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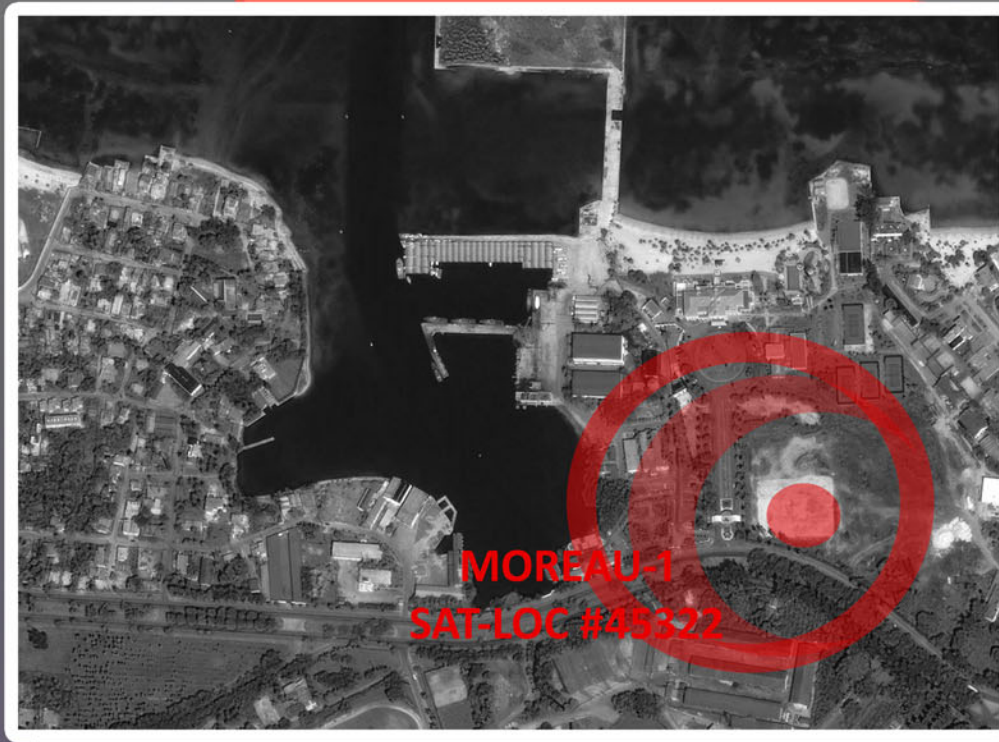
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THE WORLD IS A DANGEROUS PLACE THESE DAYS. FIRST, IT WAS THE WELL INTENTIONED BUT MISGUIDED FREAKS WEARING LONG-JOHNS AND FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT. BUT OF COURSE IT WAS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE CRIMINAL SCUM WOULD EITHER LUCK INTO POWERS, OR BY DESIGN GIVE THEMSELVES AN ADVANTAGE OVER BASELINE HUMANITY AND HUMAN LAW ENFORCEMENT.

AN AGENT MADE IT OUT OF THE HEADQUARTERS, BRINGING US A FEW OF THE ELEMENTS THE SYNTHETIC HUMAN KNOWN AS MOREAU-1 HAS BEEN MEETING WITH. DANGEROUS CRIMINALS, CULT LEADERS, AND MORE HAVE THROWN THEIR HATS INTO THE RING OF INTERNATIONAL SUPER-POWERED TERRORISM. THEY'RE MEETING WITH MOREAU-1 FOR SOME REASON. IT IS OUR GOOD LUCK THAT MOREAU-1 IS A DESPERATELY PARANOID BEING, AND HAS RECORDED THE POWER LEVELS OF ALL OF HIS WOULD-BE ALLIES IN THE CRIMINAL UNDERWORLD.

SPECTRUM OBTAINED THESE FILES AT GREAT COST. PERHAPS YOU CAN USE THIS INFORMATION TO PREVENT THE NEXT 'WORLDWIDE CATASTROPHE' THESE FREAKS HAVE PLANNED.

MESSAGE ENDS.

# MOREAU-1

**FIRST APPEARANCE:** TALES FROM BEYOND #1  
**QUALITIES:** ARTIFICIAL LIFE FORM, OBSESSED WITH EUGENICS, "WHAT FOOLS."  
**CHALLENGES:** ENEMY (ENTIRE HUMAN RACE), PERSONAL - IS OPEN ABOUT HIS GOALS, THIS MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO DO BUSINESS EVEN WITH SOME SUPERVILLAINS, WHO THINK HE'S TOO DANGEROUS.

<b>PROWESS</b>	5
<b>COORDINATION</b>	5
<b>STRENGTH</b>	6
<b>INTELLECT</b>	8
<b>AWARENESS</b>	8
<b>WILLPOWER</b>	4
<b>DETERMINATION</b>	2
<b>STAMINA</b>	10

**POWERS:**  
WIZARDRY 8  
(GADGETS)  
FORCE FIELD  
BLAST  
LIFE SUPPORT 10  
(ALL)

**SPECIALTIES:**  
SCIENCE MASTER (BIOLOGY)  
ELECTRONICS MASTER  
MECHANICS EXPERT  
SCIENCE EXPERT (PHYSICS)

## SUMMARY

Physically, Moreau-1 is a highly sophisticated android built in the early part of the 20th century that has remained operational and continues to update itself with the latest technology. It/He has formidable combat abilities and is also a gifted inventor and bio-engineer.





# MOREAU-1

Moreau-1 is also the premier black market dealer in super-science technology, alien artifacts, weapons of mass destruction and prohibited occult materials in North America. His clients include nefarious supervillains, organized crime syndicates, shadowy cultists and rogue states.

Moreau-1 runs what he describes as a "client focused, results driven business". This approach is unique in the black market super-weapons niche (which is dominated by shady and unreliable operators.) As a result, his enterprise is hugely profitable. The majority of his proceeds appear to be invested in his extensive bio-engineering research.

Moreau-1's stated goal is the replacement of the human race as the dominant species on Earth with a "more worthy" species of his own design. Although he doesn't openly advertise this fact, if asked directly, he won't deny it. Having observed the many failed attempts by alien invasions and other supervillains to accomplish similar goals, Moreau-1 appears to be using a different tactic. His motivation in running his huge criminal enterprise is apparently to help humanity eradicate itself, to make room for his creations. The fact that it helps finance his research is a welcome side benefit.

Although he has eluded detection and observation for years, recent tips have led us to Moreau-1's latest base of operations. (It's remote and lightly staffed by Moreau-1 himself, a few of his biological experiments and several squads of paid thugs.) Recent surveillance of this compound has revealed an unusually high level of client traffic. Also, we have recently developed an informant in Moreau-1's organization (see the entry on Erepato), who has assisted us in compiling this series of dossiers on his customers.

## In-Depth INTELLIGENCE

Our files indicate that Moreau-1 was created by Doctor Steel - an adventurer scientist who was active as a vigilante in the first two decades of the 20th Century. At the time, Moreau-1 was simply known as Gears and served as Steel's automaton butler and bodyguard.

In 1929, Dr. Steel's archenemy, the mutant anarchist Monsieur Brouillard, kidnapped Gears and held for him ransom. Dr. Steel hunted down Brouillard's Paris hideout and freed Gears. However, he didn't realize until too late that ransom was not Brouillard's true motive. He had reprogrammed Gear's mechanical brain - to make him an enemy of all mankind who sought to replace humanity as the dominant species on the planet.

Apparently, Brouillard intended for this to be an emotional blow for Dr. Steel; being forced to destroy his former friend and companion. (Even the robot's new name, Moreau-1, was conceived as a blatant and obvious bad joke.) Brouillard never contemplated that Gears would actually succeed in killing Dr. Steel. Initially elated at his unexpected victory, it's likely he realized the enormity of his mistake a few weeks later when Moreau-1 hunted him down at his country estate in Burgundy and terminated him and his family as well.

Since the 1930s, Moreau-1 has been slowly and methodically executing his plan of purging the planet of the "cancer" of humanity in order to make room for a new dominant species of his own design. Unlike other meta-level threats with this sort of agenda, Moreau-1 does not approach his task by building doomsday weapons or constructing legions of mindless robots to conquer humanity by force. He believes that mankind will do his work for him if he just provides the right tools (and perhaps the occasional nudge in the proper direction).

Towards that end, Moreau-1 is perhaps the most well-known blackmarket dealer in underground technology and superweapons. His client list includes a who's who of rogue states and supervillains. His strategy is to provide advanced weaponry and technology to whoever can afford it. This has the combined results of financing his biological engineering work and helping to tip the world ever closer into the global chaos that he believes will lead to the extinction of mankind. (Perhaps under the heading of "there is occasionally honor among thieves", it should be noted that certain states and rogue superhumans are aware of Moreau-1's agenda and refuse to deal with the android and are even openly hostile to him.)

## ADVENTURE HOOKS

1) The PCs are called in to deal with an escalating gang turf war in their home city. Low level drug-dealing gangs and mobsters have acquired sophisticated weapons such as force field generators (Force Field 5), rail guns (Blast 7), transmorgifiers (Alteration Ray 5) and animal control helmets (Animal Control 6). The police have the date and time for a large weapons deal that bringing in even more of those super-science weapons to the city's criminals. When the heroes arrive to interrupt the deal, they discover it's a trap. Moreau-1 and several of his thugs have been expecting them and ready to demonstrate the effectiveness of their weaponry to their prospective customers by taking out the PCs!

2) They PC's city has been plagued by rampaging mutants. A flock of man-crow hybrids (use the Thugs stock character from ICONS with the addition of Claws (slashing damage 2) and Flight 3)) have taken up residence in a dilapidated warehouse in the city's industrial quarter and have been raiding nearby stores and neighborhoods for food and supplies. Similarly, a pack of man-jackal hybrids (again use the Thug with the addition of Bite (slashing damage 4)) have been running wild through a north-side suburban neighborhood. Upon investigation, the PCs determine that the mutants were formerly normal homeless residents of the city who have been transformed by advanced bio-engineering.

## ADVENTURE HOOKS (CONT.)

FROM PIECING TOGETHER CLUES FROM THE MUTANTS, THE PCS CAN DETERMINE THAT THEY WERE ALL ABDUCTED WITHIN 5 BLOCKS OF A REMOTE WAREHOUSE. UPON CLOSER INVESTIGATION, THIS WAREHOUSE TURNS OUT TO BE ONE OF MOREAU-1'S HIDDEN BIO-ENGINEERING LABS.





# EREPATO

**FIRST APPEARANCE:** TALES FROM BEYOND #1  
**QUALITIES:** BIO-ENGINEERED MINION,  
DELUSIONS OF GRANDEUR  
**CHALLENGES:** PERSONAL (PROGRAMMED TO  
BE A MORAL PARAGON - OFTEN AT ODDS WITH  
MOREAU-1'S TACTICS)  
SOCIAL - NAIVE ABOUT HOW THE WORLD WORKS

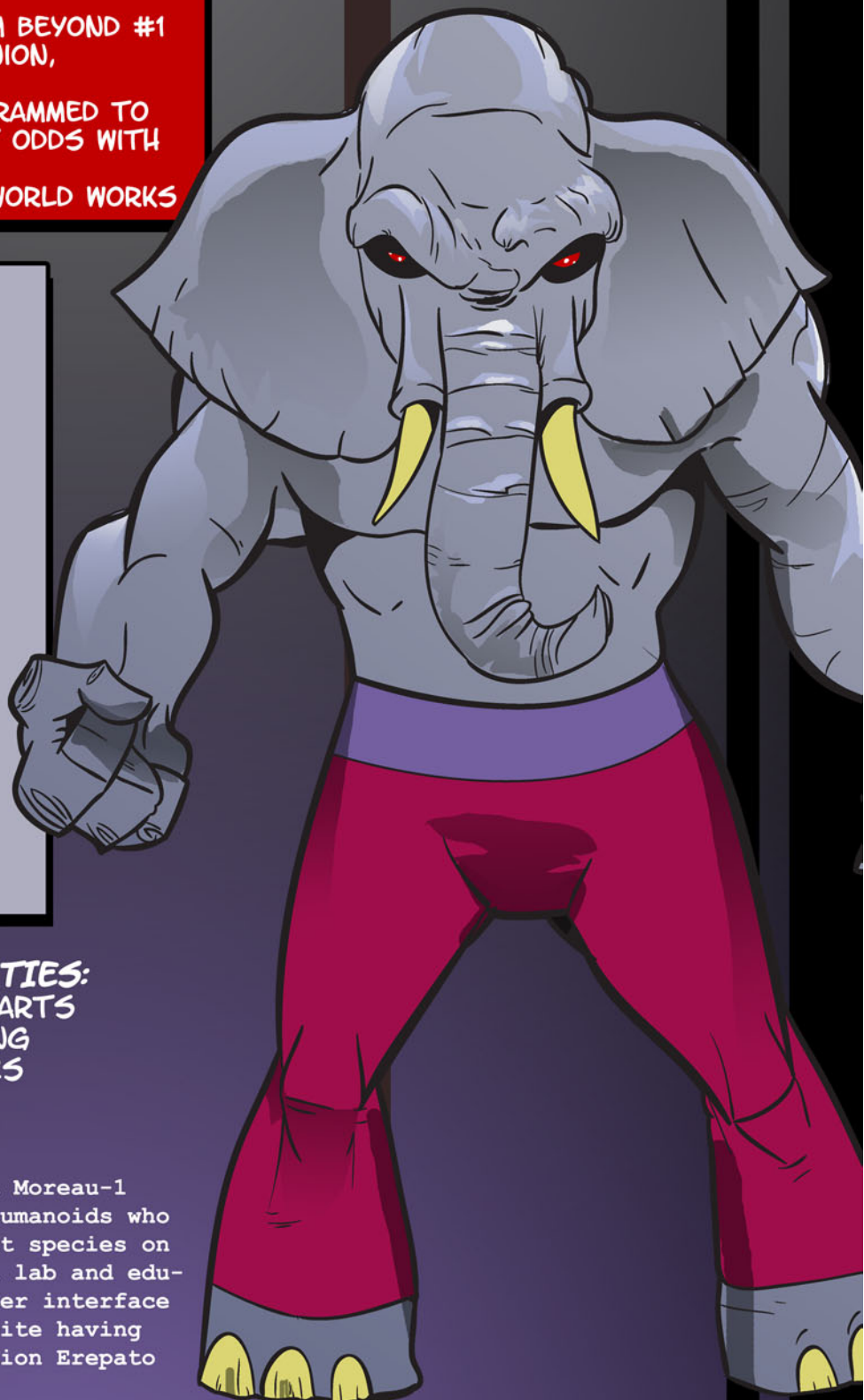
<b>PROWESS</b>	4
<b>COORDINATION</b>	4
<b>STRENGTH</b>	7
<b>INTELLECT</b>	6
<b>AWARENESS</b>	4
<b>WILLPOWER</b>	4
<b>DETERMINATION</b>	*
<b>STAMINA</b>	11

**POWERS:**  
INVULNERABILITY 3  
STRIKE 4 (TUSKS)  
REGENERATION 7

**SPECIALTIES:**  
MARTIAL ARTS  
WRESTLING  
ATHLETICS

## SUMMARY

Erepato is the first being in what Moreau-1 envisions as a race of pachyderm-humanoids who will replace humans as the dominant species on Earth. Erepato has been grown in a lab and educated rapidly via a psychic computer interface that Moreau-1 invented. Thus, despite having the equivalent of a college education Erepato is only one year old.





# EREPATO

Moreau-1 has emphasized the classical philosophers in Erepato's education and this has backfired on the android . Erepato is convinced that (despite his strong affection for him) his "father's" callous disregard for human life is inherently misguided and evil and must be counteracted. He hopes to reform Moreau-1 through philosophical debate, but his efforts, so far, have been in vain.

Unable to make Moreau-1 see the error of his ways, Erepato has covertly contacted us and subsequently become a reliable informant for SPECTRUM. Much of the information we have regarding Moreau-1 and his client base was compiled with his assistance. However, please be advised that we suspect that Moreau-1 has hard-wired loyalty into Erepato either through psychological conditioning or through as-of-yet undetected mind control implants. Any assault on Moreau-1's compound should not rely on Erepato for tactical support. (This also raises the possibility that Moreau-1 has used Erepato to deliberately feed us this intelligence. Our analysts are investigating this possibility.)

Another item of interest: Erepato is ambivalent at best about his role as the leader of a new dominant species on Earth. A cohort of 12 other pachyderm-humanoids are soon scheduled for "birth"; it will be interesting to see how Erepato interacts with them.

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