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- Connecting Jackpoint VPN ... ... Matrix Access ID Spoofed. ... Encryption Keys Generated.
- ... Connected to Onion Routers.
- > Login
- \*\*\*\*\*\*
- > Enter Passcode
- ... Biometric Scan Confirmed.
- Connected to <ERROR: NODE UNKNOWN>
- "Things that go bump in the night are nice. Things that go bang are better."

#### JackPoint Stats

#### 2 users currently active in the network

#### Latest News

Those responsible for the "Horizon is Good for the Soul" spam have been banned from the network. If I catch anyone trying to help them log in they will get hit with a Black Hammer. – FastJack

#### Personal Alerts

\* The PAN cannot interface with a non-WLI 3419Z compliant smartlink. Please install the required protocol and reboot your peripheral device.
\* You have 1 new private message.

\* You have 8 new <u>responses</u> to your JackPoint posts.

\* Seven Knight Errant broadcasting nodes are within 50 meters.

First Degree

Two Members are online and in your area.

Your Current Rep Score: 614 (38% positive)

Current Time: 15 June 2073, 0248 hrs

PREFERENCES

FEEDS

TASKS

Welcome back to JackPoint, chummer; your last connection was severed: 21 hours, 17 minutes, 35 seconds ago

#### Today's Heads Up

- \* After chatting with some of the more financially challenged mem-
- bers of the network, they have asked
- for a heads-up regarding the older
- hardware they have been running into. I
- pulled in a couple of the regulars, Red Anya
- and Picador, to provide a rundown for those of us so close to the street that a weapon has to be twice as old as the shooter to be affordable.

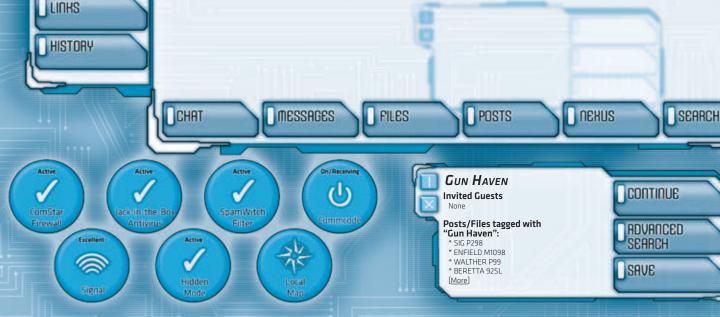
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#### Incoming

- \* Lots of shady goings-on out there-time to brush up on your How Not to Be Seen (or Noticed) classes. [Tag: <u>Spy Games</u>]
- \* When you're a runner in Seattle, sometimes you're on the streets, sometimes you're below them. [Tag: <u>Ork Underground</u>]
- \* What goes up, must come down. [Tag: <u>Unfriendly Skies</u>]
- \* Stories from the decadent cities of Asia don't always involve drunken tourists and sex parlors in dark alleys. [Tag: <u>99 Bottles</u>]

#### Top News Items

- \* Texas Rangers located a shipping container filled with illegal immigrants at Corpus Christi. While most of the occupants were deceased, travel arrangements have been made to return the remaining refugees to Amazonia. Link
- \* Two terrorists were slain while attempting to infiltrate Seattle's Columbia Tower. It is suspected that they were planning to introduce a toxin into the ventilation system. <u>Link</u>
- \* School bus and train collide in Renton resulting in thirty injured children. An ork technomancer has been arrested on charges she used her talents to maliciously guide the bus onto the train tracks. Link



### WEAPONS OF LONG HISTORY AND REACH

#### **POSTED BY: PICADOR**

There are those who work the shadows, and a number of amateur soldiers, who are still using gear designed last century. While the majority of those involved in the trade consider them easy targets, there is the fact that even a lowly rock can be a lethal weapon in the hands of the skilled or the lucky.

Older weapons generally lack a variety of safety features commonly found on modern firearms. Today's professionals utilize safe systems, integrated commlinks, and wireless connectivity to reduce the number of friendly fire incidents, or eliminate them entirely. While no system that relies on metahuman input can ever be truly foolproof, these systems have dropped the rate of accidents to a remote statistical improbability. In addition to lacking these features, older weapons may suffer from metal fatigue and poor maintenance, which increases the chance of a catastrophic event. The majority of the weapons that fall into this category should be melted down for their base metals rather than endangering the wielder by being used on the modern battlefield.

- Picador is a little harsh in her assessment of these weapons, both regarding their reliability and their lethality. A lot of these were stellar performers for their day. They might not compare favorably with modern designs, but they retain some advantages.
- Black Mamba

In addition to the old models still floating around, there is a new generation of weapons starting to hit the shadow market. While some of us have seen them on the drawing board, or in the paydata we have stolen, most runners have yet to learn about them. But they're out there, and they are making the streets a deadlier place to operate. The weapons I highlighted here tend to fall into the pistol or sniper category, as this is where most of the research and development funds have flowed over the past few years.

The latest trends in weapons development feature integrated electronics, including commlinks and software. This allows commanders to precisely target opponents and dictate the terms of an engagement. Today's soldier is no longer an island on the battlefield; they are nodes in the network with self-preservation protocols. As always, stay aware and stay alive.

- Well, soldiers for a corporation are a node in the network. Those of us who are
  opposing them are a little less equipped, but far more free in our actions. There
  are benefits when you work with people that see you as a person rather than a
  blip on a computer screen.
- Aufheben
- There are always weaknesses in a system. The person in the loop is the most obvious; the ability to jam the signal is the next. There are reasons why drones have not replaced people in all things.
- Plan 9
- Give me more funding. I'm working on fixing that.
- Clockwork

### NEW WEAPON UPGRADES/TRAITS

#### VINTAGE

The weapon is not compatible with modern electronics. This can be the result of outdated manufacturing techniques, physical age or bad design. The weapon cannot utilize non-vintage electronic upgrades. Physical upgrades are possible, but require additional work that costs twice the normal listed amount.

#### **INCOMPATIBLE**

The weapon's internal electronics utilize outdated protocols. They normally require physical connections through a fiber optic tether or skinlink to current PANs. These weapons can communicate with current-generation commlinks and visual display devices with the use of a translation program.





SIG SAUER P298

### SIG SAUER P298 (HOLD OUT PISTOL)

The SIG Sauer P298 was a slim-line that was designed for those who want their guns hidden. The pistol features an ambidextrous safety and a configurable ejection port. The P298 was issued to members of the Zandarmeria Wojskowa (Military Gendarmerie) as a light weapon for occasions when an overt presence was not called for. The weapon also had commercial success as a self-defense weapon on the North American continent during the turbulent 2030s. The last models were produced by BMW in 2037, shortly before the corporation's transition to Onotari Arms.

Std. Upgrade/Accessories: Vintage

#### **SIG SAUER P298**

| DAMAGE | AP | MODE | RC | AMMO  | AVAIL | COST |
|--------|----|------|----|-------|-------|------|
| 4P     | -  | SA   | -  | 7 (C) | 4R    | 400¥ |

- While not a modern weapon, it is a nice little backup for those on a budget. I
  carried one during the early part of my career. It was easy to conceal, provided I
  did not have to slip it past any metal detectors.
- Fianchetto
- Try to get into anyplace important without going through one of those today. Metal detectors and chemical sniffers are at the entrance of every public and government building. If I'm going to risk getting caught with a firearm, I'd prefer to carry one that will last long enough for me to run away.
- Snopes
- While these are definitely not capable of helping in a major fight, I've seen a couple of them in Bogotá. Some of the streetwalkers carry them to keep their Johns honest, or at least less brutal.
- Hard Exit

FIRING MECHANISM

COMPACT FRAME DESIGN

CAPABLE OF MOUNTING

#### ENFIELD M1098

B-ROUND MAGAZINE

### ENFIELD M1098 (HOLD-OUT PISTOL)

This gun was designed to meet the perceived need for a small pistol to be issued to Royal Air Force crews during the EuroWars. It picked up some government sales, primarily to police and protective units that found the small size and enhanced ergonomic features useful. The M1098 is currently produced by Armamentos Murreta at their Cape Town facility. The weapon has been a slow, steady seller in Africa but has not caught on in the larger Asian or American markets. Collectors in Europe occasionally buy originals when they reach public auction, but there is not a large market for this niche pistol.

Std. Upgrades/Accessories: Vintage

#### **ENFIELD M1098**

| DAMAGE | AP | MODE | RC | AMMO  | AVAIL | COST |
|--------|----|------|----|-------|-------|------|
| 4P     | -  | SA   | 1  | 8 (C) | 5R    | 450¥ |

- I saw one in London the last time I went through. The gentleman carried it fairly openly, but the Bobbies left him alone. I think he worked for one of the Ministries.
- Traveler Jones
- The RAF gave up on these in the early 2050s and traded them in to Ares for credit on their replacements. Ares, in turn, dumped them on the black market in Cape Town. They were popular enough that Aztechnology purchased a production license.
- Blank Mamba
- This is a basic pistol. I occasionally get a few that I sell to street criminals. Not much margin, but nuyen just the same.
- Red Anya

ADJUSTABLE IRON SIGHTS\_

AMBIDEXTROUS &

4 INTERNAL SAFETIES

VITH OPTIONAL LASER MOUNT

SEMI-AUTOMATIC

ALTHER

### WALTHER P99 (LIGHT PISTOL)

The Walther P99 enjoyed a twenty-year initial production run and commercial success across the globe. It was produced by a variety of licensed manufacturers in Germany, Poland, and the United States. The weapon was primarily used by police, but it did enjoy some military sales, most notably in Portugal. The weapon is still seen on the streets in UCAS cities and with some European gangs. Rumors occasionally circulate that a Chinese manufacturer has revived the line, but these have never been offered through mainstream suppliers. As a result of the rumored knock-off production, and the fact that many copies were damaged and rebuilt with substandard parts during the EuroWars, there is little collector interest in this weapon.

Std. Upgrades/Accessories: Vintage

#### WALTHER P99

| DAMAGE | AP | MODE | RC | AMMO   | AVAIL | COST |
|--------|----|------|----|--------|-------|------|
| 4P     | -  | SA   | -  | 12 (C) | 4R    | 375¥ |

- Rumored knockoffs, hell. These things are at the Kai Tak Night Market weekly. If they had a better finish you would think they were from the original production line.
- Ma'Fan

P99

- I found the nano-forge schematics for these a couple of weeks ago. I could use them to go legit—Acme Arms, for your self-protection needs!
- Slamm-0!
- Too bad the RFIDs in the feedstock would point a huge arrow straight at you and your customer's heads once you started selling them. I also doubt that S-K, or any mega, would be too happy with someone trying to manufacture one of their designs, old or not.
- FastJack



### BERETTA 92SL (LIGHT PISTOL)

This classic design was once featured in every war and cop video from the early 21<sup>st</sup> century. The SL version was the mass-produced model made to stop the hordes of the Second EuroWar. Earlier models were selected as the primary pistol for the US military before the Canadians joined, and other militaries across the globe also grabbed onto these. As a result, this is one of the most common functional antiques in the gutters today. The current Beretta offerings are more reliable and better suited to the world of shadows—this model is better suited for collector and fanboys of old.

Std. Upgrades/Accessories: Vintage

#### **BERETTA 92SL**

| DAMAGE | AP | MODE | RC | AMMO   | AVAIL | COST |
|--------|----|------|----|--------|-------|------|
| 4P     | -  | SA   | -  | 15 (C) | 4R    | 400¥ |

- I think Picador is tired of seeing these pointed at her by gutter punks the world over. They were pretty reliable once the slide crack thing was figured out. If you can find a UCAS-manufactured model today, collectors will start a bidding war to get it. I sold three for almost five grand apiece last month.
- o 2XL
- You can see how the design evolved to today's 101T model. While I would not use one, I do sell a number of reconditioned units to local entrepreneurs. It's always a good thing to expand your customer base.
- Red Anya
- Amazonia might still have the machine tools to produce a knock-off—Taurus had a plant making this thing for decades. While I haven't seen any recently, they could help sow confusion when running against Aztechnology provided someone wanted to leave misleading evidence behind.
- Black Mamba



### NITAMA SPORTER (LIGHT PISTOL)

Nitama's latest entry into the civilian firearm market, the Sporter has been designed to cater to law enforcement's desire for ineffective opposition. The Sporter features an internal magazine, which is rarely seen in handguns and had largely been replaced in longarms as well. It also has a longer barrel to extend its range, and a light design so "female enthusiasts can comfortably enjoy the thrill of shooting" (as its catalog states). While the long barrel makes it capable of shooting farther than other pistols in its class, the need to reload after two shot groups limits its potential.

Std. Upgrades/Accessories: Laser Sight

#### **NITAMA SPORTER**

| DAMAGE      | AP        | MODE          | RC         | AMMO     | AVAIL | COST   |
|-------------|-----------|---------------|------------|----------|-------|--------|
| 4P          | -         | SA            | 1          | 5 (M)    | 3R    | 1,200¥ |
| *The Nitama | Sporter u | ses the Heavy | Pistol ran | ge table |       |        |

- I guess Picador dislikes the idea of a weapon developed for a non-professional. Still, the good thing about a mercenary talking about guns is it usually means they aren't pointing one at you.
- Slamm-O!
- There are a couple of good points for the weapon, though admittedly it is not a good choice for a real firefight. It's a legal purchase for civilians in Japan and most of Europe, which is an advantage right there. Whether you would want to pay that much for a substandard gun is another question.
- Traveler Jones
- The ergonomics are designed to keep shot groups tight. I can see using it as a
  primary marksmanship training tool, although you would want to move on to
  better weapons before bad habits develop.
- Sticks



### TAURUS MARK XXXI (LIGHT PISTOL)

The Mark XXXI has received numerous awards and official endorsements since its debut in March 2069. The Lone Star Officer's Guild hailed it as "the best weapon for a civilian to own." Wolverine Security has endorsed it as "the only weapon responsible citizens should have at home." While these endorsements have been well received by citizen action groups and most security forces, it has not translated into a resounding commercial success. It appears that most weapon purchasers prefer more reliable weapons for home and self-protection.

The Mark XXXI is designed to use tracker ammunition as its primary load. These rounds are intended to identify a target more than to inflict permanent damage and are largely ineffective against body armor. While the weapon is capable of firing a variety of ammunition types, all of Taurus' operator's manuals expound on the desirability of using tracking ammunition. Home insurance issuers are known to provide a discount to homeowners that possess this—and only this firearm, as the policyholder is unlikely to have a wrongful death suit brought against them.

Std. Upgrades/Accessories: Laser Sight

#### TAURUS MARK XXXI

| DAMAGE | AP | MODE | RC | AMMO  | AVAIL | COST |
|--------|----|------|----|-------|-------|------|
| 4P     | -  | SS   | 1  | 5 (M) | 5R    | 525¥ |

- You know anything the man likes is bad for you, right?
- Aufheben
- It is a sign of enlightened self-interest. If you had to endorse a weapon, why not endorse one that is unlikely to penetrate the body armor you normally wear?
   I can understand marketing it to wageslaves, but Ares provides much better hardware for a fraction of the price.
- Dr. Spin
- The auto safety "ON" feature is an integral part of the pistol. I have yet to find anyone that can remove it and keep the pistol intact. On top of that, extended magazines have to be custom manufactured.
- Riser
- The sole good point is that it is legal in most jurisdictions that limit the legal ownership of firearms.
- Traveler Jones



### COLT CORALSNAKE (LIGHT PISTOL)

Colt has started producing a new light revolver to fill the market desire for a pistol larger than the Asp, but not as large as the typical Ruger or Cavalier offering. The Coralsnake has received positive reviews from Lone Star and other security providers. It is largely marketed as a home-defense weapon and has enjoyed reasonable sales over the past two years.

Advertising material widely touts the increased range over other small caliber handguns, but they fail to emphasize the smaller cylinder (and resulting lesser ammunition capacity) compared to its predecessor.

Std. Upgrades/Accessories: Laser Sight

#### **COLT CORALSNAKE**

| DAMAGE        | AP                    | MODE          | RC          | AMMO   | AVAIL | COST |
|---------------|-----------------------|---------------|-------------|--------|-------|------|
| 4P            | -                     | SS            | -           | 5 (CY) | 3R    | 490¥ |
| * The Coralsn | ake uses <sup>.</sup> | the Heavy Pis | tol range o | hart.  |       |      |

- This thing is a piece of drek. I haven't been able to get anything from my fixer for the last three I've lifted out of apartments.
- Mika
- That's part of the reason the security services are promoting it. It is just dangerous enough that a thief will run from a homeowner that has one, but not dangerous enough that it becomes a desired acquisition for the criminal element.
- Dr. Spin
- I'm not sure what I find more frightening: a loser popping off shots from this gun, or that Lone Star might be getting smart.
- Sunshine
- The security companies are learning. You cannot disarm the populace, but you
  can encourage them to be less effective. It essentially becomes the same thing
  once you eliminate the more dangerous options.
- Plan 9

WITH STOCK TIP

25-ROUND

#### RUGER T-983

## RUGER T-983 (MACHINE PISTOL)

The Ruger T-983 is a heavy machine pistol that is close in size and operation to several of the smaller submachine guns. The folding foregrip enhances stability in burst fire and attempts to provide some concealability. Ruger has sold roughly two thousand annually since its introduction in 2071. Recent earnings announcements have indicated that the line has a new customer, and production should increase over the next three years. Curiously, the company has not made any statements identifying the customer, or whether they intend to market the weapon to a larger audience after this order is completed.

Std Upgrades/Accessories: Foregrip, advanced safety system

#### RUGER T-983

| DAMAGE | AP | MODE     | RC  | AMMO   | AVAIL | COST   |
|--------|----|----------|-----|--------|-------|--------|
| 4P     | _  | SA/BF/FA | (1) | 17 (C) | 8R    | 1,400¥ |

- Nice little package. The integral safety system eliminates most friendly fire accidents, and the burst fire capability ensures that the target is not getting out of the way. Load it with explosive ammunition, and it's lethal as hell.
- Hard Exit
- I'm sure that explosive ammo makes it pretty worthless in a hostage situation. Most security corporations practice that scenario as standard for their response teams prior to acceptance.
- Sunshine
- Well, consider the hellhole I'm in right now. It works pretty well in the dark jungle, and light body armor handles any risk of accidental fragments.

Hard Exit

- I would suggest caseless ammunition as well; the jungle gets a weapon pretty dirty.
- Black Mamba

LASER LIGHTING AND



THREADED BARREL WITH SILENCER

FULL TACTICAL RAIL SYSTEM

B&P MP9

25-ROUND MAGAZINE OF NOTE WAS THAT ALL TMP-95 WERE PACKAGED WITH 4 MAGAZINES TO CARRY A VARIETY OF AMMO TYPES.

### **B&P MP9 (MACHINE PISTOL)**

The MP9 had a prolonged development process. Originally developed by Steyr, the design was sold and further developed as demand for small automatic weapons began an upswing around the turn of the century. The small automatic was refined for ambidextrous operation and for the addition of then-current sighting aids. The design's recoil compensation allows a user to fire bursts without the inaccuracy normally associated with machine pistols. While the original production line closed in 2014, Middle Eastern and Asian manufacturers periodically resume production using modern construction methods.

Std. Upgrades/Accessories: Foregrip

#### **B&P MP9**

| DAMAGE | AP | MODE     | RC    | AMMO   | AVAIL | COST |
|--------|----|----------|-------|--------|-------|------|
| 4P     | -  | SA/BF/FA | 1 (2) | 25 (C) | 6F    | 800¥ |

- I see the model here has a suppressor and optical sight attached. Are these standard, or aftermarket additions?
- Slamm-0!
- Those are pure aftermarket. Later versions have a sight rail on the top to facilitate add-ons, but the suppressor hurts the ability for concealed carry. This is why most people use machine pistols.
- There isn't a large market for these, as Ares' Crusader and newer weapons are much better, and production quality is a known factor with these. Some of the Middle East copies seem like they are held together by hope and prayer.
   Ped Anya
- Red Anya
- The newer copies also have a number of RFIDs in the frame to help keep track
  of rounds fired, logs of where it was fired, and the last time it was cleaned. You
  know, the standard things runners go out of the way to remove from a weapon
  once they get it. At least most of the older weapons were made before all the
  electronics became standard.



### ONOTARI EQUALIZER (MACHINE PISTOL)

This weapon is Saeder-Krupp's attempt to enter the machine pistol market segment with a design intended to compete with other small caliber weapons. In an interesting design choice, the weapon lacks iron sights. According to the sales literature, this is to facilitate an easy draw from a concealed position. Most users prefer some sort of electronic aid for aiming, a function that the integral laser sight fulfills. The primary model utilizes cased cartridges and a strong bullpup feed mechanism. Cartridge extraction is up and to the right, making it slightly less desirable for left-handed firers. There is a retractable brace available to assist users with recoil.

Std. Upgrades/Accessories: Folding stock, laser sight

#### **ONOTARI EQUALIZER**

| DAMAGE | AP | MODE  | RC  | AMMO   | AVAIL | COST |
|--------|----|-------|-----|--------|-------|------|
| 4P     | -1 | BF/FA | (1) | 12 (C) | 8R    | 750¥ |

- This is the fastest way to flatten copper against solid objects known. It works faster than a press, and keeps a steady beat too.
- Mihoshi Oni
- It's not that bad. It might shoot lighter rounds than normal for a machine pistol, but a bullet can still kill you if it's aimed properly.
- DangerSensei
- The problem is, most users on the streets aren't good with the whole aiming thing. There's a wack job in Redmond who empties entire clips at the devil rat population and isn't too careful about what's in the background. Then there's the rest of his ganger pals.
- Riser



SAFE/FIRE SELECTOR

G-ROUND MAGAZIN

VENTRAL FRAME RAILS

# ARES PREDATO

This is the pistol that made Ares a household name. The Predator I features heavy construction and a reliable action. This established the reputation that the Predator line has relied on ever since. The pistol lacks the internal smartgun link that is now a standard feature on the Ares line and its mounting hardware is a couple of generations out of date. The original Predator ceased production in the late 2050s and is now rarely seen on the market. Collectors still purchase these weapons, although most require some type of inspection to ensure authenticity. Surprisingly, there have been few attempts to produce a knockoff of the design.

Std. Upgrade/Accessories: Incompatible

#### **ARES PREDATOR I**

| DAMAGE | AP | MODE | RC | AMMO   | AVAIL | COST |
|--------|----|------|----|--------|-------|------|
| 5P     | -1 | SA   | -  | 10 (C) | 8R    | 350¥ |

- Ares has been milking this basic design since it came out. While it's a decent pistol, there are better out there.
- Riser
- They also cost more. The current Predator is one of the cheapest handguns in its class. It also reduces the ability of a manufacturer to cut into the market. An aftermarket smartlink costs more than the Predator IV, which includes an integral one.
- Mr. Bonds
- I've known more than one razorboy, including an old friend, who swore by this pistol. They were rarely let down by the weapon; their judgment on the other hand...
- FastJack

### DATA TRANSLATION (HARDWARE)

#### **COMMON USE PROGRAM** (P. 232, *SR4A*)

The data translation program is an active application that runs on a node to facilitate the use of old hardware with new operating systems. They are most frequently used by technophiles that prefer the feel of old cyberdecks and smartlinks, but still want interoperability with the wireless Matrix.

14 🔲 ARES PREDATOR I (HEAVY PISTOL)



### ARES PREDATOR I (HEAVY PISTOL)

The Predator II was released in 2055 and ceased production within ten years. It featured a different appearance in comparison to its earlier and later brethren. It also had a reputation for being less sturdy than its predecessor. The weapon's major selling point was the integral smartlink and streamlined ergonomics to enhance its concealed-carry capabilities. The pistol has a trigger safety to minimize the chances of a misfire but lacks the room to use a smart safe system. Collectors regularly purchase these from dealers, as they are less common than the models preceding and succeeding them.

Std. Upgrades/Accessories: Smartlink, incompatible

#### **ARES PREDATOR II**

| DAMAGE | AP | MODE | RC | AMMO   | AVAIL | COST |
|--------|----|------|----|--------|-------|------|
| 5P     | -1 | SA   | -  | 15 (C) | 8R    | 550¥ |

### **SMARTLINK FIBER OPTIC CABLE**

#### 50 nuyen

This dedicated fiber-optic cable was regularly used by smartlink systems during the 2050s and '60s. While not frequently seen with the current level of wireless connectivity, they can be readily found by those who have a need for such equipment.

- These weapons are reliable enough, just not as tough as the I or III. They are about average for a heavy pistol.
- Fianchetto
- The smartlink is a problem. It requires a physical connection to work, and the firmware is so out of date you need to run a translation program on your 'link to process the signals correctly.
- DangerSensei
- What is the going price for a collector's piece? I think the Ancients next door will trade them for newer guns.
- Turbo Bunny
- If it is a serious collector, and the gun is still largely original, six to seven thousand. I doubt your local ganger's weapons will meet that standard, though.
- Cosmo

NITRO-GARBURIZED SLIDE

EXTENDED BARRE

CORROSION PROOF FIBER-REINFORGEO POLYMER FRAME REDUCTION BYSTEM

HECKLER & KOCH MK3

RELEASE LEVER

-PRODUCED IN 9MM,

# <u>HK MK31 (HEAVY PISTOL)</u>

The HK Mk31 was designed as the successor for the successful Mk23. The barrel is intended to accept a suppressor, and an accessory rail underneath the frame will accept a laser aiming module or smartlink. The Mk31 was the first pistol accepted for use by the CAS military that utilized the smartlink system to enhance operator efficiency. HK briefly offered a civilian version for enthusiasts but ceased production after only six years. These pistols are still sought after by collectors, although scarcity is driving up the price for pristine models.

**Std.Upgrades/Accessories:** Laser sight, sound suppressor, incompatible

#### **HK MK31**

| DAMAGE | AP | MODE | RC | AMMO   | AVAIL | COST |
|--------|----|------|----|--------|-------|------|
| 5P     | -1 | SA   | -  | 15 (C) | 8F    | 900¥ |

- HK only stopped producing them for military clients when they introduced the superior Urban Fighter. If you can afford it, go for the later model; while they have very similar ballistics, the sealed magazines are worth the cost.
- There are a number of second-rate mercenary units that still issue these to their scouts as a silenced option. While they have been refurbished a couple of times, I doubt their reliability is high with the heavy use.
- Black Mamba
- I actually like the higher magazine capacity of the Mk31. But then, I rarely use a suppressed weapon.
- Sticks
- Something to remain aware of is that the smartlink is a modification to the weapon. They do not come as a standard piece of equipment.
- Clockwork

ACCESSIONY RAIL ALLOWS FOR ATTACHMENT OF TACTICAL LIGHT OR LASER AIMING DEVICE

#### BERETTA 9

SMM OR .45 CALIBER

## BERETTA 97 (HEAVY PISTOL)

The Beretta 97 is a heavier-caliber development of the venerable Beretta 93. The 97 features a short-burst capability that is intended to provide limited suppression ability. The larger diameter ammunition is a rare choice for Beretta, as they have mainly opted for lighter rounds and excellent performance. The 97 was another EuroWars invention, but it has managed to be adopted by enough law enforcement agencies to remain in limited production. While most North American agencies have selected the Thunderbolt or an Ares offering, Europe has remained loyal to the local manufacturer.

#### **BERETTA 97**

| DAMAGE | AP | MODE   | RC | AMMO   | AVAIL | COST |
|--------|----|--------|----|--------|-------|------|
| 5P     | -  | SA/BF* | -  | 15 (C) | 7F    | 750¥ |

- A shipment of these have recently hit Puyallup. The gangers are shooting the drek out of each other with them. It would be amusing if the innocent casualties weren't so high.
- Butch
- It must be good for business, though. How much have you made off the organ harvesting?
- Anyway, back on topic—there have been a lot of people in Europe with Italian accents carrying these lately. Has the production rate increased, or has someone dropped their stockpile on the market?

• Fianchetto

- Mmmm, Mmmm Good. Horizon is Good for the Soul <sup>(2)</sup>
- 0
- I am going to kill someone.
- FastJack

INTERNAL STRIKER

CALIBER 12-ROUND MAD

POLYMER FRAME

DOLIBLE ACTION / SINGLE ACTION TRIGGER

### Hot John A Kar

### WALTHER P109 (HEAVY PISTOL)

The Walther P109 is a large-bore semi-automatic pistol, originally derived from the burst-capable P108. The design features an earlymodel gas-vent system that enables an operator to fully manage recoil. The resulting barrel extension marginally increases the muzzle velocity of the round, allowing for a slightly flatter trajectory. While this is not enough to increase the effective range of the weapon, it makes some aiming calculations easier. The weapon was introduced to the North American market in 2018 and ceased production ten years later. They have proven popular with some Chinese knockoff manufacturers, but there has not been a regular supply for nearly thirty years. The P109 is not particularly sought after by collectors, but copies have been known to go for a couple of thousand nuyen on occasion.

Std. Upgrades/Accessories: Vintage

#### WALTHER P109

| DAMAGE       | AP        | MODE            | RC           | AMMO      | AVAIL | COST |
|--------------|-----------|-----------------|--------------|-----------|-------|------|
| 5P           | -1        | SA              | 1            | 12 (C)    | 4R    | 500¥ |
| *The P109 is | not capal | ole of acceptin | ng barrel at | tachments |       |      |

- The recoil compensation is nice when you're double-tapping targets, but most of the people buying these old weapons aren't trained well enough of take advantage of it.
- Sticks
- I knew a guy that used one of these all the time. Between his wired reflexes and the gas-vent, he could drop an entire clip of aimed shots in under ten seconds. It worked wonders—until he ran into a Lone Star patrol that didn't like being shot at.
- Snopes
- In that case he lacked the training to identify a no-win situation and run.
- Sticks
- Far too typical for the wannabes. ShadowSea is full of them, and they seem to be bleeding over.
- FastJack



### RUGER BLOODHAWK (HEAVY PISTOL)

The Bloodhawk is Ruger's latest attempt to gain market share by selling to the larger metahuman races. The Bloodhawk has a high-tensile steel frame with iron and composite reinforcements. While these do not materially increase the strength of the weapon, they do allow for a large individual to effectively use it as an improvised weapon. Smaller metahumans, such as elves and dwarves, will have some difficulty using the revolver, as the dimensions require a two-handed grip to manage the weight.

**Std. Upgrades/Accessories:** Metahuman Customization, Laser Sight

#### RUGER BLOODHAWK

| DAMAGE | AP | MODE | RC | AMMO   | AVAIL | COST |
|--------|----|------|----|--------|-------|------|
| 5P     | -1 | SS   | _  | 6 (CY) | 3R    | 600¥ |

- This thing is a beast. I tried to fire one the other week and the muzzle drop was so extreme that I was happy to hit the target at all. This is definitely not made for those with a slight build.
- And why were you playing with such a large gun, Turbo?
- Kat o' Nine Tales
- Let's just say it matches other guns he has. Besides, you introduced him.
- Now we've learned way too much. The Bloodhawk is too expensive for a heavy revolver. While the ergonomics are nice, there are cheaper options available.

Sticks



### COLT M1991 (HEAVY PISTOL)

The Colt M1991 is a design derived from the ancient M1911 pistol that was favored by American men for over a century. The M1991 largely resembles its predecessor but has slightly improved ergonomics. The weapon was largely a collectors' piece when it was manufactured, but it was used by some of the early mercenary units employed in the EuroWars. A legitimate manufacturer has not been making this thing for fifty years. Collectors typically purchase the original version of this handgun for roughly three to four times their street value.

Std. Upgrades/Accessories: Vintage

#### **COLT M1991**

| DAMAGE | AP | MODE | RC | AMMO  | AVAIL | COST |
|--------|----|------|----|-------|-------|------|
| 5P     | -1 | SA   | -  | 7 (C) | ЗR    | 300¥ |

- Legitimate manufacturers might not be making these anymore, but street shops can pop them out in nothing flat. While it won't accept modern add-ons easily, if you need a cheap pistol and need it fast, you can do worse.
- Am-Mut
- If it won't accept customization, why bother? It's just a piece of steel with a minimal magazine capacity.
- ●Aufheben
- Where to start? A street shop won't fill it with RFID tags; since it is just steel and some composites, any decent shop can produce it; and it uses standard ammunition. In short, it's the perfect throwaway.
- What about the lack of electronics? A smartlink can be a lifesaver.
- Aufheben
- Sometimes the skill of the person is enough to get the job done. You don't have to rely on machines. The M1991 is the definition of a classic bang-bang.

30-ROUND MAGAZINE

LASER SIGHT ACTIVATOR

1-4A1 CARBINE

### M-4A1 CARBINE (SUBMACHINE GUN)

The classic carbine of the former American military, the M-4A1 was produced by nearly a dozen manufacturers in the first decade of the century. There have been different models and modifications with each manufacturer, but most of the surviving models feature modular rails for the attachment of various sight and ergonomic aids. There was a small scandal when Ares received the UCAS's remaining stock as credit for the purchase of the M-22 assault rifle. According to the report, the weapons were then sold to dealers in Salish-Shidhe nation and were subsequently smuggled into Seattle to arm terrorist cells.

Std. Upgrades/Accessories: Vintage, folding stock

#### M-4A1 CARBINE

IDJUSTABLE STOC

| DAMAGE                   | AP | MODE          | RC     | AMMO   | AVAIL | COST   |  |  |
|--------------------------|----|---------------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--|--|
| 6P                       | -  | SA/BF         | 1      | 30 (C) | 5R    | 625¥   |  |  |
| WITH POWERED SLIDE MOUNT |    |               |        |        |       |        |  |  |
| -                        | -  | -             | -      | -      | -     | 3,850¥ |  |  |
| *Tho M 4 11              |    | It rifle amou | nition |        |       |        |  |  |

\*The M-4A1 uses assault rifle ammunition

- Terrorist cells? These things were snapped up by nearly every fixer and runner in the city. They are still turning up with dealers twenty years later. They're good for business.
- Butch
- According to the corporations, shadowrunners are terrorists. After all, runners survive by destroying their facilities, stealing intellectual property, and encouraging otherwise productive members of society to join the "revolution."
- Dr. Spin
- The M-4A1 was largely replaced by the M-22 in UCAS service, and S-K managed to trade in the models sold to the Middle East nations, so where is the recent supply coming from?
- o 2XL
- There is a manufacturer in Mother Russia putting together new copies. They use the original gas tube system, rather than the improved piston system. They are not pretty or reliable, but if you are desperate enough, they send bullets in the right direction.
- Red Anya



This is the predecessor of the MP-5TX and the HK-227X we see on the streets today. The SD version of this weapon has a sonic suppressor and was a favorite of police and Special Forces teams across the globe. The weapon featured precision manufacturing and enjoyed a fifty-year production run. MP5s were used by combatants on both sides of the EuroWars and enjoyed a reputation for accuracy and dependability. The primary reason the world's militaries and police stopped procuring the weapon was cost, rather than effectiveness.

Std. Upgrades/Accessories: Folding stock, sound suppressor (fixed), vintage

#### **HK MP-5SD**

| DAMAGE      | AP     | MODE            | RC         | AMMO   | AVAIL | COST |
|-------------|--------|-----------------|------------|--------|-------|------|
| 5P          | -      | SA/BF/FA        | 1 (2)      | 30 (C) | 5F    | 900¥ |
| *The MP-5SD | cannot | accept barrel m | odificatio | ns.    |       |      |

### **RED DOT SIGHT**

VINTAGE ELECTRONIC SIGHTING AID Mount: Top

Avail: 3 Cost: 200

The red dot sight is a precursor to the modern smartlink system. It was frequently added to military rifles at the beginning of the century, but was supplanted by modern aiming aids as technology progressed. The sight provides a +1 dice pool modifier.

- Have you seen what they are going for on the collector's market? If you can locate one of the SEAL modified versions, you can make nearly twelve grand in a single auction.
- Slamm-0!
- Considering how few of that model still exist, good luck with that. The SEALs were used by both sides when the United States split, and even with all the training, not many made it through the crisis.
- Picador
- The weapon itself is not as good as its reputation, at least not anymore. The years have not been kind to those copies still in regular use. I have seen a gang near Bogotá use them, but the suppressors are clearly shot. Plus, ammo isn't easy to come by-they only had three magazines between the two weapons.
- Hard Exit
- Any chance of finding a decent knockoff? The weapon seems pretty good for the price.
- Sticks
- You might. I saw a weapon that looked like it in the market last week. The quality is probably suspect, but they show up in Puyallup on a semi-regular basis.
- Sounder

22 🔲 HK MP-5SD (SUBMACHINE GUN)



# <u>HK MP-7 (SUBMACHINE GUN)</u>

The MP-7 was originally developed as a personal defense weapon to meet the perceived need of rear-area service troops and other soldiers that should not need a true assault rifle to perform their duties. The weapon was designed to utilize a new round that would penetrate light body armor and still cause sufficient damage to incapacitate an assailant. The weapon was largely adopted by police and anti-terrorist agencies. The EuroWars resurrected the design to fill the demand for a lightweight weapon for the new mercenary units forming to stop the second wave of invasions. Production finally ceased April 14, 2043, when the factory was destroyed by industrial espionage. Collectors frequently search for this weapon, but other than the limitedproduction semi-automatic-only models; they rarely reach auction as the organizations that bought them tend to use them until they are non-functional.

Std. Upgrades/Accessories: Folding stock, foregrip, vintage

#### **HK MP-7**

| DAMAGE | AP | MODE     | RC  | AMMO      | AVAIL | COST   |
|--------|----|----------|-----|-----------|-------|--------|
| 5P     | -1 | SA/BF/FA | (2) | 20/30 (C) | 9R    | 1,450¥ |

- There are a few of these floating around with the Amazonian second-line troops. The combination of size and weight makes them popular with the folks that carry supplies for the strike elements.
- Hard Exit
- Looking at a bunch of the historical pix, there were a number of different sight options. Has anyone tried to attach a smartlink to one of these?
- Sticks
- They have one of the early rail attachment systems. You could do some custom attachment brackets to make it mate the link, but I'm not sure how it would hold up to rough use.
- Beaker
- One of the problems you'll have is that the ammunition is nearly out of circulation. None of the smartlink producers have it as a preset in the software. You could make it match, but depending on conditions and the bench software you're using, it will take a bunch of ammo.
- Black Mamba

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### MILITARY ARMAMENT CORPORATION

### MAC-10 (SUBMACHINE GUN)

The predecessor to the infamous "Street Samurai Sidekick," the MAC-10 is a simple submachine gun that can be manufactured in nearly any well-equipped machine shop. The weapon was a favorite in the ancient films of the late 1900s and was heavily exported to South and Central America. Knockoff manufacturers continue to produce occasional runs of the weapon, and street-level sellers sometimes try to convince gangs that it is an early copy of the more advanced Smartgun X. The MAC-10 is regularly sold with a suppressor, or in the case of counterfeits, an extension made to resemble one. A genuine MAC-10, one that was manufactured roughly a hundred years ago, will fetch ten times its street cost.

Std. Upgrades/Accessories: Sound suppressor, vintage

#### **MAC-10**

| DAMAGE | AP | MODE  | RC | AMMO   | AVAIL | COST |
|--------|----|-------|----|--------|-------|------|
| 5P     | -  | BF/FA | -  | 30 (C) | 4R    | 550¥ |

- A shipment of knockoffs hit the black market in Seattle last week. It looks like the First Nations managed to land most of them for initiation trials. If they weren't so poorly manufactured the Ancients would be worried.
- The delivery was easy and the pay was good. If it helps Butch get some additional business, all the better.
- Sounder
- Don't you have a problem arming children? Adding to the street violence doesn't improve life for anyone.
- Netcat
- This is about business, not morality. Check your outrage at the door or you will be checked out of life by someone who has.
- Clockwork

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### COLT / ARMALITE M16

# M-16 (ASSAULT RIFLE)

D-ROUND MAGAZINE

This is the classic of classics in the realm of modern assault rifles. The M-16 was originally constructed with polymer hardware and lightweight alloys, which failed under some combat conditions. It became the predominant assault rifle for the Western world back before the corporations began to take over everything. The rifle was made in several different models by a multitude of manufacturers for nearly seventy years. The current M-22 and M-23 can trace their lineage and ergonomic designs to this rifle. The popularity of this weapon remains high, with large numbers remaining in the hands of collectors and street gangs today. While no longer manufactured, this weapon sells at a brisk pace in auctions and black markets across the globe.

Std. Upgrade/Accessories: Vintage

#### **M-16 FAMILY**

| DAMAGE | AP | MODE     | RC | AMMO   | AVAIL | COST |
|--------|----|----------|----|--------|-------|------|
| 6P     | -1 | SA/BF/FA | -  | 30 (C) | 4R    | 700¥ |

- You can still find these being used in the African desert and other remote locations across the globe. It, and its contemporary the AK-47, are still favored by those who cannot afford better.
- Blank Mamba
- The bolt from an M-16 will still fit some models of the M-22. While it's not the easiest field repair, you can do worse.
- Turbo Bunny
- Unless you find one of the models in a different caliber. You shouldn't go changing parts unless you know what you are doing. Just because it looks the same and fits doesn't mean it'll work. It could explode on you.
- Beaker
- I guess it's a good thing it was somebody else's gun.
- Turbo Bunny
- Another thing to remember with this rifle is not all versions are capable of full auto, or even burst fire. A number of models are semi-auto only, and the later military models are limited to three-round bursts.
- Picador



### <u>AK-112 (ASSAULT RIFLE)</u>

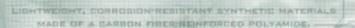
One of the later versions of the AK series, the AK-112 was developed from the AK-100 series. While the majority of its siblings were intended for export, the 112 was created to use captured and locally manufactured ammunition stocks during the retreat phase of Russia's invasion of Europe. The rifle has largely been replaced by the AK-97 and 98 in Russian service, but the older AK-112 and AN-94 are still stored in government facilities across the country. The weapon was commonly found in garrison units assigned to Poland.

Std. Upgrades/Accessories: Imaging sight (magnification), vintage

#### **AK-112**

| DAMAGE | AP | MODE  | RC | AMMO   | AVAIL | COST |
|--------|----|-------|----|--------|-------|------|
| 6P     | -1 | SA/BF | 1  | 30 (C) | 6R    | 800¥ |

- I have several stored in a cache in Berlin. If you want to buy in bulk, let me know; I will arrange shipping.
- Why use this model? The AK-97 is cheaper and performs just as well in a firefight.
- Slamm-0!
- The best reason is compatibility and training. If you're working with indigenous troops that are accustomed to the AK-series weapons, but your team uses UCAS-standard munitions, this lets you simplify your supply chain. It uses the same round as the M-22 and 23. It is also built to a slightly better standard than the really old AKs that seem to circulate in the back country.
- Picador
- Logistics aren't that important to most people who work the streets, but the ability to freely switch rounds and magazines when things get hot is essential to soldiers and smart runners.
- Black Mamba
- That eliminates most of them.
- Glitch
   Gl



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## <u>HK G-36 (ASSAULT RIFLE)</u>

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The G-36 was originally developed as a more economical alternative to the G-11 series of assault rifles. The G-36 utilizes conventional cased cartridges that matched preexisting stockpiles. The weapon was selected by several small nations across the world before the EuroWars erupted. The weapon performed well in the ensuing war, but the G-11 gained a legendary reputation. The G-36 is still in the HK catalog, although no production runs have been reported for nearly a decade. A sport model with a longer barrel is still manufactured in limited quantities for customers in CAS.

Std. Upgrades/Accessories: Folding stock, vintage

#### HK G-36

| DAMAGE | AP | MODE  | RC    | AMMO   | AVAIL | COST |
|--------|----|-------|-------|--------|-------|------|
| 6P     | -1 | SA/BF | 1 (2) | 32 (C) | 5R    | 850¥ |

- It's a good rifle, although the restriction to cased ammunition limits its use in freelance wetwork.
- Riser
- The ergonomics are decent, and the composite body ensures that the weight is reasonable. Does anyone know what happened to the copies Latvia bought before the Russians rolled through? I heard they never made it to the customer.
- Glitch
   Glitch
   Glitch
   State
   Stat
- I have an idea or two-you in the market? If so, I have sources. Bulk purchases only.
- Red Anya
- Does this come with any optics as standard? I always seem to see them with a scope of some kind.
- Snopes
- They are not standard issue, but it's a common user-specified addition. The iron sights are adequate to about 400 meters.
- Black Mamba



# JIANSHI QBZ-14 (ASSAULT RIFLE)

The QBZ-14 has been in sporadic production for nearly sixty years. Originally procured for the Chinese Communist regime, the QBZ-14 was manufactured in several different factories across the former nation. The dual-feed magazine was a revolutionary addition when the rifle first debuted; critics, however, claimed the ergonomics were not conducive to prolonged firing. The rifle was designed to use various advanced optics selected by the user or their organization.

Std. Upgrades/Accessories: Additional clip, powered slide mount

#### JIANSHI QBZ-14

| DAMAGE | AP | MODE  | RC | AMM0       | AVAIL | COST   |
|--------|----|-------|----|------------|-------|--------|
| 6P     | -1 | SA/BF | 1  | 2 X 25 (C) | 9R    | 4,625¥ |

- The QBZ-14 was never considered top of the line—it was more of a working prototype for the later QBZ-21. The dual-magazine system was dropped in the next weapon they developed.
- Red Anya
- If it was only a developmental weapon, why was it introduced into their military as a service weapon?
- When you have that many personnel to arm, you choose a simpler design for the second-line troops. The country broke up before either weapon was fully fielded, but mobile production facilities were built across the country.
- Am-Tut
- The ones that show up in the night market are poorly made, but some of the locals snap them up anyway. In my mind, the expanded ammo capability more than makes up for their tendency to jam.
- Mika



# JIANSHI QBZ-21 (ASSAULT RIFLE)

The Jianshi QBZ-21 is an improved QBZ-14 with a simplified magazine feed system and an underbarrel grenade launcher. While this was considered a step backwards technologically, it is far more reliable than its predecessor, and the flexibility of indirect fire from entire units made the procurement decision relatively easy for the Communist regime. The rifle was originally manufactured in Manchuria. It is unknown how far the design spread during the collapse.

**Std. Upgrades/Accessories:** Imaging scope (low-light, flare compensation)

#### JIANSHI QBZ-21

| DAMAGE  | AP      | MODE     | RC | AMMO   | AVAIL | COST   |
|---------|---------|----------|----|--------|-------|--------|
| 6P      | -1      | SA/BF/FA | -  | 25 (C) | 9F    | 1,850¥ |
| GRENADE | E LAUNC | HER      |    |        |       |        |
| -       | _       | SS       | -  | 1 (M)  | _     | -      |

- This rifle is seen a lot in the newly liberated Philippines; it appears that one of the developing warlords has a Cantonese supplier.
- Black Mamba
- Cantonese? Try again. The rifles are moving from a Vietnamese manufacturer through a Wuxing front to the islands. The only thing is, I can't find a cash trail from the buyer back to a broker or the manufacturer. It's almost like they are being supplied for free.
- Glitch
   Glitch
   Glitch
   State
   Stat
- Pretty close—the purchaser is paying with test subjects. Take a look at the human trade, and you'll see there has been a lot of bodies moved back through Singapore and parts north. You want to figure out how the merchandise is used, you need to look at the number of biochemical patents applied for recently.
- Keeping an eye on the competition?
- o 2XL
- Always. But if you play your cards right, they become part of your network to fulfill special orders.

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#### ONDTARI XFACTOR III

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### JNOTARI XFACTOR III (ASSAULT RIFLE)

This is a recent addition to arsenals of the world. The Xfactor III is actually the first version released for public sale, indicating that the first two models were prototypes. The weapon is reliable, provided that the magazine switch mechanism is cleaned regularly. User reports indicate that while it performs well in dusty conditions, there have been problems for operators that function in humid environments. The weapon is large and heavy, but it packs a lot of firepower into its frame. The shotgun addition is a standard feature, but Onotari accepts production orders that do not include it.

**Std. Upgrades/Accessories:** Additional clip, advanced safety, imaging scope (thermographic)

#### **ONOTARI XFACTOR III**

| DAMAGE  | AP       | MODE     | RC | AMMO       | AVAIL | COST   |
|---------|----------|----------|----|------------|-------|--------|
| 6P      | -1       | SA/BF/FA | -  | 2 X 30 (C) | 10F   | 2,100¥ |
| UNDERBA | ARREL SI | HOTGUN   |    |            |       |        |
| 7P      | -1       | SA       | _  | 5 (M)      | _     | _      |

- Operators have to be careful when shooting this weapon, since it will eject the last round in the chamber when switching to another magazine unless the first one is empty.
- Picador
- Why does that matter? Most weapons eject brass all the time.
- Beaker
- For starters, the Xfactor fires caseless ammunition, so ejecting rounds is rare. Then there is the fact that they put the ejection port right next to the shooter's head.
   Director
- Picador
- That's a design flaw. I hope they fix it with the IV, unless my opposition is using it.
  Hard Exit



### SIG SAUER 574 (BATTLE RIFLE)

Another EuroWar veteran, the SIG Sauer 574 was hurriedly placed into production to meet the demand for a battle rifle during those protracted conflicts. The weapon was designed for long-range engagements, and it was meant to have a small logistical footprint in comparison to fully automatic designs. The three-round burst selector limits the weapon's suppressive capability but ensures the sanity of the unit's quartermaster. Since the end of the EuroWars, the 574 has been adopted by some small mercenary units as its primary weapon.

Std. Upgrades/Accessories: Bipod, imaging scope (magnification)

#### SIG SAUER 574

| DAMAGE | AP | MODE  | RC   | AMMO   | AVAIL | COST   |
|--------|----|-------|------|--------|-------|--------|
| 7P     | -1 | SA/BF | 1(3) | 20 (C) | 9R    | 3,000¥ |

- This is a solid performer when you're setting up an ambush. The bipod and scope make it simple to use this as an improvised sniper system, and the large caliber reports sound just like a light machine gun, which can confuse people nearby.
- Black Mamba
- The weapon's ammunition is part of the problem with the battle rifle concept. It works great if you have a regular source to re-supply, but each round weighs almost twice as much as an assault rifle round.
- Picador
- Considering most of the people I work with rarely go through a second clip before all the guards are down, I can live with that. Runs are different from combat; you only have to plan for a couple minutes of excitement. After that, it's about how well you planned the exit strategy.
- Cosmo

### **BATTLE RIFLE**

#### (from *War!*, p. 154)

A battle rifle is an up-powered version of an assault rifle. It fires heavier caliber rounds than an assault rifle and offers better accuracy at longer ranges. It is heavier than an assault rifle, which helps compensate for the added recoil of the larger round. A battle rifle's role lies between that of an assault rifle and a sniper rifle. Battle rifles use sporting rifle ranges, and can take any modification or accessory available to assault rifles.

The Battle Rifle requires the Automatics skill to use effectively.



### ULTIMAX 150 (BATTLE RIFLE)

The Ultimax 150 is Renraku's latest foray into the military longarm market segment. The 150 contains a comprehensive electronic suite to enhance the soldier's ability on the battlefield and to ensure command elements are aware of each soldier's current status. The integrated commlink ensures communication, while the powered railmount system allows each soldier to swap optics as needed to meet the demands of the mission. A battle rifle platform offers increased lethality over assault rifles and a longer effective range for environments where rules of engagement allow its use.

**Std. Upgrades/Accessories:** Powered slide mount, integrated commlink (Renraku Type 78-B), safe target system, heavy barrel, advanced safety, bipod.

#### **ULTIMAX 150**

| DAMAGE | AP | MODE  | RC    | AMMO   | AVAIL | COST   |
|--------|----|-------|-------|--------|-------|--------|
| 7P     | -1 | SA/BF | 1 (3) | 24 (C) | 10F   | 9,600¥ |

### **RENRAKU TYPE 78-B INTEGRAL COMMLINK**

Renraku's current generation of integrated weapon commlink is a modified Renraku Sensei. The transmission range has been limited to reduce the probability of intercept by radio-finding equipment, and a fiber optic cable port has been added for those users who prefer the older, wired approach. The initially loaded operating system is Renraku's Ichi. Customers can request other operating system from the factory, but must modify the hardware on their own.

Response: 2 Signal: 2 Firewall: 2

The Type 78-B is an internal component that cannot function if it is removed from the rifle.

System: 2

- The commlink is not a good feature if your opponent has dedicated electronic warfare assets. A decent hacker will be inside of this link in under six seconds.
   Slamm-O!
- True, but Renraku already sells the Kyoto upgrade package for what is
  essentially the cost of the rifle, with one of the nastiest milspec firewalls and
  onboard IC. This is nasty stuff, chummers, and common with real merc units.
- Picador
- The heavy barrel makes the weapon far more controlled in burst fire than most assault rifles. While nice for runners that prefer less subtle options, it is critical for those professionals that use the burst feature to suppress opponents.
   Red Anya
- There is a facility in Redmond that has a pair of Crimson Samurai drones armed with these as perimeter security. While I haven't seen what they are guarding, I did see what they did to the troll that tried to blast his way past them.



### ARES CANADIAN SPORTSTER (SPORT RIFLE)

While it may surprise some readers, Ares Arms produces weapons with a sports bias as opposed to their normal tactical focus. The Canadian Sportser is available in a variety of non-military calibers and finishes, like most hunting rifles. The weapon's ergonomic design facilitates its use by civilians who are less accustomed to the rigors of proper marksmanship training. The weapon is normally outfitted with an optical sight and features an eight-round magazine to help the hunters who need more than one shot to down a target.

Std. Upgrades/Accessories: Imaging sight (magnification), foregrip

#### ARES CANADIAN SPORTSTER

| DAMAGE | AP | MODE | RC    | AMMO  | AVAIL | COST   |
|--------|----|------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| 6P     | -  | SA   | 1 (2) | 8 (C) | 3R    | 1,100¥ |

- Picador, why did you put this rifle in the download? It's a hunting rifle at best. Drek, the version you have pictured here is the small-caliber version. At least the big game version can substitute for a sniper rifle in a pinch.
- Riser
- I asked her to put it in. Runners who prefer larger holes tend to overlook weapons that can slip by casual observation. If you are working in a rural area, a non-military weapon can help your cover story and ensure you are adequately armed.
- DangerSensei
- It's still drek. I'll let you know when I decide to vacate civilization in favor of Hicksville.
- Sunshine
- Like you'd know a drek weapon when you see one.
- Black Mamba



### STEYR MINOTAUR ANTI-MATERIAL RIFLE (SNIPER RIFLE)

The latest competition to the Barrett Model 121, the Minotaur is designed with larger metahumans as the typical operators. The Minotaur is a heavy weapon, despite the designers' attempts to reduce weight. The weapon has a gas-vent and a bipod to ensure the weapon remains stable for follow-up shots. The manufacturer also sells models with integrated comms and smartlinks.

**Std. Upgrades/Accessories:** Advanced safety, bipod, imaging scope (thermographic, image link), metahuman customizations

#### **STEYR MINOTAUR ANTI-MATERIAL RIFLE**

| DAMAGE | AP | MODE | RC | AMMO   | AVAIL | COST    |
|--------|----|------|----|--------|-------|---------|
| 9P     | -3 | SS   | 2  | 14 (C) | 18F   | 12,000¥ |

- I have no idea why they spent so much time working on this rifle's recoil reduction. If it hits someone, there is no way they are staying on their feet, so follow-up shots aren't a big concern. Too bad it's too heavy for me to run with.
- Riser
- I know a troll adept named Gorgon who took a shot from one of these and didn't even slow down. The mess he made when he reached the shooter was definitely notable.
- Thorn
- I think I need to load up on FAS to even the odds.
- o Bull
- Don't be a hater.
- Mika



### OGRE HAMMER SWS (ASSAULT CANNON)

The ultimate expression of what the limits to man-portable weaponry are. The two-meter-long Ogre Hammer is an example of cutting-edge electronics coupled with large-caliber explosive rounds. The Ogre Hammer is heavy enough that those of slight build struggle to carry it. The rifle has a unique hydraulic recoil absorption system, which also functions as a stabilizer for the sight.

**Std. Upgrades/Accessories:** Advanced safety, integrated commlink (Ares Ultra Four), imaging scope (night vision, flare compensation, image link, magnification)

#### **OGRE HAMMER**

| DAMAGE | AP | MODE | RC | AMMO  | AVAIL | COST    |
|--------|----|------|----|-------|-------|---------|
| 10P    | -4 | SA   | 2  | 6 (C) | 20F   | 38,000¥ |

- This is a portable cannon. I saw a chase vehicle get destroyed by a single shell, and then it damaged the primary vehicle pretty badly before we got the client away.
- Mihoshi Oni
- That sounds like a recent hit near Naples. I would stay away from witness
  protection details for a while. The Mafia is getting more aggressive in the
  campaign to eliminate their leaks.
- Fianchetto
- I've yet to see a unit field these as a man-portable weapon. However there is a unit in Mojave Desert Wars using them as a coaxial weapon for their Stonewalls.
- Black Mamba

### ARES ULTRA FOUR INTEGRATED COMMLINK

The Ares Ultra Four is a milspec commlink with an advanced Microdeck custom operating system. The commlink is designed to function as the control node for the soldier's PAN. Organizations typically install tacsoft and Command programs to enhance the shooter's situational awareness.

Response: 6 Signal: 6 Firewall: 6

l: 6 System: 6

The Ares Ultra Four is an internal component that cannot function if it is removed from the rifle  $\mbox{MER}$  SWS (ASSAULT CANNO