**Aliases:** Specimen PSY-200  
**Age:** Unknown  
**Height:** 21’  
**Weight:** 1830 lbs.  
**Hair Color:** None  
**Eye Color:** None  
**Birthplace:** Unknown   
**Power Source:** Psychic Energy  
**Group Affiliation:** None  
**Occupation:** Interdimensional Psychic Parasite  
**First Appearance:** Shortly after The Visionary arrives in the present timeline

**Nemesis:** The Visionary

Exploration of new frontiers is never without cost – the voyage itself can be perilous, the results unexpected, and tales of adventure are often not the only thing brought back home. The scientists at the U.S. Department of Defense’s Horizons Research Facility knew this all too well. An oppressive protocol was put into place for all interdimensional travel, with every possible precaution taken before and after each excursion “off-world.” Nevertheless, the first cephaloid managed to make it through the portal within three days of the inception of Project Walkabout.

In the weeks following his initial visit to the cephaloids’ home dimension, Dr. Walter Russell’s usually energetic, genial disposition became dull and coldly unresponsive. The department had protocols for such sharp changes in nature and soon found the first of the cephaloids attached to the base of Russell’s neck, its tentacles digging into the base of his skull. When they managed to sever its connection with the doctor, the specimen, no larger than a tennis ball, let loose a shriek that rendered the doctor unconscious and bleeding from his ears.

Three other people, including Dr. Russell’s wife, were found to have cephaloids attached to them in the days that followed. Eventually the facility was able to capture three live specimens, which were shipped off to a secure remote containment site for study. When debriefed about their experience with the parasite, each of the four victims recounted tales of hearing others’ thoughts or sharing others’ feelings. The cephaloids had not only forged a connection with their hosts, but among them.

It took a decade of experimentation and research, but in the early 2000s government scientists finally managed to isolate and manufacture the enzyme that had created the cephaloids’ victims’ psychic connections – Compound PSY-200. Testing on live human subjects commenced immediately and orders were given to destroy the sole remaining specimen. Weeks passed and two reconnaissance teams were lost before the third squad reported their findings at the containment site – scientists and soldiers alike laid about the facility in a vegetative state, cephaloids attached to their necks.

Grown fat from feeding on the minds of its captors, the original cephaloid, now over 20 feet tall, was drawn from the containment site when it sensed a smorgasbord of unending psychic energy – The Visionary!