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### **It's the End of the World as We know It**

#### Outlay :

Rosa, the 24-years old computer genius sister of the Blumenstein family go with her b/f, 25-years old programmer named Samuel Barr (a mulat) for a vacation in Europe. Last she was in Warsaw, enjoying the Holiday Inn suite. It was 2 days ago.

An old Polish vampire Ancillae named Casimyr Kluk understands that the end of the world as we know it is coming. He also thinks that technology is the way for survival... and he craves the RU findings. But his power has been much impaired and he was unable to keep up with everything he needs for his ability to use technology is lacking. Most of his Ghouls died in WW2, and his new ones were quickly destroyed by other vampires who did not want Casimyr to gain back his power.

So Casimyr finds out something interesting... than an intelligent, technologically well-versed human... two of them even... are in town. Oh yeah. He Embraces the new kids in the block... and find out that maybe this is his way to gain the stuff he needs. For the Blumensteins own powers that no vampire suspects of... such a surprise. Pity those powers are lost with the Embrace. So he decided to set 'em up against Wilfred and UR. He just needs the info and poor, newly-made-lick Rosa the tech genius to implement it... and WWIII will make him only stronger.

At first, the precog wakes up knowin' that their sister is dead. She ain't answering any phones, nor her b/f. Then, a phone from some guy... long distance, from Warsaw. He IDs himself as Yanek Brezinski, a police officer of Warsaw PD. He says that he's sorry to inform them that their sister and her b/f have been killed in a terrorist bombing of the holiday inn (The perfect cover for an Embrace is to blast the whole floor into tiny pieces). Apparently, Rose and Sam died in the explosion. No bodies were found, but then again there wasn't much left of the floor after the explosion. Considered missing for the moment, but they were in the room when the bomb went off. He'll keep them updated, he says.

A brief while afterwards another man calls in. He doesn't ID himself at first. He's a Ghoul. He will make 'em an offer they can't refuse - research into their sister's death, payed for generously by him. However, he will also ask them to meet with him ASAP in Warsaw. If they so desire, there'r 4 places reserved for them on a plane at 03:00 the next day, and 4000\$ which are being transferred to their account even as they speak for any inconvenience and additional grief that he might have caused. He refuses to name himself, asks the party to reserve it for their face-to-face meeting. Now they GOTTA agree. If they don't... Rosa 'erself will call inna day (during the night) and beg them to save her. It will sound as if she's being held hostage and tortured.

#### Day 2. Warsaw.

Meeting the contact in Warsaw is not a problem. He will walk to them, dressed as a limo driver...

"Blumensteins ? This way please". Once they'r in the limo (or someplace else) he'll give 'em the info.

His name is Vyachislav Polak (and he's a Ghoul, oh yeah !). He will tell that Robotix United, a multinational super-corporation, has killed their sister, appearently because she was looking into some dealings of theirs. The company is protected in almost all countries because they supply cutting edge R&D on robotics, cybernetics, bioengineering, nuclear physics and such to many goverments who can afford them.

The company is unfathomably powerful and since absolute power corrupts absolutely they have more then enough shady dealings and less than enough respect for lives or property. They are also after him, Vyachislav Polak, personally. And he is willing to pay 2G\$ for information which will bring the company down and in the process will maybe avenge... or locate their sister. Because he suspects that she isn't dead (liar, he KNOWS she's dead) but rather held captive by RU for research on her psi powers.

The info he craves, which is also apparently the info which poor Rosa was looking for is called the Omega Project. According to his best knowledge, it's a top-secret research encompassing such strange areas as history, socialogy, psychology, biology, energetics, nuclear physics, criminology and more.

The danger is obvious. If RU ever finds out that they'r being spied after the remaining Blumensteins will join their sister in wherever RU did put her - be it afterlife or super-secret research lab.

The bombing was done using the terrorist group (funded by RU) "Christ's Children", a fanatical right-winged Christian faction. They have an HQ in Warsaw... the location of which is known to mr. Polak. Also, there is another lead to RU - the Polska Armia have dealings with them and thus, by infiltrating a base in the outskirts of Warsaw, accessing their mainframe (it's an Intelligence base) and d/loading the info (and finding the loopholes on the Net, too). Another option is looking for loopholes on the net, but it's most unlikely. The choice is theirs. Advantage money, 500K\$, is being placed on their bank account if they agree. And agree they don't, don't they ? It is the offer they can't refuse.

#### **Breaking into Xt's Children HQ :**

A basement under an abandoned factory (property of RU, 12th hand or so). 12 Xtians, having a meeting on the next bombing which they plan to have in Prague. In the basment (which is big, but most of it is used for storing old machinery and chemicals) there is the office. In it a buncha fanatical christian literature (levelling on Nazi) on bookshelves, safe with money, and a computer. On it are names of all faction members (112 men and women, all over Poland, Germany, Chech Republic, Latvia, France, USA), recipes for bombs, phone book with numbers of all memebbers, half-finished book of religious fanaticism... and among that there is the home address, phone number and a whole load of info about Yatzek Krovavski, leader of this faction. Appearently he's married with 2 children, 41 years of age, working as a lawer and running a para-military fanatical Xtian sect in his spare time.

On his laptop there is a link (via the Net) to about 20 universities all over the world, dealing with history, sociology, psychology, biology, physics, medicine (brain and neural). Also a huge list of orphanages, beneficiary funds, humanitarian funds, all for children who suffered from wars or violence. All of those are apparently funded at least partially by an insurance company called "The Shield Corporation"... HQ of which is also located, conviniently, in Warsaw.

**Military Base :** Impregnable. If attempted, will probably be hunted. Security is from here to Nigeria.

**Net Search :** Possible to find something about it via Polish Army official site. There is a link to "The Shield Corporation". However, it's more'n likely that they will be observed by the army from this moment and on.

**NEXT** an Arcanum member will approach them. Maybe first by E-mail. His name is professor Matthew Lidoski, a Polish scientist who immigrated to USA and now is visiting Warsaw again. He will help the party at the best of Arcanum's knowledge.

The Arcanum are aware of Omega Project. They don't know what it is, but it's sheer scale and secrecy are rising major alarms among Arcanum members. Their research came up with detailed information about what universities and humanitarian organizations are cooperating with RU, the exact nature of the info and how it coordinates with itself. The results caused much worry.

Appearently, RU is researching the exact effect of trauma and war on society. How the scars are passed down from generation to generation. How effciently those touched by war operate. How are the communal Kirillic radiation emanations are affected by it. How do those emanations change if the person is treated after the trauma. How do those emanations change if the trauma is not treated. How does it affect one's offsprings.

A research into human suffering. Into which billions of dollars were invested, appearently. And a large part of those billions went to the Chinese government...

Dr Lidoski will give them his cell phone # and E-mail... but it doesn't matter because he will be killed mere hours after meeting the party.

**NEXT** cometh The Shield Company, ofcourse. Vyachislav Polak promisses his aid in breaking into it - there is no other way, coz their inner net is closed without internet access. However, a homeless madman who took residence by the company's HQ can give some info...

Either way, the computer in the manager's office contains the needed information. 2 billion dollars were transferred to the Chinese Government for purposes of "rehabilitating convicted criminals". There is an address and name and some info about Mr. Yanush Mayski, the secretary of Free Scientists Club (a local RU chapter, dealing with Omega Project) along with the words "Omega Project : Omega/Eden #2".

Arrival to his house is not a problem. He's a lone man, living in an apartment in a skyscraper, comfortable penthouse. His flat will reveal the information labeled "Omega Project : Omega/Eden #2". Additionally, it will reveal the names and locations of people and companies involved : Genetix, Social Sciences Research Company, Mitsubishi, Musashi Manufacturing, Microsoft, Medical Cybernetics Company, Panasonic, Paragon, ZenSar Technologies, Hasbro, Compaq, to name a few...

All of those are involved in Omega Project by supplying research or funding.

There is also a link to "Mr. Wyatt", who appears to be the big boss... and also his Warsaw address.

A brief while after Mr. Mayski's place is raided, someone will shoot Polak with an incendiary 0.5 bullet from a sniper's rifle. It will make a nasty hole in his chest... but he will just begin running. Some more shots, more than enough to show the party that Mr. Polak is NOT human. None will shoot at them.

But anyway... no matter if they raid Wilfred Wyatt's place (which is just a decoy, a huge trap in case someone who ain't supposed to come looking for him) or don't...

A brief while after the info about Omega/Eden #2 project is gathered... Rosa will appear.

She's a vampire. She will warn them, almost crying, that their real employer is Casimyr Kluk, a vampire of no small power... and that he's comin' to get 'em.

And then he will come to get 'em. He will be sorry. He will neutralize them in some way and explain, with sorrow, that he has no choice. Otherwise he's dead. His last servant has just been killed (Vyachislav Polak) and he MUST grab the info and he MUST use the power of those humans...

But it is too late. RU troops are all over the place. They're all surrounded... and they offer the party to surrender... they don't know that Casimyr is there. The place locks up on itself... and then Casimyr offers them the deal with the Devil - they work with him. He helps them escape. Together they find the info about Omega Project and he will let them go, cover everything, even pay them the money as soon as he gets it. If not everything is doomed.

If they agree he will release them from their hold and shatter through the roof along with Rosa. They will pull the party out. They will pass through the troops like a whirlwind through a haystack. And they will escape to Casimyr's last hiding place... the catacombs under Wasaw Science Museum.

From there they can combine Rosa's laptop and the info they gained about project Omega/Eden #2 to finally locate and infiltrate electronically the center of Omega Project - a huge complex in China.

The info about Project Omega will flow...

And then they have to think what to do with it...

By this moment they should be out of time or dead or both.

#### Encounters :

The precog is having war and holocaust dreams. About WW1 and 2 ... and 3, about Laogai, about Inquisition, about the Armenian Holocaust, about ancient wars, about Napoleon wars, about Attila The Hunn wars, etc. War, death, destruction. And topping it all are dreams about empty cities with people rotting on the streets, H-bombs, etc.

Ecologists are rising in China. Massive riots there.

Macedonian/Serbian peace conference failed again.

Terrorist bombing in Japan, corporation war is suspected.

Famine and disease in Africa.

Scientists declare that oil is running dangerously low.

A fanatical Ecologist group tried to destroy a huge oil well in Iraq. All are captured and executed.

The empath feels as something is building within the world... something which presses on it. Unpleasant.

Elections in Poland. Masses are protesting on the streets against government corruption. Clashes with police.

### Omega Project :

Wilfred Wyatt have had a long time to ponder on the nature of vampirism and on the relationships with humans. The Berlin Fiasco has proved him right. He understood that he and his kindred are a tumor on the body of the sick humanity... but he doesn't care. He also understands that humanity is on it's deathbed - and that vampires are along with it.

And so, he decided to make the best of the situation. His company, originally created for cybernetic research back in the 70s, developed tremendously. He realized that WW3 is coming... and he realized that the disease will be maximized to point of destruction of all humanity. However, he wishes to survive. A lone tumorous cell, wishing to continue it's existance, decided to optimize its gain from the disease which has spawned it.

And so he started researching. He payed various universities and research groups to find out all they can about the effect of suffering on mass consciousness and on individual consciousness. And on the body of the person.

In the meanwhile, he has made some major research into the exact way that vampires feed off vitae... and discovered that they feed not as much on the vitae but on the energy which it carries, the chi of the person. By drinking the blood they suck in the essence of the disease, the energy which makes them what they are. Vampires must cause suffering and promote the disease by their very nature... and for doing so they are rewarded.

And so he started the Omega/Eden projects. The first was a failure, a society so laced with the disease that it died out quickly... but he learned his lessons. And so he started Omega/Eden project #2....

In the meanwhile he also checked out into the upcoming war, and tried to harvest it's weapons and to make pacts with the future armies so that he survives to live on... the only, most powerful tumor cell in the body much of which will be rejected as means of healing. He WILL survive.

### Omega/Eden #2

In order to prove the findings of Omega Project, Wilfred had to make a society which would look like the future. And so he bought a few thousands of Laogai prisoners, made a place for them on an isolated isle near the shores of Africa and then exposed them to extreme and prolonged suffering. After fucking them up extendedly while using lessons learned from Omega/Eden #1, they were placed on the isle and left to manage their lives. In the meanwhile they are being studied and Wilfred experiments on them, trying to live off pure Disease. And he managed, more or less. His plan is almost complete. WW3 awaits.

### **Berlin Fiasco**

Humanity is sick... sick at it's core

The disease of the spirit is eating men from the inside... killing and crippling... destroying everything...

This disease has no name. This disease is invisible, it cannot be smelled, it cannot be analyzed... because it is the nature of humans.

But, like any other disease, it has symphoms. Wars. Hunger. Brutality. Pollution. And one other manifestation... of a different kind... a sentient manifestation. A tumor which grows along with the disease. It has a name. It is the Vampires.

But, in the confusion of the disease, the senses are dulled. The tumor grows out of the body of its host, bearing its faults and bearing its virtues.

And so, even the tumor, the Vampires, do not know what they are. For they have the minds of the body on which they grow. The humanity.

But... some are aware. Some have understood. Seen the connections. Seen the growing tumor. And understood its meaning. The meaning of a symptom is simple. It is a warning, sent to the body by the spirit.

Those who are aware are known by many names. Buddha. Christ. Muhammed.

Many of those who live know of the aware ones. But, unfortunately, the mind of humanity is clouded by its illness.

And so the awareness does not pass on. It lives and dies a brief life.

But the tumor is also like this. The twisted mirror of the host. And some of those who are called the Vampires are also aware, aware of the disease of humanity. And of the role of the tumor.

At the year 1996, one such Vampire appeared in Berlin. It sought to do its duty - to make the tumor aware. To let the Kindred know their destiny, and to know where they are heading.

But, the Vampires knew of this in a twisted way. They called this awareness Golconda. They thought that it will bring them power over their own undeaths. They were very wrong.

The oldest, the most powerful of Vampires knew immediately when the Buddhishatwa of Blood came to Berlin. But, how could they let the ones they fought for so long - the other vampires - have the power of Golconda ?

A great war began among the elders. A secret war which was fought for thousands of years took a new turn, and gained power. For a long year, the Vampires battled each other over the Buddhishatwa of Blood.

None truly listened to him. They wanted power....

Around the end of the year, a small, inconsequential group of vampires came to Berlin. Unwittingly, they served a powerful Russian elder. And they have found the Buddhishatwa... and thus, so did the elder.

But before the elder could destroy them, they listened to the words of the Aware One.

And he told them of the disease. Of the imbalance. Of the spiritual death of humanity. Of the overloaded spiritual realm which is called the Earth. For the Aware One knew what was about to happen...

At the year 2027, a terrible war will come to an end, he told the young Vampires. This war will claim the lives of 3 billion humans. The terrible death throes of Humanity will be there. And the spiritual world will be shattered. Millions of souls will pour into another, parallel world. Unsettling the balance. Bringing the Disease with it.

And then the elder came...

He fought the young vampires and destroyed them. But along with them, the Buddhishatwa died his Final Death.

And the younger vampires, bodies no more, floated in the sea of nothing which is the spiritual world... following the wake of the Aware One... and were reborn in the other world. A world where there is no Disease as yet.

And they had no time... no time to hear the final words of the Buddhishatwa...

### Charz

Wilfred Wyatt, an Irish Ventrue Vampire. Old, cunning, cold like ice, caring mostly about his interests, right now Wilfred is concerned mostly with his survival. Seldom does he swoop so down as to unneededly abuse others, and he respects prowess. He is in for harvesting potential and using it for his good.

Casimyr Kluk, an old vampire of clan Brujah. He has been unable to adapt adequately to the rapidly changing world, lost most of his accets and ghouls and was forced to lay low. He is bitter with the world, tired, weary. But still survival is strong within him. His cunning and manipulativity are incredible, and yet his inability to adapt to the new world is an awesome hindrance to him. He however caught the scent of approaching holocaust and made the possible precautions. He likes battle, it makes him feel alive again. And he doesn't like the living and the adapting much. He looks like an old man, european.

Dr. Matthew Lidoski is an old kind man, professor of European History at the Boston University. He is good-hearted, old, caring about people, trying to help the world, cowardly, wanting to save his skin while saving the world, incredibly intelligent, loving history.

Vyachislav Polak is a Ghoul of Casimyr. Ex-Sas man, he is well versed in warfare. Intelligent, with his direct manners, occasional bluntness and lack of manners, he is a very through and dedicated man. He does everything he does with maximum efficiency. He is large, muscular, with short-cropped hair and clean shaved chin (always). His tendency to get occasionally trigger-happy seldom interrupts with his work.

## **RU special forces :**

*RCARs are Remote Control Assault Robots. With the advancement of artificial muscle, communications, artificial ballance and AI technology, military industries have developed a new kind of combat vehicle. RCARs are propulsed by legs, which allow for greater maneuverability and terrain versatility. The satellite communication allow for it's remote control, with the operators sitting in a bunker burried far away from the RCAR itself. Because of this, the RCAR is simpler in it's construction (for there is no crew to take care of), weights less, and is capable of withstanding greater hardships.*

*The standard mechanical propulsion was also changed. The RCARs are using artificial muscles (Advanced Polymer Hydrogel systems) supported by both internal skeleton and outside armor. This allows for greater maneuverability and defence (as the armor plates can be shifted to compensate for damage). The automatic cannons systems allow for greater fire rate, and without the need to compensate for crew safety, the power of standart cannons has been increased.*

*Basically, RCARs are bipedal, vaguely humanoid in shape. The legs are feline in structure (to allow for leaping and improved running). The "hip" joints are about halfway up the "torso" to allow for lower center of gravity. The lower portion of the torso contains the ammunition and fuel supplies, with the engine located above it. The ammunition is fed through an armored canal at the "back". Above the torso is the turret, which normally contains two cannons with load and feed systems, along with much of the sensory equipment.*

## **Raptor MK1**

The Raptor MK1 is a heavy assault RCAR, the very first RCAR built by Robotix United. Bipedal, with low center of gravity, heavily armed and armored, this robot is an excellent for open operations. High movement speed and maneuverability also make it perfect against tanks and other relatively slow vehicles. Underwater action is also possible as the Raptor can simply walk on the bottom of lakes and seas. However, it is rather noisy and has no leaping capacity. Also, it's large size make it a relatively easy target.

Height : 7m.

Weight: 25 tonn

Armor : Titanium alloy, Kevlar-covered multi-layered plates with reinforced joints and gel shock-absorbing layer.

Cannons : Two 75mm cannons, repeat-fire, auto-loading. Capable of firing missiles. Each can fire 4.5 shells/minute, overall rate of fire of 10 shells/minute. Location : Turret.

Guns : One 20mm minigun, 7000 shells/minute, join mini-turret base. Location : Torso.

Engine : 1000 hp electricity generator. Location : Torso.

Propulsion : Advanced Polymer Hydrogel muscles with flexible plastic fiber tendons

Communication : SatLink projector/reciever, via GPS satellite. Location: Back.

Movement : Up to 120 kph (running).

Climbing degree : Up to 50 degrees inclination normal stability.

Ammunition : 70000 shells 20mm minigun chain, 60 75mm AP shells, 60 75mm fragmentation shells. 40 heat-seeking AP missiles.

Sensors : 8 night vision/regular cameras with up to X30 magnification. 4 infra-red scanners (400 m range). 10 super-sensitive microphones (recognizes normal speech up to 1000 m). 2 scent-identifying air-processors (approx. like a human with a poor sense of smell).

Computer : 1.5G MHz CPU, limited backup AI allowing for simple movement control and little fire control, when activated will try to reestablish SatLink.

Miscellaneous : Arm-like manipulator, 2m length. Location : Lower torso.

V:TM stats : Soak 500 (5X100), accuracy 7, damage 120 (10X12) AP, 250 (10X25) frag, 50 (10X5) minigun. Dodge 2.

## **Grasshopper MK1**

Hopper MK1 is a lighter, more mobile, stealthy version of Raptor. Lighter armor, weaponry and weight allow for stealth and increased leg muscles allow leaping. It is well-adapted for strike-and-run operations, as well as for ambushes.

Height : 4m.

Weight : 11 ton

Armor : As Raptor, but thinner.

Cannons : Two 25mm repeat-fire auto-loading, capable of missile fire. 6 shells/minute each, 12 shells/minute each. Location: turret.

Guns : One 7.62mm minigun, 5000 shells/min, joint mini-turret base. Location : Torso.

Engine : 800 hp electricity generator. Location : Torso.

Propulsion : Advanced Polymer Hydrogel muscles with flexible plastic fiber tendons

Communication : SatLink projector/receiver, via GPS satellite. Location: Back.

Speed : Up to 200 km (running), 30m length leap, 15m height leap.

Ammunition : 50000 shells 7.62mm minigun chain, 60 25 mm AP shells, 60 25 mm frag shells, 40 heat-seeking AP missiles.

Sensors : 10 night vision/regular cameras with up to X40 magnification. 4 infra-red scanners (400 m range). 10 super-sensitive microphones (recognizes normal speech up to 1000 m). 2 scent-identifying air-processors (approx. like a human with an average sense of smell).

Computer : 2.5G MHz CPU, advanced backup AI with good movement control, average fire control. When activated will try to activate SatLink while defending itself.

Miscellaneous : Arm-like manipulator, 2m length. Location : Lower torso.

V:TM stats : Soak 200 (10X20), accuracy 8, damage 50 (10X5) AP, 120 (10X12) frag, 20 (10X2) minigun. Dodge 4.

*The security branch of Robotix United is composed of ex-commandos from all over the world. The already-highly trained soldiers are then trained further to see auras, and to fight in teams with RCARs (as cover and reconnaissance units, usually a team of four per RCAR). They are armed heavily, bearing the next generation of HK assault weapons (MP-7) with attached grenade launchers. Their armor is also rather unusual - plastic/titanium multilayered plates, covered in kevlar/plastic. Beneath the plates are the more interesting things though - the Advanced Polymer Hydrogel muscles. The artificial muscles are rather thin, and are getting input from appropriate living muscles (and thus, when a real biceps moves, the artificial one moves along with it, doubling the strength). The armor is one-piece, with the joints covered in Kevlar/plastic. The helmet's face-cover is an infra-red/starlight enhancer night vision device.*

Equipment :

Armor : Titanium alloy/plastic plates, covered with kevlar/plastic, with artificial muscles underneath. Called Power Armor. The small generator is on the back.

Primary weapon : HK-MP7, 30 rounds clip, 5.56 caliber (SS-109 ammo standard), max range with scope 350 m, weight 5kg with grenade launcher attached, inbuilt laser pointer, silencer attachment possible.

The launcher is Unicorn, a new and improved version of standard M203. Better accuracy and range (up to 750m). Standard ammo - frag, AP, bouncing, wall-breaker, split head. Still is one shot.

Secondary weapon : 9mm, 15 rounds clip pistol. Part of the right arm armor. With laser pointer and silencer. Activated by neural trigger.

Another secondary weapon is titanium alloy retractable claws in both hands' armor. Length 15cm.

Ammunition : 10 5.56 clips, 4 9mm clips. Launcher - 8AP, 12frag, 4bouncing, 4wall-breaker, 2split-head. Also, 4 m26 frag hand-thrown grenades.

Communication : Inbuilt into the armor motorolla transmitter. Centered on the RCAR, range 10km from the RCAR.

V:TM stats : Soak 7, Accuracy 6, damage 6 (HK-MP7 and pistol). Acc 6 damage 2 (claws). Acc 6 damage wholeloadof - launcher.