# We return tonight to our top story. The annual TSNC electronics conference was interrupted during the main stage event by the intrusion of several...

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And this is where I cut in. Wait your turn, leech.

The events of tonight notwithstanding, you two decrepit old fools have repeatedly failed to acknowledge my backing in your little schemes. This time, the spotlight shall be mine. Stand in my way again, and you'll regret it. As for the rest of you, please excuse this unpleasantness, and...

## **STEP INSIDE MY PARLOUR**

I would like to begin with stating categorially, mine is a rare art. I require time to perfect each and every subject that finds its way to me. If you've ever had the unpleasant experience of dealing with any of my former colleagues at a corporation that will remain nameless, you may understand how this works.

All visitors to my parlour will be required to stay for the duration. For those paying directly' the option of having your memory of events removed is available.

If you are "nominating" a guest, I'll assume that final step is unnecessary. Cast your eyes below at a selection of  $m_y$  works.

#### PreyBeast<sup>tm</sup>.

To begin, a perennial favourite of mine. The perfect hunting hound, designed to seek out targets for capture or elimination. Best made from tall subjects.

Cost: 8600eb (Luxury). Humanity Loss: 30.

Package Contains:

- 31 day stay in The Parlour
- Exotic Biosculpting
- Neural Link
- Chipware Socket with Olfactory Boost permanently installed
- Combat Jaw
- Cyberarm x2 with Wolvers x2
- Cyberleg x2 with Jump Boosters x2
- Grafted Muscle and Bone Lace
- Predator Unit

#### ArachnaMorph<sup>tm</sup>.

Mine own, and the reason for  $m_y$  departure from  $m_y$  previous place of work. The ignorant fools couldn't appreciate the beauty of  $m_y$  new shape. But we showed them in the end. Manoeuvrable, durable, and with vision in every direction, any subject with good taste will find this a desirable option.

#### Cost: 6100eb (Luxury). Humanity Loss: 46.

#### Package Contains:

- 31 day stay in The Parlour
- Exotic Biosculpting
- Neural Link
- Chipware Socket with Tactile Boost permanently installed
- Combat Jaw
- Cyberarm x2 with Grapple Hand x2
- Cyberleg x2
- Cybereye x6
- Subdermal Armor
- Artificial Shoulder Mount
- MultiOptic Mount
- Artificial Hip Mount

#### GhastForm<sup>tm</sup>.

There are few with the wills to stare death in the face, but the rewards for seeing it in your mirror are plenty. I crafted these as guards, and they have always served me well.

Even in my current locale, they have been my attendants. After all, who better to protect a place than the ones it once belonged to?

Cost: 3800eb (Very Expensive). Humanity Loss: 20.

#### Package Contains

- 31 day stay in The Parlour
- Exotic Biosculpting
- Neural Link with Kerenzikov
- Rippers x2
- Cybereye x2 with Low Light/Infrared/UV x2
- Skinweave
- Holographic Shroud

#### Revenantine<sup>tm</sup>.

With a focus on durability, and largely compatible with almost any individual, this package is ideal for subjects who require great endurance. Laugh in the face of the abyss, or enjoy the comfort of standing behind a guardian that will never fall.

Cost: 10500eb (Super Luxury). Humanity Loss: 12.

Package Contains

- 31 day stay in The Parlour
- Exotic Biosculpting
- Grafted Muscle and Bone Lace
- Gills
- Cyberskull
- Sycust FleshWeave
- Centipede AutoDoctor

#### HiveLife<sup>tm</sup>.

There is much to envy about the way insects live their lives. Each adapted to their role, in form as in mind. Humanity has much to learn from them, and it is my delight to offer a few an end to the loneliness that haunts them  $b_y$  making them a queen of their own colony.

#### Cost: 8100eb (Luxury). Humanity Loss: 30.

Package Contains

- 31 day stay in The Parlour
- Exotic Biosculpting
- Neural Link
- Combat Jaw
- Cyberarm x2 with Rippers x2
- Cyberleg x2
- Subdermal Armor
- Subdermal Pocket x4
- Hive Station

#### MedusoForm<sup>tm</sup>.

The original subject that asked for this thought it would be reptile, of all things. I was disgusted. I have had quite enough of dealing with fools with a poor understanding of taxonomy and biology for one lifetime. Still, from a misunderstanding sprung one of my favoured creations. Highly efficient, loaded with toxins, and perfect for submarine usage.

#### Cost: 6500eb (Luxury). Humanity Loss: 18.

#### Package Contains

- 31 day stay in The Parlour
- Exotic Biosculpting
- Vampyres
- Cyberleg x2 with Web Foot x2
- Grafted Muscle and Bone Lace
- Gills
- Toxin Refinery
- Light Tattoo x3

Unfortunately, some of the subjects I receive prove to possess a weakness of spirit that even I am unable to correct. In the interests of alleviating some of the wastage, I have a limited stock of individual components available for those who lack the will for true improvement.

#### Artificial Hip Mount.

#### Cost: 1000eb (Very Expensive). Install: Hospital. Humanity Loss: 4d6.

Borgware. The user's pelvis is reinforced, and hip sockets added to mount a second pair of legs behind the first. User can only have one Artificial Hip Mount installed. A user with four legs ignores any Move reductions from the first Broken or Dismembered Leg critical injury they suffer.

Centipede AutoDoctor.

Cost: 5000eb (Luxury). Install Hospital. Humanity Loss 4d6

Internal Cyberware, Borgware. A segmented surgical unit is implanted lengthwise through the torso of the user. If the user is below 10 HP, the Centipede activates and begins stitching and repairing their flesh. For each minute they take no further damage in, they regain 1 HP, until they have 10 HP. The sensation of limbs of the device moving inside a user, cutting and stitching away, is both horrifying and agonisingly painful. The user loses 1 Humanity for every minute of the device's operation.

#### Discount Drone Swarm

Cost: 1000eb (Very Expensive). DV13 to counter. 4 Move. 10HP.

A cluster of tiny flying drone insects, with razor sharp claws and teeth. Small enough to fit into a Subdermal Pocket. Treat as a single entity equipped with a Very Heavy Melee Weapon.

Hive Station.

Cost: 5000eb (Luxury). Install: Hospital. Humanity Loss: 4d6.

Borgware. Requires Neural Link. A drone control station is affixed to the spine of the user. It can control one drone as if it was controlled by a Demon and linked to a Control Node, but the drone must remain within 10m/yds distance of the user, and it uses a Combat Number of 12. Provides storage space within the user for a single drone with 15 or less maximum HP.

#### Holographic Shroud.

Cost: 1000eb (Very Expensive). Install: Hospital. Humanity Loss: 4d6.

External Body Cyberware. Designed to project holographic clones of the user, this miniaturisation of holotank technology is flawed and unable to generate a clear image. As a result, users are surrounded by twisted and flickering copies of themselves with warped faces. Attack rolls made to target the user suffer a –1 penalty, increased to –2 against aimed attacks, and they gain a +2 to Interrogation rolls.

Predator Unit.

Cost: 5000eb (Luxury). Install: Hospital. Humanity Loss: 4d6.

Borgware. A bulky unit mounted between the shoulder blades, filled with a cocktail of stimulants and steroids, that analyses input to the senses. The user gains a +4 to Tracking and Perception rolls made to locate a living creature that is in the Seriously Wounded or Critically Wounded states. As an Action, the user may move 4m/yds directly towards a Seriously Wounded or Critically Wounded target and make an Attack action against them with a melee weapon.

#### Toxin Refinery.

Cost: 5000eb (Luxury). Install: Hospital. Humanity Loss: 4d6.

Internal Body Cyberware. Requires two options slots. Contains space for four vials of Poison or Biotox. As an action, the user can enhance a vial of Poison or Biotox to target a specific living creature. A blood or saliva sample from the creature is required to enhance a vial. Enhanced vials increase their damage by 1d6 and the DV to resist their damage by 2.

If anything has caught your eye, or you have knowledge of a promising subject, please do not hesitate to make contact.

I regret that I must make clear one final unfortunate requirement for  $m_y$  services. Payment is not optional. Too often I have been forced to turn  $m_y$  subjects loose on those that were not forthcoming with the funds required for the transformation of their nominated subjects. I would rather avoid that in most occasions.

With that, I leave you to the bluster of the old man.

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