



**The Head mechanic**

As the supervisor of the technical department, their mind is not set: Terraforming means many new technologies to implement and manage, while Sirius B means some rest and the comforts of the mainland. In any event they will support the Commander's choice, since they've earned due respect and the burden of choice should rightfully rest on the shoulders of the highest-ranking officer.

II

**The Medical officer**

Their work coincides with their one true passion: protecting the health of their people, conducting research and improving the life expectancy of the human race. Terraforming piques their interest as a chance for new medical breakthroughs, but it might entail unforeseen threats to their patients. Rather than express any judgement, they will insist to assess the medical risks tied to terraforming.

III

**The Trade unionist**

As a high-ranking member of the Traders' Union, they think in terms of costs and opportunities. On the one hand, the florid business awaiting them on Sirius B, as well as a prestigious seat in the Union. On the other, the chance to take part in the colonisation of a planet from the very beginning, becoming the undisputed head of the commercial structure that would inevitably come to be.

IV

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The Terraformer

By now, human expansion in the galaxies has reached what seems to be the last frontier and colonising a new planet is something of an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Terraformers work to balance delicate ecosystems and synthesise functional units for intergalactic ships, but launching the terraformation of a whole new planet is the unfulfilled dream of every single one of them.

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The Shipowner

The wealthy investor that financed this expedition has no intention of seeing their funds vanish into thin air and waste the rest of their life chasing a terraforming mission for the Intergalactic Fleet. But the ship, though employed for transport, is still in the Fleet's hands and the decision is not up to them. The Shipowner will do everything in their power to keep the vessel from being rerouted.

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The Second mate

The Second mate knew that boarding this vessel would mean consecrating twenty-two years of their life to the Fleet. An enormous sacrifice, but one they were willing to make. But this is another matter entirely. They have always admired the Commander and they will push them towards the best choice: continuing the journey towards Sirius B. The alternative is mutiny, surely nobody wants that.

Q

The Commander

The Commander dreams of glory, of being remembered for their great deeds. However, they are sincerely worried about the future of the crew of this immense ship, and their most human side trembles at the idea of never again seeing their family waiting on Sirius B. They will carefully listen to everyone's words and try to make the wisest choice, knowing that this is their burden to bear.

Ki

The Galactic diplomat

The Diplomat represents the Galactic council on the Shalashaska. This terraforming mission is a direct request of the Council in its full interest and as such it is their firm intention for it to be accepted. There are interests and duties that go beyond a single ship, a single planet, and even a single galaxy. Humanity is the sole principle they answer to, and there is no greater authority.

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