

Freakbabies

The effects of the drug Excelsior were largely unknown suppose the original Freakshow and the drug's creator, Crey Industries. What was understood is that prolonged use induce resulted in superhuman endurance and gradual psychosis. But medical practitioners and scientists could not fathom the deeper genetic damage the Freaks were doing to themselves.

The first Freakbabies, a nickname coined by nurses in Chiron Medical, were born between 2002 and 2003. It was understood that most frequently ended up becoming sterile as a result of their drug usage, but a few managed to procreate with either other Freaks or non gang members. The children had a 30% survival rate upon birth given severe deformities, underdevelopment, and conversely overdevelopment; born with organs too large or skin too dense.

Those who did survive were classified as mutants upon the discovery that they had the basic abilities of their parents, including enhanced regeneration and strength. It was soon discovered that Excelsior was naturally developing in their bodies, but was also responsible for what became known as Freakbaby Disease. The condition is insidiously similar to chronic organ rejection in transplant patients; around puberty, the Freakbaby's immune system would reject their natural organs while Excelsior constantly healed them. The result was chronic to excruciating pain and a form of psychosis wherein the Freakbaby would attempt to rip organs and whole limbs from their bodies.

Treatment was rarely delivered in time. Those who could be saved were given internal Excelsior pumps that would regulate their healing process and stave off rejection. Some would resort to installing cybernetics to replace rejected organs and limbs.

The rare few would be gifted abilities from their parents that varied wildly. Many simply had durable endurance and enhanced strength. Others could grow metal like projectiles from their bodies to use as weapons. The most dangerous of their kind could manipulate magnetism and electricity purely through willpower.

The FBSA requires all F03 (the agency's designation for Freakbabies) to enroll in meta-human academies upon the discovery of their abilities. They can expect their teenage years to be heavily monitored by the government. Those who engaged in illegal activity would be remanded to FBSA juvenile detention centers. However... the first generation of Freakbabies came of age just under 2 years ago. And now they can make their own choices.