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6 Threats	Methuselah Bodyguards	Nirmalata Fragment	Over-Under Gang

# TECHNOLOGY

It takes just over a full day for one of the massive climbers to claw its way up the 'stalk from the peaks of Kilimanjaro fifty thousand kilometers below. Steiner Technology keeps twelve of them in rotation, but you've got to space 'em out to control the oscillations and with only one 'stalk in operation they all have to arrive before you can turn them around. That means ten days of backbreaking labor for the orbitmen on Kepler Station, followed by two days off while Kilimanjaro does its turn-around.

# **ENVIRONMENT**

Kepler Station is more than just a highway to the solar system. It's a city in space. A population of 20,000 lurks within its spheres and cylinders of plascrete, rock, and steel, with at least another 10,000 in transit through the station at any time. Conditions are crowded and the unwanted slip through the cracks into the crazy warrens left in the wake of the station's aggressive, chaotic expansion (which has only accelerated in order to counterweight the new 'stalk in its descent).

# SOCIETY

Out on the edge of Kepler's rocks—in the 'skirts, as they say, where the air leaks and the radiation is harder—you'll find the orbitmen and the milling mass of the working class. Down in the core are the playgrounds of the rich and powerful; luxurious bubbles tucked safely away from the world. In between are the old tunnels, a buffer of the poor and desperate.

The multi-corps of the Beanstalk Project keep promising that things will get better when the second 'stalk gets dropped. But there are plenty of people who remember that they said the same thing about the first 'stalk getting finished and nothing's gotten easier. It's child's play to stare up at the stars and imagine that things will be simpler up there, but once you've hit the void you'll find all the same old problems.

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Herberto Guerino	Lilibet Catalono	Nneka Nosipho
Murder Scene	Shuttle Explosion	Cimmerian Orbits
Orbital Cartels	Kepler Busn. Bureau	1 Mazdoor Sangh
Copernicus Pod	Coffin Hostels	Lana's Holosuites
Polytitanium	Methuselah Cryo-Cry	pt Jupiter Diamond
Patthar Black Bagg	gers Steiner Security	United Orbitmen

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# CONNECTIONS

#### Ashoka Dunai

A friendly customs agent with shady contacts.

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Operate		00
Prowl		00
Shoot		00
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	<b>Objects:</b> barker pistol, cybereye (infrared, sonar-imaging)	
000	Favors: fence, fix (drones, guns)	
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### Fahima Abujamal

An old-fashioned private detective with a reputed heart of gold.

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Prowl		<b>Objects:</b> kevlar vest, specs, stin spheel, turbo)	ger, switchblade cycle (linked,
Shoot		spheel, (urbo)	
Treat		Favors: deal, ride	

#### Hanako Kerper

*Japanese-German drug dealer, sliding between the station's ethnic communities.* 

Coax	
Detect	
Fight	
Наск	
Move	
Operate	$\blacksquare$ 0000
Prowl	$\blacksquare$ 0000
Shoot	
Treat	

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**Objects:** cybereyes (matched pair), headjack, Jaguar SMG (implant, laser sight, nerve-linked), reflex stimulators

Favors: deal, shark



1d6	Unconnected	Connected
1	Hanako Kerper (connection)	Nneka Nosipho (connection)
2	Shore Leave (event)	Stowaways (event)
3	Steiner Technology (faction)	Orbital Cartels (faction)
4	Copernicus Pod (location)	Coffin Hostels (location)
5	Martian Data (object)	Polytitanium Shipment (object)
6	Over-Under Gang (threat)	United Orbitmen Enforcers (threat)

### Fahima Abujamal's Leads

1d6	Unconnected	Connected
1	Herberto Guerino (connection)	Ashoka Dunai (connection)
2	Shuttle Explosion (event)	Cimmerian Orbits (event)
3	Mazdoor Sangh (faction)	Kepler Business Bureau (faction)
4	Oxygen Processing Plant (location)	30,000 Mile High Club (location)
5	Polytitanium Shipment (object)	Jupiter Diamond (object)
6	Nirmalata Fragment (threat)	Over-Under Gang (threat)

### Hanako Kerper's Leads

1d6	Unconnected	Connected
1	Ashoka Dunai (connection)	Lilibet Catalono (connection)
2	Cimmerian Orbits (event)	Turn-Around (event)
3	Kepler Business Bureau (faction)	Mazdoor Sangh (faction)
4	Lana's Porn Holosuites (location)	Copernicus Pod (location)
5	Union Handshaker (object)	Oxygen Mask (object)
6	United Orbitmen Enforcers (threat)	Steiner Security (threat)

#### Herberto Guerino

High-priced escort with a long list of multi-corp clients.



#### Lilibet Catalono

A tunnel splicer performing cybersurgery for the underbelly of the station.

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Prowl		headjack, medkit	ne, dexterous, matched pair),
Shoot	■0000	incaujace, incukit	
Treat		Favors: deal, fix (cybernetic im	plants), splice

#### Nneka Nosipho

Assistant to the multi-corp station master.



Meticulous
• Predictive
• Musical
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Objects: cybere



**Objects:** cyberear, specs

Favors: date, shark



1d6	Unconnected	Connected
1	Nneka Nosipho (connection)	Hanako Kerper (connection)
2	Murder Scene (event)	Shore Leave (event)
3	Orbital Cartels (faction)	Patthar Industries (faction)
4	Second Stalk Constr. Zone (location)	Oxygen Processing Plant (location)
5	Martian Data (object)	Methuselah Cryo-Crypt (object)
6	Methuselah Bodyguards (threat)	Patthar Black Baggers (threat)

### Herberto Guerino's Leads

### Lilibet Catalono's Leads

1d6	Unconnected	Connected
1	Fahima Abujamal (connection)	Herberto Guerino (connection)
2	Stowaways (event)	Murder Scene (event)
3	Patthar Industries (faction)	Methuselah Families (faction)
4	Coffin Hostels (location)	Lana's Porn Holosuites (location)
5	Methuselah Cryo-Crypt (object)	Oxygen Mask (object)
6	Steiner Security (threat)	Methuselah Bodyguards (threat)

### Nneka Nosipho's Leads

1d6	Unconnected	Connected
1	Lilibet Catalono (connection)	Fahima Abujamal (connection)
2	Turn-Around (event)	Shuttle Explosion (event)
3	Methuselah Families (faction)	Steiner Technology (faction)
4	30,000 Mile High Club (location)	Second Stalk Constr. Zone (location)
5	Jupiter Diamond (object)	Union Handshaker (object)
6	Patthar Black Baggers (threat)	Nirmalata Fragment (threat)

# **EVENTS**

#### Shore Leave

*The colony cruiser SS New London docks, flooding the station with military grunts and greasy workers.* 

#### Turn-Around

When the twelfth climber reaches Kepler, the workers brace for one last backbreaking shift as the cargo turns around to flow back down the 'stalk.

#### Stowaways

Oxygen masks clinging to their faces, the daring or desperate have reached Kepler Station by hiding in storage containers.

#### Murder Scene

*Atmospheric sensors trigger and the environmental techs find a dead body jammed into the station ducts.* 

**Shuttle Explosion** *A tour shuttle operated by Counterweight Adventures! explodes.* 

#### Cimmerian Orbits

Kepler's power systems are compromised by hackers, triggering rolling brownouts.

## FACTIONS

#### Steiner Technology

The German-based multi-corp who owns the majority of the Beanstalk Project.

#### Patthar Industries

*Indian multi-corp with ties to the Methuselahs. Brought onboard to help realize the stalled second 'stalk project.* 

#### Methuselah Families

*Cryo-preserved scions overseeing vast corporate wealth from beyond a frozen almostgrave.* 

#### **Orbital Cartels**

Ironclad monopolies ruling over colonial trade, created by the corporate pioneers of lawless space.

#### Kepler Business Bureau

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An alliance of station proprietors trying not to be trampled by the multi-corps.

#### Mazdoor Sangh

Illegal union struggling to crack the multi-corp lockout on orbital labor organization.

# LOCATIONS

#### Oxygen Processing Plant

Tightly packed racks of genomed grass, waving softly in the breath of the station.

#### 30,000 Mile High Club

*A swank night club catering to the local elite and the better sort of tourists.* 

#### Second Stalk Construction Zone

The massive carbon-spindles must keep rolling at the center of vast new infrastructure.

### Copernicus Shipping Pod

A huge shipping pod from Copernicus Station above Panama, docked at lock SA-06.

#### Coffin Hostels

*Thousands of two-square-meter capsules. Intended for short stays; now serving as long-term housing.* 

### Lana's Immersion Porn Holosuites

*When augmented reality isn't enough, these metamorphic chambers provide a sensual touch. Home of the Gyration Station.* 

# OBJECTS

### Oxygen Mask

Standard-issue oxygen mask suitable for emergency situations. Condition monitor, derma-linked, toxin filter; broken

### Union Handshaker

Cheap transmitter that can exchange encrypted transmissions via touch. to derma-linked, encrypted, firewall

### Martian Data

A solid-state chip containing mysterious data from a Martian satellite. encrypted, stolen

### Polytitanium Shipment

*A pallet of smart nanoconstruction material.* **•** heavy, huge

### Methuselah Cryo-Crypt

Sophisticated cryogenic chamber preserving the wealthy of yesterday to rule over the corporate fieldoms of tomorrow.

+ armored, condition monitor, protective

### Jupiter Diamond

*An invaluable scientific sample retrieved from the impossible depths of the gas giant.* **•** huge



# THREATS

#### Methuselah Bodyguards

*Elite protectors of their cryogenic masters, whether serving those who have awakened or safeguarding those who sleep through the cold years.* 

#### Nirmalata Fragment

An experimental AI program conducted on Kepler to avoid Earth-bound regulation. The researchers don't realize that a fragment of Nirmalata has escaped data containment and used station nano-constructors to begin building bodies for itself.

#### Over-Under Gang

Orphan kids turned pickpockets.

#### Patthar Black Baggers

*Infiltrators and hackers specialized in corporate intelligence and the disruption of those acting against corporate interests.* 

#### Steiner Security Team

Serving corporate interests, protecting corporate property, and busting the heads of wannabe unionists.

#### **United Orbitmen Enforcers**

*Illegal union skull-crackers, disrupting corporate interests, protecting union members, and applying pressure on orbitmen who won't sign up.* 



### Threat: Methuselah Bodyguards

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·	pistol, emergency

Object Pool ARX-21

burst fire, large, longrange, loud, stock

Emergency beacon implant, linked, signal

#### **Reflex stimulators**

➡ implant, nerve-linked, reflexive, quick

#### Specs

display, firewall, gesture input, linked, mic, sound

#### Subdermal armor

• ballistic armor, impact armor, implant

### **Threat: Nirmalata Fragments**

### Heavies

#### Arabasutā

A frail humanoid figure, its translucent, porcelain-like panels molded to resemble smooth, artistic muscles. Almost insectile in its movements. **G**raceful 

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Objects: cyberbra	ain, porcelain		
armor, sonic screa	amer		

#### Kokutan

A squat, heavyset figure framed like the action figure of a boxer. Its black, metallic skin glitters like starlight. **G** Strong \_0:

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Objects: cyberbrain, duster, ebon armor

### Henchmen

#### Iiki

A large ellipsoid with a translucent, porcelain-like surface and discrete hover-jets. in formation

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Objs: cyberbrain, porcelain armor, sonic screamer, Tiger 9 Yōsei

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Prowl	0000
Shoot	0000
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Objs: cyberbrain, holographic face, porcelain armor, wasp shocker

### **Object Pool**

#### Cyberbrain

cerebral input, encryption, firewall, linked, nerve-linked

#### Duster

H implant, loud, nervelinked, scattershot

#### Ebon armor

thermal dampeners, tough

#### Holographic face ♣ 3D, lifelike

#### Porcelain armor

• deflective, frictionless, protective

Sonic screamer • deafening, disruptive

#### Tiger 9

🔂 burst fire, implant, laser sight, nerve-linked

#### Wasp shocker

electric, touch

### Threat: Over-Under Gang

### Heavies

Camilo,	the Leader
Coax	
Detect	0000
Fight	
Наск	
Move	
Operate	
Prowl	
Shoot	0000
Treat	0000

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**Objects:** burner-com, descent line, katana, knife

#### Doug, the Vice President

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**Objects:** burner-com, descent line, Fleabit (the Robo-Dog)

### Henchmen

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Prowl	$\blacksquare$ 0000
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**Objs:** burner-com, descent line, **Objs:** descent line, specs knife

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Operate	
Prowl	
Shoot	
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Objs: descent line, knife



**Objs:** crude medkit, descent line, sling shot

### Object Pool

#### Burner-com

display, disposable, gesture input, linked

#### Crude medkit

🖶 bandages, stims

**Descent line** harness, linked, retractable cable

#### Fleabit (the Robo-Dog)

Generation and a compartment, condition monitor, fast, linked

#### Katana

🕀 deadly, sharp

Knife sharp, small

#### Slingshot blunt, small

#### Specs

display, gesture input, linked, sound

### Threat: Patthar Black Baggers

### Heavies

Tamal, the Hacker	
COAX	
Detect	
Fight	
Наск	
Move	
Operate	
Prowl	0000
Shoot	0000
TREAT	

Gifted	
• Focused	•
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Objects: external processor, headjack, SkyRabbit

# Agneya, the Infiltrator

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Fight	
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Prowl	
Shoot	
TREAT	

Stealthy	0:
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Charismatic	0:
Philosophical	0:
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Objects: cybereyes, pheromone glands, stinger

### Henchmen

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0: Objs: duster shotgun,

stealthsuit, stinger, white duster jacket

### **Object Pool**

#### Cybereyes

matched pair, nerve-linked, sonar-imaging, thermalimaging

Duster shotgun loud, scattershot

#### External processor

encrypted, fast, firewall, linked

#### Headjack

🛨 cerebral input, cochlear splice, encryption, experimental, firewall, linked, nerve-linked, optical splice

#### Medkit

**•** bandages, linked, stims

#### Pheromone glands

emotion control, implant, nerve-linked

#### Router patch

derma-linked, encryption, firewall, linked

#### Secure headjack

🛨 cerebral input, dermalinked, encryption, experimental, nerve-linked

#### SkyRabbit

🕂 cam, linked, rotor-fans, stealth mode, thrusters

Stealthsuit derma-linked, linked, thermal dampeners

Stinger 🕂 silencer, small

White duster jacket ➔ distinctive, impact armor

Objs: router patch, secure headjack

"Doc" Ka	alkin
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Objs: brass knuckles, medkit

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### **Threat: Steiner Security Team**

### Heavies

Erik Pelz	er
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Наск	
Move	
Operate	0000
Prowl	0000
Shoot	
Treat	

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**Objects:** collapsible Jaguar SMG, slim kevlar, specs

#### Kara Schor

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Наск	■0000	
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Operate	0000	
Prowl		
Shoot		
TREAT	$\blacksquare$ 0000	

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🕀 Beautiful	0
G Icy	0
🔁 Brutal	0
0	08

Objects: ARX-21, slim kevlar

### Henchmen

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Fight	
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Prowl	0000
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Margot	
COAX	
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Fight	0000
Наск	0000
Move	
Operate	0000
Prowl	
Shoot	
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**Objs:** barker pistols, slim kevlar, **Objs:** DAR sniper rifle, Monorunner stealthsuit

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Objs: baton, slim kevlar



Objs: griller, operator specs

### Objects

#### **Barker** pistols

loud, matched pair, powerful

Baton blunt

### **Collapsible Jaguar SMG**

• burst fire, collapsible, linked, scope, silencer

#### DAR sniper rifle

G cam, large, laser sight, linked, long-range, scope, silencer

#### Griller

• armored, burst fire, cam, gun, linked, mic, rubber bullets, treads

#### Monorunner

(spheelcycle) 3D-shocks, linked, spheel, turbo

#### **Operator specs**

• cam, display, gesture input, linked, performance monitor, sound, tactical overlay

#### Slim kevlar

🖶 ballistic armor, concealed

#### Specs

display, gesture input, linked, sound

Stealthsuit linked, thermal dampeners

### **Threat: United Orbitmen Enforcers**

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Fight	
Наск	
Move	
Operate	
Prowl	
Shoot	
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# Ruthless Convincing Logical 9

**Objects:** knife, specs, 3 spyder drones

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Objects: baseball bat, iPatch

### Henchmen

Bryan, rookie	
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Detect	■0000
Fight	
Наск	
Move	
Operate	■0000
Prowl	■0000
Shoot	
Treat	
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### Helmi, HQ coordinator

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Move	
Operate	
Prowl	$\blacksquare$ 0000
Shoot	$\blacksquare$ 0000
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Objs: barker pistol, knife, specs Objs: buzzer drone, specs

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COAX	
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Fight	
Наск	$\blacksquare 00000$
Move	
Operate	$\blacksquare$ 0000
Prowl	
Shoot	
TREAT	$\blacksquare$ 0000
Dervous	

**Objs:** barker pistol, cyberleg, specs

### Object Pool

Baseball bat ⊕ blunt

#### iPatch

#### Specs

display, gesture input, linked, sound

#### Spyder drone

• adhesive legs, cam, linked, mic, small