

MARTIGAN BELT

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This is the content of the static-garbled message received by the Janus Mining Company from one of their mining vessels in the Asteroid Belt. Your team of specialists has been assembled by all companies on Martigan III to determine what happened to the vessel and whether 'sabotage' was involved as the message seems to imply.

Included in this scenario are the full maps on the Martigan System with greatest detail on the planet Martigan III. The system map shows the location of the lost mining ship and of the IPA bases in the Asteroid Belt. Provisions exist for adventures on Martigan III, exploring other planets of the system, determining what went on with the lost ship, and mining the asteroids. Additional suggestions for other scenarios are included for use within the Martigan System.

MARTIGAN BELT is intended for use with SPACE OPERA. Note that this is not a game, but a StarMaster's Aid for use with the SPACE OPERA game system.

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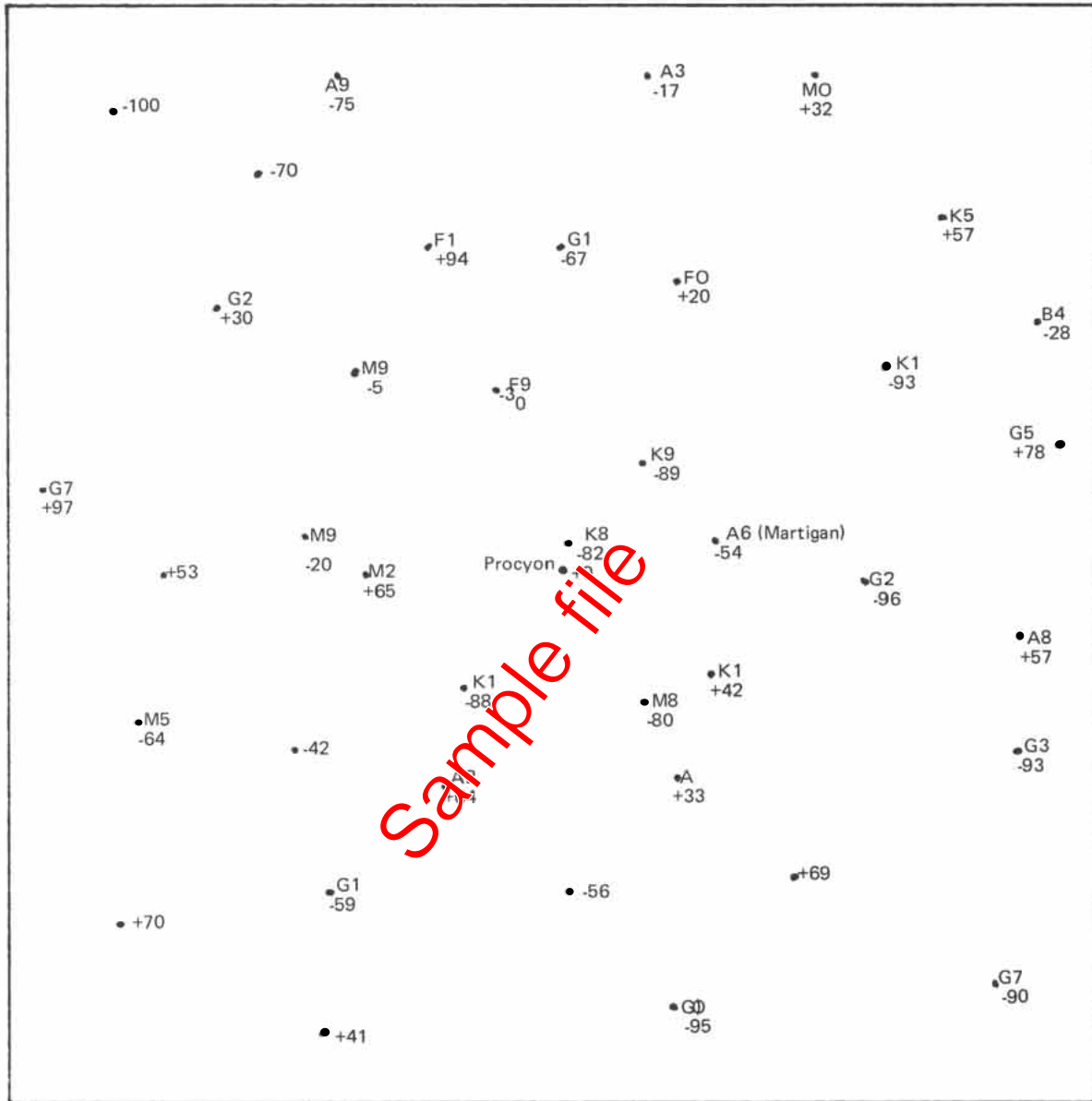
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EDITORIAL INTRODUCTION

Players should note that the various scenarios produced for use with **Space Opera** are not necessarily from the same game universe. There are many possible universes or settings for **Space Opera** and each scenario will be from the campaign of the scenario designer, not necessarily from the original campaign of the original game designers. As each campaign and scenario are different, it is still possible to place the region described in any scenario, **Martigan Belt** included, in a different region of any StarMaster's campaign universe.

Other scenarios by the same designer will be from the same campaign universe so that entire regions may be placed in out-of-the-way corners of the galaxy by a StarMaster. There will be a continuing series of such scenarios by this designer and by other designers.

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the universe of **Space Opera**. **Space Opera** presents a more complex set of rules than the average, but also more complete. That's not an apology since life is also complex. Yet, as complex an undertaking as working on this adventure/scenario has been, I might have forgotten or glossed over some things. For any such omission I do apologize.

In the interests of good StarMastering, I urge you to read this booklet carefully and to spend some time thoroughly familiarizing yourself with everything presented herein before attempting to run players through this adventure.

Space Opera is an expanding universe to which I hope to have sparked (or retained) your interest.

DEDICATION & THANKS

Thanks to all my friends and fellow gamers at Waterloo in Stony Brook. To those who helped me playtest an early version at the Council of Five Nations in Schenectady. And, most of all to Scott, who gave me the chance and pushed me. To all of you, thanks. This one is for you.

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BACKGROUND

The Janus Mining Company has received the following coded message from a company mining vessel. Some portions of the message were over-ridden by static. Computer enhancement techniques have yielded the results shown below:

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Your team of troubleshooters has been assembled from among employees of all companies on Martigan III. Management is concerned with the final message segment, possibly indicating sabotage.

Armsmen have been leased from Xerxes to provide security services. Astronauts and Techs come from Icarus to crew a StarShip and provide transport. A geological specialist has been assigned by Prometheus to provide mineral location expertise.

The team gathers at Janus for final briefings and to be equipped. The StarShip is equipped with sufficient space suits for all members of the crew. These are type SS-VS/4, double tanked with powercell purifier, PC/5 and PV Polarized Visor built into the suits.

Team members may check out an additional CR2000 worth of equipment from company stores, but they are responsible for the safe-keeping of this gear and its return. Personal gear (bought from any personal savings) is a personal responsibility.

Personnel assigned to this team who are not employees of the Janus Mining Company are paid at 125% of their normal salary rates.

Janus Mining has placed at the disposal of the team a modified four fanjet medium transport aircraft (**Space Opera** Vol. II, p. 23). It has been modified with upgraded thrust reversers to enable it to land on a runway of only 1500 meters.

Due to lack of proper maintenance, this aircraft has a higher breakdown rate than normal. Initially it is 10%, increasing by 1% per hour.

Standard air transport regulations on Martigan III prohibit the carrying of weapons on board the aircraft; radios are also prohibited. Weapons, armor, and other assorted personal gear can be stowed in a belly cargo space.

As an additional incentive on this mission, Janus Mining Company will pay all (faithful) participants a bonus at mission's end. This bonus will be in equal shares from a monetary pool equal to 1% of the net profits (monetary returns from any discoveries after operating costs are deducted, not including salaries).

Notes for the StarMaster: Should players not be able to assemble a complete team with all necessary types of specialists, those missing team members should be made up of exceptional human NPCs. To make this task somewhat easier, a set of NPCs is included with this adventure/scenario.

Janus owns three mining vessels. Number 3 was the one that reported in with the mysterious message from the asteroid belt. Number 2 is a standard Meteor Miner. Number 1 is at the disposal of the players and deck plans and stats are included.

Vessel Number 3 as explosively destroyed. Sensors will indicate StarShip components scattered fairly evenly throughout the belt. It should also be noted that the materials for StarShip construction are mined in the asteroid belt so that positive identification of parts from No. 3 will be impossible with sensors alone.

Each company has secretly instructed its employees to attempt to gain as much as possible for their own company as possible, but to act in this fashion covertly.

THE MARTIGAN SYSTEM

The Martigan system is located in the Procyon SubSector. A sector map is included to locate the star Martigan in relation to future scenarios in this series.

The system consists of nine planetary bodies and an asteroid belt. A system chart is included which shows the relative positions of the nine planets and the belt. The locations of two IPA bases in the belt are specified, as is the last known position of Janus Mining Vessel No. 3.

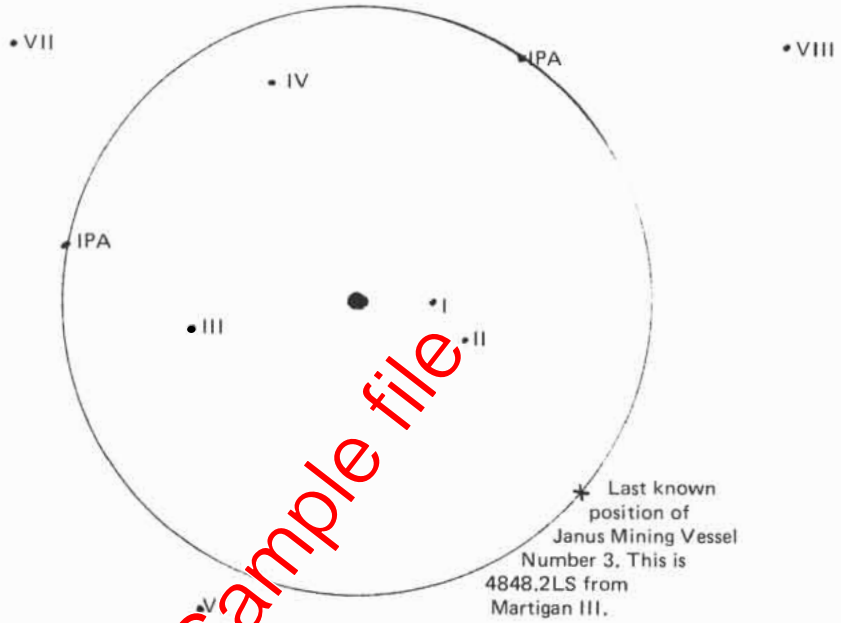
MARTIGAN I:
 Planetary Diameter 11,270 km
 Natural Satellites 0
 Surface Gravity 0.875 G
 Length of Day 42 Standard Hours
 Length of Year 233.7 Standard Days
 Temperature Range 518°C to 143°C
 Type 15 world with traces of atmosphere.
 Hydrosphere Negligible
 Vulcanism Severe

MARTIGAN II:
 Planetary Diameter 14,480 km
 Natural Satellites 1
 Satellite Diameter 318.78 km
 Satellite Surface Gravity 0.0238 G
 Planetary Surface Gravity 0.787 G
 Moon's Orbital Period 7.292 Standard Hours
 Planetary Day 41 Standard Hours
 Planetary Year 817.96 Standard Days (478.8 planetary days)
 Surface Temperature 313.9°C to 54.7°C
 Type 15 world with thin atmosphere.
 Moisture Negligible

MARTIGAN III:
 Planetary Diameter 12,880 km
 Natural Satellites 3
 Satellite 1 Diameter 128.8 km
 Satellite 1 Surface Gravity 0.013 G
 Satellite 1 Orbital Period 16.23 Standard Hours
 Satellite 2 Diameter 540.96 km
 Satellite 2 Surface Gravity 0.025 G
 Satellite 2 Orbital Period 56.8 Standard Hours
 Satellite 3 Diameter 1056.16 km
 Satellite 3 Surface Gravity 0.082 G
 Satellite 3 Orbital Period 81.15 Standard Hours
 Planetary Day 24 Standard Hours
 Planetary Year 1168.5 Standard or Planetary Days
 Planetary Surface Gravity 0.8998 G
 Surface Temperature 37°C to -14.5°C
 Type 1 Terran Steppe Planet with Terran Atmosphere.
 Hydrographic Rating 40%

MARTIGAN SYSTEM SCHEMATIC (distances not to scale)

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