

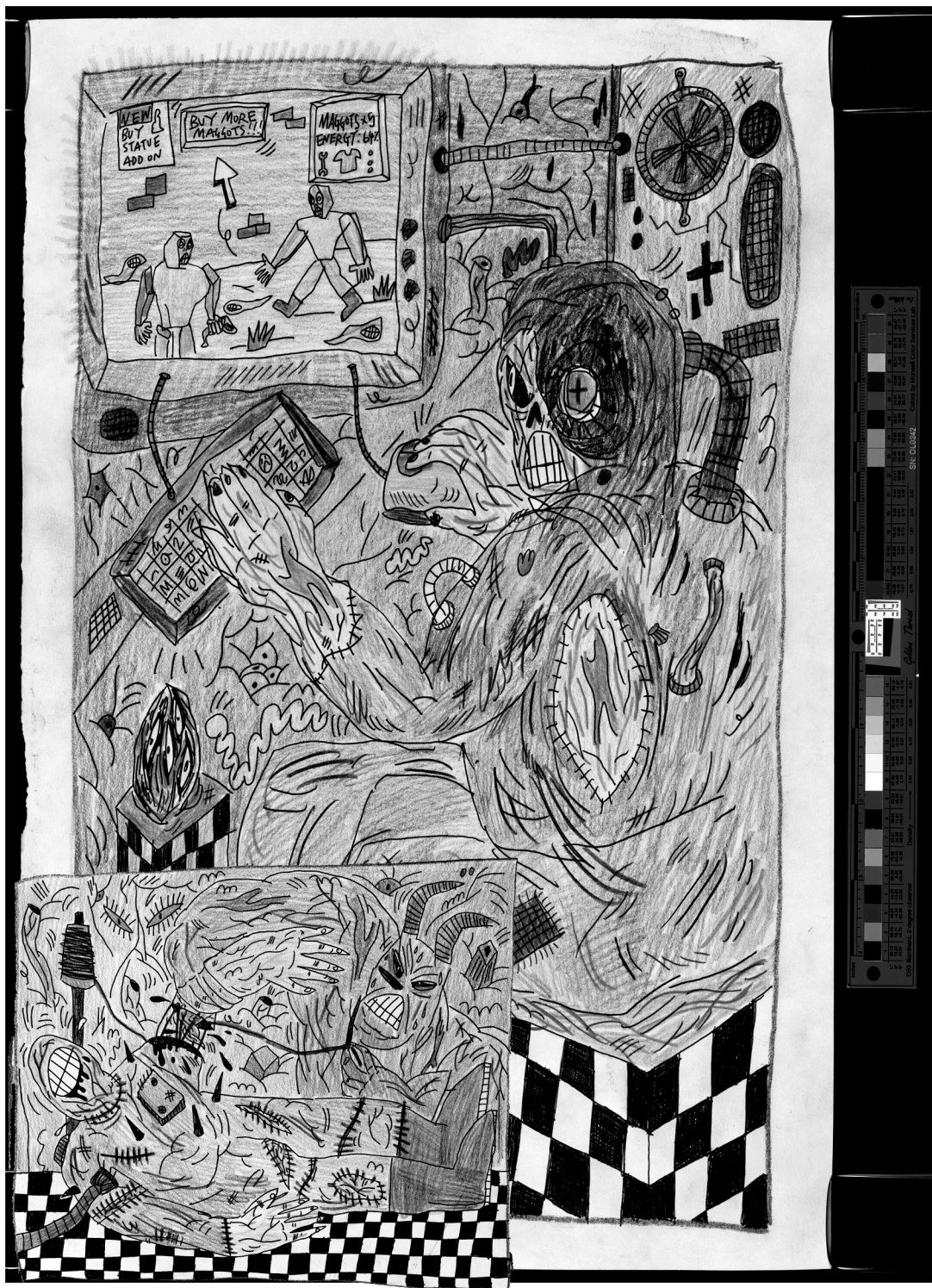
CYBERJUNK

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John Powell-Jones: CYBERJUNK

17 October – 19 December 2021

CYBERJUNK takes place on the planet Durt 1,000 years after the Quantum Crash: a botched experiment that saw the first humanoid quantum teleportation result in a disaster of apocalyptic scale.

This post-crash present is populated by Borgs: evolved residue of the humanoid teleporter, now known as Awl-The Original Walker. The Borgs inhabit a walled enclosure, the only liveable area left on Durt. They were brought here by Droer - The Carrier of the Maggot, the only entity who can survive outside the walls. Droer then left their settlement in order to protect the Borgs from any outside threat, long before first consciousness. This history is remembered by monument and artefact, the story of Awl and Droer passed from one Borg to the other, carrying out their daily duties making sure everything is as it should be, awaiting Droer's return.

John Powell-Jones' work is informed by the ways in which dominant ideologies and power structures influence our perceptions of reality. In particular, how the warped western view of progress and success affects our understanding of morality. These ideas are explored through the use of speculative fiction, taking inspiration from European folklore, body horror, survival horror and science fiction. Powell-Jones aims to form a dialogue with our present and an imagined dystopian future in which the horrors of capitalism and neoliberal ideology are present as cyborgs, demons and maggots.

Characters from *CYBERJUNK* also recently appeared in *Technatrash: The Fellowship of Technoid* (2020) a performance for the Holden Gallery, Manchester and *Quantum Loop* (2020) a video series exhibited as part of *This Is A Not Me*, IMT Gallery, London.

Castlefield Gallery is partnering with IMT Gallery, London to deliver this exhibition in two parts across both venues. *CYBERJUNK: QUANTUM CRASH* will be on show at IMT Gallery London, 8 October – 12 December 2021 imagemusictext.com

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