JOHNS, OFFICER



Second Officer on the USCSS Cronus FULL NAME: Wick Johns AGE: 47 **TRAIT:** Submissive

NOW the de facto Captain of the Cronus, Johns has lost his edge. As someone who is really good at making sure things get done, Johns is also not very good at giving orders. He readily falls in as second-in-command to whomever starts making the hard choices needed to save lives.

STRENGTH 4, AGILITY 3, WITS 3, EMPATHY 4 **SKILLS: Heavy Machinery 1, Stamina 2,** Ranged Combat 2, Piloting 2, Observation 2, Command 1 HEALTH: 4 GEAR: M4A3 Pistol (1 reload), key card PERSONAL AGENDA: Find a leader to follow and help them to save human lives. BUDDY: -**RIVAL: Clayton** TALENT: Pull Rank. See page 108.

PULL RANK

You can use your **COMMAND** skill to order other non-officer PCs and NPCs around, as long as they belong to the same organization as you. To force someone to follow your orders and perform a specific action, roll COMMAND against the target's MANIPULATION. If successful, the target must follow your order, even if it means harm or danger to themselves. Your STRESS LEVEL increases by one each time you do this. Note also that each roll only covers one specific action. You cannot stop actions triggered by Panic Rolls using this talent.

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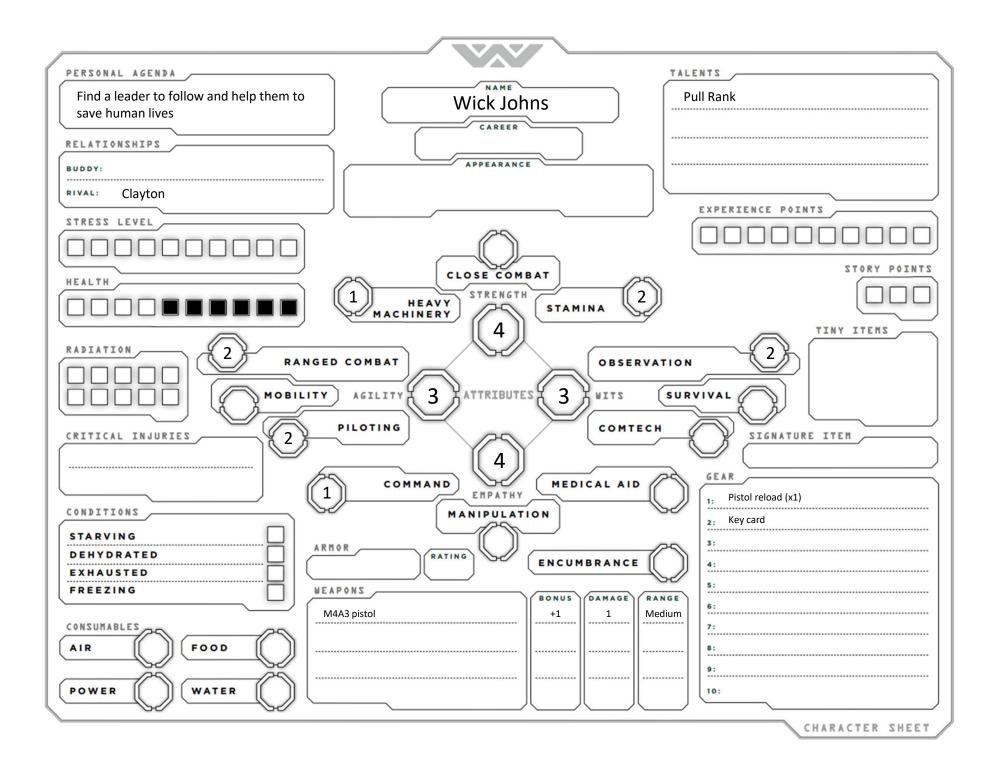
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REID, COLONIAL MARINE



Security Officer on the USCSS Cronus FULL NAME: Valerie Reid AGE: 34 TRAIT: On Edge

An Outer Rim Defense Force veteran of the Civil War on Torin Prime, the 4'11" Sqt. Reid commanded the security team assigned to protect the scientists aboard the Cronus. An independent contractor, she was honorably. discharged from the ORDF and hired by Weyland-Yutani. Reid lost an arm on Torin Prime, but has a synthetic replacement. She saw a lot of people under ORDF protection die on-LV-1113, and suffers from PTSD from both that experience and the Civil War. People tend to underestimate her because of her size.

STRENGTH 5, AGILITY 4, WITS 2, EMPATHY 3 **SKILLS: Close Combat 3, Heavy Machinery 1,** Ranged Combat 3, Mobility 2, Command 1 HEALTH: 5 GEAR: Armat 37A2 12 Shotgun (2 reloads) PERSONAL AGENDA: Terminate all threats to the Cronus crew with extreme prejudice, no matter the risks for you. **BUDDY: Johns RIVAL: Flynn** TALENT: Overkill. See page 120.

OVERKILL

You don't run and hide when the going gets tough. Instead of panicking in the face of mortal danger, you can turn your fear into aggression and use it as a weapon against your enemy. You can trigger different, more aggressive effects when you make a Panic Roll. This lets you replace the effect of a Panic Roll result of 11 or higher by the Overkill effect, if you have any enemies in sight. When triggering Overkill, you must immediately attack your enemies and you won't stop until you or all enemies in sight are Broken. Also, all other PCs in SHORT range of you must make an immediate Panic Roll.

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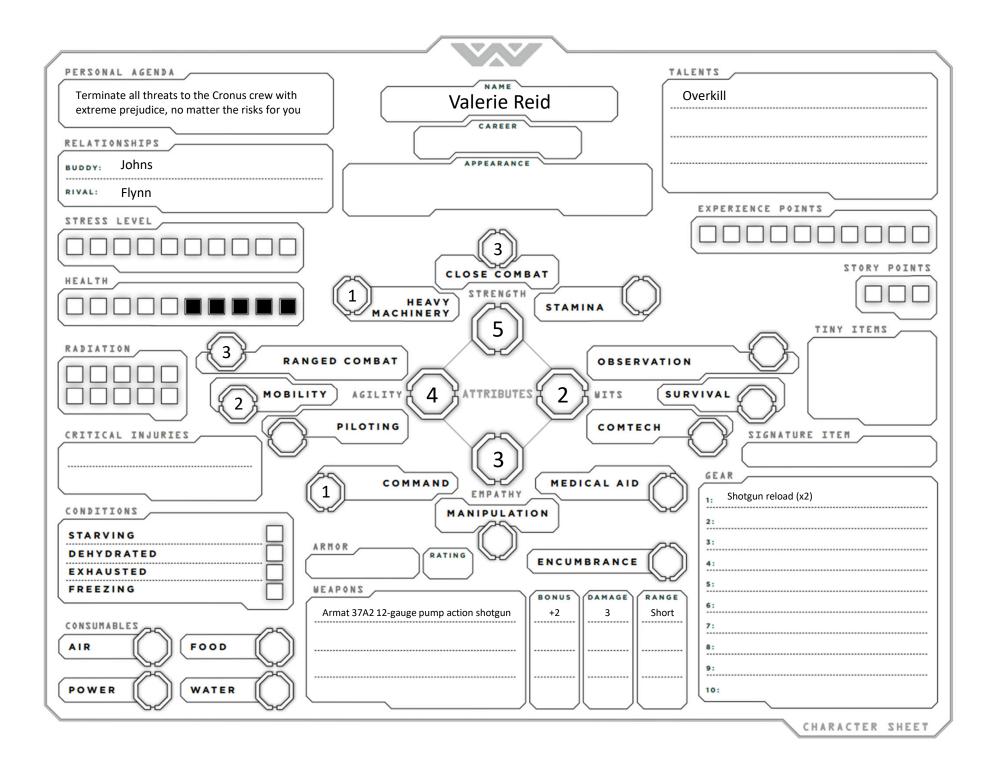
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FLYNN, MEDIC



Ship Medic on the USCSS Cronus FULL NAME: Liam Flynn AGE: 27 TRAIT: Fearful

THE ship's remaining medical doctor, Flynn was one of the junior scientists who helped synthesize the derivative cure from the 26 Draconis Strain. Flynn suspects the cure isn't safe, but he would rather take the chance with it than witness another Bloodburster birth. The doctor is not willing talk about what happened on LV-1113, nor reveal what other breakthroughs the scientific team achieved before the *Cronus* left them behind. Flynn has not informed anyone that the cure contains the black goo within it.

STRENGTH 2, AGILITY 3, WITS 4, EMPATHY 5 SKILLS: Mobility 1, Observation 2, Comtech 2, Manipulation 2, Medical Aid 3 HEALTH: 2 GEAR: Personal Medkit, Surgical Kit PERSONAL AGENDA: Get out of this mess alive, no matter what the cost or what lies you need to tell. BUDDY: Cooper RIVAL: Reid TALENT: Compassion. See page 120.

COMPASSION

This isn't just a job for you. You truly care about the people under your care. You can push any skill roll based on Empathy twice, not just once like other characters. Each push increases your **STRESS LEVEL** by one.

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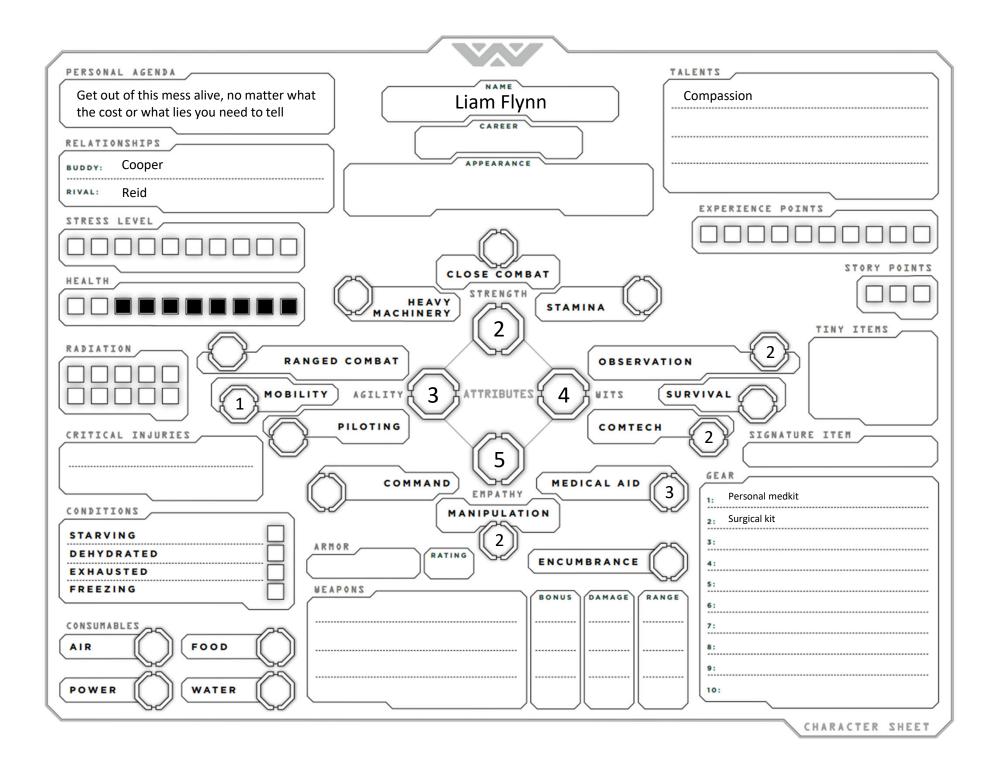
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COOPER, SCIENTIST



Chief Scientist on the USCSS Cronus FULL NAME: Daniel Cooper AGE: 53 TRAIT: Rational

A scientist assigned to the Cronus, Professor **Cooper was infected by Neomorphic Motes** before he went into hypersleep. He knows that the 26 Draconis Strain cure is derived from the black goo, and feared it was unsafe. He never took his inoculation, instead pocketing his syringe and claiming he had administered the shot to himself. Feeling sick before entering stasis, Cooper quickly deteriorates upon regaining consciousness, complaining of immense migraines before beginning to talk nonsense and going into epileptic shock. See the "Mother of all Migraines" event for his final fate.

STRENGTH 2, AGILITY 3, WITS 5, EMPATHY 4 SKILLS: Mobility 1, Observation 2, Comtech 3, Manipulation 1, Medical Aid 3 HEALTH: 2 **GEAR: Personal data tablet** PERSONAL AGENDA: To make sure the 26 Draconis Strain does not become a threat to human civilization. **BUDDY: Flynn RIVAL: Clayton** TALENT: Analyze. See page 121.

ANALYSIS

You can roll for OBSERVATION to gain insight about strange and alien artifacts or creatures that you encounter and get a chance to analyze for at least one Turn. For every success you roll, you get to ask the GM one of the questions below.

Is it human or alien? Is it dead or alive? How old is it? What is its purpose? How does it work? What problems could it cause?

The GM must answer truthfully, but is allowed to give vague or incomplete answers. A successful Analyze roll also reduces the STRESS LEVEL of all other PCs within SHORT range by one, while a failed roll increases other PCs' STRESS LEVEL by one.

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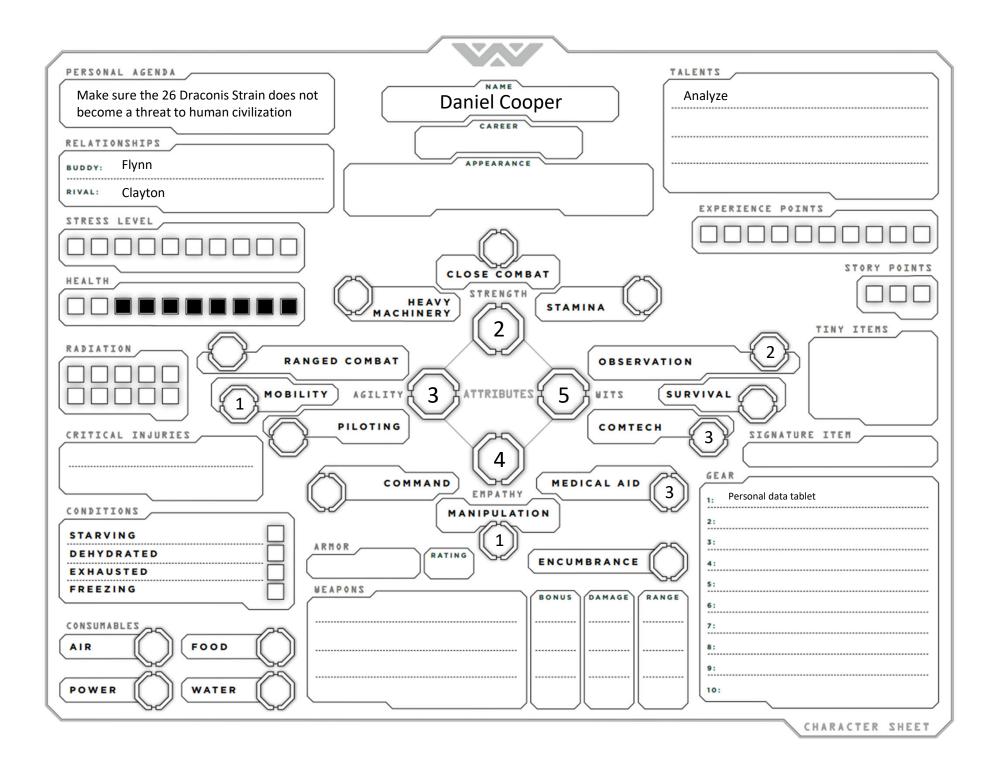
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CLAYTON, COMPANY AGENT



Corporate Liaison on the USCSS Cronus Full Name: Lori Clayton Age: 42

TRAIT: Ruthless

WHILE cool on the surface, Clayton is seething with rage over a life lost in cryosleep. Aware that both Cooper and Flynn have invaluable information and experience regarding the scientific teams experiments on LV-1113, she wants to bring both Flynn and a sample of the 26 Draconis Strain back to Weyland-Yutani for a nice fat paycheck.

NOTE that only Clayton has the codes to the wall safe and the EEV in her quarters on Deck B of the Cronus.

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PERSONAL AGENDA: Bring both Flynn and a sample of the 26 Draconis Strain back to Weyland-Yutani for a nice fat paycheck-no matter who you need to kill to get there. BUDDY: -**RIVAL: Cooper** TALENT: Personal Safety. See page 112.

PERSONAL SAFETY

The interests of the company always come first, no matter what. And you represent the company. That means your own safety is paramount—other crew members are expendable. If you are attacked or otherwise end up in fatal danger, and if another PC or friendly NPC is within **SHORT** range (the same zone), you can make a MANIPULATE roll (straight roll, not opposed, and does not count as an action). If you succeed, the other character suffers the attack or hazard instead of you. Using this talent increases your STRESS LEVEL by one.

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//FAST ACTIONS >>FAST ACTION - PREREQUISITE - SKILL >>Run - No enemy at Engaged range - // >>Move through door/hatch - // - // >>Get up - You are prone >>Draw weapon - // - // >>Block attack - Attacked in close combat -// >>Push - Enemy at Engaged range - Close Combat >>Grapple attack - You've grappled an opponent - Close Combat >>Retreat - Enemy at Engaged range - Mobility >>Aim - Ranged weapon - // >>Seek cover - Cover in same zone - // >>Grab the wheel - Vehicle - // >>Drive - Vehicle - Piloting >>Use item - Varies - Varies

//GAIN STRESS >> You push a skill roll. >> You fire a burst of full auto fire (see page 62). >> You suffer one or more points of damage. >> You go without sleep, food, or water (see page 70). >> A Scientist in your team fails to ANALYZE something (see page 121). >> A member of your own crew attacks you. >> A person nearby is revealed to be an android. >> You encounter certain creatures or locations, as determined by the scenario or the GM. //DIFFICULTY //TIME UNITS Trivial +3 DURATION / PRIMARY USE Simple +2 >> Round 5-10 seconds / Combat Easy +1 >> Turn 5-10 minutes / Stealth Average D >>Shift 5-10 hours / Recovery Demanding -1 Hard -2

//SNEAK ATTACKS&AMBUSHES RANGE MODIFICATION Formidable -3 >> Engaged -2 >> Short -1 >> Engaged Right next >> Medium D >> Long +1 >> Short A few meters >> Extreme +3 away, in the same zone as you >> Medium Up to 25 //STEALTH meters away, in an RANGE MOBILITY ROLL adjacent zone >> Short (same zone) -1 >> Long Up to about 100 >> Medium (adjacent zone) 0 hundred meters (four >> Behind open door/hatch +2 zones) away >> Long +1 >> Extreme Up to about >> Extreme +3 one kilometer

//RANGED FIRE MODIFICATIONS FACTOR MODIFICATION

//RANGE

to you

>> Aimed shot +2 >> Large target +2 >> Engaged range -3/+3 >> Small target -2 >> Short range ->> Dim light -1 >> Medium range -1 >> Darkness -2 >> Long range -2 >> Extreme range -3

//MAKE PANIC ROLL IF ... >> You roll one or more on your Stress Dice in a skill roll. If this happens, you can't push the skill roll-instead, roll for panic. >> You witness a friendly character suffering from a certain panic effect (see the table). >> You are pinned down by a ranged attack. >> You suffer a critical injury. >> You're attacked by a strange alien creature that you've never seen before. >> A truly horrifying event occurs, as determined by a scenario or the GM

//PANIC ROLL Roll a Db, add your current STRESS LEVEL, and check the table below.

RESULT / EFFECT >>b or under KEEPING IT TOGETHER. You manage to keep your nerves in check. Barely.

>>7 NERVOUS TWITCH. Your STRESS LEVEL, and the STRESS LEVEL of all friendly PCs in SHORT range of your increases by one. >>8 TREMBLE. You start to tremble uncontrollably. All skill rolls using AGILITY suffer a -2 modification until your panic stops. >>9 DROP ITEM. Whether by stress, confusion or the realization that you're all going to die anyway, you drop a weapon or other important item-the GM decides which one. Your STRESS LEVEL increases by one. >>10 FREEZE. You're frozen by fear or

stress for one Round, losing your next point of action. Your STRESS LEVEL, and the STRESS LEVEL of all friendly PCs in SHORT range of your increases by one. >>11 SEEK COVER. You must use your next action to move away from danger and find a safe spot if possible. You are allowed to make a retreat roll (see page 59) if you have an enemy at ENGAGED range. Your STRESS LEVEL is decreased by one, but the STRESS LEVEL of all friendly PCs in SHORT range increases by one. After one Round, you can act normally.

>>12 SCREAM. You scream your lungs out for one Round, losing your next point of action. Your STRESS LEVEL is decreased by one, but every friendly character who hears your scream must make an immediate Panic Roll.

>>13 FLEE. You just can't take it anymore. You must flee to a safe place and refuse to leave it. You won't attack anyone and won't attempt anything dangerous. You are not allowed to make a retreat roll (see page 59) if you have an enemy at ENGAGED range when you flee. Your STRESS LEVEL is decreased by onebut every friendly character who sees you run must make an immediate Panic Roll. >>14 PSYCHOTIC. You must immediately attack the nearest person or creature, friendly or not. You won't stop until you or the target is Broken. Every friendly character who witnesses your rampage must make an immediate Panic Roll. >>15 or over CATATONIC. You collapse to the floor and can't talk or move, staring blankly into oblivion.

