

Vaurca and Augments

The Vaurca and augments go hand in hand, the way they can even survive and work on Megacorporation vessels or installations is by an augment itself. Along with the Neural Socket forming both their cultural backbone AND idea of the afterlife, you have a culture that is obsessed WITH Augments. To this end I ask, do the Hives themselves have unique augments? And logically thinking, yes they would. But I can't recall seeing a small list or some examples of dedicated augments, so that brings me here. What Hives would have WHAT augments unique to them, and unique enough to not have a counterpart in the other hives?

C'thur

Deep Health Scanner- An augment that has truly only seen usage by those Vaurca in Xevrax, this variant of the health scanner extrudes from the gaster of specialized bioforms or C'thurs personal attendants and scans, with some delay, the entirety of massive living creatures. This augment takes the entirety of the interior gaster for both processing and data storage, allowing for rapid comparisons between scans stored in all the Vaurca on the local hivenet.

LLC Relay- An augment that's only found usage in the Ta's fortunate enough to have shares in C'thur LLC as well as those who WISH to have shares in C'thur LLC, this acts as a relay and computational assistant for the company, giving the Ta direct access to recent trades and acquisition news, as well as offering some of her own personal thought power to analyze investments, many let this process run idly but some take a more active part in the process, discussing trades with her Sisters.

SCI Uplink- An augment that has been found in all levels of the C'thur in the Federation, this augment adds an overlay that allows them to quickly scan and read the SCI of any individual that they are looking at. While this shows each Skrell at a glance (So long as their face is fully visible), the more common usage utilizes pheromone sensors to read a Vaurca and report its hivecell as well as their communal SCI. Reports of more advanced versions of these relays equipped by Ta that report almost directly to the Ruupkala have been denied by both the C'thur and Federation.

K'lax

Phoron Welder- A curious idea was posed by the K'lax, what could we do with the Phoron we breathe? And one strange outcome was the Phoron welder. While typically

only used by Vetju's brood and those who work closely with her, the efficiency of the welder has found itself placed into Bound with special training in other hives. The Phoron Welder is an internal augment that starts at the storage tank, and travels along the dominant arm of a Vaurca to a small port just above its phalanges. While it does use stored Phoron, the abundance of K'ois in Pid has rendered this a non-issue for those on Tret.

Integrity Scanner- An augment that has found its home in any aspiring mega engineer of the K'lax, while it seems pretty simple its complexity requires it to be connected to the socket itself, and utilizes every sense of a Vaurca. Its purpose is simple, it tells you if this wall will collapse, and how much more weight you can put on it in what ways. This augment typically takes the entire hand of a Vaurca and replaces it with a synthetic version, allowing them to press it to a structure and letting the scanner do its work. It gives an overview of strain and how gravity will impact it at a glance, allowing for more practical checks instead of working theoretical and hoping for the best. This augment is considered by some K'lax to be the tool of those who are afraid of blueprints, and others consider it a necessity for the bold and pioneering mega engineer.

Honor Oversight- One of the few augments that the Kataphracts have allowed, this allows a K'laxan Hopeful to quickly and discreetly connect to a one of Vedhra's subrealms dedicated to rapid discussion of Unathi Honor as a concept. The subrealm itself operates faster than the real world, allowing hours long discussions to be only a matter of seconds to the Vaurca that is entering the realm. Often used strictly to resolve questions of Honor in the moments they are needed. While the Oversight augment has found plenty of usage in the Kataphracts, K'lax interested in Honor and discussions of it have opted in for the augment to partake in these discussions at a whim.

Zo'ra

Socket Yoinker- Called the Socket Yoinker based on the noise humans believe it makes when activated, its a fairly simple augment. Utilizing the typically useless secondary arms of a Vaurca Myrmidon or Attendent, this augment utilizes the pressure in the base of these arms to quickly and rapidly crack through a Vaurca skull and cut out a Socket in a matter of seconds. Despite needing specialized training, this Augment has found its use on frontlines where corpse recovery may not be possible or you are already losing and need to grab as many sockets as you can before you evacuate.

Weapon Uplink- Another simple military augment, this one is primarily used by the Zo'rane Unbound Warriors, but due to the makeup itself requiring specialized weapons and maintenance, its found almost no usage in other Hives that are now producing their own variants of older weapons. This device takes up the palm of a Warrior and fuses it,

temporarily, to a weapon made with a specialized internal make up and handle, allowing the warrior to access its diagnostics, ammo count, and in more advanced weapons bullet and underslung explosive trajectories. One of the more advanced weapons, its possibility of usage by the Phalanx has so far been met with failure, as it is the processing power of the socket that gives it its rapid calculations.

Zo'rane Gaze- One of the augments that's been more in the line of experimental than anything else, the Zo'rane Gaze requires two supporting augments, a heated Phoron Internal Tank and either augmented eyes or flash resistant eyes. While it fully takes over one of the major eyes of a Vaurca, it allows for ejecting phoron in a semi-liquid state (Much like Zo'rane fire but notably shorter lasting and cooler) directly where the Vaurca is looking. The reason it takes an eye fully is because it requires a robust pressurization mechanism and can only safely be used with complex calculations to ensure it isn't sprayed in an area that would be dangerous. The least common of the military augments as it stands, the idea itself came from Zo'rane Warriors operating in District Nine, and found some traction in Queenless circles that wanted a project to renew their importance to the Hive. A few models do exist, but they're all deemed typically too dangerous, and they're mostly crafted in District Nine as a way to utilize the Phoron grown from illicit K'ois farms in a more defensive measure in gang wars.