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Mantis Blades

Magic Item



Cyberpunk Edition

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Cyberware (Cyberarms), rare (requires installation)

Twin blades fold flat along your forearms like a praying insect's arms. They snap out with a wet click, and they're meant for people who'd rather be close.

Chrome Core: Cyberarms (Strength) · Capacity 3 · Overclock costs 1 Humanity + your Edgerunning score. Full rules in *Chrome & Cyberpsychosis*. Without that system, you can Overclock once per long rest.

Choose one: Monowire, Mantis Blades, and Gorilla Arms are all Cyberarms. You can have only one of them installed.

Weapon Properties. Two blades, 1d6 slashing each · finesse, light · +1 to attack and damage rolls

Retractable. You can extend or retract the blades as a bonus action. While they're extended, you can't hold anything in your hands, but the blades can't be disarmed.

Mantis Leap. Once per turn, when you take the Attack action with the blades extended, you can leap up to 20 feet toward a creature you can see before making your first attack. This movement doesn't provoke opportunity attacks.

Hemorrhage. Once per turn, when you hit the same creature with two attacks using the blades on the same turn, it starts bleeding. A bleeding creature takes 1d6 slashing damage at the start of each of its turns until it

regains hit points, or until it or a creature within 5 feet of it uses an action to stop the bleeding. Bleeding from this property doesn't stack.

Overclock: Dismember. When you Mantis Leap to a creature that is bleeding from your Hemorrhage and hit it with your first attack after the leap, you can Overclock the blades. The target must succeed on a DC 15 Constitution saving throw or lose one arm or leg of your choice. A creature that loses an arm can't hold anything with that arm, and one that loses a leg has its speed halved. A lost limb can be restored only by magic such as *regenerate*, or replaced with a cyberlimb. Creatures that are Huge or larger, or that lack limbs, are immune.

"Ripperdoc said they'd fold away clean. Never said anything about the screaming."

~ Street samurai, Watson