

# **The Kings of Orion**

**A Savage Worlds Campaign**

**Session 6: Dark Revelations**

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## Player Characters

**Sir Godfrey Nottingham** – Human Berserker (Dave Nelson)

**Sir Brock Simpson** – Human Psychopath (Bob LaForge)

**Sir Panthro** – Rakashan Technologist (Marlon Kirton)

**GM** – Andrew Smith

**Assistant GM** – Justin Leibert

## Prologue

Following his day hunting with Joe Faithjoy, Lord Blackadder figures that the game is up. He openly accused Sir Nottingham of being a racist and made a half-hearted attempt at killing Lady Esmerelda for blackmailing him. He hasn't gained immortality by being careless. With the other knights closing in on his dark secret, Sir Blackadder uses his newly acquired marvel crystal to leave Chilbert for greener pastures.

Meanwhile, the planet of Chilbert is completely up in arms about recent developments. Jane Huck, the governor's daughter was kidnapped as she visited a pharmaceutical mill in Cicero. Suspicions among the human population are that the alien (non-human) population or "xenos" did it. Those suspicions have moved the simmering racism on Chilbert to the surface, and riots have broken out in and around Cicero.

## Log

Godfrey Nottingham wakes from unconsciousness poisoned and depleted. He lies in a cave carved into a rocky face of a mountain on the forested moon of Chilbert. A deadly predator appears, sniffing for blood. Nottingham quickly summons his remaining psionic power to heal himself, and then advances on the tremendous beast that blocks his exit. After several close-range shotgun blasts, Nottingham barely escapes with his life before the beast's mate arrives.

Nottingham flashes back to events earlier in the day. He had been invited to Chilbert's moon soon after learning the true location of Ssslyvia, Sir Loving's reported wife and mother of his children by an old family friend and wealthy pharmaceutical businessman named Joe Faithjoy. Joe had once employed Nottingham's father and brother, a dark secret Sir Nottingham had kept a secret from the Order of the Knights of Orion.

Born on Orion, Nottingham had actually moved to Chilbert at a young age. His father was an ambitious businessman named Charles Francis Nottingham III opened a trading house on Chilbert for the Orion-Chilbert trade. One of his chief suppliers of pharmaceuticals was none other than businessman Joe Faithjoy. When Godfrey was 20 years old, three terrible, unconnected, events crushed him. His father was murdered by a group of Saurian smugglers, his brother Charles Francis Nottingham IV was killed by the Span-Kee in a gruesome fashion, and his mother Yolanda was killed by a group of Grundorian and Apemen street thugs. This turned Godfrey into a berserk killer of non-humans. He joined a terrorist

organization called the Pure Human League and spent two years murdering any non-human he could get away with killing. He became one of the most wanted fugitives on Chilbert, under his codename "Racist Frank."

Unbeknownst to Sir Nottingham, the killings had not been random at all. In an effort to control the flow of drugs from Chilbert, Faithjoy had employed a variety of thugs and operatives to build a monopoly in trade with Orion. He employed tactics of blackmail and kidnappings, which he was then able to conveniently blame on the population of alien workers who had emigrated to Chilbert to work in the factories. Once Charles Nottingham III (Godfrey's father) found out about this, Faithjoy put a hit out on him. It was at this time that he was approached by the operatives of House Lothar, and they revealed their plot to reunite the kingdom. When he learned that Charles Francis Nottingham IV – a noted psionicist – had learned about this further plot he employed a Mavorian strike force to impersonate a Span-Kee attack and eviscerate Sir Nottingham's brother. Finally, when Yolanda Nottingham was about to tell her remaining son about her doubts about Faithjoy, she had to be dealt with as well. All this tragedy simply set the stage for Joe Faithjoy to employ Godfrey Nottingham as his own tool to control the population of Chilbert.

However, at one point, Godfrey took passage back to Orion, his birth world, and visited some distant relatives. While doing so, he accessed the video journals of his great-uncle Sir Eustace of the Knights of Orion. The long-winded pompous tales of honor and derring-do made Godfrey realize that taking up the mantle of the Knights would achieve more toward making the universe a safer place for decent human beings than his nihilistic slaughter of the inhuman hordes. Now after learning about Godfrey's return to Chilbert from Sir Blackadder, Faithjoy has had enough of his misbehaving operative "Racist Frank" and he had hoped to pin yet another murder on the non-human population of Chilbert. He revealed his duplicity to Sir Nottingham just after the poison had kicked in. If not for his tremendous will, Godfrey Nottingham would have surely been murdered soon thereafter.

While Sir Nottingham was dealing with a hyper aggressive predator and substantial back-story issues, Sergeant Stryper of the Chilbert militia and his deputies have arrived at Ssslimer's safe house. The militia is accompanied by Brock Simpson, forced to help them in their fight in order to atone for attempting to assassinate Governor Huck. Their goal is to attack and kill Ssslimer once and for all. Unbeknownst to Sir Simpson, Sir Panthro had just been summoned by Ssslimer to hear a revelation from Ssslimer's network of informants. Ssslimer gives Panthro a video of a creepy man dressed in a sandwich board kidnapping the Governor's Daughter and leaving evidence at the scene to incriminate aliens. Ssslimer gives the video to Panthro in hopes that the Knights of Orion will be able to do something to end the riots across the planet.

The attack on the safe house begins, and Ssslimer nearly escapes into the sewers but is slain at the last minute by Sir Simpson and his henchmen. Sir Simpson is the first one to the hacker's body, and he immediately discovers a bloody shoe on him – one of the shoes worn by the Governor's daughter when she was kidnapped. Despite doing his best to help his contact Ssslimer escape, Panthro and his henchmen escape out the back after being identified by Sergeant Stryper and his deputies. Since Sergeant Stryper now believes that Panthro and his men are the only ones alive who may know June

Huck's location, an all-points-bulletin is put out for Panthro (a Rakashan wearing a mask along with two human conspirators).

After escaping the Chilbertian predator, Nottingham happens upon Joe Faithjoy in the forests of the moon. The businessman is briefing a group of his fellow "hunters" on how to find Sir Nottingham and how to dispatch him in his "weakened state". Sir Nottingham takes the initiative and attacks the group. Using his hand flamer, he cooks nearly all the hunters. Then a spirited swordfight breaks out between Sir Nottingham and his former patron Joe Faithjoy. Godfrey learns that Sir Blackadder has in fact fled the planet entirely, and forsaken his oath as a knight. Godfrey is finally victorious in the fight, bringing down the evil industrialist with a deadly swipe. Godfrey takes his time going through Faithjoy's hunting lodge, where he collects some incriminating evidence for later analysis.

The knights reunite at their warehouse – sort of. Sirs Nottingham and Simpson enter the warehouse and begin to discuss earlier events, but Panthro and his henchmen prefer to stay in their car circling the warehouse. Panthro accuses Sir Simpson of breaking the code of the Order over the phone. One of Sir Nottingham's men casually comments that he heard a pretty solid story that he saw Sir Simpson's man Slapdash and "The Creeper", a man dressed in a sandwich board, in some sort of discussion that involved "explosions". Despite Panthro's insistence that he has information proving that "The Creeper" was behind the kidnapping, Sir Nottingham's background refuses to allow him to take the word of an alien "xeno" before the word of another human being. Godfrey dismisses Panthro's claims that Brock is to blame in the kidnapping. All three knights travel to Ssslvia's house (Nottingham and Simpson by private space yacht, Panthro by used car), where they meet the widow of Sir Loving.

Ssslvia Loving insists that a group of knights have already questioned her about the word that her late human husband left to her and their three half-breed children. She gives the word "reactor" to the knights in her heavy accent. Godfrey Nottingham vomits at the thought of a human and a Saurian paring up and having babies, which Ssslvia gleefully taunts him with.

The knights return to Cicero, but they are called by the Governor to help take down the masked Rakashan suspect that they have tracked electronically to an abandoned warehouse. The two knights decide instead to activate their marvel crystals and return to Orion instead.

Before Panthro can make arrangements to get off planet, he is captured by the Chilbert Milita forces under Sergant Stryper. All his belongings are taken, his henchmen are jailed, and Panthro is questioned. Governor Huck receives an anonymous tip that the kidnapers have June Huck at the spaceport. The authorities bring Panthro with them to the spaceport as a bargaining chip of their own, hoping to be able to negotiate with the kidnapers. The spaceport is rocked by three separate explosions, which give Sir Panthro an opening to escape from the militia, steal a tiny starship, and escape from Chilbert.

## Epilogue

Sir Nottingham had obtained some damning evidence from Joe Faithjoy's hunting lodge. Not only did he get proof that the hits that were carried out on his mother and father were ordered by Faithjoy, he

learned the hits were called in from “The Godfather” Benny Rennet. Benny Rennet is known as the leader of the ratman mafia, but he has ties with other alien hit squads that he uses to perform some of his dirty work.

Nottingham also turns up another of the queer, featureless black brain boxes. In transmissions from an unnamed agent of House Lothar, Nottingham learns that the box was meant to be triggered near the Chilbert militia headquarters within a few months. Without Panthro to analyze its function, Nottingham can only surmise that the box was meant to be used as a beacon to summon a Mavorian hit squad.

Finally, Nottingham learns that the spaceship “The Sandusky” -- filled with psionically attuned orphan humans – was commissioned and loaded by Faithjoy and his deputies. The ship is underway toward House Lothar as part of a deal to make Joe Faithjoy the new Governor once Chilbert was overthrown.

Following a set of three unrelated random murders at Wellfleet station, Sir Simpson also abandons the order, teleporting he and his henchmen away using his marvel crystal. With a little investigation and reflection, Sir Nottingham realizes that Sir Simpson was in fact a minion of the Cult of Slag-Bah all along.