



Report on Magos Vathek

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Thought of the day:

“Death is but a doorway.”

Dear Arch-Cardinal Ignato, here is the information on the vile Magos Vathek. May the Emperor protect.

Group: Denounced Heretic, Banned by the Machine Cult, Ex-Magos

Confirmed Heresies: Mass murder, desecration, tomb robbery, multiple counts of tech-heresy, the destruction of an Adeptus Mechanicus Secutor Maniple, possession of Malygrisian Lore, necromancy.

Preferred Methods of Operation: Covert experimentation on the dead, acts of mass homicide in furtherance of the discovery of forbidden lore. Known to defend himself with deadly force when encountered or disturbed. He is known to favor numerous devices of forbidden technology, some of xenos design, to further her proclivities.

Background: Magos Vathek is a rogue heretek the Adeptus Mechanicus would like to see put down, although they have been singularly unforthcoming to the agents of the Inquisition as to exactly who he was before he rebelled against Mars (and the Imperium's) authority. Vathek's goals are well known to the Inquisition (though no less dire for that). He is obsessed with the manipulation of dark technologies to perfect a means of preserving life within previously dead tissue. To this end, he has exhaustively researched and uncovered countless banned and heretical technologies. Some are far older than the Imperium, while others are even xenos in origin. In addition, thousands of Imperial citizens have died in his vile experiments, or even worse, been prolonged in some horrific “unlife”.

The facts of Magos Vathek's career before he was cast out from the Adeptus Mechanicus and became a hunted renegade are entirely unknown, and the tech-priest authorities have been singularly unforthcoming in this regard. It is thought that he was attached to the Explorator fleets of Archmagos Thule before some incident or event drove him mad, turning him into a renegade hunted equally by the Inquisition and the forces of the Machine Cult. Vathek is obsessed with acquiring and perfecting dark technological lore. In particular, he desires the technological means to restore full life to dead tissue, although he is also known to have created forbidden weaponry, crafted flesh gholams, and experimented with a variety of prohibited alchemical and energy systems. His forbidden experiments are already reckoned to have cost upwards of 3,000 lives, most notably in a mass casualty event known as the “Morningside Incident” on Solomon, and on a smaller scale during the “dockside ripper” murders on Dreah. At the end of the latter, Vathek slew a Mechanicus force sent to destroy him and escaped off-world. He has also attacked a previously unknown resurrectionist cult on the cemetery world of Pilgrim's Pause to plunder its dark secrets.

Aside from his drive for dark scientific lore, he appears to have no known goals or plans. He also does not serve others, fashioning only unliving servitors as his needs arise. Some theorise that Vathak's true obsession is somehow discovering a means to restore biological life to this own decaying flesh.

To the Inquisition, Vathek is a highly dangerous threat to the Imperium who must be eliminated at all cost, and they are willing to pursue him to the darkest corners of the Calixis Sector. This zeal in hunting him is only exceeded by the Mechanicus, who constantly have dozens of kill-teams pursuing him.

Abilities and Gear: He is known to have incorporated the forbidden technology of a Sarkossan wave generator into his own carapace and is believed to be no longer “alive” in any meaningful sense, but propelled by the power of his own dark technology. He has proven extremely difficult to slow or destroy with conventional weapons fire, and extreme measures are advised when confronting him.





Appearance: In appearance, Vathek looks to be a heavily augmented tech-priest robed in tattered black, surrounded by a multitude of black-iron and brass mechadendrites fitted with surgical tools, callipers, and energy coils. Here are two artistic renderings from two different throne agents who have survived their encounter with Vathek.



Current Status: Vathek's current whereabouts and activities remain unknown. We know nothing, except he has forged an alliance with Apophis to further his sinister goals.

Threat Level: Beta Menace; Terminus Hereticus

