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Designers Notes and Things You Never Imagined

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Fantastic Role Playing

This was the early cover design with my favorite Muzz villans. This was just before we went to color covers and a larger format that was perfect bound.



Rough design for the color cover by Rich Tucholka who is not an artist.



Ramastic Science Fiction Role-Playing

This is the same rough with a title drop over for rough placement.





The Robin Wood Cover The lady here is actually Pam Spurlock. Gamers and friends tend to appear in Tri Tac Art at an Alarming Rate.

EARLY VERSIONS/NOTES

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A Few Pages of Notes and plot. INCURSION was going to be a Rogue 417 module but the idea grew. This material was created around 86 or so when we were still using an Apple II

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This was a fragment of one of the old large 14 inch column sheets we used before Electronic Publishing and Laser Printers made this kind of work obsolete. We'd have to create columns, paste together and reduce to 8.5 x 1.

After we pasted the master we'd use a type machine to create the heavy titles and paste those in.

Note the GAMA* logo for the Game Manufacturers Association.

*You pay several hundred dollars a year to put their logo on your product. We never quite figured out why other then it was a toll to exhibit at Origins and later Gencon.

INCURSION

Incursion is a role-playing game of high adventure in a crumbling allen empire. You will become a human or allen passenger on a stolen starship that you now command.

THE GAME

Incursion can be a continuing campaign adventure that can use other 'Space' gaming suppliments from any system to create new scenarios as your players explore and become soldiers of fortune in an old galaxy spanning empire.

REALISM

Incursion provides an initial scenario and six worlds to start your campaign. After that the GM is free to design worlds as he will, with fun, adventure, and conflict.

Incursion was written to be realistic, concise, and easy to play. It was designed by role players who understand the problems of running a game with overlong text and complex systems that make game play a burden for the player and GM.

The most difficult part of Incursion will be the necessary set-up time for more complex adventures and interaction.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- One or more copies of Incursion A -Optional use of the Norrow Project* and a
- copy of Rogue 417. Paper, Pencils, Notebooks, Maps, and Index в cards.
- С A set of common polyhedral dice, the more the better. These will include four-sided (d4), six-sided (d6), eight-sided (d8), ten-sided (d10), the twenty-sided (d20), and the percent % or (d100). One to twenty players and a gamesmaster. A Tri Tac "Game Systems Shield" (#5001) is
- D
- an optional playing aid that screens the GN's notes as well as providing necessary information for player and GM use. A pocket calculator, home computer, or
- slide rule may be helpful but not of great necessity. Niniature figurines and buildings are
- handy at times for placing the setting of your adventure.
- Many photocopies of Incursions's blank Character, Equipment, and World Log sheets are almost a must.* Н
- An outstanding imagination or a bachelor's Ι degree in astrophysics, sociology, history and engineering. A love of 'Pulp' space adventure.
- K A time to plan and a place to play.

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* Published by Timeline Ltd.

ROLE-PLAYING

ROLE-PLAYING Is the ability of the game player to design a character he wishes to become with that character's strengths and limitations. The character is guided through a series of adventures and general living by the Games Master. The player makes the character's decisions, right or wrong, as he continues his character's life within the framework of the game the game.

GAMESMASTER

The records keeper and designer of the adventure. This is the person who sets the stage of events your player character will experience. The abbreviated term for Gamesmaster is GM



CHARACTERS

The individual(s) created by the player for the game. This character is controlled entirely by the player. Player characters may also include aliens and animals as long as they are played true to their general intelligence, personality, and temperament.

NON-PLAYER CHARACTERS

These are the characters created by the GM that become the friends and foes in the game. Their characters and development may range from simple to complex, colorful individuals.

INCURSION

Incursion is a term meaning a: -Sudden Enemy Attack -Rushing In

4d6

This is the indicator for rolling a random number on any of a series of types of dice. The initial number (4) is always the number (d). The example 4d6 has the player or GM rolling four six-sided dice and totaling the resulting numbers.

4d6+2

The +2 modifier is added to the total of the first dice rolling operation. Always follow operations from left to right.

4(d6+2)

This +2 dice modifier is attached to the individual type of dice being rolled. For each die rolled, 2 is added to the total of the die.

MEASUREMENT

Incursion was designed with the English system of measurement. A metric conversion table is included on page 141.

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Old Style Page Example

With Lasers came easy to create pages as long as the Fonts worked and the computer didn't default to Portuguese.

Currently sounds like poor structure Would be better as rare & missing are loth is rare ingeneral and is completely describing Arlanne Null Eng missing ... INCURSION



FABRICATION

It is assumed the Anshani were able to fabricate needed components with the help of the ship's computer system and records. As these systems no longer exist, components and needed objects must be fabricated by hand or with the remains of the ships Fabrication Shop.

FINE PROCESSING

In later times a number of familiar and unfamiliar de-vices and tools were added to the ships shop. Then came benches and storage shelves that soon became packed with everything from common screwdrivers to multi-phase impact tools and Micro Applied-Force Wrenches. Sadly, the last owners of the shop left little in the way of instructions or order.

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BULK FABRICATION

(shown The large screen on the wall of this area shows the property 99-00 inventory of hundreds of elements, chemicals, and synthetics in the ships molecular stores. The joystick allows the user to move the cursor to any of the thousands of elements, chemicals, allows and synthetics. On the secondary shape screen, hundreds of shapes can chesen from. The side indi-cators scale the thems size. On activating the function, the screen vision and the thems size to the third screen. Other shapes the n sever send the send the can be created, moved, sized, and attached to the assembly screen? The indicators also rotates the object for three dimensional additions. The entire system operates as if it were

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Material that is fabricated is deposited in a bin in the fabrication shop. One setting produces quantities of ele-ments powdered and packaged intelass like containers. Container size can be varied to lock a lew grans to about a cubic foot. Fabrication time is d4 minutes for the first item

ordered and d10 seconds for any additional objects. Quantities delivered are subject to the amount of needed elements in the ships not echar stores. only one el

MATERIAL SCANNER

The large hoop to the left is a scanning device that analyzes and sends a complete duplicate image to the Main Fabrication screen. From here the object can be altered, resized, or duplicated in quantity.

opan was-de PROBLEMS OF DURLICATION

This system is not toppoof by any means and evidently requires a white or Black Box to create perfect images. Unfortunately this box type is rare and missing from the Ardanna Nuu's Engineering area. While simple items can be replicated easily, complex bio-chemical compounds, hightech components, and organic tissues are subject to a very high failure rate. These items may take an hour or more to fabricate.

COMPLEX BIO-CHEMICAL DUPLICATION RESULT

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COMPLEX COMPONENT DUPLICATION RESULT

- 01-50 Abysmal Failure,
- Fails after d10-minutes of use. 51-95
- 96-98 Fails after d10 +100 minutes of use. 99-00 Functional for d10 hours of use

COMPLEX ORGANIC TISSUE DUPLICATION RESULT

- 01-50 Abysmal Failure.
- Dissolves after d10 minutes. (Food Value x.25) 51-95
- 96-98 Dissolves after d10 + 10 minutes. (Food Value x.50)
- 99-00 Stays stable for d4 hours. (Food Value x.50)

REMEMBER No italics

- Living things that are duplicated are cold, dead copies. Tissues from such 'dead' duplicates are not viable for transplant and have, at best, half of their food value.
- Failure mostly means an object that's simply inert if it 02 is expected to function in any way.
- 03 Other spectacular failures involve structurally weak devices, or self destructing components.

McFay & Barnes in Space Mcfay pulled the near familiar item from under work-bench and pondered. "A rear bumper from a Yugo with a North Dakota license plate and a NRA sticker?"

New Symbols used in editing! 1 = insert 9 = delete or remove # = adda space 1c = lower case C = close up ; fri Cend -= under a letter = capitalize; as f Due to space limitations, I still have to do arrows to From nearest white space, where I will put additions/changes.

Fabrication Shop

Tri Tac Systems

With lasers you get a perfect page. Except for Editing



Rough Section Design. What the pages could look like and how to balance the art and graphics.



INTERIOR DESIGN

For all the complexities of Anshani Technology, the interior designs of their ships were relatively simple. The following is a guide to the interior of the ship and specific areas.

DOORS

All internal cabin doors are simple sliding panels with a touch plate. Spending more than three nights in a room allows the user to secure the door by mental command. Secured doors revert to open after three weeks of nonoccupancy. This locking feature does not apply to any of the public areas or bays.

AREAS C

Crews Quarters are fully half of the ships area.

AREAS S

These larger crew rooms can also be used for storage or special function.

AREAS F

Freshers are a universal design for bath and toilet facility. As the user enters the ship scans body design and reconfigures for easy access. While moderately frightening to the novice user, it becomes simple with use and experimentation.

Deck 1

AREAS A

Airlocks are standard airlocks to the outside. There are also bins for storage built into the walls.

FIELD PASS SYSTEM

At the ramps a second system can be used for external or internal access. The hull simple allows the user to pass through. Best described as pushing through molasses, this 'smart' access system does not allow high velocity objects or atmosphere to enter.

EASY EXTERIOR ACCESS

The pass system covers the walls in all exterior Ramp/Airlocks the Shuttle Bay, Cargo Bay 1 and Cargo Bay 2, and the lower access lock. The field Pass system can be selectively turned off from the bridge. This system is fail safe and will not turn off in high pressure or vacuum areas.



Ship Design Pages with prototype ship art.

INCURSION

BRIDGE

The operational core of the Great Anshani Starship is the bridge on the upper deck. The bridge of the Ardanna Nuu was designed for simplicity and easy use.

You enter the command deck from any of the 5 Grav lifts arranged around the outer corridor.

MAIN ENTRY

On entry through the double sets of sliding, transparent doors you step out behind the captains chair. This widearmed chair overlooks the main operations console. Ramps lead down, 23" to the deck where two self adjusting seats and a console face the main wall-sized screen.

At the side of the captains chair is another control surface that can be raised and adjusted by the touchplate on the arms of the captains chair. This display, when active, takes precidence over the front console.

NAV ROOM

This is a view of A, the Nav Rooms main operations station. Here is a also the second Navigation Console with the Nav Cube reader missing.

HOW IT WORKS

- 01 This system works only when the ship is out of the atmosphere of a world.
- 02 Simply drop the cube in the reader, destination face down. The striped pyramid under the cube slot lights.
- 03 Touch the base of the pyramid and it begins the speed sequence that triggers the HFTL jump.
- 04 Without inserting the Nav Cube the system will only achieve FTL speeds.
- 05 To lock on a target star use the 4 buttons to move the crosshairs. When the crosshairs hit the edge of the screen, the view moves. When in position, touch the triangular button to lock on the course and then the



base of the pyramid to start the main HFTL sequence.
A second touch on the pyramid disengages the system.
At the end of the flight at FTL or HFTL speeds, the ship will park itself in a stable orbit or at a preset landing zone on the Nav Cube



This is a View of the Captains Control Surfaces Raised into Position and Active.



STARSHIP EARLY VERSIONS/NOTES

or Lets Create Something Different

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> Not So Nifty
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> Will Never Fly
> What the Hell is That?











ALIENS EARLY VERSIONS/NOTES

or Lets Populate a Galaxy

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Great
Generic
Goofy
You've Got to be Kidding

WUMCAL 6 Ê MUZZ GROO \odot Þ GWERNA WARKOD Walt Moore Prototypes **†**1













Tri Tac Holds the record for the Longest continuous piece of art in an RPG. The aliens section by Jeff Steenson covers 85 inches in width and shows a Market Scene.

There are things tucked in the background.

Find the

- a <u>Alien</u>
- b <u>Orkan</u>
- c <u>Klingon</u>



More Steenson Rough Designs for the market





JUDI

BID PLAST

LARGE CHASSIS

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All through Incursion is a galactic script. It was actually created by Brian Roe to replace the Babylonian like mess that I created. A few gamers have realized there was a pattern to the art and translated some of it. What was created was phonetic. Each Sound in the English Language has a symbol.

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Some of the artists had far too much fun.

INCURSION CHARACTER SHEET

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During several playtest sessions we up to 24 people playing and having a great time. I finally ended to campaign so I could get some work done on the book. This is a Character Sheet for one of the characters.

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