Sending a Private Letter to The Gullions Guild

Follow these instructions and you will be able to communicate with the Gullions Guild with the guarantee that no party other than the intended recipient will be read your message. We admit that this isn’t the easiest way to write a letter to someone, but it is SECURE, and that’s what’s important.

1- First, you’ll need one of the cipher sets that have been circulated. If you don’t have one, you’ll have to look for one. It’s a small strip of paper with a © on it. You know that a cipher set is usable if the seal hasn’t been broken, it’s on official Gullion paper and has the gold © stamp. This letter is written on such paper and has the gold stamp on it. Look for the mark of quality!

Here is an example of a cipher set:

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12: 1, 2, 3

Cipher key
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Cipher name
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2- Write your message on a sheet of paper, leaving 5 blank lines between each line of text and plenty of space between each character.

For example:

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Dear Gullion,

I have a job for you.
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3- Translate each character into a number using the following translation guide and write the number below the letters.

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26

For punctuation, use the following codes:
[space]  .   ?   !   ,   '   "   [start/stop numbers]
0     27  28  29  30  31  32          33

IE:
Dear Cullion,
4 5 1 18 0 3 21 12 12 9 15 14 30
I have a job for you.
9 0 8 1 22 5 0 1 0 10 15 2 0 6 15 18 0 25 15 21 27

4- For the first line of your message, Take the cipher key and write it on the line below those first numbers, repeating as necessary to the end of the line. In our example, the cipher set is 12: 1, 2, 3 so we would write:

IE:
Dear Cullion,
4 5 1 18 0 3 21 12 12 9 15 14 30
1 2 3 1 2 3 1 2 3 1 2 3 1

5- For the second, and each subsequent line of your message, take the last character's number from the previous line and write it out under each character in the new line. Then do just like you did in step 4, write the cipher key on the line below those numbers, repeating as necessary. I know, that sounds complicated, just follow this example!

I have a job for you.
30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30
9 0 8 1 22 5 0 1 0 10 15 2 0 6 15 18 0 25 15 21 27
1 2 3 1 2 3 1 2 3 1 2 3 1 2 3 1 2 3 1 2 3

-You'll notice that the "30" was used because the previous line ended with a comma, which translates into the number 30.
-Also notice how the key starts with a "1" on this line, just like the first line. Start every line with the key from the beginning.
6- In each column, add all of the numbers together, writing that number below them all:

**IE:**

Dear Cullion,

4 5 1 18 0 3 21 12 12 9 15 14 30
1 2 3 1 2 3 1 2 3 1 2 3 1
5 7 4 19 2 6 22 14 15 10 17 17 31

I have a job for you.

30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30
9 0 8 1 22 5 0 1 0 10 15 2 0 6 15 18 0 25 15 21 27
1 2 3 1 2 3 1 2 3 1 2 3 1 2 3 1 2 3
40 31 41 32 54 38 31 33 33 41 47 34 31 38 47 34 31 38 47 49 32 58 47 53 60

Congratulations!! You have just written your first encrypted text! Not only that, it is nearly -impossible- to crack! To those of you who are interested in trying to break this code, I'll tell you right now that you'd have a much easier time finding Contact Earth Ritual components.

7- Now, on a new piece of paper write the cipher name at the top, then the string of numbers you just generated. In our example, the paper will look like this:

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5, 7, 4, 19, 2, 6, 22, 14, 15, 10, 17, 17, 31
40 31 41 32 54 38 31 33 33 41 47 34 31 38 47 34 31 38 47 49 32 58 47 53 60

8- Place it on a billboard in the Ashbury Dragon's Flagon or deliver your letter to the Messengers guild. The guild will publicly display it.

Here are some VERY important notes concerning sending letters to the Cullions Guild. You must make absolutely sure:

- the paper and handwriting can't be traced back to you. You may want to use a typewriter or hire a calligrapher.
- no one else knows your cipher key. It is YOUR identity. Keep it secret.
- no one sees you mail the letter. Don't give yourself away.
- you double check your work. If we can't read it, we can't act!
- the letter isn't any longer than it needs to be. 10 lines should be enough. Writing in this cipher is tedious work.
- you sign the letter. We don't know your identity unless you tell us. If you are hard to find, tell us how to reach you.
Here are some examples of letters you might send the Gullions Guild

C, help! Weasie the Weasle stole my magic sword.
I hope he falls on it.
See me soon. Wee Willie Winkle, wizard for Wunderbar

Jurel steals my kills.
Please steal him.
Call me Aronda of Pegasus Group

Frankie III got away with murder.
Make it so he doesn’t.
Call me Sigmund, the dwarf w big axe

We might want you on a retainer
Prove your worth.
The Barony of Oswald. Contact the Baron

For that last one, you can be assured that we at the Gullions Guild would never permanently injure any of our potential clients. In this case, we would use our discretion and find a way to safely prove our worth... Maybe we’d "steal" half of the team’s weapons, or waylay 4 or 8 of them while they slept.

See you in dark places!

Gullion