

Commander Sapor Wheeler- Nicholson

Ranking Military Officer on This Mission

You are the one in charge here, though good luck convincing **Dr. Tenagon** of that. Tenagon's the chief scientist on this mission: a xenologist. Not that anyone has ever encountered an honest-to-god alien before. Since the outpost was researching one of the few confirmed alien artifacts ever found, Tenagon thinks it's her mission.

It's not. The military brass back home put you in charge, and anything to do with the alien junk is a tertiary objective at best. Primary mission objective is to secure the station and ensure the safety of all involved. That includes everyone on your ship, even if you don't like them very much. It also means you should rescue any surviving members of the research outpost's crew, if there are any. Secondary objective is to find out what happened on the station that caused the crew to stop communicating back to earth. Most likely this is some sort of misguided mutiny situation: the last communiqué from station captain Rhodes was about how some researcher, Jacobson, was gonna be remanded into custody for court martial.

You wanted a good number of troops to secure the station, but the brass apparently don't think the situation is actually all that dangerous: all you have is one soldier, **Lieutenant Irvine Washington**. Washington's never served with you before: he was transferred to your command for this mission because he was the last person transferred off of this research station.

The pair of you need to keep your eyes on a whole passel of eggheads, Ivy-League types and suits from **Gaumata Technologies** (the military contractors who technically own the station). The scientists are bad enough, but the corporate types, like smooth operator **Hester Zao** and spoiled heiress **Rachel Gaumata** are going to be a real pain in the ass. To top it all off, you're trying to keep your eye on your nephew, **Shadrach Wheeler**, who is Tenagon's research assistant. You and Shadrach's dad always wound up arguing about the military life (he's a pacifist). But you still want to keep his boy safe, right?