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OCCUPATION: _____

OVERVIEW:

NECESSARY TRAINING:

USEFUL SKILLS, TALENTS, OR ABILITIES:

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HELPFUL CHARACTER TRAITS:

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SOURCES OF FRICTION:

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PEOPLE THEY MIGHT INTERACT WITH:

HOW THIS OCCUPATION MIGHT IMPACT THE CHARACTER'S NEEDS:

Self-Actualization:

Esteem and Recognition:

Love and Belonging:

Safety and Security:

Physiological Needs:

TWISTING THE FICTIONAL STEREOTYPE

1.

2.

3.

CHARACTERS MIGHT CHOOSE THIS PROFESSION BECAUSE THEY...

1.

2.

3.



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