

4.1 Overload

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With a soft click the door of the safe swings open, revealing a tattered notebook. Upon examining its content, your blood runs cold.

This 'Tsar' is attempting to acquire the Philosopher's Stone by transmuting chimeras. The process of combining human and animal allows the Tsar to extract a portion of their fused souls that would otherwise dissipate, since even a chimera's body can not contain two whole souls. The only problem is that he is unable to keep the extracted souls intact long enough in order to utilise them.

Feeling sick, you flip through the rest of the notebook to find that the Tsar has recorded the details of all his experiments to date. Combinations of animals, different types of transmutation circles, and even physical features are factors on which the Tsar was planning to experiment. The first entry catches your eye.

"Experiment #1

<u>Human:</u> Female, mid 20s, petite brunette.

Animal: Dog, adult pit bull. Brown fur.

Result: Unsuccessful. Subject retained intelligence and self awareness."

A sheet falls out from the back of the notebook. Picking it up, you realise that this Tsar is no more than just another student at your university.

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