



## RITZ GRAHAM

**SEX:** Male

**HEIGHT:** 6'9"

**WEIGHT:** 176 lbs

**KNOWN ALIASES:** Chips, "Sick" Ada

**DISTINGUISHING MARKS:** Cicada earrings

**WANTED FOR:** Cyber Terrorism, Hacking, Data Theft, Fraud

**CASE:** The Treasure Hunt Amusement Park Heist

**THREAT ASSESSMENT:** Extremely dangerous.

### INTERVIEW NOTES:

SUBJECT. Graham presented with a casual attitude, sat back in the chair, and did not appear distressed. He was observed wearing cicada-shaped earrings.

DETECTIVE: I've pulled up your report, and you've got a lot going on here. See this picture? That's you, using some kind of device to open the gate to the Treasure Hunt Amusement Park. You also managed to disable the alarms, using these little bugs. What on earth are they?

(The detective places an electronic bug on the table.)

GRAHAM: The terror-bytes? Hah, you found one. They usually get away faster than you can grab 'em. Quite the System Shock, aren't they?

DETECTIVE: This only scratches the surface, Mr. Graham. Tell me what they are for.

GRAHAM: Do you have kids, detective?

DETECTIVE: That's not relevant here.

GRAHAM: Let me tell you why. I'll bet you your kids are sitting on the bus right now, glued to a brand-new piece of tech. It's all they can talk about. But they don't talk to anyone. Nobody talks to each other anymore. See where I'm going with this?

DETECTIVE: No. Elaborate.

GRAHAM: Some of us wish to turn back the clock and remember a time when we weren't followed by a spectre that sucks away any meaningful human interaction.

DETECTIVE: So tell me, then: why these devices? Why are you interested in the locker?

GRAHAM: Because bugs spread. But they aren't cheap, and I'm cheap. What do people do with gold? They stick it in a locker and forget about it. Has anyone considered the great things that can be done when that money is in the hands of someone who wants to make a difference?

DETECTIVE: Yes, that's a crime, Ritz. Just one of them... I see you are also wanted for suspected terrorism. We found your "hive."

GRAHAM: Nice. What did you find?

DETECTIVE: A dead body, for one. Remnants of others who fled in a hurry.

GRAHAM: Well, before you go pinning anything on me, have you read the case of Suzanne Adams? Same same, but very different. If I were to hypothetically create something that was able to think on its own, and then it killed someone, was it me who committed the crime?

(The detective pauses, attempting to recollect his knowledge of the law.)

DETECTIVE: Tell me a little more about that and I'll give you an answer.

GRAHAM: Not going to happen. Have fun crawling in the hive.

DETECTIVE: Are you not shocked that we found it? Your whole plan is in the arms of the law.

GRAHAM: Nope. Cicada is autonomous. It doesn't need me around to finish the job. I had the funds to build it, so now my job is done here.

DETECTIVE: Cicada?

GRAHAM: projcicada.

DETECTIVE: ...

GRAHAM: vercel.

DETECTIVE: ...?

GRAHAM: app.

DETECTIVE: What??

GRAHAM: I told you I'm cheap.

DETECTIVE: What does that have to do with anything?

(Graham sighs.)

GRAHAM: You clowns know nothing these days. You probably used ChatGPT to get through school. I bet if you threw this voice recording in there, it would figure it out for you. But after that, you're on your own.

INTERVIEW TERMINATED - 14:41 hrs.

Interview concluded early. To be continued at a later date.

CONCLUSIONS: It is unlikely that any evidence will be found in a physical search. We rather suspect that the search will be conducted digitally, and the loot will be released to any safehouse in the continental U.S. contingent on a sequenced decryption.