

Cosmic Radio  
A Jumpchain Supplement  
v0.5  
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Greetings, Jumper, and congratulations on your acquisition of this Cosmic Solutions Model RX Radio Unit. Each one of these quality, affordable radios is hand-crafted for the needs of the discerning audiophile on a journey through the omniverse. By acquiring this unit, it has become conceptually locked to you, preventing its destruction or permanent loss and denying control by anybody other than you and those to whom you grant permission.\* Further customizations are detailed below for your reading pleasure. If you have any further questions, comments or concerns, feel free to contact your nearest Cosmic Solutions customer service representative.

Cosmic Solutions: The number one name in Jumper logistics. If you've got a problem, the cosmos has your solution.

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Take +1000 BP (Broadcast Points) to customize your radio with desired features

#### FREEBIES

The following features are included in your radio at no additional cost.

**Customization:** You may select a single physical form for your radio to take. This form must be one primarily designed for playing sounds, but is otherwise unrestricted; whether you want a walkman, a car stereo, a jukebox, a boombox, or a wax cylinder player, you can have it, and all features will work with it.

**Local Broadcast:** Naturally, if a world you're visiting has any radio or similar broadcasts, your radio can tune into them. You can receive these broadcasts as though your radio had an antenna comparable to local standards, unless you equip it with a better one.

**Cross-Compatibility:** You may import any other radios or sound-playing items into your Cosmic Radio, or vice versa, combining the features of all items. It is your decision whether or not the physical form of any imported items act as alt-forms.

**Personal Attunement:** If you have any perks or abilities which grant you a personal soundtrack, narrator, or similar abilities, you may choose to have them play through your radio instead of or in addition to playing in your head.

**Hearing Aid:** If any would-be listener has any personal limitations that would prevent them from hearing the radio, this feature compensates for it, allowing anyone to listen to whatever you

choose to play through it. Note that this applies only to personal limitations unique to an individual, not to limitations imposed by species. Individuals may always choose to decline this benefit.

## TAGS

Certain features will include one or more of the following tags, which are defined here for your convenience.

**Multipurchase:** This tag indicates that a given feature may be purchased more than once. The benefits of doing so will be described under each feature. Each purchase after the first costs 50 BP.

**Tunable:** This indicates that certain details about the feature can be adjusted. The details that can be adjusted will be described under each feature. Unless otherwise noted, a given feature can be re-tuned once per jump or every ten years, whichever is shorter.

**Demo:** This tag indicates that a limited version of the feature's benefits is available for free under certain conditions. These conditions and the benefits they unlock will be described under each feature.

**Transceiver:** This tag indicates that a feature allows the user to transmit sound in addition to receiving it. Your first feature with this tag either includes a separate microphone or allows your speaker to serve as a microphone, at your discretion. If your radio has at least one feature with this tag, it may be imported into items that are designed for two-way communication rather than being limited to items which are designed for playing sound.

**Interrupt:** This tag indicates that a feature can play regardless of which station or media format your radio is currently listening to. You may enable or disable these features at any time, as well as adjusting the overall frequency of playback.

## STATIONS

These features are unique stations that your radio can be tuned to. Each one costs 100 BP per purchase.

### Jumper CB (transceiver)

Traveling between worlds can get a little lonely. Sure, you've got your travel companions and whoever else you might meet, but sometimes it's nice to talk to others who share your personal experiences. This station is a range of channels that Jumpers, Planeswalkers, Travelers, and others on the metaphorical multiversal highway can use to shoot the breeze, complain about their benefactors, warn each other about space police speed traps or whatever else they want to chat about.

### Nostalgia

With all the worlds you've visited, it's understandable to get a little wistful, and maybe a little curious about what those worlds have been up to since you left\*. This station constantly plays news updates from worlds you've previously visited, focusing specifically on people and places you had a personal connection to.

\*The Cosmic Solutions legal team can not guarantee continuous updates for customers who exist outside the normal flow of time.

#### Plot Convenience

Have you ever noticed how characters in movies, television shows or holodramas always seem to be watching or listening to a broadcast that foreshadows or directly furthers the plot? This station is the one they're listening to. Whatever scenario, quest, or ongoing personal narrative you're in the middle of, listening to this station can provide clues about something to focus on in order to advance the plot.\*

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#### Self-Talk (multipurchase, tunable)

Metacognition is a helpful tool for self-analysis and -improvement, and this station helps with that. This station takes the form of a talk show, staffed by embodiments of specific aspects of the listener's mind, such as your conscience, lust, self-esteem, fixation on a particular hobby, and so on. Upon selection of this feature, you may choose one facet of your mind to act as the host, with other aspects becoming part of a guest rotation.

>Multipurchase: You may select an additional host for the show. You may decide whether they co-host or if they take turns; this can be adjusted at any time, or left to the hosts' discretion.

>Tunable: You may reselect your host or hosts.

#### Emotional Bandwidth (multipurchase, tunable)

The effect that music can have on the mind is truly incredible. Sometimes you want to feel happy, sometimes you want to feel angry, sometimes you may even want to feel sad, dorceless or confused, and all it takes is the right song.\* But it's not always easy to find the right song, and this station solves that problem. Upon selection of this feature, you may select a single emotion. This station will always play music that makes you feel that emotion when listened to.\*

\*Cosmic Solutions is not responsible for addiction, synaptic rewiring or other detrimental effects which may result from listening to this station.

>Multipurchase: You may select an additional emotion. You may decide whether each emotion is on a separate station, or if they combine into a single station that makes you feel all purchased emotions simultaneously. This may be changed at any time.

>Tunable: You may reselect your emotion or emotions.

#### Special Interest (multipurchase, tunable)

As a discerning customer, you know what you want, and it is the business of Cosmic Solutions to ensure that you get it. Upon selection of this feature, select a genre of music or fiction, a hobby, or a band. This station will constantly play your choice of music, news, and/or discussion programs associated with your chosen topic. For example, if you select a genre of music or

fiction, then the station will always play music or audiobooks of that genre; if you pick a hobby, it will have hobby news or music by people in the hobby; if you pick a band, it will play songs by every version of that band from across the multiverse. The specific blend of music, talk and other formats can be changed at any time.

>Multipurchase: You may select an additional topic. It is up to you whether the topics are on different stations, or if they blend together into a single station at the center of the venn diagram. This may be changed at any time.

>Tunable: You may reselect your topic or topics.

#### Pundit (multipurchase, tunable)

Sometimes it's easy to be so close to something that you can't see it, especially when that something is you. This station is a news show that talks about you, with the host reflecting the honest opinions of either the world you're in as a whole, or a subgroup within that world such as the people of a particular city, profession, wealth level or gender.

>Multipurchase: You may select an additional category of people to hear the opinions of. It is up to you whether each group is on a separate station, or if the combined opinions of all groups are broadcast on a single station. This may be changed at any time.

>Tunable: You may reselect your group or groups.

#### Weather

It is a truism that weather forecasts are never reliable. This station is an exception. Wherever you are and wherever you are planning to go, this station will provide constant information on current and future weather conditions. If you are traveling through the vacuum of space or other exotic environments where weather does not exist in the traditional sense, analogous information will be provided. This station's information will always be one hundred percent accurate, unless you take action which would directly interfere with that accuracy, e.g. by changing the weather with magic or angering a storm deity.

#### Channel Memory

Nobody likes losing things, and at Cosmic Solutions we don't think you should have to. With this upgrade, your radio will 'remember' any stations it has ever tuned into.\* This allows you to tune back into those stations at any time, regardless of where you might be. If you've traveled too far across the country to hear a classic rock station you like listening to, or if you'd like to listen to the mysterious numbers station that you picked up when you're in a new universe and better at cracking cyphers, this feature will let you do it.

\*Cosmic Solutions' legal team would like to clarify that any references to memory are used metaphorically, and that no Cosmic Solutions product meets the legal definition of consciousness.

#### Police Scanner

As a multiversal traveler with any number of secret identities and criminal records, or just a desire to avoid speed traps, it is natural you might be interested in listening in on what the cops or paladins or white blood cells are saying. This station allows you to listen to the secure chatter of the local authorities, whoever they might be.

## OTHER UPGRADES

These features provide additional functionality to your radio, rather than adding more stations to listen to. As before, each feature costs 100 BP per purchase.

### Emergency Beacon (transceiver, multipurchase)

Everyone gets in trouble sometimes, even jumpers, and Cosmic Solutions is here to ensure that our customers can get out of it. With this feature, you may broadcast an emergency signal that is automatically routed to whatever individual or group would be most willing and able to provide aid, notifying them of your location and the situation you are in.\* This beacon may be activated once every ten years or once per jump, whichever is shorter.

\*Cosmic Solutions makes no guarantee of aid by unaffiliated third parties, nor are they responsible for any debts that may be incurred through the use of this feature.

>Multipurchase: You may activate the beacon an additional time per jump or decade.

### Targeted Advertising (interrupt)

Nobody likes intrusive advertising, but nobody likes not knowing about something that they might find useful or entertaining either. Thus, Cosmic Solutions provides an eloquent compromise in the form of targeted advertising. With this feature, broadcasts will occasionally include commercials, but they will always be for products, services and works of media that you would be interested in and capable of acquiring, and the production quality and tone will not be of a sort that you will find irritating.

### Loading Screen (interrupt)

Everyone learns differently. Some people can read through textbook chapters or play through a twenty-part tutorial in a single sitting, and some people prefer their information to be delivered in bite-sized chunks. This feature caters to the latter, by providing short and informative pieces of information about the function and nature of topics you come into contact with. For example, a given broadcast may provide information about the sources of friction between two local nations, tips for applications of your perks and abilities that you haven't explored, or even information about jumping in general if you or your benefactor prefers a more diegetic and less front-loaded approach to figuring out how it all works. You will never be reminded of something you already know.

### Tuning Fork (multipurchase)

Customizability is key to a quality user experience, which is why so many features can be re-tuned to better suit your needs. For those who change their mind more frequently, however, we offer this optional feature. Select a single feature with the tunable tag; you may re-tune that feature an additional time per jump or decade.

>Multipurchase: You may increase the number of re-tunes allowable for a single feature by one.

### Media Player (demo)

While listening to local or cosmic broadcasts is a fine way to pass one's time, Cosmic Solutions understands that sometimes you may want to listen to something physical instead. With this feature, your radio will be compatible with any audio media format you may come across in your travels, capable of playing whatever you pop into it with the same level of quality as our broadcasts no matter how degraded the cassette tape, record, gorilla, thumb drive or CD might be.

>Demo: If any of your radio's alt-forms should have the ability to play certain media formats, e.g. cassette tapes for a Walkman, your radio can play those formats when in the associated alt-form; the quality clean-up is also included in these cases.

#### Alt-Form (multipurchase, demo)

Aesthetics are important, and anyone who says otherwise is a liar. In understanding of this, Cosmic Solutions offers this feature, which allows you to select an additional alt-form for your radio. If changing forms in its current location would result in damage or inconvenience, it will be teleported to the closest location which would prevent those undesired outcomes.

>Multipurchase: Gain an additional alt-form for your radio.

>Demo: Any items your radio is imported into, or vice versa, optionally provide their original forms as alt-forms for free. The damage and convenience protections apply when shifting to these alt-forms.

#### Goes to Eleven (multipurchase)

As a Cosmic Solutions customer, you obviously have taste, so why not share that taste with the world? With this feature, you can do just that, as the maximum volume of your radio will be amplified to the point that it can be heard for a radius of at least a city block, regardless of environmental conditions.\*

\*Due to legal regulations, Cosmic Solutions would like to clarify that this will never result in physical pain or damage to listeners, and those who cover their ears or take other steps to muffle the sound will be able to do so.

>Multipurchase: The radius at which the radio can be heard is increased by an additional city block per purchase.

#### For Listeners of All Species (demo)

The omniverse is a place teeming with diverse life forms. While a sense of hearing is common and can be observed in most species, this is not an absolute, and we recognize that some customers may wish to share the joys of this product with those species who would otherwise be unable to hear it. With this feature, you can do just that, allowing your radio to translate sounds into a form that exotic senses can perceive. For example, you may play music in the form of pheromones, magnetic pulses, infrared displays or telepathic broadcasts, and all creatures capable of perceiving those sorts of inputs would be able to 'hear' the music. Note that this does not provide audience members with additional senses; even when broadcasting telepathically, only those with telepathic ability would be able to perceive the broadcast. You may translate your radio's output into as many or as few formats as you like, and this can be

adjusted at any time, and any other features which would normally affect sound will apply appropriately to whatever format you choose to broadcast in.

>Demo: If you possess any exotic senses from your species, body-mod or alt-forms, your radio may be translated into those senses for free. This does not apply to any senses attained via perks or other other secondary abilities.

### Buffer

While many customers find inherent value or beauty in the ephemerality of live broadcasts, others find more value in a convenient listening experience. With this feature, you may pause or rewind any station or form of media you are currently listening to on your radio, with no limits on how long you can pause, and no limit to how far back you can rewind apart from how long you've had access to a given broadcast—e.g., this feature doesn't allow you to rewind a local radio station to a point prior to your entry into its host universe.

### Call-In (transceiver, multipurchase)

While many customers are happy in their role as an audience member, some find value in interactivity with the providers of their art and entertainment. With this feature, you can contact each station on your radio once per week, to have a conversation up to five minutes or make a single request, e.g. to play a certain song. Compliance with requests is not guaranteed for local stations not managed by Cosmic Solutions, but contact with said stations is.

>Multipurchase: You may make an additional call to each station each week. Uses for a given station may be combined into a single call, if for example you wish to queue up multiple requests or have a longer conversation with the host.

### Bulk Discount (multipurchase)

While feature richness and variety is our primary goal at Cosmic Solutions, we recognize that certain customers may wish for a tighter focus in their user experience, and we are happy to provide. With this feature, select a single feature with the multipurchase tag that you have already made four additional purchases for (i.e., you've spent a total of 300 BP on the feature, including the original purchase). That feature is now treated as though you have purchased it an infinite number of times.

>Multipurchase: You may apply this benefit to another qualifying feature. As this feature has the multipurchase tag, it explicitly qualifies to have its benefit applied to itself, should you manage to acquire the budget to do so.

### Noise Canceling

When listening to your favorite music or other program, the last thing you want is to have your listening interrupted. With this feature, you won't have to worry about that, as the radio will now completely silence any undesired noise in its hearing radius, allowing you to listen to the radio and nothing else. You may adjust this feature to allow certain sounds to bypass the silencing effect, and any listeners who do not wish to take advantage of the effect will be able to hear normally.

### Family Plan

While many of our customers choose to travel the omniverse alone, there are also many who chose to bring companions along with them, and such customers may wish to share the joy of radio ownership with them. With this feature, you receive a duplicate of your radio possessing all the same features, including those acquired by importing. If your radios have at least one feature with the transceiver tag, you may use them as secure two-way communication devices which function across any distance, including across dimensional, temporal\* or universal boundaries.

\*Cosmic Solutions is not responsible for any harm or legal liability that may result from manipulating the time stream using this product.

>Multipurchase: You receive an additional radio.

#### Casting Call (multipurchase, tunable)

At Cosmic Solutions, we hire only the best, and that extends to our radio staff. We understand, however, that customer tastes vary, and that certain voices can have a positive impact on the user experience that varies from listener to listener. In recognition of that, we offer this feature. Select a single person, real or fictional\*, and you may use their voice as a replacement for any number of voices on your radio. This extends to local broadcasts, should you wish. You may adjust which stations and voices within those stations are affected at any time.

\*Cosmic Solutions is not responsible for any pataphysical existential dread that may result from examining the distinction between reality and fiction. All actors are compensated fairly for the use of their voice irrespective of levels of fictionality.

>Multipurchase: You may select an additional person to employ the voice of. You may choose whether they staff different stations or roles, or if they speak in harmony. This may be adjusted at any time.

>Tunable: You may recast any voices you have purchased.

#### DRAWBACKS (wip)

While we here at Cosmic Solutions make every effort to provide quality products at a reasonable price, we recognize that certain customers are willing to make compromises in certain areas in exchange for a better return in the long run. With that in mind, we offer our drawback compensation program. Each of the following drawbacks will affect the functionality of your radio for five jumps; in exchange, you will receive 100 additional BP. You may purchase each drawback more than once, with each purchase extending the duration by another five jumps. There is no limit to the amount of BP you can gain through drawbacks.

#### Commercial Breaks

Ah, advertising. Perennial albatross around the neck of commerce. While we at Cosmic Solutions largely rely on word of mouth and direct relationships with our customers, other omniversal conglomerates are not so fortunate, and they would love to pay for access to our customer base. If you accept this drawback, those other conglomerates will be allowed to air commercials on your radio, interrupting your listening at a rate comparable to that you are likely familiar with from mundane radio broadcasts. Unlike the bespoke commercials you would experience with the Targeted Advertising package, there is no guarantee of relevance or quality,

and the ads may not be blocked, skipped or otherwise avoided. We can at least guarantee, however, that these commercials will never begin in the middle of a song or sentence.

#### It's Probably Country

Feeding the hungry is an important job, as well as a lucrative source of tax write-offs, and at Cosmic Solutions we believe that all sapient life deserves to be fed, regardless of what their diet might be. If you accept this drawback, you can join that mission and help feed the hungry—more specifically, the pathovorous fey of universe CTL-081607, who feed on negative emotions. Roughly ten percent of what you listen to on your radio will be finely tuned to elicit a negative response from you, be it anger, frustration, anxiety or some other traditionally undesired emotion. This will come into effect even if you are listening to an Emotional Bandwidth station.