

Paradox Recycler Contest Entries

From the Chaotic Shiny Productions newsletter mini-contest

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Winning entry, by Jaren:

PARADOX RECYCLER

No chrono-traveller should be without the Paradox Recycler©™! Whether s/he/it chronos for vacation, pleasure, or business, the Paradox Recycler©™ is essential for safety and security.

Using patented techniques several reverb-centuries in study and development, the Paradox Recycler©™ takes those pesky future-shattering time-waves generated by paradoxical situations and transforms them instead to chron-ship battery power, recharging the very vehicle that generated them in the first place.

Never again should a chrono-traveller despair at coming face to face with himself, dating his parent(s), or stepping on prehistoric insects. So long as the Paradox Recycler©™ is installed and operating correctly, the terrible consequences are avoided and give you the power to make it back home for dinner with the loved ones in your correct dimension and time-path. Buy one today!

Note: the Paradox Recycler©™ is not for use in criminal enterprises. Attempts to use the device in such circumstances will result in complete and total personal chronological reversal of the violator.

The Paradox Recycler©™ should not be modified, adjusted, opened, touched, installed, removed, or serviced by any individual other than a licensed ParaDoc™ at a licensed location. Pregnant beings, or those wanting to someday become pregnant or make someone else pregnant, should not operate or stand within fifty feet of an operating Paradox Recycler©™.

Frequent or repeated use of the Paradox Recycler©™ may cause dizziness, headaches, nosebleeds, earaches, baldness, blindness, ringing in the ears, sore throat, nausea, chest pains, arm pains, leg pains, toe pains, accelerated growth of nail fungus, vomiting, blood in the species-specific waste products, hemorrhoids, rickets, smallpox, chrono-dementia, long-term memory loss, short-term memory loss, loss of personality, uncontrollable laughing, depression, albinism, and, in some cases, death.

The Paradox Recycler©™ should not be used in connection with long-term sustainable food or energy sources.

The Paradox Recycler©™ should not be used in connection with any animal husbandry projects.

The Paradox Recycler©™ does not prevent the spread or transmission of STDs.

Should any Paradox Recycler©™ aided chrono-event last for more than four hours, seek the assistance of a medical professional or ParaDoc™ immediately. Serious permanent damage may occur.

Do not use the Paradox Recycler[®]™ if you have an allergy to cat dander, pollens, grasses, latex, wheat, legumes, milk, or soy products, or if you have a sensitivity to light.

Do not use the Paradox Recycler[®]™ if you have ever suffered seizures, manic depression, or severe sunburns. Under no circumstances should you ever taunt the Paradox Recycler[®]™.

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VIRAL MEGACANNON

A highly illegal weapon, used largely by rebel forces and black market forces. The viral megacannon, VMC, or “Vimce” as it is affectionately referred to by those who employ the weapon, consists of a 5-foot long / 6-inch diameter cylindrical barrel. The weapon has been termed a “physical particle beam” weapon.

Obviously this is a misnomer, and a contradiction in terms, as “particle beam” weapons are (in layman’s terms) light based. The visual effect of the VMC firing does, however, resemble an energy weapon discharging; however, the light and visual energy effects are simply a by-product of the intense forces involved. In essence, upon the firing of the weapon deadly viral agents are introduced into the initial hyper-chamber of the weapon.

This chamber resembles the wheel-shaped cartridge magazines from ancient twentieth- and twenty-first century powder-based arms. This hyper-chamber accelerates and mutates the viral agents before injecting them into the secondary chamber, in which the agents are concentrated and forcibly evolved. These “super-agents” are then introduced into the firing chamber, from which they are accelerated through a micro-hyperspace wormhole, traveling the span of a galaxy at nearlight speed, then reintroduced into normal space through a pinhole-sized exit at the end of the barrel.

These “super-agents” thus leave the barrel at tremendous speeds, with tremendous forces, and are essentially injected deep into the target’s body at a cellular level, where their hyperaccelerated mutations and evolving continues. The target is ravaged by disease and decay and typically succumb to these generally incurable diseases within a matter of hours.

Rumors of hand-held or portable models of the VMC persist, despite accord among the medical and scientific community that the micro-hyperspace wormhole technology would be unstable at such a reduced size.

LEGAL GUIDELINES: USE OF A NEUROGRAPPLER.

See *Regina v. Mraa’Ndid*, 398 U.S. 2d 129 (G.S.Ct. 3076), wherein the Galactic Supreme Court ruled upon the circumstances under which a neurograppler may find official use. In this case, gentlebeing Mraa’Ndid, whose biochip was registered to the Upper Sagittarian Arm, appeared before the Arm High Court, having been chased, captured, and detained by Intergalpol upon suspicion of thought abuse of a minor.

A female gentlebeing, whose name was withheld but was referred to by the Court as "Xn" was the victim of the crime at issue. Xn, at that time, was considered a minor under the Statutes of Ra'al IV. Much was made by Defense Counsel at trial over the fact that there was some uncertainty whether Xn would actually have been considered a minor under the Fourth Series of InterGal standards. The Arm High Court held (and the Galactic Supreme Court upheld) that Xn, by meeting the test for minority set forth in 23 Ra'al IV §43a-567-32-1(a)(9) and under the ruling of *Regina v. Flan*, 242 U.S. 2d 974 (G.S.Ct. 3055), a determination of minority under InterGal standards was moot. (See also *Human League v. Level 42*, 225 U.S. 2d 1980 (G.App. 3053))

Minor Xn was transporting home from MidSchool when her transmitter beam was hijacked to a residence owned by an individual Intergalpol later identified as Mraa'Ndid, a Cthalian. Gentlebeing Mraa'Ndid, upon Intergalpol's forcible entry of his residence, attempted a meta-cerebral escape while simultaneously committing acts of pseudo-extracranial assault upon the peace officers. The assaults caused his attempted meta-cerebral escape to fail and he attempted a physical retreat from the dwelling. Intergalpol officers testified at trial that they were placed in fear of imminent cerebral termination and physical assault, causing the lieutenant-on-scene to draw and fire his neurograppler at the suspect.

The Arm High Court determined that the officers' fear of imminent cerebral termination was sufficient justification for the application of neurograppler restraints. However, the Galactic Supreme Court, upon appeal by the U.S. Arm Attorney General, revisited the scene of the alleged crime via meta-chronotravel. Upon further consideration and testimony by the parties involved in the altercation, the Court reversed, finding that emergency application of neurograpple technology required:

- (A) fear or apprehension of imminent cerebral termination;
- (B) factual determination that suspect has in fact committed the crime in question, sufficient for the application for and issuance of a valid judicial warrant;
- (C) receipt of a valid judicial warrant, whether in physical form, electronic form, or intercranial digital form;
- (D) no opportunity to either (i) retreat from the imminent altercation or (ii) physically subdue the suspect;
- (E) two verbal or inter-cranial warnings to cease meta-cerebral or extra-cranial activities;
- and
- (F) verbal or inter-cranial self-identification by the officers on the scene as duly appointed deputies of their particular enforcement agency.

Based upon the ruling of the Galactic Supreme Court, Gentlebeing Mraa'Ndid's conviction was overturned and he was released from custody. Mraa'Ndid's freedom was shortlived, however, as two days following his release, Mraa'Ndid stumbled upon a confrontation of Sagittarian rebels and Arm Enforcement SWAT teams. Mraa'Ndid accidentally walked into a beam from a rebel-fired viral megacannon. Mraa'Ndid succumbed to the resultant violent illnesses within 16 galactic hours.

Other Accepted Definitions of a Paradox Recycler

Definition 1: (by LW)

A paradox recycler is a portable safety device for time travelers. Tuned to a uniquely encrypted beacon signal generated at the traveler's original time of departure, the paradox recycler is equipped with a "deadman switch" to be thrown the moment that the signal gets interrupted. Once activated, the paradox recycler sends a signal to itself five seconds in the immediate past, and its past self instantly shunts the traveler home to his point of origin in the time stream.

By so doing, it first senses the creation of a paradox in which the traveler manages to destroy his own future, then loops time back on itself, and destroys the original paradox with a much smaller one, leaving behind only a tiny fragment of temporal discontinuity which the fabric of the universe can easily re-absorb.

Definition 2: (by Ari)

Paradox recycler - the device is programmed not to exist. So it goes through cycles of existing and not existing for a time span equal to the smallest unit of time. The result is something in existence that can never change its form.

Definition 3: (by Matt)

A paradox recycler is what makes it possible for a spaceship to travel faster than light. Since it's impossible, the computer uses logical impossibilities to trick the universe into letting it happen. Obviously sooner or later you'd run out of logical impossibilities, so the paradox recycler tweaks each one as it's used so it can be reused again in the future.

Supplemental Guidelines For Legal Neurograppler Use

by Ari:

A neurograppler is illegal to be used:

1. Outside of a planet
2. In an airport, spaceport or timeport
3. Without proper licensing from a) your country (in USA the license is given by the state) and b) the appropriate legislation of the planet (TBMM on Earth - Terrestrial Bureau of Mental Machinery)
4. Against a galactic officer

It must be equipped with a Reader in ultrapublic areas (ultrapublic: not owned by any one planet)

They may not be made to look like a commonly used device, such as handheld communication devices, unless it is visibly and noticeably labeled as a neural weapon. As with all neural weapons, unauthorized use against an intelligent or unintelligent race is punishable by national and planetary law. On Earth, unauthorized use against an intelligent race is required to be deemed a felony by all countries.