000, a gargantuan eel at the bottom of the Bay of Bengal. For 10 points, name these naval vessels that operate underwater.

ANSWER: submarines [or subs; prompt on boats or ships or watercraft; reject “submersibles”]

2. SCP-2732 is a Beijing Opera stage that anomalously acts out seven versions of this figure's backstory. Agent Papadopoulos describes this figure's face as “A god shaped hole. The barren desolation of a fallen and failed creation” after encountering him in SCP-2264-B, an extradimensional city under his rule. This figure is served by the (*) Ambassador of Alagadda. Human sacrifices to this figure occur during performances of SCP-701, an anomalous play titled *[this figure]'s Tragedy*. For 10 points, name this eldritch monarch who is often depicted wearing a noose.

ANSWER: the Hanged King [or the Hanged One or the king of Ajia; accept *The Hanged King's Tragedy*; reject “Scarlet King”]

3. The computer designated SCP-001-EX neutralizes two anomalies involving these animals via “dividing by a common factor.” SCP-2875 is a recurring phenomenon in which some of these animals that replicate upon death appear in a Wisconsin town. The Foundation learns that these animals are in the set of (*) real numbers and are not prime by studying SCP-1313, a mathematical expression that resolves to one of these animals. SCP-5464 is one of these animals named Wojtek [VOY-teck] who fought for Poland during World War II. For 10 points, name these mammals of the family Ursidae.

ANSWER: bears [or Ursidae before it is read; accept grizzly bears or brown bears or Ursus arctos]

4. O5-8 [oh-five eight] argues that classifying this entity as Apollyon [uh-POLL-yun] would be a “concession of defeat” during a meeting inside a “Vegas room.” The arrival of this entity into reality would constitute an MK-class scenario. This entity could be destroyed using an “irreality amplifier” designed by Bartholomew Hughes. In a defense mechanism compared to a (*) mosquito's saliva, this entity kills anyone who forms a full mental picture of it. This meme complex is subject to “inverted containment protocols,” as it is present everywhere outside of specially purged spaces. For 10 points, name this SCP whose number is the fifth power of five.

ANSWER: SCP-3125 [or ᶯ [vah] or “The Escapee”]

5. SCP-1763-EX is a predatory mammal that appears to have lost this property over time. This property must remain uncertain for the planet SCP-4774 to protect its potential inhabitants. Objects lose this property upon entering SCP-3930, a space near Usinsk, Russia that does not have this property. This property is absent for (*) Pattern Screammers, who are hostile towards beings that have it. In S Andrew Swann's SCP-001 Proposal, the Foundation discovers that it does not have this property, thus breaking the fourth wall. For 10 points, name this property possessed by things that are real.

ANSWER: existence [or being; accept equivalents such as existing; accept not being fictional; before “real” is read, accept reality or being real]

6. A file from this organization describing a “Dread Porpoise Communion” is accessed by one of its last surviving members using their tongue, as they had amputated their arms using a “pair of rusty toenail clippers.” This organization plans to launch 200 intercontinental ballistic missiles with “Kaiju-grade (*) Doomfist tips” at the massive SCP-169, despite it being an arthropod. This organization is led by either the Bodacious Council or the High Pugilord [PYOO-juh-lord], and its name comes from a real-life typo of “SCP.” For 10 points, name this pugilistic Group of Interest that combats certain fish.

ANSWER: Shark Punching Center [or SPC or Shark Punching Centre; accept Selachian in place of “Shark”; accept Selachiosk Pungix Combin; accept SPC-001 or SPC-169-J; prompt on Boxers]

7. A malfunctioning one of these devices, SCP-3005, produces a “pink light” after accessing the Fifth World. A Prometheus Labs document describes how these devices’ “operators” are enslaved and subject to a lobotomy-like surgery. Along with temporal sinks, a hexagonal arrangement of these devices surrounds the exterior of (*) SCP-2000. These devices are named for a scientist who is trapped in the empty pocket universe SCP-3001. These devices work by stabilizing the Hume levels of their surroundings. For 10 points, name these devices that negate reality-bending effects.

ANSWER: Scranton Reality Anchors [or SRAs; prompt on Robert Scranton]

8. This thing is unable to affect SCP-138, an otherwise non-anomalous man. The Foundation destroys this thing using the MRI-like machine SCP-3448 in Project Dammerung. This thing is described in SCP-2718, a cognitohazardous recording made by an O5 [oh-five] Council member. Within SCP-2935, an alternate (*) universe accessed through a cave, this thing has affected all known life. Tanhony’s SCP-001 Proposal describes a man who is “conceptually merged” with this thing, used by the O5 Council to make themselves immune to it. For 10 points, what process does the Foundation refer to with the euphemism “termination”?

ANSWER: death [accept equivalents such as dying or being killed]

9. In June 2020 this person began distributing donuts, classified SCP-5740, that make police who eat them excrete pigs from their anuses. This person produced SCP-3482, a set of political campaign posters that make its viewers forget the concept of “left.” This person created SCP-3802, a “hare gel” that makes (*) rabbits grow out of one’s head, as well as SCP-3521, a “radiation pill” that summons 9.14 million kilograms of bananas in one’s stomach. For 10 points, name this Person of Interest, a para-pharmacologist with poor grammar and spelling.

ANSWER: dado

10. According to Dipesh Spivak, this action works because it is “pure, unadulterated hatred wrapped in a veneer of objectivity.” One fan theory holds that SCP-999 resulted from the failure of this action, while another holds that it is done on a whale rather than a human. In the tale “Fear Alone,” this action is revealed to be the reading of a (*) bedtime story. The subject of this action is given Class-A amnestics once a week to maximize emotional response. D-class personnel must perform this action every 24 hours to avert an XK-class scenario. For 10 points, name this horrifying procedure that prevents SCP-231-7 from giving birth.

ANSWER: Procedure 110-Montauk [or Montauk Procedure]

11. Though an O5 [oh-five] denies a cross-test between this person and SCP-682, they admit that it “would be pretty funny to watch.” MTF Theta-20 uses amnestic gas disguised as tear gas to cover up a break-in into this person’s house, in which they force him to scratch his nose. Sophia Light remarks, “We rolled out one of the largest influence campaigns and achieved (*) *nothing*,” regarding Foundation efforts to assist this person’s rise to power. Like Alto Clef, this person acts as a “reality sink,” and his presence mitigates a demon called Old Gorman who resides under the U.S. Capitol Building. For 10 points, name this 45th president of the United States.

ANSWER: Donald (John) **Trump** [or SCP-**5004-B**; prompt on SCP-**5004**; prompt on president of the United States or equivalents before “president” is read]

12. SCP-4755 is a retrocausal effect caused by this organization’s ascension to a “Tier V [five] conceptual state” via Operation Almeresh. A now-defunct arm of this organization purportedly built SCP-3790, a mysterious facility found under an abandoned warehouse. In Tufto’s SCP-001 Proposal, Dipesh Spivak claims that this organization “crystallized” the (*) Scarlet King into existence. Scantron’s SCP-001 Proposal describes how this organization emerged from an anomalous high school. SCP-5000 records the extermination of humanity by, for 10 points, what normalcy organization headed by the O5 [oh-five] Council?

ANSWER: SCP **Foundation** [or **SCPF**; prompt on Jailors or Skippers]

13. In an interview, SCP-343 recounts how these beings abducted humans so they could talk to each other through humans’ nightmares. One group reverse-engineered these beings’ technology to create SCP-4008, a type of tree that could erase entire cities from history. These beings built SCP-2932, a living containment facility powered by the “heart of (*) Titania.” 70 percent of these beings were killed in their sleep on the “Day of Flowers” by ancient humans, who overthrew these beings’ civilization. For 10 points, name this species of cryptid, a bipedal ape that lives in the Himalayas and the Pacific Northwest.

ANSWER: **Bigfoots** [or **Sasquatches** or **Yetis** or SCP-**1000** or **Children of the Night**]

14. In Tanhony’s Proposal II, this object is the seventh instance of SCP-001-KEY to be created by the Foundation. SCP-5371 is implied to have been built as a companion to this object. This object may have originated from SCP-3220, an underground panopticon filled with items that look exactly like it. Before February (*) 2022, this SCP’s entry depicted an Izumi Kato artwork known as “Untitled 2004.” “No fewer than three people at a time” may enter this object’s containment chamber, which “must be cleaned on a bi-weekly basis.” For 10 points, name this killer statue, the first SCP ever written.

ANSWER: SCP-**173** [or “The **Sculpture**”]

15. Rounderhouse’s SCP-001 Proposal refers to an invasion of this country by the Piercing Sun. An anomaly in this country is studied by ORIA [oh-RYE-uh] using *djinn* that are injected with Compound SSK-88. A “semi-constant state of warfare” drives many Syriac Orthodox refugees from this (*) Sunni-majority country, named after an island in the Aegean [ih-JEE-un] Sea. An anomaly affecting this country is either spread or countered by the question “You hear about that thing down in [this country]?” SCP-1173 is a memetic anomaly concerning the existence of, for 10 points, what “Islamic Republic”?

ANSWER: (Islamic Republic of) Eastern **Samothrace** [or Islamic Union of Eastern **Samothrace** or Islamikí Dimokratía tis Anatolikís **Samothrákis** or **IDAS**]

16. This being was discovered in 1974 by the Anomalous Signature Recognition Program, which detected suspiciously similar home invasion incidents. This being has double-whorled fingerprints, and can instantly travel to all locations north of 40 degrees latitude. Reports of this being date back to the (*) 1st century BC. This humanoid stalks, abducts the children of, and brutally murders rural families over a twelve-night period every winter. It also leaves behind toys made from childrens’ remains. For 10 points, name this “Yule Man” whose SCP number evokes the devil.

ANSWER: SCP-**4666** [accept “The **Yule Man**” before it is read; prompt on Santa Claus or Krampus]

17. The Foundation first became aware of this place in 2007, when Junior Researcher Scranton described a family trip to here after returning from an alternate reality. Prior to then, there were no references to this place in internal documents or workers' search histories. SCP-1422 is an anomaly where no one in the (*) Foundation had heard of this place, despite the fact that their Ganymede Protocol employs a facility here accessed from a ranger shed. After a K-class scenario, humanity can be revived using a Foundation facility in, for 10 points, what national park home to SCP-2000?

ANSWER: Yellowstone National Park

18. Applying counter-spells to this anomaly causes one D-class to disintegrate and another's nervous system to liquify. This anomaly's Head Researcher is disciplined for "adding unprofessional personal anecdotes" to a report that ends, "And we're the punchline." This anomaly consists of a two-second time loop lasting "anywhere from sixteen (*) days to roughly seventy-three quintillion years," after which the subject's nervous system is reset. This phenomenon improves the genetic composition of sperm, and it occurs every time someone ejaculates. For 10 points, name this SCP whose number is the twice-repeated name of a sex position.

ANSWER: SCP-6969 [or "the joke is sex"]

19. Both these animals and starfish are very abundant in the Kaiju Sea, an alternate, flooded Earth accessed through the Japanese submarine SCP-3534. The Foundation hunted one of these animals to extinction because it produced Frequency C of SCP-1012, an anomalous vibration that disintegrates matter. SCP-1245 is a self-operating (*) ship that repairs itself using the bodies of these animals, which it slaughters. SCP-4778 is a subspecies of these animals that eats plastic pollutants instead of fish or krill. For 10 points, name these very large marine mammals.

ANSWER: whales [or cetaceans or Cetacea]

20. SCP-6113-2 is one of these places where a benevolent spirit alters people's bodies to match their gender identity. Many members of family Anatidae [uh-NAT-ih-day] live in a non-anomalous one of these places designated SCP-765. An odd-looking one of these places called SCP-354 is the source of increasingly (*) dangerous beasts. A group of corpses in one of these places draws people in by appearing familiar to them. "You do not recognize the bodies in" that one of these places. For 10 points, name these landlocked, stationary bodies of water.

ANSWER: lakes [accept ponds or pools; prompt on bodies of water] (Anatidae are ducks)

Joke TB. This Middle English text, discovered in the infinite book tunnel SCP-1986, devotes 134 of its pages to the proposition that "a Yardstick is neither a yard long, nor is it *not* a yard long." This book extends its predecessor's logical system by applying arithmetic to "heterogenous objects." Salvador (*) Dalí illustrated this book by Ludwig Wittgenstein, which introduced "surrealist mathematics." For 10 points, name this fictional sequel to a seminal text by Bertrand Russell and Alfred North Whitehead.

ANSWER: *Principia Mathematica II*