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D100 Unsettling Items for Sci-Fi RPGs

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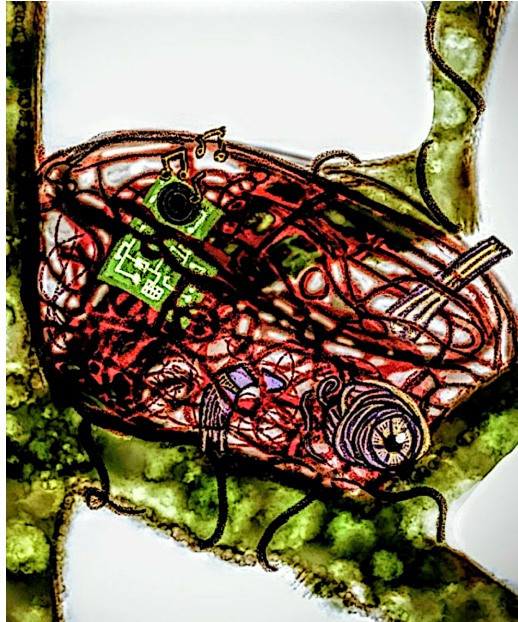
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| <p>01 VHS tapes titled in neat handwriting: Last Moments 04/08 Pretty One, 2 Houses Over</p> <p>02 Photograph of you taken moments ago from very nearby.</p> <p>03 A blurry photo, well-used.</p> <p>04 Childhood ceramics project, shattered.</p> <p>05 Item carried by another character. If checked, no longer in their possession.</p> <p>06 Bottle anxiety meds, bottom scraped out. "No refills"</p> <p>07 Frag grenade with pulled pin. Dud.</p> <p>08 Used needle. Pricks finger on retrieval.</p> <p>09 Bundled youth small shirt, torn but kept clean.</p> <p>10 Butterflies, wings clipped. Writhing.</p> <p>11 Teething ring, deep gouges.</p> <p>12 Advent calendar. In each window, moldy grains.</p> <p>13 Well-worn doll in evidence bag.</p> <p>14 Religious icon, caked with makeup.</p> <p>15 Curling, torn-off life support inspection sticker: Grade F</p> <p>16 A ring box with a modest, handcrafted ring. Inside, a note: "I can't"</p> <p>17 A prettily wrapped present sealed in acrylic. Empty.</p> <p>18 Credit stick assigned to you. Billions in debt.</p> <p>19 Threadbare mail bag. Letters cut open & glue licked clean.</p> <p>20 A warm thermos filled with fragrant coffee. If consumed, texture chunky and bristling with tiny bones.</p> <p>21 Vaccsuit helmet sealant ring. Serial number matches your suit.</p> <p>22 Android eye, still functional. Pupils dilate in Morse code. "Kill me".</p> <p>23 Human coalition conscription letter, dated 1 year in the future. No life insurance policy.</p> <p>24 Hollow arm cast, signed many times in the same, shaky handwriting.</p> <p>25 Secrets written on flash paper, lights when retrieved. Burns too quickly to read.</p> | <p>Fortune cookie: "You won't be missed." Lucky numbers: blank. 26</p> <p>Plaque: Artist Unknown Self Portrait, 22nd century Rice paper. Nearby a fetid, mushy mass. 27</p> <p>Ventilation maintenance record, margins filled with sightings and phenomena. Daily checks ended last week. 28</p> <p>Plastic baggie with lock of hair. If opened, follicles burrow into exposed skin and slowly grow inward. 29</p> <p>A bible, all references to God crossed out & re-written in first person. 30</p> <p>Slice wedding cake covered in bloated plastic wrap. Warm. 31</p> <p>An egg affected by strong gravity in zero-g. 32</p> <p>Bloody handkerchief, partially dissolved. 33</p> <p>Countdown timer, 1 minute left. 34</p> <p>Deck of cards, doesn't shuffle right. 35</p> <p>Silicon android face glued to the wall. 36</p> <p>Delicate terrarium fractured & dead. 37</p> <p>Half-chewed exotic insect collection & bloody pins. 38</p> <p>Signed note from your loved one: "Please call. Urgent." 39</p> <p>Home suicide packet: Tinny speakers & holographic glasses conjure a pathetic pastoral scene. 40</p> <p>Thumb print scanner beeps to confirm registration. 12,597 & counting down. 41</p> <p>Collector's book filled with sobriety coins: 24 hours, 24 hours, 24 hours, 30 days, 60 days, 90 days, bottle cap. 42</p> <p>Lucid dreaming pills. "Contact a doctor if feelings of self-determination persist while awake" 43</p> <p>Garbage bag with thousands of unidentified medical test strips, all positive. 44</p> <p>Bird's nest made from android components. Disembodied electronic chirping. 45</p> <p>Black urn. Inside, loose ashes and a golden spoon. 46</p> <p>Cultured petri dish loosely wrapped in translucent tape. 47</p> <p>Handheld printer eternally spewing a receipt, repeating: "EXTRA MEAT: 5 CREDITS" 48</p> <p>Unmarked security wand whines in affirmation only when waved over one present character. 49</p> <p>Topographical scanner. Current location seems to shrink, massive shapes undulate on the periphery. 50</p> |
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| <p>51 Union charter dissolution papers blown up as posters. "We own you"</p> <p>52 Small pouch claimed in childish handwriting. Within, baby teeth dusted with dried blood.</p> <p>53 Sheaf fabric samples. Uncommonly soft leathers with faded tattoos.</p> <p>54 Scratch N' Sniff early reader's fact book: Lesions</p> <p>55 Flower with a single petal, glued on.</p> <p>56 Bisected cigarette bin, butts cast as votes. "Strike" (0) "Submit" (full)</p> <p>57 Incense sticks. Scent of rotting meat. "Paradise"</p> <p>58 Family photo, all faces burned out.</p> <p>59 Cracked egg, awkwardly taped together. Inside, a nose.</p> <p>60 Recording device dotted with playful stickers. Playback: hours of somnambulant murmurings.</p> <p>61 Brown glass medical bottle filled with dry skin peelings.</p> <p>62 Bag singed war medals and ribbons with a note: "You earned these."</p> <p>63 Butter knife caked in dried mucus.</p> <p>64 Hand mirror, bullseye scratched into the surface.</p> <p>65 Heart monitor strapped to corpse reads a healthy pulse.</p> <p>66 Medkit. Blood soaked bandages, empty bottles.</p> <p>67 Scrawled list of names, most crossed out.</p> <p>68 Stone saint figurine weathered past recognition, chest gouged by sharp tools.</p> <p>69 Grainy cannibal flick. Violence too real. Mirthful laughter amidst screaming and begging.</p> <p>70 First aid poster. Pantomimed photographs and instructions for emergency C-section.</p> <p>71 Android skull casing. "Lindi" scratched into the scalp. If scanned: Recently wiped.</p> <p>72 Fist-sized rubber band ball. Shreds itself if touched. Stings.</p> <p>73 Perforated tin box. The hand inside does not move when watched.</p> <p>74 Envelope with carefully folded tickets for off-station transport. 2 adults, 1 child. Expired.</p> <p>75 Tear-stained photo of a family reunion. Uncanny likenesses.</p> | <p>76 Medical bracelet, torn: "IF FOUND, SHELTER IN PLACE."</p> <p>77 Floppy with 1 file: "spares.zip". Covert photos at work & home, anatomy circled.</p> <p>78 Envelope, "Richard". Photos featuring increasingly less of the titular subject.</p> <p>79 Travel agency testimonial film. Bruises inexpertly obscured by makeup. Shaky, card-read endorsement.</p> <p>80 Clay sculpture: Telephone-game notion of what a heart looks like.</p> <p>81 Motion detector. Blips cluster impossibly in solid infrastructure</p> <p>82 Invitation to a party, illustrated with roses. "Bring your own."</p> <p>83 Hand-wrapped, colorful candies. Tastes like raw meat.</p> <p>84 Passive aggressive post-it reminder to do the dishes. Aged, creased, faint smell of cologne.</p> <p>85 Medscanner, readout open to scan history: DECEASED, BLUNT FORCE TRAUMA DECEASED DECEASED</p> <p>86 Crude local map. Areas marked as hazardous, including players' current location.</p> <p>87 "Lil Reds" cigarettes, unopened. Papers filled with mites. Smooth taste, popping sounds.</p> <p>88 House keys. Plastic dog keychain with mechanical wagging tail, headless.</p> <p>89 Tablet with video feed from the perspective of your eyes.</p> <p>90 Blueprint: Waiting room, cleanroom, cell blocks.</p> <p>91 Vacuum-sealed kitten. "Just add milk water!"</p> <p>92 Corkscrew distended past utility.</p> <p>93 Audio greeting card. Contemptuous voice questions life choices.</p> <p>94 Glass bottle of pulverized fireflies, still faintly pulsing with light. "No shaking, honey!"</p> <p>95 O2 canister, over-pressurized. If used, vaccsuit flooded with formaldehyde and rot.</p> <p>96 Brief on protest infiltration. Authorizes lethal force against company enforcers. "Burn after reading"</p> <p>97 Vid: Back turned to face dirty mirror, reflection obscured. Gibberish and laughter to the rhythm of a conversation.</p> <p>98 Earpiece transmits soft breathing. When the party moves, breathing becomes laboured.</p> <p>99 Short range comms device. Incoherent mumbling, laughter, and pleading on every channel.</p> <p>100 Intricate collage of magazine cuttings, darkly styled after a present character.</p> |
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