



PAN PACIFIC DEFENCE CORPS

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CRISIS THE KAIJU WAR



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Letter from the Secretary General

Hello and welcome to PADUAMUN 2024! My name is Mariagrazia Elena Pascarella Burger, and I am thrilled and deeply honored to be your Secretary-General for the 2024 edition of PADUAMUN. The journey leading up to this moment has been filled with excitement and anticipation as our team has worked tirelessly to ensure that this year's conference surpasses all expectations. We have left no stone unturned in our quest to make PADUAMUN 2024 truly exceptional.

My Model UN journey started in 2021, my first Virtual MUN where I received a Verbal Mention in the SOCHUM committee. But my first time enjoying and understanding what really Model United Nations is about was in the PADUAMUN 2022, I remember being extremely nervous from hours of practicing and memorizing, even tho I won Outstanding Delegate it was not until the PUCPMUN in Lima that I understood that I didn't need to memorize everything or be so nervous, it was also there when found my committee Disec securing a Verbal Mention. In 2023, my MUN journey expanded with participation in four conferences all of them being the Disec committees always working in doubles. In Lima, I attended NewtonMUN, SanSilvestreMUN, and MarkhamMUN, earning Honorable Mention, Best Position Paper Award, and Outstanding Delegate respectively. At PaduaMUN, I clinched the Best Delegate title. My most recent challenge was preparing and debating in the NHSMUN in New York, where I represented my skills in the LEGAL committee. As I look ahead to PADUAMUN 2024, To all participants, both seasoned veterans and newcomers alike, I offer a word of encouragement: seize this opportunity to shine. Showcasing your leadership, creativity, and collaboration skills will not only enrich your own experience but also contribute to the collective success of the conference. Together, let us engage in thought-provoking discussions, foster creative solutions, and forge lasting friendships. With that said, I extend my warmest wishes for a memorable and rewarding experience at PADUAMUN 2024. May this conference inspire you to reach new heights and leave an indelible mark on your MUN journey. I eagerly anticipate the vibrant debates, innovative ideas, and camaraderie that await us in August.

Until then, let us make PADUAMUN 2024 an unforgettable chapter in the annals of Model United Nations. I look forward to seeing you all in August!

Letter from the Committee Director

Greetings delegates,

I am very pleased to welcome you to this year's edition of the Padua Model UN. My name is Felipe Marmolejo, and I can't wait to start this committee with you. I'm currently 17 years old and my hobbies are usually reading books, playing guitar and playing video games. This year I have the honor to be your director on the Crisis committee. As for my MUN journey, it started in 2019, before the pandemic. The first conference I attended was in an internal PaduaMUN. To be honest, I entered the MUN world with no idea what it was all about and thinking that I would end up bored. To my surprise, as soon as the first session of my first conference started, I saw how passionately the delegates were debating, which was the hook for me to pay close attention for the rest of the sessions. At the end of the day, I still knew nothing about the MUN procedure and realized that I had achieved very little in my first committee, but my only thought at the time was "when is the next conference?"

After the strike caused by the pandemic we managed, together with my colleague Alejandro Ponce de Leon, to create the delegation of San Antonio de Padua and to take the best delegates from our school to debate in different conferences organized in Lima and other regions. Thanks to this and the effort we put in, we were able to take the project further and now you are part of the first edition of PaduaMUN where other schools are involved.

In the last year I have participated in conferences such as NEWMUN, CCMUN, MicaEducaMUN, HBMUN and SSMUN and in most of them I have been inclined towards disruptive committees, as the freestyle that can be performed, always respecting the position of the character, was striking me from the very first moment.

As for this year's Commission, I encourage everyone to participate as much as they can. Secret Actions, Directives and even normal debate can be fun if you are creative and take risks. Since this is a fictional crisis, by all means try to know everything about your characters and the lore they may have behind them.

I hope to see you soon! Best wishes,

History of the committee

The Crisis Committee is a unique experience that differs from other committees, as instead of representing countries, you are representing characters from any timeline and from any crisis, emergency or conflict that may have happened throughout the years past, present or future and even fiction or alternative universes. Draft resolutions being replaced with directives, document in which you present your solutions and actions through the crisis for everyone, is also a unique addition to the JCC, and last but not least, secret actions in exchange of proposals, which you can send to the crisis room (also have some on your position paper, but most SA will be done during crisis) and they might be approved and appear in an update throughout sessions. The crisis committee operates in a real time situation and dynamic environment with unexpected outcomes to which the delegates must adapt and think fast making strategies for any last-minute change of plans. It is also good to mention that every Crisis committee is unique and its background always changes depending on the situation, opposite to other MUN organs. The flow of debate in a crisis committee is fast and passionate discussions and the ability to negotiate, generate ideas at the moment and improvise under pressure are essential. So, you'll have a lot to deal with from the beginning.

Key terms to consider

Precursors: The precursors are the beings on the other side of the breach that send the Kaijus in order to destroy humanity so that they can invade our dimension. Humanity does not know yet about their existence and think that the Kaiju are just random monsters.

Kaiju: The beings that come from the breach and cause havoc on the Pacific rim. They are categorized in 5 different categories depending on their size and weight. They are all physically different and have different abilities. They are created by the precursors, have more than one brain and they're all part of a hive mind. This last fact is unknown by humanity yet.

Jaeger: The gigantic mechs built by humanity to fight the Kaijus. They are categorized in Marks from 1 to 5. There have been a total of 32 Jaegers, each one of them is unique and specialized. They have to be piloted by 2 humans because of the huge mental load it takes to pilot one.

Mental Drift: To pilot Jaeger effectively, the 2 pilots need to be completely synchronized to a neural level and that can only be done through the Drift. For a drift to be done successfully, the 2 pilots must be compatible as people, that's why it's common for pilots to be brothers, a couple, parent-child or really close friends. The drift is also a kind of conflicted process as the people that engage in it must be

mentally strong in order to not follow all the thoughts of the combined minds so that there is a balance in the minds and the Jaeger is piloted efficiently.

Shatterdome: Base of operations of the PPDC in different parts of the Pacific rim. The Jaeger are stored in these specialized facilities and are strategically placed in order for the Jaegers to be deployed effectively when a Kaiju strikes.

Breach: A break between 2 tectonic plates in the Mariana trench that is used as a portal between our world and the Ante-Verse, where the precursors exist. This breach has been attacked by the PPDC but nothing has worked so far as their weapons just "bounce off" of it. The only way to enter the breach is by trespassing the scan it does, which can only be achieved if it detects Kaiju DNA. Humanity does not do this yet.

Introduction to the topic

This particular crisis will take place after the prologue of the movie Pacific Rim (2013), during the 12 years of the Kaiju war, in 2025, a year in which the hope of survival of humanity is really low as the once glorious and successful Jaeger Program has been canceled. Our committee represents the resistance of humanity in the Hong Kong Shatterdome, where the remaining Jaegers are. The characters of this Committee strongly believe that they can find a way to end the Kaiju war with the Jaegers and a new plan to destroy the dimensional breach on the Mariana Trench that the precursors use to send the Kaijus to our war. This is called a resistance since the Jaeger Program has already been canceled by this point and replaced by the "Wall of life" project. The Jaeger resistance does not have the funding of the UN anymore and they are running out of time as the Kaiju attacks seem to be getting more frequent and to hit harder on humanity.

Historical Background

"When I was a kid, whenever I'd feel small or lonely I'd look up at the stars, wondering if there was life up there. Turns out I was looking in the wrong direction, when alien life entered our world it was from deep beneath the Pacific Ocean."

-Raleigh Becket

The 10th of August of 2013 a gigantic creature measuring 92 meters tall and weighing 62 tons that would later be known as "Trespasser" emerged from the Pacific ocean to the San Francisco bay and during a course of 6 days it destroyed 3 different cities before the US army alongside the British Royal air force took it down using 3 ballistic nuclear missiles as their other weapons proved to be completely ineffective to damage this Kaiju.

This first attack was thought to be just an anomaly to be remembered as a one time event in the annals of history but 6 months later another Kaiju emerged from the depths of the Pacific ocean and attacked Manila. Four months later, another Kaiju struck Cabo San Lucas which was followed by another Kaiju attack in Sydney. Realizing these attacks were not gonna end, the United Nations had a conference in Seoul, South Korea on September 15 of 2014 to find a way to fight this unique kind of war without resorting to nuclear weapons as they were extremely polluting, destroyed enormous chunks of land and even negative effects on economy as many fishing areas were made unusable. During this conference, Dr. Jasper Schoenfeld proposed his solution, the Jaegers, massive humanoid mech controlled by a human pilot and equipped and specialized in all ways to defeat the upcoming Kaijus and protect the Pacific rim cities and population. The countries of all over the world decided to set aside their differences for one time and the United Nations founded the Pan Pacific Defense Corps (PPDC) and combined their financial and material resources into the brand new Jaeger Program. However, they were still skeptical about how much of a good solution this program was and facing the problem of the really high expenses that would take to build the very first Jaeger, Dr. Schoenfeld and his partner Dr. Caitlin Lightcap only got the funds to build just the arm of the prototype. Thanks to the willingness of Stacker Pentecost to test the pons system to control the prototype arm, the United Nations were convinced to go ahead with the Jaeger Program and the construction of the first ever Jaeger prototype, Brawler Yukon, began.

2 months later when this prototype was completed and the first demo was being ran, the test pilot Sergio D'onofrio was not physically able to handle the Neural load to pilot the Jaeger by himself and was about to collapse but suddenly Dr. Caitlin

Lightcap in an attempt to save his life she bridged her mind with the pilot's and created the first drift, and it was discovered that the solution to the huge neural load the pilots would suffer trying to pilot a Jaeger was to have 2 pilots with their minds drifted to pilot a Jaeger together.

This first demo convinced the investors to begin with the production of the first Jaegers that would be known as Mark-1 Jaegers. Six Mark-1 Jaegers were produced in 2015 in the span of 14 months: Cherno Alpha, Coyote Tango, Tacit Ronin, Horizon Brave, Romeo Blue and Tango Tasmania. These Jaegers (alongside the prototype Brawler Yukon) would be assigned to over 9 locations alongside the Pacific coast of many different countries. By this time the first Jaeger victory against a Kaiju came when Brawler Yukon, piloted by D'onofrio and Lighcap defeated the Kaiju Karloff during an attack on Vancouver in 2015. This first victory represented a breaking point as for the first time ever, humanity had killed a Kaiju in a really short span of time and using weapons that wouldn't destroy the whole place in which the Kaiju showed up. The fighting spirit of humanity was boosted in the whole world because of this victory. Humanity was striking back.

On July 24 of 2015, the Jaeger academy was founded allowing anyone who wanted to join the PPDC to do so and train for the various positions that were required. The first ever Shatterdome was also created on the Tsing Yi island near Hong Kong. This Shatterdome would be followed by more in Lima, Anchorage, Vladivostok, Tokyo, Sydney, Panama city and Los Angeles. In 2016, the development and building of the Mark-2 Jaegers started which includes Diablo Interceptor, Eden Assassin, Puma Real and Solar Prophet. It is also important to mention that the Mark-1 and Mark-2 Jaegers design did not care about protecting the pilots from the exposure to radiation emitted from the Jaeger's nuclear reactors, which caused them different diseases with time and the inability to keep piloting. An example of this is the case of Coyote Tango's pilots, Tamsin Sevier and Stacker Pentecost, who were diagnosed with terminal cancer after their last battle against the Kaiju Onibaba in Tokyo. In 2017, the Mark-3 Jaegers started to be built. In this year, the Mark-3 Jaeger Gipsy Danger was built. Gipsy was called the ultimate Jaeger and it was basically the beacon of hope for humanity and the one that represented the peak of the Jaeger Program. During the following years, more Jaegers were built and more Kaijus attacked and all of them were defeated by the brand new mechs. It was during 2018 and 2019 when the Jaeger Program reached its peak of success with the Jaeger pilots being seen as 'Rock Stars' and the Kaiju attacks being seen as usual natural disasters alongside earthquakes and tsunamis. The Jaegers and Kaijus started to be merchandised in order to finance the program and overall, the whole war started to be trivialized. It was believed that the consistent record of defeats against the Kaiju would eventually lead the Defense Corps to victory in the war against the undersea invaders. However, the Defense Corps ignored the patterns

formed from fighting Kaiju. The battles of the past six years were merely the Precursors' means of testing and weakening humanity's defenses so that they could ultimately enable the Kaiju to defeat their enemies.

On February 29 of 2020, everything changed after the Category 3 Kaiju known as Knifehead emerged from the breach and was heading to Anchorage. Gipsy Danger, piloted by Raleigh and Yancy Becket, was deployed to destroy the Kaiju. Gipsy was on a row of Kaiju defeated and the pilots were too confident about the fight. Apparently, Knifehead had been defeated smoothly after one shot of Gipsy's plasma cannon but the intelligence and strength of the Kaiju had been underestimated by the Becket brothers as the Kaiju pretended to be dead to then jump to the Jaegers cabin on its head to tear it apart killing Yancy and leaving his brother to fight on his own. Raleigh managed to pilot Gipsy by himself and kill Knifehead, a flex that had only been achieved once by Stacker Pentecost in his fight with Onibaba, and then he walked the extremely damaged Jaeger to the coast of Canada where he was found by the locals. Raleigh left the Jaeger program because of his new acquired trauma and the defeat of Gipsy danger marked a breaking point in the war. Kaijus got stronger and smarter, they had been specialized to destroy the Jaegers that had killed the Kaijus in the past and now, humanity was losing and Jaegers were being destroyed faster than they could be built. This led to the loss of hope on the Jaeger program all around the world, which led to the cut of funding by the United Nations. The fate of humanity now seems foggy and something must be done to deal with these invaders from the depths of our world.

Current situation

It's January of 2025 and the Jaeger program has been left in the past by the United Nations and has been replaced by the Anti-Kaiju wall, a structure that is being built all over the Pacific rim to prevent the Kaijus from getting into the mainland. Many people do not understand why the once glorious Jaeger program was abandoned just like that but the United Nations just state that the Jaegers are now obsolete and this wall is the best option. But for marshall stacker Pentecost, the Jaegers are still the only viable way to end this war. He has formed the Jaeger resistance on the last Shatterdome in Hong Kong, were the last four Jaegers are: The Mark-1 Cherno Alpha, The Mark-4 Crimson Typhoon, The restored Mark-3 Gipsy Danger and the brand new Mark-5 Striker Eureka, the only of its class. This resistance was quite solid, actually and had a really nice amount of experienced staff and all the veterans that still believe in the Jaeger program. Pentecost also called the retired pilot Raleigh Becket so that he could once again pilot Gipsy Danger alongside a new pilot to be chosen. He also seems to have designed a plan with his scientists to destroy the breach. This plan basically consisted of taking advantage of the fact that Dr.

Gottlieb predicted that the pace of Kaijus coming out of the breach would rise and even the Kaijus would start coming 2 by 2, 3 by 3, etc. If that happened, they would take advantage of the dilation of the breach to drop a nuclear weapon that would be carried to the breach by Striker Eureka while the other Jaegers escorted him. At this point, when all the characters are in the Shatterdome where the crisis takes place. The whole world knows that this world is about to end, and perhaps it might not end up in favor of humanity unless the Jaeger resistance manages to successfully execute this plan or some other to close the breach and ensure our world is still ours.

Characters

Raleigh Becket

Raleigh Becket, a former Jaeger pilot, retires after losing his brother in a battle against a Kaiju. Five years later, he is called back by Marshal Stacker Pentecost to take part in one last mission against the enemy.

Mako Mori

Mako Mori, currently an essential part of the Jaeger resistance program, has studied all her life to become a pilot, having lost her parents in a Kaiju attack in Tokyo. Raised and trained by Marshal Stacker Pentecost, Mako demonstrates great skill and determination to avenge the death of her parents.

Marshall Stacker Pentecost

Marshall Stacker Pentecost is the steadfast and disciplined leader of the Jaeger program, charged with defending humanity from the Kaiju. A former Jaeger pilot affected by radiation, Pentecost adopts and trains Mako Mori after rescuing her from a Kaiju attack.

Dr. Gottlieb

Dr. Hermann Gottlieb, a brilliant mathematician and theorist, works on the Kaiju defense program. Despite his differences with his colleague, Dr. Newton Geiszler, he must work alongside him, leading the Jaeger resistance science detachment. He is a passionate scientist who focuses on deciphering the Kaiju attack patterns and weaknesses of the interdimensional rift.

Dr. Newton Geiszler

Dr. Newton Geiszler, an eccentric and passionate scientist who collaborates with Dr. Hermann Gottlieb on the Kaiju defense program, has a fondness for kaiju and is likely to take a kaiju-related approach to solving this crisis. Despite his differences with Gottlieb, his experimental approach and his courage to explore the unknown are central to the mission to protect humanity.

Hannibal Chau

Hannibal Chau is the pseudonym of a black market Kaiju parts dealer. Taking advantage of his knowledge of the monsters and their brutality, Chau has established himself as a prominent figure in the underworld, profiting from selling Kaiju organs and bones.

Hercules Hansen

Hercules Hansen is an experienced Jaeger pilot known for his exceptional combat prowess. Together with his son Chuck, he pilots the Jaeger "Striker Eureka", standing out as a key figure in the defense against the Kaiju.

Chuck Hansen

Chuck Hansen is a talented young Jaeger pilot, son of Herc Hansen. Both pilot the powerful Jaeger "Striker Eureka", noted for their exceptional skill in defending against Kaiju. Despite tensions in their relationship with their father, they both demonstrate courage and determination in crucial missions to protect humanity. He demonstrates an irreverent attitude and a certain ability to recognize the courage and talent of others, bringing him into conflict with Raleigh Becker.

Yendo Choi

Tendo Choi, as a respected member of the defence program, Choi brings stability and key expertise to the team, working closely with the pilots and scientists to improve the strategies and technologies used in the missions. He is the leader of the intelligence detachment and is in charge of recognizing the category and naming any Kaiju that emerge from the breach.

Sasha Kaidonovsky

Sasha Kaidonovsky, is an accomplished Jaeger pilot who, along with her husband Aleksis, pilots the Jaeger "Cherno Alpha", one of the oldest and most robust models in the Kaiju defense program. Known for their skill and coordination as a pair of veteran pilots, the Kaidonovsky's have fought numerous Kaiju threats, demonstrating bravery and determination in the protection of humanity.

Aleksis Kaidonovsky

Aleksis Kaidonovsky, is an experienced Jaeger pilot known for his skill and experience together with his wife Sasha. Together they pilot the Jaeger "Cherno Alpha", one of the oldest and most robust models in the Kaiju defense program. Their coordination as a pair of veteran pilots has been crucial in numerous battles against the monstrous threats, demonstrating bravery and determination in the protection of humanity.

Cheung Wei Tang, Hu Wie Tang and Jin Wie Tang

The Wei Tang brothers were crew members of the fishing boat that initially discovered the presence of a Kaiju in the Pacific Ocean, marking the beginning of

the invasion of these creatures on Earth. The Weis are former street fighters who have fought the Kaiju several times piloting the Mark-4 Jaeger Crimson Typhoon and became local heroes in China. They are extremely similar and synchronized with each other and are renowned for their practical and direct approach to problem solving.

Committee expectations

The main goal of our committee is to find a way to end the Kaiju war once and for all. All the characters have different roles, resources and information to share with everyone in order to create an effective plan to win this war. This crisis also involves many international, economical, technological and even fictional science topics so please investigate really well all this very rich universe so that you can effectively participate in the crisis resolution.

Please also take into account that our committee will not follow the movie events exactly as they happen because we will present different updates that are not accurate to the movie events, so you must be ready to address any new situation.

Closing remarks

You reached the end of the study guide. Hope it was clear and gave you an idea of this amazing universe and the crisis to discuss.

Here we'll like to point out the importance of research and knowing the background and different events on this vast universe. In addition, we remind you to stay in character, don't go with other route for them and stay with their personalities and beliefs, don't make them know more than what they do at the moment, even if you know something the character doesn't, this makes the crisis going as some events you might think will happen in real debate that could be changed, the unpredictable and unexpected is what makes crisis well, a crisis.

And important note, have fun with this. This is the Tirth edition of a Crisis committee in PaduaMUN and we want it to be as enjoyable as possible. In the last MUN the chair had to fight to get a fictional topic as the one for the topic and thanks to them, this new crisis committee is also fictional. Pacific rim is an awesome universe and we want to share the joys of this universe with you. If you don't understand anything then go ahead and seek for us, the crisis chair (Please write to this email(crisispacificrim@gmail.com) to clarify everything to y'all. To conclude, be respectful and most importantly have fun!

Feel free to also ask some questions if you have them.

Position Paper Requirements

A position paper is a document that outlines a character's position regarding the topic, as well as possible solutions that address the committee's concerns. The position paper is divided into 3 main parts which correspond to its paragraphs:

→ **Paragraph 1:** Introduction to your character's view on the topic, explain how your character sees the issue being discussed and what should be done, not an introduction to the topic itself.

→ **Paragraph 2:** Past actions, explain how the situation happened and highlight the relationship of the past to your character.

→ **Paragraph 3:** Solutions and your crisis arc, offer one or more solutions to the issue, within the scope of what your character can do, considering its unique traits, while carefully explaining the strategy and reasoning behind it.

→ **Bibliography:** A bibliography formatted according to MLA9 citation guidelines is mandatory. Failure to include a bibliography with any position paper will result in instant disqualification and be considered plagiarism, rendering the delegate ineligible for an award. Furthermore, this document has a specific format. We strongly request delegates to follow the specifications below as any documents that fail to do so will not be accepted.

→ **Font:** Times New Roman 12 pts.

→ **Line Spacing:** 1.15.

→ **Margins:** 2.54 cm from all extremities (standard margins)

→ **Pages:** 1-page max. (excluding bibliography)

→ **Bibliography format:** MLA9

Lastly, all position papers are to be delivered by the (the day), at 11:59 PM in PDF format to the following email address crisispacificrim@gmail.com For ease and to ensure no position papers are lost in spam, please send all of them with the subject "Position Paper – Character "

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