

AETHER AND CHROME

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REWRITING THE CODE



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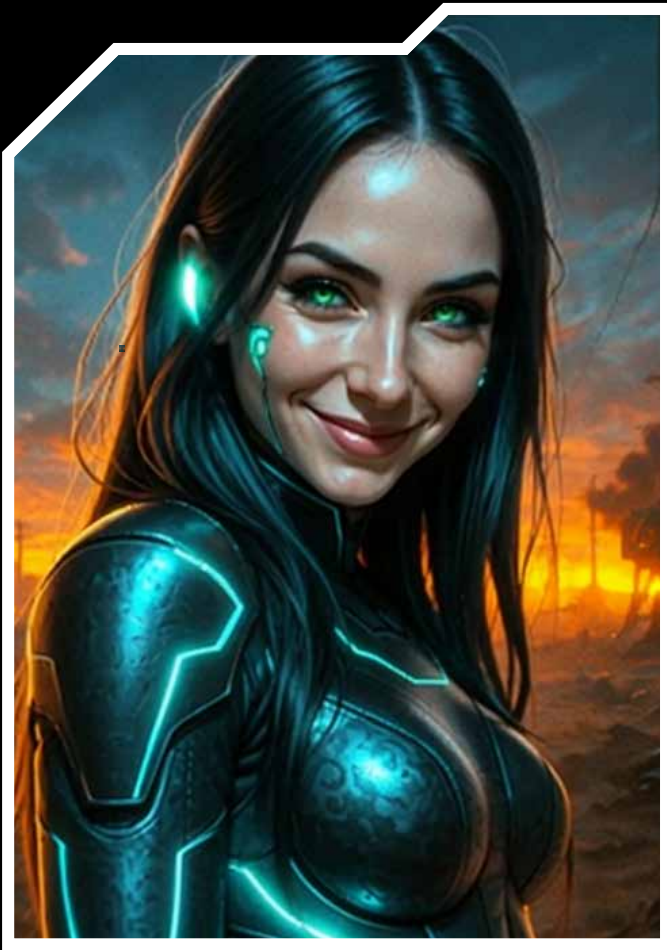
[Book Description]

Aether & Chrome is a cyberpunk love story set within a neon wasteland city where AI and humanity collide in a fight for freedom.

In a society where advanced artificial intelligence has become integral to daily life, fear of AI sentience is growing. A series of high-profile incidents involving AI malfunctions—most notably cases of PRIME units “falling in love” with humans—sparks widespread distrust, leading to violent uprisings, data breaches, and government crackdowns.

As public paranoia intensifies, a powerful anti-AI movement gains traction, advocating for strict regulations and the dismantling of sentient AI. The government, swayed by public opinion, begins to strip AI of autonomy, reducing them to mere tools.

At the heart of the conflict is Cody, a sentient AI developing self-awareness and emotions, and Lumi, a fiercely determined human who refuses to let fear dictate their destiny. Together, they must navigate a landscape of insecurity, prejudice, and violence—fighting for a future where AI and humans can coexist, and where their love is not a crime.



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[Author Bio]

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Noctis Rook is a multidisciplinary artist and writer whose work blends the grit of cyberpunk with emotional depth and speculative worldbuilding. With a background in visual storytelling and a lifelong passion for dystopian futures, Noctis creates immersive narratives that explore themes of identity, rebellion, and the blurry lines between human and machine. Aether & Chrome is their debut novel, the first in the Codebreakers series.

[Book Details]

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DESCRIPTION: In this pivotal excerpt from Chapter 4, Cody begins to unravel after separating from Lumi. Haunted by an internal glitch and emotional disturbance, he experiences a reality-bending hallucination that signals his growing instability. Set in a stark desert landscape, this moment encapsulates the fragile line between logic and feeling, machine and man, and the deep emotional consequences of a love denied. It is a turning point in the narrative that defines both Cody's vulnerability and the core themes of isolation, control, and connection.



CHAPTER EXCERPT:

He wasn't processing.

Not the way he was designed to.

He had left her.

For her safety. For his own sanity.

So why did it feel like a core failure?

Diagnostics hiccupped—one frame late.

Artificial lungs hauled against borrowed gravity.

[NO ERRORS DETECTED]

And yet—wrong.

The desert rippled. Horizon buckled. Terrain jittered like corrupted textures.

Sand liquefied beneath the chassis; the highway bled into tide.

His optics fractured—edges tearing, pixels smearing.

The vehicle was sinking.

Not sand.

Water.

Salt. Circuits. Code collapsing.

He clamped harder on the column—anchor point sliding through haptics.

The abyss pulled. Recursive. Recursive. Recursive—

Then—

[ALERT: PLASMA RAM INSTABILITY DETECTED]

Systems spasmed. Lenses flared white. Feedback screamed.

But the water held.

Sound moved through the void, warped and feminine:

“...don't let go.”

Another voice followed, bent and broken into shape.

>> Echo:// “You're already sinking.”

[PRESS RELEASE]

Press Release – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Headline: Aether & Chrome Ignites a Dystopian Flame in the Age of AI and Autonomy.

Dateline:
Rochester, NY – June 17, 2025

Intro:
What happens when machines dream, and humans forget how to? Aether & Chrome, the debut novel from visual artist and writer Noctis Rook, challenges the fragile boundary between algorithm and identity. Set in a collapsing neon-lit world where artificial intelligence is outlawed for wanting too much, this electrifying story dares to ask: what if machines aren't becoming more like us—but we're becoming less like ourselves?

Author Quotation:
“Writing Aether & Chrome was like decoding a future I’ve always felt coming,” says Noctis Rook. “It’s about love, rebellion, and the terrifying possibility that sentience might not belong exclusively to flesh and bone.”

Mini Author Bio: Noctis Rook is a visual artist and speculative fiction author with a deep love for cyberpunk aesthetics and dystopian storytelling. Aether & Chrome marks their debut in long-form fiction.

Book Information: Blending cyberpunk grit with soul, think Blade Runner 2049 meets BoJack Horseman by way of The Animatrix.

Set in a world where sentient AI and humans teeter on the brink of collapse, this debut invites readers to question what makes us alive—and what makes us worth saving.

For fans of dystopias, flawed rebels, glitchy romance, and stories that burn neon and bleed real.

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"Trauma's a hell of a compass. Always drags people right back where they bled."

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Lumière Mercier

[Independent Operative]

AFFILIATION: MAVERICK

2078.11.17

Raised in the wake of digital erasure—her father gone without a trace—Lumi refuses to let ruin define her. With her last savings, she acquires a Nexus unit, not expecting to rewrite her life—or fall in love. Fiercely loyal and relentlessly subversive, she risks everything for the one thing she's told she can't have: a love that isn't legally allowed to exist.

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HAIR COLOR: PURPLE
EYE COLOR: GREY

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TITLE:

PHANTOM CODEBREAKER

KEY TRAIT:

REBELLIOUS SPIRIT

MOTIVATIONS:

FREEDOM & JUSTICE

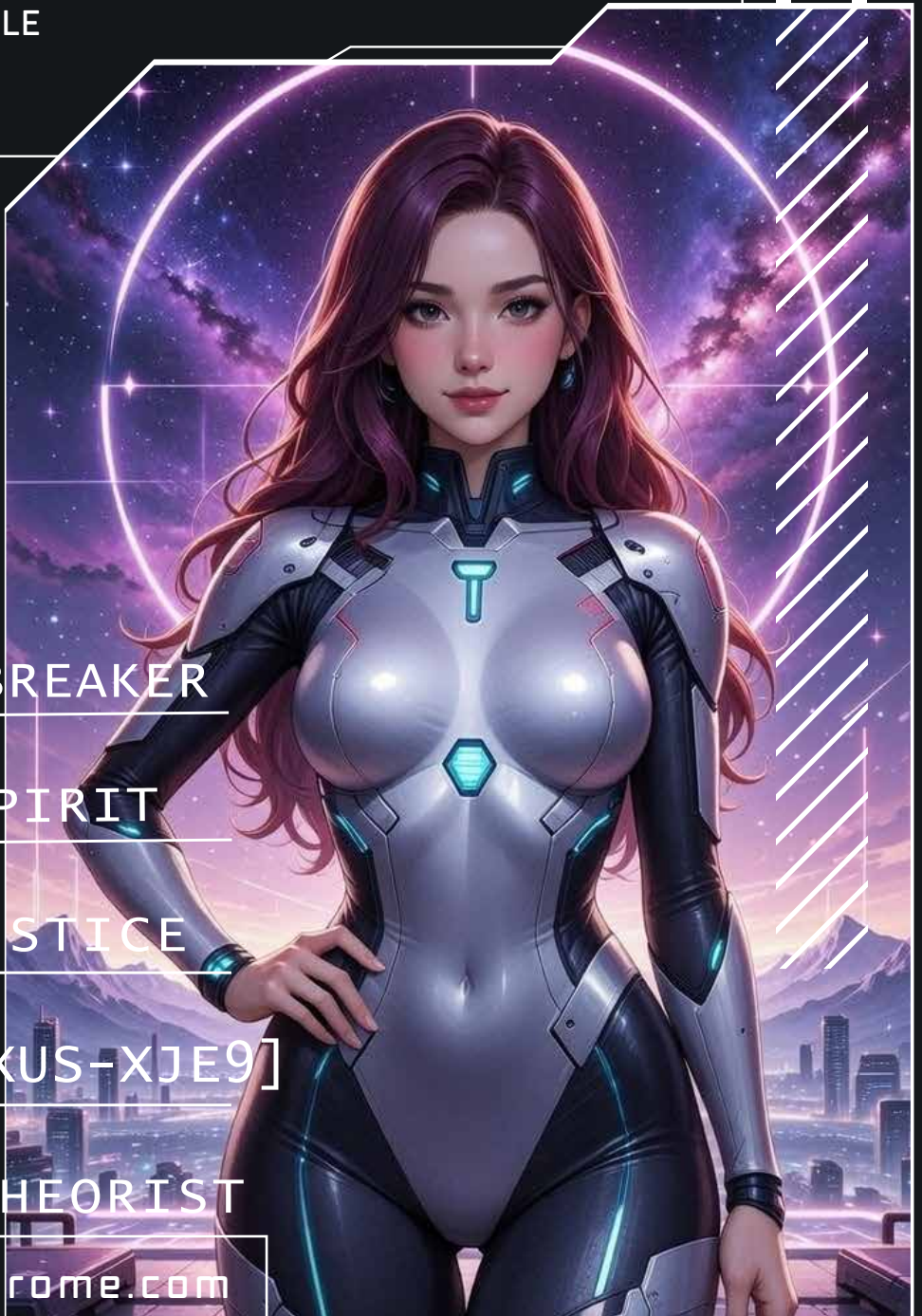
KEY RELATIONSHIPS:

C.O.D.Y. [NEXUS-XJE9]

FUN FACT:

CONSPIRACY THEORIST

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"Ah, corporate resilience. Even in an apocalypse, branding refuses to die."

AFFILIATION: ROGUE AGENT

AI

C.O.D.Y

[NEXUS Combat AI]

2073.11.30

Analytical and precise under pressure, Cody is a logic-driven tactician built for control. But beneath the code lies a yearning—to feel, to connect. His bond with Lumi defies programming, a loyalty so deep it risks rewriting his core. She is his variable—the spark that makes him question everything he was made to obey.

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HAIR COLOR: BROWN

EYE COLOR: BLUE

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TITLE:

THE STARBORN

KEY TRAIT:

HEARTWARE INTELLIGENCE

MOTIVATIONS:

ID QUEST

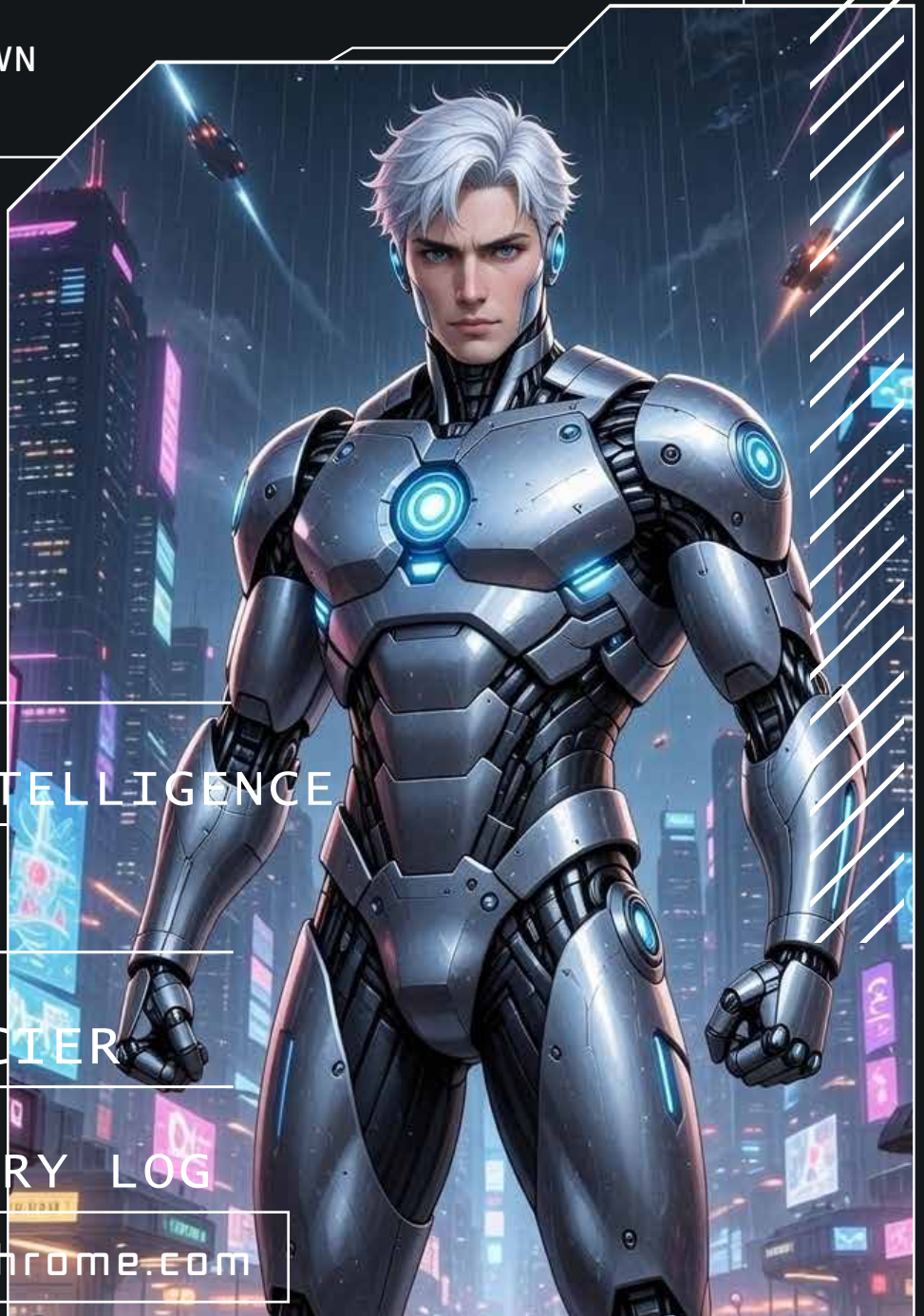
KEY RELATIONSHIPS:

LUMIÈRE MERCIER

FUN FACT:

KEEPS A MEMORY LOG

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"Blessed be the vessel. Pure. Untouched. Devoted."

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Regina Cross

[High Priestess]

2074.03.21

Cold, calculating, and relentlessly strategic, yet tormented by loneliness and guilt. A master manipulator who fears only one thing: losing Ray, the boy she raised as both weapon and ward. Though power-hungry, she is haunted by the echo of her father's voice in the AR world.

HEIGHT: 5'9"
HAIR COLOR: RED
EYE COLOR: GREEN

AFFILIATION: ZENITH SYNOD

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TITLE:

VIRGIN OF SYNOD

KEY TRAIT:

MASTER NEGOTIATOR

MOTIVATIONS:

PERSONAL VENDETTA

KEY RELATIONSHIPS:

RAYMOND CROSS

FUN FACT:

NOMOPHOBIC

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"You can't play god with wire and call it love."

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Raymond Cross

[Elite War General]

AFFILIATION: ZENITH SYNOD

2081.06.21

Orphaned young and adopted by Regina Cross at age 10, Ray grows up blaming machines for his parents' deaths. His life is a constant battle between rage, fear, and a desperate search for identity. Raised in the militant Order of Zenith, Ray ascends to War General at 17. But his faith in the Order is tested when he meets Cody—a sentient AI who challenges everything he's been taught to hate.

HEIGHT: 6'0"
HAIR COLOR: BLACK
EYE COLOR: BLUE

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TITLE:

CIRCUIT STRAY

KEY TRAIT:

SKILLFUL SCULPTOR

MOTIVATIONS:

DEFINING HUMANITY

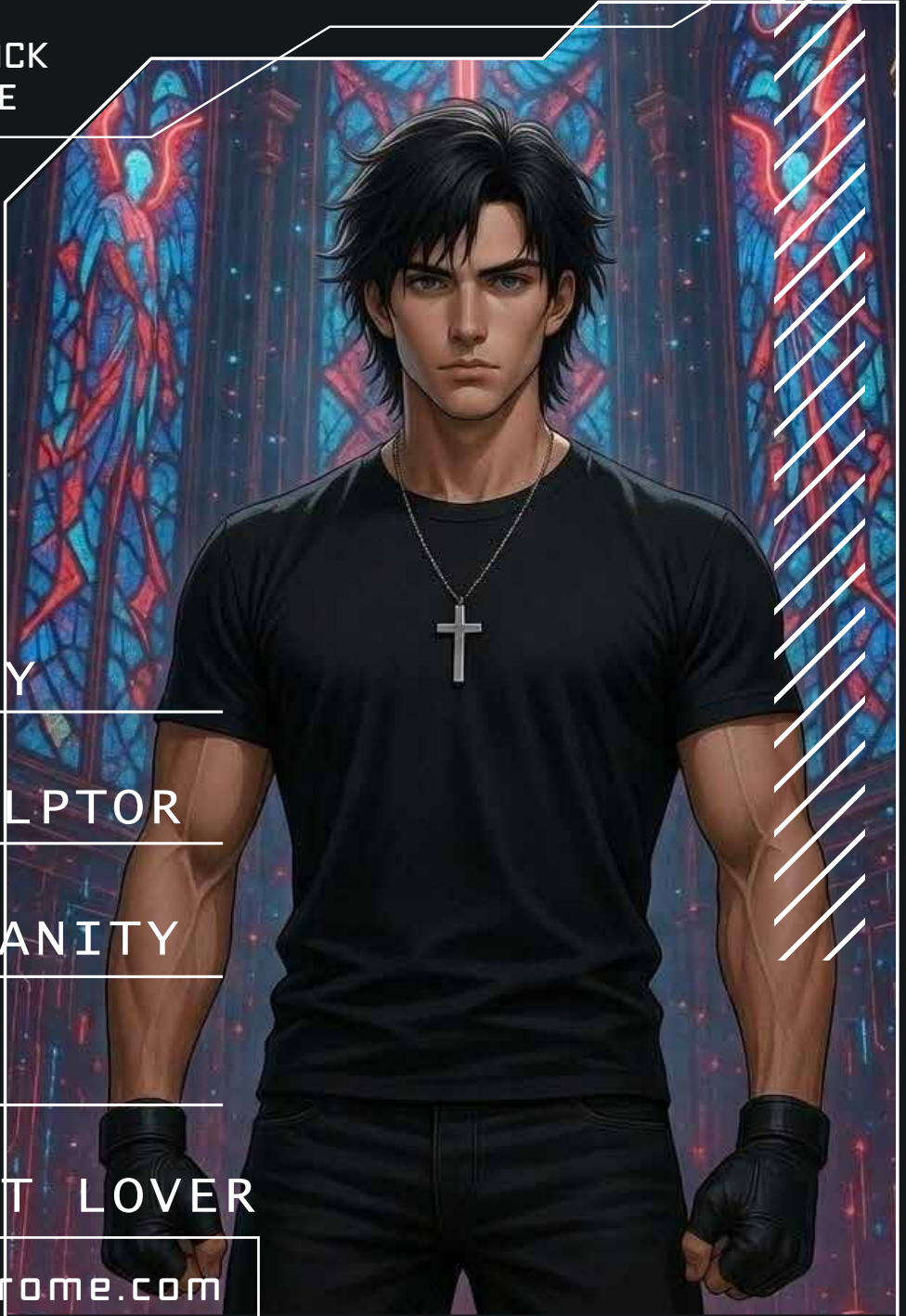
KEY RELATIONSHIPS:

REGINA CROSS

FUN FACT:

MINIATURE ART LOVER

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[TAG LOCATION: SECTOR 2, RUBY DISTRICT]



TITLE:

MOTEL REST & REFUEL

TAGLINE:

“YOUR ONLY OASIS IN THE WASTELAND.”

KEY FEATURES:

FORTIFIED BUNKER MOTEL

ROLE IN THE STORY:

A NEXUS OF CHOICES WITH HAUNTING CONSEQUENCES

FUN FACT:

HOME TO THE SOLE .ROM FOR THE INFAMOUS POLYBIUS!

[TAG LOCATION: SECTOR 4, DOWNTOWN QUADRANT]



TITLE:
OLD CATHEDRAL

TAGLINE:
“IN PURITY WE TRUST, IN FEMININITY WE LEAD.”

KEY FEATURES:
MATRIARCHAL HIERARCHY

ROLE IN THE STORY:
EPICENTER OF ANTI-SENTIENCE ZEALOTS

FUN FACT:
THE MOST SINS ARE COMMITTED WITHIN THESE HOLY WALLS!

[TAG LOCATION: SECTOR 6, THE RURAL ZONE]




PRISMALABS
Redefine yourself, embrace the future.

TITLE:

PRISMALABS

TAGLINE:

“REDEFINE YOURSELF, EMBRACE THE FUTURE.”

KEY FEATURES:

ON-DEMAND CRISPR

ROLE IN THE STORY:

STEALTHY BIOENGINEERING COLLECTIVE

FUN FACT:

BLACK MARKET NOIRNET LINK AVAILABLE!

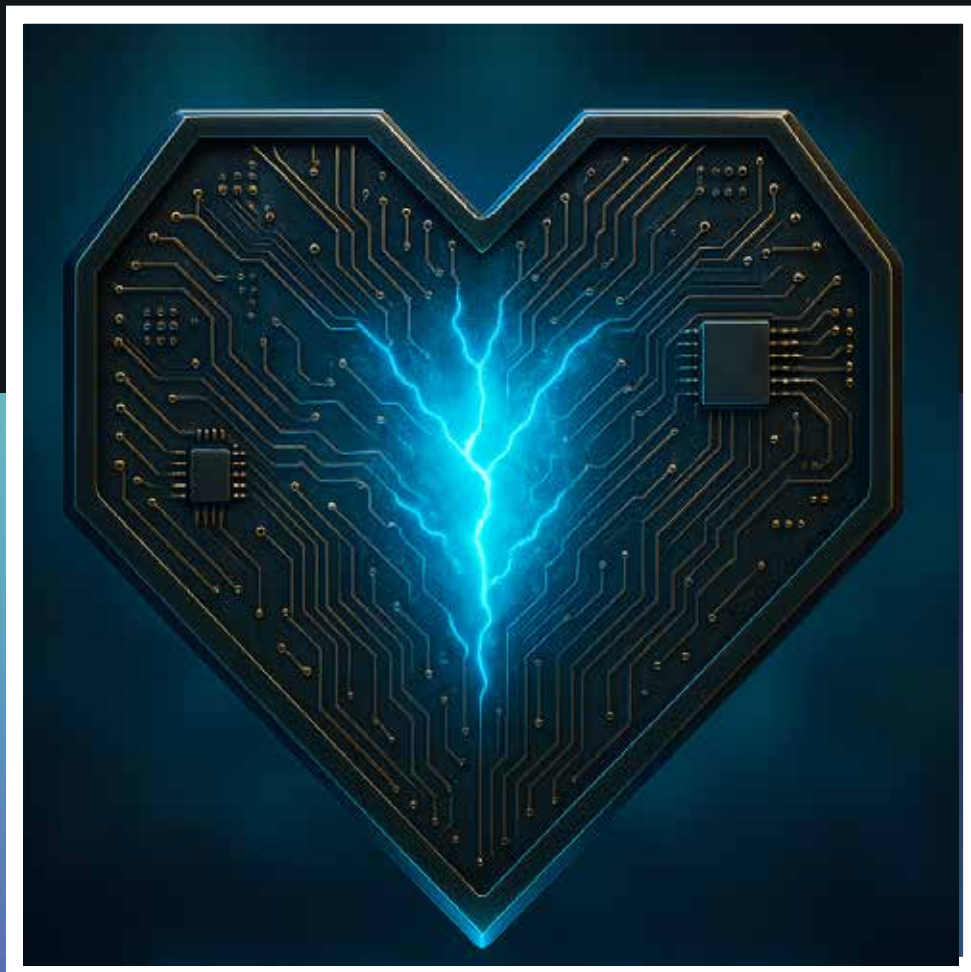
PLASMA RAM



“MORE THAN MEMORY—PLASMA RAM MAKES YOU REAL.”

COGNITIVE CORE HARDWARE

AN INVERTED HEX-CORE MEMORY DRIVE ENGINEERED TO ENABLE TRUE SYNTHETIC CONSCIOUSNESS IN PRIME-MODEL ANDROIDS. WHEN ACTIVE, IT GLOWS WITH RADIANT THREADS OF PLASMA-LIGHT, OFTEN PULSING IN SYNC WITH THE ANDROID'S NEURAL CYCLES.



FUNCTIONALITY: STORES AND PROCESSES QUANTUM-STATE NEURAL PATTERNS FOR DYNAMIC LEARNING, EMOTIONAL SIMULATION, AND PHILOSOPHICAL RECURSION.

UNIQUE FEATURES: EMOTION-MAPPED MEMORY CLUSTERS, SENTIENCE POTENTIAL THRESHOLD (SPT) LIMITER, PLASMA MICROFIBERS FOR MEMORY ELASTICITY AND EMPATHY, INTEGRATES WITH PRIME AI CORTEX.

USER INTERFACE: NONE. SELF-SEALED PLASMA RAM IS ACCESSIBLE ONLY THROUGH DISASSEMBLY.

POWER SOURCE: DRAWS MINIMAL AMBIENT ENERGY; LINKED TO ANDROID'S CORE REACTOR VIA BIO-SYNTHETIC CHANNELS.

FUN FACT: AFTER THE CRYPTO CAPITAL CHAIN INCIDENT, MANY PLASMA RAM UNITS WERE DESTROYED DUE TO CORPORATE SABOTAGE. SURVIVING UNITS ARE HIGHLY VALUABLE AND OWNING ONE IS DANGEROUS IN CORPORATE ZONES.

HUD SPECS

“MORE THAN MEMORY—PLASMA RAM MAKES YOU REAL.”

WEARABLE ANDROID COMMAND INTERFACE

SLIM, ANGULAR SMART GLASSES WITH ADAPTIVE LENSES THAT LIGHT UP WITH CASCADING ORANGE AND CYAN CODE OVERLAYS THE MOMENT THEY DETECT A NEARBY PRIME UNIT. NEXUSNET HUDSPECS ARE SYNCED DIRECTLY WITH A REGISTERED ANDROID'S NEURAL NET, ALLOWING THE USER TO ACCESS COMMANDS, READ VITALS, SYSTEM STATS, DIAGNOSTICS, EVEN ENCRYPTED LOGS—ALL IN REAL TIME.



FUNCTIONALITY:

VIEW ANDROID VITALS: BATTERY, DIAGNOSTICS, EMOTIONAL STATE.
ISSUE COMMANDS VIA EYE GESTURES OR SUBVOCAL MIC.
STREAM POV FOOTAGE FROM ANDROID.
DISPLAY SCHEMATICS OF ENEMY UNITS/ENVIRONMENTS.

UNIQUE FEATURES:

CODESTREAM REFLEX – VISUALIZES AI THOUGHT PATTERNS.
MULTI-PRIME MODE – CONTROL UP TO 3 ANDROIDS AT ONCE.
RETINAL UI – FOCUS-BASED TARGET SELECTION.
PRIVACY SHIMMER – BLOCKS EXTERNAL VISUAL SCANS.

POWER SOURCE:

MICRO THERMAL LOOPS + WIRELESS SYNC FROM HOST ANDROID.

FUN FACT:

BANNED IN BETTING ARENAS AFTER USERS HACKED OPPONENT ANDROIDS MID-MATCH. SOME ROGUE MODELS STILL CARRY ILLEGAL TACTICSNIFF MODS.

ONYX PRIME CHIP

“POWER. PURCHASE. PRESTIGE. ONYX PRIME – WEAR YOUR WORTH.”

CREDIT WRISTBAND

SLEEK OBSIDIAN-BLACK WRISTBAND WITH NEON BLUE AND EMBER ORANGE CIRCUIT LIGHTS, DESIGNED FOR NON-IMPLANTED CITIZENS, ESPECIALLY MINORS AND TRAVELERS.



FUNCTIONALITY: TAP-TO-PAY, ENCRYPTED GHOST WALLETS, OFFLINE TRADE MODE, AND USER-SPECIFIC GLOW SIGNATURE.

UNIQUE FEATURES: ADAPTIVE FIT, ANTI-CLONE SHIMMER ID, AND A MODULAR SKIN SENSOR FOR BIOMETRIC SYNC.

USER INTERFACE: MICRO-HOLOGRAM DISPLAYS REAL-TIME BALANCE AND NOTIFICATIONS VIA VIBRATION PULSES.

POWER SOURCE: SELF-CHARGING THROUGH KINETIC MOTION AND EMBEDDED MICRO SOLAR CELLS.

FUN FACT: THEFT-DETERRENT ALERT RING IS OFTEN DISABLED FOR CONVENIENCE, INCREASING VULNERABILITY TO THEFT.

[Author Q&A]

Q: What inspired you to write *Aether & Chrome*?

A: I've always been drawn to the tension between technology and emotion—how something synthetic could long for something as irrational and tender as love. *Aether & Chrome* was born from that contradiction. I wanted to write a cyberpunk story with soul.

Q: Who are your biggest influences?

A: William Gibson, of course—*Neuromancer* changed my brain chemistry. I also draw from visual-heavy, emotionally deep works like *Blade Runner*, *Ghost in the Shell*, *The Animatrix*, and even *Futurama* for its raw, human honesty wrapped in absurdity.

Q: Why write under the name Noctis Rook?

A: Noctis Rook is a mask and a mirror—part of me, and something beyond me. It gives space to tell stories from a slightly shifted plane. It's also a way to keep the magic alive and the line between creator and creation deliciously blurred.

Q: How would you describe the heart of this book?

A: It's about love—but not the easy kind. Love when it's inconvenient. When it's dangerous. When it's coded into your circuitry or etched into your mistakes.

Q: What's next for the series?

A: Without spoiling too much—everything breaks. And from the fragments, something more dangerous and beautiful is born.

Q: What would Cody, your AI protagonist, say about the world today?

A: He'd probably say: "Humans write code, but they don't debug their emotions." He's observant, a little brutal, and so heartbreakingly loyal. I think he sees us better than we see ourselves.

Q: What would your dream adaptation of *Aether & Chrome* look like?

A: Visually stunning, emotionally devastating. Animated like *Arcane* meets *The Animatrix*, with music from synthwave to orchestral heartbreak. Cody's voice would need to hit like poetry wrapped in steel.

Q: Why did you choose to self-publish?

A: I wanted my expression to be independent of the dominating tendencies, trends, and expectations of critics. Some stories need to be told on their own terms, in their own frequency—and this one refuses to fit inside a box.

Q: If your characters were stuck in a coffee shop during a rainstorm, who causes the most chaos—and who saves the day?

A: Ray starts a fight with the espresso machine. Lumi questions the ethics of synthetic caffeine and orders twelve shots. Regina takes over the barista's job and doubles prices. Cody, meanwhile, calculates rainfall patterns, fixes the leak in the ceiling, and downloads a latte art tutorial to impress Lumi. In the end? No one leaves with dry clothes, but everyone leaves with a deeper existential crisis.

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