

- ... Encryption Keys Generated. ... Connected to Onion Routers.
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## lackPoint Stats

21 users currently active in the network

#### Latest News

Someone tried to back the network vesterday, make sure that you are using the latest protocols. - FastJack

#### **Personal Alerts**

\* You have 1 new private message. \* You have 4 new <u>responses</u> to your lackPoint posts. \* Proximity sensors detect an aquatic creature within visual range. Do you wish to capture an image now? [Y/N]

First Degree

No Members are online and in your area.

Your Current Rep Score: 411 (53% positive)

Current Time: 19 Aug 2072, 0724 hrs

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Welcome back to JackPoint, chummer; your last connection was severed: 16hours, 37 minutes ago

### Today's Heads Up

The Sixth World is still being

- cataloged today as the changes of
- the Awakening are still happening. This document was originally part of
- a college professor's research. I figured
- since most of the miscreants here would

never attend the lecture I would post it for you viewing pleasure. - FastJack

#### Incoming

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- \*The skies above are full of things that always come down. Learn about today's air transportation. [Tag: Unfriendly Skies]
- \*Stories from the decadent cities of المزيمة always involve drunk tourists and sex parlors in dark alleys. [Tag: 99 Bottles]

### Top News Items

- \*Scientist gets too friendly with a quatic predator. See the trideo images. <u>Link</u> \*Four warehouses burn down in the Seattle Metroplex within a three hour period. Authorities are still trying to identify the bodies contained within. Link
- \*Grid Guide collapses in Canton, Ohio. Federal authorities are baffled by the sophistication of the virus. Technomancers are suspected. Link





SEARCH

## ABRAMS LOBSTER

### HOMATUS HOMARUS IMMANIS

Habitat: Ocean bottom at depths of up to 50-75 meters.

Range: North Sea

Frequency: Uncommon

**Identification**: The Abrams lobster is a crustacean with a hard bluegreen exoskeleton. Growing to an overall length of 1.5 meters, they can weigh over 100 kilograms. The first pair of its legs develops into intimidating claws approaching 50 centimeters in size while the other legs are used for walking along the ocean bottom or short periods out of water. Their powerful abdomen is tipped with a tail that propels it through the water to quickly escape danger.

Habits: The Abrams lobster was first discovered in 2037 by a UCAS maritime research expedition, working 100 kilometers off the east coast of Scotland. Because of its size and thick exoskeleton, it was named after a tank used in the late 20th century. Genetic testing by the research expedition identified it as the Awakened form of the European lobster (*Homarus vulgaris*). The Abrams lobster is both an opportunistic hunter and scavenger. It eats mostly fish, crustaceans, or other bottom-dwelling invertebrates, but it can also move on shore to hunt birds, scavenge eggs, and can also be a nuisance to metahuman bathers and divers who are between it and food. The Abrams lobster molts less frequently than other lobster species. The shell takes longer to grow with each molt, growing up to two millimeters more in thickness each year for seven years.

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The Abrams lobsters are solitary creatures most of their lives. The exception comes when they migrate to spawning grounds and form a single-file caravan of lobsters. Caravans of twenty to thirty Abrams lobsters have been seen travelling along the ocean floor toward warmer waters. Cables and nets in the path of caravan migrations have been cut by Abrams lobsters, resulting in the construction of "lobster bridges" over certain communication cables since 2040.

While not a deadly paranormal animal, the Abrams lobster can pose a serious hazard when handled incorrectly. Special containment tanks and handling apparatus have been designed for harvesting and culinary preparation. As an Abrams lobster can fetch 100 to 150 nuyen per kilo, well-funded fishermen and finer restaurants are willing to pay for these precautions.

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Movement: 4/8 swimming

Skills: Symming 3, Perception 2, Unarmed Combat 3 Powers: Chanced Senses (Sonar), Gestalt Consciousness, Gills, Haylened Armor (6), Immunity to Poisons, Natural Weapon (Claw: DV 41, AP 1)

## ALICANTO

## **COLAPTES AURUM**

Habitat: High-altitude grassland and desert

Range: Atacama Desert and mountain region in Amazonia Frequency: Very rare

**Identification**: The alicanto is a black-and-gold-colored bird with a wing span of 35 centimeters and weighing 600 grams on average; a surprising amount when compared other birds of similar size. This additional weight can be attributed to the fact that the feathers are not merely colored gold, but are actually covered with gold.

Habits: Awakened from the Andean flicker, the alicanto is a very sought after bird because of its wings. The alicanto's primary diet consists of moths and other insects, but it must also ingest gold or silver. Although it is unclear why they feast on these precious metals, there are two hypotheses about how the bird finds them. The first assumes that the alicanto's nesting instincts take them to cliffs or caves where gold may exist and meet their dietary requirement. The second hypothesis suggests that their migratory instincts guide them to sources of ore for periodic feeding, like African elephants and their secret salt lick.

A noted side effect of metabolizing gold or silver is the bio-illumination of the feathers. The alicanto is a nocturnal hunter, its feathers supply a light source that attracts insects. Unfortunately this also attracts predators and impedes their ability to hide from them.

When the alicanto flies, the wings shed flakes of gold dust and nests reportedly contain large quantities of the dust, although the locations are elusive to treasure hunters and bird watchers alike. Hunters sp attempt to capture the alicanto for its valuable plumage and stomach contents. Fake alicanto feathers and "golden eggs" have been coming out of the Amazonia black markets, fueled by the demands of private collectors and talismongers alike. Miners attempt to follow the alicanto to ore veins and make a quick fortune. Tracking the alicanto is a very dangerous proposition. Hunters and bird watchers have reported becoming lost and have a high frequency of accidental deaths when engaged in this pursuit.

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#### Movement: 20/80 (flight)

Skills: Flight 3, Perception 3, Tracking 2, Unarmed Combat 3 Powers: Confusion, Magic Sense, Natural Weapon (Bite/Claw: DV 3P, AP 0)

Weaknesses: Dietary Requirement (Gold, Silver) Qualities: Bioluminescence

## BAYARD

## EQUUS MAXIMUS

Habitat: Plains and grasslands

Range: Central Europe through central Asia. Frequency: Uncommon

**Identification**: The Bayard is a large horse, standing 2.2 meters tall at the shoulder, 2 meters in length and weighing over 550 kilograms. Its feet end in a three-toed hoof rather than the large single toe. The head has large eyes, normally in shades of gold or green. Bayards are mostly rust-hued with black mane and tail.

Habits: Bayards are the largest of the horse family and the Awakened form of the wild horse (*Equus ferus*) from both the Przewalski and the extinct Tarpan subspecies. They have three extra vertebrae, giving them a longer body, and studies of their anatomy indicate this morphology increases their lung capacity, allowing for better endurance. Bayards are vegetarian like their non-Awakened horse brethren, preferring to eat grains, fruit and grasses. The largest herds are located in France as nomadic groups of thirty or so members dominated by one or two alpha males.

Bayards are hard to catch because of their speed as well as their ability to transform into mist. The foals, however do not have this ability, which usually awakens in them after four years of maturity. To protect their young from predators, bayards have powerful legs to kick and have the ability to exhale noxious fumes. Bayard stallions can also project a deafening cry to scare off threats.

In 2049, Eurocorp Zeta-ImpChem developed a chemical sprey that prevents the bayard from transforming into mist and reverses mist-form bayards into a solid state. The first herd was captured in Dendermonde, United Netherlands, but unfortunately no on has been able to domesticate them. Aymon Brothers Inc, part of the Krupp Thoroughbred Racing Association (KTRA), has made the most progress with sustainable herds. The results of the successful crossbreeding of bayards with normal horses are called rinaldos. Rinaldos are infertile and lack any Awakened abilities, but they are of the same large build and approach the same running speed as the bayard parent. There's a brisk trade in rinaldos for anything from horse racing to mounted patrols. KTRA is working on genetic adjustments to make rinaldos a viable line of horses.

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9	5	5	8	3	3	1	2	2	6	3	8	1

#### Movement: 20/100

Skills: Running 4, Unarmed Combat 2

**Powers:** Animal Control (Equines), Empathy (LOS), Movement, Mist Form (Adults Only), Noxious Breath, Natural Weapon (Kick: DV 4P, AP 0), Sonic Projection (Stallions Only)

## AGHEXHEX

Vector: Contact Speed: 2 minutes Penetration: 0 Power: 9

**Effect**: While in contact with a subject, silver hexamagnohexaphosphate (A.K.A. AgHexHex) chemical compound prevents the transformation of a subject into vapor particles. If the target is in mist form when sprayed by AgHexHex, the target is forcibly reverted to solid form, causing stun damage (9S).

Note: Also effective on mist lynx and ghost dolphins Price per dose: 2,500¥ Availability: 14R



## BLOOD KITE

## **ELANOIDES CELERIS**

Habitat: Woodlands and forested wetlands

Range: Southern North America and North East South America. Frequency: Common

**Identification**: The blood kite is a small member of the hawk family, with a wingspan of about 75 centimeters and a body length of 20 centimeters. Its eyes are gold, and its beak and legs are blood-red in hue. It has white plumage ending in red patches on the trailing end of its wings and forked tail. These patches eerily resemble bloodstains. Young blood kites' plumage is brown in color, and the tail is not as pronounced.

Habits: The blood kite is an Awakened swallow-tailed kite with a similar migratory pattern; living in southern portions of North America in the summer, then migrating to northern parts of South America during the winter and mating season. They feed on mice, young rabbits and other small animals. It has a unique hunting technique of blinding its prey with magic before striking, preventing the prey from defending itself properly. Once blind, the prey can be easily picked up by the blood kite and impaled on a large thorn or barbed-wire fence to be eaten. The same blinding technique is used for defense against predators, such as larger birds-of-prey. The blood kite is cunning as it lures the predator into tight or difficult terrain before

blinding it; putting the predator in a precarious and possibly deadly position.

Blood kites congregate into flocks of thirty individuals, called kettles, and will claim up to twenty square kilometers of territory. Blood kites territory is sometimes called a "kettle of

blood" as they aggressively deter other birds from their area, littering the ground with tuffs of feathers and intruder carcasses.

Blood kites mate in early spring and the females incubate the eggs through the summer. During mating season, blood kites are more aggressive and perform dazzling displays of aerial combat for potential mates. Nests are built high up in trees, with both sexes constructing

them. The female blood kite normally has a clutch of three to four eggs that are white with red speckles. Both parents nurture their young, with the female bringing food and the male defending the nest. Young blood kites take four weeks to develop their basic plumage and another three weeks before they can fly.

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#### Movement: 20/60 (flight)

m.

**Skills:** Flight 3, Perception 3, Spellcasting 3, Tracking 2, Unarmed Combat 2

**Powers:** Natural Weapon (Bite/Claw: DV 2P, AP 0), Enhanced Senses (Improved Vision, Low-Light, Thermographic Vision), Innate Spell (Sight Removal)

# BULLDOG STOAT

## MUSTELA STALINII

#### Habitat: Forests

Range: Northern and Eastern Europe

Frequency: Uncommon

**Identification**: The bulldog stoat is a weasel-like creature with the male measuring about one meter in length and weighing about four kilograms The females are significantly smaller. Bulldog stoats have a prominent jaw line with larger muscles and teeth compared to mundane stoats. This is covered by longer facial hair, giving it a "bulldog" appearance. The bulldog stoat's thick fur turns white in the winter and is brown-red with a black tail in the summer.

Habits: The bulldog stoat is the Awakened form of the common stoat (*Mustela erminea*). It is mostly a nocturnal hunter, feeding on small mammals, birds, snakes, and frogs. Because of its strong jaw, it has been known to hunt larger animals such as sheep and goats. Bulldog stoats have become a hazard to corporate operations in Europe, primarily those with livestock farms or amphibian hatcheries as the stoats sneak in to raid the facilities like their personal fridge. Poison bait traps have little effect on deterring the bulldog stoat and Green and Blue Biotechnology's attempt to genetically engineer a virus to kill off the whole species led to a severe public warning from Saeder-Krupp on such actions, citing Yamatetsu's "engineered rabbit" incident in the Canton Confederation.

The male bulldog stoat is very territorial, often building several dens in its territory like castles from which it can defend againt rivals and predators. Within this territory are a harem of fem te bulldog stoats, food, and water supplies. Female stoats beed one a year, having two to four kits in a season. The kits stay with neir mother for a year before seeking their own territory. Young bulldog stoats will begin adulthood by taking over a den; either at the edge of their father's territory or their father's rival and wait to challenge the owner. Such challenges are not lethal although ears and tails have been scarred from combat.

The bulldog stoat social group can be anthropomorphized as a feudal system of kingdoms; while they do challenge one another for food and females, if the group is threatened by an outsider, all the bulldogs will band together to face the threat.

In 2039, a group of bulldog stoats allegedly killed eleven metahumans and the livestock on a co-op farm in Latvia. This incident led to the annual stoat culling in several areas and a black-market sale of bulldog stoat fur in Europe from 2040 to 2042. In 2042 news affiliates ran a story exposing the co-op farm incident as fake, designed to sway public opinion on the species. Unfortunately the public wouldn't give up their bulldog stoat fur coats or bones for telesma, so the slaughter continued. Due to excessive hunting, bulldog stoats were becoming increasingly difficult to find and they received legally protected status in 2065. This resulted in the sale of permits limiting the quantity of bulldog stoats a hunter could harvest during the regulated hunting season. Although a slow increase of the bulldog stoat's population is promising-poachers still pose the greatest threat to this species

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Skills: Infiltration 2, Perception 2, Tracking 2, Unarmed Combat 2 Powers: Concealment (Personal), Immunity to Pathogens, Gestalt Consciousness, Immunity to Poison, Magic Guard, Natural Weapon (Bite: DV 2P, AP 0, –1 Reach) Weaknesses: Fragile 1