

THE MONSTER

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INT. EXAMINATION ROOM

A medical table under hot lights in a very dark room. So dark we can't even see the walls. There is a figure on the table partially covered with a blanket. A doctor, unknown age or race, enters and walks around the body as they speak and records into a microphone. The doctor is cold and emotionless with a surgical mask on their face. Occasionally the doctor will pause, the camera closes in on parts of the covered body, leg, arms, shoulders, etc. The blanket is whipped away to reveal a blistered appendage. This person did not die easily.

DOCTOR

Project Plus, Subject 4, update, May 17, 2029. We've had some progress this week. Until yesterday things were looking good. The lesions were starting to lessen in the upper half of the body. We've been aggressive with the anti-biotics. That was having some effect on the smaller blisters but the more severe lesions continued. Subject 4's muscles were recovering quickly. We believed it was the anabolic steroid injections and considered the clinical trials confirmed. The attempts to balance the fluids in the prefrontal cortex failed. The template we used was too extreme, there was still too much serotonin and it brought about the subject's violent tendencies. Subject managed to tear away from the bonds and went on a rampage. One intern was wounded, a second one mauled, and Subject 4 was terminated after five

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months as part of Project Plus. Subject 1 lasted 7 weeks before termination for the same reason. Subject 3 was terminated after 4 months from multiple seizures after surgery. Subject 2 was suicide, so it's unimportant. Notes for Subject 5. The first four Subjects were all female and we should continue this trend. This time find a younger Subject, mid-teens, if possible, from a less hostile background. It may increase the possibility that they will be missed but a rural setting will also make them easier to take without being traced. We also should begin the brain alterations in the first week, not the second month, to get a better lead on the serotonin problems. In addition we should work harder to avoid the facial deformities we encountered with the previous subjects.

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Close in on the head of the body, closer and closer to the face. At the last second the blanket is whipped away and we cut to the doctor pulling the surgical mask off.

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We don't want people thinking there are monster's here.