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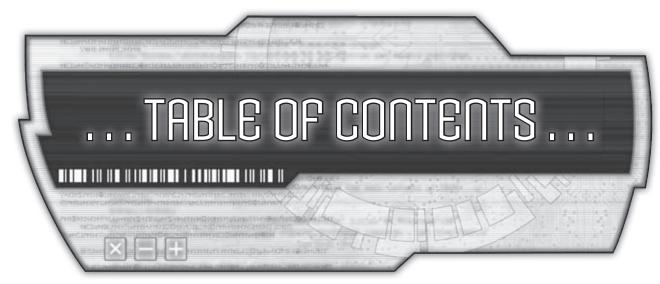


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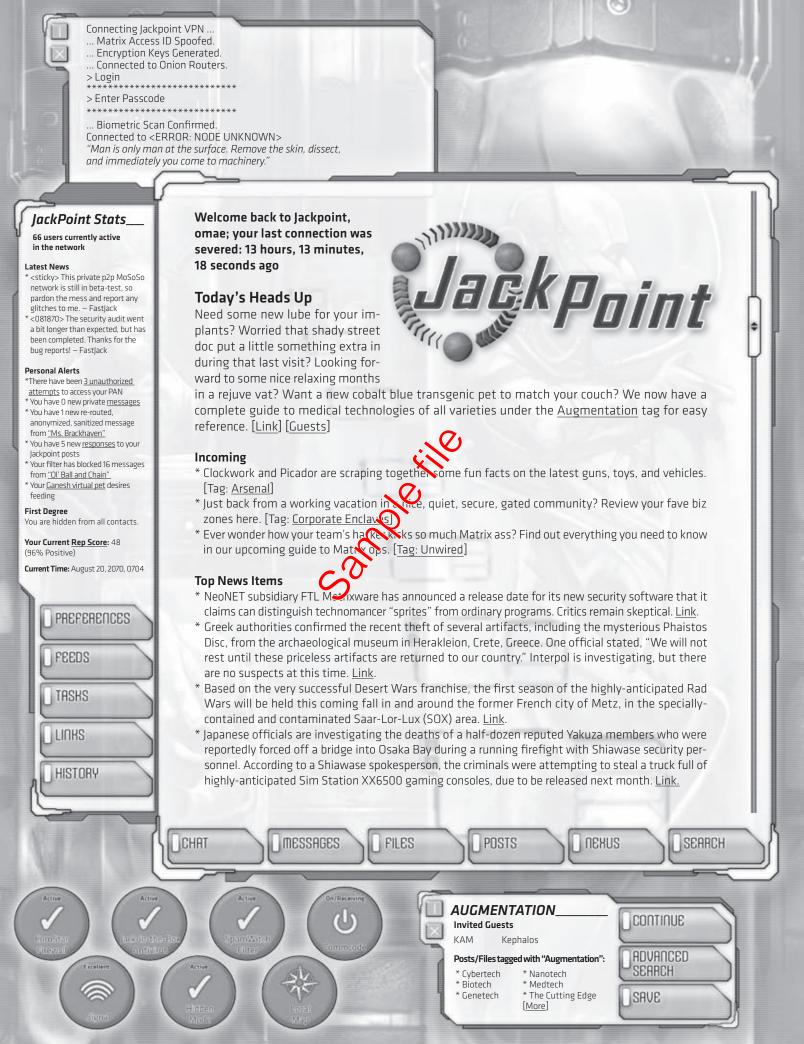
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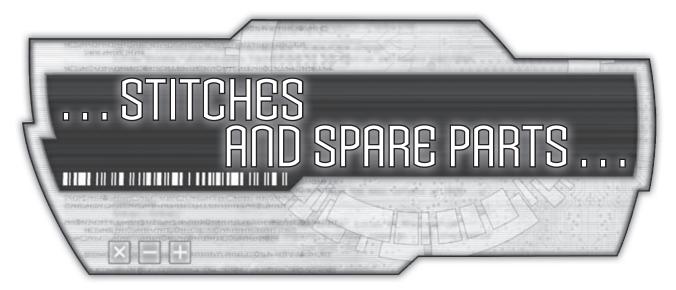


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Two things you learn fast in this business—the quickest way to guarantee you'll get a call is to light up a butt or grab some stuffers, and the worse the weather, the more calls you're gonna get.

I was eating and Gonzo was having a smoke, so of course we got two calls. Two clients, same place. The AR showed location, best route, ETA, and all the vitals the DocWagon bracelets could grab. Didn't look good—Lone Star chatter hinted at a firefight at an Aztechnology facility. Dangerous, sure. But that's why the initials on our jackets said HTR-CHAINThreat Response.

We didn't run sirens—it wouldn't have done any good—but we made good time despite the heavy rain. The drill was to grab 'em, stuff 'em in the copon, and get the hell out before things started shooting at us. Treatment came later, since in the rig were better than the field kits anyway.

This one was bad, I could tell right away. Moked like a miniature warzone, with bodies strewn all around—sec guards and shadowrunners betepped out near a troll body riddled with bullets, his face blown out, rain spattering his read Beyond, a guard missing the left side of his head was draped grotesquely over a parked car. From far off, sirens meant the imminent arrival of either the Star or more corpsec—bad news either way. My commlink homed in on our two clients and I quickly relayed the information to Gonzo's AR. "Get her!" I barked, pointing at a moaning female ork curled into a fetal position near the outside of the fence, her leg a twitching mass of blood and sparking wire. "Leave the dwarf. Nothing we can do."

"What that fuck?" he protested. "He's right *there!*" He gestured madly at the huddled form of our second client, just on the other side of the fence. Above him, the jaguar-head Aztechnology logo gleamed in the driving rain.

"Get your ass over here *now* and help me! You forget your training already? Extraterritoriality. We can't go in there and you know it!"

For a split-second Gonzo hesitated, just idealistic enough that he still thought we could buck the system to save a life. We could have saved the guy, too—we both knew it. But extraterritoriality is a harsh master, and anybody who flouts it gets hung out to dry. Way of the world, *omae*. Hell, even our ork client was going to have to deal with it—the Azzies knew we had her, and they'd be filing extradition papers within an hour.

"Fuck!" Gonzo yelled in frustration, then pelted over and joined me at the ork's side. We hustled her onto the stretcher and into the back of the wagon.

"Get this thing turned around," I ordered. "I'll be there in a minute." Without waiting for an answer, I glanced toward the approaching sec-team and then hurried over to another body slumped nearby. A few deft cuts and I was done. Hey, he wasn't a client, he was dead anyway, and you can't let 'ware like that go to waste—not on what they're paying us. I ducked low and headed back to the rig at a run.

