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Medical Officer and Drug Addict

It's an old story, isn't it? A teenage kid from Proxima gets involved in prohibited mind-altering drugs, and then they become a medical student to get their hands on more drugs. You have taken every intelligence boosting drug you can get your hands on, had every genetic modification you can get, and still desire more. In the end, you wound up personally addicted to the intelligence enhancer **Cozonol**, which is a popular choice among top scientists. Cozonol can be used to treat brain injuries and mental illnesses and things, so you as a doctor can get your hands on a steady supply by forging a few fake prescriptions to imaginary patients.

When you're on the intelligence enhancers, your brain runs like a beautiful machine, processing problems in an instant. When you're not on the drugs you feel dull and sluggish: you can tell your brain isn't working at its full potential. How can normal people live like this? You certainly can't, so you are hopped up on brain stimulants as much as possible. Of course, withdrawal symptoms can be quite nasty: severe headaches, confusion, memory loss, slower brain functioning and in extreme cases insanity and death. You fear you may have taken enough Cozonolin the past to qualify as an extreme case. Which is all the more reason to keep your brain hopped up on Cozonol.

Unfortunately for you, your supply of Cozonolis running out. You hoped the military would supply you some for the mission - you requisitioned it and everything. But since no one on the mission has any chronic autism or other illnesses that requires a steady supply, all you have is a tiny emergency dosage. It's supposed to be used in case someone receives some head trauma, and it'll only keep you up for an hour or so. You have been saving this for when the withdrawal symptoms get really bad. Speaking of which, the withdrawal symptoms are just starting now: headaches and slow reaction time. Hopefully, you can find some additional Cozonolin the research station. It would probably be in the medical bay or a research lab.

On this mission, you report to **Dr. Tenagon**, who is a xenologist with an impressive academic reputation on Earth and in the colonies. Along with the academic contingent you have the research assistant **Shadrach Wheeler**. Shadrach seems pretty close to Dr. Tenagon and **Commander Wheeler-Nicholson** of all people. Are they related somehow?

Commander Wheeler-Nicholson is in charge of the military on this mission. And the military is here to keep you safe. "Keeping you safe" doesn't necessarily mean arresting you for an illegal drug habit, but you still should be safe, right? Best to keep your personal problem a secret, if you can.