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PLEIKU



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Pleiku

Captain's Log: *We have arrived at Pleiku, a world entirely covered by an ice-capped, liquid-water ocean. The Interstellar Confederation recently made first contact with the Pleikuans. We have been sent to establish formal diplomatic relations.*

While the Pleikuans live on the surface of their planet, the ocean that lies beneath provides most of their food and other natural resources. It is the focal point for all of Plekuan culture. To better explain the nature of this relationship, Xuan – a Pleikuan elder, has invited us to tour the underwater farms near his home in a village called Dak Nhe.

Arrival

As you travel, **Xuan** remarks that you are seeing more predatory species than normal. The farms are undeniably impressive and the Interstellar Confederation could surely learn much about submarine horticulture from these people.

On your return journey, however, you discover the dead body of a **Kraken** sprawled across the ocean floor. Xuan recoils in horror at the sight. He explains that this is Po, a creature whom the villagers of Dak Nhe both worship and adore.

You find evidence that Po's death was not an accident. Indeed, her body is riddled with injuries that could only have been caused by ICF weaponry.

A Diplomatic Row

- *Can you convince the Pleikuans that you aren't responsible for Po's death?* **Leadership & Negotiation** vs. **Xuan**. If you fail, all subsequent challenges will be Sensitive.
- *Can you discover who killed Po?* **Strategy & Tactics** vs. **Pleikuan Terrorists**. If you fail, all subsequent challenges will be Dangerous.

Trials

To Catch a Kraken

Xuan demands that you find a replacement for Po.

Will you try to find someone who can catch a Kraken for you?

Leadership & Negotiation vs. **Big Game Hunters (2d8)**.

Or will you try to find and capture a wild Kraken yourself?

Strategy & Tactics vs. **Bo Tat**.

Transportation Travails

Bo Tat is enormous, far too large to transport via shuttle.

Will you modify the Endeavour so that you carry a Kraken in the cargo bay?

Operations & Engineering vs. **Improvised Aquarium (2d10)**. *Or will you lead Bo Tat to Dak Nhe*

overland / underwater? **Science & Medicine** vs. **Bo Tat**.

The Endeavour Recalled

ICF Command learns of the situation and orders the

Endeavour to withdraw pending the outcome of an

independent investigation. *Can you convince ICF Command to let you remain and try to salvage the situation yourself?*

Leadership & Negotiation vs. **ICF Command (2d8)**.

Crisis

The terrorists that killed Po are determined to prevent you from delivering Bo Tat to Dak Nhe. Emboldened by their earlier successes, they become much more aggressive.

- *Will you confront the terrorists yourself?* **Threats:** Several of the Endeavour's crew are killed in action. Bo Tat is wounded and refuses to protect the village. Captain Darcy is relieved of command for interfering in Pleikuan affairs.
- *Or will you arm the residents of Dak Nhe and teach them to protect themselves?* **Threats:** The terrorists kill Xuan. Dak Nhe is badly damaged. The Pleikuans reject the Interstellar Confederation's diplomatic overtures.

Characters

- **Bo Tat (d10):** Juvenile Kraken (d6), Spirited (d8), Enormous (d8 Dangerous), Intelligent (d6 Sensitive).
- **Xuan (d8):** Pleikuan Elder (d8), Proud (d8), Diplomatic (d6), Traditional (d6).
- **Pleikuan Terrorists (d8):** Violent (d6 Dangerous), Radicalized (d6), Angry (d6), Persistent (d6).

Places

- **Underwater Farms:** Huge fields of plant-like organisms fed by a network of artificial volcanic vents. Automated farming drones tend to the crops. Huge leviathans can occasionally be seen swimming overhead.
- **Dak Nhe:** A long shaft of residences and gardens that extends deep underwater, topped by a small domed complex on the icy surface of the planet.

Mysteries

- **Po was murdered by Pleikuan terrorists.**
A minority group of Pleikuans oppose the current government. This group used illicitly acquired ICF weapons to kill Po. *How did this group acquire ICF weapons? Why do they want to disrupt the negotiations?*
- **Most Pleikuan villages have a resident Kraken.**
Kraken are intelligent animals and can be quite dangerous. They ensure that the (other) large fauna of Pleiku's oceans do not disturb the undersea farms. *How do the Pleikuans usually attract a Kraken? How do they keep the Kraken from wreaking havoc on their villages?*

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