

The Kings of Orion

A Savage Worlds Campaign

Session 1: A Call to Arms

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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

Log

Royal Year 536, Day 121 : Warehouse Alpha

The newly minted heroes find themselves in the Warehouse Alpha space station, a gigantic rotating shipping depot circling eBay world within Lothar space. There they have located a man-sized box for the purpose of repairing an aging space station, and reprogrammed the conveyor beam to deliver it directly to their waiting ship. Unfortunately, they were forced to stop the conveyor line to positively identify the box which drew some unwanted attention. Several troubleshooters show up. Brock eviscerates one, and Lord Blackadder forces another to “get the box for him” prompting a call to central control further delaying the restarting of the conveyor line. Brock finishes that second troubleshooter off and Panthro gets the conveyor started again.

Several of the newly minted heroes consider jumping onto the boxes moving on the conveyor beam to get them to the ship. Godfrey Nottingham tries a simple psionic teleport to get to the boxes and instead gets “brain burn” – twice. Guards start to show up. Brock jumps off the conveyor to shoot two guards, and eventually Godfrey recovers, pulls out his weapon, and sweeps through all four guards at once. They run into more guards behind a barricade this time, but they are dealt with easily once Lord Blackadder psionically “pushes” one of their number to “pull all the pins” on all the grenades the group has. Eventually, the new group of guards are subdued and killed by this one guard setting grenades off while still strapped to his comrades’ bodies.

Meanwhile, Panthro has identified some other valuable boxes on the conveyor and Lord Blackadder has learned of more guards coming. Brock Simpson jumps on the moving boxes and is swept away toward the ship while the remaining heroes make a run for it. They easily defeat another round of troubleshooters and guards before the entire group makes a careful jump onto the conveyor beam. As they are just about to be swept into their cargo ship, they catch a glimpse of a member of the Templars of Lothar, in his crimson red powered armor point directly at the group as they whizzed by on the conveyor. The group straps into the ship and they start off for Wellfleet Station, the stricken space station that holds the final chapterhouse of the Knights of Orion.

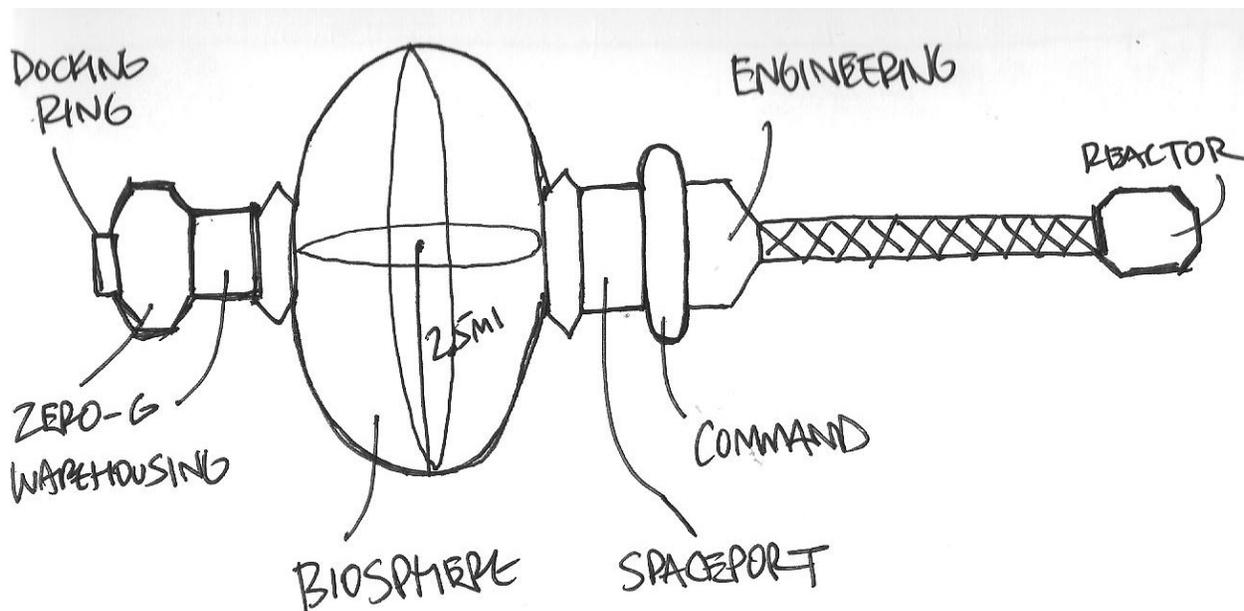
Royal Year 536, Day 122 – Day 132 : In Transit

The new recruits travel on the freighter carrying their stolen equipment and product to Wellfleet station. During the long, boring days of transit, they learn a little more about one another. Lord

Blackadder has joined the Knights in order to take his vengeance upon those he perceives as wronging him in the past. Panthro has a unquenchable curiosity for technology. Brock Simpson has a thirst for blood rage, while Godfrey Nottingham had joined the Order in order to honor of an ancient ancestor.

Royal Year 536, Day 133 : Wellfleet Station

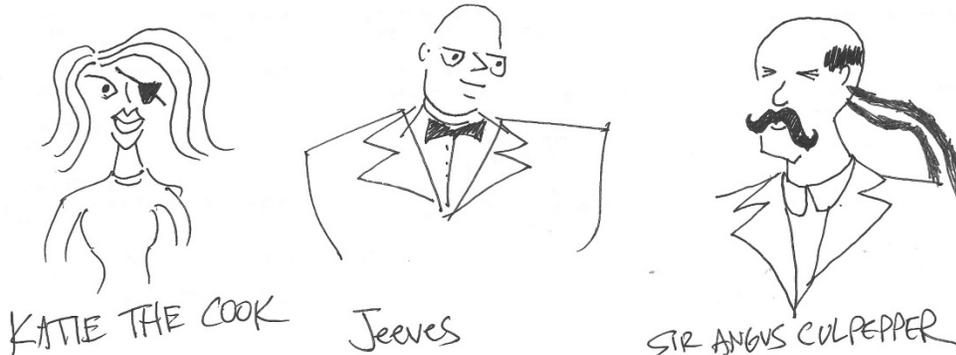
The heroes have finally reached the Quanset cloud. The cloud dampens any power field, rendering ships, powered armor, and powered weapons useless. The recruits watch as the navigator of their ship points the ship into the cloud, presses the accelerator, and watches as the ship goes dark and starts to “coast” blindly into the cloud. Several hours later, the ship is fielded by a tug ship and guided to the spaceport of Wellfleet Station. The station itself is an ancient design, built before the Kingdom was formed in response to the invasion by the machine menace. It was created in hopes of protecting organic life by hiding within the power-dampening Quanset cloud.



The heroes are welcomed by the undead-looking Mayor Jager and the milquetoast Sir Rupert Fabrege. They congratulate and reward the heroes on a job well done. The repair part they deliver is whisked away in order to help keep the life forms within the huge 2.5 mile-radius biosphere alive.



The heroes are taken to the Knights of Orion chapterhouse on Wellfleet station, built on what was previously a bank. There they meet Katie the Cook, Jeeves, and Sir Angus Culpepper. The lights dim unexpectedly as Jeeves ushers the heroes in and Katie helps Sir Culpepper remove two cables drilled into his skull.



Sir Culpepper explains that now is the time the Kingdom needs them the most.

Royal Year 536, Day 134-135: Wellfleet Station

The heroes explore Upper Wellfleet, and choose places to live. Brock choose an apartment in the city, while Panthro picks out an empty warehouse with a loft as his workshop and quarters. Lord Blackadder opts for a more opulent home in an affluent neighborhood and Godfrey moves out toward the countryside and builds a gazebo behind his small rancher. The heroes run into the friendly Cindy several times that day and learn that not only is she a neighbor, but she is a professional waitress as well. They also run into Pete and learn that he is a complete meathead.



Royal Year 536, Day 136 : Wellfleet Station

By the end of the week, the meal prepared at Mayor Jager’s mansion in Upper Wellfleet is held. The heroes are introduced by Sir Rupert Fabrege, and they are given a table of honor at the affair. During and after the meal, several notable visitors came and checked on the group.

The first was Arielle LeRoi, a minor noble of the house of Mason who came by to talk to Brock Simpson. Although she seemed to only to want to engage Simpson in small talk, it wasn’t long until she took umbrage to Simpson’s manner. She leaves in a huff.

Next, the group was approached by the honorable (and glowing) Headmaster Somgrog. Somgrog asked for some volunteers to accept an honorable position as a guest speaker at the Psionics Institute. Both Nottingham and Blackadder accept the request and information is exchanged.

Following Headmaster Somgrog, a nobleman from the House of Otto approaches the group. He strikes a deal with Blackadder to retrieve a box of “Blue Lotus” recreational drugs from the very same Warehouse Alpha that they recovered the failing part for the station. Lord Zapp gives Blackadder a rare marvel crystal as a down payment on the deal.

Fred the Span-Kee arrives at the recruits’ table with a pack of over armed bodyguards. He says hi.

Finally, the hair-challenged Norbert LeRoi arrives and accuses Simpson of disrespecting his wife Arielle. He smacks Brock across the face and challenges him to a duel later on in the evening. Brock Simpson gladly accepts the challenge. Seconds are chosen, and a place is set.



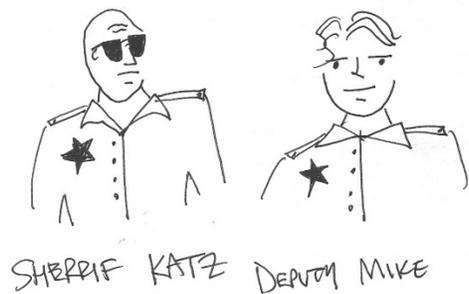
The remaining guests crowd around the location of the duel. Simpson chooses to duel with the molecular swords that Norbert’s family has provided for just such an occasion. Lord Drake Fenwick is chosen to be Norbert’s second, while Simpson chooses his new friend Nottingham to be his.

The duel is started and right off the bat, it is clear that Norbert is skilled with the blade. However, it is ultimately Simpson who draws first blood. Norbert LeRoi is knocked down, and Nottingham steps in to stop Brock Simpson’s murderous intentions. However, a taunt and a curse from LeRoi alienates Nottingham and Simpson ends up disemboweling the Masonite nobleman and choking him with his entrails. Drake Fenwick flees at this sight. Panthro is kept from stealing the House Mason heirloom molecular dueling blades provided by Norbert for the duel.



The next morning, the heroes are at Panthro’s (the de-facto clubhouse of the group) when they are interrupted by the law. Sheriff Katz and Deputy Mike have arrived asking about the mysterious murder of Drake Fenwick of Mason under very bloody conditions. Simpson all but admits that he would have

the motive for the killing, but Sheriff Katz and his deputy leave without making any accusations or arrests.



Royal Year 536, Day 136 : Wellfleet Station

Godfrey Nottingham decides to learn more about the secrets of the marvel crystal given to him by Lord Blackadder. He travels to the Psionics Institute to meet with Headmaster Somgrog. Somgrog explains how to use the artifact, and tells the heroes the secret of the station. Since the station exists within the power-field dampening Quanset Cloud, its major power source is in fact psionic. Because of this, the station itself is a bright beacon for marvel crystal instantaneous transport. However, a critical failure to transport back to the station can be extremely dangerous and perhaps deadly.

Royal Year 536, Day 137 : Warehouse Alpha

The group makes ready to use the marvel crystal to recover the contraband from Warehouse Alpha. They travel by marvel crystal to the surface of Tobymart Alpha, essentially a planet-sized mall. There, Brock Simpson manages to convince a group of mall rats to help them to get to Warehouse Alpha. The group sneaks aboard a transport shuttle to the warehouse space station, with the mall rats in the cabin and the heroes and their equipment stashed in the cargo hold. The group changes into their disguises as Warehouse Alpha employees and search for the “Blue Lotus”. It is located in a low-gravity holding level. Panthro manages to crack the security on the warehouse door, and the group piles in. The mall rats are given several man-sized crates of the drugs and sent on their way. They serve as enough of a diversion to keep security away long enough for Godfrey Nottingham to trigger the marvel crystal successfully for the return trip.

Royal Year 536, Day 138 : Wellfleet Station

The heroes return to Wellfleet, and are visited once again by the Sheriff. He just wanted Brock Simpson to know that he is no longer a suspect to the killing of Lord Drake Fenwick. Instead, the mousy girl Cindy had been implicated and is been sent to the station penitentiary.

The heroes deliver a crate of the “Blue Lotus” to Lord Zapp. A negotiation takes place, and three more of the remaining crates are sold for a substantial profit. The remaining man-sized crates of illicit recreational drugs remain in Panthro’s garage workshop.

Epilogue

Shortly following the delivery of “Blue Lotus” drugs to Hermes Zapp, he was rushed to the Upper Wellfleet hospital with dangerously high blood toxin levels caused by tainted product. Three others were also rushed to intensive care, two of whom died. One week later after being treated, Lord Hermes Zapp was sent to the penitentiary for possessing a dangerous substance.

Ending credit tally:

Lord Blackadder – 11
Godfrey Nottingham – 11
Brock Simpson – 11
Panthro – 12

Political Map

