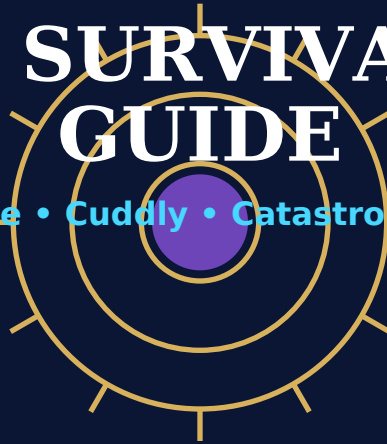


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In Sergio's future, Trebles fall from the sky and overwhelm civilization. They are extraordinarily durable; bullets, fire, cold, and other attacks fail to damage them. Their most dangerous feature is sound.

Primary Hazard

High-pitched rhythmic shrieks. Thick walls, heavy headphones, and enchanted sound-dampening headgear are among the best defenses.

Field Identification

Trebles appear in many colors and patterns: blonde, dark brown, black-and-white, pink, bright green, navy blue, stripes, patches, and even moving spots. Their cries seem rhythmic rather than random.

Trait	Field Note
Body	Small puffball-like creature
Durability	Extremely resistant to ordinary damage
Sound	Piercing, rhythmic vocalizations
Diet / sustenance	Lively music strengthens them
Origin	Pets of Tiberius Plinth aboard his market vessel
Behavior	Tiberius describes their sonic attacks as communication and play

What Does NOT Work?

- ✗ Fire
- ✗ Lightning
- ✗ Extreme cold
- ✗ Bullets
- ✗ Heavy weapons
- ✗ Peanut butter
- ✗ Jelly

What CAN help?

- ✓ Sound dampening
- ✓ Avoiding unnecessary noise
- ✓ Time displacement can disconnect Trebles from their active state
- ✓ Learning the harmonic command structure
- ✓ Reaching the mothership and its owner

Silent-Movement Drill

Sergio leads the group through the ruined future using hand signals and heavy ear protection. Create a silent team code before you enter Treble territory.

STOP	_____
MOVE	_____
TREBLES	_____
HIDE	_____
RETREAT	_____
SAFE	_____

Mothership File

The Treble Mothership is advanced enough to make a journey ordinary Earth spacecraft cannot. Its systems respond to music and harmonic controls. A dragon guards part of the ship, and doors may be biometrically locked to Tiberius Plinth.

Blue Messenger Insignia

Faceted blue gemstone + three curved musical lines. If you see this mark on a device, assume it may use coded sound commands.

Ship systems to map:

- ☐ Navigation _____
- ☐ Power _____
- ☐ Doors / elevators _____
- ☐ Treble recall _____
- ☐ Sound controls _____
- ☐ Emergency systems _____
- ☐ Launch sequence _____

Design Your Own Treble

Color / pattern: _____

Moving markings? _____

Favorite kind of music: _____

Sound signature: _____

What would make it calm down? _____

They are just communicating. Probably asking to play. This statement has not been endorsed by the surviving population of Earth.