

“ The Edwardians rely far too much on their technology, it’s like a religion to them. Oh, I know they mostly profess to be atheists, but science is their religion whether they know it or not. I think it’s very arrogant to assume you are the architect of your own destiny and one day they will face the consequences of placing machines before gods. On the other hand, they sure have a great sense of style. Have you seen how their women dress? I know I look at them a lot...”

Rain Windborne Elysian Priestess

The Edwardians live in an underground complex once called GSL7, but they now refer to it as Gaslight Commons. The interior has been changed drastically from what it once was reflecting the Edwardian desire for progress. Not long after the doors to GSL7 were secured, it's main computer failed. Were it not for the mechanical genius of one man, everyone in the complex would have died. Using the remaining Etherium core and his ingenuity, Professor Douglas Edinstein rebuilt the computer into something else something he called Prof. Edinstein's Amazing Analytical Engine. In order for his Analytical Engine to run the systems of GSL7, nearly everything needed to be reengineered. The first major change was a way to burn waste gas from the Etherium reactor to light the complex, hence, the new name. The rest of the technology in the complex soon bent to Prof. Edinstein’s new ideas, and the Edwardian society was born. With it’s wondrous copper and bronze inventions bathed in the soft warm glow of the Etherium gaslights, it is truly a marvelous sight.

Prof. Edinstein's Amazing Analytical Engine provides all the computing power for the entire complex. It answers questions and provides guidance through printed punch cards that are interpreted by yet another machine, but some of the greatest Edwardian scientists insist they can read them unaided. Time with the Analytical Engine is awarded to the scientist or research team most in need as decided by the Board of Scientific Review. Members of the board act as the leaders of Edwardian society, and are elected each year. All Edwardians have the right to campaign for a seat on the board and changes are frequent.

The Edwardians believe that science will be the savior of mankind. “For every problem, an invention!” one of Prof. Edinstein’s most memorable quotes, is frequently heard throughout the commons. They work hard to

engineer a world where the marvels of science create a better life for everyone, or at least everyone that goes along with their ideas. One problem science has not remedied for the Edwardians is a respiratory disease they call consumption. Some doctors theorize that the cause is the gaslights of the Commons themselves, but regardless, it means the Edwardians are always looking for medical supplies.

“You’ll see. One day Edwardian inventions will reclaim the world and change it into something greater than anyone has ever known. Why, everyone will lead a life of bloomin’ luxury. Clockwork servants in every home...and airships...lots of bloody airships.”
Tumley Copperbottom Edwardian Gunslinger