Traveller DECK PLAN5 SULIEMAN-CLASS SCOUT/COURIER

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The 100-ton *Sulieman* is one of the most commonly encountered vessels in Imperial space and on its borders. The Scout Service uses thousands of *Suliemans* for recon, survey, courier/VIP transport, and liaison duties; the *Sulieman II* seeker is the standard mineral survey craft. Retired Scouts are sometimes granted the long-term use of a *Sulieman* for private prospecting or trade.

Because this vessel is so easily available to PCs, this deck plan will be of interest to players as well as GMs. It comprises 8 double-sided sheets (hexes on one side, squares on the other), and includes a set of *Cardboard Heroes* figures to crew the ship and provide encounters.

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decidedly unpleasant odor. Some of this is due to the power of suggestion. But some of it is due to the tendency of operators to overload the system by carrying more people than the ship was designed to handle. of their air-recycling system - it is commonly said that after a few weeks, the air takes on a Suliemans are legendary for the inadequacy

a vessel, and the air/raft bay provides sufficient passage. Ships in detached service often have an airlock installed as an added feature, usually in the rear compartment or as part of the forward cargo bay. designed to survey worlds without the crew ever leaving the ship), but current Scout policy is that an airlock would be a waste of space on so small Suliemans is the fact that they have no airlocks. The original reason for this is unknown (IISS wags will say that it is because the Sulieman was The most unusual feature of the official IISS

(many detached-duty Scouts receive the use of a *Sulieman* as part of their retirement benefits). The sel. Thousands are still operational, both in offi-cial service and with retired Scout personnel was designed more than 250 years ago for use by the Imperial Interstellar Scout Service as a survey, including those in IISS, detached, surplus, and foreign service, vary from 15,000 to 30,000. Scout personnel who have been entrusted with these vessels. Estimates of the total number, reconnaissance, courier, and special-liaison ves-IISS is very secretive about the number of former The IISS usually turns a blind eye to modifi-

area, and usually involve adjustments to the size and number of cabins to accommodate additional cations of detached-duty *Suliemans*, provided that the modifications are only to interior fittings. personnel. Most detached-duty modifications are to the crew

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SIDE VIEW











LEGEND

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1. Avionics: This is a narrow, highly restricted crawlway accessed through a removable plate in the bridge control console. During flight, this area is filled with the retracted forward landing foot (which must be extended to allow access).

2. Bridge: This contains the main flight controls of the ship. The pilot and co-pilot stations are located here, and the engineering section can be monitored from here in an emergency. The bridge is a critical area, and access is restricted.

3. Corridor: This leads between the cabins to the crew common area.

4-7. Staterooms: One of these will be designated the owner's stateroom; usually it will be more comfortable than the others.

8. Common Area: This is where the crew members spend time when they are not sleeping or on duty. Passengers, if any, use this area as their lounge.

9-10. Landing Feet: During flight, the ship's two rear landing feet are retracted into these two areas.

11. Corridor: This connects the rear compartment, engineering, and the air/raft bay with the rest of the ship.

12. Rear Compartment: This area is used for a variety of things depending on the vessel's mission. On IISS survey vessels, it may be used for a lab; on courier missions it will often be devoted to commo gear. On detached-service vessels, it is normally used for supplies, cargo, or an additional crew common area.

13. Engineering: This area holds the jump drive machinery and the maneuver drives. It is a critical area, and access is restricted.

14. Air/Raft Bay: An air/raft is standard on IISS models, but some detached scouts dispense with it. On the Seeker, this area carries a covered, ore-transport version of the air/raft (often nicknamed a "buggy").

15. Corridor (Seeker): This runs between the ore bays, connecting the forward and aft parts of the seeker.

16, 18. Ore Bay Doors (Seeker): Paired doors that provide access to the ore bay. Opening these on the ground automatically dumps the contents.

17, 19. Ore Bay (Seeker): Used to store ore and mineral samples during surveys, or bulk ore by detached scouts operating as belters.

20-21. Staterooms (Detached Service): Detached Suliemans often incorporate additional staterooms to accommodate added personnel.

22. VIP Stateroom (VIP): A larger, more luxurious stateroom formed from two ordinary ones.

23. Fuel: This area is not normally accessible, as it is rather cramped (normal Humans cannot stand upright here).

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Crew: The ship was originally designed to be operated by a crew of four: captain/pilot, navigator/co-pilot, sensor/commo operator, and an engineer. Most vessels in IISS service "double up" navigation, sensor, and commo chores to the co-pilot, so the de facto crew level is three. In detached service, it is not uncommon to see crews of as few as one or two, or as many as six, depending on what duties the ship fulfills.

Crew quarters are spartan but adequate. Specific furnishings vary with each individual ship; however, each room usually has a computer terminal that doubles as an intercom, and some sort of shelves, cabinets, or racks for storing personal possessions.

Crews make use of very compact fresher facilities. Sinks fold into the walls. The shower is combined with the toilet and usually consists of a drain on the floor and a nozzle in the ceiling.

Detached-duty Suliemans are often refitted with more luxurious crew cabins, depending upon the taste and finances of the operator – and the profitability of his enterprises.

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