# The Fringe

In the vastness of The Artifact, there exist those communities separated from the main. These comminutes have their reasons, to avoid the war going on, to provide a service no one else could or maybe to hide from people in general. These communities see things that only they see. They are only whispered about in mainstream society. Some of these groups primarily operate out of the Methane Wastes, these communities are called The Fringe.

The I-CA has dispatched a large task force to operate in this area. The I-CA camp may be the largest single community in the fringe. Over four thousand men and women have established a base of operations in the most inhospitable place on The Artifact

The I-CA knows that if they are to stake a claim on the surface, they will have to engage the powers that be in orbit. Both the major powers, the Chezbah and Kelrath have large orbital weapons in place to defend their land. The easiest place to get into orbit is through the poles. As a result, they have built a launchpad for the most consistent and aggressive assault on the major powers ever seen.

Using unorthodox tactics, such as missile escorts, and modified E-Suits called Bots, the I-CA is making an inconsequential four thousand men into a decisive fighting force. The I-CA have put together their most innovative men and coupled them with their most fearless (possibly insane) fighters. This mixture has exploded onto the global scene gaining in infamy among their enemies.

Roving about the Wastes are challenges that the I-CA must face, and also opportunities.

# Communities

#### **Dwellers**

The Dwellers are the closest thing the Methane Wastes have to natives. The Dwellers seem to have broken off of mainstream settlements before the Kelrath and Chezbah were separate communities. Melenia ago a group of people, against what would seem to be conventional logic, entered into the methane wastes and took up permanent residence. There are no records that indicate why the Dwellers decided to live in a region with little in the way of food, water, or even air. Even they do not seem to have any remembrance of what prompted the relocation.

Today the Dwellers are comprised of tiny mobile communities that operate out of their methane ships. These submarine like vessels travel through the liquid methane of the wastes serving as home. The Dwellers are miners, collecting the deposits of nickel and iron. The



raw ore is then sold to the highest (or closest) bidder. To take advantage of this the major powers have outposts to trade with the Dwellers. Each ship is it's own community, separate and autonomous from the rest of the Dweller communities. Because of this the Chezbah have had little success in restricting trade to the Scimrahn and the Kelrath. Dweller ships are very well built, which is interesting because Dwellers have no access to Hosent. This means that all of their manufacturing must be done by hand, something that no other culture has to do.

Dwellers deal with harsh conditions on a minute to minute basis. Because of this, Dwellers have developed an unusual way of life. They need to wear protective suits to survive in the -170° Celsius wastes. Over hundreds of years, wearing these suits has become literally a second skin. In fact the Dwellers are not accustomed to seeing people without these suits. When trading with the Dwellers, they are more comfortable with someone in full armor, or at least covered head to toe in clothing. Dwellers identify individuals by distinctive markings on their helmets.

It is assumed that there is less than one million dwellers in the Wastes.

# Scimrahn Kelrath & Chezbah

The presence of the three major powers in the Fringe is meager. Most of these outposts are in place to trade for ore. Some of them actually smelt the ore before transporting it out of the wastes. These tiny outposts rarely numbering any more than thirty to fifty individuals are often more members of the Fringe than the societies they come from.

# The Indo-China Alliance

The I-CA camp is in a hidden location in the Methane wastes to prevent it being located. This camp has taken on several major projects to enable them to be more effective. Some of these the commanding officers are not even aware of because of communication barriers.

Major Xao Che Chan is the field commander of the Camp. Major Chan is a charismatic leader and is often well liked by those under his command. He is very fond of Napoleon and Alexander the Great, taking queues from them to be in the thick of the battle with his men. The Major is often seen among his men, often dropping the pretences of command to have frank conversations with them.

#### **Mobile launchers**

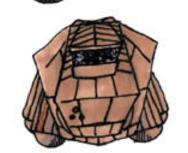
In order to make the location of the camp more difficult to find, the I-CA has constructed ten mobile missile launchers. These launchers are capable of launching nuclear tipped intercontinental ballistic missiles. These missiles are aimed at the Chezbah and Kelrath orbital emplacements. The Camp cannot manufacture enough missiles to destroy all of the orbital emplacements. It is anticipated that these missiles will destroy only about ten percent of the emplacements.

The Launchers are modified Kelrath AG Tugs that are normally used for pulling large vessels out of a maintenance yard. Engineer Li Ma has modified a number of these vessels to carry a ICBM into orbit. Their great reliably and strength makes them ideally suited for the task. In addition because they are of Kelrath design, they are less likely to draw attention even if they are noticed. is to disable the vessels with special tactical forces. The fleet needs only to deal with the Defensive forces and allow these special units to deliver a disabling payload to a key control center such as the bridge. The deployment of these forces is done by the assault transports that the Major brought with him.

Since the invention of the "Fleet" A second strategy along the same lines was developed using an attack vehicle called the Taio Zao. Now the tactical units are a second line of attack if the Taio Zao should fail.

#### **Esuit manufacturing**

The I-CA has transported fifty Hosent along



There is one problem with using such a concentrated attack, these missiles can be easily shot down. To prevent such a valuable weapon from being rendered useless, Major Chan has gathered his most fearless E-suit pilots to escort these missiles into the battle until they have reached their objective. These men are either highly motivated or near insanity but are considered among the elite of Major Chan's forces. This is something the Major plays up to keep morale among his missile escorts high.

#### **Dweller ships**

Seeing the giant, sturdy Dweller vessels in action, Major Chan decided to purchase several of them and have them refitted to operate in orbit as capital ships. It is the Major's goal to have three of these vessels operating at all times. Despite being as large as a Chezbah Cruiser is, these vessels are underguned and rather slow, serving more as E-suit carriers than as gunships. Regardless of technical inferiority, the fleet as Major Chan calls it is a great boon to the I-CA's cause.

Rather than trying to pound the powerful emplacements out of orbit, Major Chan's strategy

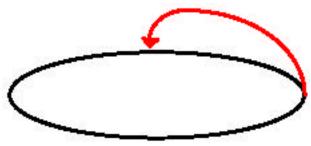
with the camp to facilitate repair and replacement of the four hundred Esuits and one hundred Deltas, two hundred light support craft, and two Assault Transports. All of these seem like a daunting task, but the Major soon found that fifty Hosent were so good at repairing and manufacturing, that they sat idle forty percent of the time. In addition the maintenance crew had little to do because of the Hosent. Major Chan decided it was time to put his maintenance crew and their Hosent to better use.

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The Major told the maintenance crew to begin not only replacing lost E-suits, but to continue manufacturing E-suits as fast as they could. The Major knew that he did not have enough men to pilot more E-suits, so he turned to Field Engineer Li Ma. Officer Ma developed a software system to control multiple E-suits from a single set of controls. The pilot controls up to four other E-suits called Bots by remote. The system is demanding on the pilot, but expands the camp's attacking power dramatically.

#### Tactics

There are several methods of attacking a target in orbit.



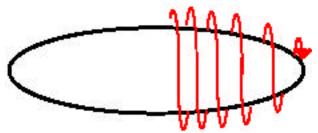
**Strike from Above** When launching from the poles the easiest

way to reach a target is the shortest path. By launching straight out into deep space, the gravity of the planet pulls the vessel back towards the planet, resulting in a curved flight path. With a precision controlled launch, the vehicle can enter an orbit that directly matches the target orbit.

This is the primary attack approach used by The I-CA forces.

#### **Orbital Return**

Escaping the planet's gravity directly is difficult for an orbital vessel. Once in orbit, the



vehicle must orbit back to the pole. As gravity wanes at the poles the vehicle must decelerate. Eventually the orbit decays and the vehicle comes to rest at its destination.

# **New! Character Occupations**

## Dweller

Dwellers are hard working merchants and miners. Many of them live without the constant danger of war that most communities endure. Dwellers live far from peaceful lives however. Their environment is the most hostile on The Artifact. Great beasts roam the wastes and make life hazardous. Dwellers are



the only people that have immersed themselves in this environment.

The I-CA camp has employed a number of Dwellers to build and maintain the Dweller vessels they operate. Some serve as repair crews on the vessels themselves and some hunt for Kun Hou skeletons to build new vessels.

**Equipment:** Dweller hard suit, 3 Hard suit modifications, Heavy cloak, Heavy Axe, Dweller Tool kit, Oxygen Methane multipurpose furnace, Mini-Arc Welder, Grenades (15).

**Skills:** Read/Write Chezbah +25, Read/Write Kelrath +25, Read/Write Scimrahn +25, Pilot E-Suit +20, Pilot C-Suit +30, Pilot Methane Vessel +20, Repair Machinery +25, Welding +15, Repair Electronics +25, Electronics Engineering +5, Shelter Construction +20, First Aid +5, WS Skill Axe +15, Hunting +5, Agriculture +10, Mapping +5, Explosives +15, Explosives Disposal +15, Structural Recognition +10, Weapon Repair +10, Artillery Repair +10, WS Grenade +10, Navigation Wastes +10, HTH Combat +5, Speak Scimrahn +10, Speak Chezbah +30, Speak Kelrath +10, plus 5 skills at +5

**Attribute Bonuses** 

Str +10 Con +10 Agi +5 IQ +5 Dex +5

Starting Rank: None

#### **Missile Escort**

The Missile Escort's job is to ensure that nothing intercepts the nuclear tipped I.C.B.M.s that the camp uses to destroy orbital emplacements. This high risk work requires careful consideration of the inherent danger to the escort. Mainly if the escorts should fail, there is the possibility of the missile detonating in close proximity to them. Usually the Escorts protect the missile until it has reached the maximum effective blast radius and then withdraw, hopefully giving them the opportunity to be well out of harm's way before the missile detonates. This line of work requires a special kind of pilot, either driven by duty, prestige, or fearlessness that may be closer to insanity.

Escorts launch into orbit with the I.C.B.M. using their rocket boosters (they don't need the boosters to get into orbit, only to match speeds with the missile). They then follow the missile to the target site, a trip that can often take five to twelve hours at nearly ten thousand miles per hour. As the target comes into range, the Escorts engage any defenses they may encounter. However at these high speeds (approx. 40km/turn) it is often difficult for the enemy to launch a defense of more than a few interceptors. After the payload is delivered, the Escorts limp back on their own power while avoiding anyone trying to follow them back.

#### Equipment

**Standard Issue:** AK-140, 7.62 mm Ammunition (10 Clips 30 Rounds), 9mm Pistol, 9mm Ammunition (5 clips of 10), Knife, Five (5) I-CA Uniforms, ICA Personal T/R/S/D, Scimrahn Pilot Armor, Binoculars, Nightvision goggles, Vac-suit, Hard Suit.

**Clearance Upon Assignment:** Scimrahn TF-2394 E-suit, Two Optional Scimrahn Weapon System that do not hinder flight, N-1 Thruster modification, External fuel pod, Rocket Booster, Reactive Armor (+300 hp), Grenades (5 standard, but more if allowed).

**Skills:** Pilot E-Suit +40, Pilot E-suit Space +25, Artillery Operation +25, Optics +25, WS Pistol +20, WS Rifle +5, WS Grenade +15, Melee Combat +10, Weapon Repair +5, HTH Combat +5, Navigation Orbit +10, ECM +10, plus 7 skills at +8

**Attribute Bonuses** 

Str +5 Con +5

Dex +10

Starting Rank: Private

# **E-Suit Wing Pilot**

The Wing Pilots use a complex control system developed by Officer Li Ma to control the actions of up to four "Bots" and their own E-suit. Few pilots can handle four Bots most being more comfortable with one or two. The Major wants to bring this figure up to the maximum four per pilot. Currently the policy is to allow the pilots to choose how many Bots the pilot can handle.

#### Equipment

**Standard Issue:** AK-140, 7.62 mm Ammunition (10 Clips 30 Rounds), 9mm Pistol, 9mm Ammunition (5 clips of 10), Knife, Five (5) I-CA Uniforms, ICA Personal T/R/S/D, Scimrahn Pilot Armor, Binoculars, Nightvision goggles, Vac-suit.

**Clearance Upon Assignment:** Scimrahn TF-2394 E-suit w/Bot control program, TF-2394 with Bot programming (1-4), Optional Scimrahn Weapon System, Reactive Armor (+300 hp), Grenades (5 standard, but more if allowed). **Skills:** Pilot E-Suit +35, Pilot E-suit Space +30, Pilot Bot +30 Artillery Operation +20, Optics +20, WS Pistol +20, WS Rifle +10, WS Grenade +15, Melee Combat +10, Weapon Repair +5, HTH Combat +10, Navigation Orbit +10, ECM +10, plus 5 skills at +5

Attribute Bonuses Str +5 Con +5 Dex +10 Starting Rank: Private

# **I-CA Delta Pilot**

The Delta pilots operate out of The Jie (see: Vehicles). The Scimrahn Delta offers a fast attack platform that is often used to provide fire support for front line E-Suits. The Delta's speed and AG engine allows it to move in and out of a conflict at will. This is necessary because of it's lack of armor and shields. Deltas are also used to get around enemy craft and strike from the back, hopefully circumventing their shields.

#### Equipment

**Standard Issue:** AK-140, 7.62 mm Ammunition (10 Clips 30 Rounds), 9mm Pistol, 9mm Ammunition (5 clips of 10), Knife, Five (5) I-CA Uniforms, ICA Personal T/R/S/D, Scimrahn Pilot Armor, Binoculars, Nightvision goggles, Vac-suit, Hard Suit.

**Clearance Upon Assignment:** Scimrahn Delta, Reactive Armor (+50 hp), Grenades (5 standard, but more if allowed).

**Skills:** Pilot AG +40, Artillery Operation +25, Optics +25, WS Pistol +20, WS Pistol +15, WS Rifle +105, WS Grenade +15, Melee Combat +10, Weapon Repair +5, HTH Combat +5, Navigation Orbit +10, ECM +10, plus 7 skills at +8

**Attribute Bonuses** 

Str +5

Con +5

Dex +5

Starting Rank: Private

# **C-Suit Pilot**

The C-Suit pilots operate out of The Guang Rong (see: Vehicles). These pilots serve as repair and salvage crews in orbit. Their function is to not only salvage I-CA equipment, but also Chezbah and Kelrath vessels that have been disabled in combat.

C-Suit teams must access the damage on an enemy vessel and determine the best course of action. Sometimes only drives or weapon systems are salvageable, but the real prizes are restorable ships. This job function can be dangerous since the vessels and equipment that is selected are damaged and have clamed the lives of C-Suit pilots doing their duty.

An added duty of the C-Suits is to transport ammunition from the Guang Rong to the other ships in the fleet.

#### Equipment

**Standard Issue:** AK-140, 7.62 mm Ammunition (10 Clips 30 Rounds), 9mm Pistol, 9mm Ammunition (5 clips of 10), Knife, Five (5) I-CA Uniforms, ICA Personal T/R/S/D, Scimrahn Pilot Armor, Binoculars, Nightvision goggles, Vac-suit, Hard Suit.

**Clearance Upon Assignment:** Chezbah Builder C-Suit, Grenades (5 standard, but more if allowed).

**Skills:** Pilot E-Suit +15, Pilot E-suit Space +15, Repair Machinery +30, Repair Electronics +20, Welding +15, Structural Recognition +5, Weapon Repair +10, Artillery Repair +20, Optics +10, WS Pistol +5, WS Rifle +5, WS Grenade +5, Melee Combat +5, HTH Combat +5, Navigation Orbit +10, ECM +10, plus 5 skills at +5

#### **Attribute Bonuses**

Str +5 Con +5 Dex +5

Starting Rank: Private

keeps these able men and women continuously busy.

#### Communications

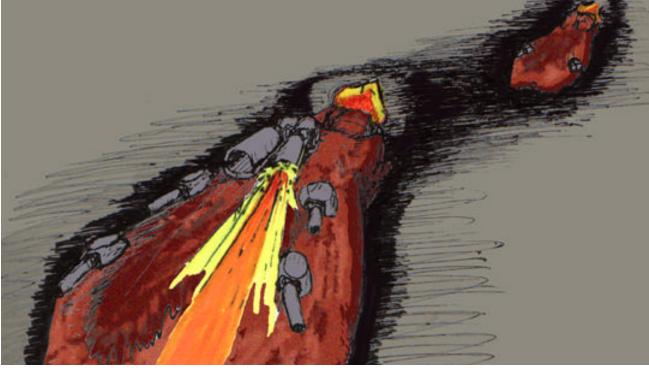
The communications officer not only has the responsibility of communicating between ships in the fleet, they also have the responsibility of coordinating the E-suits launched from his or her vessel.

## Equipment

**Standard Issue:** 9mm Pistol, 9mm Ammunition (5 clips of 10), Knife, Five (5) I-CA Uniforms, Scimrahn Light Armor, Binoculars, Nightvision goggles, Vac-suit, Hard Suit.

**Common Skills:** Command +20, Law Enforcement +10, Military Intelligence +20, Propaganda +5, Optics +20, Computer Operation +20, WS Pistol +10, WS Rifle +5, WS Grenade +5, HTH Combat +10, plus 5 skills at +5

Pilot Skills: Pilot Orbital Vessel +35,



# **Bridge Command**

The fledgling fleet of dweller ships is a powerful tool to the I-CA. The Bridge commander serves as one of the key coordinators of the vessels.

#### Pilot

The Fleet's orbital vessels are classic chemical rocket vehicles and therefore require more delicate maneuvering than AG vessels. The bridge pilot must coordinate the hundreds of thrusters to produce a desired movement. **Gunner** 

The Bridge Gunner must develop the firing solutions for weapons to hit their mark. **Engineer** 

The engineers are responsible for maintaining every system on board the Fleet's ships. Coping with new systems and battle damage Navigation Orbit +30, Physics +5, Pilot AG +30.

**Gunner Skills:** Artillery Operation +35, Artillery Repair +15, Physics +5, plus 5 skills at +10

**Engineer Skills:** Repair Machinery +25, Mechanical Engineering +10, Welding +15, Repair Electronics +20, Electronics Engineering +10, Explosives +10, Explosives Disposal +10, Structural Recognition +10, Weapon Repair +10, Artillery Repair +30.

**Communications Skills:** Radio +20, Scrambler +30, Signal Triangulation +25, Code Cracking +5, Computer Programming +15, Defeat Security +15, ECM +20, ECCM +15, Jamming +15, Optics +30, Electronics +10, 3 Languages +30.

Attribute Bonuses Dex +5 Starting Rank: Corporal **New! Skills** 

These are new skills that pertain to the characters operating from The Fringe sourcebook.

# **Constitution Skills**

#### **Resist Cold**

This skill is used whenever the character must make a save against hypothermia. This can also be used to "shrug off" the minor effects of cold such as shivering or any minuses to PDF due to the effects of cold.

#### Hold Breath

This skill is used when the character must hold their breath for extended periods. Each turn the character holds their breath they can make a save vs. Con plus this skill to remain in focus. If this roll is failed, the character must seek air.

# **Intuition Skills**

#### Prospecting

Prospecting is the ability to locate and identify valuable materials to be mined. The process of prospecting is explained in the Rules section of this sourcebook.

# **IQ Skills**

#### Shelter Construction

Shelter construction in the methane wastes involves much more than would be necessary in



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an oxygen environment. For one Shelter from the methane in itself is not enough to protect a human.

Shelter construction in the Methane Wastes involves some kind of heavy construction equipment and substantal materials to build with. This skill is indended to be used in constucting a long term habitat for a group.

This skill would most often be used to construct a shelter on a vein that is being mined so that workers can operate out of it or inside of it.

#### **Navigation Orbit**

While there are no inherent barriers in orbit, the flight path of an orbital vessel must be exact or the results could be devastating. Gross course adjustments can cause a vessel to fall out of orbit, especially when making orbital returns.

#### **Navigation Wastes**

Navigation in the Methane wastes is easier than navigation in the incremental cities, but the gloom of the methane can easily cause a vessel to loose it's bearing. This can become an issue when passing through doorways in the wastes.

#### Mining

Mining is the knowledge neccary to efficiently remove materials from their surroundings. The process of mining is explained in more detail in the Rules section of this book.

# **Dexterity Skills**

#### **Pilot Bot**

Bot piloting takes co-ordination that is much different than standard E-suit piloting. It involves juggling the attention of the pilot between the different bots. In addition there is a new set of commands and controls specifically programmed to control the bots.

#### **Pilot E-suit Space**

Piloting an E-Suit in space is a difficult task and requires a whole different mindset than piloting in an atmosphere. Short, precise thruster burns are required for maneuvering. Acceleration and deceleration are also important factors for arriving on target because, in orbit going to fast or too slow can effect the E-suit's position in orbit.

#### **Pilot Orbital Vessel**

Orbital Vessels are vehicles that use free fall to stay in orbit around a planet. They are not able to maintain sustained flight without orbiting a planet. AG vehicles are not orbital vessels, their propulsion systems counteract gravity and therefore do not need to stay in orbit to maintain altitude.

# **Additional Game Rules**

# **Bot Piloting**

There are two modes of control for Bots, synchronized mode and independent mode.

Synchronized control is easier on the pilot, however the level of control is much lower. All Bot action is managed collectively meaning that the Bots perform the same action at the same time. Synchronized control means that all the Bots fire at the same targets, and attempt to move in formation. One major downfall of the Synchronized mode is the extreme difficulty of dodging. Since all the Bots attempt to dodge the same attack, controlling the group results in a much less effective response. Dodging attacks in synchronized mode has a minus ten (-10) for each Bot in addition to the first. (For example: One Bot has no modifier to dodge, two have a -10 to dodge in addition to any other modifiers to piloting. Three Bots have -20 and four have -30.) Rolls to strike are made in the Multiple Actions table.

Independent control demands that each Bot be controlled individually. Each action by each Bot is a separate attack and a separate die roll. Independent control must be declared at the beginning of a turn or it is assumed that the Bots are in Synchronized mode.

In either configuration, each Bot in addition to the first is at minus thirty (-30) to pilot. This is the major reason most pilots opt for a lower number of Bots than is allowed.

| One Bot    | -0  |
|------------|-----|
| Two Bots   | -30 |
| Three Bots | -60 |
| Four Bots  | -90 |

# **Expanded Range Classes**

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|-----|--|--|--|--|
| PB  | Shrt   | Med  | L  | Ex   |
| 1   | 5  | 10   | 15   | 20   |
| 3   | 15   | 30   | 75   | 300  |
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| 10K | 100K   | 300K   | 1000K  | 3000K  |
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The numbers here are in meters, a number with a "K" after it means thousands, (a 1 with a "K" means 1,000) or Kilometers. (See "Rules")

# **Flight in Orbit**

In an atmosphere vehicles have a top speed when flying because of air friction and gravity. In space there is no limit to the speed a vehicle can travel (aside from the speed of light). If a vehicle propels itself in a direction it accelerates. If the vehicle thrusts again it accelerates again and the two accelerations are



added together, because nothing slowed down the first acceleration. This process can be repeated again and again to reach speeds

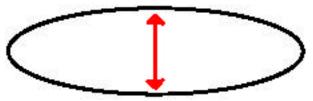
repeated again and again to reach speeds near the speed of light (but the fuel required would be incredible).

For the purposes of this sourcebook, we are going to simplify this process. One reason is that accurate accounting of acceleration, velocity and trajectory are math intensive and not very interesting. The second reason, game play for this sourcebook is not in deep space, but in Orbit, where there are still factors of gravity to contend with. (Yes, in orbit you are weightless, but that is because you are in "free fall". If you stopped the vessel you were in from orbiting, it would fall into the atmosphere.)

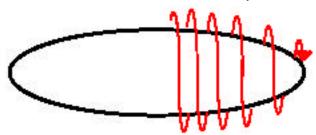
For the purposes of game mechanics, we will classify movement in two types, Fine course adjustments and, Gross course adjustments.

Fine course adjustments are those moments a vehicle makes that do not effect orbit to a large degree, and can be defined further as course changes that are under 5000 kph. These movements are free of restrictions in gameplay for simplicity.

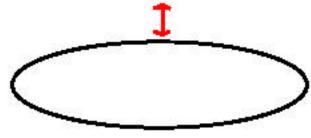
Gross course adjustments have three types. One, X-axis (orbital), two, Y-axis (polar) and three, Z-axis (altitude).



X-axis movements are those in the direction of orbit (along the equatorial circumference of The Artifact). These types of movement are, for the most part restricted (for exceptions see: above, fine course adjustments) because any large acceleration in either direction could change the orbit of the vessel or cause orbit to decay.



Y-axis movements are movements that are in the direction of the poles. Movement and acceleration in this direction is allowed (we will assume for game purposes that the pilot and any on board computers will make any course adjustments necessary to maintain a proper orbit along the X-axis.) However speeds in excess of 50,000 kph (208 kilometers per turn) begin to become excessive and nearly impossible to interact with other objects in orbit (other than possible collision). Speeds in excess of 36,000,000 kph (10,000 kilometers per second) are so excessive that the vessel would nearly pass over



The Artifact in one turn.

Z-axis movements are those that effect the altitude (up and down). These types of movement are, for the most part restricted (for exceptions see above, fine course adjustments) because any large acceleration in either direction could change the orbit of the vessel or cause orbit to decay.

#### Acceleration

In orbit, the top flight speed of a vehicle that relies on thrusters to fly (not just AG such as the Scimrahn freighter or Assault Transport) is not a fixed value. The longer the thrusters fire, the faster the vehicle will go. This is called acceleration. While the top speed of a vessel is not a fixed value in Orbit, the acceleration rate is. Below is a chart of top speed in an atmosphere (the speeds listed under the vehicle descriptions) converted to acceleration rate in space, along

Top speed with speed (velocity) over time.

| in         | Acceleration |        |         |         |
|------------|--------------|--------|---------|---------|
| atmosphere | Rate         | 1 turn | 2 turns | 3 turns |
| too kuh    | o (le/turne  |        | 0.0     | 1.0     |
| 100 kph    | 0.4 k/turn   | 0.4    | 0.8     | 1.3     |
| 200 kph    | 0.8 k/turn   | 0.8    | 1.7     | 2.5     |
| 300 kph    | 1.3 k/turn   | 1.3    | 2.5     | 3.8     |
| 400 kph    | 1.7 k/turn   | 1.7    | 3.3     | 5.0     |
| 500 kph    | 2.1 k/turn   | 2.1    | 4.2     | 6.3     |
| 600kph     | 2.5 k/turn   | 2.5    | 5.0     | 7.5     |
| 700 kph    | 2.9 k/turn   | 2.9    | 5.8     | 8.8     |
| 800 kph    | 3.3 k/turn   | 3.3    | 6.7     | 10.0    |
| 900 kph    | 3.8 k/turn   | 3.8    | 7.5     | 11.3    |
| 1000 kph   | 4.2 k/turn   | 4.2    | 8.3     | 12.5    |
| 2000 kph   | 8.3 k/turn   | 8.3    | 16.7    | 25.0    |
| 3000 kph   | 12.5k/turn   | 12.5   | 25.0    | 37.5    |
| 4000 kph   | 16.7 k/turn  | n 16.7 | 33.3    | 50.0    |
| 5000 kph   | 20.8 k/turr  | 1 20.8 | 41.7    | 62.5    |

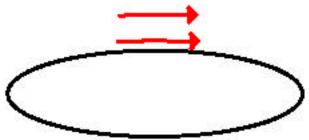
For movement in orbit, fine course adjustments are considered to be under an environmental class of one. However gross course adjustments use the environmental class appropriate for the region they are in (See: The Artifact, Maps)

# Actions at High Speed

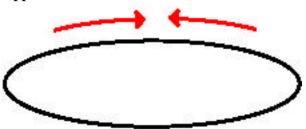
The effect of the interaction of two objects at high speeds is greatly dependent on the

trajectories of the objects. **Parallel** 

Parallel trajectories are those where two or more objects are traveling in the same or opposite directions as illustrated below. Same Direction



**Opposite directions** 



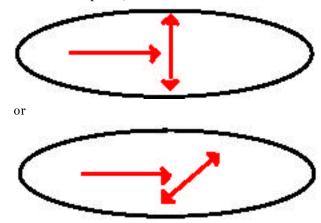
Both paths are parallel. When one object is moving, and another is not (static), they are considered to have parallel trajectories.

In a parallel trajectory, the direction of the two objects is considered. If both are traveling in the same direction, then the speeds of both objects are subtracted from each other and this is used to determine the reflex modifier for the attacker (see Piloting Modifiers for High Speeds below).

If both are traveling in the opposite direction, then the speeds of both objects are added to each other and this is used to determine the reflex modifier for the attacker (see below).

#### Intersecting

Intersecting trajectories are those that intersect or overlap (at least on a two dimensional plane).



In an intersecting trajectory the speed of the Attacker is used to determine the reflex modifier. However the Defender is considered a fast moving target and receives a -40 to the Attacker's attempt to target.

# Piloting Modifiers (Agi & Ref) for High Speeds

& Ref

| Speed Differ | ence         | Dex, Agi |
|--------------|--------------|----------|
| KPH          | K/Turn       | Modifier |
| 3000 kph     | 12.5 k/turn  | -10      |
| 5000 kph     | 20.8 k/turn  | -20      |
| 8000 kph     | 33.3 k/turn  | -30      |
| 10,000 kph   | 41.6 k/turn  | -40      |
| 15,000 kph   | 62.4 k/turn  | -50      |
| 20,000 kph   | 83.2 k/turn  | -60      |
| 25,000 kph   | 104 k/turn   | -70      |
| 30,000 kph   | 124.8 k/turn | -80      |
| 35,000 kph   | 145.6 k/turn | -90      |
| 40,000 kph   | 166.4 k/turn | -100     |
|              |              |          |

# **Technology In the Wastes**

The methane that makes up a third of the volume of The Artifact does not behave the same as the oxygen environments that most technology on The Artifact was developed for.

Shields are useless in the supercold methane. Lasers disperse quickly in the liquid. The heat of plasma weapons quickly dissipates into nothing. Normal sensors and ECMs do not behave normally.

In short much of the weapons and equipment used by the "core population" are ineffective or hazardous to operate in the Wastes.

In the Wastes there is not enough oxygen for combustion, so even LCF and other internal combustion engines do not function. Thrusters must be replaced with oxygen and special oxygen infusion engines must replace the original designs.

A notable exception to this is E-suits that carry their own oxygen supply. The entire purpose of an E-suit is to operate in any environment. However E-Suit weapons, force fields, sensors and ECMs are not specifically designed for the wastes and therefore are not functional in the Wastes.

# **Mining & Prospecting**

Finding Iron and Nickel is relatively easy to do in the wastes. A majority of the asteroid like masses of metal ore in the Methane Fields are composed primarily of these metals. However some have veins of other more valuable metals such as copper, gold, silver, or uranium. Dwellers often spend most of their time mining for these veins.

While a subsistence living can be made mining iron and nickel, the rarer metals are what bring the highest prices. Veins are jealously guarded secrets and Clan wars have even occurred on occasion for particularly rich veins.

When unable to find a vein of rare metal, Dwellers often will attack a large herd of Hou Tie and refine the Iron and nickel in their bodies. This is often easier then breaking through Iron ore.

The Chezbah and the Kelrath tend to follow up after Dwellers in mining the relatively plentiful iron deposits. This tends to drive down the price of iron and nickel ore. It is only the treacherous prospecting for valuable metals that the major powers do not have the stomach for.

For each month of searching for a vein, a character can make a prospecting roll. It takes approximately this much time to fully investigate an iron/nickel deposit. For each successful prospecting roll, the character can roll for Locating a Vein. If more than one character is prospecting, and more than one get a successful roll, only one roll is made for Locating a Vein.

# Locating a Vein

The metals in the wastes have been mined for thousands of years. Because of this, any veins near any habitation have likely been mined. Dwellers must travel deeper and deeper into the wastes to find valuable deposits.

The following table gives the probability of a vein of rare metal in any given deposit of Iron and Nickel ore.

For every ten kilometers into the wastes that a mining expedition travels, add one to the Distance modifier.

The Value Mod is used to determine the potential return on the vein. The value mod of Iron is 1/3 and the value mod of Nickel is 1/2.



| 1D100 + | Dis          | tance Modifier.     |                |
|---------|--------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Roll    | Mat          | terial              | Value Mod.     |
| 1-70    | No           | Rare Materials.     |                |
| 71-73   | Alu          | minum –Gallium      | 2              |
| 74-75   | Ars          | enic                | 2              |
| 76      | Ber          | yllium              | 1              |
| 77      | Bor          | on                  | 2              |
| 78      | Cad          | mium                | 3              |
| 79      | Cer          | ium                 | 2              |
| 80-85   | Cob          | alt                 | 1              |
| 86-87   | Cop          | per                 | 3              |
| 88      | Chr          | omium               | 3              |
| 89      | Flu          | orine               | 1              |
| 90      | Ger          | manium              | 4              |
| 91      | Irid         | lium                | 3              |
| 92-93   | Lead         | 1                   | 1              |
| 94      | Litł         | nium                | 1              |
| 95      | Mag          | gnesium             | 2              |
| 96      | Mar          | iganese             | 2              |
| 97      |              |                     | 3              |
| 98      | Phosphorus 2 |                     |                |
| 99      | Rhodium 1    |                     |                |
| 100-105 | 105 Sodium 1 |                     | 1              |
| 106     |              | onite               | 1              |
| 107     | Tantalum     |                     | 2              |
| 108-110 | 108-110 Tin  |                     | 3              |
| 111     | Tita         | inium               | 3              |
| 112     | Tun          | gsten               | 4              |
| 113     | Van          | adium               | 3              |
| 114     | Yttı         | rium                | 2              |
| 115     | Ziro         | conium – Hafnium    | 13             |
| 116-117 | Zin          | c                   | 3              |
| 118-120 | Ver          | y Rare Materials (  | Roll 1D100 and |
|         | con          | sult the table belo | w.)            |
| 1-8     |              | Scandium            | 8              |
| 9-25    | 5            | Platinum            | 8              |
| 26-3    |              | Gold                | 7              |
| 36-6    |              | Silver              | 5              |
| 61-7    |              | Niobium             | 4              |
| 76-7    |              | Uranium             | 9              |
| 79-8    | 30           | Plutonium           | 10             |
| 81-1    | 00           | Palladium           | 6              |
|         |              |                     |                |

#### **Deposit Size**

The size of the deposit is a large factor in determining the value of the vein however the concentration of the material is also plays an important role in the vein's material yeald. This role is made by the GM and kept secret until extensive mining and testing is done. After one

# **Fringe Creatures**

The I-CA expected to find a sterile wilderness in the remote Methane Wastes. What they found were creatures unlike anything Earth had ever seen. Monsters that navigate the wastes, immune to the sub zero temperatures of the methane. The monsters of this frozen place seem immune to any effects of atmosphere that surrounds them. In addition, the biology of these creatures is completely alien to anything found on earth, not just in appearance, but down to the month of digging the miners will be able to fully access the vein and understand how much material is in it.

The Yield number is the raw amount of material that can be found in a vein. It takes one month of mining to extract one unit of yield. However deposits labeled "Diffuse" are require that much more material must be mined to arrive at the unit of yield. As a result, It takes twice as long to mine a diffuse deposit.

#### 1D100

| Roll   | Size and Concentration  | Yield |
|--------|-------------------------|-------|
| 1-40   | Small Diffuse           | 1     |
| 41-60  | Small Concentrated      | 3     |
| 61-70  | Medium Diffuse          | 4     |
| 71-80  | Medium Concentrated     | 6     |
| 8187   | Large Diffuse           | 7     |
| 88-94  | Large Concentrated      | 9     |
| 95-97  | Motherload Diffuse      | 10    |
| 98-100 | Motherload Concentrated | 12    |

## Profit

The Value mod in Locating a Vein, and the Yield number in Deposit Size are used to determine the overall selling value of a mined vein. Multiply the Value Mod by 780,000 OU. This is the value of each unit of yield. This number is then multiplied by the yield number.

This amount must then be used to replenish the ship's Oxygen supply, (500,000 OU) replace damaged equipment, repair wear on equipment and then split up the earnings to pay the crew the Clan Master takes four shares and the Mining Chief takes three shares.

# Wastes Mining Hazard Table

| Roll 1D | 100 each month                              |
|---------|---|
| Roll    | Hazard                                      |
| 1-10    | Claim Jumpers! Another clan tries to        |
|         | muscle you off the deposit.                 |
| 11-15   | Kelrath/Chezbah claim you are in their      |
|         | territory. They will try and force you      |
|         | out of the area, sending E-Suits to attack. |
| 16-25   | Mechanical failure delay by 1 month         |
| 26-30   | Scimrahn Pirates! Send forty E-Suits to     |
|         | try and take your mined ore.                |
| 30-40   | Qiu Tie attacks miners                      |
| 40-55   | Hou Tie crawls into mining shaft            |
| 55-100  | No event                                    |
|         |   |

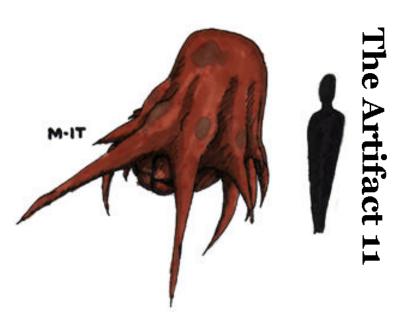
molecular level.

The creatures of the wastes do not appear to use the same method of storing biological information (DNA) as life on earth does. Instead, preliminary studies show that these creatures have tissues that serve as factories and churn out millions of different biological machines. These machines then take their place in the body and serve a pre-determined function. These machines however gradually break apart and their parts collected and recycled. Some argue that this structure is evidence that these creatures are manufactured and are not really biological but sophisticated robots like the Chezbah Hound. It should be noted however that a number of dissimilarities exist. Primarily these creatures are very complex, far more so than any Chezbah nanotechnology. Also, Chezbah hounds also do not carry on many of the life processes that these creatures do. It is evident that the creatures of the wastes, whatever their source, biological or manufactured, are not made by the Chezbah.

## Species Hou Tie

These iron clad beasts travel around the wastes scavenging whatever scraps of iron/nickel ore lay strewn about. Their major source of food is the massive chunks of iron/nickel ore in the methane fields.

However large and impressive these monsters are, they appear to be on the lower end of the food chain in the wastes. The muscles and organs of the creature appear to be poisonous to humans.



**Diet** - Unknown/Iron and Nickel deposits **Attacks** (1) **Damage:** Ram with horns 200, Bite 80. **Defenses:** Iron Hide AR 40

#### **Special Abilities**

Environmental immunity. These creatures are capable of surviving in nearly any kind of environment, even the vacuum of space. It is supposed, that an extended periods of longer than ten hours maybe harmful and possibly even deadly to the creature. **Habitat** - Methane Wastes.

Numbers - 1 to 5

# Species Kun Tie

Kun Tie are the largest living animal ever discovered, they appear to be on the top of their food chain right now. They use their great mass to ram Hou Tie and then harpoon them with an immense spear-like proboscis. No known animal in the wastes is able to kill these creatures. However, some carcasses that have not been scavenged show that in the past something was large enough to bite through these monsters with jaws that would measure at least seventy meters across. Whatever creature was able to leave such an enormous bite mark would undoubtedly be the most formidable creature in the wastes. For the time being, no one has found such a creature.

Kun Tie use four massive paddles to propel themselves through the wastes. They slowly gyrate these paddles to push through the methane. Kun Tie also can pour on the speed to ram a rival or prey. They slowly move all four paddles out and then rapidly close them to push themselves forward. In addition to this, heat generated in the body is transferred to the



**Length** 3 m **Mass** 1000-3000 kg

#### Attributes

Constitution - 80 Strength - 800 Reflex - 20 Charisma - 1 Intuition - 20 I.Q. - 10 Agility - 20 Beauty- 10 Psyche - 60 Dexterity - 10 Hit Points - 2000 underside of the paddles. This heat makes the methane boil (at a mere -160 degrees C). This process pushes the Kun Tie forward. Oddly, they are the only creatures that are large enough to open the massive kilometer diameter doors in the wastes. Hordes of smaller creatures lurk by the doors waiting for a Kun Tie to pass by.

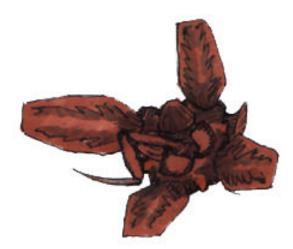
The muscles and organs of the creature appear to be poisonous to humans. However the massive one and a half meter thick carapace is used by the Dwellers to build their methane ships.

**Length** 150 m **Mass** approx. 6,000,000 kg

# Attributes

Constitution - 80 Strength- 200,000 Reflex - 5 Charisma - 1 Intuition - 10 I.Q. - 20 Agility - 5 Beauty- 10 Psyche- 90 Dexterity - 2





Hit Points - 80,000

Diet - Unknown/Iron and Nickel deposits/Hou Tie Attacks (1)

**Damage:** Ram 2000, Harpoon 500, Bite 150. **Defenses:** Iron Hide AR 60

# **Special Abilities**

Environmental immunity. These creatures are capable of surviving in nearly any kind of environment, even the vacuum of space. It is supposed, that an extended period of longer than ten hours maybe harmful and possibly even deadly to the creature. **Habitat** - Methane Wastes.

Numbers - 1 to 5



# Species Chong Huo Tie

The Chong Huo Tie is a parasite that burrows into the thick hide of the Kun Tie to feed (much like a tick or flea would do to a dog). These creatures will sometimes try to feed off a Dweller vessel only to drop into the empty husk and causing a hull breach. The Chong Huo Tie are often confused finding themselves in a foreign environment and try to get out. However the Chong Huo Tie are not very intelligent and do not understand how to escape (often like a hornet trying to get out of a car).

The muscles and organs of the creature appear to be poisonous to humans. Length 50-150 cm Mass 30-80 kg Attributes Constitution - 60 Strength - 80 Reflex - 60 Charisma - 1 Intuition - 30 I.Q. - 5 Agility - 40 Beauty- 10 Psyche- 20 Dexterity - 10 Hit Points - 30

**Diet** - Unknown/Iron and Nickel deposits **Attacks** (1) **Damage:** Bite 50, Methane Squirt 20 Range class: A. Fire Breath 30 Blast range class: A **Defenses:** Iron Hide AR 30

#### **Special Abilities**

Squirt liquid methane. The breather tubes on the front of the mouth structures normally function as snorkels as the Chong Huo Tie feeds. However when threatened, the breathing tubes can squirt liquid methane. The damage caused by this -170 degree liquid is considerable. In addition as the methane warms, it becomes flammable and may explode in the presence of sparks, plasma fire and lasers. In the Chong Huo Tie's natural environment this is actually an escape tactic the high pressure methane is used to propel the beast away. However this defensive measure proves dangerous while in a human habitat. Fire breath. In the Chong Huo Tie's natural environment there is no oxygen. However a small amount of oxygen is trapped in the iron in the wastes. Chong Huo Tie are able to extract this oxygen to form a small torch like flame from it's mouth to burn into the husks of Kun Tie. However this technique is far more powerful in a human habitat that has ample oxygen to burn. In this environment the torch like flame becomes a column of burning methane. The Chong Hou Tie rarely uses this as an attack since it is actually a feeding method and not normally an offensive measure.

Environmental immunity. These creatures are capable of surviving in nearly any kind of environment, even the vacuum of space. It is supposed, that an extended periods of longer than five hours maybe harmful and possibly even deadly to the creature. **Habitat** - Methane Wastes.

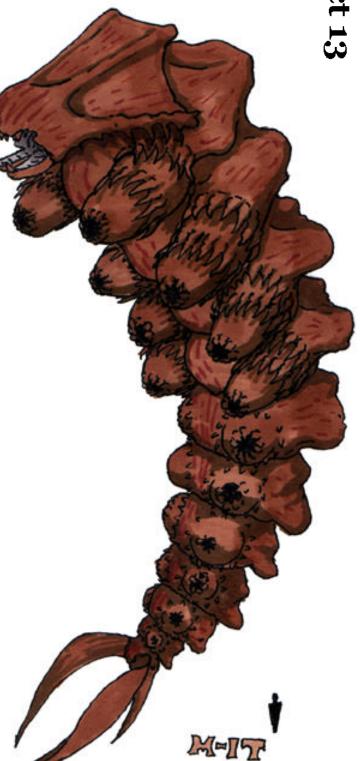
Numbers - 1 to 20

# Species Qiu Tie

The Qiu Tie is the most dangerous creature in the Methane Wastes to humans. They are relatively fast and agile in the Wastes, are curious enough to try eating a human and are dumb enough to confuse an E-Suit for food. These pack hunters will often grip their intended meal with the ten rows of suction cups that line their body segments and then use their pincers to kill the prey.

Qiu Tie primarily feed on Hou Tie and Mu. They will eat whatever they can kill but even a pack is not strong enough to bring down the mighty Kun Tie. They have been observed eating Chong Hou Tie from the bodies of other Qiu Tie and Kun Tie.

It appears that the fearsome looking spikes that surround their suction cups an line the lower part of their head frill, are actually to



prevent parasites from getting into their joints rather than any offensive measure.

The muscles and organs of the creature appear to be poisonous to humans.

Length 20-45 m Mass 1,000,000 - 2,000,000 kg

#### Attributes

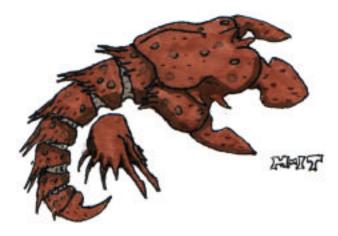
Constitution - 80 Strength - 60,000 Reflex - 20 Charisma - 10 Intuition - 15 I.Q. - 15 Agility - 30 Beauty- 12 Psyche- 60 Dexterity - 15 Hit Points - 24,000



Diet - Unknown/Iron and Nickel deposits/Hou Tie/ Mu Attacks (1) Damage: Ram 500, Pincer 700, Bite 200. Defenses: Iron Hide AR 60

#### **Special Abilities**

Environmental immunity. These creatures are capable of surviving in nearly any kind of environment, even the vacuum of space. It is supposed, that an extended period of longer than ten hours maybe harmful and possibly even deadly to the creature. **Habitat** - Methane Wastes. **Numbers** - 5 to 15



#### Species Mu

Mu are an interesting species. They show many signs of intelligence that rivals or surpasses earth's ape and dolphin species. However humans have never found a way to interact with them in a way that would illicit communication. It appears that Mu have little interest in humans. What interest they do have is solely based on avoiding any human conflicts that they might get in between.

Mu have been observed by Dwellers for thousands of years. Their names come from the Chezbah word for shepherd. The Mu care for "flocks" of Hou Tie.

Mu are always seen in triads, the reason for this is unknown and even though the Dwellers have observed them for mellenia, they have no concrete reason for this social structure. These "family groups" own a single flock and will breed Hou Tie and bring them to new sources of food.

They have been observed counting their flocks and will search for Hou Tie that are missing. What is more, they seem to be able to differentiate individual Hou Tie. There are stories of Hou Tie that wander into another Mu flock and are reclaimed by the Mu that shepherds the flock it came from even after considerable lengths of separation. A flock is often between 20-50 Hou Tie.

Mu can pick up and carry one or even two Hou Tie in their arm. The claw at the end of their arm is not used as an offensive weapon, but is used to get a good grasp on an object while picking it up.

When a Mu feeds, It takes a Hou Tie and crushes it in its arm, which acts like a nut cracker and splits the husk of the Hou Tie so the Mu can eat it's insides.

Mu will defend their flocks from any predators, even the mighty Kun Tie. In fact the Mu appear to use Kun Tie and manipulate them to open doors in the wastes. Three Mu swim up to a Kun Tie and drive their harpoons into the joints of a Kun Tie between it's main body and paddles. This apparently causes enough irritation to make the Kun Tie attempt to turn in the direction of the irritation. They use this to both drive Kun Tie away from their flocks and steer them to doors that they need to move their flocks through.

Qie Tie are the biggest threat to Mu and their flocks. Three Mu are not enough to fend off an entire Qie Tie pack. However the Mu appear to

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co-ordinate their defense, and even can direct Hue Tie bulls to fend off attacks. Even with all these measures, a Mu family group and flock can be wiped out by a large pack of Qie Tie. As a result the watchful Mu will often seek shelter when a Qie Tie is spotted.

The muscles and organs of the creature appear to be poisonous to humans. Length 18 m Mass 3,000-9,000 kg

This source book is designed as a

#### Attributes

Constitution - 70 Strength- 1,900 Reflex - 30 Charisma - 5 Intuition - 30 I.Q. - 30 Agility - 40 Beauty- 10 Psyche- 90 Dexterity - 15

#### Hit Points - 5000

**Diet** - Unknown/Iron and Nickel deposits/Hou Tie

Attacks (1)

**Damage:** Crush 600, Harpoon 70, Bite 90. **Defenses:** Iron Hide AR 60

#### **Special Abilities**

Environmental immunity. These creatures are capable of surviving in nearly any kind of environment, even the vacuum of space. It is supposed, that an extended period of longer than ten hours maybe harmful and possibly even deadly to the creature.

Intelligence. Mu appear to be able to solve problems communicate with one another and count.

Habitat - Methane Wastes. Numbers - 3

# **Game Master's Section**



#### supplement to The Artifact RPG. It is intended for use as one of the possible settings that the players can play in. The specific environment of the I-CA camp is still very flexible and can lead to a number of different campaigns. Players can get involved in missions to locate new sources of Kun Tie hulls, protecting the I-CA camp from attack or detection, or be involved in fleet actions against the Chezbah and Kelrath. Each new Character Occupation operates in very different environments and while some can be intermixed in game play, some COs such as the Missile Escort is intended for play only with other Missile Escorts. In addition, many of the new CO's are uniquely suited for orbital functions, while existing COs found in The Artifact core rules do not fit well into the function of those COs. The COs found in the core rulebook are useful in functions such as defense, and scouting. As a result, it is suggested that the Players co-ordinate their intended COs with each other and the GM. This can simplify game planing for the GM. With this in mind however, if the GM allows, nearly any CO is playable in this atmosphere. The GM should however take into account the political nature of the I-CA and the ASO. Any ASO involvement in this setting would be minimal and probably would have no involvement in orbital actions. **Influential People**

This section deals with influential NPCs that the characters may have interactions with at the Game Master's discretion.

## Major Xao Che Chan

Xao Che Chan started his military career as a lieutenant in the Peoples

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Republic of China. He was decorated in combat twice before being transferred to duty on The Artifact. His first off world post was one of five to clear territory on The Artifact's surface for colonization. Out of the five missions, only Chan's met with any success, however the new colony was decimated by a Kelrath Orbital Cannon.

The Major and a third of the colony survived the attack but Chan realized that any other attempts to establish a surface colony would require addressing the powers in orbit. The Major's request to lead this expedition was met favorably due to political pressure to establish a stable surface settlement.

Gender: Male Height: 1.85 meters Build: Average Age: 38 Hair Color: Black Eye Color: Brown Rank: Major Attitude: Loyal, somewhat paternal. Expects loyalty from his men.

|     | Base | 1/2 | 1/4 | 1/8 |
|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|
| Con | 35   | 18  | 9   | 5   |
| Str | 40   | 20  | 10  | 5   |
| Ref | 50   | 25  | 13  | 7   |
| Cha | 80   | 40  | 20  | 10  |
| Int | 70   | 35  | 18  | 9   |
| IQ  | 60   | 30  | 15  | 8   |
| Agi | 50   | 25  | 13  | 7   |
| Bty | 50   | 25  | 13  | 7   |
| Psy | 70   | 35  | 18  | 9   |
| Dex | 40   | 20  | 10  | 5   |
| HP  | 15   |     |     |     |

#### Skills

Read/Write Chinese +50, Read/Write Hindi +50, Mathematics +35, Pilot Automobile +20, Radio +10, First aid +10, Computer Operation +10, WS Pistol +30, WS Rifle +40, WS Grenade +30, Sniper +15, Melee Combat +20, Navigation Land +20, Ambush +20, Detect Ambush +15, Explosives +15, Camouflage +10, Weapon Repair +10, HTH Combat +40, Law Enforcement +25, Command +40, Intimidation +30, Iron Will +20, Meditation +10, Surveillance +20, Sociology +20, Resist Fatigue +10, Resist Intimidation +20, Psychology +30, Propaganda +20.

# Field Engineer Li Ma

Li Ma entered military service shortly before the year 2083 and quickly gained esteem among his peers. This young and innovative officer aided Major Chan's effort to create a stable base of operations on the surface by developing a system of energized posts that attract plasma fire. This enabled the colony to repulse multiple onslaughts by the Kelrath until the Colony was destroyed by an orbital cannon. Major Chan knew that he needed Officer Ma in his mission to engage the orbital powers. Officer Ma has developed a number of systems that have turned what was thought of as a suicide mission, into a viable plan of action. Gender: Male Height: short 170cm Build: husky 65kg Age: 27 Hair Color: Brown Eye Color: Hazel Rank: Second Lieutenant Attitude: Cowardly, will avoid danger and risks whenever possible.

|     | Base | 1/2 | 1/4 | 1/8 |
|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|
| Con | 30   | 15  | 8   | 4   |
| Str | 30   | 15  | 8   | 4   |
| Ref | 50   | 25  | 13  | 7   |
| Cha | 40   | 20  | 10  | 5   |
| Int | 80   | 40  | 20  | 10  |
| IQ  | 95   | 48  | 24  | 12  |
| Agi | 30   | 15  | 8   | 4   |
| Bty | 25   | 13  | 7   | 4   |
| Psy | 60   | 30  | 15  | 8   |
| Dex | 80   | 40  | 20  | 10  |
| HP  | 15   |     |     |     |

## Skills

Read/Write Chinese +50, Read/Write English +50, Pilot Automobile +20, Radio +10, First aid +10, Computer Operation +50, Archeology +20, Biology +25, Botany +20, Chemistry +35, Mathematics +55, Physics +50, Psychology +20, Sociology +20, Anthropology +30, Theology +10, Architectural +10, Electronics Engineering +50, Mechanical Engineering +50, WS Pistol +5, HTH Combat +5, Acids +10, Structural Recognition +20, Welding +20, Computer Programming +40, Military Intelligence +20, Artillery Repair +30, General Medicine +10.

# Dweller Clan Master Bahn Fraw

Dweller clan master Bahn Fraw is the leader of a fleet of Dweller vessels that operate in the region of the I-CA camp. Bahn Fraw, ever eager for an opportunity to trade, saw great promise in the ambitious Major Chan. Bahn Fraw was astounded at the Major's request for nine of his forty vessels and his willingness to pay handsomely for them.

In truth, The Dwellers price in oxygen was no problem for the Major to fulfill. The transport of Oxygen deep into the wastes is normally a long and difficult process but I-CA teleporters made this simple to accomplish.

Bahn Fraw's hardsuit is identifiable by a series of red lines that radiate from his right eyepiece. Gender: Male Height: 2.3 meters (in hardsuit) Build: average Age: 38-45 estimated Hair Color: unknown Eye Color: unknown Position: Clan Master



# The Chezbah

The Chezbah involvement in the methane wastes is meager but their presence in orbit is substantial.

The Chezbah tend to use a combination of orbital weapons, capital ships and ground forces to maintain their territorial boundaries. They can strike with pinpoint accuracy at select targets. However they also employ nano-tech weapons that rival the use of chemical and biological weapons of mass destruction.

# Weapons

# **Nano-Agent Bomb**

The Chezbah only use this weapon as a last resort, but it is not out of humanitarian reasons. The Chezbah know that if it is used frequently enough, the Kelrath and Scimrahn would develop a countermeasure.

The Nano-Agent is aerosolized by an explosive burst. As the Agent settles, It binds to water molecules and turns it into a prion that destroys biological tissue. The Chezbah themselves are immune to this Agent. A second molecule in the Agent breaks down the prion and renders it inert. This process takes four days to occur however, and any human entering the area before the breakdown will suffer the deadly effects of this weapon. In this way the bomb can be detonated before the enemy moves through an area and it will block movement for four days.

Damage: 2 points per turn for four days.

# Attitude: Competitive, always is looking for the upper hand.

| Base          | 1/2 | 1/4 | 1/8 |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|
| <b>Con</b> 60 | 30  | 15  | 8   |
| <b>Str</b> 40 | 20  | 10  | 5   |
| <b>Ref</b> 40 | 20  | 10  | 5   |
| <b>Cha</b> 70 | 35  | 18  | 9   |
| Int 80        | 40  | 20  | 10  |
| <b>IQ</b> 60  | 30  | 15  | 8   |
| <b>Agi</b> 50 | 25  | 13  | 7   |
| Bty ?         | ?   | ?   | ?   |
| <b>Psy</b> 60 | 30  | 15  | 8   |
| <b>Dex</b> 40 | 20  | 10  | 5   |
| HP 20         |     |     |     |

# Skills

Repair Machinery +25, Welding +15, Repair Electronics +25, Electronics Engineering +105, Shelter Construction +20, First Aid +10, WS Skill Axe +30, Hunting +15, Agriculture +5, Mapping +20, Explosives +25, Explosives Disposal +15, Structural Recognition +30, Weapon Repair +20, Artillery Repair +20, WS Grenade +10, Navigation Wastes +40, HTH Combat +20, Speak Scimrahn +20, Speak Chezbah +30, Speak Kelrath +15.

Blast Range: C Mass: 25 kg

# **Chezbah Interceptor**

| Туре  | E-Suit      |
|-------|-------------|
| Model | Interceptor |

The Interceptor is an E-suit that is designed primarily for high velocity flight. Although slow and clumsy on the ground, the interceptor has excellent orbital and aerial maneuverability.

| Overall height       | 2.6m                   |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| Overall width        | 2.25m                  |
| Overall length       | 2.8m                   |
| Dry Mass             | 3472 kg                |
| Full Mass            | 3728 kg                |
| Power plant type:    | Lithium Ion Battery    |
| Secondary:           | Multi-Thruster system  |
| <b>Movement</b>      | 65 kph                 |
| Running Top Speed    | 1000 kph/Environmental |
| Flight Top Speed     | Class                  |
| Total fuel capacity: | 20 hours               |
| Fuel type:           | Electric               |
| Secondary:           | Liquid Carbon          |
| Armor Rating:        | 45                     |
| Hit Points:          | 350                    |
| Crew:                | 1                      |
| Passengers:          | 0                      |
| Piloting Modifier    | : +20 in flight        |

| <b>4 Lasers</b><br>PB<br>Damage 100<br>Range Class D<br>Rate of fire 1<br>Fire Arcs 1               | S<br>100        |   | Med<br>50            | L<br>25  |
|---|-----------------|---|----------------------|----------|
| 2 Plasma Can<br>PB<br>Damage 200<br>Range Class C<br>Payload 200<br>Rate of fire 2<br>Fire Arcs 1-4 | non<br>S<br>200 |   | Med<br>150           | L<br>100 |
| <b>ECM:</b><br>Range Class:<br><b>ECCM:</b><br>Range Class:   |                 | С | to skill<br>to skill |          |

#### Sensors: +20 to Int Range Class: Ε Shields: 3 active 260hp each Strength: 880 **Punch Damage:** 88

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#### Shield information

No. Of shields

#### **Fire Arcs**

#### \ 1 / 0 2 4 3 \

Ex

Ex 30

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#### Hit locations 1d10

| Arcı | Arc2 | Arc3 | Arc4 |           |
|------|------|------|------|-----------|
| 1    | 1-2  | 1    | -    | R Arm     |
| 2    | -    | 2    | 1-2  | L Arm     |
| 3-8  | 3-5  | 3-4  | 3-5  | Body      |
| 9    | 6-7  | 5    | -    | R Leg     |
| 10   | -    | 6    | 6-7  | L Leg     |
| -    | 8-9  | 7-8  | 8-9  | Engine    |
| -    | 10   | 9-10 | 10   | Thrusters |

## Critical hits 1d10

30% chance of critical Arm 1-7 Linkages, Arm Inoperable 8-10Plasma Cannon Destroyed

30% chance of critical Body 1-4 Cockpit, pilot killed 5-6 Computer Destroyed -50 to piloting skill 7-8 Lasers Destroyed 9-10Sensor system destroyed -20 to sensor, ECM, + ECCM rolls Leg 30% chance of critical 1-10Linkages, Leg inoperable Top speed down to 1/4Engine 35% chance of critical 1-4 Fuel Explosion! 800 points 10m blast radius 5-10Engine damage, all systems at half power.

Thrusters 40% chance of critical 1-4 Fuel Explosion! 800 points 10m blast radius 5-10Thruster damage, cut flight speed in half.

# **Chezbah Orbital Cannon**

Orbital Type Model Chezbah Orbital Cannon The Orbital Cannons are enormous laser emplacements that circle The Artifact. Two or more Chezbah Cruisers usually escort them.

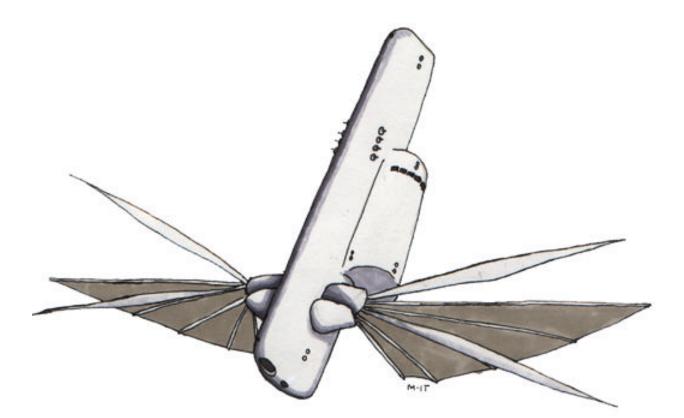
|    | <b>Overall height</b> | 518.85m          |
|----|-----------------------|------------------|
|    | Overall width         | 152.1m (987.44m  |
|    |                       | including solar  |
| T  |                       | panels)          |
| 67 | <b>Overall length</b> | 174.95m          |
| A  |                       | (341.64m         |
| /  |                       | including solar  |
|    |                       | panels)          |
|    | Dry Mass              | 747,136,527.64kg |
|    | Full Mass             | 793,241,444kg    |
|    | Power plant type      | e: ZPE Generator |
|    | Secondamu             | Solar Danol      |

Secondary: Solar Panel

#### Movement Flying Top Speed kph

MART

100



| Total fuel capacity: | Infinite |
|----------------------|----------|
| Fuel type:           | Electric |
| Armor Rating:        | 150      |

Armor Rating: Hit Points: Crew: Passengers: Piloting Modifier

#### 8 Super Lasers

These lasers are the primary defense against capital ships. PB S Med L Ex Damage5,000 5,000 2,500 1,200 400

18,740,000

6,800

2,000

-90

Range Class E Rate of fire 1 Fire Arc T-1-4 1,2,6,7,8 T-5-8 2-6

# Main Laser Cannon

The main laser cannon is fixed to the front of the vessel. However, the laser can be targeted at any object within a 10 degree cone from it's tip. PB S Med L Ex Damage 300K 200K 100K 50K 15K Range Class G Rate of fire 1 Fire Arc 1

#### **12 Interceptor Bays**

About midsection of the ship are twelve heavy doors that open to release two (2) Demolishers and fifteen (15) Interceptor E-suits each, for a total of thirty two (32) Demolishers and one hundred and eighty (180) Interceptors.

| ECM:         | -20 to skill |
|--------------|--------------|
| Range Class: | E            |
| ECCM:        | +30 to skill |
| Range Class: | G            |
| Sensors:     | +30 to Int   |
| Range Class: | Н            |
| Shields:     | 25 active at |

700hp

# Shield information

No. of shields 50

#### Fire Arcs

#### Hit locations 1d10

| Arcı      | Arc2        | Arc3        | Arc4        |                           |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| 1-5       | 1-2         | 1           | -           | Left Solar                |
| 6         | 3-4         | 2-6         | 1-4         | Right Solar               |
| 7-9       | 5-9         | 7-9         | 5-7         | Front                     |
| 10        | 10          | 10          | 8-10        | Back                      |
|           |             |             |             |                           |
|           |             |             |             |                           |
| Arc5      | Arc6        | Arc7        | Arc8        |                           |
| Arc5<br>1 | Arc6<br>1-2 | Arc7<br>1-5 | Arc8<br>1-4 | Left Solar                |
| 0         |             | ,           |             | Left Solar<br>Right Solar |
| 1         | 1-2         | 1-5         |             |                           |

#### Critical hits 1d100

Front 10% chance of critical

1 Main Laser Destroyed

2-3 Hunter/Demolisher bay blown open. All other hits to this critical does triple damage.4-5 1 Super Laser destroyed

- 6 Communication systems destroyed.
- 7 10 Crew killed
- 8-9 Shield Generator destroyed
- 10 Generator damage, all systems half power

Back 10% chance of critical

1 Main Laser Destroyed

2-3 Hunter/Demolisher bay blown open. All

- other hits to this critical does triple damage. 4 1 Super Laser destroyed
- 5 Sensor damage -15 to sensor, ECM, + ECCM skill rolls.

# The Kelrath

The Kelrath do not have as a robust presence in orbit as the Chezbah, however they employ a number of highly effective methods of defending their territory.

While the Chezbah are immune to most diseases and most poisons, there are some chemical agents that have been found effective against them. The primary delivery system used is the Pho'duk AG fighter.

The Kelrath also have a system of orbital cannons that deliver a nuclear force blast when fired into the atmosphere. These cannons are reusable, but because of the Chezbah orbital superiority, they are often expected to be lost.

- 6 Gyroscope systems damage -20 to Piloting.
- 7 10 Crew killed
- 8 Shield Generator destroyed
- 9 Computer systems damaged -10 to pilot
- 10 Bridge destroyed, craft disabled.

Solar Panel 60% chance of critical 1-8 Solar Panel damage, speed down 2% 9-10Solar Panel linkages damaged -3 to piloting

are effective orbital and atmospheric fighters.

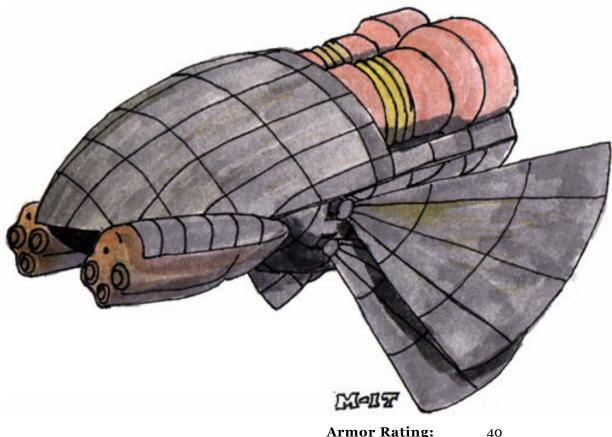
Overall height Overall width Overall length Dry Mass Full Mass Power plant type:

2.3m 2.01m 3.2m 2548 kg 2847 kg

Turbofan Jet

#### Movement

Flight Top Speed2,000Total fuel capacity:4 HoursFuel type:Liquid Carbon



# TypeAnti-gravModelPho'duk

The Kelrath Pho'duk is named after the oracle of destruction. The Pho'duk was designed primarily as a response to Scimrahn Deltas. They

| <b>o</b>                  | 1.  |
|---------------------------|-----|
| Hit Points:               | 250 |
| Crew:                     | 1   |
| Passengers:               | 0   |
| <b>Piloting Modifier:</b> | -10 |

| 2 Lasers               |     |           |       |    |
|------------------------|-----|-----------|-------|----|
| PB                     | S   | Med       | L     | Ex |
| Damage 400             | 400 | 200       | 100   | 30 |
| Range Class D          |     |           |       |    |
| Rate of fire 1         |     |           |       |    |
| Fire Arcs 1-4          |     |           |       |    |
|                        |     |           |       |    |
| ECCM:                  |     | +10 to    | skill |    |
| Range Class:           |     | С         |       |    |
| Sensors:               |     | +18 to    | Int   |    |
| Range Class:           | D   |           |       |    |
| Shields:               | 1   | active 50 | ohp   |    |
| <b>Cargo Capacity:</b> | 10  | 000 Kg    |       |    |

#### Shield information

No. of shields 2

#### **Fire Arcs**

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#### Hit locations 1d10

| Arc1 | Arc2 | Arc3 | Arc4 |           |
|------|------|------|------|-----------|
| 1    | 1    | -    | 1    | Nose      |
| 2    | 2-3  | 1    | -    | R Laser   |
| 3    | -    | 2    | 2-3  | L Laser   |
| 4-7  | 4-5  | 3-4  | 4-5  | Body      |
| 8    | 6-7  | 5    | -    | R Eng     |
| 9    | -    | 6    | 6-7  | L Eng     |
| -    | 8    | 7-8  | 8    | AG Eng    |
| 10   | 9-10 | 9-10 | 9-10 | Thrusters |

#### Critical hits 1d10

Nose 80% chance of critical 1-6 Sensor system destroyed -20 to sensor, ECM, + ECCM rolls 7-10 Cockpit, pilot killed

Body 20% chance of critical 1-10Computer Destroyed -50 to piloting skill

Engine 35% chance of critical

- 1-4 Fuel Explosion! 800 points 10m blast radius
- 5-10Engine damage, energy points cut in half, all systems at half power.

Thrusters 40% chance of critical 1-4 Fuel Explosion! 800 points 10m blast radius 5-10Thruster damage, cut flight speed in half.

AG Eng 20% Chance of critical

- 1-6 Minor damage slow descent to the ground. Pho'duk inoperative!
- 7-10Major damage, crash landing!

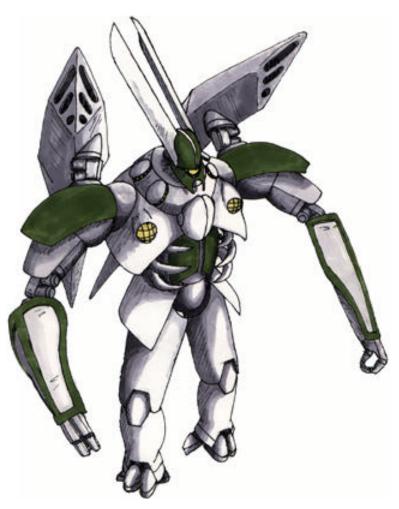
Laser 70% chance of critical 1-10Cannon destroyed

Variants:

Pho-duk Chem-type

This Pho-Duk uses the cargo hold for a chemical weapon delivery device. This Variant is somewhat rare, but it only takes one or two to cause horrific casualties. This is most often seen in use against Chezbah encroachments into Kelrath territory but has been seen in use against Scimrahn and on occasion against Earthers. Notes: Vac-suits are not an effective countermeasure against these chemical agents because they are designed to eat into the suit. However I-CA and ASO uniforms are treated to protect from chemical agents. With a few adjustments to the uniforms (addition of a gas mask and hood and synching openings) the uniforms are effective countermeasures. Hardsuits, while not common on the surface are also effective countermeasures. Napalm and plasma will decontaminate an area, and if used to destroy the Pho'duk, will prevent the chemicals release.

Damage: 30/turn until scrubbed off with a proper decontaminate. Blast Range: D Payload: 1



| E-Suit |
|--------|
| Rall 3 |
|        |

The Rall3 is the predecessor of the common Rall 4. The Rall 3 was considered too lightly armed to be effective. However the Rall 3 is much faster than it's following model and more maneuverable. Because of this, its is still seen as personal transports for wealthy Kelrath, and in orbit.

| Overall height        | 4.8m                |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Overall width</b>  | 3.5m                |
| <b>Overall length</b> | 3.1m                |
| Dry Mass              | 4340 kg             |
| Full Mass             | 4783 kg             |
| Power plant type:     | Internal Combustion |
| Movement              |                     |
| Running Top Speed     | 95 kph              |
| Flight Top Speed      | 450                 |
|                       | kph/Environmental   |
|                       | class               |
| Total fuel capacity   | : 19 Hours          |
| Fuel type:            | Liquid Carbon       |
| Armor Rating:         | 50                  |
| Hit Points:           | 350                 |
| Crew:                 | 1                   |
| Passengers:           | 0                   |
| Piloting Modifi       | e e                 |
| i noung moun          |                     |

#### 2 Batteries of 2 Plasma Cannons

|   | PB       | S      | Med | L   | Ex |  |
|---|----------|--------|-----|-----|----|--|
| Damage  | 200      | 200    | 150 | 100 | 30 |  |
| Range Cl  | lass C   |        |     |     |    |  |
| Payload   | 100 each | cannon |     |     |    |  |
| Rate of fire 2                                  |          |        |     |     |    |  |
| Fire Arcs 1-4                                   |          |        |     |     |    |  |
| Note: Damage and payload is for each cannon. If |          |        |     |     |    |  |
| more than one cannon is fired, the effects are  |          |        |     |     |    |  |
| cumulat   | ive.     |        |     |     |    |  |
|   |          |        |     |     |    |  |

| ECM:                 | +15 to skill        |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| Range Class:         | С                   |
| ECCM:                | +5 to skill         |
| Range Class:         | В                   |
| Sensors:             | +5 to Int           |
| Range Class:         | D                   |
| Shields:             | 3 active 260hp each |
| Strength:            | 600                 |
| <b>Punch Damage:</b> | 60                  |
|                      |                     |

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#### Shield information

No. of shields

#### **Fire Arcs**

 $\ 1 \ / 4 \ 0 \ 2 \ / 3 \ \rangle$ 

#### Hit locations 1d10

| Arcı | Arc2 | Arc3 | Arc4 |       |
|------|------|------|------|-------|
| 1    | 1    | 1    | 1    | Head  |
| 2    | 2-3  | 2    | -    | R Arm |
| 3    | -    | 3    | 2-3  | L Arm |
| 4-8  | 4-5  | 4    | 4-5  | Body  |

| 9  | 6-7 | 5    | -   | R Leg     |
|----|-----|------|-----|-----------|
| 10 | -   | 6    | 6-7 | L Leg     |
| -  | 8-9 | 7-8  | 8-9 | Engine    |
| -  | 10  | 9-10 | 10  | Thrusters |

#### Critical hits 1d10

| Head  | 60% chance of critical |
|-------|------------------------|
| 1-6 S | ensor system destroyed |

- 1-3 Radar
- 4-5 Infra-Red
- 6-7 Lowlight 8-9 Parabolic
- 7-10 Balance -20 to piloting skill
- Arm 30% chance of critical
- 1-70 Linkages, Arm Inoperable
- Body 30% chance of critical
- 1-4 Cockpit, pilot killed
- 5-6 Computer Destroyed -50 to Piloting skill

Leg 30% chance of critical 1-10Linkages, Leg inoperable Top speed down to 1/4

Engine 35% chance of critical 1-4 Fuel Explosion! 800 points 10m blast radius 5-10Engine damage, all systems at half power.

Thrusters 40% chance of critical 1-4 Fuel Explosion! 800 points 10m blast radius 5-8 Thruster damage, cut flight speed in half. 9-10Plasma Cannon Destroyed

#### Variants:

#### **Rall 3 Enhanced**

An expensive variant of the Rall 3 that essentially is a thruster and weapons upgrade. The Variant is used by Ranta' in battle and is sometimes used by ace Gjorn pilots. Flight Top Speed 700 kph/Environmental class Total fuel capacity: 8 Hours

#### 2 Batteries of 2 Plasma Cannons

S Med Ex PB L Damage 300 300 250 150 50 Range Class C Payload 90 each cannon Rate of fire 3 Fire Arcs 1-4 Note: Damage and payload is for each cannon. If more than one cannon is fired, the effects are cumulative.

## Type Orbital Model Kelrath Orbital Emplacement

The Kelrath orbital emplacement is a single massive cannon. The orbital emplacement is built to be expendable because the Kelrath do not have the ability to defend them against the Chezbah. As a result the emplacements can fire

only twice. While the Kelrath usually attempt to use the emplacements again, they have been known to use the emplacement itself to crash it into targets.

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This Kelrath strategy has troubled Major Chan. If the emplacements themselves are expendable, then I-CA forces will have a difficult time weakening the Kelrath's hold on the surface.

On a strike run, several emplacements are launched, and are defended by a Flying Fortress and as many as two hundred Pho'duk fighters. The Kelrath orbital cannon is designed to do as much damage to a surface target as possible, as quickly as possible. This strategy differs immensely from the Chezbah emplacement. The Chezbah tend to linger over a target sight and often rely on ground troops to take a target while the emplacement removes any major threats.

Overall height Overall width Overall length Dry Mass Full Mass

322.4 m 120.9 m (297.45 m with solar panel) 80.6 m 157,081,984.8 kg 172,357,157.1 kg

Power plant type: Secondary: Fission Reactor Thrusters

# Movement

| 300 kph                                |
|--|
| 5 Months<br>Liquid Carbon /<br>Uranium |
| 150<br>4,940,000<br>2300<br>500<br>-80 |
|  |

#### **Magnetic Vortex Mass Accelerator**

The emplacement is comprised primarily of this cannon. The weapon uses an explosive charge to accelerate thousands of ferrous projectiles out of the barrel. A magnetic field keeps the blast energy concentrated even after leaving the weapon and creates a vortex of expanding gases that continue to accelerate the projectiles. The prime reason for the use of solid projectiles is that they accelerate as they approach the surface. Before the projectiles reach the surface they superheat and explode in a nuclear force blast.

Orbit to Orbit Damage

|           | PB        | S      | Med        | L     | Ex  |
|-----------|-----------|--------|------------|-------|-----|
| Damage    | 80,000    | 40,000 | 20,000     | 9,000 | 900 |
| Orbit to  | Surface   | Damage |            |       |     |
|           | PB        | S      | Med        | L     | Ex  |
| Damage    | 110M      | 110M   | 55M        | 14M   | 1M  |
| Blast Ra  | nge Class | : E    |            |       |     |
| Range C   | lass: G   |        |            |       |     |
| Payload:  | : 2       |        |            |       |     |
| Rate of f | fire: 1/8 |        |            |       |     |
| Fire Arc  | 2         |        |            |       |     |
| ECCM:     |           | +10    | o to skill |       |     |
| Range C   | lass:     | D      |            |       |     |
| Sensors   |           | +2     | o to Int   |       |     |
| Range C   | lass:     | Н      |            |       |     |
|           |           |        |            |       |     |

20 active at 500hp

#### Shield information

Shields:

No. of shields 150

#### **Fire Arcs**

# Hit locations 1d10

| Arcı             | Arc2        | Arc3        | Arc4        |                   |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|
| 1-4              | 1-2         | -           | -           | Port              |
| -                | 3-4         | 1-4         | 1-7         | Starboard         |
| 5-8              | 5-9         | 5-8         | 8           | Fore              |
| 9                | -           | 9           | 9           | Aft               |
| 10               | 10          | 10          | 10          | Cannon            |
|                  |             |             |             |                   |
|                  |             |             |             |                   |
| Arc5             | Arc6        | Arc7        | Arc8        |                   |
| Arc5<br>-        | Arc6<br>1-2 | Arc7<br>1-4 | Arc8<br>1-7 | Port              |
| Arc5<br>-<br>1-4 |             | ,           |             | Port<br>Starboard |
| -                | 1-2         | ,           |             |                   |
| -<br>1-4         | 1-2         | 1-4<br>-    | 1-7<br>-    | Starboard         |

#### Critical hits 1d100

Fore 5% chance of critical

- 1-7 50 Crew killed
- 8-9 Shield Generator destroyed
- 10 Bridge destroyed craft disabled
- Aft 10% chance of critical
- 1-2 Thruster damage, top speed down 10%
- 3-4 50 Crew Killed
- 5 Sensor damage -5 to sensor skill rolls
- 6 Gyroscope systems damage -20 to Piloting.
- 7-8 Communication systems destroyed.
- 9 Computer systems damaged -10 to pilot
- 10 Shield generator destroyed

Port/Starboard 20% chance of critical

- 1-2 Thrusters damaged speed down 10%
- 3-6 Maneuvering thrusters damaged -5 to piloting
- 7-8 50 Crew Killed

9-10Shield Generator destroyed

Cannon 5% chance of critical

- 1-4 Cannon Destroyed
- 5 50 Crew Killed.

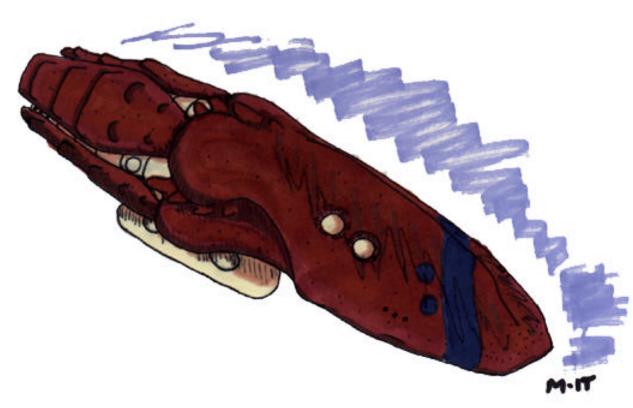
6-10Shield Generator destroyed

# Vehicles

# TypeMethane VesselModelDweller Vessel

These are the largest methane vessels in The Artifact, they are made by Dwellers from the enormous Kun Tie husks. Dwellers prefer to build their ships from husks of Kun Tie that have already died. The older the husk the better, since the internal organs disintegrate after long periods of time. However on occasion a Dweller community may be in desperate need of a new vessel and kill a live Kun Tie. A direct attack on the monsters does too much damage to the husk, so dwellers raise Chong Huo Tie and seed the Kun Tie with them. In several days, the Chong Huo Tie burrow through the Kun Tie's husk and Dwellers follow them in. The Dwellers kill the Kun Tie from inside, and hollow it out.

Cleaning out a Kun Tie is a long and arduous process that requires a week of work for a clan. After the husk has been cleaned, it must be sealed and life support systems added. After this the engine is built piece by piece inside of the new vessel and the walls and floors are added. There are usually ten to twelve floors in a dweller



vessel and around thirty two thousand (32,000) square meters of floor space for the crew to inhabit. That gives each dweller forty six (46) square meters to store food for three months, enough oxygen to breath and propel the vessel, and water.

Dweller vessels are often cold to those not in hardsuits. Standing water can often freeze in the open air of the vessel. However in the engine room, conditions can reach a comfortable 22 Celsius while underway.

It should be noted that all Dweller Vessels are unique and the statistics given here are considered typical. The game master is free to adjust the figures for individual vessels.

| Overall height<br>Overall width<br>Overall length<br>Dry Mass<br>Full Mass | 32m<br>37.5m<br>150 m<br>6,000,000 kg<br>6,500,000 kg |
|--|---|
| Power plant type:  | Oxygen Infusion<br>Turbine                            |
| Movement   |   |
|  | 10 kmh  |
| Top Speed  | 40 kph  |
| Total fuel capacity:   | 3 Months  |
| Fuel type:   | Öxygen  |
|  |   |
| Armor Rating:  | 60  |
| Hit Points:  | 80,000  |
| Crew:  | 700   |
| Passengers:  | 10  |
| Piloting Modifier  | -50   |
| ~  |   |

# **Oxygen Torpedoes**

The methane in the wastes provides ample fuel for combustion. However there is almost no oxygen in the wastes to react with the methane. Oxygen torpedoes deliver a payload of oxygen that is dispersed in the methane and then detonated.

PB S MedL Ex Damage10K 10K 5K 2K 500 Blast Range Class: C Range Class: D Payload: 100 Rate of fire 4 Fire Arc 1-8

#### 2-3 Mini-Sub Bays

Past the main hull are openings between the Kun Tie paddles that are used for launching mini-subs. The bays hold between five (5) and eight (8) mini-subs per bay.

#### 2-4 E-suit Bays

On top of the vessel there are often circular doors cut into the vessel husk. These doors are used to release E-suits. The Dwellers will often have a verity of E-suits from trading with various nations. Each bay can hold between fifteen (15) and twenty (20) E-suits.

| Sensors:     | o to Int |
|--------------|----------|
| Range Class: | D        |
|              |          |

#### **Shield information**

No. of shields o

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Fire Arcs

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## Hit locations 1d10

| Arc1          | Arc2        | Arc3          | Arc4          |                         |
|---------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| 1-4           | 1           | 1             | -             | Left Side               |
| 5             | 2           | 2-5           | 1-5           | Right Side              |
| 6-8           | 3-7         | 6-8           | 6             | Front                   |
| -             | -           | -             | 7             | Back                    |
| 9-10          | 8-10        | 9-10          | 8-10          | Engine                  |
|               |             |               |               |                         |
|               |             |               |               |                         |
| Arc5          | Arc6        | Arc7          | Arc8          |                         |
| Arc5<br>1     | Arc6<br>1   | Arc7<br>1-4   | Arc8<br>1-5   | Left Side               |
| 0             |             | ,             |               | Left Side<br>Right Side |
| 1             | 1           | 1-4           |               |                         |
| 1             | 1           | 1-4           | 1-5<br>-      | Right Side              |
| 1<br>2-5<br>- | 1<br>2<br>- | 1-4<br>5<br>- | 1-5<br>-<br>6 | Right Side<br>Front     |

#### Critical hits 1d100

Front 10% chance of critical 1-4 Crew Cabin Hit 1D10 x 7 crew killed 5-6 One torpedo tube destroyed, -1 to rof

7 Bridge destroyed, craft disabled
8-9 Ammunition explosion! The remaining payload of oxygen torpedoes detonates doing the appropriate amount of damage.
10 Sensor damage -5 to sensor skill rolls.

Back 10% chance of critical 1-4 Mini-sub bay blown open. All other hits to this critical does triple damage.

5 Gyroscope systems damage -10 to Piloting.

6 Generator damage, all systems at half power.

7-8 Crew Cabin Hit 1D10 x 7 crew killed. 9-10Compartment breach. Anyone in this compartment must be in Hardsuit or die.

Side 20% chance of critical

1-2 E-Suit bay blown open. All other hits to this critical does triple damage.

3-8 Crew Cabin Hit 1D10 x 7 crew killed. 9-10Compartment breach. Anyone in this compartment must be in Hardsuit or die.

Engine 12% chance of critical

- 1 Engine compartment breach craft disabled.
- 2-3 Crew Cabin Hit 1D10 x 20 crew killed.
- 4-5 Sensor damage -30 to sensor skill rolls.
- 6-7 Communication systems destroyed.

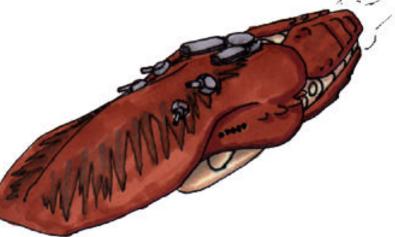
8-9 Computer systems damaged -10 to pilot 10 Oxygen reserve explosion! 50,000 points of damage blast range class: C

# Model Zhan Sheng

The Zhan Sheng is the flagship of Major Chan's "Fleet". It is the most heavily armed of the six ships.

| Overall height               | 43.1m          |
|------------------------------|----------------|
| Overall width                | 39.2m          |
| Overall length               | 175.3 m        |
| Dry Mass                     | 6,000,000 kg   |
| Full Mass                    | 6,500,000 kg   |
| Power plant type:            | Liquid Rocket  |
| <b>Movement</b><br>Top Speed | 2,000 kph      |
| Total fuel capacity:         | 150 hours      |
| Fuel type:                   | LCF and Oxygen |
| Armor Rating:                | 60             |
| Hit Points:                  | 90,000         |
| Crew:                        | 100            |
| Passengers:                  | 10             |

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**Piloting Modifier** 

#### 2 Ultra Energy Plasma Cannons

Mounted on turrets, these four heavy cannon use laser heated plasma to deliver long range and heavy fire power.

| PB                | S         | Med   | L   | Ex  |
|-------------------|-----------|-------|-----|-----|
| Damage1,500       | 1,200     | 1,000 | 600 | 300 |
| Range Class E     |           |       |     |     |
| Payload 20,000    |           |       |     |     |
| Rate of fire 1 pe | er Cannon | l     |     |     |
| Fire Arc 1-5 +7-  | 8         |       |     |     |

#### (4) 76mm guns

 PB
 S
 MedL
 Ex

 Damage:
 400400
 380
 350
 250

 Range Class:
 D
 Payload:
 1,000
 340
 350
 250

 Rate of Fire:
 20 each
 Fire Arc 1-5 +7-8
 50
 50
 50

#### (4) Close-In Weapons Systems

These large emplacement weapons are high caliber gattling cannons. They are most frequently used by naval vessels to protect against incoming missiles, small surface craft and aircraft. In this case, they are used to protect against enemy E-Suits. These systems have independent radar system and forward looking infrared radar for tracking individual threats. These weapon systems are capable of autonomously detecting, tracking and assessing the success of a kill.

The CIWS fires four, three hundred (300) round bursts at each target. It will continue to fire until the target has been destroyed or moves out of range.

The damage statistics given are Armor Piercing Discarding Sabot (APDS) rounds. Ref: 60 Agi: 60 Attacks: 4

PB S Med L Ex Damage: 54 54 50 45 27 Armor Piercing: 50% Range Class: C Payload: 3,000 rounds each Rate of Fire: 1200 Fire Arc 1 CIWS 1-3, 1 CIWS 1-2+8, 1 CIWS 2-4, 1CIWS 5-7

#### **4 E-suit Bays**

On the sides of the vessel there are circular doors cut into the hull. These doors are used to release E-suits. Each bay can hold fifteen (15) E-suits for a total of sixty (60).

| ECM:         | -10 to skill       |
|--------------|--------------------|
| Range Class: | D                  |
| ECCM:        | +30 to skill       |
| Range Class: | D                  |
| Sensors:     | +30 to Int         |
| Range Class: | E                  |
| Shields:     | 10 active at 600hp |

#### Shield information

No. of shields 20

Fire Arcs

- $\frac{1}{8}$   $\frac{2}{3}$
- 7 6 5

#### Hit locations 1d10

| Arcı | Arc2 | Arc3 | Arc4 |            |
|------|------|------|------|------------|
| 1-4  | 1    | 1    | -    | Left Side  |
| 5    | 2    | 2-5  | 1-5  | Right Side |
| 6-8  | 3-7  | 6-8  | 6    | Front      |
| -    | -    | -    | 7    | Back       |
| 9-10 | 8-10 | 9-10 | 8-10 | Engine     |
|      |      |      |      |            |
| Arc5 | Arc6 | Arc7 | Arc8 |            |

| 1    | 1    | 1-4  | 1-5  | Left Side  |
|------|------|------|------|------------|
| 2-5  | 2    | 5    | -    | Right Side |
| -    | -    | -    | 6    | Front      |
| 6-8  | 3-7  | 6-8  | 7    | Back       |
| 9-10 | 8-10 | 9-10 | 8-10 | Engine     |

#### Critical hits 1d100

- 1-4 Crew Cabin Hit 1D10 x 3 crew killed
- 5 Close-In Weapons System destroyed.
- 6 1 shield generator destroyed.
- 7 Bridge destroyed, craft disabled

8-9 Ammunition explosion! The remaining payload of a 76mm gun detonates doing the appropriate amount of damage.

10 Sensor damage -5 to sensor skill rolls.

Back 10% chance of critical

1-3 E-Suit bay blown open. All other hits to this critical does triple damage.

4 1 shield generator destroyed.

5 Gyroscope systems damage -20 to Piloting.

6 Generator damage, all systems at half power.
7-8 Crew Cabin Hit 1D10 x 2 crew killed.
9-10Compartment breach. Anyone in this compartment must be in Vac-suit or Hardsuit or die.

Side 20% chance of critical

7

1-2 One 76mm gun destroyed.

- 3-6 Crew Cabin Hit 1D10 x 2 crew killed.
  - Close-In Weapons System destroyed.

8 1 shield generator destroyed.

9-10Compartment breach. Anyone in this compartment must be in Vac-suit or Hardsuit or die.

Engine 12% chance of critical

- 1 One Plasma cannon destroyed
- 2-3 Crew Cabin Hit 1D10 x 5 crew killed.
- 4-5 Sensor damage -10 to sensor skill rolls.

6-7 Communication systems destroyed.

8-9 Computer systems damaged -20 to pilot

10 Fuel reserve explosion! 10,000 points of damage blast range class: C

# TypeOrbitalModelGuang Rong

The Guang Rong is a maintenance and re-supply vessel it carries no heavy armaments and relies on the other vessels for protection, but carries ammunition, fuel, and repair equipment to service the fleet when they are away from the camp.

| Overall height    | 41.4 m        |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Overall width     | 32.7m         |
| Overall length    | 147.2 m       |
| Dry Mass          | 6,000,000 kg  |
| Full Mass         | 6,500,000 kg  |
| Power plant type: | Liquid Rocket |

#### Movement

1,800 kph

Total fuel capacity:300 hoursFuel type:LCF and Oxygen

| <b>Armor Rating:</b>    | 60           |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Hit Points:             | 80,000       |
| Crew:                   | 92           |
| Passengers:             | 80           |
| <b>Piloting Modifie</b> | <b>r</b> -60 |

#### **Spare Parts**

The Guang Rong carries enough material to repair 10,000 hit points of damage and carries an entire engine disassembled to facilitate the repair of other ships.

#### **Powered Grapnels**

These Grapnels are used to bring the repair vessel into a stable relationship with the Guang Rong. They are not able to hold a vessel that is still under power.

#### **High Explosive Ballistic Missiles**

The Ballistic missiles fired from the Jie. The Guang Rong with it's complement of C-suits is able to partially reload these missiles. Payload: 6

#### **High Explosive Guided Missiles**

The guided missiles fired from the Jie. Payload: 20

#### 76mm Ammunition

Payload: 6000

#### **Close-In Weapons Systems Ammunition** Payload: 20,000

#### **Plasma Generator**

Can generate plasma for the Zhan Sheng's plasma cannons and can fully recharge them in five hours.

#### (4) Close-In Weapons Systems

These large emplacement weapons are high caliber gattling cannons. They are most frequently used by naval vessels to protect against incoming missiles, small surface craft and aircraft. In this case, they are used to protect against enemy E-Suits. These systems have independent radar system and forward looking infrared radar for tracking individual threats. These weapon systems are capable of autonomously detecting, tracking and assessing the success of a kill.

The CIWS fires four, three hundred (300) round bursts at each target. It will continue to fire until the target has been destroyed or moves out of range.

The damage statistics given are Armor Piercing Discarding Sabot (APDS) rounds. Ref: 60 Agi: 60 Attacks: 4

| PB              | S          | Med       | L        | Ex     |
|-----------------|------------|-----------|----------|--------|
| Damage: 54      | 54         | 50        | 45       | 27     |
| Armor Piercin   | g: 50%     |           |          |        |
| Range Class: C  |            |           |          |        |
| Payload: 1,550  | rounds     |           |          |        |
| Rate of Fire: 1 | 200        |           |          |        |
| Fire Arc 1 CIW  | S 1-3, 1 C | IWS 1-2+8 | , 1 CIWS | 5 2-4, |
| 1CIWS 5-7       |            |           |          |        |

#### 2 C-Suit Bays

On the sides of the vessel there are circular doors cut into the hull. These doors are used to release Chezbah Builder C-Suits. Each bay can hold ten (10) C-Suits for a total of twenty (20).

| ECM:         | -10 to skill       |
|--------------|--------------------|
| Range Class: | D                  |
| ECCM:        | +30 to skill       |
| Range Class: | D                  |
| Sensors:     | +30 to Int         |
| Range Class: | E                  |
| Shields:     | 10 active at 600hp |

#### Shield information

No. of shields 20

#### **Fire Arcs**

 $\begin{array}{c|ccc} 1 & 2 & | 3 \\ 8 & 0 & 4 \\ 7 & 6 & | 5 \end{array}$ 

#### Hit locations 1d10

| Arc                    | 1 | Arc2 |     | Arc3      | Arc4 |
|------------------------|---|------|-----|-----------|------|
| 1-4                    | 1 | 1    | -   | Left Side | 9    |
| 5                      | 2 | 2-5  | 1-5 | Right Si  | de   |
|                        |   | 6-8  | 6   | Front     |      |
| -                      | - | -    | 7   | Back      |      |
| 9-108-109-108-10Engine |   |      |     |           |      |

| Arc                    | 5   | Arc6 |     | Arc7      | Arc8 |
|------------------------|-----|------|-----|-----------|------|
| 1                      | 1   | 1-4  | 1-5 | Left Side | 9    |
| 2-5                    | 2   | 5    | -   | Right Si  | de   |
| -                      | -   | -    | 6   | Front     |      |
| 6-8                    | 3-7 | 6-8  | 7   | Back      |      |
| 9-108-109-108-10Engine |     |      |     |           |      |

#### Critical hits 1d100

- 1-4 Crew Cabin Hit 1D10 x 3 crew killed
- 5 Close-In Weapons System destroyed.
- 6 1 shield generator destroyed.
- 7 Bridge destroyed, craft disabled

8-9 Ammunition explosion! The remaining payload of guided missiles detonates doing the appropriate amount of damage.

10 Sensor damage -5 to sensor skill rolls.

#### Back 10% chance of critical

- 1-3 C-Suit bay blown open. All other hits to this critical does triple damage.
- 4 1 shield generator destroyed.

Top Speed

- 6 Generator damage, all systems at half power.
- 7 Crew Cabin Hit 1D10 x 2 crew killed.

8 76mm Ammunition explosion! The remaining payload detonates doing the appropriate amount of damage.

9-10Compartment breach. Anyone in this compartment must be in Vac-suit or Hardsuit or die.

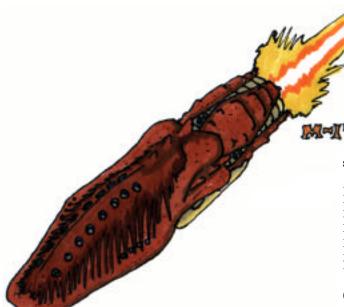
Side 20% chance of critical

1-2 One Ballistic Missile hit. 60% Chance of a Missile detonation.

- 3-7 Crew Cabin Hit 1D10 x 2 crew killed.
- 7 Close-In Weapons System destroyed.
- 8 1 shield generator destroyed.
- 9-10Compartment breach. Anyone in this compartment must be in Vac-suit or Hardsuit or die.

Engine 12% chance of critical

- 1-3 Crew Cabin Hit 1D10 x 5 crew killed.
- 4-5 Sensor damage -10 to sensor skill rolls.
- 6-7 Communication systems destroyed.
- 8-9 Computer systems damaged -20 to pilot
- 10 Fuel reserve explosion! 10,000 points of damage blast range class: C



# TypeOrbitalModelJie

The Jie is a missile ship, although is carries the heaviest punch in the fleet, its missile reserve is limited and is only used with two other vessels capable of sustaining a protracted firefight. In addition, the Jie requires support from another ship to prevent enemy E-Suits from shooting down its missiles as they leave their launch tubes.

**Overall height** 

42.4 m

#### **Overall width** 37.2m **Overall length** 150.43 m **Dry Mass** 6,000,000 kg **Full Mass** 6,500,000 kg Power plant type: Liquid Rocket Movement **Top Speed** 2,100 kph Total fuel capacity: 145 hours LCF and Oxygen Fuel type: **Armor Rating:** 60 **Hit Points:** 80,000 Crew: 92 **Passengers:** 5 **Piloting Modifier** -60

#### 16 High Explosive Ballistic Missile Tubes

The Ballistic missiles fired from these tubes can strike a target from over the orbital horizon before the enemy has the ability to detect the Jie. However the missiles themselves travel at 5Km per turn and can be shot down each turn they are in flight by defenders.

| U     | PB         | S           | Med  | L    | Ex  |
|-------|------------|-------------|------|------|-----|
| Damag | e 500K     | 250K        | 250K | 125K | 25K |
|       | Blast Rang | ge Class: I | D    |      |     |
|       | Range Cla  | ss: G       |      |      |     |
|       | Payload 1  | 6           |      |      |     |

Rate of fire 1 per Tube Fire Arc 1-5 +7-8

## 8 High Explosive Guided Missile Tubes

The guided missiles are used to

strike capital ships.

|                         | PB      | S   | Med | L  | $\mathbf{E}\mathbf{x}$ |  |
|-------------------------|---------|-----|-----|----|------------------------|--|
| Damage                  | 20K     | 10K | 10K | 5K | 1K                     |  |
| Blast Range Class: D    |         |     |     |    |                        |  |
| Range Cl                | ass: G  |     |     |    |                        |  |
| Payload                 | 80      |     |     |    |                        |  |
| Rate of fire 1 per Tube |         |     |     |    |                        |  |
| Fire Arc                | 1-5+7-8 |     |     |    |                        |  |

#### (4) Close-In Weapons Systems

These large emplacement weapons are high caliber gattling cannons. They are most frequently used by naval vessels to protect against incoming missiles, small surface craft and aircraft. In this case, they are used to protect against enemy E-Suits. These systems have independent radar system and forward looking infrared radar for tracking individual threats. These weapon systems are capable of autonomously detecting, tracking and assessing the success of a kill.

The CIWS fires four, three hundred (300) round bursts at each target. It will continue to fire until the target has been destroyed or moves out of range. The damage statistics given are Armor Piercing Discarding Sabot (APDS) rounds. Ref: 60 Agi: 60 Attacks: 4

PB S Med L Ex Damage: 54 54 50 45 27 Armor Piercing: 50% Range Class: C Payload: 1,550 rounds Rate of Fire: 1200 Fire Arc 1 CIWS 1-3, 1 CIWS 1-2+8, 1 CIWS 2-4, 1CIWS 5-7

## 4 Delta Bays

On the sides of the vessel there are circular doors cut into the hull. These doors are used to release Scimrahn Deltas. Each bay can hold ten (10) Deltas for a total of forty (40).

| ECM:         | -10 to skill       |
|--------------|--------------------|
|              | 10 10 58111        |
| Range Class: | D                  |
| ECCM:        | +30 to skill       |
| Range Class: | D                  |
| Sensors:     | +30 to Int         |
| Range Class: | E                  |
| Shields:     | 10 active at 600hp |
|              |                    |

#### Shield information

No. of shields 20 Fire Arcs

| 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|
| 8 | 0 | 4 |
|   |   |   |

7 6 5

#### Hit locations 1d10

| Arc1      | Arc2      | Arc3        | Arc4        |                         |
|-----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| 1-4       | 1         | 1           | -           | Left Side               |
| 5         | 2         | 2-5         | 1-5         | <b>Right Side</b>       |
| 6-8       | 3-7       | 6-8         | 6           | Front                   |
| -         | -         | -           | 7           | Back                    |
| 9-10      | 8-10      | 9-10        | 8-10        | Engine                  |
|           |           |             |             |                         |
|           |           |             |             |                         |
| Arc5      | Arc6      | Arc7        | Arc8        |                         |
| Arc5<br>1 | Arc6<br>1 | Arc7<br>1-4 | Arc8<br>1-5 | Left Side               |
| •         |           | ,           |             | Left Side<br>Right Side |
| 1         | 1         | 1-4         |             |                         |
| 1         | 1         | 1-4         | 1-5<br>-    | Right Side              |

#### Critical hits 1d100

Front 10% chance of critical

- 1-4 Crew Cabin Hit 1D10 x 3 crew killed
- 5 Close-In Weapons System destroyed.
- 6 1 shield generator destroyed.
- 7 Bridge destroyed, craft disabled
- 8-9 Ammunition explosion! The remaining payload of 4 guided missile tubes detonates doing the appropriate amount of damage.
- 10 Sensor damage -5 to sensor skill rolls.

Back 10% chance of critical

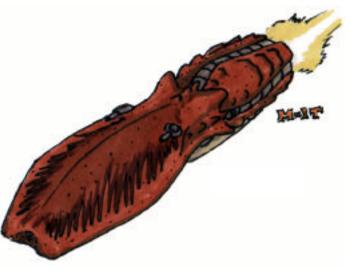
- 1-3 Delta bay blown open. All other hits to this critical does triple damage.
- 4 1 shield generator destroyed.
- 5 Gyroscope systems damage -20 to Piloting.
- 6 Generator damage, all systems at half power.
- 7-8 Crew Cabin Hit 1D10 x 2 crew killed.
- 9-10Compartment breach. Anyone in this compartment must be in Vac-suit or Hardsuit or die.

Side 20% chance of critical

- 1-2 One Ballistic Missile tube hit. 60% Chance of a Missile detonation.
- 3-8 Crew Cabin Hit 1D10 x 2 crew killed.
- 7 Close-In Weapons System destroyed.
- 8 1 shield generator destroyed.
- 9-10Compartment breach. Anyone in this compartment must be in Vac-suit or Hardsuit or die.

Engine 12% chance of critical

- 1-3 Crew Cabin Hit 1D10 x 5 crew killed.
- 4-5 Sensor damage -10 to sensor skill rolls.
- 6-7 Communication systems destroyed.
- 8-9 Computer systems damaged -20 to pilot
- 10 Fuel reserve explosion! 10,000 points of damage blast range class: C



TypeOrbitalModelWu Li

The Wu Li is considered the second most powerful ship in the fleet. It is the first vehicle to implement a Chinese built Laser weapon that has been adapted from technology on The Artifact.

The Wu Li is used as a long range strike vessel and is often used to draw the enemies attention from a main strike.

| Overall height        | 31.6m        |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| <b>Overall width</b>  | 38.1m        |
| <b>Overall length</b> | 153 m        |
| Dry Mass              | 6,000,000 kg |

Left Side **Right Side** 

| Full Mass            | 6,500,000 kg   | 1-4     | 1         | 1          | -    |
|----------------------|----------------|---------|-----------|------------|------|
|                      |                | 5       | 2         | 2-5        | 1-5  |
| Power plant type:    | Liquid Rocket  | 6-8     | 3-7       | 6-8        | 6    |
|                      |                | -       | -         | -          | 7    |
| Movement             |                | 9-10    | 8-10      | 9-10       | 8-10 |
| Top Speed            | 2,000 kph      |         |           |            |      |
| 1 1                  |                | Arc5    | Arc6      | Arc7       | Arc  |
| Total fuel capacity: | 150 hours      | 1       | 1         | 1-4        | 1-5  |
| Fuel type:           | LCF and Oxygen | 2-5     | 2         | 5          | -    |
|                      |                | -       | -         | -          | 6    |
| <b>Armor Rating:</b> | 60             | 6-8     | 3-7       | 6-8        | 7    |
| Hit Points:          | 80,000         | 9-10    | 8-10      | 9-10       | 8-10 |
| Crew:                | 90             |         |           |            |      |
| Passengers:          | 10             | Critica | l hits 1d |            |      |
| Piloting Modifier    | -70            | Front   |           | hance of o |      |

#### Main Laser

This huge weapon takes up the front 20% of the vessel. It is so powerful that the Laser has it's own generator and batteries to store energy. The batteries can store a maximum of 40 blasts and can regenerate one blast per hour. The Pilot must make a successful piloting roll to aim this laser, since it is fixed forward.

| PB      | S               | Med   | L   | Ex  |
|---------|-----------------|---|---|---|
| 4,000   | 4,000           | 2,000   | 1,000   | 700   |
| ass: F  |                 |   |   |   |
| 40 + 1p | er hour         |   |   |   |
| Fire: 1 |                 |   |   |   |
| 2       |                 |   |   |   |
|         | 4,000<br>ass: F | 4,000 4,000<br>lass: F<br>40 + 1per hour<br>Fire: 1 | 4,000 4,000 2,000<br>lass: F<br>40 + 1per hour<br>Fire: 1 | 4,000 4,000 2,000 1,000<br>lass: F<br>40 + 1per hour<br>Fire: 1 |

#### (2) 76mm guns

PB MedL S Ex Damage: 400400 380 350 250 Range Class: D Pavload: 1.000 Rate of Fire: 20 each Fire Arc 1-5 +7-8

#### 2 E-suit Bays

On the sides of the vessel there are circular doors cut into the hull. These doors are used to release E-suits. Each bay can hold fifteen (15) E-suits for a total of thirty (30).

| ECM:         | -10 to skill       |
|--------------|--------------------|
| Range Class: | D                  |
| ECCM:        | +30 to skill       |
| Range Class: | D                  |
| Sensors:     | +10 to Int         |
| Range Class: | E                  |
| Shields:     | 10 active at 600hp |

#### Shield information

No. of shields 20

#### **Fire Arcs**

| 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|
| 8 | 0 | 4 |
| 7 | 6 | 5 |

#### Hit locations 1d10

| Arcı | Arc2 | Arc3 | Arc4 |
|------|------|------|------|
|------|------|------|------|

| 6-8  | 3-7  | 6-8  | 6        | Front   |
|------|------|------|----------|---------|
| -    | -    | -    | 7        | Back    |
| 9-10 | 8-10 | 9-10 | 8-10     | Engine  |
|      |      |      |          |         |
| Arc5 | Arc6 | Arc7 | Arc8     |         |
| 1    | 1    | 1-4  | 1-5 Left | t Side  |
| 2-5  | 2    | 5    | - Rig    | ht Side |
| -    | -    | -    | 6 Fro    | nt      |
| 6-8  | 3-7  | 6-8  | 7 Bac    | k       |
| 9-10 | 8-10 | 9-10 | 8-10Eng  | gine    |
|      |      |      |          |         |

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- 1-4 Crew Cabin Hit 1D10 x 3 crew killed
- 5-6 Main Laser destroyed.

Bridge destroyed, craft disabled

8 Ammunition explosion! The remaining payload of a 76mm gun detonates doing the appropriate amount of damage.

1 shield generator destroyed. 9

Sensor damage -5 to sensor skill rolls. 10

Back 10% chance of critical

1-3 E-Suit bay blown open. All other hits to this critical does triple damage.

1 shield generator destroyed. 4

Gyroscope systems damage -20 to 5 Piloting.

Generator damage, all systems at half power. 6 7-8 Crew Cabin Hit 1D10 x 2 crew killed.

9-10Compartment breach. Anyone in this compartment must be in Vac-suit or Hardsuit or die.

Side 20% chance of critical

One 76mm gun destroyed. 1

1 shield generator destroyed. 2

3-8 Crew Cabin Hit 1D10 x 2 crew killed. 9-10Compartment breach. Anyone in this compartment must be in Vac-suit or Hardsuit or die.

Engine 12% chance of critical 1-3 Crew Cabin Hit 1D10 x 5 crew killed. 4-5 Sensor damage -10 to sensor skill rolls. 7 Communication systems destroyed. 8 Computer systems damaged -20 to pilot 8-10 Fuel reserve explosion! 10,000 points of damage blast range class: C

#### Type Orbital Model Bian Di Kai Hua

The Bian Di Kai Hua is the smallest of the Fleet, but has a special payload that is considered integral to the fleet's mission to destroy orbital emplacements. With this in mind the Bian Di Kai Hua has been given the best force fields of any ship in the fleet and possibly the best of any capital ship on The Artifact.

The Bian Di Kai Hua carries a vehicle that is designed to bore it's way into the hull of an orbital emplacement with a particle cannon. The vehicle called the Taio Zao targets the bridge or engines and bores through decks, bulkheads, and anything else in the way.

| <b>Overall height</b> |
|-----------------------|
| Overall width         |
| <b>Overall length</b> |
| Dry Mass              |
| Full Mass             |
|                       |

38.2 m 31.1m 130 m 5,000,000 kg 6,000,000 kg

Liquid Rocket

Power plant type:

**Movement** Top Speed

2,000 kph

Total fuel capacity: Fuel type: 200 hours LCF and Oxygen The damage statistics given are Armor Piercing Discarding Sabot (APDS) rounds. Ref: 60 Agi: 60 Attacks: 4

PBSMedLExDamage: 5454504527Armor Piercing: 50%Range Class: CPayload: 1,550 roundsRate of Fire: 1200Fire Arc 1 CIWS 1-3, 1 CIWS 1-2+8, 1 CIWS 2-4

#### (1) 76mm gun

|         | PB     | S          | Med    | L   | Ex  |
|---------|--------|------------|--------|-----|-----|
| Damage: | 400    | 400        | 380    | 350 | 250 |
|         | Range  | Class: D   |        |     |     |
|         | Payloa | ıd: 1,000  |        |     |     |
|         | Rate o | f Fire: 20 | o each |     |     |
|         | Fire A | rc 1-5 +7  | -8     |     |     |

#### (2) E-Suit Bays

On the sides of the vessel there are circular doors cut into the hull. These doors are used to release E-suits. Each bay can hold fifteen (15) E-suits for a total thirty (30).

ECM: Range Class: ECCM: Range Class: Sensors: Range Class: Shields:

| -10 to skill       |
|--------------------|
| D                  |
| +30 to skill       |
| D                  |
| +30 to Int         |
| E                  |
| 10 active at 900hp |

| Armor Rating:     | 60     |
|-------------------|--------|
| Hit Points:       | 70,000 |
| Crew:             | 80     |
| Passengers:       | 5      |
| Piloting Modifier | -50    |

#### **Taio Zao Bay**

The front of the vessel opens to release the Taio Zao. It takes two turns to open the bay.

#### (3) Close-In Weapons Systems

These large emplacement weapons are high caliber gattling cannons. They are most frequently used by naval vessels to protect against incoming missiles, small surface craft and aircraft. In this case, they are used to protect against enemy E-Suits. These systems have independent radar system and forward looking infrared radar for tracking individual threats. These weapon systems are capable of autonomously detecting, tracking and assess the success of a kill.

The CIWS fires four, three hundred (300) round bursts at each target. It will continue to fire until the target has been destroyed or moves out of range.

#### **Shield information**

No. of shields 30

#### **Fire Arcs**

 $\begin{array}{c|cccc} \underline{1} & 2 & |3 \\ \underline{8} & 0 & \underline{4} \\ \hline 7 & 6 & |5 \end{array}$ 

#### Hit locations 1d10

| Arc1      | Arc2      | Arc3        | Arc4        |                         |
|-----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| 1-4       | 1         | 1           | -           | Left Side               |
| 5         | 2         | 2-5         | 1-5         | Right Side              |
| 6-8       | 3-7       | 6-8         | 6           | Front                   |
| -         | -         | -           | 7           | Back                    |
| 9-10      | 8-10      | 9-10        | 8-10        | Engine                  |
|           |           |             |             |                         |
|           |           |             |             |                         |
| Arc5      | Arc6      | Arc7        | Arc8        |                         |
| Arc5<br>1 | Arc6<br>1 | Arc7<br>1-4 | Arc8<br>1-5 | Left Side               |
|           |           | ,           |             | Left Side<br>Right Side |
| 1         | 1         | 1-4         |             |                         |
| 1         | 1         | 1-4         | 1-5<br>-    | Right Side              |

#### Critical hits 1d100

1-4 Crew Cabin Hit 1D10 x 3 crew killed5 Close-In Weapons System destroyed.

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- 1 shield generator destroyed. 6
- Bridge destroyed, craft disabled 7
- 8-9 Taio Zao bay damaged
- 1-3 Bay stuck in whatever position it is in.
- 4-6 Bay is blown open.
- 7-10 Bay is stuck closed.
- 10 Sensor damage -5 to sensor skill rolls.

Back 10% chance of critical

- 1-3 E-Suit bay blown open. All other hits to this critical does triple damage.
- 1 shield generator destroyed. 4
- Gyroscope systems damage -20 to 5 Piloting.
- Generator damage, all systems at half power. 6
- 7-8 Crew Cabin Hit 1D10 x 2 crew killed.
- 9-10Compartment breach. Anyone in this compartment must be in Vac-suit or Hardsuit or die.
- Side 20% chance of critical
- One 76mm gun destroyed. 1
- 2-4 E-Suit bay blown open. All other hits to this critical does triple damage.
- 5-6 Crew Cabin Hit 1D10 x 2 crew killed.
- Close-In Weapons System destroyed. 7
- 8 1 shield generator destroyed.

9-10Compartment breach. Anyone in

compartment must be in this

Vac-suit or Hardsuit or die.

Engine 12% chance of critical

- 1-3 Crew Cabin Hit 1D10 x 5 crew killed.
- 4-5 Sensor damage -10 to sensor skill rolls.
- 6-7 Communication systems destroyed.
- 8-9 Computer systems damaged -20 to pilot
- Fuel reserve explosion! 10,000 10 points of damage blast range class: C

#### Type Orbital Model

# Peng

The Peng is an E-suit carrier and is currently the largest ship in the fleet. It's payload of one hundred and twenty E-suits, and four Close In Weapon Systems, makes the Peng a formidable brawler, and although it's payload of E-Suits allow it to strike at long distances the Peng itself is vulnerable to long range weapons.

**Overall height Overall width Overall length Dry Mass Full Mass** 

41m 43.1m 182 m 6,500,000 kg 7,000,000 kg

Power plant type: Rocket

Liquid

# Movement

| Top Speed                          | 2,000 kph                      |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Total fuel capacity:<br>Fuel type: | 200 hours<br>LCF and<br>Oxygen |
| Armor Rating:                      | 60                             |
| Hit Points:                        | 100,000                        |
| Crew:                              | 280                            |
| Passengers:                        | 150                            |
| Piloting Modifier                  | -70                            |

# (4) Close-In Weapons Systems

These large emplacement weapons are high caliber gattling cannons. They are most frequently used by naval vessels to protect against incoming missiles, small surface craft and aircraft. In this case, they are used to protect against enemy E-Suits. These systems have independent radar system and forward looking infrared radar for tracking individual threats. These weapon systems are capable of autonomously detecting, tracking and assess the success of a kill.





The CIWS fires four, three hundred (300) round bursts at each target. It will continue to fire until the target has been destroyed or moves out of range.

The damage statistics given are Armor Piercing Discarding Sabot (APDS) rounds. Ref: 60 Agi: 60

Attacks: 4

PB S Med L Ex Damage: 54 50 45 27 54 Armor Piercing: 50% Range Class: C Payload: 1,550 rounds Rate of Fire: 1200 Fire Arc 1 CIWS 1-3, 1 CIWS 1-2+8, 1 CIWS 2-4, 1CIWS 5-7

#### (1) 76mm gun

 PB
 S
 MedL
 Ex

 Damage:
 400400
 380
 350
 250

 Range Class:
 D
 Payload:
 1,000

 Rate of Fire:
 20 each
 Fire Arc 1-5 +7-8

#### (8) E-suit Bays

On the sides of the vessel there are circular doors cut into the hull. These doors are used to release E-suits. Each bay can hold fifteen (15) E-suits for a total of one hundred and twenty (120).

| ECM:         | -10 to skill       |
|--------------|--------------------|
| Range Class: | D                  |
| ECCM:        | +30 to skill       |
| Range Class: | D                  |
| Sensors:     | +30 to Int         |
| Range Class: | E                  |
| Shields:     | 10 active at 600hp |

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#### Shield information

No. of shields

#### **Fire Arcs**

 $\begin{array}{c|cccc} \underline{1} & 2 & \underline{3} \\ \underline{8} & 0 & \underline{4} \\ \hline 7 & 6 & 5 \end{array}$ 

#### Hit locations 1d10

| Arcı      | Arc2      | Arc3        | Arc4        |                         |
|-----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| 1-4       | 1         | 1           | -           | Left Side               |
| 5         | 2         | 2-5         | 1-5         | Right Side              |
| 6-8       | 3-7       | 6-8         | 6           | Front                   |
| -         | -         | -           | 7           | Back                    |
| 9-10      | 8-10      | 9-10        | 8-10        | Engine                  |
|           |           |             |             |                         |
|           |           |             |             |                         |
| Arc5      | Arc6      | Arc7        | Arc8        |                         |
| Arc5<br>1 | Arc6<br>1 | Arc7<br>1-4 | Arc8<br>1-5 | Left Side               |
| 0         |           | ,           |             | Left Side<br>Right Side |
| 1         | 1         | 1-4         |             |                         |
| 1         | 1         | 1-4         | 1-5<br>-    | <b>Right Side</b>       |

#### Critical hits 1d100

1-4 Crew Cabin Hit 1D10 x 3 crew killed

- 5 Close-In Weapons System destroyed.
- 6 1 shield generator destroyed.
- 7 Bridge destroyed, craft disabled
- 8-9 Ammunition explosion! The remaining payload of a 76mm gun detonates doing the appropriate amount of damage.
- 10 Sensor damage -5 to sensor skill rolls.

#### Back 10% chance of critical

- 1-3 E-Suit bay blown open. All other hits to this critical does triple damage.
- 4 1 shield generator destroyed.
- 5 Gyroscope systems damage -20 to Piloting.
- 6 Generator damage, all systems at half power.
- 7-8 Crew Cabin Hit 1D10 x 2 crew killed.
- 9-10Compartment breach. Anyone in this compartment must be in Vac-suit or Hardsuit or die.

Side 20% chance of critical

- One 76mm gun destroyed.
- 2-4 E-Suit bay blown open. All other hits to this critical does triple damage.
- 5-6 Crew Cabin Hit 1D10 x 2 crew killed.
- 7 Close-In Weapons System destroyed.
- 8 1 shield generator destroyed.
- 9-10Compartment breach. Anyone in this compartment must be in Vac-suit or Hardsuit or die.

Engine 12% chance of critical

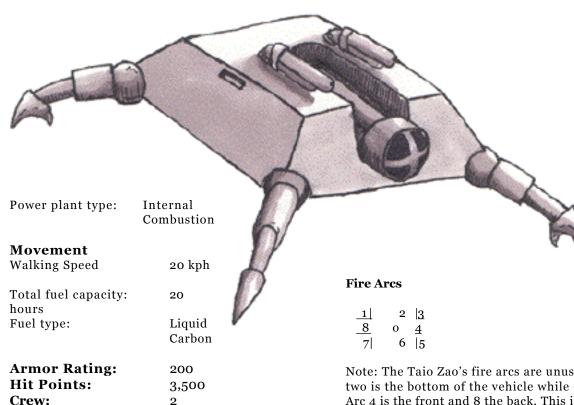
- 1-3 Crew Cabin Hit 1D10 x 5 crew killed.
- 4-5 Sensor damage -10 to sensor skill rolls.
- 6-7 Communication systems destroyed.
- 8-9 Computer systems damaged -20 to pilot
- 10 Fuel reserve explosion! 10,000 points of damage blast range class: C

# TypeGun PlatformModelTaio Zao

The Taio Zao is the spearhead of an attack on an Orbital Emplacement. It uses a stolen Kelrath Particle cannon to blast holes in the hull of the Emplacement where it and E-Suits can enter. It continues to bore into the target until it can strike a vital spot and cripple the vessel. Once the emplacement is disabled, and it's defenders out of the way, teams of E-suits attach charges to the hull of the emplacement and push it out of orbit.

The Taio Zao is Officer Li Ma's creation, and obviously takes great pride in it. He has inappropriately berated several pilots that he felt were not being careful enough.

| Overall height | 5.85m     |
|----------------|-----------|
| Overall width  | 4.16m     |
| Overall length | 8.9m      |
| Dry Mass       | 11,759 kg |
| Full Mass      | 13,352 kg |



#### 2 Heavy Lasers

**Piloting Modifier** 

**Passengers:** 

These lasers are mounted to the top of the Taio Zao and are designed to defend against enemy **E-Suits** 

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|           | PB     | S   | Med | L   | Ex |
|-----------|--------|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Damage    | 500    | 500 | 200 | 140 | 50 |
| Range C   | lass D |     |     |     |    |
| Rate of f | fire 1 |     |     |     |    |
| Fire Arc  | 4-8    |     |     |     |    |

### **Particle Cannon**

The particle cannon is designed to fire directly below the Taio Zao to puncture the hull of an orbital cannon but can also rotate to fire directly ahead. The power system is Officer Ma's own design and can hold four charges at a time but takes two minutes to fully recharge (4 blasts in 8 turns).

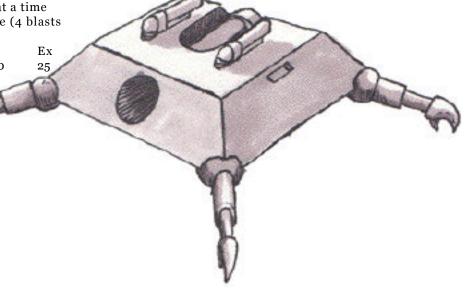
|         | PB       | S        | Med       | L      | I   |
|---------|----------|----------|-----------|--------|-----|
| Damage  | 9,000    | 4,400    | 2000      | 450    | 2   |
| Range ( | Class C  |          |           | -      | 1   |
| Rate of | fire 4/8 |          |           | T      | 3.  |
| Fire Ar | c 2 or 4 |          | 0         | Carlos | 100 |
|         |          |          | 6         |        |     |
| ECM:    |          | +0 to s  | kill 🦷    |        |     |
| Range ( | Class:   | С        |           |        |     |
| ECCM:   |          | +0 to s  | kill      |        |     |
| Range ( | Class:   | С        |           |        |     |
| Sensor  | s:       | +5 to Ir | nt        |        |     |
| Range ( | Class:   | D        |           |        |     |
| Shields | s:       | 4 active | e at 500h | р      |     |
|         |          |          |           |        |     |
|         |          |          |           |        |     |

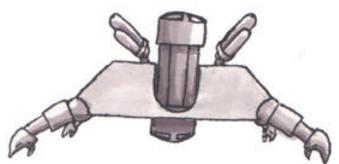
#### Shield information

No. of shields 8 Note: The Taio Zao's fire arcs are unusual. Arc two is the bottom of the vehicle while 6 is the top. Arc 4 is the front and 8 the back. This is done because of the Taio Zao's unusual attack approach.

#### Hit locations 1d10

| Arc1          | Arc2        | Arc3          | Arc4          |                 |
|---------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1-4           | 1           | 1             | -             | Front           |
| 5             | 2           | 2-5           | 1-5           | Back            |
| 6-8           | 3-7         | 6-8           | 6             | Тор             |
| -             | -           | -             | 7             | Bottom          |
| 9-10          | 8-10        | 9-10          | 8-10          | Leg             |
|               |             |               |               |                 |
|               |             |               |               |                 |
| Arc5          | Arc6        | Arc7          | Arc8          |                 |
| Arc5<br>1     | Arc6<br>1   | Arc7<br>1-4   | Arc8<br>1-5   | Тор             |
| 0             |             | ,             |               | Top<br>Bottom   |
| 1             | 1           | 1-4           |               | -               |
| 1             | 1           | 1-4           | 1-5<br>-      | Bottom          |
| 1<br>2-5<br>- | 1<br>2<br>- | 1-4<br>5<br>- | 1-5<br>-<br>6 | Bottom<br>Front |





#### Critical hits 1d10

- Front 20% chance of critical
- 1-2 Cockpit, pilot killed
- 3 Laser Destroyed
- 4-5 Main Cannon destroyed
- 4-10Sensor system destroyed -20 to sensor, ECM, + ECCM rolls

Back 35% chance of critical

- 1-2 Fuel Explosion! 800 points 10m blast radius
- 3-4 Main Cannon destroyed
- 5-7 Shield Generator destroyed

8-10Engine damage, all systems at half power.

Top 40% chance of critical

- 1-3 Laser destroyed
- 4-5 Shield Generator destroyed
- 6-10Main cannon destroyed

Bottom 30% chance of critical

- 1-5 Piloting computer destroyed, -20 to all piloting rolls.
- 6-10Primary hydraulics damaged top speed down 1/2

Leg 40% chance of critical 1-10Linkages, Leg inoperable Walking speed down 1/2



# TypeAnti-GravModelModified Kelrath Tug

These harmless looking vessels have been modified to carry a Nuclear tipped ICBM into orbit and get close enough to strike an Orbital emplacement.

The tug is not large enough to conceal the ICBM, instead the missile rides on the back of the tug. Often the missile is disguised as another vehicle to reduce the chance of an accidental sighting.

| Overall height | 5.2 m    |
|----------------|----------|
| Overall width  | 5.5 m    |
| Overall length | 19.5m    |
| Dry Mass       | 8,657 kg |

#### **Full Mass**

Power plant type:

**Movement** Flying Top Speed

300 kph

120 Hours

Liquid Carbon

4,992 kg

Anti-Grav.

Total fuel capacity: Fuel type:

 Armor Rating:
 20

 Hit Points:
 1500

 Crew:
 1

 Passengers:
 20

 Piloting Modifier:
 0

 Cost:
 ¥1,800,000

Sensors: +5 to Int Range Class: E Shields: 0 Cargo Capacity: 1,000 KG

#### **Fire Arcs**

\ 1 / 4 0 2 / 3 \

# Hit locations 1d10

| Arcı | Arc2 | Arc3 | Arc4 |            |
|------|------|------|------|------------|
| 4-7  | 4-5  | 4    | 4-5  | Nose       |
| 8    | 6-7  | 5    | -    | Right side |
| 9    | -    | 6    | 6-7  | Left side  |
| -    | 8    | 7-8  | 8    | AG Engine  |
| 10   | 9-10 | 9-10 | 9-10 | Aft        |

#### Critical hits 1d10

Nose 20% chance of critical

- 1-2 Pilot hit
- 3 Controls damaged -10 to Piloting
- 4-10Cargo damaged

Engine 35% chance of critical

1-4 Fuel Explosion! 500 points 10m blast radius 5-10Engine damage, all systems at half power.

Side30% chance of critical

- 1-10propulsion engines hit half speed -20 to piloting
- Aft 20% chance of critical
- 1-2 Communications destroyed.
- 3 Controls damaged -10 to Piloting

4-10Cargo damaged

# Type C-Suit

# Model Builder 42576

The Builder is a system used in heavy construction. It is designated as a construction suit instead of an E-Suit although in the case of the Builder, the lines are blurry. It is probably the most anthropomorphic of any C-suit, is self contained and actually has a thruster system. These are rare in C-suit designs, but the Builder is designed to function in hostile environments such as underwater, in The Wastes, or in Orbit.

The reason these suits are available from the Chezbah is that it is sold to Dwellers.

Overall height Overall width Overall length Dry Mass Full Mass 5.6m 4.8m 4.1m 7032 kg 7329 kg

Power plant type: **Movement** Running Top Speed Flight Top Speed Internal Combustion 40 kph 100 kph/Environmental

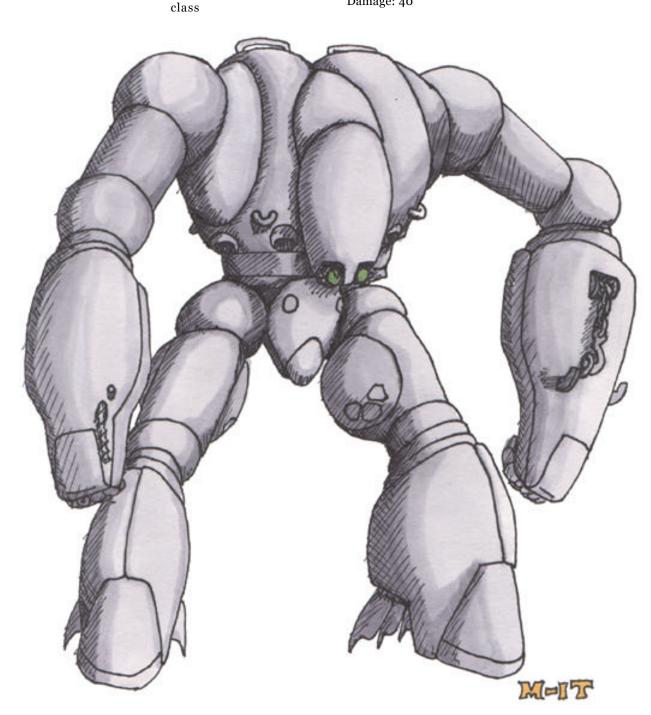
| Armor Rating:             | 30  |
|---------------------------|-----|
| Hit Points:               | 500 |
| Crew:                     | 1   |
| Passengers:               | 0   |
| <b>Piloting Modifier:</b> | -30 |

#### Hook and Winch

The Builder's Hook and winch are able to lift 1500 kgs.

#### **Power Drill**

The power drill on the right arm is a diamond bit drill two centimeters in diameter. Damage: 40



## Laser Cutter PB S MedL Damage: 100100 90 70 Range Class: A Rate of Fire: 1

Sensors:-10 to IntRange Class:CStrength:1400Punch Damage:140

Ex

70 55

# Shield information

| No. | of shields |  |
|-----|------------|--|
|     |            |  |

# Fire Arcs

Fire Arc 1-2

| \ | 1 | / |
|---|---|---|
| 4 | 0 | 2 |
| / | 3 | \ |

## Hit locations 1d10

| Arc2 | Arc3                             | Arc4   |   |
|------|----------------------------------|--|---|
| 1    | 1                                | 1  | Head  |
| 2-3  | 2                                | -  | R Arm   |
| -    | 3                                | 2-3  | L Arm   |
| 4-5  | 4                                | 4-5  | Body  |
| 6-7  | 5                                | -  | R Leg   |
| -    | 6                                | 6-7  | L Leg   |
| 8-10 | 7-10                             | 8-10   | Engine  |
|      | 1<br>2-3<br>-<br>4-5<br>6-7<br>- | 1 1<br>2-3 2<br>- 3<br>4-5 4<br>6-7 5<br>- 6 | $ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$ |

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#### Critical hits 1d10

Head 50% chance of critical 1-6 Sensor systems destroyed 7-10 Balance -20 to piloting skill

Arm 30% chance of critical

- 1-7 Linkages, Arm Inoperable
- 8 Laser damaged
- 9 Drill damaged
- 10 Hook and Winch Damaged

Body 30% chance of critical

- 1-4 Cockpit, pilot killed
- 5-6 Computer Destroyed -50 to Piloting skill
- 7-8 Thrusters damaged -30 to piloting
- 9-10Main hydralics leak. Str halved. –20 to piloting.

Leg 30% chance of critical

1-10Linkages, Leg inoperable Top speed down to 1/4

Engine 35% chance of critical

- 1-4 Fuel Explosion! 800 points 10m blast radius
- 5-10Engine damage, energy points cut in half, all systems at half power.

Thrusters 40% chance of critical 1-4 Fuel Explosion! 800 points 10m blast radius 5-10Thruster damage, cut flight speed in half.

# TypeMethane VesselModelMini-Sub

The mini-sub is a two person self contained vessel used for mining operations. It employs a number of features that allows it to break up and transport Ores.

| Overall height | 3 m       |
|----------------|-----------|
| Overall width  | 2.5 m     |
| Overall length | 8.3 m     |
| Dry Mass       | 9337.5 kg |
| Full Mass      | 21,457 kg |

Power plant type: Oxygen Infusion Turbines

# Movement

**Top Speed** 

40 kph

Total fuel capacity: 50 Hours Fuel type: Oxygen

| Armor Rating:             | 60   |
|---------------------------|------|
| Hit Points:               | 1500 |
| Crew:                     | 3    |
| Passengers:               | 1    |
| <b>Piloting Modifier:</b> | -40  |

# **Manipulator Arms**

The Minisub has eight manipulator arms used to guide ore into the cargo hold. They are relatively strong but very slow moving. An on board QLC co-ordinates their actions the operator designates targets and the computer determines the best path to move it to the hold.

# Sonic Hammer

The sonic hammer is used to loosen ore from it's surrounding vein. It can be operated for hours on end.

| on chu.            | РВ     | S   |    | Med       | L  | Ex |
|--------------------|--------|-----|----|-----------|----|----|
| Damagai            |        | -   |    |           | _  |    |
| Damage:            |        | 100 |    | 50        | 25 | 12 |
| Range Cla          | ass: A |     |    |           |    |    |
| Rate of F          | ire: 1 |     |    |           |    |    |
| Fire Arc           | 1      |     |    |           |    |    |
|                    |        |     |    |           |    |    |
| Laser Cu           | tter   |     |    |           |    |    |
|                    | PB     | S   |    | Med       | L  | Ex |
| Damage:            | 300    | 300 |    | 150       | 70 | 20 |
| Range Cla          | ass: A |     |    |           |    |    |
| Rate of F          | ire: 1 |     |    |           |    |    |
| Fire Arc           | 1-2    |     |    |           |    |    |
|                    |        |     |    |           |    |    |
| Sensors:           |        |     |    | -10 to In | t  |    |
| Range Cla          | ass:   |     |    | С         |    |    |
| Strength           |        |     |    | 2500      |    |    |
| Punch D            |        |     | 10 | -0:0      |    |    |
| i until D          | amage. |     | 10 |           |    |    |
| Shield information |        |     |    |           |    |    |
| Sincia III         | iorman |     |    |           |    |    |

#### Shield information

No. of shields 0

## **Fire Arcs**

 $\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{array}$ 

# Hit locations 1d10

|      |      | -    |      |           |
|------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Arcı | Arc2 | Arc3 | Arc4 |           |
| 1-4  | 1    | -    | 1    | Arm       |
| 4-7  | 2-3  | -    | 2-3  | Fore      |
| -    | 4-5  | 1-5  | 4-5  | Aft       |
| 8    | 6-9  | 6    | -    | Port      |
| 9    | -    | 7    | 6-9  | Starboard |
| 10   | 10   | 8-10 | 10   | Engine    |
|      |      |      |      |           |

# Critical hits 1d10

Arm 40% chance of critical 1-10Linkages, Arm Inoperable

- Fore 50% chance of critical
- 1-4 Crew Cabin hit crew killed
- 5-6 Gyroscope damaged -20 to piloting skill
- 7 Controls damaged -10 to Piloting
- 8-9 Sonic Hammer destroyed
- 10 Laser Cutter destroyed

#### Aft 40% chance of critical

1-4 Cargo bay damage the sub looses 1D10x10 Kg of material a turn until repaired.

5-6 Generator damage, all systems at half power.

#### Port/Starboard 40% chance of critical

- 1-2 Maneuvering vents damaged -10 to piloting.
- 3-8 Heat transfer system damaged. The crew cabin begins to cool 20 degrees every turn until repaired.
- 9-10External illumination system destroyed on one side.

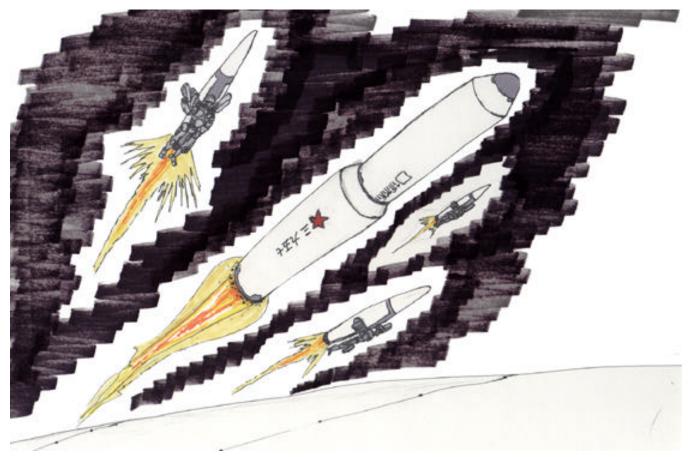
Engine 12% chance of critical

- 1-3 Engine compartment breach craft disabled.
- 4-5 Sensor damage -30 to sensor skill rolls.
- 6-7 Communication systems destroyed.
- 8-11 Computer systems damaged -10 to pilot. Arms disabled.
- 10 Oxygen reserve explosion! 1,000 points of damage blast range class: B

# Equipment

#### **Dweller Hard suit**

The Dweller hard suit is a cross between body armor and a vac-suit Dwellers live their entire lives in hard suits and shed them like insects as they mature. These transitions are highly ceremonial and very personal. When



the Dweller changes their hard suit, their name changes along with it. To the community they are a new person.

Dweller hard suits have several standard features. They have a re-breather built in that allows the wearer to breathe in a non-oxygen environment. It uses standard OUs for an oxygen supply.

A Dweller in a hard suit can go for two hours on a single OU. However the oxygen levels in the air are so low that they can cause Earthers to pass out. The average Scimrahn can breath for an hour on an OU, but Scimrahn that live in the wastes can approach the two hour mark, usually averaging at an hour and a half.

The Dweller hard suit has a climate control system that can keep the hardsuit warm or cool it slightly in high temperatures. The Suit will keep the surface temperature of the wearer at 10 degrees Celsius even when exposed to the liquid methane in the wastes but halves the oxygen capacity of the suit.

The hardsuit does not provide enough protection to survive for substantial periods in the wastes. It keeps the wearer alive long enough to get out of Methane and back into a more suitable environment. After periods of fifteen minutes the wearer must make Constitution or Psyche rolls to resist hypothermia (the Iron Will skill may be used in this roll) every five minutes of exposure.

The suits have oxygen and methane breathers on both the helmet and the back. These allow the suit to recharge itself of it's fuel, taking in oxygen while in an oxygen environment and methane when in a methane environment.

Dweller hard suits are highly customized. Each hard suit is unique to the wearer.

Dwellers suffer none of the PDF modifiers that are listed under these stats. It is assumed that they have become so accustomed to the suit that they have compensated for the limitations.

| Hit Location              | AR | HP |  |
|---------------------------|----|----|--|
| Head                      | 10 | 10 |  |
| Shoulder                  | 10 | 10 |  |
| Body                      | 15 | 25 |  |
| Arms                      | 10 | 10 |  |
| Hands                     | 2  | 5  |  |
| Groin                     | 10 | 8  |  |
| Legs                      | 10 | 15 |  |
| Feet                      | 10 | 5  |  |
| REF: -15                  |    |    |  |
| INT: -10                  |    |    |  |
| AGI: -10                  |    |    |  |
| DEX: -10                  |    |    |  |
| Cost: 6,000 OU (¥181,818) |    |    |  |

#### **Hard Suit Modifications**

Although Dweller Hard Suits are designed to be and become extensions of the Dweller's body, they do inherently limit the wearer. In addition, many Dwellers work in vocations that are physically demanding. This has lead to dwellers developing modifications to Hard Suits that augment their abilities.

#### Sensor Pack – O2

The O2 sensor pack includes a robust IR camera system that distinguishes temperature variations with very high fidelity. In addition the sensor pack includes microphones and software to augment the Dweller's range of hearing. Range Class: B Cost: 3500 OU (¥106,060)

#### Sensor Pack - Methane

The methane sensor pack includes sonar equipment, along with a system that monitors heat loss from the hardsuit Range Class: A – in O2 atmosphere C in Methane Cost: 2900 OU (¥88,000)

#### Computer

This is a QLC designed by the Chezbah and sold to the Dwellers. (See: Players Handbook for rules on computers) Processor Points:18 Storage: 1.5 Terabytes Mass: 210 g Cost: 98 OU 2900 OU (¥2,970)

#### Strength boost

This alteration inserts artificial muscles into the suit. Using the strength boost uses one OU per hour. Str +15 Con +5 Cost: 4,000 OU (¥121,212)

#### **Utility Pack**

The utility pack is basically a series of compartments in the dweller's hard suit that can be used to carry tools and small pieces of equipment.

The utility pack contains a bullpeen hammer, four adjustable wrenches, a pair of magnetic clamps, cable cutters, metal shears, two chisels, spray insulation/adhesive, and a can of lubricant.

Cost: 400 OU (¥10,000)

#### **Climbing Pads**

These pads are affixed to the exterior of the hardsuit. They are made by the Chezbah and are an example of Nanotechnogy. The pads will adhere to any solid surface even substances that are smooth like glass or rough like concrete. They take some practice to use, but as a dweller that has them permanently affixed to their hardsuit it is assumed that the dweller is accustomed to having them on.

Climbing pads are strong enough to hold up a 100 Kg man and his hardsuit. The user is considered having a +60 Str to gripping things. Cost: 2,000 OU (¥60,600)

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#### **Methane Propulsion**

Even in a hardsuit, going into the methane of the wastes is a uncomfortable experience. Even Dwellers avoid it when possible. In those instances when it is not, having a method of quickly moving through the methane is beneficial. A turbine mounted in the center of the Dwellers backpack draws Methane in and expels it out the bottom. This helps to move the wearer along at a higher rate than swimming alone.

Speed:15 m/turn + swimming speed Cost: 2,300 (¥70,000)

#### **Concealed Weapon Compartment**

In most cases a Dweller needs only to rely on their dueling axe, but on occasion they have been known to carry a concealed weapon. The compartment is large enough to carry a sidearm. The favored weapon is usually the Chezbah Plasma Pistol.

Cost: 400 OU (¥10,000)

#### **Heavy Axe**



The Dwellers look at the axe as a personal defense and dueling weapon. In the confines of a Dweller vessel, ranged weapons are not only unnecessary, they could damage the vessel. The Axe is better able to break through armor

and therefore is preferred. Duels are usually only carried out until first blood. With the protection of a hardsuit, the wounds are often survivable. The axe is frequently made of iron with a head weighing over five kilograms. Damage: 16

Parry: -10 Mass: 6-8 Kg Cost: 17 OU (¥500)

#### OU (Oxygen Unit)

The OU is a storage tank for oxygen, a fuel source, and a currency. One OU is a small tube five cm across and twenty cm long. Dwellers do not often carry any more OU than they need to breath, but deal in IOUs (as in I owe you).

OU canisters or bottles are reusable. OU bottle Cost: ¥1000 Charge of Oxygen Cost: ¥30

#### **Dweller Food Pack**

Dwellers do not take their helmets off to eat. They attach a canister called a food pack to a threaded recess in the helmet near the mouth and suck their food through a straw. Other cultures tend to have trouble with this practice, but Dwellers are used to it. Because of this practice Dwellers do not stop to eat. They simply attack a food pack and eat as they work. Food Packs are reusable and are thought of like dishes to a Dweller. They can be heated on an Oxy/Methane stove. Mass: .75 Kg Cost: 30 OU (¥910)

#### **Dweller Food Producer**

This device takes food and fills Dweller food packs with it. It automatically will add enough water to give a desired constancy. Mass: 3 Kg Cost: 198 OU (¥6,000)

#### Heavy cloak

Heavy cloaks keep the wearer warm. This is especially important in an environment where body heat is an important commodity. Dweller Heavy cloaks are oversized to fit over hard suits. Mass: 2-3 Kg

Cost: 66 OU (¥2000)

#### **Dweller** Tool kit

The Dweller tool kit includes a 40 piece socket set, 40 piece combination open and closed end wrench set, two Phillips and two flat head screwdrivers, a fuel cell operated reciprocating hacksaw with five replaceable blades, mini-sledge and bullpean hammer, two adjustable monkey wrenches, five styles of vice grips, Methaine/Oxygen level meter, Wire cutters/stripper, Two adjustable wrenches, needle nose pliers, metal shears, two chisels, spray insulation/adhesive, two cans of lubricant, Methy/Oxy blowtorch, fuel cell operated hammerdrill with adjustable clutch, a fuel cell operated 15 cm circular saw/grinder, 15 cm diamond masonry blade, 15 cm metal cutting blade, 15 cm grinder w/diamond blade, 100 90cm zipties, spike gun, laser cutter (30 pts, range 30 cm), digital voltage resistance amperage multitestor, soldering iron, spool of solder. Cost: 3300 OU (¥100,000)

#### **Oxygen Methane Multipurpose Furnace**

These devices use oxygen in the air and methane to heat rooms and warm foodpacks. The furnace can be refilled from a Dweller's hardsuit reserve or from any methane inlet valve on a Dweller vessel. Mass:723 g Cost: 5 OU (¥151)

#### Chezbah Plasma Pistol

A standard sidearm used in close combat by the Warriors, and carried by pilots. The design has a shorter range in favor of higher damage.

PB S MedL Ex Damage: 25 20 15 10 5 Range Class: B Payload: 15 Rate of Fire: 4 Mass: 4.3 KG Cost: 1600 OU

#### Laser Staff

This is the standard issue to Geetin troops, it is a heavy weapon designed for both ranged attacks and melee. PB S MedL Ex Damage: 12 11 5 3 1 Club Damage: 8+Punch Damage Atmosphere Range Class: B Vacuum Range Class: C Pavload: 200 Rate of Fire: 1 Mass: 8 KG Cost: 1056 OU (32,000)

#### Gjorn Plasma Sphere

This weapon is comparable to the Geetin weapon but holds more energy at longer ranges and has a better payload

PB S MedL Ex Damage: 20 18 12 8 2 Range Class: C Payload: 10 Rate of Fire: 1 Mass: 15 KG Cost: 2,145 OU (65,000)

#### Cloud of shot

This simple device creates a field of iron shot that is dropped behind a fast moving E-suit.

The blast range is considered to origenate at the E-suit that is dropping the shot.

PB S Med L Ex Damage1d10x1001d6x1001d6x1001d6x50 1d6x9 Blast Range Class: C Range Class: N/A Mass: Cost:

# Nuclear tipped Intercontinental Ballistic Missile

The I-CA has transported several hundred old Soviet ICBMs to The Artifact. The United Nations is threatening sanctions on China for this but the Security Council has not been able to take action because China has veto power in the council.

PB S Med Ex L Damage150M 150M 75M19M 2MBlast Range Class: E Range Class: J Mass: 96,000 Kg Length: 28 m Diameter: 3.3 m Hit Points: 800 Cost: not available for sale.