

Chapter 1 The Digitizer (Track Digitizer Assault)

Deep in the quantum trans-heights of the Shadowmountain Grid in the Eastern Chain, darkness has already fallen. Only the flickering glow of the campfire provides any light.

Megacephalon and a few of his kin have gathered around it, while the others have already withdrawn for the night.

A faint mechanical hum can be heard from time to time whenever someone moves. Otherwise, complete silence reigns — almost *too* silent. Not even the sound of the wind can be heard anymore, which feels unnatural.

A small shadow emerges from the darkness. Eyes dart toward it, but it is already too late.

With unnatural speed, the shadow leaps onto Megacephalon's back and sinks its long, spindly fingers deep into the head of the giant creature.

It is Digivox-9!

Panic erupts throughout the camp. Some flee in terror, while others try to tear Megacephalon free from the parasite. But it has already taken control of him, rendering any attempt hopeless. The rest accept defeat and retreat as well.

Megacephalon, the strongest of his kind, struggles desperately to resist. His awareness is still intact, but he can no longer act on his own.

Digivox-9 has anchored itself deep within the synapses of his brain and is now feeding in its commands, just like programming a system.

It is not prepared to release its newest acquisition — its ultimate weapon — ever again.