

The Acropora

Z-367-A, codenamed "Acropora," is a mutated mass of Z-367 covered with Z-863.

Incident Chronology: 1981

On December 17, 1981, at 9:47 AM, Z-367 escaped its containment and outran all internal defense systems. An hour later, personnel utilized an old protocol to bait Z-367 toward the nearest safe containment zone. The objective failed; the subject targeted other prey, changed its route, breached the gate to Dock #234, and successfully escaped the Hadal Blacksite.

During the hunt to re-contain Z-367, Class Walkers crossed the subject's path. A search group eventually located Z-367, which was missing half of its body. It found a liquidated Vultus L. corpse and consumed it to begin regenerating. The subject was neutralized with an Electrostatically Charged Prototype Shotgun (E.C.P.S.), which shut down its neurons for two hours. Z-367 was immediately delivered to high-security containment.

Upon investigating the site of the incident, researcher Sam T. discovered a lost fragment of the mass. This mass was moving slowly, powered by the byproducts of the consumed Vultus. After feeding, the mass rebuilt a new body and partially recovered its eyes. Sam documented the discovery before being consumed by this "Twin" of Z-367. Armed forces reacted quickly and neutralized the twin. At that time, it was contained far from Dock ■. The primary reason for the mass dividing into Z-367-A remains unknown.

Developmental Stages and Experiments: 1993

In 1993, during experiments with Z-863, researchers struggled with waste disposal. At that point, the facility pipes were entirely covered in Z-863 mass, making incineration nearly impossible. Consequently, the Z-367 "Twin" was used in an experiment to consume and decrease the volume of Z-863 waste. This led to unpredictable mutations.

Key stages of Z-367-A ("Twin") development:

- January 17, 9:47 PM: CCTV footage confirmed that Z-367-A began emitting Z-863-2 "Microbiota."
- March 26, 6:32 AM: After consuming 200,000 tons of waste, the subject's eye color, skin texture, and the stability of its liquid waste began to change. Examinations revealed the presence of Z-863 flora and a miniaturized version of Z-863-0 "Heart of Lazarus" inside its body. This indicates that Z-367-A can live independently without a connection to the "Mother."
- March 29, 5:35 PM: Z-367-A's skin remained in a liquid state, but it developed internal vessels to balance liquid waste and maintain a strong, bulletproof structure.
- [REDACTED]. [REDACTED], [REDACTED]:[REDACTED] AM: Flamethrowers and E.C.P.S. units were deployed with the objective of destroying Z-367-A.
 - Results: All weaponry failed.
 - Cause: The object showed resistance to atomic and solar radiation, possessing an extremely high regeneration rate. Theory suggests that to terminate the entity, the core must be destroyed rather than the skin. The primary difficulty is that the core is located deep within the object's mouth.
 - Classification: Upgraded from "Dangerous" to "Hazard."

Containment Breach: June 11

- 2:12 AM: An electrical short circuit caused a containment gate to slightly malfunction.
- 3:16 AM: Z-367-A forced the gate open with its body and escaped the dock. Personnel activated a waste-disposal machine to bait the subject back into containment.
- 3:21 AM: Engineers successfully restored the system. Extra gates were installed to ensure secure containment.

Behavioral Analysis and Physical Traits

Experiments show that Z-367-A is highly sensitive to motion. It can track researchers' movements even through obstacles and walls.

Research indicates its vision is unique: it perceives the world as cellular structures in a neon-light green palette, resembling a 90s aesthetic visualizer. When it detects movement, it sees "echo waves" emanating from the point of interaction.

Z-367-A is larger than the original Z-367, yet its speed is superior due to its lubricated, slippery body.

Protocol: If personnel detect Z-367-A, they must immediately call for reinforcements and remain completely motionless until it leaves the area. If no safe spot is available, hiding in a locker is recommended, though lockers do not guarantee safety.

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