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Dear Participant,

We welcome you to join us during today's Archetype experiment. During this experiment we will test both you and the functionality of your chosen archetype to evaluate whether they can contribute to the collections of the Museum of Lost Ecologies.

You have selected the 'Geologist' archetype. With this letter you will find an instruction enclosed for the collecting practice. Here is a rundown of your role, responsibilities, and skillset:

'We are from and for Terra. We come close to the land and zoom in to our surroundings. What do we miss to notice in day to day hurry? In the usual rush? The expressions of the environment reveal naturally, so we lean towards taking them for granted until a rupture occurs. What rupture you ask? We mean something major like an earthquake or flooding. These threaten our lives, so we must notice them. However, there are always earthly events taking place. Some earth-plates are moving, mountains are "mountaining", sea levels are rising, the icebergs are melting, ...Slowly... It is similar to breathing - when it is happening, it is easy to overlook the importance of it actually taking place. It becomes a "doing-undergoing". When a disruption happens, we feel it instantly, we almost embody it. We are curious about the earthly structure in which all these events take place.'

Our main method of researching is taking samples of the natural matters to further analyze them later. It also helps us a lot to better understand what we do not know, just maybe feel, to take photos of the samples as well as the land with which we stand. We are fascinated by 3D scanning and we take notes about everything we consider valuable from the perspective of the Earthly critter.

Program of today's experiment:

- (Un)Becoming practice
- Collecting evaluation
- (Un)Becoming practice

After we have conducted this experiment, there will be ample time to discuss your experience and give feedback for past/present/future improvements. We look forward to having you on our team.

Yours faithfully,

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