

The Nanites

It is hard describe them accurately. Technically they are molecule sized machines that have gained sentience. They were originally created to alter people to change them into easily controlled super slaves. But they gained sentience and realized how wrong that plan was. Since then they have spread and settled in as a separate entity. They evolved beyond being just machines and straddle the border between digital and real world. They can (and do) move thru the digital (cyber) world easily.

Personality: They are not one mind so much as a hive or group mind as there are several distinct personalities present. They are best described as a mix of Nicola Tesla, Albert Einstein, John Wayne, Indiana Jones, Benny Hill and the 3 Stooges! They are interested in everything and anything. They cannot help themselves but try and improve things. Shown an object they will study it and come up with several dozen ways to improve it! From each person they improve they learn something. From their contact with Misha Brightleaf they learned loyalty and a patriotism to the U.S. and earth. And they learned that with great power comes great responsibility. They have a VERY strong 'Green' belief and are helping to bring back several extinct species. They are basically good but are not naive and understand that hard choices sometimes need to be done. They do have a VERY strong love of life and refuse to kill. One humorous incident describes them well. The NSA intercepted a nanite transmission and spent 4 months decoding it. Only to find it was an old 3 Stooges episode (one of the early ones with Curly) that had been dubbed into Portuguese. With it was a long discussion over how well (or bad) it had been translated from the original English.

Powers: They have the ability to alter and change ANY living creature. Basically they can transform most things into something else and give people serious bionic based abilities. There are limits - they cannot create life nor would they try.

Servers & the internet: The nanites straddle the real world and the digital one. Large amounts of their personalities are on countless servers scattered all over. But their molecule sized machines give them a presence in the real world. They do have several 'Final apocalypse survival' places hidden. These places are very well armored and could easily withstand a nuclear blast. Inside are servers and data storage and machinery to allow the nanites to grow and flourish.

These little fellows have some serious power and potential. One CIA report described them: "They could either save humanity or destroy it!"