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1. Preface

„In space, no one can hear you scream.“...do I need to say more? I could make a long list of quotes from the Alien movies to illustrate how present the franchise still is, even after over 30 years, probably starting with „Game Over, man!“. But I don't want to bore you with common knowledge, because if you read this, you may already know all these quotes in your sleep. I go out on a limb and say that EVERY person has some kind of angle to these films, whether you're art house or mainstream. Starting with the unsettling and sexually suggestive imagery over creating the first (and, surprisingly, pretty much the only) female action hero of cinema history to Aliens featuring one of the greatest movie showdowns ever.

And it didn't end with the movies. Like every successful movie franchise, the Alien saga has spawned a vast Expanded Universe in the form of comics, novels, video games and even action figures. But as fictional universes get bigger, problems arise. Things can easily get confusing, and sometimes, also even contradict each other. Now multiply this problem, and you get a picture what the folks doing Star Wars have to work with. I feel you, guys! Considering Alien, I'll get into this problem in the „About this book“ section, but just take the first Aliens comics. They made these before the third movie came out and of course, they contradicted Alien³, who can blame them? They tried to fix this in reissues, but still...

So, the need for some kind of guide arises that tries to make sense of the whole mess and provides an overlook when the situation gets foggy. Unfortunately, a definitive guide to the Alien universe has yet to be made. This is where this book comes in. And while we're at it, this is actually not the first encyclopedia I have written. I have done this for the Matrix universe, too, and for some time, it was available on www.matrix-faq.com. Long story short, the website is now defunct (personal budget cuts...) and due to a USB stick formatting screw-up on my behalf, the guide is now completely lost. Sorry, almost completely lost. There is still an old printed-out version of it in my belongings. Perhaps, one day, when I get over how disappointing Matrix Revolutions was...

I write these words in late Summer 2011, with Prometheus, a new movie set solely in the Alien continuity, looming over the horizons. Details are still sparse, but things look good. I may be right, or I may be horribly wrong, but we'll see. In the meantime, come with me on a journey to the darkest corners of the galaxy where, somewhere, the „perfect organism“ bides its time...

-Markus Friebe

P.S. The first entry I wrote for this encyclopedia was, of course, „Ripley, Ellen L.“
2. About this book

As the its name implies, the main part of this book consists of an in-depth database of entries covering characters, events, locations, vehicles, weapons, equipment and more from the “Alien” universe. This database is structured based on the conventions of an encyclopedia, meaning that the entries are sorted after the English alphabet and that character entries are named after the pattern “family name, first name” and are placed accordingly.

However, there are some specific characteristics you should know about. If you are aware of them, you can not only use the encyclopedia efficiently, but also have the most fun while doing so. Most of these characteristics are connected with how the Aliens universe is set up, so the following guidelines are useful for both newbies and Aliens veterans. I suggest reading this section before using the encyclopedia for the first time. Don't worry, I kept the guidelines really simple, and if you are not interested in the reasoning behind the guidelines, you can just read the first paragraph and skip the rest. An exception is the first part about using the encyclopedia, which should be read as a whole. If you miss something in this book, have trouble finding something or wonder why things are written and organized how they are, it is always a good idea to go back here.

a) Using the encyclopedia: A word about Tags and the Appendices

A typical entry in this encyclopedia is nothing special. It follows the standard pattern of the entry name in bold letters followed by the actual entry. There is, however, one notable exception: Tags. At the end of each entry, you’ll find one or more abbreviations in bold letters. They tell you in which movie, novel, comic or video game the entry is referenced. For example, Hudson appears in Aliens, the second movie. Therefore, the “Hudson” entry has the tag A2 attached. Many tags are self-explanatory, such as the A2 tag standing for the second Alien movie. Others may confuse you the first time you see them. This is where the first Appendix comes in.

The first Appendix, following the actual encyclopedia, is a reference list, explaining all tags used in the encyclopedia. I tried to make the tags as simple and obvious as possible, so after you have looked up a tag for two, three times at most, you should be able to recognize it while using the encyclopedia without having to rely on the codex anymore. Additionally, the codex is sorted after categories (like movies, comics etc.), thus also serving to give you a handy list of all Alien-related media containing in-universe information.

Additionally, there is a second Appendix consisting of multiple entry lists sorted after specific themes and categories. I recommend to use them as they are useful tools to find your way around the encyclopedia other than relying on the alphabetical sorting. Additionally, they give an overlook over interesting overarching topics, regardless where the relevant entries originate from. For example, you can use the lists to browse through all ships from the Alien universe, no matter if the ship appeared in one of the movies or a video game.

b) Regarding the Aliens vs. Predator universe and alternate movie scripts

As a rule of thumb, I included information from the Aliens vs. Predator universe ONLY when it doesn't contradict information from the Aliens universe. Likewise, this applies to information from alternate scripts and early drafts.

The Aliens lore is difficult to handle as it is, and Aliens vs. Predator only makes it worse. For example, you won't find anything about the Predator/Alien hybrid from Aliens vs. Predator 2: Re-
quiem, because the hybrid is supposed to be a young queen and is able to impregnate victims with multiple Chestburster embryos via literally regurgitating them into the victim's mouth. We already have a problematic Xenomorph life cycle without AvP, with the dubious canon of the Alien being able to transform victims into eggs as seen in the Director's Cut of the first Alien movie. The hybrid would further complicate things, demanding answers to questions like: “Why does the hybrid behave in this unique way? Is it exclusive to a Predator-based hybrid? Has it something to do with Predator reproduction? But wouldn't that contradict the reproduction method of the Xenomorph, for which we have no evidence to be influenced by species-specific reproduction methods?” This would also force me to incorporate AvP and even Predator lore to a great, possibly complete extent, and I wanted to keep the focus of this encyclopedia solely on the Alien franchise. However, there are still interesting tidbits featured in AvP media which I felt expanded on the Alien lore and therefore, included it, one example being S.E.T.I. still existing in 2229.

The same goes for lore unique to alternate scripts (most of them written for Alien³) and early drafts. For instance, I included general information about the Union of Progressive People, an element from the alternate Alien³ script by William Gibson. However, I omitted information from the plot involving the UPP that contradict Alien³ as we know it. As a side note irrelevant to this guideline, the UPP happened to be recently introduced into the regular canon by the Nintendo DS game Aliens Infestation.

c) The writing perspective

This encyclopedia is written from an in-universe perspective, meaning that entries are written as if they really happened or they really exist. Therefore, no entries regarding or references to the movies, comics, novels etc. themselves, their creation or the persons involved exist. Information originating from behind-the-scenes material is incorporated in in-universe form.

To see what I mean, compare the Wikipedia entry for “Xenomorph (Alien)”, more specifically the section about the Newborn:

In *Alien Resurrection*, due to significant genetic tampering in an attempt to recover DNA from the deceased Ellen Ripley and the Alien Queen within her, the resulting cloned Aliens show a number of minor human traits.¹

This quote references the real-life movie instead of solely the events that happened *inside* the Alien universe. The plot of the movie Alien Resurrection is present in this encyclopedia as its in-universe counterpart, the *Auriga* incident. Compared to Wikipedia taking a real-life approach, this encyclopedia is like, for example, an encyclopedia about dinosaurs - creatures which really existed, a fact which is reflected in its writing.

I chose this approach for several reasons:

- **Reason 1**: Precedents. Most prominent are the non-fiction works covering the Star Wars universe, which are often written in-universe. An example are the Essential Guides. It even has an Aliens precedent in the form of the Colonial Marines Technical Manual. It seemed a logical thing to do it for this encyclopedia, too.

- **Reason 2**: To separate and define the purpose of this book. You won't find any entries about real-life content related to the Alien franchise. This is not “The Making of the Alien universe”, as it is not supposed to be a making-of book. So, instead of making things blurry by including real-life perspectives in the context of an in-universe topic, things are clear-cut here. A mixed approach may work for a Wikipedia entry, aimed to be a single, isolated docu-

ment about a topic, to be complete (meaning covering both lore and behind-the-scenes aspects) and accessible to people who may never heard about the Alien franchise and just want to know who the heck Ellen Ripley is. But this is about the fictional Alien universe, and only the fictional Alien universe.

- **Reason 3:** To sidestep continuity issues for the sake of being consistent. The best example for this would be, again, the “Alternate Xenomorph life cycle” depicted in the Director's Cut of Alien. The thing is that this life cycle at least potentially removes the need for a queen in the life cycle. So instead of admitting that I have two conflicting canon sources or having to skip this information entirely, I incorporated it as “unconfirmed reports.” This way, the encyclopedia can acknowledge the possibility without taking sides, saying “yes, it does exist” (therefore possibly creating a contradiction) or saying “no, it does not exist” (omitting interesting information). However, there are two special cases in which we have two versions of the same source directly contradicting each other, which I will cover in the following section.

There are other but minor reasons like to make the reading experience more involving.

**d) Alternate versions of Alien³ and the 1988 Aliens comics**

This encyclopedia regards the expanded Assembly Cut of Alien³ as canon, with the exception of regarding the Xenomorph seen in the movie to be born from a dog as shown in the Theatrical Cut. The encyclopedia also regards the revised version of the 1988 “Earth War” comic storyline as canon to avoid conflicts with Alien³.

The Assembly Cut of Alien³ as featured on the Quadrilogy DVD set and the BluRay release restores much of the cut footage and incorporates back into the storyline of the film, expanding it with about half an hour of additional scenes. There are also alternate scenes featured, but they don't pose any continuity problems, as it is, for example, basically irrelevant whether Ripley is found inside the EEV or washed upon the shore. There is, however, one major exception: Whereas in the Theatrical Cut, the Xenomorph is born from a dog, the Assembly Cut instead shows it being born out of an ox. Thus, this creates an irreconcilable discrepancy where I have no choice but to take sides. I decided to go for the “dog birth” as it seems implausible for a Drone to be this small when originating from an ox. Consider that the Alien³ Xenomorph is no larger than the human-bred Drones we have seen in other cases, possibly even a little bit smaller. Considering the DNA Reflex, a Drone from an ox, an animal which has far more body mass than a human and is also larger, would have to be significantly larger than a “human” Drone.

Another case of “irreconcilable differences” is the “Earth War” storyline as shown in the early Dark Horse comics. Released in 1988, way before Alien³ would be made, the comics were intended to be a sequel to Aliens, showing the further adventures of Hicks, Newt and later, Ripley. In 1991, Alien³ threw a monkey wrench in the continuity by killing off Hicks and Newt before they even had the chance to wake from hypersleep. Reissues of the “Earth War” comics kinda fixed this by renaming Hicks and Newt to Wilks and Billie, turning them into new characters, and making Ripley an android. The encyclopedia reflects the “Earth War” storyline as shown in the reissue. I realize the reissue fix was a “bend over backwards” in the first place, but it is the only way to incorporate the pivotal events of the comics without screwing up the continuity.
**3. The A-Z of the Alien Universe**

*** A ***

**Aaron:** A male human serving as the assistant of Superintendent Andrews at the penal colony on Fiorina 161 during the Fury 16 incident in 2179. Nicknamed “85” by the prisoners, referring to his rather low IQ. Was married and had children.

Andrews shared Andrews' believe in a tight leadership and tried to help enacting his decisions during the first stages of the Fury 16 incident. This often brought him in conflict with the prisoners, especially Morse. These conflicts became more tense after Andrews' death and the escape of the Xenomorph from the vault, for which he blamed Morse. Aaron also helped Ripley operating the medical scanner inside the crashed EEV and was the first to know of the Queen embryo gestating inside Ripley. However, when Ripley, knowing that the Weyland-Yutani party inbound for Fiorina 161 would do everything to secure a Xenomorph specimen, wanted to send the team away, Aaron refused to provide access to the terminal, thinking that it would be suicidal to reject the only armed reinforcements they had at their disposal. But when the rescue party replied to the warning about the Xenomorph infestation with orders to stay away from the creature, Aaron began to have second thoughts. He did not participate in the attempt of the prisoners to lure the Alien into the blast furnace and instead stayed at his office and eventually received the Weyland-Yutani team at the entrance to the facility to lead them to the furnace. During the final confrontation between Michael Bishop and Ripley, Aaron attacked Bishop with a steel pipe, only to be gunned down by the accompanying soldiers. *(A3)*

**Acheron:** One of the five rivers of the underworld in Greek mythology and a nickname for LV-426, established during the 57 years of Ripley's hypersleep. This nickname is also referenced in the scientific name of the Xenomorph species, “linguafoeda Acheronsis”. *(A2)*

**Alien:** A colloquial term for extra-terrestrial lifeforms. Often used as a synonym for “Xenomorph”.

**Andrews, Harold:** A male human and the administrator of the Fiorina 161 penal colony by the time the Fury 16 incident took place in 2179. Born in Barnsley, Yorkshire, United Kingdoms on April 2, 2121. In his capacity as Superintendent, Andrews enacted a harsh leadership with the help of his assistant Aaron and regarded the prisoners as dangerous and fanatic.

When Ripley arrived on Fiorina 161, Andrews considered her presence to be a potential disturbance of the relatively peaceful status-quo and only allowed Ripley to leave the infirmary in company. After he had formally informed the prisoners, Andrews proceeded to send a request to Weyland-Yutani to pick up Ripley. When Andrews found out that Clemens had performed an unauthorized autopsy of Rebecca Jorden on Ripley's request, he came into conflict with the doctor and threatened him to tell Ripley about his troubled past, should he continue to ignore his orders. After the first prisoners were killed by the Xenomorph, Ripley tried to warn Andrews, who did not believe her story and ordered her confinement to the medical wing, also ignoring Golic's account and having him fixated in the infirmary. Andrews was in the mess hall trying to organize a search party for the missing prisoners Boggs and Raines when he was taken and killed by the Alien in front of the prisoners, making the Xenomorph threat a known fact to the inmates. *(A3)*

**APC:** The abbreviation for Armored Personnel Carrier. Describing a class of military ground vehicles designed to deploy and transfer troops while also fulfilling limited combat capabilities. An example for an APC is the M577 used by the USCM in the late 22nd century, including the Hadley's Hope incident in 2179. *(A2, A:CMTM, A:INF)*
Apone, Al: A male human serving in the USCM corps in the capacity of Gunnery Sergeant by 2179. Nicknamed 'Top' by his subordinates. Was the point man of the unit involved in the Hadley's Hope incident. Apone led the foray of the Marines into the colony before he was left behind incapacitated during the Xenomorph ambush inside the colony's hive and presumably impregnated afterward. Details of Apone's exact fate are unknown, but his death is certain, either by giving birth to a Xenomorph or during the destruction of the colony several hours later. Hicks, the B-Team leader, rose to the position of commander to replace Apone after the ambush. (A2)

Armat: A weapons manufacturer. Famous for being the creators of the M41A Pulse Rifle. (CMTM)

Arthur: A male human and one of the prisoners involved in the Fury 16 incident in 2179. Arthur was killed by Golic when he was standing guard at the vault where the captured Xenomorph was held. (A3)

Ash: A science officer serving aboard the Nostromo during the events of the Nostromo incident. Has the ID number 111/C2/01X. Pragmatic and cold, but gifted with scientific curiosity. Nothing is known about Ash's life before the incident, and he joined the crew only shortly before the Nostromo would leave Theodus for Earth on June 12, 2121. Halfway en-route and about a full year later, the Nostromo received the Spacey Jockey signal emanating from LV-426 and was pulled out of hyperspace. The crew went on to investigate the signal, and when the search party returned to the landed ship with a Facehugger attached to Kane's face, it was Ash who allowed them back in against Ripley's objections concerning proper decontamination. During Kane's impregnation, Ash observed the process and was responsible for Kane's medical treatment and preliminary research on the alien organism. It was not after the Xenomorph had already killed half the crew when Ripley discovered the science officer's true motivations. Ash made an unsuccessful attempt on Ripley's life after she had learned of Weyland-Yutani's intention to capture the Xenomorph and, if necessary, sacrifice the Nostromo's crew in the process. When Parker and Lambert subdued Ash, he was revealed to be a Hyperdyne Systems 120-A/2 android. On Ripley's orders, Parker reactivated his remains, and during the interrogation that followed, the android disclosed that Weyland-Yutani had known of the Xenomorph from the beginning and that he was introduced into the crew to protect and secure the specimen. What was left of Ash was incinerated by Parker after the interrogation. (A1)

Atmosphere Processor: A machine used to transform the atmosphere of a world into a composition breathable for humans. Such a processor is a vital part of the terraforming process used to render inhospitable worlds into into environments able to sustain human life. The transformation process basically consists of drawing in the atmosphere, splitting it up into its basic atomic components and releasing the breathable elements while discarding the non-breathable elements as waste products. Atmosphere Processors are massive structures, and, depending on the initial atmosphere, several of them have to be installed on a world's surface in order to produce results within a reasonable amount of time. Atmosphere Processors were used on a number of worlds during the second half of the 22nd century, but a notable example is LV-426. In mid-century, about 30 Atmosphere Processors were installed all over the planetoid and managed to create a breathable atmosphere within two decades, although by the time of the Hadley's Hope incident on LV-426 in 2179, the actual terraforming process was far from complete. Looking like huge artificial volcanoes and spanning a height of 1500 meters, these processors were partially financed and constructed by Weyland-Yutani. One of these Atmosphere Processors, which was located adjacent to the Hadley's Hope colony, played a major role during the Xenomorph infestation of the colony in 2179. When the organism overran the colony, it set up a hive on Sub-Level 3 of the processor. There may have been several
reasons why this location was chosen, whether it was because it provided a climate of dry heat where these creatures could thrive or because it placed them in a position where it would be virtually impossible to destroy them without critically damaging the processor. While the latter possibility may attribute an unlikely level of abstract intelligence to the Xenomorph, this was what happened when the recon mission sent to investigate the communication breakdown with Hadley's Hope was exploring Sub-Level 3 following the discovery of the missing colonists' PDT signals emanating from the Atmospheric Processor. The Marines were ambushed inside the hive, and during the ensuing firefight, the cooling system of the fusion reactor was ruptured, setting off a fatal chain reaction which eventually caused the processor to explode with the blasting power of 15 megatons, taking Hadley's Hope and everything else within a radius of 30 kilometers with it. (A2, A:CMTM)

Auriga: A USM research vessel involved in the Xenomorph outbreak which became known as the Auriga incident in 2381. Spanning over 3.5 kilometers in length, the further specs of the Auriga are kept secret, although a prominent feature is a large docking shaft, opening to the ventral side. In the late 24th century, the Auriga was assigned to be the location for a project to clone Ellen Ripley and harvest the Alien Queen that died with her. For this purpose, the Auriga was set on a course in the outer reaches of the Sol system, far outside of the local trading routes. The ship was also equipped with research facilities customized to hold a limited number of Xenomorph specimens and an artificial intelligence mainframe called FATHER tasked with automating and supervising operations. During the outbreak, FATHER directed the Auriga's course towards the USM home base, Earth, following protocol for a case of emergency. However, the android Call managed to access the mainframe and re-direct its course to crash on an uninhabited part of the African continent. A short time later, the Auriga was destroyed during the impact, taking all Xenomorphs aboard with it. (A:RES)

Auriga incident: The events surrounding and including the cloning of Ripley and the subsequent Xenomorph infestation aboard the USM research vessel Auriga in 2381. In the aftermath of the Fury 16 incident in 2179, a Weyland-Yutani research team collected genetic samples of Ellen Ripley from the infirmary of the penal colony and put them into storage for possible use later on. After the downfall of Weyland-Yutani, these samples found their way into possession of the United States Military. By the end of the 24th century, technology had advanced to a state where the cloning of a human being became possible. In order to harvest the Xenomorph organism for study, the United States Military initiated a project to clone Ripley and the Queen embryo inside her aboard the USM research vessel Auriga. This project was not authorized by the United States government, and the Auriga was placed on a location on the far reaches of the Sol system to avoid unwanted attention. While General Perez was assigned as the military commander of the operation, the science was led by Dr. Mason Wren.

It took years for the project to succeed. The first seven clones that managed to surpass the microscopic stage were monstrous failures, twisted hybrids of human and Xenomorph biology. As these clones were nonviable, let alone be able to host the Queen embryo, they were discarded and put into stasis storage. However, in 2381, the science team under guidance of Dr. Wren were successful: Ripley 8 was a perfect replica of the deceased woman, at least on the outside, and due to accelerated growth therapy, she grew from an infant to an adult in roughly a month. However, there were several side effects: Ripley 8 was stronger and faster than an ordinary human and wounds healed on a highly accelerated speed. Another legacy of the Xenomorph were genetically stored memories of the old Ripley, although those memories only resurfaced slowly. In the end, these characteristics were of secondary interest to the scientists, who followed their main objective and surgically extracted the Queen embryo from the host and put her into a holding facility, where she transformed into full size within days. On the request of his assistant Dr. Gediman, Wren allowed Ripley 8 to remain alive for further study.

With the Queen secured, the second phase of the Auriga project began. General Perez, had contacted an acquaintance of his, the smuggler Frank Elgyn, and in exchange for hard cash, Perez struck a deal with Elgyn to procure and deliver human host bodies to the Auriga. Elgyn and the rest of his
band of smugglers proceeded to hijack a passenger liner en route to Xarem and transfer the occupied cryosleep tubes to their own ship, the Betty. Soon after, the Betty arrived at the Auriga and docked with the ship. The goods were exchanged, and with Perez's blessing, the crew decided to stay on board for a few days. The scientists immediately began with the impregnation process. Within a short time, a population of twelve adult Xenomorph was cultivated.

What nobody knew was that there was someone among the crew of the Betty who had her very own agenda: Annalee Call. She gained access to the cell where Ripley 8 was held with the intent to kill her in order to prevent the scientist to retrieve the Queen embryo. However, Call soon realized that she was too late. Also, Wren had noticed her unauthorized entry, took Call into custody and brought her to the mess hall where the rest of Elgyn's crew was present at the time. Wren's accusations of terrorist activity escalated into violence. Elgyn and the other smuggled quickly overwhelmed the security guards, took Wren and an USM soldier called DiStephano hostage in order to fight their way back to the Betty, when a ship-wide alert was activated. The Xenomorphs had managed to escape from their cages and began to decimate the Auriga's soldiers and scientists.

Perez ordered the evacuation of the ship, and while an undisclosed number of Auriga personnel was able to escape in time, most of the remaining staff, including Perez, were killed off in the initial attack. The Xenomorphs proceeded to free the Queen and set up a hive in a waste tank of the Auriga. However, the Queen had in turn been mutated by Ripley's DNA and developed female reproductive organs, which caused the Xenomorph to cease their efforts to take victims for impregnation soon after the hive had been created. Meanwhile, the crew of the Betty made their way towards the Auriga's docking bay. Ripley had also noticed the outbreak and escaped her cell. She found the smugglers just in time to save them from a Xenomorph, which had just killed their captain, Elgyn. A fragile alliance between the two parties was formed, and following directions provided by Wren and DiStephano, Ripley took the lead. However, time was running out as the Auriga, following emergency procedure, had set course to the USM home base: Earth.

During their trek through the Auriga, Ripley 8 found and destroyed the remains of the first seven clones. The crew also picked up a civilian called Purvis, one of the human hosts from the passenger liner. Despite the fact that Purvis had already been impregnated, the crew decided to take him with them so that Wren could remove the embryo later. While traversing the flooded kitchen of the ship, the survivors were attacked by two Xenomorphs and lost the crew members Hillard and Christie to the creatures whereas Wren took the opportunity to leave behind the rest of the group. Call had been injured by Wren when he made his move, and when the survivors took a short break, it was revealed that Call was a second-generation android who had made it her mission to prevent humanity from unleashing the Xenomorph on the galaxy. Ripley convinced Call to manually log into the ship's mainframe, where she unlocked an escape route to the Betty and set the Auriga on a collision course to Earth. The survivors had almost reached the Betty when Ripley 8 was abducted by the Aliens into their hive. Unable to help her, the rest of the group was forced to move on without her.

Inside the Xenomorph hive, Ripley witnessed the birth of the Queen's Newborn, a grotesque human/Alien hybrid. Meanwhile, the surviving crew members had reached the Betty only to be confronted by Wren. However, the chief scientist of the Auriga was killed by Purvis, who managed to overwhelm him and pull his head to his chest just as the Chestburster erupted. The crew made short work of the creature and proceeded to prepare the Betty for take-off. At the same time, Ripley 8 escaped the hive and reached the Betty just seconds before it left the docking bay. When the Auriga was obliterated during the impact on Earth's surface, Ripley, Call and the rest of the group believed the Xenomorph threat to be eliminated. However, the Newborn had managed to escape destruction as a stowaway aboard the Betty. The hybrid killed DiStephano, but was destroyed when Ripley used her acidic blood to melt a nearby viewport, which sucked the Newborn into vacuum. Ripley, Call and the other two survivors from Elgyn's crew, Johner and Vriess, subsequently safely landed the Betty on New Zealand, Earth. (A:RES, A:OS)
Benjamin, Matthew: A male human and a flitter mechanic. After working for Weyland-Yutani for a few months, Benjamin was reassigned to a Weyland-Yutani research station on the planet C-3 L/M in 2232, as the replacement for Victor Standish, the staff engineer. While this assignment seemed to make no sense due to Benjamin's inexperience with advanced engineering, it was part of Weyland-Yutani's efforts to root out a Planetus spy at the facility and take over Planetus. Charles Braley, the man behind the whole scheme, replaced the entire staff in a similar fashion until only the spies remained from the original roster. He proceeded to kill both the spies and the new staff, including Benjamin, by using robotic Chestbursters in order to fake an Alien infestation on the planet as part of a master plan to acquire Planetus. These events would become known as the C-3 L/M incident. (A:NE)

Betty: A battered old freighter operated by Frank Elgyn and his crew of smugglers in the late 24th century. When exactly the ship was built is unknown, but rumors persist that it is over 200 years old. The Betty and its crew was involved in the Auriga incident, delivering stolen cryotubes with human bodies to the Auriga research vessel in 2381 to be used as hosts to cultivate a Xenomorph colony. When the outbreak aboard started, the Betty was still docked to the Auriga and was later used by the survivors to flee the Auriga shortly before its destruction. After purging the stowaway Newborn from its docking bay, the Betty was safely landed on Earth. (A:RES)

Biotech: A major corporation operating during the 23rd century. (A:NE)

Bishop: A 'male type' android working in the capacity of Executive Officer for the USCM corps. Belonged to a series of androids modeled after Weyland-Yutani founder Charles Bishop Weyland. Equipped with advanced space navigation and piloting skills. A superior version of older android models, Bishop was fitted with ethic programming preventing him from harming a human being, keeping in line with official regulations. Bishop played a pivotal role in the Hadley's Hope incident. During the voyage of the fateful recon mission to LV-426 in 2179, Bishop was supervising the Sulaco's systems while the human passengers were in hypersleep. Arriving at the planetoid, he also guided planetary maneuvering, bringing the ship in position for deployment. Shortly before the mission, Bishop met Ripley, who, due to her past experiences with another android called Ash, reacted distrustful to Bishop. During the first phase of the mission, Bishop spent his time in the colony's medical wing dissecting and examining the dead Facehugger specimens found in the facilities. It was Bishop who found out that the Atmosphere Processor of the colony was hours away from overheating and exploding after the remaining members of the mission returned from the disastrous exploration of the Xenomorph hive there. The survivors devised a plan to guide down the remaining dropship inside the Sulaco, which, due to damage to the power lines, had to be controlled directly with a portable terminal at the transmitter. Bishop volunteered for the task as he was the only one qualified enough and set out to reach the transmitter by crawling through a maintenance shaft. The android managed to land the dropship just in time to pick up Ripley and Hicks, who had fled a fatal Xenomorph attack on the command center, during which Rebecca 'Newt' Jorden had been abducted by a Xenomorph Drone. Ripley refused to leave Newt behind and told Bishop to fly them into the collapsing Atmosphere Processor, to which he reluctantly agreed. He managed to hold position in spite of the processor's critical state and later flew Ripley and Newt to minimum safety distance, just seconds before the explosion. Back at the Sulaco, Bishop was several damaged by the Queen, which ripped him in half. However, this did not prevent him from saving Newt a second time, grabbing her when Ripley opened the airlock to flush out the Queen. Bishop was further damaged when he crashed on Fiorina 161 with Ripley, Newt and Hicks. His remains were brought to one of the prison's scrapyards where Ripley recovered and reactivated them to learn more about the circumstances of the Sulaco's emergency evacuation. Bishop confirmed the presence of a Xenomorph aboard the ship and Weyland-Yutani's knowledge of the incident. After
that, the android requested to be shut down to spare him further suffering - a request to which Ripley, who had grown to like and respect Bishop, only grudgingly complied. *(A2, A3)*

**Boggs, Edward:** A male human and one of the prisoners involved in the Fury 16 incident in 2179. Together with the prisoners Rains and Golic, he was tasked with exploring defunct parts of the facility to salvage equipment and supplies. During the incident, Boggs was one of the first to be killed by the Alien while planting light sources in an abandoned part of the complex. *(A3)*

**Bougainville-class space transport:** A class of military transport vessel introduced into USCM service in 2180. Intended to replace the Conestoga-class as the primary troop and logistic transport. *(CMTM)*

**Braley, Charles:** A male human working as a representative for Weyland-Yutani in 2232. Hides a sadistic and ruthless personality behind a friendly demeanor. Was involved in the C3 L/M incident. When it became apparent that spies from Planetus, a rival corporation, have infiltrated a research station of Weyland-Yutani on the planet C-3 L/M, Braley was ordered to deal with the situation. He devised a vicious plan that not only would eliminate the threat of corporate espionage, but also take over Planetus in the process. After running background checks on the personnel, Braley relocated the staff of the facility one by one, replacing them with randomly chosen inexperienced Weyland-Yutani employees until there were only two suspects left, a man called Tobin A. Marshall and a synth of the LaFargue production line. Braley then moved in with a strike force and captured the two suspects. He proceeded to brutally torture Marshall and the synth before he set the second part of the plan in motion: Braley destroyed the synth and killed Marshall and the replacement staff using robotic Chestburster constructs to stage a supposed Xenomorph threat on C-3 L/M. Planetus, who owned half of the planet, quickly send over two investigators, a former Weyland-Yutani employee called Anders Kramm and a Planetus representative called Frances Stauff. Acting clueless, Braley cooperated with them on the case. When Kramm and Stauff discovered the truth behind the incident, Braley planted a real Alien aboard their ship and used a media publication of their supposed deaths to drive down stocks for Planetus. Weyland-Yutani jumped to the opportunity and took over Planetus. As Kramm and Stauff had escaped Braley's trap, he interrogated a high-ranking Planetus representative called Matthew Darby to gain knowledge of the whereabouts of Kramm, Stauff and other investigators targeted by Weyland-Yutani. When he learned that the survivors were headed back to Planetus aboard one of their automated spacecrafts, he remote-ordered a course change to the world of Soulages, where Weyland-Yutani was operating an artificial Alien hive. Braley set up the facility to play a vicious game with the survivors; however, Kramm and Stauff and one other survivor managed to escape the planet aboard a short-range flyer and take over the Weyland-Yutani research station on the nearby moon. Reportedly, Braley was later killed during the incident, but rumors persist that the deceased individual was actually a synth. *(A:NE)*

**Brett, S. E.:** A male human serving as an Engineer Tech for the crew of the cargo hauler *Nostromo* from 2120 to 2122. Born on July 13, 2069 in Houston, Texas. Had the ID number 724/R4-06J. Was involved in the *Nostromo* incident.

Brett launched his working career by starting to work as a mechanic E-Z-Fly Spacecraft Repair, a family business based in Houston, on June 21, 2085. After nine years, Brett left E-Z-Fly and accepted an assignment as a hardware specialist at Solari Energy Corp in Osaka, Japan on May 15, 2094 – an employment which was terminated for undisclosed reasons on December 21, 2095. He then started working for Ridton Corp on February 1, 2096 until he was suspended on July 16 for flying high-speed cargo ships through the Iranistan war zone. The following investigation uncovered that Brett was an alcoholic. He was being treated in-house for this problem and successfully completed the program on December 4. Subsequently, Ridton Corporation assigned Brett to the deep sea ship Ozymandias in the capacity of Assistant Engineer. At an unknown date, Brett returned to his home town and enlisted at the Houston School of Astrophysics and Interstellar Engineering from which he
graduated on May 21, 2108. Brett entered Weyland-Yutani employment as Assistant Engineer aboard the waste disposal vessel Corazon Oscuró on July 14. During this time, Brett relapsed into alcoholism. On November 10, 2011, he failed a blood alcohol test and was committed to a Weyland-Yutani medical facility on Titan. During a cerebral detox procedure taking place on January 9, 2112, Brett suffered minor brain damage. A lengthy period of recovery followed until his flight status would be restored on April 3, 2113. Brett stayed on Titan and began working as an Assistant Engineering Tech at a Weyland-Yutani fusion reactor facility on April 19. His time on Titan ended after four years with the assignment to the cargo vessel Nonnabo as Engineering Tech on November 3, 2117, where he would meet and make friends with Parker, who was working aboard the same ship. On September 10, 2120, Brett joined the crew of the Nostromo together with Brett when it was en route to Thedus. Brett was still on the crew roster when the Nostromo incident took place in 2122. When the Nostromo took minor damage during the landing on LV-426, Brett was responsible for restoring the ship together with Parker. Brett would eventually become the first victim of the full-grown Xenomorph when he was chasing Jones, the Nostromo's pet cat, inside the landing strut chambers. (A1)

**Bultmann:** A male human and part of the replacement staff used by Weyland-Yutani to root out a spy at a research facility on C-3 L/M in the early thirties of the 23rd century. Bultmann was later killed together with the rest of the replacement staff and the spy as part of a faked Alien infestation at the station that was staged by the Company to take over its rival Planetus in 2232. These events were part of the C-3 L/M incident. (A:NE)

**Burke, Carter J.:** A male human working as a representative of Weyland-Yutani by 2179. Behind an unassuming and friendly demeanor, Burke hid a cold, calculating and ruthless personality. Has at one time worked in sales. Was involved in the Hadley's Hope incident. When Ripley has been found drifting through the core systems in 2179, Weyland-Yutani sent Burke to Gateway Station where Ripley was brought for recovery. Burke acted as a liaison to Ripley and helped her to get back on track for the impending interrogation by the ICC, getting clearance for her pet cat Jones and even providing her with information about the fate of Ripley's daughter Amanda. After the information from Ripley's report had been evaluated, Burke passed the coordinates of the derelict to Hadley's Hope in order to verify her story. When contact broke of with LV-426, Burke visited Ripley together with Lieutenant Gorman to convince her to join a recon mission to the colony. Burke himself joined this mission on the pretense on assessing the state of Weyland-Yutani investments in the colony. After the exploration of the hive had ended in disaster, Burke opposed against the decision of the to evacuate and destroy the colony, but was forced to back off. Eventually, Ripley discovered Burke's role in the Xenomorph outbreak, and his true intentions to secure the Xenomorph for research were revealed. Later, Burke made his own bid by releasing two Facehuggers contained in stasis tubes in the medical wing of the colony, planning to get Ripley and Newt, who were sleeping nearby, impregnated and smuggle the Xenomorph embryos inside them back to Earth. His plan failed and Burke was facing execution when the Xenomorphs overran the command center. Burke tried to steal away during the attack and was captured by a Xenomorph and taken to the hive. Burke died in the explosion of the Atmosphere Processor soon after. (A2)

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**C-3 L/M:** A planet which was acquired by Weyland-Yutani and Planetus in 2227. As it was located far enough from any previous Xenomorph infestation, it was deemed a valuable and safe ground for colonization, terraforming and research by both corporations, who carved up the planet between them and settled on a policy of mutual ignorance. Following the acquisition, a vast network of terraformers was installed on the planet's surface on both halves of C-3 L/M, the only shared facility being a spaceport. Soon, the planets surface was converted into a habitable environment with a moder-
ate climate.
In the meantime, Weyland-Yutani set up a research facility near the border to Planetus territory that soon began to emanate strange readings. Rumors of a new prototype of terraformer being the cause for the readings surfaced, prompting Planetus to insert spies into the facility. In 2232, a scheme by Weyland-Yutani involving a staged incident at this research station led the public to believe that a Xenomorph presence had been found on C-3 L/M. Authorities moved in to investigate while Weyland-Yutani reassured the public that the Alien threat had been eliminated. Meanwhile, Weyland-Yutani had taken over Planetus, which placed C-3 L/M fully under the Company's control.

(A:NE)

C-3 L/M incident: A unique case of an intentionally faked Xenomorph infestation in 2232 that led to the downfall of the Planetus corporation and its subsequent acquisition by its rival Weyland-Yutani.

In 2227, Planetus spent a major part of its resources to acquire the planet C-3 L/M, a planet that promised to be a fertile ground for terraforming and research. However, Weyland-Yutani was also interested in the planet, and eventually, C-3 L/M was split in half between the two corporations. Interactions between the two was kept to a minimum, mainly limited to a shared spaceport on the planet. Of course, both still kept a close eye on each other.

The first few years went without any major disturbance. Terraformers were installed on each half of the planet, quickly transforming the surface into a habitable environment. One day, however, Planetus began receiving strange readings from a Weyland-Yutani research station near the border to Planetus territory. Rumors surfaced about a new terraformer prototype being the cause for these readings. Concerned, Planetus inserted two of their spies into the staff of the research station, a human called Tobin A. Marshall and a synth of the LaFargue production line, both unaware of each other. Both agents had recording devices implanted into their eyes, and Marshall proceeded to record his findings in front of a mirror inside his cabin on a regular basis. After several attempts to get close to the prototype, Marshall found out that there wasn't any prototype present to begin with. Adding to the mystery was that the staff of scientists was gradually reassigned on dubious grounds and replaced with inexperienced workers. When only the two spies were left, LaFargue approached Marshall, revealing himself to be another Planetus spy and urging them to cooperate. But before they could act, a Weyland-Yutani strike team led by Charles Braley raided the facility and captured the two spies. Braley revealed that Weyland-Yutani had been aware of the presence of spies for some time and had been filtering out the staff until only two suspects remained. Braley tortured Marshall and the synth before he proceeded with the next phase of the master plan: Using robotic replications of the Chestburster Alien, he killed Marshall and the new staff and reported to Planetus that their research station had fallen victim to what seemed to be a Xenomorph infestation.

Planetus quickly sent a team to investigate the incident together with Braley, who feigned honest interest to solve this case. This team consisted of a Sleeper called Anders Kramm, a former investigator of Alien outbreaks for Weyland-Yutani, Frances Stauff, second-in-command for the local Planetus security forces, Bjorn and Jolena Heyward, a married couple working as a weapons team, and a team of three technicians called Gavin, Duncan and Kelly. While the latter proceeded to analyze the security cam footage of the research station, Kramm and Stauff went to the facility with Braley and the Heywards to work on-site. Kramm quickly noticed that something didn't add up and, using a download device provided by Planetus, retrieved the recordings from Marshall's eye. Back at the spaceport, Kramm and Stauff reviewed the material, discovering the truth behind the supposed infestation.

However, Braley had already planted a real Alien inside their spaceship and, assuming that this would take care of the two Planetus investigators, reported their deaths to the authorities and the media. The news caused Planetus stocks to plummet, and Weyland-Yutani acted on the opportunity by buying out the stocks and taking over Planetus. But Kramm and Stauff had in fact survived the trap and narrowly escaped off-world after picking up the Heywards and the technicians, who were also targeted for elimination. Using the computer facilities of Planetus that were now at his dispos-
al, Braley redirected the ship to the planet of Soulages, a former colony world that had been overrun by the Aliens and had been quarantined for the last thirty years. Kramm knew the planet, as it was the place where he had lost his family, which had caused him to leave Weyland-Yutani and become a Sleeper thirty years earlier.

After landing near a settlement, Kramm and the other survivors proceeded to explore the compound. They soon discovered that the layout of the settlement had been vastly transformed to house an artificial Alien hive used by Weyland-Yutani to harvest the creatures. Eventually, they reached the old common building and decided to settle down there for a rest. During the night, the Xenomorphs took two of the technicians, Duncan and Kelly. Kramm and the others found them at a central crater, only to discover that both of them had been impregnated. Knowing what would happen to them was inevitable, Kramm killed both of them. The remaining survivors managed to fight their way through the hived cave systems spreading out from the crater, only to reach a locked elevator. It was at this time that Gavin, the remaining Planetus technician, revealed himself to be an android and opened the elevator door by plugging into its keypad. The elevator led them directly to communications, where they were able to load a map of the compound at the expense of Gavin's life, who was killed by a computer virus when he probed the system. The map showed Kramm and the rest the way to a nearby landing pad. After fighting many Xenomorph warriors and an Egg Harvester, only Kramm, Stauff and a badly-injured Bjorn remained to enter the short-range flyer parked on the landing pad. Frances piloted the ship through the dome surrounding the compound and crash-landed it inside the Weyland-Yutani research installation on the nearby moon. There, they took over the facility from the small staff of scientists, send out a distress call and prepared for the retaliatory strike by Weyland-Yutani. The outcome is unknown. (A:NE)

Calabrese: A male human and a USM soldier assigned to the security team aboard the Auriga. He was present on the ship during the breakthrough of the cloning project and at one point took down Ripley 8 together with another USM soldier, DiStephano, to prevent her from killing Dr. Wren. His final fate is unknown. (A:RES)

Call, Annalee: A “female type” second-generation android and member of the smuggling crew involved in the Auriga incident. Call was manufactured by other androids, classifying her as an Auton. When this new type of androids became problematic, Call went underground in order to escape the subsequent purge. By the time of the Auriga incident, the Autons were virtually wiped out of existence. It is unknown exactly when Call learned of the Xenomorph, only that the account of the Fury 16 incident written by Morse, the sole survivor of these events, was a major source of information for her. In any case, Call made it her mission to ensure that the Xenomorphs would never again become a threat, and when she learned about the cloning project on the Auriga, Call enlisted on the smuggling crew of Frank Elgyn, who agreed to provide the Auriga research team with human hosts.

Once aboard the Auriga, Crew sneaked away from her quarters and gained access to the cell where Ripley 8 was held. She came too late: The queen embryo had already been removed from her body, and soon, the security troops caught up with Call and took her into custody. When Wren brought Call to the mess hall where the rest of the Betty's crew was present and confronted Elgyn about the incident, the situation escalated: The smugglers just had killed most of the soldiers in defense when the Xenomorph outbreak started. The crew took off to the docking bay and teamed up with Ripley 8 on the way, something to which Call strongly objected because she didn't trust the hybrid clone. Call was later shot by Wren in a shaft above the flooded kitchen. Call fell back into the water and was believed to be dead, only to reappear shortly after. Because of this and the gunshot wound exposing her innards, Call could no longer hide her android identity from the rest of the escapees. However, this revelation which at first ashamed her would prove vital in their escape. From the ship's chapel, Call accessed the Auriga's computer systems, unlocking the doors to the docking bay and setting the ship on a self-destruct course with Earth. She was assisted by Ripley 8, with whom she had found to have an odd kind of kinship because of their duality. Call managed to escape the
Auriga aboard the Betty and was later saved from the Newborn by Ripley 8, and with the nightmare finally over, landed to Earth with the other survivors. (A:RES)

Caterpillar P-5000 Powerloader: A powerloader used by both civilian and military organizations, including the USCM, at the end of the 22nd century. Requires at least a Class-2 license to operate. The P-5000 is capable of handling loads up to 4 tons and was designed to accommodate the movement capabilities of a human, with articulation points at the joints and the hip section. The manipulators can be fully rotated and feature attachment point for various tools, such as a torcher. The P-5000 also has a gyro-stabilizing system to prevent toppling and can additionally be loaded with up to 250 kilograms of ballast to provide a secure footing. (A2, A:INF, CMTM)

Christie: A male human and and a member of the band of smugglers involved in the Auriga incident. Armed himself with two concealed handguns attached to a wrist brace mechanism that allowed him to slide the guns into his hands when needed. Christie carried Vriess on his back when the group of survivors had to traverse the flooded kitchen on their escape. While climbing a ladder in a shaft adjacent to the kitchen, a Xenomorph grabbed Christie's foot and severely injured him by spitting a stream of acid into his face. Although he managed to kill the creature, its body still clanged to him. Christie sacrificed himself by cutting himself loose from Vriess, causing him and the dead Xenomorph to fall down into the water and thus releasing Vriess from the heavy weight that threatened to pull him down along with him. (A:RES)

Chestburster: The second stage of the Xenomorph life-cycle. Snake-like in appearance, a Chestburster is no longer than 30 centimeters and lacks fully-developed limbs, with the exception of a Queen Chestburster,. A Xenomorph in its Chestburster stage is quite vulnerable and can only rely on speed and stealth to survive. Solely its sharp teeth can provide limited defense capabilities. After a Facehugger has impregnated a host, the embryo gestates in the chest region of the organism (hence its name), slowly draining its resources to grow. When the embryo has fully developed into the Chestburster stage, its literally bites its way out, resulting in the death of the host. After it has freed itself from the body, its instincts command it to go into hiding where it will grow into an adult Xenomorph in a matter of hours, shedding its skin an unknown number of times in the process. Reports remain ambiguous whether a Chestburster requires additional food to complete this transformation.

Claro: A star system. One planet in the system is Titus-Carminel 7. (A:NE)

Clauss, Brian: A male human and a member of the team of scientist assigned to the cloning project aboard the Auriga in the late 24th century. It is unknown whether Kinloch escaped the Auriga during the Xenomorph outbreak in 2381 or died aboard the ship. (A:RES)

Clemens, Jonathan: A male human serving as a physician in the penal colony on Fiorina 161 during the Fury 16 incident in 2179. Born in Redditch, Worcestshire, United Kingdoms on October 10, 2128.

Clemens was once a promising young medicine student and acquired his doctor's license some time before 2169. However, he also had secretly developed an alcohol and Morphium addiction, and his career would come to an end in 2169. Doctor Clemens was called in for a medical emergency situation after a fuel gas station had exploded. Clemens was intoxicated at that time and thus made a fatal mistake in prescribing the wrong dose of painkillers. Because of that, eleven people died. Clemens had his doctor's degree revoked and was reduced to a class 3-C medical license. Subsequently, he was sent to the Fiorina 161 penal colony, sentenced for seven years of prison. Clemens served this sentence and decided to stay on Fiorina 161 afterward to continue working in his profession.

When Ripley's EEV crashed into the ocean adjacent to the prison facility, it was Clemens who wit-
nessed the accident and found and carried Ripley to the complex for treatment. He informed Andrews of the incident, supervised Ripley's recovery and filled her in about her current situation and life on Fury 16, even agreeing to let Ripley to explore the facility under his supervision. He later acted against Superintendent Andrews' orders when he performed an autopsy on Newt on Ripley's request. This further worsened his relationship with Andrews, which was problematic enough as it was. Clemens was also called to provide his opinion on the mysterious death of Murphy and pointed Ripley to the scrapyard where Bishop's remains had been brought. During this time, Clemens and Ripley had developed a sexual relationship and also a degree of trust on Clemens' side, who let her in on his tragic past. Ripley on the other hand was unable to trust Clemens completely, refusing to reveal the signs of a Xenomorph threat to him. Clemens had just told his story to Ripley when the Xenomorph appeared in the infirmary and killed him.

**Climacus**: A Stinger-class cruiser built in the seventies of the 22nd century. The Climacus and its crew landed on the planet Soulages in the first decade of the 23rd century, years after the world had been quarantined due to a Xenomorph infestation. Abandoned by its original crew and stripped by scavengers, it was discovered by the survivors of the C-3 L/M incident in 2232 near a settlement which had been turned into an artificial Alien hive by Weyland-Yutani.

**Company, The**: A popular colloquial term used to refer to the Weyland-Yutani corporation.

**Conestoga-class space transport**: A class of military transport vessels used by the USCM corps in the 60s and 70s of the 22nd century. While being the corps' main instrument for moving and deploying troops across the far reaches of space, the Conestoga has also proven its value in a variety of other roles, like space combat and orbital bombardment. A famous example for a Conestoga-class ship is the Sulaco, which was involved in the Hadley's Hope incident in 2179. By this time, 27 of the 36 ships of the class that had been originally built remained in military service while the rest had been retrofitted for commercial use.

With a length of over 385 meters and a mass of 78.000 tons, the Conestoga is, despite its relatively light armament, an impressive sight. Power to all systems, including the engines, is provided by a Westingland A-59 fusion reactor, its fuel capacity of 900 tons of lithium-hydride sufficient for one year. In case of critical damages, the whole reactor assembly can be jettisoned into space. An array of four Continental Electric AS-4B and AV5 series Magnetohydrodynamic turbines serves as backup generators.

The drive section of the Conestoga is outfitted for both sublight speed, using four Gates-Heichmann GF-240 rocket motor, and FTL travel with a Romberg-Rockwell Cygnus-5 hyperdrive tachyon shunt, which is regulated by 480-510 mTY tachyon field accelerators and provides speeds of up to 0,74 light years per day. The ship's armor is relatively heavy for a transport, sporting a single armored “skin” consisting of multiple layers to provide protection against various kinds of damage. The spacious cargo area is accessed by 5 external loading doors and enhanced with two exterior crane tracks. This area is connected with the launch hangar below, which can support up to four shuttles. Additionally, the ship is outfitted with 20 EEVs, should the need for an evacuation arise. The Conestoga provides cryosleep facilities for 90 passengers, although the cargo hold can be outfitted with up to 2000 additional tubes for massive troop deployments. Additional life-support features are an adjustable artificial gravity system and inertial dampeners. To reduce the workload of the crew, the Conestoga class systems, controlled by a 28 terabyte Carbon 60 core mainframe situated behind the flight deck, are fully automated, with override and access options available at any time from one of the computer terminals across the ship. Auxiliary options are an 8 terabyte backup core and a third, localized backup system. The command options include a self-destruct option with a delay of 15 minutes.

Most of the Conestoga's sensors are placed in a phalanx of antennas on the front of the ship. Up to 90 meters in length, these antennas include two optical telescopes, two infrared telescopes and a 60-meter-long planar radio telescope which is supported by a 20 meter-long passive backup antenna.
Active sensors consist of 3 main radomes for navigation and deep-space scanning with an effective range of up to 80,000 kilometers. 5 dedicated weapon radars are located over the entire shipframe while a dorsal antenna is used for FTL navigation. Communication capabilities are provided by a 60 meter-long hyperstate antenna for interstellar distances and 16 secondary antennas and various other systems, like microwave relays and low-band options, for intra-system and short-range transmissions. Stealth characteristics of the ship include absorbents, infrared suppressors on the engines and a cooling tower that further lowers the infrared profile.

As the Conestoga is mainly a transport ship, the armament is relatively light. Its main weapon is a dorsal launch bay for 8 XIM-28A Long Range ASAT missiles. Two 800 MeV Neutral Particle Beams with a range of up to 100,000 kilometers are mounted on the side and are able to fire for a duration of 290 seconds. Dorsal and ventral rail gun turrets are fed by an autoloader capable of handling various ammunition types and can fire their projectiles with a velocity of 30rpm over a maximum range of 100 kilometers. Port and Starboard laser turrets act as interceptors, with an effective range of 20 kilometers while a ventral dispenser stores up to 60 fragmentation mines. A decoy bay in the aft section is outfitted with 20 decoy ballutes and two decoy drones. Finally, a main magazine forward of the shuttle bay stores 80 Re-entry Vehicles that can be outfitted with a range of warheads, including nuclear weapons, for orbital bombardments. (A2, A:INF, CMTM)

Crocker, Sven: A male human acting as the site manager of a Weyland-Yutani research facility on C-3 L/M. Had before worked as a supervisor on agricultural installations. As part of Weyland-Yutani's efforts to root out a spy at the facility, Crocker was reassigned and replaced by William Judge in 2232. (A:NE)

Crowe, Time: A male human serving the USCM corps. Ranked Private in 2179 when his unit became involved in the Hadley's Hope incident. He was killed during the cataclysmic foray into the Xenomorph hive inside the Atmosphere Processor. (A2)

Daihotai tractor: A 8x8 wheeled civilian ground vehicle used during the late 22nd century. Several variants were developed by Daihotai, with the more recent ones being powered by J-160 or J-180 series gas turbines, which can provide velocities of up to 110 km/h on even ground. However, the Daihotai tractors was also designed to handle rough terrain and is able to tackle vertical obstacles with a maximum height of 1,10 meters and to drive up slopes with a gradient of up to 70 degrees. Most types are outfitted with a cabin that houses a galley and berths for up to five people. These cabins are self-contained and equipped with a life-support system to make operation in hostile environments possible. The vehicle can be controlled from both the forward driver's cab and a workstation cab in the rear. (A2, CMTM)

Dallas, A.J.: A male human serving as the Captain of the cargo hauler Nostromo from 2120 to 2122. Born on February 27, 2076 in Wolf Point, Montana. Was involved in the Nostromo incident. At the age of 23, Dallas graduated from Mercaton flight academy on May 15, 2099. On May 11 of the following year, he entered the salvage business aboard the Snark as a pilot and navigator. On January 23, 2103, Dallas joined the crew of the UTX vessel Ganymede and continued to work aboard the ship until he entered military service as a pilot aboard the ORD fleet ship Leviathan at Liberty Echo. Eventually, Dallas received the Sunburst Medal of Honor for undisclosed reasons. Following his involvement in the Torin Prime civil war, Dallas ascended to the rank of Captain and took up command of the troop carrier Archangel. His career in the military came to a sudden end, when the Archangel was destroyed during a peacekeeping mission to Thedus on December 25, 2109. Dallas was made responsible for the incident, which cost the lives of 15293 people, and received a dishonorable discharge from the ORD a week later. Dallas decided to opt for going into smuggling business and began service aboard the Vidar on April 23, 2113. About a year later, Dallas
had earned enough money to buy his own ship, which he christened the Tremolino. His relationship with Weyland-Yutani Corporation started when he accepted freelance cargo hauling duty for the company on July 21, 2114. On December 7, 2119, the Tremolino was decommissioned and its crew disbanded for unknown reasons. However, only about a month later, Dallas entered permanent Weyland-Yutani employment as the commander of the Nostromo on January 4, 2120, gaining flight status B. He remained in this capacity up to and including the Nostromo incident in 2122.

When the crew of the Nostromo was unexpectedly woken after the ship’s computer MOTHER had received the alien signal originating from LV-426, Dallas decided to follow due protocol and land the ship on the planetoid. He also directed the search party to the derelict, but was later killed when he was traversing the Nostromo's vent system to track down and kill the Xenomorph. (A1)

**Darby, Matthew:** A male human working as a representative for the Planetus corporation. Darby oversaw the reactivation of Anders Kramm in 2232, when a supposed Xenomorph infestation on the planet C-3 L/M had deemed it necessary for Planetus, who shared the planet with its rival Weyland-Yutani, to send an investigator well-versed with the creatures. After Kramm's physical rehabilitation, Darby briefed him on the details of the incident and his mission. When Kramm and Stauff, a Planetus employee working on the case with him, discovered that the infestation was an elaborate ruse by Weyland-Yutani, they informed Darby, who sent back a message in which he ordered both of them to come back to him as soon as possible.

However, Weyland-Yutani had quickly managed to take over Planetus as a result of their scheme. All offices were taken by force, and Darby was tortured and interrogated by Braley, the Weyland-Yutani mastermind behind the whole operation. Darby eventually gave in and told Braley about the whereabouts of Kramm, Stauff and some other individuals involved in the Planetus investigation. Darby was ordered to send a last message to the spacecraft of the survivors, informing them about the situation. His final whereabouts are unknown, though he was probably killed after he was of no more use to Weyland-Yutani. (A:NE)

**David:** A male human and one of the prisoners involved in the Fury 16 incident. Before his sentence on Fiorina 161, David had been present during a fatal accident involving the highly flammable liquid Quinitricetyline. David helped in setting the trap to capture the Alien using the same liquid, but later died during the climatic bait and chase aimed at luring the creature into the blast furnace. (A3)

**Derelict:** A term referring to the remains of a Space Jockey spacecraft lying crashed on the surface of the planetoid LV-426 by the time of the Nostromo incident in 2122. As it carried hundreds of Xenomorph eggs, the Derelict is noted for acting as the source of the first two major recorded outbreaks of the Xenomorph organism in human history. The Derelict spanned over 150 meters in length and was of an U-like configuration. The appearance of the ship was dominated by organic forms both on the inside and the outside. This unique design is consistent with other Space Jockey artifacts discovered by humanity.

The exact date of the Derelict's crash on LV-426 is unknown, but judging by the fact that the pilot was fossilized when discovered in 2122, it must have been a long time ago, possibly even during the galaxy-wide Xenomorph infestation 1.6 billion years in the past. The exact circumstances of the crash are also unknown, although we do know that the ship carried a large amount of Xenomorph eggs at the time and that, at one point, the pilot had been impregnated by a Facehugger, so this may have played a role. However, whether the ship crashed because of a Xenomorph outbreak on board or was crashed on purpose remains a matter of debate, as well as the possibility that the ship was crashed on purpose. What is certain is that after the crash, a beacon was activated that began sending an acoustic signal repeating every 12 seconds.

The Space Jockeys were aware of the Derelict and its deadly cargo and traded its location with a black ops division inside human government called Loki who had established contact with the race some time ago. Loki in turn passed the Derelict's coordinates along to one of their allies, Weyland-
Yutani, who altered the course of one of their ships, the *Nostromo*, so that it would pass LV-426 close enough to pick up the Derelict's signal. Following protocol that commands investigation of such signals, the ship's mainframe woke up the crew from hypersleep, which subsequently landed the ship on the planetoid's surface. Most of the crew thought that the signal was a distress beacon, although Ripley suggested it may have been a warning signal. A hazard team left the *Nostromo* and eventually discovered the source of the signal, the Derelict. The crew members discovered the fossilized pilot and also took note of its chest burst open, but as they were unaware of both the Space Jockeys and the Xenomorph, they proceeded without more than a superficial observation of the find. One of the crew members, Kane, entered the Derelict's cargo hold to discover a vast amount of Xenomorph eggs and became impregnated when approaching one of the spores. The crew carried Kane back to the *Nostromo*, and soon after, the ship left LV-426. These events and the subsequent Xenomorph infestation aboard the *Nostromo* would become known as the *Nostromo* incident.

During the following decades, volcanic activity on LV-426 damaged the Derelict and buried parts of it. Meanwhile, humanity colonized LV-426, but remained unaware of the Derelict's existence. When Ripley, the last survivor of the *Nostromo* incident, was able to give her report of the Derelict in 2179, a representative of Weyland-Yutani, Carter Burke, provided the administration of the Hadley's Hope colony with the coordinates of the Derelict for investigation. The administration assigned the task to the Jorden family who set out for the location and eventually discovered the Derelict. Russ and Ann Jorden proceeded to explore the ship during which Russ stumbled over the cargo hold and became impregnated by a Facehugger, eventually causing the Xenomorph infestation of Hadley's Hope and, in further consequence, the Hadley's Hope incident. When the Atmosphere Processor adjacent to the colony exploded in the culmination of the incident, the Derelict was presumably taken with it. However, as the wreckage was located behind a large formation of rocks called the Ilum range, it is possible that the ship escaped the destruction unharmed. (A1, A2, A:INF)

**Dietrich, Cynthia:** A female human serving as a Med-Tech for the USCM corps. Ranking Corporal, she was part of the unit involved in the Hadley's Hope incident in 2179. In her capacity as medical officer, Dietrich tended to Rebecca Jorden, found to be the only survivor of the initial Xenomorph infestation of the colony. She was later incapacitated and captured by the Xenomorph after her squad had been ambushed inside their hive in the Atmosphere Processor nearby. What exactly happened to her afterward is unknown although her death is certain, either by giving birth to a Xenomorph or, at the latest, the explosion of the Atmosphere Processor. (A2)

**Dillon, Leonard:** A male human and one of the prisoners involved in the Fury 16 incident in 2179. Born in Baltimore, Maryland on January 30, 2138. Sentenced and sent to the Fiorina 161 penal facility for murder and rape.

At the point when Ripley arrived at Fury 16, Dillon was considered to be a spiritual leader and a figure of authority for the cult-like community the inmates had formed during their time on the planet. He was responsible for hosting and performing religious duties and rituals and also acted as a liaison to Superintendent Andrew. Dillon held a moving eulogy during Hicks' and Newt's funeral, but later reacted reservedly when Ripley approached him in the mess hall. However, he subsequently came to rescue Ripley from a rape attempt at the scrapyard, enacting violent punishment on the assailants as he felt was his responsibility. When the Xenomorph threat became apparent, Dillon agreed to help capture the creature and coordinated the efforts of the prisoners to prepare the trap. By then, a certain kind of trust and respect had developed between him and Ripley, and after she had discovered her impregnation, it was him whom she asked to kill her and destroy the embryo inside her. Dillon refused on the grounds that he wanted to kill the Xenomorph that had killed his friends and needed her to succeed, but promised her to honor Ripley's request afterward. Together with her, Dillon rallied the survivors for a last ditch effort to lure the Xenomorph into the blast furnace. Eventually, Dillon sacrificed himself to keep the Alien busy in the furnace so that Ripley could flood the furnace with molten lead and kill the creature. (A3)
DiStephano, Vincent: A male human and a USM soldier serving aboard the *Auriga* in 2381. In addition to guard and security duty, DiStephano was also sometimes tasked with occupying the observation capsule outside the highest levels of the ship. DiStephano was among the security staff who confronted the crew of the *Betty* in the mess shortly before the Xenomorph outbreak. Unlike his fellow soldiers, DiStephano survived the encounter and was captured by the smugglers. When the dire situation became apparent, DiStephano agreed to band together with the others and helped guiding them through the ship. He was among the few people to escape with the *Betty*, but was killed by the Newborn when he discovered the stowaway in the ship's docking bay. *(A:RES)*

Drake, Mark: A male human serving the USCM as a smart gun operation, sporting the rank of Private in 2179. Was part of the recon mission involved in the Hadley's Hope incident. By the time of the mission on LV-426, Drake had developed a close bond with Vasquez, the other smart gun operator of the unit. Tragically, during the Xenomorph ambush inside the colony's hive, Drake was killed by a spray of acid blood when Vasquez shot down a Drone near him. *(A2)*

Drone: The third stage of the Xenomorph life-cycle and the epitome of the species. Also known as Warrior Xenomorph, the Drone is – save for advanced types designated to hive control - considered to be the final, adult development stage. The Drone is an extremely dangerous and hostile organism, something that applies to the Xenomorph species as a whole, but is most evident in this type. Its sole purpose is to serve the hive, to defend it and expand it. As the workforce of the hive and the backbone of the Xenomorph society structure, the Drone is the most common type of Xenomorph and therefore has become synonymous for the species as a whole. Depending on the circumstances and the availability of hosts, a Drone population can range from around 100 to millions. However, it would be fatal to underestimate the presence of even just a single Drone.

A Drone's body mass is about 20 per cent larger than that of the host it originates from. Accordingly, a “human” Drone is about 2.5 meters tall. Drones move both bipedal and quadrupedal and are able to climb on walls and ceilings, demonstrating their general speed and agility. Their body structure is remotely humanoid, but features an exoskeleton covered by black oily skin, acidic blood and a long muscular tail. Sightings report that sometimes, this tail sports a sting that carries a non-lethal toxin, which the Drone uses to paralyze potential hosts. Other times, the tail ends in a small fin the Drone uses to navigate in aquatic environments. The reason for this variation is unknown, but considering that the latter variation was spotted on the Drones resulting from the cloning project aboard the *Auriga*, one can assume that the variation is a by-product of the mixing of human and Alien DNA. Four tube-like organs extend from the back, one more feature which has eluded scientist minds. One theory suggests that they are used as some kind of snorkel when the creature is submerged in water.

Another striking feature is the elongated head. This head sports no visible eyes, but theories suggest that that the expanded headcase houses sensory organs that would be a suitable equivalent. Beyond this, the reason for the unique form of the head is unknown. The mouth features, among viciously sharp fangs, an inner jaw which can be extended with such speed and power that it can penetrate a human skull. Drones have been seen exhibiting different head structures: During the *Nostromo* incident, the Drone had a smooth half-transparent dome, while the Drones in the Hadley's Hope incident had a more carapace-like structure covering their heads. Scientists assume that Drones shed their smooth head covering once the carapace underneath it has fully developed, which would fit with the fact that the Hadley's Hope Drones have existed far longer than the *Nostromo* Alien.

A Drone is the result of a Chestburster that has completed its transformation. As the worker caste of the Xenomorph hierarchy, Drones are capable of secreting a resin-like substance they use to build the hive. A Drone is always in contact with its Queen through undiscovered, possibly subsonic or telepathic means. While this obviously provides a vast edge in efficiency, a Drone can also fall in state of shock if this contact is suddenly cut by the violent death of the matriarch. Small firearms
may take down a Drone relatively fast, though the organism has proven to be extremely resistant to environmental hazards like the vacuum of space. Drones are intelligent creatures which is evident in their ability to use stealth, assess a tactical situation and even ambush their victims. Advanced operations, however, are probably directed by the Queen.

**Dropship:** A collective term for a class of ships used for transferring people and equipment from a ship orbiting a planet down to the surface and vice versa. Dropships are used both for military and other purposes. An example for a dropship is the UD-4L “Cheyenne” combat dropship used by the USCM in the late 22nd century, including the Hadley's Hope incident in 2179. *(A2, A:INF, A:CMTM)*

**Duncan:** A male human working in a team of three technicians for Planetus in 2232, the other two being Gavin and Kelly. Was very ecology-minded, which had led him to sign up for Planetus in the first place. Was involved in the C-3 L/M incident. In 2232, the tech team Duncan was part of was tasked with examining the video records of a supposed Alien outbreak that had occurred at a Weyland-Yutani research facility on C-3 L/M, a planet shared by both corporations. The infestation turned out to be faked by Weyland-Yutani in a ploy to take over Planetus, and Duncan and his team were targeted for elimination. Together with Gavin and Kelly, he narrowly escaped the planet with the other Planetus personnel involved in the investigation. However, Weyland-Yutani had already succeeded in taking over Planetus and redirected the ship of the Planetus survivors to the colony world of Planetus where they were to face certain death at the hands of an actual Alien infestation. After landing on Souлагes, the group explored the nearby settlement-turned-artificial-hive in order to find a possibility to escape the planet. When the group settled down for the night, Duncan and Kelly were taken by the Aliens and got impregnated. The others later found Duncan at the central crater, the Facehugger still attached to his face, and Anders Kramm, who had led the investigation of the incident, was forced to shoot him. *(A:NE)*

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**EEV:** Abbreviation for Emergency Escape Vehicle. Describing a class of small modular vehicles installed aboard larger ships to eject and evacuate personnel in case of an emergency. EEVs are not full-fledged ships, often only provided with a very limited range and control capacities, its sole purpose being to safely transport person away from the crisis zone and home in towards the nearest ship, station or inhabited world. An example for an EEV is the Bodenwerke-Gemeinschaft Type 337 used by the USASF and USCM for their Valley Forge and Conestoga-class starships. A set of ten 337s was also installed aboard the *Sulaco*, which was ejected during the electrical fire shortly after the Hadley's Hope incident. *(A3, A:CMTM)*

**Egg:** An egg-like spore containing the Facehugger stage of the Xenomorph life-cycle. Sporting a leathery skin, a Xenomorph egg is quite durable and equipped to sustain a Facehugger over an indefinite amount of time. Furthermore, the egg is equipped with sensory organs that allows it to sense when a suitable host is nearby. If that is the case, the four lids on top of the egg open, releasing the Facehugger. A Xenomorph egg is created by a Queen and laid using a large ovipositor attached to her. An egg can be fed with a substance called Royal Jelly, altering the Facehugger inside to carry a Queen embryo. Unconfirmed reports suggest that an alternate form of creating a Xenomorph egg may exist, where a living organism can be used by an adult Xenomorph to transform it into an egg.

**Egg Harvester:** A remote-controlled robot drone used by Weyland-Yutani scientists to harvest Xenomorph eggs from the artificial hive on the planet Soulages. The Egg Harvester moved on threads, and its setup consisted of a large holding chamber and four appendages, of which two were
equipped with guns while the other two sported grabbing pincers. Anders Kramm, Frances Stauff and Bjorn Heywards fought an Egg Harvester on the landing pad of the hive during the C-3 L/M incident in 2232. (A:NE)

Elgy, Frank: A male human and the leader of the band of smugglers involved in the Auriga incident. Captain of the Betty and the romantic partner of Hillard. Had been acquainted with General Perez, the commander of the Auriga, before the incident. When the cloning project aboard the Auriga proved to be successful, Elgy struck a deal with Perez: In exchange for hard cash, he would deliver a special cargo to the research vessel: humans. Elgy and the crew of the Betty hijacked a passenger liner bound for Xarem and transferred the occupied cryotubes to the Betty. Shortly before the incident, the Betty docked with the Auriga and loaded off the cargo. Elgy afterward met with Perez, inquiring about the secretive circumstances and the purpose of their special cargo without any success. Elgy was later killed during the escape to the Betty when he was ambushed by a Xenomorph while looting a seemingly abandoned corridor for weapons. (A:RES)

Empress: A larger variant of the Xenomorph Queen. The need for an Empress arises when there are several Xenomorph hives sharing the same territory. The hives will then fight for supremacy, and after the Queen of the inferior hive has been eliminated, the Queen of the victorious transforms into an even more monstrous incarnation and takes up control of the remains of both hives, effectively merging them into a single, larger Xenomorph society. (A:GEN)

Eric: A male human and one of the prisoners involved in the Fury 16 incident. Was working as the cook of the prison community. Eric was one of the prisoners killed during the last ditch effort to lure the Alien in the blast furnace. (A3)

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Facehugger: The first stage of the Xenomorph life-cycle. Spider-like in its appearance, a Facehugger's body consists of a torso, eight finger-like appendages and a muscular tail. This anatomy makes a Facehugger extremely fast and agile, which makes up for its small size and vulnerability. Unlike most other Xenomorph incarnations, a Facehugger's skin has a pale brown color. However, like any other stages of the Xenomorph life-cycle, its blood is acidic in nature. A Facehugger begins its life inside an egg laid by the Queen. When a host is nearby, the egg opens, and the Facehugger uses its tail to propel it into the host's face, enveloping it in a firm grip around the head. Should the initial impregnation attempt fail, the Facehugger will viciously pursue its victim to make another attempt to attach itself. Using and extendable appendage on the underside of its torso, the Facehugger implants the Xenomorph embryo it carries inside the host through the mouth. For the majority of the embryo's growth, the Facehugger remains attached to the organism, keeping it alive by unknown means. The tail, which is wrapped firmly around its throat, and the acidic blood make it virtually impossible to remove a Facehugger once it has attached itself. When the embryo development into the Chestburster stage is ensured, the Facehugger's purpose is complete. It removes itself from the host and shortly after, the Facehugger dies.

Ferro, Colette: A female human and a Colonial Marine, inhibiting the rank of Corporal in 2179. Trained in piloting a Cheyenne dropship. Was part of the USCM unit involved in the Hadley's Hope incident. Ferro was responsible for performing the combat drop that brought the recon party down to the colony. She was later killed by a Xenomorph stowaway when she piloted the dropship to the Atmosphere Processor to pick up the survivors of the ambush inside the hive on Sub-Level 3. (A2)

Fiorina 161: A remote planet located in the Neroid sector and the location of the Fury 16 incident.
An inhospitable world ravaged by rough winds and dominated by oceans and barren landscapes, although the atmosphere is sufficient to support human life and nourishes a fauna mainly consisting of fish and insects. While during daylight, the surface can be traversed in sufficient clothing, the temperature drops significantly during the night.

The only human settlement on Fiorina 161 was a maximum security correctional facility for XX-male criminals. Originally, the complex had been an ore refinery built by the Weyland-Yutani corporation to harvest platinum-class minerals. When the refinery ceased to be profitable, the corporation rented out the place as a prison. Weyland-Yutani still owned the place and eventually wanted to completely close down the facility. However, in the meantime, the prisoners had formed a religious community under guidance of Dillon and refused to go. The corporation decided to refrain from closing the prison, instead keeping the remaining staff of 25 people as caretakers, should the refinery become profitable again someday.

The Fiorina 161 complex was a vast installation spanning over 10 square kilometers of length. By 2179, the facility had reached a state of deterioration, leaving almost the entire security surveillance system non-functional. Large portions were abandoned and the equipment had been left behind to be picked up by prisoners during scavenger hunts. Even the heavy duty vehicles remained on the planet because it would have been too costly to transport them off-world. This policy resulted in large parts of the bay adjacent to the facility filled with enormous amounts of scrap and wreckage. A prominent feature were several blast furnace once used to melt the raw materials into form for transportation. By 2179, the furnaces were mainly used for cremation funerals. During the Fury 16 incident, they were fired up again, first for giving last rites to the bodies of Hicks and Newt and later for luring and killing the Xenomorph let loose in the prison. The Weyland-Yutani team sent to secure a Xenomorph just arrived in time to witness Ripley killing herself and the Queen embryo inside her by dropping down into the furnace. Subsequently, the team relocated the only survivor, the prisoner Morse, and shut down the facility. \( (A3) \)

**Fontaine, Trish:** A female human and a member of the team of scientists assigned to the cloning project aboard the *Auriga* in the late 24th century. Unlike the other scientists, she was still ranked as a PhD student. It is unknown whether Fontaine escaped the *Auriga* during the Xenomorph outbreak or died aboard the ship. \( (A:RES) \)

**Frank:** A male human and one of the prisoners involved in the Fury 16 incident. Sentenced for life at the Fiorina 161 penal colony. He discovered the Queen Facehugger that had impregnated Ripley in the slaughterhouse of the facility. Unaware to what he had found, he mistook the Xenomorph for an indigenous lifeform. He later was killed by the Xenomorph during the preparations for capturing the Alien. His death caused the quintricetyline used in the attempt to be triggered prematurely, killing several prisoners in the process and almost foiling the plan. \( (A3) \)

**Frost, Ricco:** A male human and a Colonial Marine. Ranked Private, Frost was trained in driving an APC. He was a part of the fateful recon mission to LV-426 which would turn into the Hadley's Hope incident. Frost was killed during the Xenomorph ambush inside the colony's hive when he was engulfed by the flamethrower Dietrich had accidentally triggered during the frenzy. \( (A2) \)

**Fury 16:** An abbreviating nickname for Fiorina 161. \( (A3) \)

**Fury 16 incident:** A Xenomorph infestation on the prison planet Fiorina 161, nicknamed “Fury 16”, in 2179. It was the third and final infestation involving Ellen Ripley and also the third, failed attempt by the Weyland-Yutani corporation to secure a Xenomorph specimen for its bio-weapons division.

The Fury 16 incident took place only several weeks after the Hadley's Hope incident. The three survivors of that incident, Ripley, Rebecca “Newt” Jorden and Corporal Dwayne Hicks were in hypersleep aboard the *Sulaco* on its journey back to Earth. By the time they entered hypersleep, they were
unaware that several Xenomorph eggs had been smuggled aboard the ship. Eventually, the eggs hatched, and the Facehuggers set out to follow their purpose. When one of the creatures tried to get access to Newt's cryosleep tube, the glass was ruptured and injured the Facehugger, spilling his acid blood on the ground. The liquid found its way into a maintenance area beneath the hypersleep facilities and ate through critical equipment, causing an electrical fire in the process. The ship integrity was fatally compromised, and the mainframe ordered the hypersleep tubes to be transported into one of the Sulaco's EEVs. Subsequently, the Sulaco went back to normal speed, arriving in orbit of the Outer Rim planet Fiorina 161. All of the ship's ten EEVs were ejected, among them the only occupied escape vehicle carrying the survivors of the Hadley's Hope incident. The EEV set course to the near planet and, lacking a landing beacon to safely land, crashed into the ocean near the only human settlement on the planet, a correctional work facility operated by Weyland-Yutani. During the crash, Hicks and Newt were killed while still in hypersleep, leaving only Ripley to survive. Her unconscious body was flushed out of her cryotube and was spilled onto the nearby beach.

Clemens, the medical officer of the facility, witnessed the crash and found Ripley's body on the shore. He carried her back to the prison where he put her under medical care and ordered some prisoners to retrieve the wreckage from the bay. Andrews, the administrator of the prison, was also notified, who in turn sent a message to Weyland-Yutani, reporting what happened and requesting immediate extraction of Ripley. The company at first merely acknowledged the reception of the message. Meanwhile, one of the Facehuggers from the Sulaco, which had also survived the crash, attacked and impregnated the dog of one of the prisoners who helped in transporting the EEV into the complex without being seen. Later that day, Andrews formally informed the prisoners of the situation. Ripley was brought in the facility's infirmary for recovery. Eventually, she woke up and was filled in by Clemens about the situation. Ripley decided to check out the EEV and went to the wreckage with Clemens, where they discovered an acid burn on the inside of the wreckage. Fearing that there may be a Xenomorph present, Ripley convinced Clemens to perform an autopsy on Rebecca Jorden's body under the pretense of a possible cholera infection. However, the results of the obdication did not confirm her suspicions, and in the evening, the bodies of Hicks and Jorden were cremated in one of the blast furnace. It was during that funeral that the Xenomorph embryo completed its gestation period, erupting from the animal and disappearing into the depths of the complex unnoticed.

Ripley tried to settle into her temporary life at the facility, even developing a sexual relationship with Clemens, when the fully-grown Xenomorph killed its first victim. The victim, a prisoner called Murphy, was cleaning Ventilation Shaft 22 in the second quadrant where he accidentally stumbled over the creature's hideout. The Runner attacked Murphy, which caused him to stumble into the fan and get ripped into pieces. The death was discovered, and Clemens was called to the scene to provide his medical opinion. While it seemed obvious to the administration that Murphy's death was a tragic accident, another acid burn in the shaft aroused Clemens' suspicions. He went to search for Ripley and found her as she was retrieving the blackbox of the EEV from the wreckage. On Ripley's request, Clemens pointed her to the scrapyard where the remains of the android Bishop had been brought. She hooked up Bishop's remains to the blackbox and ordered the android to reconstruct what happened on the Sulaco. Bishop confirmed Ripley's worst fears: Xenomorphs had been present on the ship, and Weyland-Yutani knew about it. Meanwhile, Andrews received a new message from the company, ordering him to treat Ripley as a top priority. Aware of the relationship between Clemens and Ripley, he called the medic to his office in order to get more information about Ripley. However, as Ripley had not let Clemens in on the possibility of a Xenomorph presence, Andrews' attempt was without success.

During an exploration tour to an abandoned part of the complex, three prisoners were attacked by the Runner, leaving only the prisoner Golic to survive and return to the inhabited parts of the facility. Golic told the inmates about the Xenomorph, but since Golic's mental state was questionable, Andrews came to the conclusion that Golic killed the other prisoners and ordered Golic to be fixated in the infirmary. Ripley, however, came to a different conclusion and made a futile attempt to warn Andrews. Ripley returned to the infirmary, only to witness the creature killing Clemens, but
oddly leaving her unharmed. Panicked, she ran into the nearby mess hall, where Andrews was about
to organize a search party for the supposedly missing prisoners. Again, Andrews ignored her warn-
ing, but was taken by the Xenomorph in front of the whole assembly of prisoners, making the exist-
ence of the creature a known fact among the community.
Scared and demoralized, the prisoners convened with Ripley to devise a plan to destroy the Xeno-
morph. As there were no weapons and the security surveillance system was broken, the options
were limited. With no means to kill the creature available, the group decided to lure the Runner into
a heavily armored industrial vault normally used for nuclear and toxic waste. The plan was to drive
it into the vault by covering the corridors leading to it with a highly inflammable liquid called
Quinitricetyline. The plan was eventually successful, but during the preparations, the Xenomorph
killed one of the prisoners and thus triggered the liquid prematurely. The fire cost many prisoners
their lives before it could be put out.
With the Xenomorph trapped, Ripley informed Weyland-Yutani of the threat and the successful cap-
ture. Suspicious of the company's agenda, she requested permission to eliminate the creature, re-
gardless of the fact that they did not have the necessary equipment on site. Her fear that Weyland-
Yutani would rather have the specimen alive for study was confirmed when the company immedi-
ately denied that permission. Meanwhile, Golic, whose encounters with the Xenomorph had led to a
mental breakdown, managed to flee the infirmary and release the creature from the vault. By this
time, Ripley's rapid deterioration in health led her to consider the possibility that she may have been
impregnated with a Xenomorph, and a medical scan inside the EEV wreckage confirmed her worst
suspicions, with not only a Xenomorph, but a Queen gestating inside her. The results of the scan
were subsequently transmitted to Weyland-Yutani, which decided to act on the promise of gathering
a live Xenomorph specimen and sent the modified Conestoga-class starship *Patna* under the com-
mand of an advanced Bishop-type android en route to Fiorina 161.
The surviving prisoners and Ripley decided to try one last effort to kill the Xenomorph. The idea
was to kill the creature by luring it into one of the facility's blast furnaces, and Ripley was to play a
key role as she had found out that the creature would not endanger the Queen embryo inside her and
therefore not harm her. The Xenomorph was eventually killed after many of the remaining prisoners
had given their life for the plan to succeed. The Weyland-Yutani team arrived at the furnace to find
Ripley, Aaron and Morse as the only survivors of the Xenomorph infestation. The leader of the
team, who introduced himself as “Michael Bishop”, the supposed creator of the Bishop android
model, tried to convince Ripley to come with him. Ripley refused and sacrificed herself by throw-
ing herself into the molten steel, taking the Queen embryo with her.
The team shut down the facility and left, but not before taking blood samples of Ellen Ripley for
cryogenic storage, which would lead to a successful cloning of Ripley and the Queen inside her 200
years later. Aaron had been killed after he had attacked Michael Bishop, and so, Morse remained as
the only survivor of the incident and was relocated to an undisclosed location. However, he wrote
an account of the Fury 16 incident which would get leaked into public. The book was banned, but at
least one copy of the text survived the purge. (A3)

**Gateway Station:** A space station orbiting Earth. Built in mid-22nd century, Gateway consisted of
four huge tower-like modules connected by struts in a cube-like configuration. Gateway was a hub
for commercial and military activities in known space. Gateway also acted as a customs post where
all good would were processed before reaching Earth. The space station further housed living
spaces for civilians.
After the Ripley's shuttle had been discovered in 2179, she was brought to Gateway for recovery.
Gateway Station was also the place where her subsequent inquiry was held. Some time later, the
fateful recon mission to LV-426 departed from Gateway aboard the *Sulaco*. Gateway still existed at
the end of the Alien infestation on Earth in 2197. (A2)
**Gavin:** A male-type android working as a technician for Planetus in 2232. Gavin was part of a team of three, together with his colleagues Duncan and Kelly, who were unaware of Gavin's synth identity. Was involved in the C-3 L/M incident. In 2232, Planetus was informed of a possible Alien outbreak at a research station operated by Weyland-Yutani on the planet C-3 L/M, which was owned by both Planetus and Weyland-Yutani. Together with Duncan and Kelly, Gavin was assigned with the task of scanning the video footage from the facility's security cams. Eventually, the supposed infestation turned out to be a ruse by Weyland-Yutani to take over Planetus, and Gavin and his colleagues were targeted by the Company for elimination. Together with his team, the two ex-marines Bjorn and Jolena Hayward and the two investigators, Anders Kramm and Frances Stauff, he narrowly escaped C-3 L/M aboard an automated Planetus spacecraft. However, Weyland-Yutani, who had acquired Planetus in the meantime, redirected the course of the ship to Soulages, a former colony world infested by Aliens. After the landing, Gavin and the other survivors explored the nearby settlement, hoping to find some means of escape. There, he lost Duncan and Kelly to the Xenomorphs, leaving him as the only survivor of the three technicians. Gavin, Kramm, Frances and the Heywards managed to traverse the hive, only to be denied access to an elevator leading to the communications station. Gavin decided to reveal his android identity and overrode the door lock by plugging into its keypad. When he tapped into the system of the communications terminal, the system reacted violently towards the intruder and killed Gavin by infecting him with a computer virus. (A:NE)

**Gediman, Jonathan:** A male human and a member of the science team assigned to the cloning project operated aboard the USM Auriga in 2381. A gifted scientist and assistant to the project's leader, Dr. Wren. Once Ripley 8 had proven to be a successful creation, Gediman was entrusted by Wren with supervising and performing the extraction of the Queen embryo. He felt a paternal affection for his creation and convinced Wren to let Ripley 8 live after the extraction. After a sufficient number of Xenomorphs had been cultivated, Gediman proceeded with behavioral studies of the creatures, noting their ability to communicate and learn. Later, he witnessed the Xenomorph outbreak first-hand and was taken to the Queen's hive. Shortly before the Auriga's destruction hours later, Ripley met a cocooned and insane Gediman in the hive, who was then killed by the newly-hatched Newborn. (A:RES)

**Ghahwagi, Karim:** A male human working as an atmosphere specialist at a Weyland-Yutani research station on C-3 L/M in the early thirties of the 23rd century. In 2232, Weyland-Yutani reassigned a major part of the research staff, including Ghahwagi, to root out a Planetus spy at the facility. (A:NE)

**Golic:** A male human and one of the prisoners involved in the Fury 16 incident. Was sentenced for 32 grizzly murders and 13 acts of arson. Was an outcast even among his fellow inmates, who claimed that he was dangerous and avoided him whenever they could. Some time after Ripley had arrived at the colony, Golic was on an assignment in the depths of the facility together with Boggs and Raine when the Xenomorph attacked and killed his two comrades. Golic survived, however traumatized by the encounter, and was found sitting in the mess hall covered in the blood of the victims. Although Golic reported of a “dragon”, Andrews did not believe his story, instead coming to the conclusion that Golic had went insane and killed Boggs and Raine himself. Golic was fixated and put under surveillance in the infirmary. He eventually witnessed the death of Clemens by the hands of the Xenomorph. This event took its toll on Golic's mind who started to admire the creature and to deem it some sort of deity. After the Alien had been captured, he persuaded Morse, his only friend, who was on guard duty, to release him, claiming that he was of no danger to anyone. Fatally, he believed him. Golic knocked Morse unconscious and went to the vault where the Xenomorph was contained. Golic killed the prisoners Arthur, who stood guard in front of the vault, and freed the Alien, which swiftly repaid Golic by killing him. (A3)
Gorman, William: A male human and member of the USCM corps. In his capacity as Lieutenant, Gorman led the recon mission to LV-426 in 2179 which would turn into the Hadley's Hope incident. Gorman accompanied Carter Burke as a representative of the Colonial Marines on his visit to Ripley where Burke notified her of the communication breakdown with the colony and tried to convince her to join a recon mission to the planetoid. During the mission, Gorman kept his distance to the unit assigned to the mission and later showed his inexperience and incompetence during the coordination of the squad's foray into the Xenomorph hive. He was oblivious to the fact that the hive was dangerously close to the Atmosphere Processor's cooling systems and, in a fatal lapse of judgment, ordered the unit to dispose of their weapons once he was made aware of the situation. When the Xenomorphs attacked, Gorman was unable to react to the sudden chaos and had to be removed forcefully from command by Burke to enable Ripley to drive the APC into the hive and rescue the soldiers. During the rescue, Gorman was injured and rendered unconscious and had to be brought to the medical facilities of the colony for treatment and recovery. This situation enabled Hicks to take command and order the unit to regroup and evacuate. He was released from medbay shortly before the Xenomorph attack on the command center and later died, sacrificing his life together with Vasquez by blowing up a grenade inside the the vents to cover the escape to the dropship. (A2)

Gregor: A male human and one of the prisoners involved in the Fury 16 incident in 2179. He was one of the prisoners who tried to rape Ripley at the scrapyard and was later injured during the inflammation of the quinitricetyline during the attempt to capture the Alien. Gregor was killed during the bait and chase aimed at luring the Xenomorph into the blast furnace. (A3)

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Hadley's Hope: A colony on LV-426 which would become the site of the second major contact of mankind with the Xenomorph organism during the Hadley's Hope incident in 2179. Founded North to one of the Atmosphere Processors installed on the planetoid during the 2150s after the processors had transformed the atmosphere of LV-426 to a state where it could be processed by humans. Sporting a population of around 60 to 70 families or 158 individuals at the time of the incident, Hadley's Hope consisted of a set of modular buildings divided in the West wing of the commercial and residential area and the East wing consisting of the administration facilities and was delineated by a storm wall in the North. The colony was self-sufficient and equipped with medical facilities and a research lab. A communications relays kept Hadley's Hope in touch with Earth, but was limited to sending transmissions over an orbital installation with a delay of one week. The colony was sponsored and at least partially operated by Weyland-Yutani.

During the first 20 years of its existence, Hadley's Hope remained functional without any major disturbances. When Burke passed along the coordinates of the Derelict to the colony's administrators Simpson and Lydecker for investigation, the Jorden family volunteered and departed from Hadley's Hope with one of the Daihotai tractors of the colony. Soon after, a distress call from the Jordens reached Hadley's Hope. Russ Jorden had been impregnated by a Facehugger while exploring the Derelict and was brought to the colony's medical facilities for treatment. The inevitable ensued, and in a matter of probably just days, the colony was infested with Aliens. The colony was damaged and put in disarray during the attack due to attempts by the colonists to fight the Xenomorphs. Eventually, the creatures retreated to the hive they had set up in the Atmosphere Processor nearby. When the recon mission arrived at Hadley's Hope roughly two months later, the general system of the colony were still functional. However, during a Xenomorph ambush in the processor's hive, the cooling systems were damaged, and within hours, the reactor went critical and exploded, taking the entire colony with it. (A2)  

Hadley's Hope incident: A Xenomorph outbreak taking place in the colony on LV-426 of the same name in 2179. It was the second major contact with the organism involving Ellen Ripley. The event would eventually become known among USCM as the “Acheron massacre”. 
The incident began when, 57 years after the Nostromo incident, the Narcissus and with it the only survivor of this fatal encounter with the Xenomorph, Ellen Ripley, were recovered by a deep space salvage team presumably on May 16, 2179. On June 8, the salvage team arrived at Gateway Station orbiting Earth where Ripley was put into medical care for recovery. It was during her four-day recuperation that Ripley met Carter Burke, a representative of the Weyland-Yutani corporation who had been sent to assist its former employee. On June 12, an inquiry was held aboard Gateway, where Ripley presented an account of the Nostromo incident. As there was no hard evidence for the existence of the Xenomorph, the inquiry dismissed Ripley's story and revoked her flight officer's license while refraining from putting charges. Burke retrieved the coordinates of the Derelict on LV-426 from the inquiry protocol and sent them to the colony of Hadley's Hope, which had been set up on the planetoid during the previous decades, for investigation.

A week later, on June 19, Hadley's Hope received the transmission and sent out the colonist Russ Jorden to investigate the coordinates. When Jorden left the colony on June 21, he took his family with him on the assignment, including his daughter Rebecca Jorden. Later that day, the Jorden family discovered the Derelict, and Russ went inside to investigate the ship together with his wife, Ann Jorden. During this investigation, Russ found the Xenomorph eggs inside the Derelict's cargo hold and became impregnated by a Facehugger. Soon after, the colony administration received a distress call from Ann Jorden, and subsequently, Russ was brought back to the colony and placed into medical care. While the details of what happened after are sketchy, it is obvious that the colony rapidly was overrun by the Xenomorph organism, which set up a hive in the Atmosphere Processor adjacent to the colony in the process. Almost the entire population was either killed or brought to the hive for impregnation. On July 3, 2179, Colony Administration lost contact with the colony.

Now forced to take Ripley's story into account as at least a possibility, a military reconnaissance mission was assembled to be sent to LV-426 to investigate the communication breakdown. For this mission, Lieutenant William Gorman was given command of a squad of Colonial Marines from the 2nd Battalion, 9th Regiment. Ripley was approached to take part in the mission as an adviser in exchange for having her license restored, and, after initially refusing, agreed to join. Burke, who was sent to supervise the mission on behalf of Weyland-Yutani, which had considerable financial investment in the colony, also was part of the roster. On July 6, Ripley, Burke and the Marines departed Gateway aboard the Conestoga-class space transport Sulaco.

Three weeks later, on July 27, the Sulaco arrived at LV-426. Bishop, the android assigned to the mission, proceeded to check out the deep-space communication relays to find it intact, excluding the possibility of a mechanical failure as the cause of the breakdown. On 09:00, the party left for the surface aboard one of the two UD-4L “Cheyenne” dropships aboard the Sulaco. During an initial flyover of the colony, it was discovered to be seemingly abandoned, with power basically intact. The dropship proceeded to land and deploy the party aboard an APC. Next, a large part of the Marine squad went out to investigate the complex, entering the Operations & Administration wing through the North Lock. Quickly, signs of battle were discovered, along with burn marks caused by Xenomorph blood. The rest of the party, including Ripley, Burke and Gorman, entered the wing soon after through the South Lock. The possibility of the Xenomorph being involved became a fact when the second party discovered Facehugger specimens contained in stasis tubes inside the medical facilities. Minutes later, Ripley and the Marines made an astounding discovery: Rebecca Jorden, who had managed to survive the Xenomorph onslaught by hiding in the colony's vent system. Rebecca was brought to the colony's command central where the squad set up a temporary headquarters. While checking the mainframe, PFC William Hudson, the communication tech of the squad, discovered that the PTD signals of the colonists were all emanating from Sub-Level 3 of the nearby Atmosphere Processor. Soon after, the group departed aboard the APC and entered the outer areas of the Processor.

When the Marines reached Sub-Level 3, they discovered that the whole structure has been transformed into a Xenomorph hive. The Marines were ambushed by the Xenomorphs, and only by Ripley's efforts, who had stayed behind in the APC, a number of Marines managed to escape the hive. However, several soldiers didn't make it out and were either killed or captured for impregna-
tion, including the squad's commander, Gunnery Sergeant Apone. Ripley suggested to evacuate and nuke the entire site from orbit. While Burke objected on the pretense of damaging Weyland-Yutani property, his authority was superseded by Corporal Dwayne Hicks, who had stepped up to the position of commander after Apone had been taken and Gorman had been rendered unconscious during the escape. The dropship's pilot, Warrant Officer Ferro, was ordered to pick up the survivors; however, the plan was foiled when a Xenomorph stowaway killed Ferro, and the dropship crashed into LV-426's surface, crippling the APC and leaving the remaining members of the mission stranded in the process.

Knowing that a rescue party would not arrive for another 17 days, Hicks ordered a retreat to the command center and set up a perimeter defense with Ripley's assistance, using the sentry guns salvaged from the APC. The sentries had managed to fight off an initial attack when Bishop found out that during the ambush inside the hive and the ensuing firefight, the cooling systems of the Atmospheric Processor had been critically damaged and the reactor would explode in about 4 hours, taking the entire colony with it. The survivors developed a plan to remote-access the second dropship aboard the Sulaco and pilot it down for evacuation. As all equipment necessary for doing this from the command center had been damaged, Bishop volunteered to go out to the colony's transmitter and use a mobile terminal in order to directly tap into the transmitter and call down the dropship from there. A second onslaught was barely stopped by the sentries, but the survivors knew that the Xenomorphs would have no difficulties in entering the headquarters in their next assault. While Ripley and Newt were asleep inside the medical facilities, Burke released the Facehuggers in the stasis tubes in order to impregnate Ripley and Newt and smuggle the Xenomorph specimens inside them past ICC quarantine back to Earth and into the possession of Weyland-Yutani. However, Ripley managed to set off the fire alarm, and both were barely rescued by the Marines.

As Ripley and the others contemplated what to do with Burke, the Xenomorphs managed to get inside the command center by using the maintenance space above the room. A desperate escape ensued, during which Burke was captured by a Xenomorph and taken to the hive. Newt led the remaining survivors through the vent system to the landing platform, but got separated and also taken by a Xenomorph. Ripley and Hicks, who were the only members of the mission left by this point, managed to reach the landing field, where Bishop was about to land the dropship. Ripley, who had developed a maternal affection to Newt, refused to leave without the girl and ordered Bishop to fly the dropship inside the Atmospheric Processor. Ripley managed to find Newt inside the hive and was about to leave with her when she was confronted by the Xenomorph Queen. Ripley destroyed the eggs inside the Queen's chamber and resumed her escape, with the enraged Queen right behind her. Just as the processor was about to explode, Ripley and Newt escaped to minimum safety distance aboard the dropship.

Back at the Sulaco, Hicks, who had been injured during the escape, was put into medical care. However, the Queen had been able to enter the Sulaco as a stowaway inside the landing strut space of the dropship and was unleashed in the docking bay, ripping Bishop in half. Ripley entered a Powerloader to fight the creature and subsequently managed to flush it out of one of the Sulaco's airlocks. With the crisis finally over, the Sulaco set course back to Earth, and Ripley, Hicks and Newt entered hypersleep - unaware that Xenomorph eggs were aboard the ship, an event which would eventually lead to the Fury 16 incident. (A2)

Heyward, Bjorn: A male human and an ex-marine working as a weapons team for Planetus in 2232 together with his wife Jolena. Had tremendous physical strength and was skilled with a wide range of weapons. Sported a calm personality and bore a deep affection for both his wife and his weapons. Was involved in the C-3 L/M incident.

When a supposed Xenomorph infestation was detected at a Weyland-Yutani research station on C-3 L/M, a planet owned by both Planetus and the Company, Bjorn and his wife were tasked with providing assistance to the investigation. They met up at the research station with the two Planetus investigators, Anders Kramm and Frances Stauff, and a Weyland-Yutani representative called Charles Braley and proceeded into the facility. Kramm and Stauff soon discovered that the “infesta-
tion" was a ruse by Braley to take over Planetus, and both them and Bjorn and Jolena were targeted by Weyland-Yutani for elimination. A small strike force tried to kill the two at their house on C-3 L/M without success, and Stauff showed up with a Planetus spacecraft soon after to pick them up and flee the planet. While Bjorn and most of the other survivors were in cryosleep, Braley, having succeeded in taking over Planetus, changed the course of the ship over remote control to land it on the Alien-infested world of Soulages. When Kramm discovered the course change and woke the rest of the survivors from hypersleep, Bjorn narrowly escaped death from a sabotaged cryotube. As the group fought their way through the settlement on Soulages, Bjorn and his array of weapons proved to be a valuable asset. However, Jolena was killed by Aliens during the escape and Bjorn himself suffered severe injuries, rendering his legs badly damaged. Kramm and Stauff flew Bjorn over to the Weyland-Yutani research station on the nearby moon, where they took over the facility and arranged medical care for Bjorn in order to replace his legs. His final fate is unknown. (A:NE)

**Heyward, Jolena:** A female human and an ex-marine working for the Planetus corporation in 2232 as a weapons team together with his husband Bjorn. Was involved in the C-3L/M incident. Jolena assisted the Planetus investigators Anders Kramm and Frances Stauff in investigating a supposed Alien outbreak at a Weyland-Yutani research station on the planet C-3 L/M. When it became apparent that the infestation was but an elaborate scheme by Weyland-Yutani to take over Planetus, all Planetus personnel involved in the investigation, including Jolena and Bjorn, were targeted for elimination by the Company. Luckily, Stauff and the Heywards had prepared a contingency plan for this case: After killing a small strike force sent to their house, Bjorn and Jolena escaped the planet with Stauff, Kramm and three technicians involved in the investigation aboard a Planetus spacecraft. However, Braley had already succeeded in taking over Planetus and remote-ordered the ship of the survivors to land on Soulages, a Weyland-Yutani-owned world infested by Xenomorphs. Jolena was killed by the creatures when the group was making their way to the landing pad of the settlement on Soulages. (A:NE)

**Hicks, Dwayne:** A male human and a Colonial Marine, inhibiting a rank of Corporal by the year 2179. Had a quiet and calm character. Carried an antique shotgun in addition to his normal gear, just to be sure. Was a member of the recon mission to LV-426 that would become involved in the Hadley's Hope incident. Hicks was one of the survivors of the ambush inside the Xenomorph hive at Sub-Level of Hadley's Hope's Atmosphere Processor. His pivotal role in the incident began when he stepped up from leader of the squad's B-Team to the position of commander after Apone's death inside the Hive. Hicks was impressed by Ripley's rescue attempt and now followed her assessment of the situation and the Xenomorph threat, deciding to retreat to the Sulaco and bombarding the colony from orbit. When the evacuation was foiled, Hicks ordered a retreat to the colony's command center. After checking the remaining equipment, he decided to fortify their position with the help of sentry guns and to cave in until Bishop would be able to land the second dropship. During this time, Hicks developed an affectionate relationship with Ripley and, together with other Marines, later rescued her and Newt from Burke's attempt to impregnate them with Xenomorph embryos. During the escape following the breach of the command center's defense, Hicks was seriously injured by Xenomorph blood and had to stay aboard the dropship when Ripley went back into the hive to rescue Newt. Aboard the Sulaco, the Corporal was immediately put into medical care. Hicks was later killed during hypersleep when the EEV, following the Sulaco's automated evacuation, crashed into Fiorina 161's ocean. (A2, A3)

**Hillard, Sabra:** A female human and one of the smugglers involved in the Auriga incident. Was the Betty's pilot and the romantic partner of the captain, Elgyn. Suffering heavily from the Elgyn's death early during the escape from the Xenomorph outbreak aboard the Auriga, she was later killed by a Xenomorph while the group was passing through the flooded kitchen of the ship. (A:RES)
Hora, Thomas: A male human. Had only worked for a short time for a Weyland-Yutani planet farm before he was reassigned to a research station of the Company on C-3 L/M. Hora was unaware that he was only a pawn used by Weyland-Yutani to root out a Planetus spy at the station. In 2232, Hora was killed together with the rest of the replacement staff and the spies as part of a faked Alien infestation instigated as part of a scheme to take over Planetus. These events would become known as the C-3 L/M incident. (A:NE)

Hudson, William: A male human serving the USCM corps as a communication tech. Having entered service around 2169 for a limited service of ten years, Hudson inhibited the rank of Private First Class in 2179, when his platoon was tasked with the recon mission that would result in the Hadley's Hope incident. After the platoon had landed on LV-426, Hudson used his skills at short-wiring and hacking to provide access to the colony. Subsequently, he used the colony's mainframe to locate the colonists inside the Atmosphere Processor by tracking their PDT signals. However, events took a turn for the worse when Hudson and the other Marines were ambushed inside the hive on the processor's sub-levels. While Hudson had set out on the mission with an overconfident state of mind, this traumatic event took a severe toll on Hudson's psyche, now bordering a state of hysteria. Under Ripley's and Hicks's guidance, Hudson recovered and later helped rescuing Ripley and Newt from a pair of Face-huggers. Hudson was abducted by Xenomorphs during their attack on the command center and presumably killed when the explosion of the Atmosphere Processor obliterated the hive. (A2)

Hume: An Ougth-Two class freighter that landed on the Alien-infested world of Soulages in 2223. After the crew had abandoned the ship, most of the ship's internal systems, including the black box, were scavenged in the following years. The wreckage of the Hume was discovered on Soulages by the survivors of the C-3 L/M incident in 2232. (A:NE)

Internevicus raptus: An alternate, more recent scientific name for the Xenomorph species. Translates to “murderous thief”. However, due to scientific due process, the moniker “linguafoeda Acher-onsis” takes precedence as it came first.

Johner: A male human and one of the smugglers involved in the Auriga incident in 2381. Had a violent temper and was fond of liquor. Carried a thermos flask with him that supposedly contained a home-brew liquor, but was actually concealing a gun. Johner was among the few survivors of the incident. (A:RES)

Jones: A ginger tom cat and the pet of the cargo hauler crew involved in the Nostromo incident in 2122. Nicknamed “Jonesy”. Aside from Ripley, Jones was the only survivor of the incident. When Jones got scared away during the crew's attempt to locate the Xenomorph aboard the Nostromo with a makeshift motion tracker, Brett chased the cat through the bowels of the vessel in order to catch it to avoid further misreadings by the motion tracker. Jones inadvertently lured Brett in the clutches of the now fully-developed Xenomorph in the landing strut chamber, but while Brett was killed by the creature, Jones managed to escape the encounter unharmed. Ripley later managed to pick up Jones and escape the Nostromo just before it self-destructed. The cat entered hypersleep and spent the following 57 years in hibernation, drifting through the core system aboard the Narcissus. The shuttle was eventually retrieved by a deep space salvage crew, and Ripley and Jones were brought to Gateway Station orbiting Earth. When Ripley decided to join the recon mission about to depart for LV-426, Jones stayed behind on Gateway Station. It is unknown what happened to Jones after that, but considering the average life expectancy for cats is about 14 years, Jones
probably died some time before the Xenomorph infestation on Earth in 2192. (A1, A2)

**Jorden, Ann:** A female human living in Hadley's Hope in 2179 together with her family. Wife of Russ Jorden and mother of Rebecca and Timothy Jorden. Born in 2146.

Ann Jorden was part of the expedition to the Derelict together with the rest of the Jorden family, the expedition that caused the Hadley's Hope incident. She investigated the ship with her husband and had to witness helplessly as Russ was impregnated by a Facehugger. She subsequently dragged the body of her husband back to the tractor and set off a distress call to the colony. It is unknown what exactly happened after that, but eventually, Ann Jorden was killed during the ensuing Xenomorph infestation. (A2, A:NT)

**Jorden, Rebecca:** A female human child and the only survivor of the initial Xenomorph attack and infestation of the terraforming colony Hadley's Hope on LV-426 preceding the Hadley's Hope incident in 2179. Born in 2173. Daughter of Russ and Ann Jorden and sister of Timothy Jorden. Nicknamed 'Newt'.

When Carter Burke relayed the location of the Space Jockey derelict following the interrogation of Ripley aboard Gateway Station, the Jordens were the family that signed up for investigating the coordinates. Russ Jorden took his family, including Rebecca, and went out to the derelict in his Daihottai tractor. When the parents set out to investigate the ship, Rebecca and Timothy were ordered to stay behind inside the tractor. To the horror of the children, Ann returned with Russ having a Facehugger attached to his face. Rebecca's mother immediately sent out a distress call to the colony, and the Jorden family returned to Hadley's Hope. Over the next few weeks, the Xenomorph organism infected and overran the whole colony. During this time, Rebecca lost her entire family, but managed to survive by hiding inside the air duct system, only leaving her refuge inside an air exchange chamber to snatch whatever food and equipment she could find.

Rebecca was eventually found by Ripley and the platoon of Colonial Marines who had landed at the colony to investigate the communication breakdown with Hadley's Hope. Traumatized by the events surround of the past weeks, Rebecca at first was suspicious of the new arrivals, even refusing to speak. Soon, however, Rebecca began to trust Ripley, even going as far as accepting her as some kind of surrogate mother. Rebecca later helped the survivors of the confrontations with the Xenomorphs to escape by using her knowledge of the air duct system, but became separated and was kidnapped by a Xenomorph Drone to be brought to the hive inside the Atmosphere processor. The girl had already been cocooned and was about to be impregnated when Ripley arrived and rescued her. Together, they escaped to the *Sulaco* in orbit of LV-426. Rebecca was again in mortal danger when the Queen was loose in the docking bay of the *Sulaco*, but was again saved by a joined effort of Ripley and Bishop. After the Queen had been defeated, the *Sulaco* set course back to Earth, and Rebecca entered hypersleep with the other survivors. Rebecca Jorden's life came to a tragic end when the EEV she was aboard crashed into the ocean on Fiorina 161. Her cryotube ruptured, and Rebecca drowned in her sleep as the water filled her tube. (A2, A3, A:NT)

**Jorden, Russ:** A male human living at Hadley's Hope in 2179 with his family consisting of his wife Ann Jorden and his two children, Rebecca and Timothy Jorden. Born in 2144.

When the coordinates of the Derelict were made available for investigation among the colonists, Russ Jorden volunteered and set out for the location together with his family aboard a Daihottai tractor. When they reached the Derelict, Russ was wildly enthusiastic about the find, realizing that, as the discoverer of an alien artifact, he could become a rich man. Together with his wife, he entered the ship to investigate and eventually discovered the cargo hold and the Xenomorph eggs inside it. Unaware of the imminent danger, Russ approached one of the eggs and was impregnated by a Facehugger. Ann dragged the unconscious body of her husband back to the tractor and set off a distress call to the colony. The events following the impregnation are shrouded by the ensuing chaos, but it can be assumed that Russ was brought back to Hadley's Hope and soon died giving birth to the Xenomorph inside him, triggering the following infestation of the colony. (A2, A:NT)
Jorden, Timothy: A male human child living at Hadley's Hope in 2179. Son of Russ and Ann Jorden and the older brother of Rebecca “Newt” Jorden. Born in 2171. Timothy was a member of the family expedition to the Space Jockey Derelict on June 19, 2179. He was killed during the Xenomorph infestation of the colony preceding the Hadley's Hope incident. (A2, A:NT)

Jude: A male human and one of the prisoners involved in the Fury 16 incident. Served a life sentence for first degree murder without a weapon. Jude was later killed during the attempt to lure the Xenomorph into the facility's blast furnace. (A3)

Judge, William: A male human and a third-generation homesteader. Judge was assigned as the replacement for Sven Crocker, the site manager of a Weyland-Yutani research station on C-3 L/M, when the Company undertook efforts to sort out a spy at the facility in the early thirties of the 23rd century. In 2232, Judge was killed together with the other replacement staff and the two spies by a Weyland-Yutani strike force led by Charles Braley, who used the occasion to stage a fake Alien infestation to take over its rival, Planetus. (A:NE)

Junior: A male human and one of the prisoners involved in the Fury 16 incident. Had a tear tattooed below his right eye. Junior led the attempt to rape Ripley at the facility's scarp yard and was severely beaten by Dillon, who foiled his plan. He later sacrificed his life during the attempt to capture the Xenomorph, luring the creature into the toxic waste vault and thus ensuring that the Alien was busy long enough so that the others could seal the vault. (A3)

Kane, G. W.: A male human serving as the Executive Officer of the crew involved in the Nostromo incident. Born on April 20, 2083 in Borehamwood, Hertfordshire in the United Kingdom. Had the ID number 825/G9-01K.

On May 23, 2100, Kane graduated with honors from Weatherly Private School. He continued his exemplary record with his graduation from Gunning Foss Military School on May 30, 2104, after which he enlisted at Bryce-Watkins Medical School. However, Kane's career took a turn for the worse when he was expelled from Bryce-Watkins due to substance abuse on February 13, 2108. A period of recuperation followed where Kane was successfully treated for drug-induced embolism and stress. On October 28, 2112, Kane arrived at the archiological dig site on Konor Minor to spend the next year there, during which he met Dr. Elisabeth Monygham and started a relationship with her that would eventually result in their marriage on June 17, 2114. However, Kane would suffer another personal tragedy when his wife died during a decompression accident on July 9, 2115. On December 14, 2115, Kane started working as a mission analyst for a British colonial expedition to the Outer Rim Territories. On November 1, 2117, an assignment as First Officer aboard the colonial transport Sabretooth followed. Kane would become an employee for Weyland-Yutani when he accepted a job as Executive Officer aboard the salvage vessel Kenamor. Eventually, Kane joined the crew of the Nostromo together with Lambert on January 5, 2120 and embarked on the fateful trip from Thedeus to Earth one year later, a journey which would result in the Nostromo incident.

After the Nostromo had landed on LV-426, Kane was part of the recon team that traversed the surface of the planetoid and found the Derelict. It was Kane who discovered the vast cargo hold of the ship filled with hundreds of Xenomorph eggs. Curious about the unknown spores, Kane approached one of the eggs. Suddenly, the egg opened and released a Facehugger, which immediately attached itself to Kane's face. Dallas and Lambert carried the unconscious Kane back to the Nostromo where he was brought to the ship's medical facilities. Attempts to remove the parasite were unsuccessful, and so all the crew could do was to leave Kane in the medbay. Hours later, the Facehugger removed itself from Kane's face, and soon after, he woke up. Seemingly unharmed, save for being exhausted and hungry, the crew met for dinner when the suddenly, Kane gave violent birth to the Xenomorph,
which had gestated inside Kane's body the whole time and now had reached the Chestburster stage. Kane was killed in the process. (A1)

**Kelly:** A female human and one of three Planetus technicians who were tasked with checking the security camera footage regarding a supposed Alien outbreak at a Weyland-Yutani research post on the planet C-3 L/M, a world owned by both Weyland-Yutani and Planetus. The “infestation” turned out to be a scheme on part of Weyland-Yutani to take over C-3 L/M and Planetus, and when the plan was set in motion, Kelly and her colleagues Duncan and Gavin were targeted for elimination by Weyland-Yutani. Kelly, Duncan and Gavin and the two investigators who had uncovered the truth behind the Company's master plan, Anders Kramm and Frances Stuff, managed to flee the planet aboard a Planetus spacecraft in a close escape. In the meantime, Weyland-Yutani had already taken over Planetus and redirected the ship of the Planetus survivors to the Alien-infested world of Soulages. The ship was landed on the planet, and the group proceeded to explore the nearby colony for means of escape. When the group settled down for the night at the old common building, Kelly was abducted by the Aliens and got impregnated. The others went to rescue her from the hive, but Kramm had to shoot her when he discovered that she already carried an Alien embryo. (A:NE)

**Kevin:** A male human and one of the prisoners involved in the Fury 16 incident. He assisted Clemens during the autopsy of Rebecca Jorden and was later killed during the last ditch effort to lure the alien into a blast furnace of the facility. (A3)

**Kinloch, Matt:** A male human and a member of the team of scientists assigned to the cloning project aboard the Auriga in the late 24th century. It is unknown whether Kinloch escaped the Auriga during the Xenomorph outbreak or died aboard the ship. (A:RES)

**Kramm, Anders:** A male human who worked for Weyland-Yutani as a cleaner in the wake of the Alien infestation on Earth. Married and had a child called Becca. Was involved in the C-3 L/M incident.

When Earth was retaken from the Xenomorph organism in 2196, the threat emanating from those creatures was well-known among mankind. Therefore, Weyland-Yutani acted quickly when infestations broke out on colony words operated by the Company and assigned an employee called Anders Kramm to protect corporate property by acting as a cleaner. Kramm's mission was to investigate those outbreaks and take measures to contain them, preferably without attracting outside attention and only requesting support by the USCM corps when absolutely necessary. The Company provided him with in-house support, such as ex-marines like Hermann Ungar. Kramm had worked in this capacity for six years and had amassed considerable knowledge about Xenomorph physiology and behavior when, in 2002, he was ordered to investigate Xenomorph activity on the planet Soulages, the world where his wife and daughter lived at the time. Fatally underestimating the threat, Kramm lost his daughter and had to kill his own wife after she had been impregnated by the creatures. In the process, Kramm became trapped in a cave with a Xenomorph Warrior. Kramm killed the creature, but had to spend the next eight days in total darkness finding a way out. He survived the tragedy, but was deeply traumatized by the events. Although the court cleared him of all charges, Kramm left Weyland-Yutani and escaped what remained of his life by placing himself in cryogenic storage in a facility operated by Omnitech.

Thirty years later, in 2232, Kramm was woken up, finding himself in service for Planetus, who had acquired Omnitech in the meantime. He soon found out that Planetus had put him out of cryosleep to ask him to investigate a possible Alien outbreak on the world of C-3 L/M, which was owned by both Planetus and Weyland-Yutani. Kramm reluctantly agreed as the incident in question happened at a research station in Weyland-Yutani-controlled territory and thus allowed him an opportunity to lash out at his former employer. Once on the planet, Kramm met up with Frances Stauff, a Planetus employee, and Charles Braley, a representative of Weyland-Yutani. With Stauff's assistance, he soon found out that the „infestation“ was an elaborate scheme to eliminate Planetus spies and take over
Planetus, instigated by Braley, who turned out to be a ruthless and sadistic psychopath. Kramm and Stauff, with whom he was developing a romantic relationship at the time, barely escaped the planet together with Bjorne and Jolena and three technicians, which were all targeted for elimination by Braley to cover up his scheme. However, Weyland-Yutani had managed to quickly acquire Planetus in a hostile takeover. This enabled Braley to remote-access the navigation systems of the survivors' spacecraft and send them to certain death by landing it on a world actually infested with real Aliens—Soulages, the place where Kramm had lost everything he cared for thirty years ago.

After landing on Soulages, Kramm and the others discovered that Weyland-Yutani had transformed the old colony where Kramm had lost his family into an artificial alien hive. The hive was used to harvest the creatures with robot drones remote-controlled from a research station situated on the nearby moon. The survivors eventually made their way to a landing pad; however at the cost of the lives of Jolena and the three triplet technicians and the better part of one of Kramm's hands. Carrying the badly-wounded Bjorne with them, Kramm and Stauff flew the short-range spacecraft to the research station on the planet's moon and took control of the installation and the science staff, sending out a distress call to the authorities and preparing for the inevitable strike by Braley's force. By this time, Kramm had overcome his trauma and regained his will to live; his final fate, however, is unknown. (A:NE)

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LaFargue: A production line of male-type synths activate during the first half of the 23rd century. Named and modeled after its creator. (A:NE)

LaFargue (C3-L/M spy): In 2232, Planetus used a LaFargue synth as a spy when a research station of their rival Weyland-Yutani on the planet C-3 L/M began to emanate unusual readings. He was inserted into the research team, backed up by another, human spy called Tobin A. Marshall, who was unaware of his spy identity. As the research team was gradually reassigned under mysterious circumstances, the LaFargue synth revealed himself to Marshall, urging them to cooperate. However, Marshall still remained suspicious, and before either of them could complete his mission, a Weyland-Yutani strike force led by Charles Braley raided the facility and captured the spies. The LaFargue synth was viciously tortured, having both of his eyes plucked out and destroyed after the record devices inside them were discovered. Subsequently, Braley had his body shredded to make sure there were no working spying devices left inside him. (A:NE)

Lambert, J.M.: A female human serving as the navigation officer during the Nostromo incident. Born in Ontario, Canada. Had the ID number ID# 971/L6-02P.

Lambert started her career with graduating from New Ontario University with a Masters degree in astrocartography on May 12, 2112. Later, on June 1 of the same year, she began an internship in the astrocartography department of Ridton Corporations, located in London. During her time at Ridton, Lambert met and fell in love with Xander Chapman, director of astrocartography, and eventually married him on October 7. On October 28, she accepted an assignment as Shipping Lane Trafficator for Farside Lunar Mining at Plymouth on United America-controlled territory on Earth's moon. For reasons not sufficiently documented, Lambert divorced from Chapman on February 10, 2114 after having finished her assignment five days early. A week later, Lambert started working as Assistant Navigator aboard the Red Star Line pleasure cruiser Infinity for the Mars-Orion route. Almost a year later, on January 29, 2115, Lambert left the Infinity and began working aboard the Ridton Corporation research vessel Leggatt as a navigation and communication officer. Three and a half years later, Lambert married again, this time Lordan Hussett, who was serving as Executive Officer aboard the Leggatt. Less than a month later, on October 11, Lambert entered Weyland-Yutani service as a navigator aboard the scout vessel Adowa. Lambert's second marriage again did not last as she divorced Hussett on January 3, 2120. Lambert eventually joined the crew of the Nostromo together with Kane two days later, again as a navigator. She would still be present in this capacity
when the *Nostromo* left Thedeus for Earth, a voyage which would lead into the *Nostromo* incident. When MOTHER picked up the signal and located it on LV-426, the *Nostromo*'s computer, following proper procedure, woke the crew from hypersleep. Lambert quickly discovered that they were only halfway back on their journey back to Earth. She later was responsible for landing the *Nostromo* mostly unharmed on the surface of the hostile planetoid. Lambert also participated in the search party and explored the Space Jockey Derelict together with Kane and Dallas. The ensuing events regarding the Xenomorph quickly took its toll on Lambert, throwing her into a constant state of fear and hysteria. Lambert was killed by the Xenomorph when the remaining crew was loading the *Nar- cassissus* in order to escape the *Nostromo*. (A1)

**Ling, Chester O.:** A male human and one of the three doctors working at Hadley's Hope during the Xenomorph outbreak in 2179. As a surgeon, Ling was involved in removing the Facehugger from a colonist called John L. Marchuk. Ling later died during the outbreak. (A2)

**Linguafaeda Acheronsis:** The accepted scientific name for the Xenomorph species. Translates to “foul tongue from Acheron”.

**LV-426:** A planetoid and one of the major moons of the Jovian supergiant Zeta 2 IV in the Zeta II Reticuli star system. Has an equatorial diameter of about 12,000 km, a gravity of 0.86g and a daily rotation of about 5 Earth standard days. Was the site of mankind's first two major contacts with the Xenomorph species. A long time before the *Nostromo* incident in 2122, a Space Jockey spacecraft containing a large number of Xenomorph eggs crashed on LV-426. The exact date of the crash is unknown, as there was never an opportunity to perform a scientific dating, although the fossilization of the pilot by the year of 2122 suggests a large number of years. However, the age is theoretically limited to 2 billion years, when the star system was formed. Therefore, the crash may have happened during the galaxy-wide Xenomorph epidemic 1.6 billion years ago. A beacon signal was activated aboard the ship either by an automatic system or by the pilot before he died giving birth to a Xenomorph, emanating ever since.

It has been hypothesized that LV-426 was “acquired” by Zeta 2 IV rather recently 40 million years ago. Some time before 2122, a French fly-by probe cataloged the system without particularly noticing LV-426. Thus, the presence of the planetoid was unknown to official records at the time of the *Nostromo* incident. However, a black-ops division of the human government called Loki had secret dealings with the race the crashed vessel on LV-426 belonged to, the Space Jockeys or Mala'kak. It was them who provided Loki with the location of LV-426 and information about their derelict. This information was in turn passed to Weyland-Yutani who subsequently inserted the android agent Ash into the crew of one of their ships, the *Nostromo*, and directed the vessel to LV-426. Following official protocol to investigate, the *Nostromo* landed on LV-426.

By the time of the *Nostromo* landing in 2122, LV-426 was a hostile barren world incapable of sustaining human life. Its surface was covered by a rocky landscape ravaged by rough winds. The search party of the *Nostromo* had to traverse about 2 km in distance on foot to reach the Derelict. There, Kane discovered a vast cargo hold filled with Xenomorph eggs. Kane became impregnated by a Facehugger and was subsequently carried back to the *Nostromo*. After repairing the ship's systems, which had suffered minor damaged during touchdown, the *Nostromo* took off again.

LV-426 was thoroughly analyzed during the first scientific survey in the 30s of the 22nd century. It was then discovered that radiation in the infrared emanating from Zeta 2 IV created a zone where, theoretically, worlds capable of sustaining human life could exist, one of them being LV-426. Some time after, a massive undertaking to colonize LV-426 went underway. Supported by fast advances in lightspeed traveling during the time, a network of around 30 Atmosphere Processors was set up on the planetoid, which, over the course of decades, transformed the atmosphere of LV-426 to be breathable by humans. 20 years before Ripley would be found aboard the *Nar- cassissus*, a colony was founded adjacent to one of the Atmospheric Processor. This colony was named Hadley's Hope by its
founders. It was also during this time that LV-426 received its nickname “Acheron”. Ripley's account of the landing of the Nostromo reached an employee of Weyland-Yutani, Carter Burke, 2179. Burke passed the coordinates of the Derelict to the colony's command section, who released the coordinates to be checked out by volunteers. It was the Jorden family which eventually discovered the Derelict, which, in the meantime, had been partially buried under rocks due to volcanic activity. However, the cargo hold was still accessible. Russ Jorden was impregnated and triggered a Xenomorph outbreak which set up a hive in the Atmosphere Processor of the colony after having virtually wiped out the population of Hadley's Hope. About a month later, a recon mission including Ripley, Burke and a squad of Colonial Marines reached LV-426, and the second major contact with the Xenomorph species known as the Hadley's Hope incident. During this incident, the Atmosphere Processor of Hadley's Hope became damaged and was obliterated in a nuclear explosion that took Hadley's Hope and, presumably, the Derelict with it. LV-426 seemed to be finally free of the Xenomorph.

However, as the Derelict had been protected from the blast by a rock formation called Ilum range, it remained unharmed by the destruction. In the meantime, the UPP had discovered the Sulaco drifting in space and found records of the Hadley's Hope incident. Eager to retrieve the Xenomorph organism, the UPP set up a heavily fortified observation post near the Derelict. This post post was largely destroyed when the USCM caught up with the operation. After successfully sabotaging the UCC facility's anti-air guns and sensors, a USCM fire team reached the Derelict and made a dark discovery: The Xenomorph originating from the Space Jockey pilot had survived and roamed the pilot chamber of the wreckage. After a dramatic confrontation, the monstrous creature was killed by the fire team. (A1, A2, A:CMTM, A:OS, A:INF)

Lydecker: A male human serving as the Assistant Operations Manager for Hadley's Hope in 2179. He conferred with Simpson, his boss, about the claim of the Jorden family on whatever they would find at the coordinates Burke had provided the colony with. Lydecker later died during the initial Xenomorph infestation. (A2)

Lynch, Michael: One of the leading minds of scientific Xenomorph research by the end of the 24th century. His contribution on the Anchorpoint Essays is considered to be a standard work on the subject.

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M240 Flamethrower: A flamethrower model used by the USCM corps by the year of 2179, which was also part of the equipment of the USCM platoon involved in the Hadley's Hope incident of the same year. The M240 is 88cm long and weighs 2.7 kg fully-loaded. The fuel used by the weapon consists of pressurized and ultra-thickened napthal that can be fired over a range of 30 meters, or 50 meters with a high-angle shot. The fuel cell can be refilled directly or replaced entirely with a new one. The nozzle burner and the firing trigger are operated separately, which allows for a “wetshot” option, where the fuel is sprayed onto a target without using the nozzle burner, to be ignited afterward with another shot. (A2, A:INF, CMTM)

M41A Pulse Rifle: A pulse rifle widely used during the end of the 22nd century and the beginning of the 23rd century. Became famous as the standard rifle of the USCM and the US Army at the time, but was also used by corporate strike forces and mercenaries. Manufactured by Armat. The weapon is resistant and easy to use, but has a tendency to jam when fully-loaded. The M41A combines a 10mm automatic assault rifle with a PN 30mm pump-action grenade launcher. As a pulse rifle, the M41A uses electronic pulse action to fire standard armor-penetrating US M309 rounds stored in an ammunition clip with a capacity of 99 bullets. The weapon has two firing modes, a four-round burst mode and a full automatic mode, in which the rifle can fire with a rate of 900 rounds per minute at a velocity of 840 meters per second. The rifle's battery can fire 10.000
rounds on a single charge. The grenade launcher is able to load a variety of different grenade ammunition types, the most commonly used being the M40 High Explosive fragmentation round. The M41A fires grenades with a velocity of 78 meters per second, at an effective range of 180 meters and a maximum range of 400 meters. Additional features include an LED ammo display, a retractable stock and an option to mount a scope. (A2, A3, A:INF, A:CM, CMTM)

**M4A3 Pistol:** The standard sidearm of the USCM by the time of the Hadley's Hope incident in 2179. Was introduced in 2119 and weighs less than one kilogram. Fires 9mm ammunition from a 12-round magazine and supports the more advanced M901 ammunition type introduced in the 70s of the 22nd century. Has an effective range of 50 meters and a maximum range of 1500 meters. (A2, CMTM)

**M56 Smart Gun:** The primary machine gun used by squads of the USCM by the time of the year 2179. Was used during the Hadley's Hope incident in the same year. Capable to fire its 10mm ammunition with a rate of 1700rpm over a range of 1500 meters. The gun itself is mounted on an articulation arm that is in turn connected to a harness worn by the operator. An infrared tracking system automatically directs the weapon over the arm to steer it to its target, while firing commences manually. However, the operator can choose to direct the M56 himself or herself at any time. The M56 is 122cm long and weighs almost 18kg when fully-loaded, harness included. The harness has a protected breastplate, under which a PRC 489/4 communications receiver/transmitter system and the tracking and targeting processor are stored. Connected to these systems is the Head Mounted Sight (short HMS) which relays its data over the systems and the articulation arm to the gun. A DV-9 Lithium battery powers the system for the duration of 50,000 fired rounds when fully charged. The gun is fired either by pulling the rear handling grip upwards or using the firing trigger. Firing options include Safe, Burst and Autofire settings, while the ammunition can be switched to either detonate on impact or with a delay, after penetrating the target's armor. (A2, A:INF, CMTM)

**M570:** A military ground vehicle developed in the late 60s of the 22nd century. Used by the USCM corps and the predecessor of the M577 Armored Personnel Carrier. Has also been used as the chassis for mobile weapon platforms, such as the M579. (CMTM)

**M577 Armored Personnel Carrier:** A lightweight 4x4 wheeled military ground vehicle used by the USCM corps in the late 22nd century. Designed to fulfill demands made in the Marine 70 strategy plan to create a cost-efficient vehicle for troop deployment via dropship. While considered to be a capable multi-role model, the restrictions in development made the M577 inferior to other APCs. The M577 has a length of over 8.5 meters and weighs over 14 tons. The vehicle is operated by a crew of two soldiers, one being the driver and the other one being the section commander, and can transport up to 12 passengers, who are strapped into harnessed seats in the dedicated passenger compartment. The interior can be accessed through a starboard slide-door and the portside driver's hatch. A tactical operations center for the section commander is located at the rear of the vehicle. The M577 can be loaded with equipment for up to 5 days. Sensor coverage is provided by a 270-degree sensor cluster at the front searchlight. Further features include a turret thermal imager, an optic sensor capable of providing footage with a magnification of up to 20x, an ultrasonic motion tracker and a weapon radar with a range of up to 3000 meters. Stealth capabilities consist of laser absorbents and infrared camouflage, while defense measures are provided by jamming systems and a decoy launcher at the rear of the vehicle which is also able to release particulate smoke as a countermeasure against lasers. The weapon systems of the M577 are divided in two elements. The first one are two front-mounted Republic Dynamics Electric RE-700 20mm gatling guns equipped with a 1700-round feed and capable of handling various ammo types. The other element is a weapon turret that can be slide back to
the rear side of the APC when entering narrow passages. The exact weapon type of the turret varies, the three main variants of the vehicles being the M577A, the M577A2 and the M577A3. (A2, A:INF, CMTM)

**M577A:** A variant of the M577 Armored Personnel Carrier, which has its turret module equipped with two Boyas PARS 150 phased plasma cannons. The weapons are powered by a hydrogen fuel cell with a capacity for 1000 shots. Using Cadmium Telluride pellets, the projectiles are fired with a velocity of 5000 m/s and a cyclic fire rate of 40 rpm. Dependent of atmospheric conditions, the range of the M577A is up to 4000 meters. (CMTM)

**M577A2:** A variant of the M577 Armored Personnel Carrier outfitted with two Republic Dynamics M2025 free-electron lasers on its turret module. This configuration enables the M577A to attack both ground and air targets effectively. Given ideal atmospheric conditions, the M577A2 can fire over a maximum distance of 3000 meters. (CMTM)

**M577A3:** The most recent variant of the M577 Armored Personnel Carrier by the year 2179, the M577A3 is equipped with a turret module sporting two charged particle beams. For the demands of this weapon type, the vehicle has been outfitted with a dedicated Martin Continental magnetohydrodynamic turbine which holds enough fuel capacity to fire 50 seconds on a single tankful. The range of the M577A3 is up to 4000 meters, depending on the atmospheric conditions. A M577A3 was used during the Hadley's Hope incident in 2179. (A2, CMTM)

**M579:** A mobile air defense weapon platform used by the USCM in the second half of the 22nd century, consisting of a 20mm gatling gun mounted on a M570 chassis. Targeting data is provided by a multi-spectrum sensor system. (CMTM)

**Marachuk, John L.:** A male human and a lower-echelon colonist living at Hadley's Hope in 2179. During the Xenomorph outbreak that eventually wiped out the colony's population, Marachuk was impregnated by a Facehugger and subsequently brought to the medical facilities in order to remove the parasite. While the Facehugger could be removed before implantation, Marachuk was killed during the operation. (A2)

**Marshall, Tobin A.:** A male human working as a spy for the Planetus corporation during the early thirties of the 23rd century. When Planetus began to get strange readings originating from a Weyland-Yutani research station on the planet C-3 L/M owned by both corporations, Marshall was inserted into the facility, tasked with finding the origin of the readings. For this mission, a visual recording device was surgically implanted in one of his eyes. After his arrival, Marshall soon learned of a new terraformer prototype being tested near the station. He made several attempts to get to the prototype, only to discover that the device had been removed, if it ever existed at all. Meanwhile, the staff of the station was gradually reassigned and replaced with inexperienced personnel under dubious circumstances. In the end, only Marshall and a LaFargue synth remained, who revealed himself to Marshall as being a second spy from Planetus. Marshall remained suspicious of the synth, but before he could devise a plan to conclude his mission and escape, a Weyland-Yutani strike force led by Charles Braley raided the facility and captured Marshall and the synth. During the interrogation that followed, Braley revealed that Weyland-Yutani had been aware of the existence of a spy for some time and had reassigned the staff after a background check until only he and the LaFargue synth remained as suspects. Braley proceeded to kill both of them, inserting a robotic Chestburster into Marshall in order to fake an Alien infestation for his master plan to take over Planetus. However, in 2232, Marshall's recordings were later retrieved by Anders Kramm during his investigation of the incident and revealed the truth behind the events. (A:NE)

Michaels, Stewart: A male human responsible for genetic manipulation and botanics at a Weyland-Yutani research outpost on the planet C-3 L/M in the early thirties of the 23rd century. As the Company undertook efforts to root out a spy on the outpost, Michaels was reassigned and replaced by Thomas Hora after a background check had cleared him. (A:NE)

Morse, Robert: A male human and one of the prisoners involved in the Fury 16 incident. Had a cynical character and sported many gold teeth as a trademark. Was a vivid believer and the only friend of Golic. When Ripley was salvaged from the crashed EEV and brought to the penal colony, Morse reacted with resentment to the news, invoking his vow of celibacy. Even as the Xenomorph threat became known, he blamed Ripley for bringing the creature to them and at first refused to help. He later made the mistake to release Golic from the infirmary, inadvertently causing the Alien to be freed by his insane friend. Although he would have preferred to dig in and wait for the Weyland-Yutani team to arrive and finish off the Xenomorph, he eventually became the first one who agreed to participate in Dillon's and Ripley's plan to trap the Alien in the blast furnace. By this time, Morse had come to terms with Ripley and grown to respect her for her determination to prevent the Alien from killing more of the prisoners. Even though he was injured by a gunshot from one of the Weyland-Yutani soldiers, he was able to bring the catwalk in place for Ripley to let herself fall into the furnace and kill off the Queen embryo with her. Morse was the only survivor of the incident after which he was presumably relocated to another prison. Some time after the incident, Morse wrote down an account of the incident and distributed it in an unknown quantity. Although his account was officially banned, copies of the text still existed in the 24th century. (A2)

Motion Tracker: A piece of equipment used to detect moving objects in the vicinity. Usually a high-powered ultra-sound scanner using doppler-shift discrimination to distinguish moving elements from stationary ones. The range of a motion tracker can vary from up to 20 meters on handheld devices to up to 1000 meters on perimeter-mounted trackers. The method of feedback also varies, from a simple sound-based system to computer displays delivering detailed information about the position and movement of an object. As motion trackers are vulnerable to environmental interference and countermeasure signals, they often are supporting more advanced and fool-proof sensor systems. Handheld motion tracks were used both during the Nostromo and the Hadley's Hope incidents. (A1, A2, A:CMTM, A:INF)

Murphy: A male human and one of the prisoners involved in the Fury 16 incident. Spent most of his early life on the run from the law. Owned a dog which always followed Murphy around. Murphy often volunteered for assignments in order to shorten his limited term and was also one of the prisoners who helped transferring the wreckage of Ripley EEV to the prison's scrapyard. Meanwhile, his dog was attacked and impregnated by the Facehugger hiding in the remains of the EEV. Later, Murphy became the first victim of the Xenomorph when he accidentally stumbled upon the creature while cleaning a ventilation shaft. (A3)

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Narcissus: A modified Lockmart Starcub intrasystem shuttle attached to the Nostromo to serve as a lifeboat. During the Nostromo incident in 2122, the Narcissus was used to carry Ripley, the only survivor, to minimum safety distance after she had rigged the Nostromo to self-destruct in order to kill the Xenomorph that had slaughtered her crew mates. However, the creature had managed to escape as a stowaway aboard the shuttle, and Ripley was forced to blow the Xenomorph out of the ship's airlock. Subsequently, Ripley set course to the core systems, where she hoped that her beacon
would be picked up by another ship, and entered hypersleep. However, the beacon failed only two years later, and it was not until 2179 that the Narcissus would be found by a deep space salvage crew. (A1, A2, A:CMTM)

**Newborn:** A unique Alien/human hybrid encountered aboard the Auriga in 2381. About three meters in height, the Newborn had a pale brown skin, a face resembling that of a human skull and featuring eyes. It lacked the exoskeleton and a tail and had red blood. Having both male and female genitalia, the Newborn was a hermaphrodite. After the Queen had been freed from its holdings during the Xenomorph breakout, it settled inside an emptied cooling tank of the Auriga and established a new hive. Due to the human DNA in its genetic makeup, the Queen started to develop human reproductive organs and became pregnant through unknown means. During the last hour before the Auriga would crash onto Earth, the Queen gave birth to the Newborn, at a time when Ripley 8 was present in the hive. Rejecting its mother, the Newborn killed the Queen and instead developed an affection for Ripley 8. Knowing that the Auriga was about to be destroyed, Ripley 8 fled the hive and escaped aboard the Betty. However, the Newborn had managed to board the Betty as a stowaway before the impact. Ripley confronted the Newborn in the Betty's cargo hold and eventually killed it, using her acid blood to create a hole in the hull which sucked out the Newborn into vacuum piece by piece. (A:RES)

**Newt:** The nickname of Rebecca Jorden. See “Jorden, Rebecca”

**Nostromo:** A class-M cargo hauling vessel in service of Weyland-Yutani in 2122. Named after the Joseph Conrad novel of the same name. Namesake and location of the Nostromo incident, mankind's first major contact with the Xenomorph species. Originally a Lockmart CM-88b Bison transporter that underwent modification in 2116 in order to accommodate its new task of hauling automated ore and oil refineries. Massing 63,000 metric tons in its updated configuration, the Nostromo was powered by Laretel WF-15 fusion generator. Propulsion was provided by a Yutani T7A FTL drive (0.42 light years per sidereal day without attached cargo and 0.12 light years per sidereal day with attached cargo) and two Rolls-Royce N66 Cyclone thruster for sublight speed, which replaced the original Saturn J-3000 drives as they were insufficient for heavy hauling duty. The interior consisted of three decks and four main cargo bays, with deck A housing the bridge, medical facilities, living areas and the hypersleep chamber, deck B providing equipment space and access to the emergency shuttle and deck C consisting of further equipment storage and maintenance access. While the crew was in hypersleep, the MOTHER mainframe monitored the automated systems. The Nostromo was operated by a crew of 7, with a minimum of 4 required for landing and take-off. For the first four years of its tour, there was nothing of particular note about the crew of the ship or its assignments. However, in 2120, the command of the ship was given to Dallas, with the rest of the crew that would be involved in the pivotal Nostromo incident assembling over the following two years. In 2122, the Nostromo was on its way back to Earth from Thedus with a 20-million ton ore refinery when MOTHER picked up the alien signal emanating from LV-426. It woke the crew, and following proper protocol, the Nostromo was deattached from the refinery and landed on the surface of the planetoid in order to investigate. After the ship had been repaired from minor damage it had suffered during the landing, it returned into deep space. Before the Nostromo could resume its journey home, a Xenomorph infestation took place aboard that wiped out the whole crew, save for Ellen Ripley, who set the ship on self-destruct and escaped in the Nostromo's emergency shuttle, the Narcissus. Subsequently, the Nostromo and the refinery was obliterated in the explosion. The Nostromo and its crew was later declared missing, and the truth about the ship's fate would not come out for another 57 years. In 2179, when Ripley's account revealed the Nostromo's destruction, the monetary value of the ship was estimated at 42 million dollars by the insurance agency involved in the investigation. (A1, A:CMTM)
**Nostromo incident:** The events surrounding and including the Xenomorph infestation aboard the spacecraft *Nostromo* in 2122, notable as the first major encounter of mankind with the organism.

At an unknown date, but probably a year before the actual infestation, a black ops unit within mankind's government called Loki struck a secret deal with an ancient alien race called the Mala'kak. The Mala'kak were in desperate need of human hosts in order to combat their infertility using the Xenomorph organism. In exchange for giving up the human research colony on Bahgreb, the Mala'kak provided Loki with the coordinates of a place where they would find an ample supply of Xenomorph eggs for research and bio-weapon engineering: the derelict Mala'kak spacecraft on LV-426 in the Zeta II Reticuli system. Loki passed the information along to an influential ally, the Weyland-Yutani corporation, which happened to have a ship scheduled for passing by Zeta II Reticuli on their trip from Thedus back to Earth: the *Nostromo*. Weyland-Yutani acted quickly on their information: On June 12, 2121, on the day the *Nostromo* departed for Earth, the resident science officer of the crew was replaced by Ash, an android programmed to execute Special Order 837: to secure a Xenomorph specimen and bring it back to Earth at all costs. Of course, the rest of the crew was kept in the dark about both Ash's android identity and Special Order 937. Before the crew would enter hypersleep, Ash secretly reprogrammed the *Nostromo*’s course to make sure that the ship's mainframe, MOTHER, would be able to pick up the signal of the Mala'kak derelict on LV-426.

On June 3, 2122, the *Nostromo* came in reach of the signal. Following official protocol, which commands investigation of an emergency signal, MOTHER brought the *Nostromo* back to sublight speed and woke up the crew from hypersleep. The *Nostromo* deattached from the ore refinery it had in tow and landed on LV-426, 2 kilometers south-west from the Derelict. Dallas, the captain of the *Nostromo*, assembled a team of three people that would go out and investigate the source of the signal, consisting of him, Lambert and Kane. Inside the Derelict, the team found the fossilized remains of the ship's pilot, whose chest section had been burst open. Kane went on to explore the lower region of the ship and found a cargo load filled with hundreds of Xenomorph eggs. As Kane approached one of the eggs, the spore opened, and before Kane could react, a Facehugger sprung out and attached itself on Kane's face. Dallas and Lambert subsequently carried Kane back to the *Nostromo* and requested to be allowed entry. While Ripley refused on grounds of quarantine procedure, Ash went to the airlock and opened it to allow the crew (and the Xenomorph specimen) into the *Nostromo*. Kane was immediately brought to the ship's medical facilities, where Ash, acting on Dallas’ orders, made futile attempts to remove the Facehugger from Kane's face. In the following time span during which Kane was under Ash's medical observation, the android discovered the embryo that had been implanted by the Facehugger and was now gestating inside Kane, but kept the find a secret. Hours later, the Facehugger, having finished the impregnation process, detached itself and died. Assuming that all was well now, Dallas ordered the *Nostromo* to take off and resume its course back to Earth. Before the crew could enter hypersleep, however, Kane died giving birth to a Chestburster. After an initial attempt to track down the creature had proved unsuccessful, a funeral was held for Kane and its body ejected to space. Armed with a makeshift motion track developed by Ash, the crew resumed its hunt for the Chestburster. In the meanwhile, the creature had transformed into the adult Xenomorph stage, and Brett, one of the mechanics of the *Nostromo*, became the first victim of the murderous creature. Now aware of the full extent of the threat, the crew devised a second plan: As the Xenomorph seemed to use the vent system to traverse the ship, it was decided to drive the creature out of the vent and directly into an airlock, where it could be safely ejected into space. This plan also failed, and Dallas was killed by the Xenomorph inside the vent system. The loss of the captain of the system took its toll on the survivors, and Ripley, who was now in command, went to the mainframe chamber in order to interrogate MOTHER about Ash, of whom's inactivity she had grown suspicious. MOTHER informed her about Special Order 837 and confirmed Ash's involvement in it. Ash subsequently made an attempt on Ripley's life, but was subdued by Parker who revealed Ash to be an android in the process. The crew now decided to rig the *Nostromo* for self-destruct and escape in the ship's emergency shuttle, the *Narcissus*. Parker and Lambert were attacked and killed by the Xenomorph during the preparations, leaving only Ripley, who
managed to activate the self-destruct mechanism and escape aboard the *Narcissus* just in time before the *Nostromo* exploded. However, the Xenomorph had managed to escape as a stowaway, and Ripley was forced to blow the creature out of the airlock of the shuttle. After the creature's demise, Ripley set course to the core systems and entered hypersleep. Two years later, the beacon of the *Narcissus* finally failed. The *Nostromo* was declared missing, and the fate of the ship and its crew would remain unknown for another 57 years, until the *Narcissus* and Ripley would be discovered by a deep space salvage crew in 2179. (A1, A:OS)

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**Omnitech:** A corporation offering Sleeper facilities in the early 23rd century. By the year of 2232, Omnitech had been absorbed by Planetus. (A:NE)

**Ought-Two-class freighter:** A class of freighters in service during the first few decades of the 23rd century. One notable ship of this class was the wreckage of the *Hume* discovered on Soulages by the survivors of the C-3 L/M incident in 2232. (A:NE)

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**Parker, J.T.:** A male human working as the Engineer of the crew involved in the *Nostromo* incident. Born on February 4, 2080 in San Diego, California. Had the ID number 724/R4-06J. Parker started his recorded working career in 2100, working in the racing business for Speedy Maxx High Speed Terrafoil Racing. He would eventually leave due to a salary dispute on October 6, 2104. On January 6, 2105, Parker entered United States military service at the rank of Private, assigned as a mechanic to the Outer Rim Defense Fleet. He worked his way up to the rank of Corporal and took on an assignment at the Outer Rim Defense base Skyfire Down as Chief Mechanic. Parker was eventually caught up in the events of the Torin Prime civil war and got captured by J'Har rebels and brought to the concentration camp GR-161 on August 1, 2107. He escaped from detention during the liberation of the planet on February 21, 2108 by building an escape vehicle out of scrap parts. Subsequently, Parker was honorably discharged from military service and returned to Earth. Late in 2109, Parker began studying at the San Diego School of Astro-Engineering, but dropped out of studies on March 29, 2113. On October 2, 2113, Parker started working as a freelancer for Mex-Corp until January 7, 2114, when he accepted an assignment at the United Americas lightspeed acceleration threshold on Neptune. He eventually returned to engineer duty aboard space vessels with entering Weyland-Yutani employment aboard the cargo vessel *Otago* a Assistant Engineer on May 5, 2115. Two years later, on October 27 2117, Parker began service as Engineer with a flight status rank of C aboard another cargo vessel, the *Nonnabo*, where he would meet and develop a friendship with Brett. Together with his friend, he joined the *Nostromo* en route to Thedus on September 10, 2120. He would remain at the ship to be involved in the *Nostromo* incident two years later. Parker was responsible for repairing minor damage on the *Nostromo* together with Brett so that it could depart LV-426 after the discovery of the derelict. During the incident, Parker played a vital role in assisting the fight against the Xenomorph by developing a make-shift flamethrower and shock stick and a motion tracker, but also suffered a heavy loss when Brett was killed by the Xenomorph. He would later help saving Ripley from a vicious attack by Ash and was among the last three survivors of the crew, who decided to set the ship on self-destruct and escape in the emergency shuttle. Parker proceeded to load the *Narcissus* with oxygen tanks together with Lambert and was killed by the Xenomorph when he tried to save Lambert from the creature. (A1)

**Patna:** A modified Conestoga-class space transport operated by Weyland-Yutani. Michael Bishop used the *Patna* to travel to Fiorina 161 in 2179 in a failed attempt to secure one of the two Xenomorphs involved in the Fury 16 incident, being the fully-grown Runner and the Queen embryo gestating inside Ripley. The *Patna* was reportedly equipped with advanced medical facilities sufficient
to perform the extraction of a Xenomorph embryo although Michael Bishop's account in this matter during the incident has to be considered dubious. At the very least, the ship must have been sufficiently fitted to hold and contain a fully-developed Xenomorph specimen. (A3)

**PDT:** Abbreviation for Personal Data Transmitter. Describes a small device either carried by or implanted inside a person that transmits locational data like position and distance. This data can be received and processed for readout by a range of systems, from a mainframe to a small portable receiver. While a PDT is often used for surveillance purposes, it can also be used to find missing persons.

An example for usage of PDTs is the colony Hadley's Hope on LV-426. During the Hadley's Hope incident, the recon mission used the mainframe to locate a large cluster of PDT signals emanating from the nearby Atmosphere Processor. When investigating the source of the signals, a large Xenomorph hive was discovered where the colonists had been brought for impregnation during the Xenomorph outbreak preceding the incident. Later, Ripley gave her PDT to Newt and used it to locate her inside the processor after she had been abducted by the Xenomorphs during the escape to the landing pad. (A2)

**Perez, Martin Allahandro Carlos:** A male human serving as a General for the USM in 2381. Was charged with overseeing the cloning project aboard the *Auriga* aimed at harvesting the Xenomorph for research purposes. Perez opposed the scientists' request to keep Ripley 8 alive after the extraction of the Queen embryo had been a success. Meanwhile, Perez had struck a deal with the smuggler Elgyn, with whom he went back a ways, to deliver human hosts to the *Auriga*. Shortly before the outbreak, Perez received Elgyn, his crew and their cargo aboard the research vessel. In addition to hard cash, Perez agreed to have the crew of the *Betty* as guests for a few days. Perez later was killed by a Xenomorph during the evacuation of the *Auriga* after he had sacrificed an manned escape pod infiltrated by an Alien in order to contain the infestation. (A:RES)

**Planetus:** A corporation rising in the early 23rd century. Like its rival, Weyland-Yutani, Planetus had investments in research and terraforming. Unlike Weyland-Yutani, however, Planetus distanced itself from ethically questionable business practices and instead opted for an environment-friendly approach.

At an undisclosed date during the first few decades of the 23rd century, Planetus acquired another rival company, Omnitech, and assimilated it into its own infrastructure. In 2227, it spent a considerable part of their resources to buy the planet C-3 L/M, sharing it in equal parts with Weyland-Yutani. The year of 2232 saw the downfall of Planetus and its subsequent buyout by Weyland-Yutani as a consequence of the C-3 L/M incident. (A:NE)

**Powerloader:** An anthropomorphic exoskeleton used for varying purposes, including cargo handling and heavy maintenance. A powerloader is basically a mechanical framework operated by a single person that detects and translates the movements of the operator to its limbs, reinforcing the strength by a great degree and facilitating work involving great weights even in rough terrain. An example for a powerloader is the Caterpillar P-5000 used in the late 22nd century. There also exist military variants equipped with weapons called Combat Exosuits. (A2, A:CMTM, A:INF)

**Praetorian:** An elite caste of Xenomorphs tasked with protecting the Queen. Named after ancient Rome's elite warriors. Also known as the “Royal Guard”.

Praetorians are basically a larger variant of the third stage adult Xenomorph. The notable exception is its prominent head crest, similar to the crest of a Queen. Built to be more resistant and stronger than an average Warrior or Drone, a Praetorian has proven to be a deadly opponent, capable of withstanding small-arms fire, but vulnerable to armor-piercing ammunition. A Praetorian is often accompanied by adult Xenomorphs, seemingly commanding them. The Praetorians trademark high-pitched shriek seems to play a key role in directing those forces.
A Praetorian develops from an adult Xenomorph by means of natural selection. In the early stages of the transformation, the Praetorian emits a pheromone which causes the rest of the hive's Xenomorphs to react violently to it. If the Praetorian can make its way out of the hive, the second stage of the transformation begins where it roams the surroundings, growing stronger and more experienced in battle. During this phase, the initially vulnerable shell hardens, eventually resulting in the final stage, a fully-developed Praetorian. Now, the Praetorian can return to the hive, taking its rightful place at the Queen's side.

A theory suggests that a Praetorian is some sort of missing link between an adult Xenomorph and a Queen and might be able to develop into a Queen itself, should circumstances require it.

Pulse Rifle: A class of weapons that fire their projectiles using electronic pulse action. An example is the iconic M41A assault rifle used by the USCM in the late 22nd century, including the Hadley's Hope incident in 2179. (A2, A3, A:CMTRM, A:INF)

Purvis, Larry: A male human involved in the Auriga incident. Father of two children. In 2381, Purvis decided to leave behind a failed marriage on Earth's moon and set out for a new life working at the nickel refinery on Xarem. During hypersleep, Purvis' passenger liner was hijacked by a band of smugglers led by Frank Elgyn, who transferred Purvis' cryotube along with other occupied ones to their own ship, the Betty, and proceeded to deliver them to the Auriga. Like the other passengers, Purvis was subsequently impregnated with a Xenomorph embryo by the science team, and under unknown circumstances, the harness that had fixated Purvis was broken during the ensuing crisis, releasing his unconscious body to the ground. Purvis was later found and awakened by the band of survivors led by Ripley 8. The clone immediately sensed that Purvis had been impregnated, and an argument erupted among the escapees whether to leave Purvis, take him with them or just kill him. Eventually, it was decided to take him to the Betty where he could go to hypersleep until proper medical facilities were available for extracting the Xenomorph embryo. Purvis managed to reach the Betty with the rest of the group, only to be confronted by Dr. Mason Wren, the former lead scientist of the Auriga project. It was then when the embryo reached the Chestburster stage and erupted from Purvis. However, he acted quickly and took Wren with him by pulling his head to his chest, causing the Xenomorph to rip through both Purvis and Wren. (A:RES)

Queen: The matriarch of the Xenomorph hive structure and the final possible stage of the Alien life cycle. Scientifically named as regina horribilis.

By far the largest form of the Xenomorph, a Queen spans approximately 4.5 meters in height and about eight meters in length. In basic appearance, the Queen exhibits the general structure of an adult Xenomorph, although this may, of course, depend on the kind of host DNA the organism has assimilated. It also sports many of the same anatomical features, like a black oily skin, an exoskeleton and acid blood. Furthermore, it also has the characteristic tail, an inner jaw and dorsal appendages, although each is blown up to monstrous proportions. Perhaps the most prominent feature is a huge crest covering the head. A unique derivation from the adult Xenomorph is a second, smaller pair of arms on the underside of the chest.

The Queen is located at the central egg chamber of a hive, where it is attached to a stationary ovopositor, continually laying eggs and coordinating the „lesser“ Xenomorphs of the hive via screams and some sort of telepathic connection which can cover great distances. As this tasks require great skill, an above-average intelligence is presumed. A queen can detach from its ovopositor should circumstances require it. Its formidable strength and toughness make it a lethal opponent in combat. A queen can endure severe punishment from conventional weapons and also withstand environmental conditions that could kill a human and even an adult Xenomorph, such as vacuum, extreme cold, pressure and fire.

The means of creating a Queen are varied. Usually, a Xenomorph egg is infused with Royal Jelly to
trigger the development of a Queen embryo inside the Facehugger. Such Queen Facehuggers then impregnate a host with the embryo from where the Queen develops to its full size in the same way as a normal adult. Another possibility is that a Warrior or Drone, when isolated from its hive long enough, mutates into a Queen and then creates its own hive. Praetorians might also develop into a Queen and are possibly a missing link between an adult Xenomorph and a Queen.

**Queen Chestburster:** A Chestburster which develops into a Queen instead of a Drone. Unlike a normal Chestburster, the Queen variant has fully-developed limbs, albeit small ones. The trademark crest of the Queen is also rudimentarily present in this stage. A Queen Chestburster gestates in the host's womb instead of the chest region.

**Queen Facehugger:** A huge variant of a Facehugger that carries a Queen embryo instead of a Drone embryo. Also known as the Super Facehugger or the Royal Facehugger. Twice as big as a normal Facehugger, a Queen Facehugger has partially the trademark black skin of the Drone and the Queen and sports webbed limbs.

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**Rains:** A male human and one of the prisoners involved in the Fury 16 incident. Rains was killed by the Xenomorph when he was placing light sources in an abandoned part of the facility together with Golic and Boggs, who was also killed during this assignment. *(A3)*

**Regina horribilis:** The scientific name for the Queen subspecies of the Xenomorph organism. Translates to “horrible queen”.

**Ripley, Amanda:** A female human and daughter of Ellen Ripley. Born on June 24, 2111. Amanda suffered the loss of her mother at the age of 11 when Ellen Ripley failed to return to Earth aboard the *Nostromo*. She later married under the Name McClaren, although she would not have children during her lifetime. Amanda Ripley at one time worked as a reporter and eventually died of cancer on December 23, 2177. She was subsequently cremated and interred at Parkside Repository, Little Chute, Wisconsin, just two years before her mother would be salvaged from 57 years of hypersleep. *(A2, A:OS)*

**Ripley, Ellen L.:** A human female which played a most pivotal role in humanity's struggle against the Xenomorph. Born on January 7, 2092 in Olympia, Luna colonies. Descendant of Dr. Daniel Ripley and mother of Amanda Ripley. Survivor of the *Nostromo* and the Hadley's Hope incidents. At the age of 19, on June 24, 2111, Ripley gave birth to a girl named Amanda. Almost four years later, she graduated from Evansbrook Academy with excellent marks on May 25, 2115 and was subsequently recruited into the „Horizons Beyond“ officer training program, a program which had been founded by the Weyland-Yutani corporation. During the course of the program, Ripley managed to negotiate an end to a hostage crisis aboard the Weyland-Yutani shuttle *Erebus* without bloodshed. A year later, in 2116, Ripley completed the „Horizons Beyond“ program with accolades. In 2117, Ripley got her first job as a Junior Warrant Officer aboard the cargo vessel USCSS *Kurtz*, followed by an assignment as a Warrant Officer aboard the Weyland-Yutani cargo vessel USCSS *Sephoria* later that year. Two years later, in 2119, Ripley accepted an assignment aboard another Weyland-Yutani cargo vessel, the USCSS *Sotillo*. However, it was not until August 10, 2120, when Ripley joined the crew of the USCSS *Nostromo*, when she would embark on the journey that would change her life forever.

In 2122, the *Nostromo* was back en route to Earth, ferrying a massive amount of ore it had loaded on the mining colony of Thedus, when its sensors picked up what seemed to be a distress signal. The ship computer, MOTHER, seemingly following official protocol, dropped back to sublight
speed, set course towards the source of the signal and woke the crew from hypersleep. As Ripley and the crew soon found out, the signal was of nonhuman origin and emanating from the planetoid LV-426 in the Zeta II Reticuli system. The Nostromo detached itself from the ore refinery that was towed to it and landed on LV-426. While Dallas, Lambert and Kane went to investigate the source of the signal, Ripley stayed behind on the ship with Ash, Parker and Brett, continuing to examine the alien signal. Eventually, Ripley came to the conclusion that the signal may also have been a warning. Shortly after, the team returned from its exploration of the alien derelict, with a Facehugger attached to Kane's face. Ash was quick to answer Dallas' plea to open the airlock, in spite of Ripley's objections based on quarantine procedures and the potential dangers of allowing an alien organism into the ship. In the end, Ash ignored her warning and opened the airlock.

It was only after the Xenomorph had been unleashed aboard the Nostromo and killed three of Ripley's crew members that she found out the truth about the signal and Ash's motivation. Both MOTHER and Ash, who turned out to be an android, had secretly been working on orders of Weyland-Yutani. The corporation, which had had knowledge of the derelict's existence some time before the Nostromo picked up the signal, wanted to secure a Xenomorph specimen for their bio-weapon research division. It was Ash itself who, after he had made an unsuccessful attempt on Ripley's life and had been subdued, revealed this information to the remaining crew members. Ripley, Parker and Lambert decided to set the ship on self-destruct and escape in the emergency shuttle Narcissus. In the end, however, only Ripley survived long enough to reach the shuttle and flee. After Ripley had blown the adult Xenomorph, which had also managed to escape as a stowaway, out of the shuttle's airlock, she set course to Earth and went into hypersleep.

It was not until 57 years later, in the year 2179, that the Narcissus would eventually be found drifting through the core systems by a salvage crew. Ripley was brought aboard Gateway Station in Earth's orbit, where she recovered from the strains of the extremely long hypersleep period. It was then when she first met Carter Burke, a representative of Weyland-Yutani. After her release from hospital, Ripley had to answer for her actions during the Nostromo incident before a committee. Ripley unsuccessfully tried to convince the suits of the existence of the Xenomorph and Weyland-Yutani's intention to obtain it and was stripped of her officer license. As she learned, LV-426 had been colonized for 20 years without any disturbance.

Frustrated by these events and devastated by the fact that her daughter Amanda had died two years earlier, she had to settle for a low-paid job in the cargo docks over Portside. However, the past quickly caught up with Ripley when Carter Burke visited her, reporting that the contact to LV-426 had broken off. Motivated to overwhelm the recurring nightmares from the traumatic events on the Nostromo, Ripley reluctantly agreed to his request to accompany an investigation party to LV-426 in the capacity of an adviser. This party would consist of a squad of Colonial Marines, Burke and herself ...and Bishop, an android and an addition to the roster that was met with great dislike by Ripley, the experiences with Ash still fresh in mind.

When Ripley and the marines reached LV-426 aboard the Sulaco, they found the colony, called Hadley's Hope, seemingly abandoned. As the group continued to explore the colony complex, more and more findings suggested that the colony had indeed been wiped out by the Xenomorph. After finding the sole survivor of the colony's population, a girl called Newt, the marines set up a temporary headquarters in the command section of the colony. Using Hadley's mainframe to track down the PDAs of the colonists, the marines were directed to the third sub-level of the Atmosphere Processor near Hadley's Hope. As the soldiers traversed into the inner workings of the station, they discovered an organic structure spreading over the entire sub-level. They were already deep inside what turned out to be the Xenomorph hive when the attack started. Ripley was forced to watch from the APC outside as a combination of squad leader Gorman's incompetence and a vicious ambush by adult Xenomorphs led to the slaughtering and capturing of several marines. In a desperate attempt to rescue what was left of the squad, Ripley overwhelmed Gorman and drove the APC down the loading access into the hive, managing to evacuate the remaining soldiers. In the aftermath, Ripley, aware of the incredible danger emanating from what might have been over hundred Xenomorphs, voted for
nuking the entire complex from orbit. Burke, concerned about the loss of the colony and, in secret, also the Xenomorph, strongly disagreed, but was outvoted, by Corporal Hicks, the de-facto mission leader at that time. The dropship took off for a swift evacuation, but crashed down and exploded when a Xenomorph, which had infiltrated the craft while it was on the ground, killed Ferro, the pilot. For all intents and purposes, Ripley, Newt, Burke and the marines were now stranded on LV-426.

Worn out both physically and mentally, Ripley and the marines withdrew and regrouped at the temporary headquarters, only to discover that the Atmosphere Processor's cooling system had been damaged during the fight on Sub-Level 3 and that, consequently, the reactor would explode in less than five hours, taking everything in a forty-mile radius with it. Relatively calm in the face of a nearly hopeless situation, she devised a plan how to call down the second dropship in time to use it to reach minimum safe distance and also played a vital role in planning out the defense perimeter for the headquarters. It was during that time when she not only developed an affection for Hicks, but also took upon the role of a surrogate mother for Newt. Burke, however, had other plans for both: He freed two Facehuggers they had found contained in stasis tubes in the medical station, hoping to get Ripley and Newt impregnated and to be able to smuggle a Xenomorph inside them around ICC customs back to Earth. Burke's attempt was foiled, and it was during his interrogation, when suddenly, the power to the control station went out.

Soon after, the headquarters came under attack by hordes of Xenomorphs. During a mad dash to the dropship, several other members of the squad got killed, and Newt was captured and taken to the Xenomorph hive inside the Atmosphere processor. Ripley would not leave without the girl, and so, she, the android Bishop and Hicks, the squad's only survivor, flew to the processor station to rescue Newt. With only several minutes left, Ripley raided the hive, confronting the queen in the process, and managed to free Newt and escape, just seconds before the reactor exploded. However, the Xenomorph Queen had managed to get aboard the *Sulaco* and, after ripping Bishop in half, confronted Ripley for a last showdown. Ripley was able to enter a Powerloader to get on even ground with the monstrous creature and finally blew the Queen out of an airlock. The nightmare was over, for now. During these climatic events, Ripley had developed feelings of respect and friendship for Bishop, thanks to whom both Newt and Ripley were still alive at all. After setting course back to Earth, Ripley, Newt and Hicks entered hypersleep.

It was during the flight back home, when events transpired that would ultimately seal Ellen Ripley's fate. Unnoticed, the Queen had managed to sneak Xenomorph eggs aboard the *Sulaco*. The Facehuggers hatched and impregnated Ripley in her cryogenic tube. In the process of cracking the glass tube, one of the creatures was injured. Quickly, the acid blood ate through electronic systems of the ship, triggering an automatic emergency ejection of the hypersleep tubes aboard an EEV. During that time, the *Sulaco* was passing by the remote planet Fiorina 161, nicknamed „Fury 16“. The EEV was pulled in by the planet's gravity well and crashed down into the ocean near a coastline. Oblivious to Ripley, the inhospitable planet she was stranded on was home to a former metal foundry turned prison facility operated by Weyland-Yutani, a facility which was reserved for only male criminals. Ripley and her crashed EEV were salvaged from the coastline and brought into the prison complex. When she came to in the hospital ward, she awoke to a dangerous world inhabited by murderers and rapists. But her final ordeal was only about to start: After recovery, Ripley was shocked to learn that Newt and Hicks had not survived the crash. After discovering an acid burn mark on the EEV, the horrible possibility that she might had brought a Xenomorph as a stowaway with her dawned on Ripley. With the assistance of the resident doctor Clemens, Ripley immediately arranged an autopsy of Newt, which proved to be inconclusive. Distrusting the facility's administrator Andrews, she kept her suspicions to herself. However, Ripley had been right from the start: The Facehugger had survived the crash and infected the dog of one of the prisoners, and while she attended the funeral of Newt and Hicks in the furnace, the dog perished, giving birth to a Xenomorph, which disappeared into the vast bowels of the facility.

Meanwhile, Ripley tried to get used to the unfamiliar surrounding she was forced to cope with until
a vessel would arrive to pick her up. During that time, she formed an uneasy acquaintance with the prisoner Dillon, who had made a moving elegy during the funeral and was some sort of religiously backed authority figure among the prisoners. However, the relative calmness would not last long: Alarmed by a mysterious freak accident that got one of the prisoners killed, Ripley went out on her own to the scrapyard, retrieving the remains of Bishop from the shuttle wreckage. His report confirmed what she had feared from the beginning: the presence of an Alien in the escape vehicle and Weyland-Yutani's knowledge it. On her way back, a couple of prisoners ambushed Ripley and were about to rape her, when Dillon interfered and saved her from his fellow inmates. Back in the main complex, Ripley finally tried to warn Andrews, who did not believe her story and confined her to the medical wing. Suddenly, the Alien appeared in the ward and killed Clemens, with whom Ripley had a brief sexual relationship. Ripley ran to the mess hall to warn the other prisoners. Andrews, who was present at that moment, ignored her warnings, only to be taken by the Alien in front of all prisoners.

Now, the existence of a Xenomorph on Fury 16 was an indisputable fact. Holding a crisis meeting, Ripley, Dillon and the prisoners realized that they were in a dire situation: The facility had no weapons or usable equipment whatsoever, and the security surveillance had been out of order for some time. With the help of the prisoners, Ripley devised a bold plan: In a joint effort, they tried to lure the Alien into a massive vault used for nuclear waste and lock it in there. Due to the interference of the Alien, the plan backfired and the fire which was supposed to drive the Alien into the vault was triggered prematurely, costing the lives of many prisoners. The Alien was captured, only to be freed again by the insane prisoners Golic. In the aftermath of the disaster, Ripley again visited the EEV to find out the cause for a fatigue that had slowly increased during her time at Fury 16. The on-board medical scanner confirmed her worst suspicions: Ripley had been impregnated with a Xenomorph embryo while in hypersleep, and now, an Alien Queen was gestating to maturity in her womb. Knowing that Weyland-Yutani would try to get ahold of the specimen and was already on its way to Fury 16, Ripley convinced the prisoners to commence a last-ditch effort to destroy the Alien. The idea was to drive the Alien into the furnace pit to kill it pouring liquid metal over it. Ripley knew that the Alien would not kill her because of the Queen embryo inside her, and she played a key role in luring the Alien into the trap. Most of the prisoners were killed during the bait and chase, but thanks to Dillon's sacrifice, Ripley succeeded in trapping and killing the Alien. Aware that there was one last thing to do, Ripley prepared to commit suicide and thus taking the Queen embryo with her. Ripley saw through the deception and let herself fall into the furnace pit, killing herself and the Queen.

Ripley 8: A clone of Ellen Ripley created in 2381 as part of the USM black ops project operating aboard the research vessel Auriga. Ripley 8 was the eighth and only completely successful attempt at cloning Ripley in order to retrieve the Queen embryo that was cloned with her. As soon as the clone had grown to maturity, the scientist wasted no time removing the embryo inside her and put the clone into a holding cell while they concentrated their efforts to cultivate a Xenomorph for research purposes. On the outside, Ripley 8 appeared to be completely human (save for rudimentary dorsal tubes which were surgically removed at the first opportunity). On the inside, however, things were different: The merging with Xenomorph DNA during the cloning caused Ripley 8 to have a weaker form of the creature's acidic blood, superhuman strength and agility and a heightened perception which included the ability to sense the Queen aboard the Auriga when near her. At the beginning of her adult existence, Ripley appeared emotionally disconnected, almost autistic although memories of her old self preserved in the Alien DNA inside her was still existent and managed to trigger an emotional response when provoked. However, Ripley 8 was in constant conflict with the Xenomorph part of her personality, sometimes causing violent reactions toward the scientists who
dealt with her. Her matured consciousness sported a cynical personality, only barely resembling the personality of the original Ripley.

Soon after, Ripley 8 received an unexpected visitor in her cell with Call, who had gained access to the Auriga by enlisting for smuggling duties aboard the Betty. Ripley foiled her attempt to kill her and advised her to leave her cell before the breach would be discovered only moments before USM soldiers arrived to take Call into custody. During the Xenomorph outbreak and the ensuing evacuation, Ripley escaped her cell and joined up with the remaining smugglers in order to escape the Auriga. A fragile alliance was formed, constantly endangered by distrust due to her questionable loyalties. During the escape, Ripley discovered the first 7 failed attempts to clone her preserved in stasis tubes, an encounter which deeply disturbed and troubled her and that ended with Ripley 8 destroying the clones along with one still alive, who begged Ripley 8 to kill her. She then proceeded through the flooded kitchen with the rest of the group and when Call was revealed to be android, she found to be of like minds with the young woman, who was also struggling to be human in spite of herself. Ripley 8 developed a friendship with Call and eventually came to the same conclusion like her, that the Xenomorphs had to be eradicated. She convinced Call to hook up with the Auriga and set the ship on a self-destruct course with Earth. During a mad dash to cover the last yards to the Betty, Ripley was abducted by the Xenomorph and taken to the Queen's hive. There, she witnessed the birth of the Newborn before managing to reach the Betty just before take-off and helping Vriess in navigating the ship to safe distance. Subsequently, Ripley confronted the stowaway Newborn in the docking bay of the Betty and killed it by corroding a nearby viewport with her blood, causing the creature to be sucked into space piece by piece. Although Ripley momentarily felt regret for dooming the creature who had seen her as her mother, Ripley 8 had come to choose her human half, wondering about what the future on Earth might have in store for her together with Call.

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**Roth, Gershom:** A male human working for Weyland-Yutani at a research station on C-3 L/M in the early thirties of the 23rd century. Was responsible for the geology department, but also acted as head of security and the facility's cook. Was reassigned and replaced in 2232 as part of Weyland-Yutani's efforts to root out a spy at the station. **(A:NE)**

**Royal Facehugger:** An alternate term describing the Queen Facehugger.

**Runner:** A dog-bred variant of a Xenomorph Drone. Like its host, the Runner mainly moves on all four and features digigrade hind legs. It also lacks the dorsal tubes of its human-bred counterpart. The Xenomorph involved in the Fury 16 incident in 2179 was a Runner. **(A3)**

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**Sephora:** A Conestoga-class starship in service of the USCM in 2179. The USS Sephora was the transport used to deploy a recon squad aboard the USS Sulaco after the ship had been found shortly after the Hadley's Hope incident. During the course of the mission, which would become known as the Sephora incident, the ship was also present at LV-426 and Phobos, one of Mars' moons. **(A:INF)**

**SETI:** Abbreviation for Search for Extra-Terrestrial life and Intelligence, a basket term for projects concerning the search for intelligent alien life. SETI projects were still active in 2229, without any success.

**Simpson:** A male human serving as Operating Manager of Hadley's Hope in 2179. He granted the request of Russ Jorden for claiming whatever he would find at the coordinates that Carter Burke had provided the colony with for investigation. Simpson later was killed during the ensuing Xenomorph infestation of the colony. **(A2)**
**Sleeper:** A person that for whatever reason enters cryosleep for an extended period of time without it being necessary due to space travel. In exchange for providing the facility and medical supervision, the company operating the cryostorage is allowed to wake the Sleeper at any time and place him or her in its employment. There is conflicting data regarding the handling of sleepers: While some claim that they are kept in uninterrupted storage even for several decades, other sources state that Sleepers are woken every year or two for medical rehabilitation. Corporations offering Sleeper facilities were Planetus and Omnitech. (A:NE)

**Smart Gun:** A term for a weapon assisted and directed in targeting by additional equipment. An example is the M56 Smart Gun, a machine gun of the USCM equipped with a self-aiming mount connected to an infrared targeting system. (A2, A:CMTM, A:INF)

**Soulages:** A hostile and barren world with a barely breathable atmosphere and rough weather. Some time before the Earth War, Weyland-Yutani undertook the colonization of the planet and set up several facilities all over the planet, of which at least one was outfitted with a nuclear reactor. In 2202, a Xenomorph infestation was detected on a small outpost on Soulages. Weyland-Yutani sent their employee Anders Kramm to deal with the situation. Kramm, whose family lived on the planet at the time, fatally underestimated the degree of the infestation, at the cost of the lives of his wife and daughter. After barely surviving a confrontation with the creatures at his home, Kramm called in the Colonial Marines who immediately quarantined the planet and evacuated all civilians.

During the next thirty years, Weyland-Yutani transformed the settlement where Kramm and his family had lived into an artificial Alien hive to harvest the creatures. Once, the colony had been a compound of a dozen buildings and agricultural fields surrounded by a wall, with a handful of prefabricated buildings outside. During the course of the transformation, the settlement was vastly expanded, and its layout changed almost beyond recognition. Additionally, a dome was installed over the entire colony, sealing it off to the outside world. The facility and the Egg Harvester drones used to collect Xenomorph eggs were outfitted to be remote-controlled from the Company's research station on the moon of Soulages. Several ships visited Soulages during this time, among them the Hume and the Climacus. However, the crews of these ships abandoned their vessels, leaving them to be stripped by scavengers.

Kramm and a group of Planetus personnel were forced to revisit Soulages in 2232. The planet was still quarantined at the time, and the Xenomorph hive inside the settlement had thrived to a considerable side. In the end, only Anders Kramm, Frances Stauff and a Planetus mercenary called Born Heyward managed to escape Soulages. The planet was presumably visited by a Weyland-Yutani strike force shortly after to pick up Xenomorph specimens, which would be used to assist them in its retaliatory strike against the Planetus survivors, who had holed up themselves in the research station on Soulages' moon. (A:NE)

**Sprague, Dan:** A male human and a member of the team of scientist assigned to the cloning project aboard the Auriga in the late 24th century. Sprague participated in the extraction of the Queen embryo from Ripley, but was injured when the patient awoke and broke his arm. It is unknown whether Sprague escaped the Auriga during the Xenomorph outbreak or died aboard the ship. (A:RES)

**Spunkmeyer, Daniel:** A male human and Colonial Marine. Sporting the rank of Private First Class, Spunkmeyer was the Dropship Crew Chief of the squad involved in the Hadley's Hope incident. Spunkmeyer was killed by a Xenomorph Drone shortly before Ferro lifted off to pick up the survivors from the Xenomorph ambush inside the colony's hive. (A2)

**Standish, Victor:** A male human working as the engineer of the staff assigned to a Weyland-Yutani research station on C-3 L/M in the early thirties of the 23rd century. In 2232, Weyland-Yutani had learned of a Planetus spy at Standish's outpost, and he was the first to be reassigned after a background check had cleared him. Standish was replaced by Matthew Benjamin, who would later be
killed as part of Weyland-Yutani's scheme to take over Planetus during the C-3 L/M incident. (A:NE)

**Stauff, Frances:** A female human working as a representative of the Planetus corporation in 2232. Graduated at the top of her class and later rose to the rank of second-in-command of Planetus security forces of the sector including the planet C-3 L/M. Determined and resourceful, having impressive skills in piloting. Was involved in the C-3 L/M incident.

When a supposed Alien infestation was discovered on C-3 L/M, a planet owned by both Planetus and Weyland-Yutani, in 2232, Stauff was ordered to lead the investigation of the case on Planetus' behalf. Stauff met up with Charles Braley, a Weyland-Yutani representative, and Anders Kramm, a private investigator familiar with the Aliens sent by Planetus, on the local spaceport to head over to the Weyland-Yutani research station where the incident in question had occurred. Stauff distrusted Braley and instead worked closely with Kramm on the case, who both decided to keep their findings for themselves where possible. As they discovered that the “infestation” at the research station was part of a scheme by Braley to eliminate Planetus spies in the installation and take over the corporation, they found themselves on the run.

Kramm and Stauff quickly prepared their spaceship for take-off, during which Stauff discovered a problem in the engine room. When Stauff went over to take a look, she was attacked and rendered unconscious by a juvenile Alien planted on the ship by Braley. She was already being prepared for impregnation when Kramm killed the creature, saving Stauff's life. At this time, a romantic bond was forming between the two. Stauff piloted the ship out of the spaceport and performed a hot landing to pick up a handful of other people involved in the investigation, with Weyland-Yutani's forces hot on their tails. Eventually, they managed to escape the planet and headed for Planetus headquarters on orders of Matthew Darby, her boss at Planetus. While Kramm stayed awake to supervise the short flight, Stauff and the others went to cryosleep. Her sleep was short, however, when Kramm awakened her to inform her that the ship was remotely ordered to change course. Stauff found out that the order came from Planetus and contacted Darby, who informed the survivors that Weyland-Yutani had taken over Planetus and ordered the ship to land on the alien-infested world of Soulages to dispose of the last people who knew the truth about the C-3 L/M incident. Together with Kramm and the others, Stauff managed to fight her way through the infested settlement on Soulages to a short-range flyer on the landing pad of the facility. Stauff flew the flyer through the dome surrounding the settlement and crash-landed the craft into the Weyland-Yutani research station on the nearby moon. There, they took over the installation, sent word out to the authorities and prepared for Weyland-Yutani's retaliatory strike. Stauff's final whereabouts are unknown. (A:NE)

**Stinger-class cruiser:** A type of cruiser introduced in the middle of the 22nd century. The stripped wreckage of a Stinger-class cruiser, the *Climacus*, was discovered on Soulages by the survivors of the C-3 L/M incident in 2232. (A:NE)

**Sulaco:** The Conestoga-class military space transport that was used for the recon mission to LV-426 in 2179 that would result in the Hadley's Hope incident. The 13th ship of the series and fitted with the “block 74” revision at the time of the incident. Prior to this fateful assignment, the *Sulaco* had a colorful history. During a combat situation in orbit of Linna 349, she was severely damaged by ASAT missiles and was later involved in a fatal docking accident at Gateway Station that cost five people their lives.

In 2179, the *Sulaco* was used for transporting the team tasked with investigating the communication breakdown with the colony on LV-426. The ship was loaded at Gateway Station and departed from there to reach its destination in a three week's time. The *Sulaco* carried two UD-4 Cheyenne utility dropships for landing the team on the planet, of which one was used for initial deployment. Later, the *Sulaco* was remote-accessed and the second dropship was called down for evacuating the survivors after the first dropship had been destroyed. The ship received the dropship with the last survivors who had barely escaped the colony's destruction, and its docking bay was the site of the final
battle against the Xenomorph Queen that had been able to reach the *Sulaco* as a stowaway. After the creature had been flushed out of the airlock, the passengers set the *Sulaco* on course back to Earth and entered hypersleep. Some time after, the *Sulaco* dropped out of lightspeed travel near Fiorina 161 and ejected its EEVs due to an electrical fire caused by the acid blood of a Facehugger. The information of this accident was transmitted to the Weyland-Yutani corporation who then proceeded to send an extraction team to the prison planet. The *Sulaco* was temporarily declared lost, but was subsequently located by Space Command at O'Neill Station drifting near Gamma Leporis, and a USCM was sent to investigate aboard the sister ship *Sephora*. (A2, A3, A:CMTM, A:INF)

**Super Facehugger:** An alternate term for the Queen Facehugger.

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**Titus-Carmel 7:** A planet in the Claro system. Vids report that pigs with wings live on the planet. (A:NE)

“**Top**”: A nickname some members of the USCM unit involved in the Hadley’s Hope incident used to refer to their leader, Gunnery Sergeant Al Apone. (A2)

**Toros field:** An advanced force field technology used in the 23rd century. A Toros field works by bending space instead of creating an ordinary barrier, resulting in a loop that sends any unwanted object farther back the way it came the more it tries to enter the field. The field can be disabled by throwing one or several orb-like deactivation devices into the field. (A:NE)

**Troy:** A male human and one of the prisoners involved in the Fury 16 incident in 2179. Troy was killed during the climatic bait and chase aimed at luring the Alien into the facility's blast furnace. (A3)

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**UA 571 remote sentry weapons system:** A sentry gun system used by the US Army and the USCM corps in 2179. With a weight of less than 20 kilogram, the UA 571 can be carried by personnel without assistance and requires less than 150 seconds to mount. The system consists of the gun itself, a tripod mount and a remote console. A radius of a full 360 degrees is possible, although it is recommended to install several sentries with smaller surveillance arcs. The sensor array of the gun is situated at the front of the gun and covers a cone of 60 degrees. Tracking and detection methods include infrared sensors, ambient light optics, a motion tracker and a lidar and support individual profiles to identify targets with known emission characteristics. The data is fed to a laptop-sized remote console, where the operator can survey various data like ammunition counts and set the sentry gun to one of three operation settings: “Auto-remote” sets the gun to identify targets using an IFF signal and fire automatically. “Semi-auto” and “manual override” relays the data to the operator who then decides whether to fire the sentry or not. Several variants of UA 571 with different weapon types exists, the most common being the UA 571-C. (A2, CMTM)

**UA 571-C:** The most common variant of the UA 571 remote sentry gun, sporting a pulse action machine gun that fires M250 10mm x 28 HEAP ammunition with a rate of 1100 rpm from a 500-round ammo drum. This model was used by the USCM squad involved in the Hadley’s Hope incident in 2179 to successfully defend the temporary headquarters in the colony's old command center against a Xenomorph onslaught. (A2, CMTM)

**UA 571-D:** A variant of the UA 571 sentry gun equipped with a HF laser. (CMTM)
UA 571-F: A variant of the UA 571 sentry gun equipped with a 40mm automatic grenade launcher.  
(CMTM)

UD-4 Cheyenne-class dropship: A line of dropships used by the USCM in the late 22nd and 23rd century. In accordance to a Department of Defense requirement formulated after the Tientsin conflict, the UD-4L can lift up to 16 tons from orbit to the surface and back, the equivalent of four fully-equipped infantry squads or one M577 APC, including passengers, in the later models. While primarily designed as a dropship, the UD-4L actually fills additional roles in the battlefield, such as transporting goods or using its considerable armament to act as a fire support gunship. Models of the series include the UD-4B, UD-4C, UD-4E, UD-4H, UD-4J and the most advanced and most famous variant, the UD-4L.  
(A2, A:INF, CMTM)

UD-4B: The original production variant of the Cheyenne-class dropship series. Powered by Atco Wyoming F23 turbines. In comparison to later models, the UD-4B is 1.5 meters shorter, bringing the ship to a total length of almost 24 meters, and lacks the secondary weapon pods.  
(CMTM)

UD-4C: A gunship variant of the Cheyenne-class that introduced the secondary weapon bay and the front-mounted gatling gun system to the series.  
(CMTM)

UD-4E: An upgrade of the UD-4B, sporting F29-L13 turbines that improves the performance in atmospheric flight.  
(CMTM)

UD-4H: A Cheyenne-class variant that is considered a landmark stage of the line. The ship's length was extended by 1.5 meters to a total of over 25 meters, making it the first version able to carry the M577 APC. New TF-900 turbines were added as well, in addition to a broad-spectrum sensor array and a command datalink.  
(CMTM)

UD-4J: An UD-4 variant with an upgraded airframe.  
(CMTM)

UD-4L: The epitome of the Cheyenne-class dropship line. Weighs 18 tons unloaded and has a length of roughly 25 meters. As the latest and most advanced model in the UD-4 series by the year of 2179, the UD-4L boasts a significant upgrade to its sensors, defense systems and firing control. Two UD-4Ls were used by the USCM squad involved in the Hadley's Hope incident in 2179. The airframe of the UD-4L is constructed around a central payload bay, specifically designed to provide enough place to hold the M577 APC. Aside from its boarding ramp on the ventral side, the ship can be accessed by personnel through a port side entry. The UD-4L is operated by a crew of two people, one being the pilot and the other being the weapons officer. The weapons are arranged in two main pods on both sides and two secondary weapon pylons that can be folded out if needed. However, with the secondary pods extended, the UD-4L is unable to achieve supersonic speed. Protection is mainly provided by a covering of Venlar ballistic armor. The ship is powered by two Republic Dynamics TF-900 turbines, while TF-200/A-14 ramrockets can provide high-level speed between Mach 2 and Mach 12. The airframe is designed to withstand maneuvers up to 6g. Stealth characteristics are the rounded profile and laser and radar absorbents. Additionally, the UD-4L is shielded against a numerous range of detection methods. The UD-4L is controlled and directed via a Herriman-Weston 5/480 mainframe equipped with a semi-intelligent software. In addition to manual interaction, the ship's computer also supports voice-control. Communications are processed by an AN/ASC-155 datalink, offering a broad range of frequencies and options. Compared to its predecessors in the UD-4 line, the UD-4L underwent drastic improvements to its sensor suite. The sensor input is handled by a two-fold TFRDS system, divided into the ATLIS subsystem for offense data and a half-automated TIAS system for defense-relevant data. An advanced radar suite is capable of handling up to 150 targets at the same time, sporting a range of 250 km.
Additional features include an IAT image tracking system and an emission detection system, short EDS. The UD-4L is also equipped with an AN/ALQ-2004E defense system divided into four sub-systems for jamming detection systems and enemy fire (AJS and FCJS), counteracting missiles (MDS) and decoy solutions (DDS). As jamming systems send out a tell-tale signal, the defense system can be set to operate only when needed. For maximum efficiency and an additional decoy option, the pod containing the jamming systems can be ejected in tow up to 50 meters behind the ship. The weapons of the UD-4L can be handled by both the pilot and the weapons officer. Targeting input is directed to the HUD of the pilot or the weapons officer's eyepiece. The main weapon bays can each be equipped with sixteen 150mm and six 70mm unguided warheads and four 120mm guided missiles. The secondary bays each provide additional 14 hardpoints for ordnance. A 25mm gatling gun of the GAU-113/B variant is mounted at the front beneath the cockpit, capable of handling various ammunition types. (A2, A:INF, CMTM)

**Ungar, Hermann:** A male human and an ex-marine working for Weyland-Yutani at the turn to the 23rd century. Sported a cynical character and was part of a team assigned with the task of protecting Company interests by eliminating Xenomorph infestations on Weyland-Yutani-owned planets in the wake of the Earth War. During one of these missions, Ungar was impregnated by a Facehugger, leaving his colleague Anders Kramm no other option than to kill him. (A:NE)

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**Van Leuwen, Paul:** A male human acting as the chairman of the inquiry of Ellen Ripley about the fate of the Nostromo at Gateway Station in 2179. Van Leuwen dismissed Ripley's report of the Xenomorph and Ash's involvement and, together with the rest of the committee, decided to have Ripley's flight license revoked. Van Leuwen also informed Ripley after the inquiry that LV-426 has been colonized during her 57 years of hypersleep. (A2)

**Vasquez, Jeanette:** A female human serving the USCM as a smart gun operator, sporting the rank of Private in 2179. Was part of the recon mission involved in the Hadley's Hope incident. Vasquez was involved in the ambush inside the Xenomorph hive of the colony, during which she inadvertently caused the death of his brother-in arms and fellow smartgunner, Drake, by killing a Drone near him, causing its acid blood to spray all over his comrade. Devastated, Vasquez tried to take out her anger on Gorman after Ripley's rescue, but was held back by the other surviving members of the squad. She later reconciled with Gorman and sacrificed herself together with him to cover the escape of the last survivors to the second dropship. (A2)

**Vincent:** A male human and one of the prisoners involved in the Fury 16 incident. He was one of the prisoners killed by the Xenomorph during the last-ditch effort to lure the creature into the facility's blast furnace. (A3)

**Vriess:** A male human and one of the smugglers involved in the Auriga incident. Chief engineer of the Betty. Had been wounded during a battle and has since then been confined to a wheelchair, which he used to conceal a shotgun kit. When the Xenomorph outbreak started, Vriess was at first isolated from the rest of the Betty's crew, but eventually managed to catch up with the survivors. He liked Call and still defended her when she was revealed to be an android. Vriess was one of the few survivors of the incident. (A:RES)

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**Watanabe, Yoshi:** A male human and a member of the team of scientists assigned to the cloning project aboard the Auriga in the late 24th century. It is unknown whether Watanabe escaped the Auriga during the Xenomorph outbreak or died aboard the ship. (A:RES)
**Weyland, Charles Bishop:** A male human and the founder of Weyland Corporation. Born in New York city, USA, in 1958. During his time, he was considered a leading mind in the field of robotics, and subsequently, his likeness would be used for the “Bishop” android. Weyland was already terminally ill when he died in 2004 during an expedition to an undisclosed location in Earth's Antarctica.

**Wierzbowsky, Trevor:** A male human and member of the Colonial Marines. Sporting the rank of Private, he was part of the recon mission to LV-426 that resulted in the Hadley's Hope incident in 2179. Wierzbowsky was killed during the unit's fatal exploration of the Xenomorph hive inside the colony's Atmosphere processor. (A2)

**William:** A male human and one of the prisoners involved in the Fury 16 incident. Williams was one of the inmates who tried to rape Ripley at the scrapyard of the facility. William was later killed during the attempt to lure the Alien into the blast furnace. (A3)

**Williamson, Carlyn:** A female human and a member of the team of scientist assigned to the cloning project aboard the *Auriga* in the late 24th century. After the creation of Ripley 8 and the extraction of the Queen embryo, Williamson was tasked with performing cognitive experiments with the clone. She later helplessly witnessed the Xenomorph outbreak and the abduction of Gediman by the Alien. Williamson was taken to the hive and died there, either by giving birth to a Xenomorph or during the explosion of the *Auriga*. (A:RES)

**Wren, Mason:** A male human and the scientific leader of the cloning project operated aboard the *Auriga* in 2381. With the help of his team of top-notch scientists, Wren succeeded in creating a clone of Ellen Ripley and cultivate a Xenomorph population from the Queen embryo inside Ripley 8. He continued to supervise the research up until the Xenomorph outbreak, when he was captured by the crew of the *Betty* and forced to assist them in their escape to the *Betty*. Wren later shot Call and left behind the group to make his way to the *Betty* alone. He was hindered in his escape by Call, who had survived and tapped into the ship's system to block off the scientists route to the ship. Wren still managed to get to the ship in time to receive the surviving crew members of the *Betty*. He tried to coerce the group into stopping the *Auriga*'s collision course with Earth by taking Call as a hostage, but was killed by Purvis who pinned his head to his chest just in time for the Chestburster inside him to erupt through both of them. (A:RES)

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**Xenomorph:** An immensely dangerous and highly infectious parasitic extra-terrestrial lifeform. Scientifically classified as “linguafoeda Acheronsis”, which roughly translates to “foul tongue from Acheron”. The Xenomorph uses another living creature as its host, killing it in the process of “giving birth”. This characteristic results in another unique property of the organism called the DNA Reflex, which describes the effect of altering the appearance and anatomy of the Xenomorph according to its host. The Xenomorph species exists as a hive-based society, similar to Earth's bees, with a Queen at the top of the hierarchy. The Xenomorph life-cycle consists of three stages, with the optional fourth stage of the Queen. Inside an egg laid by the Queen, a spider-like Facehugger is contained that, once freed, attached itself to a suitable host and impregnates it with an embryo. Once this embryo has used the host's resources to nourish and to develop into the second stage, the snake-like Chestburster, it violently frees itself from its host body, killing it in the process. Now, the Chestburster develops into the third and last stage, the Drone. This vaguely humanoid-looking killing machine is considered a fully developed Xenomorph and the “face” of the Xenomorph species. Its sole purpose is to protect the hive and make it thrive. Its strength and remorselessness is only surpassed by the Queen, the largest type...
of Xenomorph. The organic features vary from type to type, but common to all of them is acidic blood and a lack of any sort of conventional visual sensory organs like eyes.

The only cause of existence for the Xenomorph is to consume and reproduce. Once unleashed onto an inhabited world, it will assimilate all organic life until there is no other species alive on the planet. This process takes place at a frightening speed, able to annihilate a human settlement of around 150 people in a matter of weeks. However, its method of reproduction is matched in its viciousness by its aggressiveness, combining intelligence, physical strength and remorseless to produce a veritable killing machine. Any resistance a Xenomorph may encounter is slaughtered gruesomely and efficiently. Certain aspects of the Xenomorph organism remain a mystery, including metabolism, perception and communication.

The origins of the Xenomorph are unknown. However, an excavation led by Dr. Lucien Keitel in the Australian Great Desert has discovered evidence that Xenomorph had once existed on Earth 1.6 billion years ago, at a time when life on Earth as we know it has not existed on the landmasses. This further proves the extreme resilience of the Xenomorph to hostile environments. Dr. Keitel later also discovered that another extra-terrestrial race had existed called the Space Jockeys or Mala'kak, which had seemingly been wiped out 1.6 billion years ago by the Xenomorph after establishing a galaxy-wide ruling for almost 2 billion years.

While Xenomorph contact with humans date back to the Viking Age, the *Nostromo* incident that ensued marks the first notable “first contact” situation with the lifeform. It was a Space Jockey vessel that would eventually be discovered by the crew of the *Nostromo* in 2122 on the planetoid LV-426 in the Zeta-II-Reticuli system. This vessel contained thousands of Xenomorph eggs, but for what reasons the eggs had been originally transported by the Space Jockeys is unknown. There is a theory, however, which suggests that the Xenomorph race had been a bio-engineered weapon engineered by the Space Jockeys which got out of control and wiped out its creators. The *Nostromo* incident was also the first, failed attempt made by the Weyland-Yutani corporation at harvesting the Xenomorph as a bioweapon. Another one would fail in 2179 during the Hadley's Hope incident, due to the efforts of a woman called Ellen Ripley which was the last survivor of the *Nostromo* incident and whose fate would be inextricably linked to the Xenomorph. In 2192, a third attempt made by humanity would turn out to be fatal when a Xenomorph queen contained on Earth was freed and unleashed the organism on mankind's homeworld. The following infestation quickly consumed the entire planet and forced the human race to evacuate to the outer colonies. It was not until 2197 when mankind was able to reclaim Earth and clean it of the Xenomorphs. Numerous encounters between humans and Xenomorphs followed, a notable one being an expedition to a Xenomorph hiveworld sponsored by the Grant Corporation. During this time, humankind was forced to invest research in methods to combat Xenomorphs. By the time of 2381, the Xenomorph organism was seemingly wiped out, but were resurrected by the United States military aboard the *Auriga* in a successful attempt to harvest the species from a clone of Ellen Ripley called Ripley 8. However, the hive was wiped out when the *Auriga* crashed on Earth. During the events involving Ripley 8 and the survivors of the *Auriga* incident, it was uncovered that human had known of the Xenomorph's existence long before the *Nostromo* incident and were secretly collaborating with the Space Jockeys race, which had in fact survived the genocide, but was unable to reproduce. Ironically, it turned out that the Xenomorph organism could hold the key to overcome this infertility, and so, the struggle between mankind and the Xenomorph continues until now.

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**Yutani:** An influential Japanese company existing since at least the 20th century. Named after its founding family. Yutani eventually merged with the Weyland corporation in the early 22nd century to form the Weyland-Yutani joint venture. Yutani, as a manufacturer of FTL drives among other things, provided company ships with their products and also equipped the *Nostromo* with a Yutani FTL drive. As Yutani reportedly had a vested interested in alien technology before, it is possible that it
was their influence who caused Weyland-Yutani to become interested in acquiring the Xenomorph organism for research.

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**Zeta II Reticuli:** A G1 V class star and part of the Zeta Reticuli binary star system. Approximately 36.7 light years away from Earth. Has eight planets, of which only two are in the zone for being potentially habitable worlds. However, even those only contain traces of atmosphere, rendering them incapable of sustaining life. The fourth planet is a Jovian supergiant with a ring system. The second major moon of this stellar body is the planetoid LV-426. (**A1, A2, A:CMTM, A:INF**)
4. Appendices

APPENDIX I – Abbreviation codex

Comics & graphic novels

- A:ALC = Aliens: Alchemy
- A:ALI = Aliens: Alien
- A:APO = Aliens: Apocalypse – The Destroying Angels
- A:BER = Aliens: Berserker
- A:B1 – O = Aliens: Book 1 – Outbreak
- A:B3 – FW = Aliens: Book 3 – Female War
- A:BL = Aliens: Border Lines
- A:CA = Aliens: Cargo
- A:CM = Aliens: Colonial Marines
- A:EA = Aliens: Earth Angel
- A:FTTH = Aliens: Fast Track To Heaven
- A:GEN = Aliens: Genocide
- A:GC = Aliens: Glass Corridor
- A:HAR = Aliens: Harvest
- A:HAV = Aliens: Havok
- A:HH = Aliens: Head Hunters
- A:INC = Aliens: Incubation
- A:KID = Aliens: Kidnapped
- A:LAB = Aliens: Labyrinth
- A:LOV = Aliens: Lovesick
- A:LUC = Aliens: Lucky
- A:MH = Aliens: Mondo Heat
- A:MOTS = Aliens: Music Of The Spears
- A:MP = Aliens: Mondo Pest
- A:MTH = Aliens: More Than Human
- A:NT = Aliens: Newt's Tale
- A:OIAL = Aliens: Once In A Lifetime
- A:PIG = Aliens: Pig
- A:PUR = Aliens: Purge
- A:ROG = Aliens: Rogue
- A:SAC = Aliens: Sacrifice
- A:SAL = Aliens: Salvation
- A:SP = Aliens Special
- A:STA = Aliens: Stalker
- A:STR = Aliens: Stronghold
- A:SUR = Aliens: Survival
- A:TAS = Aliens: Taste
- A:TRI = Aliens: Tribes
- A:TS = Aliens: Tourist Season
- A:WRA = Aliens: Wraith
• A:XEN = Aliens: Xenogenesis

**DVDs & Blu-Rays**

• AA = Alien Anthology 6-Blu-ray Disk Set (2010)
• AL = Alien Legacy 5-DVD Set (2000)
• AQ = Alien Quadrilogy 9-DVD Set (2003)

**Movies**

• A1 = Alien (1979)
• A2 = Aliens (1986)
• A3 = Alien³ (1991)
• A:RES = Alien: Resurrection (1997)

**Non-fiction books**

• A:CMTM = Colonial Marines Technical Manual

**Novels**

• A:CAU = Aliens: Cauldron
• A:CE = Aliens: Criminal Enterprise
• A:DW = Aliens: DNA War
• A:NE = Aliens: No Exit
• A:OS = Aliens: Original Sin
• A:SE = Aliens: Steel Egg

**Video games**

• A:CMVG = Aliens: Colonial Marines video game (PS3, XBox 360, PC)
• A:INF = Aliens: Infestation (Nintendo DS)
• A:TE = Aliens: Thanatos Encounter (GameBoy Color)

**APPENDIX II – Reference lists**

a) Locations

**Known sites of Space Jockey artifacts**

• LV-426 (Acheron)
• LV-1201
• Mira Ceti 4
• Shambleau system (orbit of unnamed planet)
• Tirgu-Mires

**Known sites of Xenomorph infestations**

• *Auriga*
• *Auriga* incident
• *Betty*
• C-3 L/M
  • C-3 L/M incident
• Earth
  • First global infestation (3,200,000,000 BC)
  • Second global infestation (2192 AD)
• Fiorina 161
  • Fury 16 incident
• LV-426 (Acheron)
  • Hadley's Hope incident
• LV-1201
• *Nostromo*
  • *Nostromo* incident
• Soulages
• *Sulaco*
• *Thanatos*
• Xenomorph Homeworld

b) Xenomorph lifeforms

**Xenomorph life-cycle**

• Egg
• Facehugger
• Chestburster
• Drone/Warrior
• Praetorian
• Queen

**Known Xenomorph subspecies**

• Arachnid Alien
• Bull Alien
• Chestburster
• Dog Alien
• Drone
• Empress
• Facehugger
• Gorilla Alien
• Jock-Alien
• Killer Crab Alien
• King Alien
• Mantis Alien
• Panther Alien
• Praetorian
• Queen
• Queen Mother
• Royal Facehugger
• Runner
• Snake Alien
• Scorpion Alien
• Swarm Alien
• Swimmer
• Warrior
• Wild Boar Alien

**Known Xenomorph hybrids**

• Eloise
• Newborn

c) **Characters**

**Known members of the United States Colonial Marines**

• General
  • Poitier, Sam
• Brigadier Generals
  • Jayes, Teresa
  • Norrbom, Mike
• Colonels
  • Cary, Sabrina
  • Kerwin, Joe
  • Susman, Barton H.
• Majors
  • Conway, Kathleen
  • Gerrity, Harrison
  • Smolek, Larry
• Captains
  • Betts, William
  • Henry, Scott
  • Lay Jr., Hayward J.
  • LeBue, Pat
  • Marquis, Karen
  • Mathis, Amanda
  • Riegert, Patrice
  • Samona, Amanda Mae
• 2nd Lieutenants
  • Cooper, Valerie
• Lieutenants
  • Foerster, Drew
  • Gorman, William
  • Pang Ho San
  • Rosentahl, Zade
  • Tabot, Joanna
• Warrant Officers
  • Bovankovich
• Gillot, Nick
• Yansey, Marcia
• Gunnery Sergeants
  • Apone, Al
  • Casella, Brenda
  • Huffey, Ron
• Staff Sergeants
  • Arter, Billy
  • Miskolczy, Robin
• Sergeants
  • Lance, Dom
  • Wirth, Edward
• Corporals
  • Blomberg, Tom
  • Dietrich, Cynthia
  • Ferro, Collette
  • Gerhardt, Lynda
  • Hicks, Dwayne
  • Hirsch, Lalla
  • McLoughlin, Spad
  • Nol, Benjamin
  • Pruden, Rob
  • Rakunas, Adam
  • Spindler, Teri
• Lance Corporals
  • Alcala, Guy
  • Beher Jr., Bob
  • Franson, Leeanne
  • Kasulka, Jim
  • Webster, Bonnie
  • Wortmann, Troy
• Privates First Class
  • Boone, Doug
  • Fettelberg, Leigh
  • Fisher, Mike
  • Hanna, Matt
  • Harris, Harry
  • Hudson, William
  • Kane, Emmet
  • Kerne, Steve
  • Meehan, Jim
  • Spunkmeyer, Daniel
  • Torne, Jonjo
  • Tulae, Alex
  • Vasquez, Jeanette
• Privates
  • Crowe, Tim
  • Drake, Mark
• Frost, Ricco
• Strasswimmer, Ross
• Wierzbowski, Trevor

**Individuals involved in the C-3 L/M incident in 2232**

• Braley, Charles
• Darby, Matthew
• Duncan
• Gavin
• Heyward, Bjorn
• Heyward, Jolena
• Kelly
• Kramm, Anders
• Marshall, Tobin A.
• Stauff, Frances

**Crew members of the Betty at the time of the Auriga incident in 2381**

• Call, Annalee
• Christie
• Elgyn, Frank
• Hillard, Sabra
• Johner
• Vriess

**Members of the USM Auriga research division at the time of the Auriga incident in 2381**

• Clauss, Brian
• Fontaine, Trish
• Gediman, Jonathan
• Kinloch, Matt
• Sprague, Dan
• Watanabe, Yoshi
• Williams, Carlyn
• Wren, Mason

**Fiorina 161 correctional facility staff at the time of the Fury 161 incident in 2179**

• Aaron
• Andrews
• Arthur
• Boggs
• Clemens
• David
• Dillon
• Eric
• Frank
• Golic
• Gregor
• Junior
• Jude
• Kevin
• Morse
• Murphy
• Rains
• Troy
• Vincent
• William

The crew of the USS Nostromo at the time of the Nostromo incident in 2122

• Ash
• Brett
• Dallas
• Kane
• Lambert
• Parker
• Ripley, Ellen

b) Starships & Vehicles

Ground vehicles

• Caterpillar P-5000 Powerloader
• Combat Exosuit
• Daihotai Tractor
• M22 Jackson Tank
• M292 Self-Propelled Gun System
• M34A2 Longstreet
• M40 Ridgeway Tank
• M570 All-Terrain Transport
• M677 Armored Personnel Carrier
  • M577A
  • M577A2
  • M577A3

Spacecraft

• AD-17A Cougar strikeship
• AD-19C/D Bearcat strikeship
• Betty
• Bodenwerke-Gemeinschaft Type 337 Emergency Escape Vessel
• Bougainville-class troop transport
• Conestoga-class space transport
  • USS Patna
  • USS Sephora
  • USS Sulaco
• CS-14 Briareos heavy lift shuttle
• dead-drop re-entry insertion vehicle
• Lockmart CM-88B Bison
  • *Nostromo* (modified version)
• Lockmart Starcub light intrasystem shuttle
  • *Narcissus*
• Ought-Two-class freighter
  • *Hume*
• Stinger-class cruiser
  • *Climacus*
• *Thanatos*
• UD-22 Navaho gunship
• UD-4 Cheyenne-class utility dropship
  • UD-4B
  • UD-4C
  • UD-4E
  • UD-4H
  • UD-4J
  • UD-4L
• USM *Auriga*
• Valley Forge-class starship

e) Weapons & Equipment

Weapons

• Infantry
  • M240 Flamethrower
  • M41A Pulse Rifle
    • M38 High Explosive Armor Piercing round
    • M40 High Explosive fragmentation round
    • M51A Bounding Fragmentation round
    • M108 Canister (Buckshot) round
    • M230 Baton round
    • M60 White Phosphorous Incendiary round
    • M72A1 Starshell
  • M42A Scope Rifle
  • M4A3 Pistol
  • M5 Rocket Propelled Grenade (RPG)
  • M56 Smart Gun
  • M78 Phased Plasma Infantry Gun (PIG)
  • M83A2 SADAR
• Portable Weapon Systems
  • M112 HIMAT
  • M5 Bouncing Mine
  • UA 571 Remote Sentry
    • UA 571-C
    • UA 571-D
    • UA 571-F
• Dropship Ordnance
  • AGM-204A TSAM
  • AGM-220C Hellhound II
  • AIM-90E Headlock
  • Mk. 10 Zeus
  • Mk. 16 150mm Banshee 70
    • M18
    • M451
    • M597
    • M598
    • M617
    • M618
    • M680
  • Mk. 88 SGW
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6. Resources

a) Movies


b) Books


c) Video games


d) Websites


7. History

version 1 (release date: 12/28/2011):

- First release.
- Contains basic document structure.
- Encyclopedia features basic coverage of the movies and general entries.
- NOTE: Reference list may list entries not yet present.
- NOTE: Resources does not yet feature all media noted in the abbreviation codex, but all media used for the content of this release.

version 2 (release date: 03/08/2012)

- New entries added:
  - Armat
  - Benjamin, Matthew
  - Braley, Charles
  - Biotech
  - Bougainville-class space transport
  - Bultmann
  - C-3 L/M
  - C-3 L/M incident
  - Caterpillar P-5000 Powerloader
  - Claro
  - Climacus
  - Company, The
  - Conestoga-class space transport
  - Crocker, Sven
  - Daihotai tractor
  - Darby, Matthew
  - Duncan
  - Egg Harvester
  - Gavin
  - Ghahwagi, Karim
  - Heyward, Bjorn
  - Heyward, Jolena
  - Hora, Thomas
  - Hume
  - Judge, William
  - Kelly
  - Kramm, Anders
  - LaFargue
  - LaFargue (C/3 L-M spy)
  - M240 Flamethrower
  - M41A Pulse Rifle
  - M4A3 Pistol
  - M56 Smart Gun
- M570
- M577 Armored Personnel Carrier
- M577A
- M577A2
- M577A3
- M579
- Marshall, Tobin A.
- Mechtech
- Michaels, Stewart
- Omnitech
- Ought-Two-class freighter
- Planetus
- Roth, Gershom
- Royal Facehugger
- Sleeper
- Soulages
- Standish, Victor
- Stauff, Frances
- Stinger-class cruiser
- Super Facehugger
- Titus-Carmel 7
- Toros field
- UA 571 remote sentry weapons system
- UA 571-C
- UA 571-D
- UA 571-F
- UD-4 Cheyenne-class dropship
- UD-4B
- UD-4C
- UD-4E
- UD-4H
- UD-4J
- UD-4L
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  - Queen Facehugger
  - Xenomorph
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