

*This gives a whole new meaning to "dance battle."*

A Savage Worlds Sci-fi Dark Comedy One Shot By: Kyle Carty

This adventure is designed for Novice characters, though it is easily modified for more experienced streamers.

## BACKGROUND

Pirohate, the deadly dancing despot, hosts an illegal Void-Net streamed competition on Steppal, the flat disc planet he rules over. His stream series, Dance 'Till You're Dead, is wildly popular and has a surprising amount of contestants looking to prove their skills and win a massive cash prize. Unfortunately, the title is quite literal. Those who fail to defeat Pirohate in a dance battle are summarily executed. If he were ever to lose, Pirohate would readily accept his death.

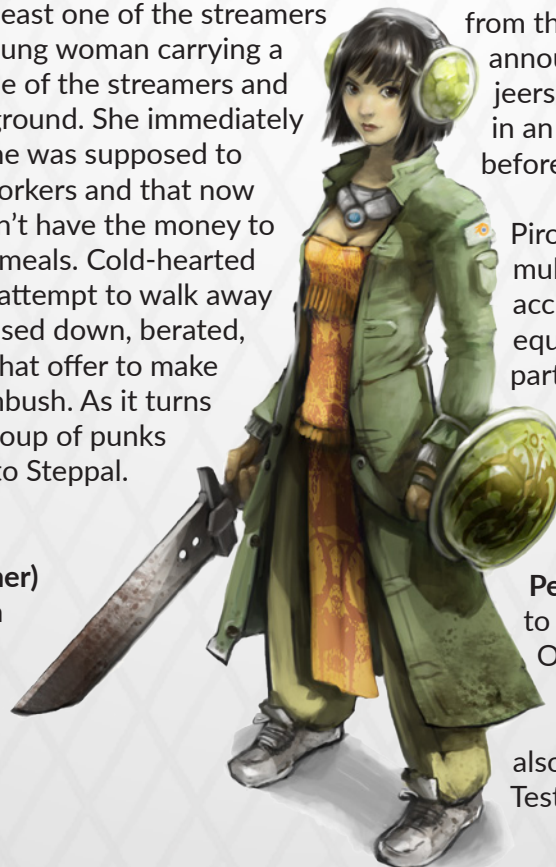
The planet he rules over, Steppal, is a small lawless disc planet that is dominated by one large city of golden buildings. Despite this ritzy exterior, the truth of Steppal is known to almost everyone. It's a planet of criminals ruled by criminals. There are no laws and all manner of Void-Net streams call the planet home.

## TICKET BOOTH

The streamers arrive on Steppal. They might be there in pursuit of interesting leads, they might be escorting a minor celebrity to the planet, or it might simply be the nearest port. Regardless of the reason, the capital city welcomes the streamers with open arms. The streamers finish up their business and can do some shopping or exploring.

Before long, however, at least one of the streamers is caught up in a scam. A young woman carrying a bags of food bumps into one of the streamers and spills the food all over the ground. She immediately begins to cry, saying that she was supposed to deliver the food to her coworkers and that now she'll be fired and she doesn't have the money to replace the now destroyed meals. Cold-hearted or paranoid streamers that attempt to walk away without helping her are chased down, berated, and ambushed. Streamers that offer to make it up to her are led to an ambush. As it turns out, she's working with a group of punks looking to rob newcomers to Steppal.

- **Punks (1 + 1 per streamer)**  
Soldier, armed with stun batons, one laser pistol, and thick clothes (+1 Armor)



After the punks are defeated the streamers are met with a round of applause. The altercation had an audience and they seem to be entertained. The tall applauding man introduces himself as Pirohate and compliments the streamer's moves. He was out for a walk and happened to come across the fight and he was thoroughly impressed. He invites the streamers to participate in his galaxy famous stream, Dance 'Till You're Dead, for a chance to win a grand prize worth several hundreds of thousands of credits. He is completely honest about the nature of the show and does not force the streamers to participate but will promise the moon if it means getting them on stage.

## BREAKDANCE A LEG

Dance 'Till You're Dead's stage is positively massive. Rows upon rows of colorful Solar magic lights run lengthwise along the top and bottom of the stage. Pyrotechnic effects are loaded into enormous cannons that fire in synch with the music, Star magic creates a tapestry of twinkling lights above the crowd, and neon lights flash to reveal splashes of various ultraviolet colors. The entire stage has a large screen backdrop that alternates between a stylized logo for the show and a music visualizer.

Pirohate arrives on stage to thunderous applause from the assembled masses. When he announces the contenders they are met with jeers and booing. Pirohate works the crowd in an fake attempt to defend the streamers before the game begins in earnest.

The actual dance battle against Pirohate is a Dramatic Task that uses multiple skills. The streamers must accumulate a number of Task Tokens equal to double the amount of streamers participating in the battle. The Task can be attempted with a number of different skills but primarily focuses on **Athletics** to perform death defying dance stunts, **Intimidation** to enrage Pirohate, **Performance** to try and dance well, **Persuasion** to work the crowd, and **Taunt** to bait Pirohate into overcompensating. Other skills and Powers can be used if a player presents an interesting use that is applicable to the situation. Streamers are also encouraged to Support one another or Test Pirohate using any number of skills.



On Pirohate acts at the beginning and end of each round during the Dramatic Task. On his first action he can attempt a Test or use a Power. On his second action, he attempts to outperform the streamers in some way but can be goaded into using a specific skill of the streamer's choice if they are enraging or baiting him. For every success and a raise on Pirohate's roll the streamers lose an equal amount of Task Tokens. If the streamers ever lose all of their Task Tokens they fail the Dramatic Task. Losers who don't submit to their execution are met with force.

- **Pirohate**
- **Killbot (2) Mech**
- **Punk (2 per streamer) Soldier**, armed with laser pistols and breastplates (+3 Armor)

## CLEANUP CREW

If the streamers successful defeat Pirohate they can choose to execute or spare him. He does not resist his death. Depending on the type of following the streamers have accumulated, their audience might urge one outcome over another. If Pirohate is spared it is up to the streamers to decide how best to deal with him. They might take him off-world to a prison, attempt to rehabilitate him, or simply leave. Finally, winners are entitled to a massive prize pot. The contents of the pot are worth at least \$300k.

Streamers who fail to defeat Pirohate but manage to kill him or escape must quickly flee the planet before retribution finds them. After all, they did agree to a challenge against the planet's leader and then back out of the deal.

## PERFORMER (NEW EDGE)

**REQUIREMENTS:** Seasoned, Performance d8+

You are a master of your given field. You may be a comedian, dancer, musician, thespian, or athlete but regardless of your field you are a true professional. Choose a field of Performance. You add a +2 bonus to Performance rolls that primarily fall under the chosen category. You can take this Edge multiple times, but you must choose a different field of Performance each time this Edge is taken.

## PIROHATE

The Dancing Doom, Pirohate is a hollow man who feels nothing save for the rush of a dance to the death. He is a handsome male with rich orange skin, long styled hair, and an absolutely tasteless set of military grade combat armor. Despite his equipment's weight, Pirohate moves about while wearing it with no problems.

Pirohate values honest and integrity despite his unique choice of profession. His livestreams are amongst the most viewed on the Void-Net as well as one of the most consistent. He thinks of himself as a worthy target of the infamous Stream Sniper and wishes to challenge the criminal to Dance 'Till You're Dead.

During battle and dance battle Pirohate maximizes the effectiveness of his Gravity Cosmos Drive to push down others while lifting himself up. He enjoys zero-g spins and the sound of his opponent's joints popping under high pressure.

**Attributes:** Agility d8, Smarts d6, Spirit d10, Strength d8, Vigor d8

**Skills:** Athletics d8, Fighting d8, Form d6, Intimidation d8, Notice d6, Performance d12, Persuasion d6, Taunt d10

**Pace:** 6; **Parry:** 7; **Toughness:** 12 (6)

**Hindrances:** Obligation (Major, Fans), Overconfident

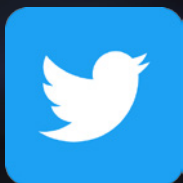
**Edges:** Arcane Background (Cosmos Drive, Gravity), Attractive, Bolster, Charismatic, Connections, Humiliate, Performer, Provoke, Quick, Retort, Work the Room

**Gear:** energy skin (+4 Armor vs. lasers), garish battle armor (+6 Armor), laser pistol (2d6, 15/30/60, RoF 1, 50 Shots, AP 2), linefire gauntlet (Str+d6, Parry +1, Reach 3, can grapple target within Reach)

**Powers:** boost/lower trait, dispel, entangle, fly, form weapon, illusion. **Power Points:** 15

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