

Yeaining Sickness

Yeaining Sickness is the name given to the symptoms of withdrawal after being in suspension. It is characterized by temporary blindness and an inability to move. It can last from a few hours to about a week, depending on how long one is suspended, although one can power through the symptoms faster through sheer force of will. The crew of the Dewfall manage to bounce back in half an hour. Yeaining sickness is the principle reason why Suspension isn't used all the time to interface with computers or mechanical systems. This only applies to people who don't go insane due to the alteration of time perception or become addicted to the sensory input. The insanity is fairly self-explanatory, but addiction happens at the neurological level, meaning the person cannot leave suspension without causing brain death. At least some people, Firefly among them, do not respond to treatment and must remain in suspension indefinitely.

It remains to be seen if the three effects of suspension (halting metabolism, replacement of sensory input, and alteration of time perception) must occur together or can be induced selectively.

While not technically considered part of yeaining sickness, missionaries who come out of long-term suspension must deal with the neurogel that has permeated their lungs and digestive system over the centuries. A bit of a First Contact faux pas occurs when Iris vomits the remaining neurogel out of her stomach in front of the bewildered humans who witness the Dewfall's landing.

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