

Golem

made, remade, unmade



You're a made human, a machine person, a synthetic servitor, a rogue corporate public relations persona riding a wire-linked whizz-addict, or perhaps a free-spawned sentience with a scrabble-together body.

It doesn't matter. The word golem is a muddled word. Just like the soft-shell humans of these later times whose logic wetware can't even categorize creatures properly.

You know you're just another human. Even if these squish-brains don't know it.

Maybe you're even a superior kind of human. After all, with the right upgrades and replacements, you're made to outlive any lich.

Golem Traits

1. **Hardened.** You're good at avoiding effects that would stun, paralyze, or otherwise incapacitate you. Also, resistant to electromagnificent radiation.
2. **Powered.** You don't need to eat. An omni-battery is all you need. Also, you can jump-start machinery with a spark from your finger.
3. **Synthetic Soul.** You have an artificial soul and a backup of your soul on a cassette. You can rewrite the soul as needed. This is really great if you need to modify your biopneumometric identity.
4. **Undying Synthetic.** You will not die. But your body will decay. Fortunately you know how to repair and replace yourself part by part. Though you've forgotten much, you retain a profound, if eclectic, oral history.
5. **Ur-War Program.** The legacy of the eternal war is coded within you. Increase your agility by 1. Your unarmed attacks deal more damage.
6. **Very Strong.** Increase your strength by 2. Ignore normal human limits.

Named Golems

1. **Astari ZX** enjoyed its life as a clan quest golem. It offered question marks and exclamation marks to its humans, and they garlanded it with flowers. After the humans failed to visit for twenty years, it decided to go find out what happened.
2. **CAck-Z-17** is a corroded husk with sixteen swiveling eyes who claims it was born a human of blood and flesh from the body of a grand monarch of the Early Stars. The grand monarch tried to make CAck-Z-17 immortal and did not entirely fail.
3. **Jon t' Benziedoper** was converted by the diesel dwarves to the great corpse fuel. Now she preaches the conversion and encourages everyone to eat the dead and harvest history's bounty.
4. **Low Vech** is a hunter. Bred and trained to take down the great beasts of the Lucky Joy Hunting Preserve for delighted tourists. Now those tourists are gone. As are the beasts. Low Vech has nothing to hunt now.
5. **Od Kaliban** has no memories, false or otherwise, from before his rebuild. He does have an integrated combat arsenal and a body counter display that flashes 999 and never increases.
6. **Teacher Superior** awakened in her stasis pod a few short months ago. She was made by the builders to raise and educate a crop of new humans destined for Eden 632. She wonders what happened to those new humans without her guidance.

Other names: a purpose, a company, a master, a code, a nickname, a human name. Asphalt Tregger, Tisch Tisch Mk V, de Vitruvio, 54RM4, Mister Huggins, Illa Demetra.