

The Kings of Orion

A Savage Worlds Campaign
Session 2: Enemies of the Kingdom

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Player Characters

Lord Edmund Blackadder – Human Psionicist (Justin Leibert)

Godfrey Nottingham – Human Berserker (Dave Nelson)

Brock Simpson – Human Psychopath (Bob LaForge)

Panthro – Rakashan Technologist (Marlon Kirton)

GM – Andrew Smith

Prolog

Narrator – The narrator

Lothar IX – King Lothar IX, Lord of House Lothar

Mall Rat – A young man captured on Warehouse Alpha stealing “blue lotus”

Templar Wrathbone – The leader of the Templars of Lothar

Narrator: In his palace on Thromghast III, Lothar the Ninth paces back and forth in a darkened room. The king is furiously angry to the point of a near-tantrum. On the table before him is a tortured young man. Next to him, clad in a full suit of blood red powered battle armor stands the Templar Wrathbone, the most feared inquisitor in the galaxy.

Lothar IX: Tell me who did this!?! Tell me or so help me Jeebus I will make you feel true pain! Just like the pain *I* feel at not being able to host my “TRUE BLUE LOTUS” party tonight! Fricking dreck! I was finally going to “get my lotus on” with The Lady Shamara! I should kill you now!!!

Mall Rat: No, please!

Narrator: Lothar pulls a lever, injecting more toxic pain-fire gel into the young man’s veins.

Mall Rat: Aughhhhhhh!

Templar Wrathbone: My lord, I believe we have all we’re going to get from this fellow.

Lothar IX: No! Someone must pay for this lapse! Wrathbone, the Templars serve me. *You* serve me! Isn’t that true.

Templar Wrathbone: Yes.

Lothar IX: Weren’t you on Warehouse Alpha that day?!? Why couldn’t you have stopped this madness!

Templar Wrathbone: I was engaged in other duties, my lord.

The Mall Rat: <gurgle>...<cough>...<cough>

Lothar IX: Kong dung you were! Nothing is more important than my needs. This is insubordination! I should have your head for your...your...

Narrator: Templar Wrathbone turns his head and glares at King Lothar from behind his mask. Lothar pauses mid-sentence as though his thoughts have just left him. Templar Wrathbone speaks calmly and slowly.

Templar Wrathbone: Aren't you late for your afternoon massage, my lord?

Narrator: Lothar blankly nods, and walks from the chamber mumbling as if waking from a dream.

Lothar IX: Great...job, Wrathbone. Keep up the good work.

Narrator: Once the king has left, Templar Wrathbone turns toward the helpless mall rat. He reaches for the injection lever.

Mall Rat: Wait! Don't do it! I remember something!

Templar Wrathbone: I already know.

Mall Rat: They called themselves...

Narrator: Templar Wrathbone slams the lever down, sending pain-gel spurting through the prisoner's bloodstream. Wrathbone watches behind his mask as the mall rat shakes in painful death-throes.

Mall Rat: Gahhhhhhhh....uhh!

Templar Wrathbone: They called themselves, "The Knights of Orion".

Narrator: Templar Wrathbone glides from the room, calling for his second in command.

Templar Wrathbone: Templar Jax! I want an update on the cleansing of Gnoob, immediately.

Log

Royal Year 536, Day 250 : Gnoob III

The heroes rush to respond to a psionic distress call from Gnoob III. There they find a handful of freedom fighters led by Prince Bo Juke of the Kingdom of Juke in a hopeless firefight with a group of House Lothar regular soldiers. The heroes arrive and turn the tide of the battle. Soon a Mavorian flying gun craft arrives on the scene to support the Lothar regulars. Blackadder dispatches the flying gun by convincing the driver to fly into a nearby rootmarm silo. The farmhouse behind the freedom fighters explodes, killing nearly all of them with the exception of a hothead named Slapdash, the Lady Esmerelda, a single unnamed freedom fighter, and Prince Juke himself. With less folks to support, Nottingham marvels everyone out before more Lothar support arrives.

Royal Year 536, Day 251-260 : Wellfleet Station

Following their return from Gnoob, the group is welcomed by Sir Angus Culpepper and invited to return later for a brief knighting ceremony. The group retreat to their respective homes in the Wellfleet area.

Godfrey Nottingham buys a new luxury automobile and gets his man to drive it for him. He also has his dress uniform re-tailored. On the way to the ceremony, Nottingham happens upon the lovely Arielle LeRoi, the widow of the slain Norbert LeRoi. They strike up a conversation, and she agrees to become his date to the ceremony after an impromptu dinner at the premiere fancy restaurant in Upper Wellfleet, “Jean-Luc’s”.

Lord Blackadder talks with his former flame Lady Esmerelda about their shared past and how she ended up on Gnoob III. He invites her to the knighting ceremony and buys her a fancy gown for the event. Blackadder believes that he sees Norbert LeRoi on the street, but after giving chase he finds he is mistaken. Instead, he meets with Whiskers the Ratman who asks if he is Godfrey Nottingham or not. Blackadder replies in the negative and goes on his way.

Panthro explores his home, an ancient hangar that was once refitted as a taxi fleet service center and later as a home for the Royal Church of Orion before the new cathedral was built. He makes several interesting discoveries about the creator of Wellfleet station.

Brock Simpson does some hard drinking. He too, believes that he has seen Norbert LeRoi but he is unable to catch up with the nobleman that he believes that he had killed months ago. Brock agrees to take on an apprentice by Headmaster Somgrog of the psionics school. Brock and Slapdash do their best to make Jason’s stay with them a nightmare nailing one of his feet to the floor, beating him to within an inch of his life, and then later taking him on missions without gear or training.

The knighting ceremony goes as planned. Sir Angus Culpepper does the honors, slapping the heroes with the ceremonial gloves and asking them to rise in the name of the king. All the group are now fully vested as Knights Errant and should insist that they be addressed as “Sir”. Mayor Jager and a young, nubile woman whom he introduces as his date named Petunia are also on hand.

Sir Nottingham marvels Bo Juke back to the palace of King Juke I, also known as “Lee Juke”. King Juke asks many questions of Nottingham, brainstorming ways that the knights might be able to aid the Juke cause against the Mavorian-backed House Lothar forces. However, ultimately King Juke is dismissive of Sir Nottingham’s capabilities and he is sent on his way with his reward for safely returning Bo Juke. After a few days of failed attempts to marvel home, Godfrey Nottingham ultimately returns to Wellfleet Station.

Lady Esmerelda leaves Lord Blackadder’s home once she finds a wealthy nobleman who is interested in her named Archer. The group continually catches glimpses of a creepy guy who wears an “The End Is Near” sandwich board and creeps them out by staring. The sheriff stops by the group again to ask them about Mayor Jager’s date. She was found drained of blood and decapitated floating in the swamp just downstream of Wellfleet town.

Royal Year 536, Day 261 – 263 : Gnoob III

Sir Nottingham marvels the group back to Gnoob III in order to identify more Mavorians to kill. The group is located in a routine sweep by Lothar regulars, and a firefight breaks out. The group manages to win the firefight and escape by marvel crystal before facing too much resistance.

During their time on planet, though they managed to find some expensive goods to fund the Order's activities in the future, and Sir Panthro was able to connect into the global network and learn that the Mavorians' participation in the invasion and "cleansing" of Gnoob III included the Mavorians taking all the females on the planet up onto their ship for an unknown purpose. All the remaining males left on Gnoob III are left to work in forced labor camps.

Epilogue

Following the excursion to Gnoob III, Sir Blackadder draws up a document warning House Otto, Mason, Juke, and Sleestak that Lothar is in league with the Mavorians. He hopes that by delivering this message to the appropriate embassies on Orion (which has been held as neutral ground by the Pope since the kingdom was fractured) he might start a dialog to rally support for an alliance against House Lothar.

Ending credit tally:

Lord Blackadder – 5

Godfrey Nottingham – 10

Brock Simpson – 14

Panthro – 8