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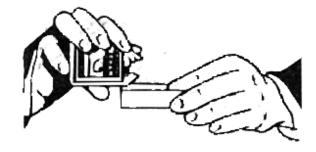
Archival Handling and Storage Instructions for Micro Scrolls

Abstract: Echoing the format of cigarette-rolling instructions, *Archival Handling and Storage Instructions for Micro Scrolls* is a take on the rigid and ritualized protocols of archival preservation practices. By mimicking the mundane tone of instructional gestures, it draws attention to the performative nature of conservation work and the often unquestioned authority embedded in institutional care.

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I. Hold the scroll in one hand, gently supporting its natural curvature. Using the other hand, dispense a uniform line of hermetic dust along the channel.



II. Position both thumbs centrally along the exposed section to secure the scroll and maintain alignment.



V. Secure the rolled document with one hand. Do not compress.



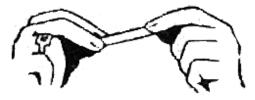
III. Begin rolling the scroll carefully back over the index fingers, guiding the edges down to keep the hermetic dust evenly placed. Maintain consistent tension to avoid creases.



VI. Apply a thin layer of organic adhesive along the protruding edge to seal the scroll.



IV. Slowly pull thumbs apart while continuing to roll, shaping the scroll into a smooth cylinder. Precision is key to preserving the scroll's structural integrity.



VII. Gently fold the exposed ends of the scroll to create secure closure tabs, ensuring the seal remains intact.