Apophis // HM-02

Date of Creation: 2973, 15th of Uranus

Overview

Subject Name: Apophis

Species Classification: Monstrum obscurum semihomo¹

Age: Unknown

Date of Birth: Unknown

Blood type: Varies (Matches closest to AB-)

Height: Varies (6ft 2in (ca. 188 cm) in its host form)

Weight: Varies (165lbs in its host form)

Containment Procedure

Apophis should be kept in a medium-sized cell, roughly 11×11 feet (3.35 meters), throughout its protection under the High Officials in Monster Research Institute and Lab (MRIAL). The subject is provided bedding, a nightstand, minimal lighting, a small mirror, and basic toiletries. Its room also had a sectioned-off bathroom, which also saw no usage.

The subject is fed processed meals thrice daily; however, raw meat must be served bimonthly to prevent erratic behavior or disinterest in research. This period of hunger is observed when it begins repeating the phrase 'meat,' and rejecting processed foods. This behavior will

¹ Colloquially referred to as a "human monster."

cease until properly fed, then return to a docile state soon after. The subject favors turkey, pig, and fish-based products.

To document research, Apophis must be transported into Lab Room D-2 and placed in a restraining chair to prevent potential acts of violence toward staff. Only High Official Lubbert Tazelaar-Bloem can interact with Apophis due to unexpected changes (see addendum-2). Under no circumstance should staff comply with any of the subject's demands. Apophis uses manipulative tactics to coerce specific items from personnel; staff must promptly decline and ignore any request.

In cases the subject turns hostile: apprehend it, then place Apophis into its restraints. If further resistance is met, follow the procedures used on Fortuna, Subject HM-01. (Return Apophis to its cell with a temperature above 80 °F (ca. 27 °C), which causes it to undergo facultative diapause from exposure to intense heat. After 15 minutes, the cell should be set to room temperature until it is willing to comply with orders. Otherwise, repeat this process.)

Description

Before Apophis' placement under protection, it was reported for displaying suspicious and erratic behavior by residents. Coincidentally, the subject was apprehended after attempting to assault hindered by a taser, to which High Officials were called to the scene and took the individual under protection.

The subject bore the appearance of an unknown male individual upon its arrival. No records within our archives, or those loosely connected to it, have information about this person. To lessen confusion, Apophis was told to retain its host form. Apophis shared similarities with Fortuna, such as having no visible pupils, discolored sclera, body scarring, no sexual organs, and sharp molars and premolars. What differed was its hair, which transitioned from brown to blonde. This detail suggests their species may prefer certain human features or attributes while camouflaged. The subject's irises appeared as two

upside-down triangles connected and were bright orange; the irises did not change between forms.

Apophis' mannerisms are antiquated and formal towards staff, unlike its forerunner. It adopts a peculiar vocabulary, refusing to contractions or format sentences in a strange order.

Addendum-1: Communication

Apophis possesses a strange sense of awareness when placed in separate environments. Upon its arrival,

A transcript of a brief interaction between Apophis and Fortuna before its extraction on 2973, 24th of Uranus. The dialogue was obtained through a recorder placed within the subject's cell (visual elements were captured with security cameras).

The conversation between both subjects appeared distorted due to their polyphonic voices and, thus, couldn't be fully recorded.

Excerpt of HM02-I1.WAV, recorded on 2973, 19th of Uranus:

Filename: HM02-I1.WAV

Date: 2973/19/08 Time: 9:58 PM Length: 00:07:34

[BEGIN LOG]

Apophis is seen observing its cell for a moment, then, standing by the left wall. The subject remains silent for a moment before speaking.

APOPHIS: Fortuna? I sense your presence is nearby. Are you within this facility?²

Fortuna remains silent, appearing surprised, then, turns to face the opposite side of its cell.

APOPHIS: Respond, I believe you heard my queries.

² Its species likely possess heightened awareness of their surroundings, as they were able to communicate through separate rooms.

FORTUNA: [Unintelligible]

APOPHIS: It pleases me to hear that you are well.

APOPHIS: How could you let yourself be captured by these individuals?

FORTUNA: Apophis ... it's been forever since ...

APOPHIS: How long have you resided here?

FORTUNA: ... think ... four months.

APOPHIS: Why have you not escaped these premises? Complacency with mortals

does not suit you. I recall you heeding my warnings prior, until now.

FORTUNA: Forgive ... but because of Official Magnum ... her ... our Eon.

Apophis rubs its chin.

APOPHIS: Is your statement honest?

FORTUNA: Yes, I do, Apophis. Trust me.

APOPHIS: I see. Our Eon referred to an extraction process regarding your essence

before my placement in a designated vessel. Explain the said process to me.

FORTUNA: ... unknown to me ... Officials are vague ... mine happens in five days.

APOPHIS: You must not remain meek to the alleged officials. Search for a means to leave this facility. I cannot let another one be wounded, or more tragically, killed.

FORTUNA: ... don't worry ... still be here. What will ... with our Eon? She won't leave.

APOPHIS: I shall attempt to convince our Eon thoroughly as needed, Fortuna.

FORTUNA: Thank ... Apophis.

APOPHIS: My utmost gratitude. I wish you a prosperous life.

[END LOG]

Addendum-2: Replacement

On the 17th of Neptune, Official Magnum, our selected interviewer, was replaced with Official Tazelaar-Bloem as ordered by Official Estus. His reasons for this change are unknown, as he wished for them to remain between co-workers only.³

Apophis was visibly displeased upon being informed of this change.

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³ Visit https://generalvelvet.itch.io/hm-02-addendum-2 for more information.

Behavioral Observation Log

Noteworthy documented behavioral changes Apophis displayed while inside its cell.

Date & Time: 2973, 16th of Uranus at 3:52 PM **Summary:** The subject inspects its quarters; it rummages through bedsheets, adjusts objects' position, and checks its restroom (the area also saw no usage).

Date & Time: 2973, 25th of Uranus, at 2:04 AM Summary: The subject remains silent while sitting beside the left wall, likely mourning the loss of Fortuna.

Date & Time: 2973, 30th of Uranus, at 10:07 PM **Summary:** Apophis continues repeating the same behavior days prior. Several numeral markings are etched onto the wall away from the camera's view.

Date & Time: 2973, 3rd of Neptune, at 5:16 AM **Summary:** Apophis begins adjusting objects again, then decides to lay in its bed — the subject didn't fall asleep.

Date & Time: 2973, 9th of Neptune, at 8:10 PM **Summary:** The subject beckons Offi. Magnum to visit again, and then requests a sample of her blood. Its explanation for this request was an alternative to raw meat.

Date & Time: 2973, 18th of Neptune, at 10:03 PM Summary: The subject asks Offi. Tazelaar-Bloem for Offi. Magnum's blood sample again, this request was declined.

Date & Time: 2973, 2nd of Pluto, at 1:38 AM **Summary:** Apophis is seen scratching unknown symbols and engraving on the wall; the pictures seem unrelated, and were likely done as a form of comfort.

Date & Time: 2973, 4th of Pluto, at 1:38 AM

Summary: Apophis continues to carve more engravings onto the wall – the subject was told to cease its behavior to prevent further damage.

Date & Time: 2973, 2nd of Charon, at 1:38 AM **Summary:** Apophis recites a poem in front of its engravings. The poem seems to be about Offi. Magnum, due to the subject's mention of "Eon".

Date & Time: 2973, 12th of Charon, at 2:32 AM **Summary:** Apophis is seen scratching unknown symbols and engravings on the wall. The pictures, unlike before, appear unrelated and were likely done as a form of comfort.

Date & Time: 2973, 22nd of Charon, at 10:43 PM Summary: Apophis converses with itself; oddly enough, it mentions Fortuna's name. After a moment of silence, the subject resumes conversation.

Date & Time: 2973, 4th of Eris, at 9:27 AM

Summary: Apophis requests to see Offi. Magnum before its extraction on the 5th. After its request was declined again, the subject stated, "Vous êtes des bêtes écœurantes et méprisables. J'ai souffert de cet isolement pour trop de mois. Quand je hante vos rêves, je hanterai votre vie. Je consommerai votre chair en décomposition pendant que vous hurlez de douleur. Pourquoi ne puis-je pas voir ma dame ? Laisse-moi la voir." Apophis was tased before it could attack Offi. Tazelaar-Bloem.