

So You Want To Take Over a Timeline

On Homeline, *So You Want To Take Over a Timeline* was first published in 2011 by the sort of American hard-shelled libertarian publishing company that has both a cheerful indifference to being told what to do, and rabid lawyers on speed-dial. The book is flat-out banned in large parts of the planet, but **not** in Homeline's United States. And, to add insult to injury, the text was promptly put into the public domain by the author and publisher, which means that the entire spectrum of anti-Infinity groups and organizations out there have potential access to as many copies as they need.

As for the text itself: it's about six hundred pages' worth of highly detailed instructions on how to mix gunpowder, how to make a still, the basic concepts of hygiene, dentistry, and sanitation, the best way to design a sewer system, helpful hints on how to set up a slave-based economy, a general primer on power politics, tips on how to run a pogrom, a sample organizational chart for a network of spies, informants, and secret police, ten reliable assassination techniques that wouldn't be detectable at TL4 and below, blueprints for a functional concentration camp, a recipe for mustard gas, detailed instructions on

how to take control of a religious movement, and so much raw sociopathy that it almost drips out from the bottom when you hold the book vertically. Worse, it's all *good* advice -- if you're defining 'good' in a certain way, which most of Infinity's personnel flatly refuse to do.

So You Want To Take Over a Timeline is not a work for the faint of heart, then. Or the entirely sane. The putative author of it has been investigated to a fare-thee-well, but there's no evidence that he's ever tested out any of the more disturbing advice found inside of it -- or that he's even ever left Homeline. Formal banning or not, nobody on Homeline with a copy of this book can expect any kind of pleasant reception from Infinity, if they find out that the person possesses it. The I-Cops have cleaned up one too many would be Lord of Men's final redoubt where a well-thumbed copy of this book was present.

And as for other parallels... it's widely rumored that being caught with a copy of this book on another timeline is an excellent way to get taken somewhere quiet and shot, no trial, no exile to Coventry, no appeal. Certainly Centrum has a similar, open policy: Infinity's main crosstime rival may be slightly more tolerant of 'ruthlessness,' but they have their own issues with megalomaniacs...

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