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TALLIS



An ENDEAVOUR Adventure by Michael Purcell

Tallis

Captain's Log: *We are in orbit around Tallis, where we have been invited to represent the ICF as honored guests at the upcoming Royal Tallis Military Tattoo.*

Also representing the ICF at the Tattoo are the ICF Flight Demonstration Squadron. They have been training with their Tallist counterparts in preparation for a joint performance, which they will use to showcase a novel stealth technology.

Arrival

The Royal Tallis Military Tattoo is held at Royal Stadium. The sun is shining and the crowd are in high spirits.

The demonstration team's performance is an impressive display of the pilots' skill. They use cloaking devices to create a dazzling display as their ships appear and disappear while performing high-speed maneuvers over the stadium.

Then, an explosion sounds and four of the demonstration team's ships spiral out of control. One ship crashes into the stadium, leaving hundreds of people of dead or injured.

Disaster Response

- *Will you help the Tallists treat the wounded spectators?*
Science & Medicine vs. Emergency Medicine (3d8).
Mark *Experience* if you face this challenge – you will not soon forget what you see in the ruins of the stadium.
- *Or will you lead the effort to recover the pilots/ships?*
Operations & Engineering vs Rescue Effort (3d8).
This is a *Fraught* challenge – Ignoring the plight of the spectators will not endear you to your hosts.

The sole surviving member of the joint demonstration team is **Ensign Sparke**. His ship was undamaged in the accident.

Trials

Preliminary Hearing

Gouyen, the Tallist Magistrate convenes a hearing to determine the cause of the accident. She rules that Ensign Sparke should be detained and his ship impounded pending the outcome of a more thorough investigation. *Can you convince her to release Ensign Sparke into your custody?*

Strategy & Tactics vs. Gouyen.

Missing Evidence

The demonstration team's ships were cloaked intermittently throughout the show. As such, the Tallists have been unable to completely reconstruct the events immediately prior to the accident. *Can you find a way to reconstruct what happened?*

Science & Medicine vs. Cloaking Technology (2d10).

Survivor Guilt

Ensign Sparke's behavior in the aftermath of the accident is concerning. He clearly blames himself for what happened. *Can you get Ensign Sparke to talk to you about how he feels?*

Leadership & Negotiation vs. Ensign Sparke.

If you prevail, he confesses that he was unwell before the show, but that Lieutenant Phillips ordered him to fly anyway.

Crisis

- *Will you, on behalf of the ICF, assume responsibility for the accident?* **Threats:** Gouyen finds Ensign Sparke guilty of negligent homicide. The Tallists withdraw from all future joint military exercises. ICF Command disbands the Flight Demonstration Squadron.
- *Or will you try hold the Tallist pilots responsible?* **Threats:** Ensign Sparke resigns his commission and leaves the ICF. The Tallist military withholds benefits from the families of the Tallist pilots.

Characters

- **Ensign Sparke (d8):** Fighter Pilot (d8), Honest (d6), Trusting (d6), Young (d6), Inexperienced (d6).
- **Lieutenant Phillips (d8):** Fighter Pilot (d10), Aggressive (d8), Ambitious (d8), Maverick (d8).
- **Gouyen (d10):** Tallist Magistrate (d10), Wise (d8), Insightful (d8), Deliberative (d8), Skeptical (d8).

Places

- **Royal Stadium (Before the Accident):** A huge open-air stadium that completely encloses an airfield. The many rows of tiered seating are filled with tens of thousands of spectators.
- **Royal Stadium (After the Accident):** The grandstand at one end of the airfield has collapsed. Hundreds of spectators have been buried in the rubble.
- **Courtroom:** An imposing theater-style auditorium filled with antique wood furniture. The magistrate's chair sits in an elevated position in the center of the room.

Mysteries

- **Ensign Sparke indirectly caused the accident.** Ensign Sparke lost consciousness during a high-g maneuver and his ship drifted out of formation. The Tallist flight commander swerved to avoid a collision, but in so doing she lost control of her ship. *Why were they performing such a dangerous program? Why didn't any automated safeguards prevent this tragedy?*

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