THE GREATER TRIANGLE OF NORTH CAROLINA



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TRANSMISSION

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TECHNOLOGY

In the late 1900's, corporations took advantage of low taxation and many hundred acres of available land in the mid-eastern region of North Carolina to create Research Triangle Park. The goal of the development was to create an aesthetically attractive area in which large companies could perform their R&D with physical and political privacy. Though the original tenants were diverse, large pharmaceutical firms eventually dominated the region pushing out all commerce that did not support their functioning. These firms still stand, though most have branched out into related fields such as genetic engineering and mega-agriculture. The ever-looming influence of the Bible Belt plus good old Southern tradition prevented 'artificial' life technologies such as cybernetics or electronic subdermal implants from taking root in favor of more 'natural' or 'organic' methods. Attaching a bionic arm may be a social faux pas, but regrowing one using 'all-natural' and 'locally produced' pharmaceuticals (actually synthesized from various non-native plant and animal species raised in a lab or greenhouse) seems perfectly fine around these parts. In fact, it's quite amazing what folks will accept as "natural" sometimes.

ENVIRONMENT

Residents of the Triangle take great pride in what they call their 'pristine wildernesses.' Most of the time these supposed 'preservations' are in fact built around megacorp headquarters or universities, both as a display of influence and a buffer against spies, protesters and the government. Stray too far and you will soon end up in what's now simply called the Interior – the former cities of Raleigh, Durham, Cary, Morrisville, Carrboro and Chapel Hill. This sprawling mass of haphazard urban planning houses most of the middle and lower class populations and service industries. While not terribly dirty, the Interior is vastly overcrowded and unpleasant to view since much of the original natural beauty was transplanted for 'protection.'

SOCIETY

The relative affluence of the Triangle during the difficult economic times of the early 21st century attracted a wide variety of emigrants from across wildly different cultures and backgrounds. Unfortunately, some of these cultures did not mesh well together and racial tensions reignited, further aggravated by a new structure of ethnic social stratification. Well-educated immigrants from East Asia – particularly Chinese and Indian – took the lion's share of the high-paying technical pharmaceutical work. The "native" population, most of which had some combination of Caucasian, African and Hispanic heritage, failed to catch up to the rapidly progressing technology and were largely relegated to unskilled labor. Reaction to the Asian immigration influx created 'purist' groups among each of the various "native" ethnicities. The purist groups tend to be small due to the difficulty of proving single-ethnic heritage but the few that exist can be vicious.

CONNECTIONS

Muralikrishna Upasani A high-level research scientist at Nimbus Pharmaceuticals. COAX **Snarky** DETECT Detail-Oriented **Steady FIGHT** :0 HACK Move 80 **O**PERATE Objects: medkit, SkyRabbit, specs **Prowl** Favors: deal, ride shark **S**HOOT **TREAT** Michele Pennington Former Navy Seal turned stay-at-home mom... supposedly. COAX **Tenacious** DETECT **Protective FIGHT Saucy** HACK :0 Move 80 **OPERATE** Objects: stealthsuit, stinger, baton **PROWL** Favors: fix (guns, weapons), fence **S**ноот **TREAT Shan Chen** Professional Escort - in every sense of both words. COAX **Smooth** DETECT **Alluring FIGHT Professional** HACK :0 MOVE 80 **O**PERATE Objects: ARX-21, reflex stimulators, switchblade motorcycle **PROWL** Favors: date, ride **S**ноот **TREAT**

Muralikrishna Upasani's Leads

1d6	Un-connected	Connected
1	Shan Chen (connection)	Sandra San Jacinto (connection)
2	Sex Scandal (event)	Pharmaceutical Recall (event)
3	VistaBank (faction)	P.G. Cardinal Pharma (faction)
4	Moore Square (location)	Silver Finch Winery (location)
5	The Number (object)	Black Glove Orchid (object)
6	Intoxicated Revelers (threat)	T-Killers (threat)

Michele Pennington's Leads

1d6	Un-connected	Connected
1	Rev. RubyAnn Rhodeen (connection)	"Demon" Stevie Jones (connection)
2	Poor Harvest (event)	A House Divided (event)
3	Triangle Chamber (faction)	CaroLiberation Party (faction)
4	The Beltline (location)	Umstead National Park (location)
5	Cacalackey BBQ Sauce (object)	Silent Consuela (object)
6	Furyies (threat)	Derrin Law Offices (threat)

Shan Chen's Leads

1d6	Un-connected	Connected
1	Michele Pennington (connection)	Muralikrishna Upasani (connection)
2	Purist Riot (event)	Failed Experiment (event)
3	The Blue Committee (faction)	Gardeners of Eden (faction)
4	Franklin Street (location)	Erimus Stadium (location)
5	Stormy (object)	Ram's Horn (object)
6	CyberPak (threat)	Raging Bulls (threat)

$A\ body\ modifications\ artist$	operating out of the Orange sector of the Interior.	
COAX DETECT FIGHT HACK MOVE OPERATE PROWL SHOOT TREAT	I Savvy	0
Rev. RubyAnn Rhodeen Shepherd of the First Fellows	ship of Victory – Yates Temple campus.	
COAX DETECT FIGHT HACK MOVE OPERATE PROWL SHOOT TREAT	Charismatic Charismatic	
"Demon" Stevie Jones Technician at Lloyd's Auto a	and illegal street racing champion.	
COAX DETECT FIGHT HACK MOVE OPERATE PROWL SHOOT TREAT	Daredevil Dextrous Gearhead	

Sandra San Jacinto

Sandra San Jacinto's Leads

1d6	Un-connected	Connected
1	Muralikrishna Upasani (connection)	Rev. RubyAnn Rhodeen (connection)
2	Pharmaceutical Recall (event)	Poor Harvest (event)
3	CaroLiberation Party (faction)	The Blue Committee (faction)
4	Erimus Stadium (location)	Moore Square (location)
5	Silent Consuela (object)	Cacalackey BBQ Sauce (object)
6	T-Killers (threat)	Furyies (threat)

Rev. RubyAnn Rhodeen's Leads

1d6	Un-connected	Connected
1	"Demon" Stevie Jones (connection)	Shan Chen (connection)
2	A House Divided (event)	Sex Scandal (event)
3	P.G. Cardinal Pharma (faction)	Triangle Chamber (faction)
4	Silver Finch Winery (location)	Franklin Street (location)
5	Black Glove Orchid (object)	The Number (object)
6	Derrin Law Offices (threat)	Intoxicated Revelers (threat)

"Demon" Stevie Jones' Leads

1 d 6	Un-connected	Connected
1	Sandra San Jacinto (connection)	Michele Pennington (connection)
2	Failed Experiment (event)	Purist Riot (event)
3	Gardeners of Eden (faction)	VistaBank (faction)
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6	Raging Bulls (threat)	CyberPak (threat)

EVENTS

Pharmaceutical Recall

A lot of common drug is recalled when patients begin to experience bizarre side effects.

A House Divided

UNC squares off against Duke in an ACC sporting event.

Sex Scandal

A prominent regional figure is accused of crossing taboo moral or ethic lines.

Purist Riot

A purist group attempts to lay claim to a certain section of the Interior.

Failed Experiment

Genetic experimentation has gone awry; the results are about to be made public.

Poor Harvest

Sporadic rainfall and a resistant insect invasion threatens the food and water supply.

FACTIONS

P.G. Cardinal Pharma

The largest pharmaceutical megacorp in the Triangle.

VistaBank

Specializes in business and research loans. They own some small bit of nearly everything.

Triangle Chamber

A formerly respected volunteer organization whose glory days seem well behind them.

CaroLiberation Party

Fledgling political party insistent on the necessity of secession for survival.

Gardeners of Eden

A religious organization dedicated to the purity of natural life. It manages to be remarkably cruel, yet non-violent.

The Blue Committee

Composed of representatives from all the major universities, this informal network effectively controls the direction of education and research for the state.

LOCATIONS

Franklin Street

College hangout street, known for its seedy dives and colorful characters.

Moore Square

The seat of the state government – whatever that's worth nowadays.

The Beltline

Series of state multi-levelled freeways that circle the Interior.

Silver Finch Winery

One of the last independent wineries in the Triangle.

Erimus Stadium

Multi-purpose sports arena which hosts nearly all minor and major league events.

Umstead National Park

One of the last remaining public forests. All manner of illicit dealings occur here.

OBJECTS

Ram's Horn

Blanked stem cells used to create organic prosthetics.

• delicate, small, organic

Stormy

Named for a local sports mascot, this genetically-engineered pig is worth big money.

• heavy, large, smart, linked

The Number

Electronic key to a major CEO's bank account, currently on a portable drive.

• encryption, firewall, tough

Silent Consuela

A top-secret energy weapon stolen from nearby Ft. Bragg.

energy weapon, stolen, powerful, laser-sight, silencer

Cacalackey BBQ Sauce

The newest street drug. Rumor says is was leaked as a cheap way to do human testing.

experimental, drug, quick, reflexive, popular

Black Glove Orchid

A rare plant specimen; its extract can be both poison and medicine.

toxic, stims, organic, medicinal

THREATS

CyberPak

A cabal of hackers based out of NC State University.

Derrin, Derrin and Derrin Law Offices

Legal counsel for most megacorps in the Triangle. They have significant dirt on nearly all of the circuit judges.

T-Killers

Corporate mercernaries specializing in pharma and biotech black ops.

Furyies

Humans with animal-derived implants who now feel more beast than beauty.

Raging Bulls

Violent ethnic purist street gang.

Intoxicated Revelers

They're drunk or high or.. something. It's kind of hard to tell which.

Master Table [1d6 by 1d6]

	1	2	3
1 Connections	Muralikrishna Upasani	Michele Pennington	Shan Chen
2 Events	Pharmaceutical Recall	A House Divided	Sex Scandal
3 Factions	P.G. Cardinal Pharma	VistaBank	Triangle Chamber
4 Locations	Franklin Street	Moore Square	The Beltline
5 Objects	Ram's Horn	Stormy	The Number
6 Threats	CyberPak	Derrin Law	T-Killers

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TAGS

Some of the objects in this Transmission use unique tags. The descriptions of these tags are found here. Some tags mention that they trump other tags. Remember that this means the trumped tag can't be used to defend against an action using the trumping tag.

calming: optimizes a sound for the most pleasant harmonics chemical sensor: detects trace amounts of airborne chemicals coiling: can be rolled up or tucked without hindering function delicate: subject to damage under even normal conditions

drug: will apply the "high" negative tag as though given by a Dealer

energy weapon: weapon utilizing electricity, photons or fire (trumps ballistic and impact armors)

fast-healing: passively promotes rapid healing of wounds and injuries

fine-control: can be used to mark a very specific target or relay a complex message **frequency modulation**: alter the tone and pitch of sounds to match a desired pattern

heightened balance: augments the inner ear function for superior balance and spatial orientation

high-frequency: receives and/or creates sound above normal human range **low-frequency**: received and/or creates sound below normal human range

medicinal: useful for treating pathogens like bacteria or viruses

organic: tissue indistinguishable from normal body tissue without surgical examination

plume-dispersion: can be used to mark a wide area or multiple targets **popular**: in high demand across the population; as good as Kreds

prehensile: another limb that articulates as well as an arm **smart**: an object or entity raised to human-level intelligence **toxic**: causes damage by ingestion, inhalation or absorption

Upgrades with the **organic** tag such as venom glands and tails are implanted using the *deal* favor instead of *splice*.

Threat: CyberPak

Heavies Object Pool L33tPlaYa, alpha 1 Headjack Trigger-Happy COAX cerebral input, **Suspicious DETECT** experimental, linked, nerve-**FIGHT B**ombastic HACK :0 80 MOVE Stinger **O**PERATE Objects: headjack, stinger, buzzer • small Prowl SHOOT Buzzer TREAT camera, linked, mic, rotor-fan Gam3f13nd, alpha 2 COAX **Quick** DETECT **Thorough** Cybereyes **FIGHT C**onfident cam, display, nerve-HACK :0 linked, matched-pair Move 80 **O**PERATE Flexisteel gloves Objects: cybereyes, flexisteel gloves PROWL • blunt, strong router patch, goblin musclecar SHOOT **TREAT** Goblin musclecar linked, passengers, Henchmen spheels, turbo Blac0ps76, beta 1 R3n3gad3, beta 2 COAX COAX Medkit DETECT DETECT • bandages, linked, stims **FIGHT FIGHT** HACK HACK Specs MOVE Move display, gesture input, **O**PERATE **O**PERATE linked, sound PROWL Prowl lacksquare**SHOOT** SHOOT Knife TREAT TREAT sharp, small, dermalinked : Wild **L**Oval **Obj:** knife, specs **Obj:** medkit, stinger, specs Vocaloid • calming, frequency W1zzard, gamma R0ut3r, gamma modulation, loud COAX COAX **DETECT** DETECT Spyder **FIGHT FIGHT** camera, linked, adhesive HACK HACK legs, mic, small, thermal Move Move imaging, sonar imaging **O**PERATE **OPERATE** Prowl Prowl SHOOT SHOOT **TREAT TREAT Hyperactive : ○** Keen Obj: specs, spyder Obj: specs, stinger, vocaloid

Threat: Derrin, Derrin and Derrin Law Offices **Heavies Object Pool** Jaci Derrin, senior partner Jacobson's organ **Studious** COAX norganic, chemical sensor **Stoic** DETECT **F**IGHT ■ □ □ □ □ ■ ■ Comely Stinger HACK • small Move 80 **O**PERATE Objects: specs, vocaloid, aCar Switchblade motorcycle Prowl • 3-d shocks, linked, SHOOT spheel, turbo TREAT Kelly Derrin, senior partner Pinna musculature **₽** Dramatic COAX organic, mic, high-DETECT frequency, low-frequency **FIGHT Sharp** HACK :0 Router patch Move 80 derma-linked, linked, **O**PERATE encryption, firewall Objects: spyder, specs, stinger PROWL switchblade motorcycle **S**HOOT Manual-drive car TREAT passengers, spheels, turbo Henchmen Trisha Derrin, junior partner Rosa Vargas, paralegal **Subdermal memory** COAX COAX small, nerve-linked, DETECT DETECT derma-linked, cerebral **FIGHT FIGHT** input HACK **H**ACK Move MOVE Specs **OPERATE O**PERATE display, gesture input, Prowl Prowl linked, sound **SHOOT S**HOOT TREAT TREAT Vocaloid **: •** Ambitious **:** Ruthless calming, frequency modulation, loud Obj: Jacobson's organ, pinna Obj: specs musculature Spyder Rajesh Sawant, associate Leif Gundersson, intern camera, linked, adhesive COAX COAX legs, mic, small, thermal DETECT DETECT imaging, sonar imaging **FIGHT FIGHT** HACK HACK Move Move **O**PERATE **OPERATE** Prowl Prowl SHOOT SHOOT **TREAT TREAT Solid Unassuming**

Obj: specs, manual-drive car, baton

Obj: specs, router patch subdermal memory

Threat: T-Killers

Heavies		Object Pool
Prowl Kevlar vo	ulating 🗗	ARX-21 burst fire, long-range, loud, large, stock Jaguar smg burst fire Duster shotgun
SHOOT		⊕ loud, scattershot
Ghanta, second-in-command COAX DETECT Thore FIGHT HACK MOVE OPERATE PROWL GOAX OPERATE Objects ODITION OPERATE ODITION ODITIO	rough 💮 🗀	Sonic grenade loud, thrown Kevlar vest ballistic armor, conditonmonitor
SHOOT grenade	, Kevlar vest, synthscales	Synthscales ◆ organic, impact armor
Treat		Pinna musculature
Velazquez, reconnaisance COAX	Nonoyama, pilot COAX	⊕ organic, mic, high- frequency, low-frequency
DETECT	DETECT	Jacobson's organ organic, chem sensor
MOVE OPERATE PROWL SHOOT TREAT	MOVE OPERATE PROWL SHOOT TREAT	SkyRabbit
Stealthy Obj: Jacobson's organ, pinna musculature, stinger, synthscales	Ace Obj: SkyRabbit, duster shotgun	Medkit ● organic, bandages, stims, fast-healing
Sutter, sniper COAX DETECT FIGHT HACK	das Choudri, support COAX DETECT FIGHT HACK	Cybereyes ⊕ cam, nerve-linked, sonar-imaging, themal- imaging, infrafed
MOVE OPERATE PROWL SHOOT TREAT	MOVE OPERATE PROWL SHOOT TREAT	Sniper rifle
Calm Obj: sniper rifle, cybereves	Intuitive Obj: medkit, duster shotgun	• linked, themal dampeners

Threat: Furyies

Heavies	•	Object Pool
Tigress, den mother COAX DETECT FIGHT Tigress, den mother Tigress,	ritorial — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	Heightened pheromones → organic, fine-control, plume dispersion
HACK MOVE OPERATE Operate Operate Operate Operate	S: Jacobson's organ, pinna	Claws or Fangs ◆ organic, sharp
PROWL muscul	ature, heightened pheromones, ail, nictitating membrane	Tail ◆ organic, heightened balance
Wolf, den father		
COAX DETECT FIGHT HACK DETECT	minant ernal	Nictitating membrane → organic, protective, toxin-filter (eyes only)
PROWL muscul	s: Jacobson's organ, pinna ature, heightened pheromones,	Facilitated appendix
	ail, facilitated appendix	Synthscales ◆ organic, impact armor
Henchmen		Pinna musculature
Jackal, comic relief COAX ■ ■ □ □ DETECT ■ □ □ □	Fox, public relations COAX DETECT	• organic, mic, high- frequency, low-frequency
FIGHT	FIGHT	Jacobson's organ ◆ organic, chem sensor
OPERATE	OPERATE	Specs
TREAT	Treat	
:⊕ Witty	:0 Clever	Vocaloid ■ calming, frequency
Obj: Jacobson's organ, specs, claws	Obj: Jacobson's organ, vocaloid, pinna musculature, tail	modulation, loud
Viper, enforcement COAX DETECT FIGHT □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □	Binturong, quartermaster COAX DETECT FIGHT	Venom gland ◆ organic, toxic, bitedelivery
HACK MOVE OPERATE OPERATE	HACK MOVE OPERATE DO DO DO DO	Prehensile tail ◆ organic, heightened balance, coiling, prehensile
PROWL SHOOT TREAT	PROWL SHOOT TREAT TREAT	
: ⊕ Calm	!⊕ Intuitive	
Obj: Jacobson's organ, fangs synthscales, venom gland	Obj: Jacobson's organ, prehensile tail	

Threat: Raging Bulls

Heavies		Object Pool
Beast, disciplinarian		Goblin musclecar
	⊕ Brutal ⊖ #	linked, passengers,
DETECT	⊕ Sadistic □ ■	spheels, turbo
FIGHT	⊕ Bulky ⊕ ₽	spireeis, turbo
HACK	O0	Nail bat
Move	C	⊕ blunt, large, sharp
OPERATE	Objects: goblin musclecar, nail bat,	biunt, large, sharp
	uster shotgun, riot shield	75.21
SHOOT	uster shotgun, not sinclu	Tail
Treat		organic, heightened
Blaze, communications		balance, coiling
	⊕ Flamboyant	Dustorshatour
	Hot-headed	Duster shotgun ⊕ loud, scattershot
	Destructive	loud, scattershot
		D: 4 1: 11
		Riot shield
	⊕	• protective
OPERATE OF COLUMN	Objects: flamethrower, goblin	
PROWL m	nusclecar, flexisteel gloves, cybereyes	Flamethrower
SHOOT	<i>g , . , , . , . , . , . , .</i>	energy weapon
Treat		
Uanahman		Flexisteel gloves
Henchmen		🔁 blunt, strong
War, instigator	Famine, saboteur	
Coax	Coax	Cybereyes
DETECT	DETECT	cam, display, nerve-liked,
Fight	FIGHT	ocular screen, matched pair
HACK	HACK \square	, 1
Move	Move	Specs
OPERATE	OPERATE 🔳 🗌 🗌 🗎	display, gesture input,
Prowl	Prowl	linked, sound
SHOOT	Sноот ■ ППП —	miked, sound
Treat	Treat	Vocaloid
:⊕ Impetuous	:⊕ Eager ⊖ :	calming, frequency
Obj: barker pistol, knife, aCa		modulation, loud
Obj. barker pistor, kinne, aca	obj. vocatora, acut, kime	Dealer material
Pestilence, infiltration	Plague, clean-up	Barker pistol
Coax	Coax	❸ loud, powerful
DETECT DETECT	DETECT DOMESTIC	
FIGHT	FIGHT	aCar
HACK	HACK	⊕ automatic, linked,
Move Move	Move	passengers, spheels
OPERATE DO DO DO	OPERATE	Knife
Prowl	Prowl	• sharp, small
Shoot	Sноот П	
Treat	Treat	ARX-21
■ Deceptive	:⊕ Heartless	む burst fire, long-range, loud, large, stock
Obj: aCar, tail, specs, barker	pistol Obj: ARX-21, aCar, cybereyes	iouu, iui ge, stock

Threat: Intoxicated Revelers

Heavies		Object Pool
Waseem	104	_a aCar
COAX	: ⊕ Angry □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □	www.annomanc.nnked
DETECT	Obnoxious	passengers, spneels
HACK		
Move Move	io -	L 13 W/S
OPERATE OPERATE		organic, sharp
PROWL PROWL	Objects: aCar, bat	
SHOOT		Tail
TREAT		• organic, heightened
		balance
Raul	-	-
COAX	Mischievous	
DETECT	Mouthy	_
FIGHT	Educated	
HACK	0	_
Move	BO	❸ bandages, linked, stims
OPERATE	Objects: specs, bat	
	-	Synthscales
SHOOT		♣ organic, impact armor
TREAT		
Henchmen		Cyberhand
Kelsay	Jordan	• nerve-linked, dextrous,
COAX	Coax	detachable
DETECT DETECT	DETECT DOWN	Crab downs all manns a mar
FIGHT	FIGHT	Subdermal memory ⊕ small, nerve-linked,
HACK	HACK	derma-linked, cerebral
Move	Move	input
OPERATE	OPERATE	mput
Prowl	Prowl	Specs
SHOOT	- SHOOT	display, gesture input,
TREAT	Treat	linked, sound
:O Stalwart	: © Cool	miked, sound
		Router patch
Obj: aCar, medkit	Obj: specs, cyberhand	derma-linked, linked,
•		encryption, firewall
Jemel	Evgeny	71
COAX	COAX	
DETECT	DETECT	
FIGHT	FIGHT	
HACK	HACK	
Move	Move	
OPERATE	OPERATE	
Prowl	Prowl	
SHOOT	SHOOT	
Treat	Treat	
Competitive	:⊕ Fit)
Obj : subdermal memory, patch, specs, aCar		