

# the HARLEQUIN

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## **Gottleib receives Orders**

Walk there as dusk falls into evening.  
Putting your life on the line isn't cat-play.  
Send only secret disclosures. Always encrypt.  
Check the looking-glass.

*A shadow and secret Octopus has grown and grown,  
The Key Stranger has telexed. This I can prove.  
Assume that your adversary has your private key.  
The Queen should know.*

Retain the names of Agencies and what they seize.  
Detain. Maintain. Degree of Control. Entrap.  
If your Travel Companion rats out, unseen...  
– Go into hiding –

Be the outlier character in each new code;  
Blend in; out of protocol. Don't look wolfish.  
Between assigned lovers, document [Document!], is what you do.  
Promise them the world.

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