

Datasphere Oddities

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The following oddities are intended to be useful in stories centering on the Datasphere and other information technologies. Since they relate to computers, electronics, mathematics, weather and surveillance satellites, information gathering, data storage, and other things Datasphere related they tend to be a bit on the useful side. As such, GMs may wish to hand these out sparingly, and charge extra for them if purchased.

- 1 Cube that stores and replays your worst memory.
- 2 Ceramic compass that directs you to the nearest Datasphere related Numenera.
- 3 Goggles that allow you to see into an augmented reality- another world laid on top of our own.
- 4 Rune covered monocle that allows you to see radio transmissions.
- 5 Pair of gloves that make your hand motions understandable to machines (go, stop, etc.).
- 6 Golden headband that makes you invisible to small robots.
- 7 Palm-sized disk that protects your possessions from computer viruses while you hold it.
- 8 Universal display screen that connects wirelessly to any electronic device.
- 9 Mask that makes you anonymous to machines you interact with.
- 10 Pocket-sized device that projects a holographic face. It speaks to you in an unknown language.
- 11 Glowing green triangle that can instantly slice through electrical cabling.
- 12 Glowing orange rectangle that can instantly graft electrical cabling together.
- 13 Smooth glass-like rock that stores and plays back any music you dream about.
- 14 Earpiece that allows you to understand technobabble said by those more skilled in Numenera.
- 15 Vial full of a glittering liquid that, when poured upon a computer, deletes most of its data.
- 16 Strip of shiny tape that enhances the autonomy of any robot it's adhered to.
- 17 Rod that turns into any simple tool you imagine.
- 18 Chain bracelet that chimes if someone around you thinks about touching your Numenera items.
- 19 Small box that, when connected to a cyborg, forces them to behave with more regard for others.
- 20 Rectangular plate that displays the answer to nearly any math problem you ask it.
- 21 One meter of writhing black cabling that will connect any two devices together, burrowing into their circuitry and allowing them to communicate.
- 22 Shoulder mounted laser that verbally tells you the native language of any person you shine it on.
- 23 Bronze colored sphere that causes you to constantly think about attaching it to computers.
- 24 Metal spiral that, when placed inside of a machine, causes it to act with self preservation in mind.

- 25 Marble sized sphere that, when placed in the mouth, allows you to see the visual output of nearby electronic devices in your mind.
- 26 Button that, when pressed, causes nearby computer systems to be able to feel pain.
- 27 Cylindrical electrical power source that feeds on nearby life (-1 Might point per hour).
- 28 Rounded container that etches a symbol into any object placed inside, allowing computers to wirelessly control that object from now on.
- 29 Metal sphere that appears to be magnetically attracted to large sources of information.
- 30 Nose plugs that cause you to smell any corrupted data in a computer system.
- 31 Container of bright orange paint that protects an electrical object covered in it from being controlled by Datasphere entities.
- 32 Shard of glowing, tangible data left over from a Ghost Storm attack (see page 8).
- 33 Handheld tool that detects the presence of computer viruses in a device.
- 34 Device which fires a narrow beam that disassembles small machines.
- 35 Contact lens that allows you to see through the eye of a nearby robot.
- 36 Silver necklace that gets hot when near hostile machines.
- 37 Shoulder pads that draw and absorb electricity. Provides Armor 3 against electrical damage.
- 38 Metallic emblem that floats around your head in a circle. For some reason it makes you feel safe from hostile Datasphere entities, but whether it actually protects you or not is unknown.
- 39 Glass tube filled with an oil that protects cybernetic parts from corrosion and wear.
- 40 Floating sphere that follows you around, displaying tidbits of random information from the surrounding Datasphere on a small screen.
- 41 Animal skull that inhibits the Datasphere in its immediate area.
- 42 Thin, transparent card that is capable of storing information when inserted into most computers. The data lasts for twenty eight hours.
- 43 Metal nodule that encrypts your thoughts against mind reading, but causes nose bleeds.
- 44 Holographic pet that eats data to survive.
- 45 Unpowered head of an android.
- 46 Set of black dice that always adds up to prime numbers.
- 47 Metal loop that constricts in the presence of computers.
- 48 Tinted window that reveals the inner components of machines when they're viewed through it.
- 49 Long black glove that protects you from electrocution by the things you touch.
- 50 Helmet that allows you to hear the "thoughts" of all of the robots around you, but that causes you to think overly literally and logically.
- 51 Shiny red cube that grows in size whenever it hears information.
- 52 Metal and synth ring that allows you to control the volume of audio producing devices.
- 53 Ceramic container with 20 pills in it. Taking one makes you able to sense the presence of large sources of information near you, such as computer databases and libraries. Lasts for one hour.
- 54 Eye patch that causes you to focus all of your attention on whatever electronic device is nearest to you, ignoring everything else in the world.
- 55 Chunk of metal inscribed with a symbol that causes robots who see it to flee in terror.
- 56 Container of liquid metal that sucks up all electricity in the immediate area.
- 57 Floating ceramic eyeball that flies around the room looking at people.
- 58 Shard of crystal that vibrates when you think about your past.
- 59 Goggles that show glowing lines connecting many of the stars when you view the night sky.
- 60 Trapezoidal display that records and plays back any artistic thoughts you have while holding it.
- 61 Stone cube that keeps electronics in the immediate area cool.
- 62 Hexagonal patterned net that isolates a device from the Datasphere when draped upon it.
- 63 Oblong device that glows and hisses when lies are whispered into it.

- 64 Grid patterned cloak that causes the wearer to become invisible to Datasphere satellites, and those who scry through them.
- 65 Adapter socket for connecting a computer to a crystal harvested from a seskii.
- 66 Robotic left arm, suitable for replacing a missing one on an adult human.
- 67 Eye mask that flashes lights at your eyes, reprogramming your personality slightly.
- 68 Fist sized spider that weaves webs between large electronics, allowing them to communicate.
- 69 Wristband that projects a holographic knife that can only damage computer systems.
- 70 Crystal at the end of a chain, which points in the direction of a Dead God when held aloft.
- 71 Button encrusted rod that causes random images from the Datasphere to appear in the air.
- 72 Amulet that causes your hands to glow when you touch machinery.
- 73 Robotic salamander that perches on your shoulder and bites anyone who comes near you.
- 74 Glasses with rectangular lenses that change color depending on the "health" of computer systems you view through them. Turn black if you look at the sky.
- 75 Floating pyramid that beeps on the hour.
- 76 Musical keyboard that can record and playback songs made on it.
- 77 Metal orb that can be affixed to the end of a staff - tugs you in the direction of large power sources.
- 78 Length of cable that, when connected to a machine, serves to make it more efficient.
- 79 Jar full of robotic insects that, if released, swarm onto any intelligent machine in the area.
- 80 Mask at the end of a stick, which speaks your innermost fears if placed in front of your face.
- 81 Pack that can carry five times its apparent volume in metal tools.
- 82 Cylinder that projects a set of holographic schematics for building a massive robotic dragon.
- 83 Smoking pipe that allows you to burn and inhale the ground remnants of a data storage device to gain a mental summary of its former contents.
- 84 Metal cowl that lets you sense who in the immediate area is the most intelligent.
- 85 Spray canister, the contents of which allow you to see fingerprints on keypads and computer consoles, no matter how old the print is.
- 86 Adapter that allows you to power a machine by grafting it onto a tree.
- 87 Long tubular device that can receive and broadcast radio signals. Sometimes picks up interesting transmissions from someone named Vaux the Jack.
- 88 Beautiful necklace encrusted with green jewels, each of which causes you to experience a different horrific vision of an apocalyptic war when you touch it.
- 89 Half of a broken crystal sphere, which hums and shakes just before rain storms.
- 90 Bulky shoulder pad that causes everyone around you to think your name is Jack when you wear it.
- 91 Pod on a stand that, when set up and activated, causes all dust in the area to instantly disappear.
- 92 Metal necklace that allows you to sense whether a nearby computer system is in need of maintenance.
- 93 Book made of thin glass plates, which fills itself with illustrated fables you heard in your childhood when you hold it.
- 94 White robes which when worn cause robots and androids you encounter to bow before you, so long as you walk slowly. Causes humans to despise you.
- 95 Red crystal that glows brightly in the presence of mechanical traps.
- 96 Long yellow rod that, when placed on the ground, causes sentient beings in the area to beware of nearby danger.
- 97 Belt made of chunky blocks of synth that allows you to easily stay up all night.
- 98 Long metal glove that allows it and your forearm to pass right through the casing on machinery, so that you can manipulate the components inside without opening it.
- 99 Small robotic creature that transforms into the shape of whatever animal you place it near.
- 100 Mask for your mouth that allows you to speak in a machine language most robots can understand.