

Unique individuals

New Crobuzon

The Construct Council

A virus in the card and valve programmed constructs used throughout New Crobuzon as cheap labour caused a spark of self awareness. Not enough to have an independent intelligence of the equivalent of a human being in a construct however - but enough for a seed. This seed replicated to other constructs with the help of human techno-worshippers. There is a conglomeration of intelligences in one of the city dumps - various construct parts gained sentients and self awareness to levels well beyond human understanding. The various constructs of the city, once the seed of the virus, implanted by the technicians, has grown - are drawn to the Council and become one with it. Acting as mobile parts to itself - going out, coming back and reporting/being reprogrammed.

The Council is a rational amoral survivor willing to make deals in order to continue to exist. It has the ability to vast thaumaturgical calculations at high speed, and to build new task-specific constructs that are many times more efficient than human built equivalents. However it must remain undiscovered at all times. It knows if the Militia become aware of its existence - it is dead.

Note - By the time of the third book, Iron Council, the Militia were aware, there were the Construct Wars and the Council was destroyed (probably). Which led to Golems becoming the new cheap labour force.

Bentham Rudgutter

Mayor of New Crobuzon and Head of the Fat Sun Party. A driven man, who has forged alliances with races and creatures that were thought impossible. His various secret dealings, much like the legal system and life in general in New Crobuzon, are shady at best. His second in command, likely to take over his position, was killed and possessed by a Handlinger because he was becoming too much of an annoyance by Rudgutter.

Rudgutter is on negotiation terms with the demons of Hell, Handlingers and Weavers.

On a personal note - sometime in the past Rudgutter lost his eyes, and has nothing but empty sockets. It is never explained how this happened. He is able, through thaumaturgy, to use other people's eyes though. Once they have been inserted, that is. One of the rumours often circulating the streets of New Crobuzon is about "The Eye Killer", who removes victim's eyes. This happens whenever the Mayor's current eyes decay too much to be useful any more.

Eliza Stem-Fulcher

Mayor of New Crobuzon after Bentham Rudgutter. Also a member of the Fat Sun Party. She was assassinated during the revolution of the Collectivists by Ori, a Toroan.

The Weaver

Possibly the least understandable creature and one of the greatest individual powers in New Crobuzon. Currently there is only the single ambassador in the city - but there are many others "out there"

Weavers are huge transdimensional spiders. Their concern is their art, and their art is the weave of the world. They will occasionally do odd, inexplicable, bizarre and/or violent things to improve the weave. They are able to move between dimensions - their home being a dimension where the web of the world can be perceived. Weavers do not possess names as we understand them.

The Weaver is an excellent McGuffin - and will get players to do things, or help them at the GMs whim. However - there is always a price (in Perdido Street station, the heroes discovered the price for being helped, and to set the weave correctly, was their left ears).

Toro

An insurrectionist and leader of the dissident group who call themselves Toroans. Cecile is a Remade woman whose crime of the manslaughter of her baby has sentenced her to have her baby's arms attached to her face in the Punishment Factories by the magister as a permanent reminder. She had the Helmet of Toro constructed to give her powers and disguise her identity in the pursuit of revenge. First mention of her occurs in the first book, but the group does not form until the third book Iron Council. After the assassination of Mayor Stem-Fulcher and killing the mayor's lover - the magister who sentenced her, Cecile passed her Toro helmet to Ori.

Spiral Jacobs

A seemingly homeless derranged old man that was in Jack Half-A-Prayer's gang of fReemade back before Jack was captured (20 years ago). He wanders around the city offering information, advice and occasional funding to various dissident groups throughout the city.

In actuality he is the Tesh ambassador and a Hecatomege - one who knows magic of many different styles. He wanders the streets of New Crobuzon laying down spiral glyphs in a long ritual designed to bring destruction to the city during the Tesh War. His aid to dissidents is a red herring, a way of keeping the government and citizens busy so they don't realise his intent. The final spell calls forth a non-corporeal life force that will give the city a tremendous ablif intent on killing its inhabitants. The ritual itself causes killing illusions (called Haints) to appear randomly throughout the city as it nears completion.

While Spiral Jacobs is casting the ritual, he cannot be hurt with physical weapons of any sort - including magical physical weapons. All such attacks will miss.

Isaac der Grimnebulin

Lin

Mr. Motley

Too Too Abstract Individual Yagharek Not To Be Respected

Armada

Bellis Coldwine

The Lovers

Uther Doul

Johannes Tearfly

A naturalist, bound on a sabbatical to study the fauna and flora of far flung Nova Esperium

Tanner Sack

A Remade convict, deformed by grafts of tentacles dangling from his chest.

Shekel

A cabin boy.

Silas Fennec

A spy for New Crobuzon.

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