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The net is invading the streets!

Not that many years ago this titular would be out of place outside of a movie. But nowadays? Despite Netwatch claims on their efforts to thwart netcrime, it seems that more and more ghost stories are going viral on the streets.

“It was like one of those horror movies.”

“Lights flickering, automatic doors going rogue, elevators falling...”

- Joy, Security guard at ToscCo.

Reports seem to indicate that the internet hackers known in the underground as Netrunners are becoming more and more mobile.

In fact, so mobile, that they have the power to unravel chaos with the single press of a button in a phone.

We traveled to the underbelly of the city to interview a group of anonymous netrunners to unveil the mystery of their power.

It all began at Zetatech.

I'm pretty sure you remember the announcement of the Microcomp “E-book” from Zetatech a few years ago.

Its release was not only innovative but it made tremble the cements of technology and the waves can still be felt today.

It's the same E-Book that litters every office in the modern world that is being pushed by netrunners to do things which weren't made to do.

“To be honest it all comes from Rache guide to the net ...”

- FractalFace

The netrunner group tells us that it all began as a guide created by an underworld famous netrunner called Rache Bartmoss and released by his lapdog Spider Murphy.

The guide teaches how to modify a common computer to be used to travel the net and manipulate the virtual reality of the I-G algorithms.

Believe us, we heard a lot of weird lingo down there.

The thing is, remember the E-Book? That's a computer too. So once you mod in a cellular upgrade, program a new interface to handle cybermodem software and load it with illegal programs ... you're good to go.

“Anyway, forget about diving into a datafortress with one of these tiny things”

“But hacking a remote device? Easy as fuck”

-L00tHarv3ster.

We even witnessed how these devices worked. With a few touches and keystrokes they controlled traffic lights, disabled cameras or took control of a RoboTaxi.

We left the place with a bad taste in the mouth and a question.

What will Netwatch do about this?

For now our suggestion, if you own a business, is to put your devices behind a Datawall, as expensive as they can be.

It's worth it. And safer for everyone.

So if you're wondering what exactly do you need or how much does it cost, here goes the shop list:

Hardware:

Zetatech E-Book : 200ed

Cellular upgrade : 500ed

Software:

Custom I-G interface : 200ed

Crystal ball : 140ed

Dee-2 : 130ed

Genie : 150ed

Hotwire : 130ed

News at 8 : 140ed

Soundmachine : 140ed

Terminator : 260ed

Phone Home : 150ed

Total price : 2140 ed

But all of it is illegal, so prices can go up to x10, it all depends on how good is your Fixer.

Of course you could also program all that yourself. Check the core rulebook or Rache Bartmoss Guide to the Net.

As a referee remember : while lots of things should be available to players, put certain things behind a fortress datawall.

Those terminals suck for standard Netrunning.

