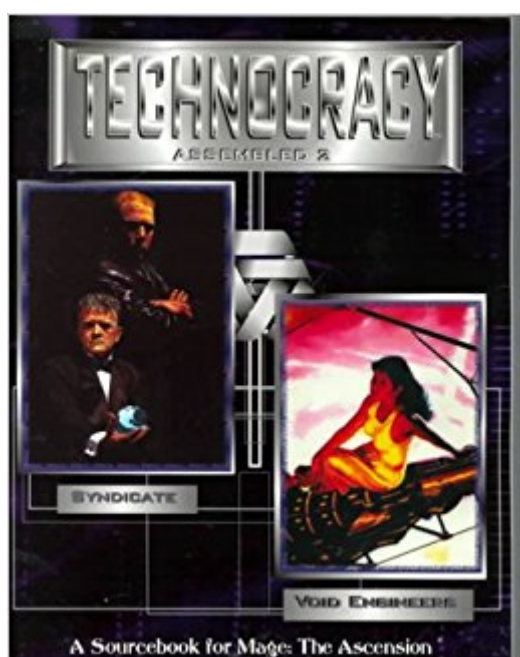


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The Syndicate book is rather good, attempting to show that not all Syndies are evil, and giving a fairly decent explanation of the Bottom Line. The history is good. This book seems to say that the Syndies are even less "magickal" than the rest of the Technocracy. It's not a bad book, but it's not

as good as the NWO book. Then there's the book that brings this rating down. This is not the Void Engineer book; it is the Void Engineer Barabbi book. The narrator is a barabbi, and the entire book is tinged with her Nephandic taint. I hardly think that a barabbi is the best narrator for an overview of a Convention, unless one is assuming that over half the Convention is barabbi. (I do not.) I think this is a miserable book, completely lacking in useful information. I do not recommend this book, unless you're like me and want everything WW puts out for the Technocracy. If you aren't, go buy *_Guide to the Technocracy_* and Neil Postman's *_Technopoly_* instead.

Aside from a monolithic Organized Evil Force (tm), the main Mage rules don't really do much to make the Technos either interesting (what, exactly, do the different Conventions do?) or playable (WHY does this Void Engineer do what she does, as opposed to her bunkmate?). This sourcebook changes that. Here, we have a selection of strengths and weaknesses that can be inflicted upon and exploited by PCs: ItX-ers can provide nearly unlimited numbers of faceless killing machines, but the drones don't react well to unpredictable behavior; the Syndicate can erase your financial history but they are also vulnerable to having their own 'portfolios' shut down; and so on. All in all, a valuable addition to a Storyteller's library. I only wish that it was about thirty pages longer and could have gone into greater detail about sample bases, team mission goals, and relations between the Conventions.

Any thing for the techno's make you a better GM. The techno,s build character in any campaign.

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