

The Reneteur Device

The device looks like an anachronistic word processor from an alternate future. It is clearly homemade and constructed out of jumbled pieces of old machinery, equipment, and vehicles. It has a bulbous black and white screen and an inset, 1980s typing keyboard.

It was built by a young man named Manny Reneteur nearly a decade after an almost fatal car accident left him in a coma for 22 days at the age of 12. After that coma, Manny was never wholly the same again; instead, he mumbled, kept to himself, and built his machines...or more precisely different versions of the same machine, over and over again.

The device represents Manny's last construction, built in the fall of 1983, before he was killed in a house fire.

The Device

The device is composed of dated electronic parts from multiple devices, like a 1982 ZX Spectrum computer, a 1966 Zenith black and white TV, the circuit boards from a 1979 PONG machine and various remote controls, as well as strange, carefully cut bronze rods and clockwork that spin and interlock when the machine is turned on, most would mistake it for a film prop—but it's not.

It weighs 21 lbs, is bulky and difficult to move, and plugs into any normal North American plug through a strange, humming, transformer. Destroying it is as easy as smashing it, or dropping it on a solid surface. Once smashed in such a manner, it is unlikely to ever work again.

When plugged in it BEEPS, and then prints out various text messages on the screen.

Effects

- The print out on the screen usually are single line entries in pixelated letters reading things like: 768 REVISE REVISE REVISE...unknown element 21184 REVISE REPORT...and others.
- Agents with **Electronics** or **Computer Science** at 40% or more that inspect inside the casing at length suffer 1/1D4 SAN from the unnatural, as the device seems to violate several core principles of electronics; though it still operates.
- A single, sealed lead container inside the casing hums when the device is turned on. Opening it permanently disables the machine, but reveals a glass container filled with an off-blue liquid and inside it, the brain of some creature (it is the brain of a cat), somehow preserved. Those seeing the machine operate before discovering this brain inside suffer 1/1D4 SAN from the unnatural. Those shattering the glass discover the brain is as fresh as if it were just removed from the animal (0/1 SAN unnatural). The unknown, off-blue liquid evaporates almost instantly. After that, the machine never operates again.
- Two buttons on the keyboard are special. One is covered in cellophane tape containing the word QUERY written in childish handwriting. Another has been covered in long-chipped white out with the word REPRT painted on it.

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- Hitting QUERY brings up a list of names of places and times like: THUNDER BAY 09011999-10092001; OPERATIVE 8118. These are dates and times *when* operatives of the Great Race of Yith exist. Some may even overlap the current time.
- Hitting REPRT after QUERY or by hitting REPRT and entering a number brings up a full page or more of information, seemingly on a single entity. It reads something like: OPERATIVE 0901. 01011641-03221641 EMETHINE, ABAS. 11121941-01091942 MARQUESSE, DELBERT J. Each is actually an identity the great race operative occupied during that time period.
- Highlighting entries marked MOTION and hitting REPRT brings up an address. Checking out these addresses might find them nonexistent, abandoned, or occupied by strange men that worship the Great Race of Yith and serve them throughout the human era of Earth, called *The Motion*. *The Motion* are eager to protect the secret machinations of their supertemporal masters, and will eagerly kill to do so.