

Campaign/Game: Savage Space Bastards - SWD
Session 9: Sacrifice to the Cyborg Messiah

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Characters

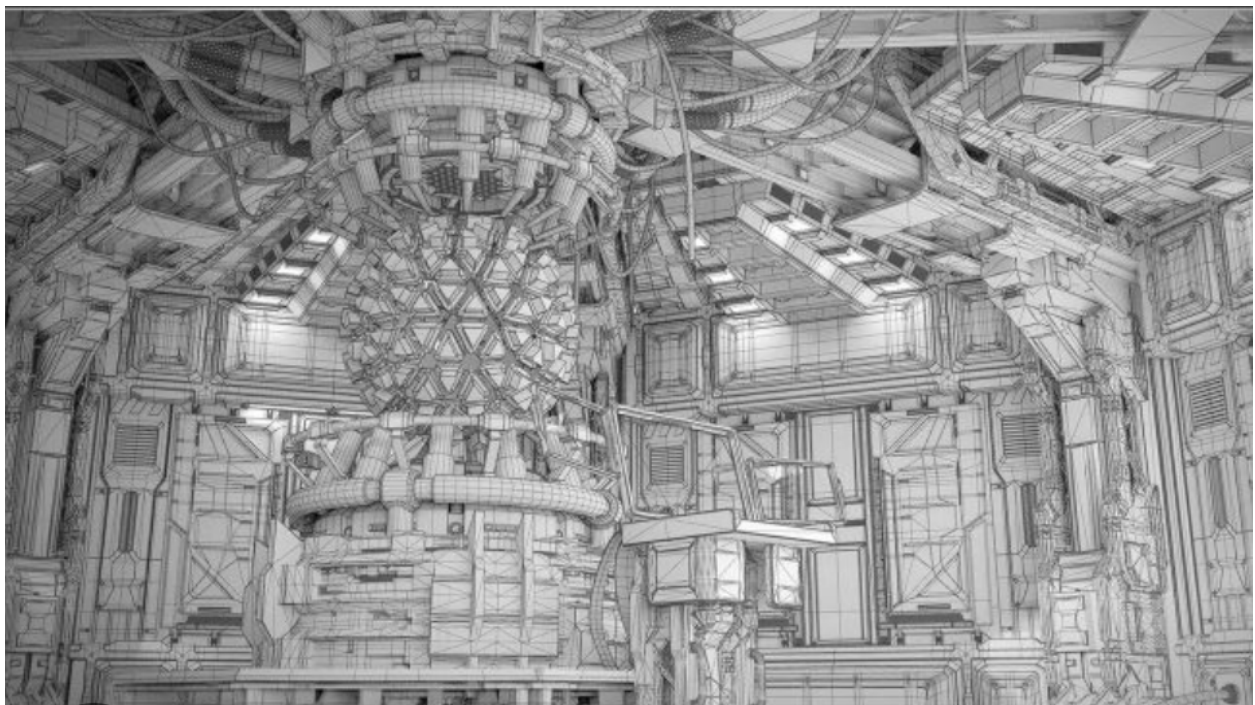
Infinity, Android Sciences Officer (Quinton)
Johnny Electron, Child Psionic Prodigy (Bob)
Spurious George Jetone, Chameleon Pilot (Craig)
Uncle Fargus, Curmudgeon Engineer (Dave)

GM: Andrew

Log:

The temple of pain down the bum hole has gotten to be serious. Now the fights are ruled by a group of cyborgs who have jacked themselves up with all sorts of armor and tech stolen from the station or smuggled in somehow. A militant preacher who goes by the name of Gladiaborg Johnson Bogyb rules the lot of them, and Johnny has heard rumors that these Gladiaborgs mean to lead an attack back up the bum hole!

The Space Bastards discuss their next move. Fargus proposes the idea of heading out into the Forbidden Zone. As the Space Bastards start to set out on their next adventure, the power goes out. The third ring of Bastard Station, long plagued by the growth of a rogue, alien plant life, has browned out. Emergency lighting kicks on. The Space Bastards realize they have to make things right. They begin to plan on how to travel the length of Bastard station to fix the reactor.

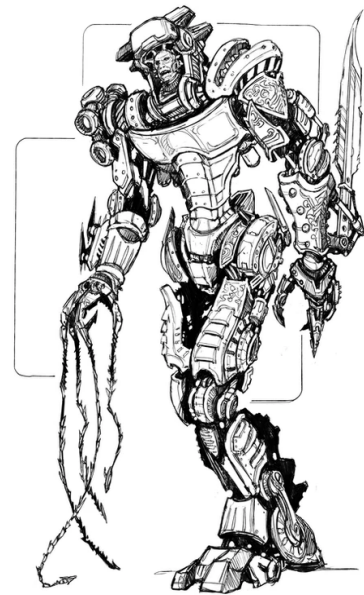


The Space Bastards have been trying to come up with ways to fix the power supply in the third ring for a while now. They figure that as long as the juice doesn't go out, you should be okay. However, it looks like there are only two ways into that place to figure out what is going on. The first way is to travel down the bum hole. The Bastards figure that they will probably have to deal with the bums in the second ring, and probably have to figure out how to bypass the security between the second and third rings, but it is doable.

The other way to reach the third ring is more risky but could work. The Bastards could travel to the third ring from the outside, and try to get in through an exhaust port. However, these ports are extremely dangerous in that the radiation escaping them from the dangerous power plant would probably kill a normal human or android with radiation damage if it flushes out unexpectedly. Even if the power was out, there is no way to be sure that the power wouldn't just kick back on at any moment and fry the Space Bastards during a spacewalk.

That evening cycle, Johnny keeps hearing a voice in his head. A whisper. He realized that it was the alien plants who live down in the third ring! What do they want? What is going on?

The Space Bastards head down the bum hole. At the second ring, they are confronted by a group of lousy bums and a few souped-up cyborg gladiators who call themselves, "Gladiaborgs." They actively challenge the leaders of the station, saying how they are now followers of their new cyborg messiah, Johnson Bogyb. The heroes easily defeat the upstarts, and then begin to discuss pushing through the second ring to put an end to this new threat. They want nothing more than to wack off this Johnson!



More Gladiaborgs arrive, and this time the heroes are more hard pressed. Fargus is shot up a little bit, but he is healed by Infinity. Johnny runs around the deck at high speed frying the brains of these upstarts. George is caught out in the open a little bit, and is confronted by the melee Gladiaborgs. Fargus and Johnny retreat back up the bum hole, but Infinity is chewed up terribly by a few absurdly lucky shots from the cyborg gladiators. Nearly deactivated permanently, the android is not doing well. The Space Bastards mop up and retreat back up the bum hole to the primary ring of Bastard Station.

Infinity is repaired, but his Asamov chip is disabled in the work. As the day cycle ends the cyborg gladiators of the temple of pain make their counter attack. They tear open the gate on the first ring and charge the Space Bastards led by none other than the cyborg messiah, Johnson Bogyb. The melee Gladiaborgs rush in, soaking up much of the laser fire of the Space Bastards who have holed up in a spare warehouse they prepared particularly for a shootout.

Johnson closes in and reveals that he has a particular grudge against the Space Bastards. Before he was the cyborg messiah, he was a functionary of Bastard Station itself. Fargus and Infinity both realize that he is none other than Johnny Gobbs, the dude they dismembered and summarily cast down the bum hole cycles before when they first took possession!

The firefight gets heavy. Johnny sallies forward and brutally melts the cyborg messiah's mind to that of a third-grader. As the cyborg that was formerly Johnny Gobbs tries to stumble away from the fight, two separate cyborg shooters hit Fargus. One shot takes him in the chest, knocking him up and away from his cover while the subsequent shots penetrate his armor and kill the aged pirate. Fargus is dead, slain by a series of two lucky shots!



George and Johnny easily chase down the fleeing Johnson Gobyb, and murder him for leading the attack that killed their friend Fargus. Thirty minutes after the fight, the lights start back on. Johnny hears some more messages from the plants, whispers about the threats of the “robots” and how they might work together.

The Space Bastards head to the second ring, and immediately take over. The remaining few Gladiaborgs immediately swear fealty and can now be hired out. They have broken with this false messiah and now only have love for Fargus, the one who gave his life for St. Betty who sang for the space lepers.

The Space Bastards find the secret cybernetic bay that was used to transform the bums into the Gladiaborgs. It features a military-grade bio-fabricator. It is run by a dude who looks identical to Pip Cola. He turns out to be a dirty Krylon android spy in disguise! These robots have been plotting against Bastard Station all along! Revenge against these chrome automatons will be sweet and swift!

The Space Bastards hold a brief ceremony for Fargus. As the Space Bastards look through Fargus' things, they realize that not only does he have more kin who may have a right to his things, they also learn that he had been keeping some information about the Forbidden Zone to himself. They can't figure out why, but that is a story for next episode!