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OUROBOROUS



An ENDEAVOUR Adventure by Paul Murray

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Ouroborous

Captain's Log: Deep space monitoring stations have recently detected a series of subspace field events in the vicinity of Station E-59. Superficially similar to the emanations of a faster-than-light drive, the phenomena are far more powerful than what any known device is capable of producing.

Station E-59 was recently acquired by Ophidian Research, a newly incorporated — and rather secretive — private company. They have declined to respond to requests for information about their activities. The Endeavour has been dispatched by ICF command to investigate.

Arrival

When you arrive at Station E-59, you find that the station is at the heart of a construction project. Ophidian Research is building a massive **Outer Ring** around the original station. Together, the two structures are known as **Ouroborous**.

After an extended delay, **Patala** responds to your hails. She is an Ophidian, a species of reptilian humanoid only rarely encountered by the Interstellar Confederation. She demands that you identify yourself and state your business here.

Challenge Name

- Will you try to enlist *Patala's* help in your investigation?
Leadership & Negotiation vs. **Patala**. This is a *Fraught* challenge — Patala is suspicious that you might try to shut down her operation. If you prevail, gain a 1d8 Advantage die on all challenges vs. Subspace Field Event.
- Or will you try to convince *Patala* to allow you to access *Ouroborous* without explaining why you are here?
Strategy & Tactics vs. **Patala**. If you prevail, gain a 1d8 Advantage die on all challenges vs. Jyotika.

Trials

Malicious Compliance

After a lengthy reception, **Jyotika** guides you on a tour of Ouroboros. He describes every facet of the operation in excruciating detail. *Can you distinguish between useful information and irrelevant details in what he tells you?*

Operations & Engineering vs. Jyotika.

The Perfect Storm

Many of the junior Ophidian researchers become agitated when they detect evidence of precursors to another subspace field event. All signs indicate that this will be the biggest such event that they have ever observed. *Can you discern why this is a cause of agitation rather than of excitement?*

Science & Medicine vs. Subspace Field Event.

Great Expectations

Surasa, a mid-level Ophidian researcher, arranges a meeting with the inspection team. He explains that he is pregnant and begs you to help him find a way to leave Ouroboros before the next subspace field event occurs. *Can you convince Patala to allow Surasa to leave Ouroboros without revealing his condition?*

Strategy & Tactics vs. Patala.

Crisis

- *Will you try to disrupt the predicted subspace field event?*
Threats: The inspection team's security detail is killed by Ophidian zealots. The Endeavour is recalled after Patala lodges a formal protest with ICF command. A rift in space appears at the epicenter of the phenomena.
- *Or will you try to withdraw to a safe distance to observe the phenomenon?*
Threats: Surasa's babies are killed. Any Ophidians on Ouroboros are sterilized. The Endeavour's faster-than-light drive is disabled.

Characters

- **Patala (d10):** Station Director (d10), Meticulous (d8), Determined (d8), Administrator (d8 *Sensitive*).
 - **Jyotika (d10):** Senior Researcher (d10), Scientist (d10), Experienced (d8), Mystic (d8), Zealot (d8).
 - **Subspace Field Event (d12):** Unfamiliar (d10), Enormous (d10 *Grueling*), Powerful (d10 *Dangerous*).
AMPLIFIED (Roll all dice twice and use the larger result).
- ## Places
- **Station E-59:** An old space station. Extensively refurbished, it is home to over one thousand Ophidians.
 - **Outer Ring:** An irregular twisting helix that surrounds Station E-59. It is unfinished and partially evacuated. The Outer Ring is entirely covered by intricate artwork.

Mysteries

- **The subspace field events are natural phenomena.**
The purpose of Ouroboros is to amplify preexisting subspace field events. The Ophidians believe that studying these phenomena will help them understand the “fundamental nature of reality”. *Why are the Ophidians so secretive about what they are trying to do here? Who is providing the funding to support their research?*
- **There are no children on Ouroboros.**
The subspace field events are fatal to juvenile Ophidians. Most of the scientists and artisans on Ouroboros are well past reproductive age. *How are mature Ophidians affected by the subspace field event? How did they discover the threat posed by the phenomena?*