

Changelog

Act 2 Updates

v1.2.2 (2022-12-04) - Assorted Various Clarifications

- Clarified that Enter The Matrix and Flatliner require their Lvl 3 counterparts for Various.
- Clarified that Various Modularity can be used on General Abilities.

v1.2.1 (2022-10-18) - Nothing Survives Contact...

- Assorted clarifications:
 - [Knowledgeable](#) General Ability can be taken multiple times.
 - [Knowledgeable](#) General Ability does not count for Specialist Expertise.
 - [Medical](#) General Abilities cannot be used on yourself.
 - [Guidance](#) and [Meditation](#) Startouched abilities can only be used on calls you have gained from Startouched abilities.

v1.2.0 (2022-10-17)

Operation: Beachhead Aftermath

- New [Experimental Abilities](#) after [Operation Beachhead](#).
- Updates to [NPCs](#) list and [The Stranded Fleet](#).
- New [Latest Situation](#) news page.
- Updates to the structure of [Bestiary](#) and to [Mission Advice](#) about running on Hive IV.

General Abilities

- A suite of [General Abilities](#) have been added that anyone can access.

General Housekeeping

- Minor [Various](#) updates / clarifications:
 - System Overdrive / Natural Dominance made easier to brain - they only affect Utility Abilities and Calls gained from the Abilities you lock off.
 - Moving Mountain BREAK resistance only counts for body BREAKs.
 - Buffed Reverse Engineer with a second CURSE use per HARVEST.
- Minor [Startouched](#) updates / clarifications:
 - Darklance only provides BREAK on the next hit after PULL.
 - Vessel only gives a single sentence answer.
 - Space Between Space requires you to be stationary before use.
- Minor [Commando](#) updates / clarifications:

- Ranged weapon abilities do not use a charge of your weapon but do need the weapon phys-rep to be used.
- Sweeping Strike no longer has to be delivered by melee.
- Single Pistol Prowess no longer implies the pistol must be in the main hand.
- Improved [Ziline](#) positive effect - no longer a small reduction to SLOW but a use of active camouflage that allows slow movement.
- [Combat Rules](#) clarifications:
 - In WARP you are still subject to AOE and SCAN calls.
 - Under SLOW, timers cooldown at half speed as well.

Post-Release

v1.1.9 (2022-10-14) - Operation Index

- Rejigged the [Bestiary](#) into subpages for better navigability.

v1.1.8 (2022-03-23) - I Know Things Now Many Valuable Things

News

- Updated [The Incident](#) with findings from [Damage Control](#).

v1.1.7 (2022-03-18) - Mass Effect

Errata

- MASS PEW is valid, updated [Combat Rules](#) to reflect this.

v1.1.6 (2022-03-09) - Business is Booming

Updates

- Updated [Factions](#) to explain how we're dealing with Currency.

Changes

- Changed [Cover](#) to exclude BLAST from Cover.

v1.1.5 (2022-03-07) - Getting Meta

Updates

- Added [setting information about holodecks](#).
- Added [rules for running encounters or entire missions within a holodeck](#).
- Changelog now with more unnecessary subtitles.

v1.1.4 (2022-02-15) - Clarity Minor

Clarifications

- Minor clarifications of little note.

v1.1.3 (2022-02-06) - Feedback Loop

Changes

- [SCAN <X>](#) must always be followed by a qualifier.
- [Heartbleed](#) nerfed - it now takes 30s to trigger a 10s period in which you can call HEAL for every damage you inflict (but relaxed the restriction to allow it to work for ranged damage).

Updates

- Added more Ship Hearts to [Worlds](#) for clarity.
- Added first Nemesis NPC to [Aces World](#).
- Added Altarian Dynastic Order in Keter Borderlands to [NPCs page](#).
- Made some more things explicit on the [Social Contract](#), in particular:
 - Players should contact the GM to express interest in playing.
 - Attendees are expected to Monster as much as they Play (if not moreso).
 - The GM's ruling can be questioned once (with the co-GM present) but then should be taken as final and brought up with the Refs after the event if that's still not satisfactory.
 - Emphasised avoiding running Missions in areas of the game you have characters in.
 - Emphasised that Monsters should try to make their behaviour understandable to Players to maximise their ability to interact with the Encounter.

Clarifications

- Attempted to clarify [Character Advancement](#) for banking XP when you've not played a character.
- Added clarification about Ship Heart range to [Staying Safe from Decay](#).
- Clarified that [Granted Barrier](#) isn't used by Commandos for spending hits for Abilities.

v1.1.2 (2022-01-26) - Various Tweaks

Changes

- Added [HARVEST FAQs](#) for Various Harvesting.
- HARVEST must be called on a dead/unconscious character within 5 minutes after they are knocked out / killed.
- [Hulking Form](#) now confers a +5s increase to BURN duration.
- [Advanced Thermal Countermeasures](#) now provides a utility fire extinguishing ability.
- Renamed Various skill that applies MEND and GAIN BREAK to [Patchwork Armoury](#).
- Removed previous iteration of Patchwork Armoury as overly complicated.
- Re-introduced [Jury Rig](#) as a Various Ability that gives access to a once-per-mission Tinkering.
- [Hardpoints Mean Prizes](#) requires roleplay for the 1s of aiming if used for a ranged weapon in order to make it clear what's going on.
- Added [Mechanic](#) Background that provides a use of Tinkering and a Downtime ability to take something apart to see how it works.

Clarifications

- Charging a Ranged Weapon does not need to be uninterrupted.
- Added notes to The Various page that if a duration is reduced to 0s you call PING when you would take the call.
- Clarified that you cannot use [Meditate](#) or [Guidance](#) to grant access to calls you can't reach with gesture alone.
- Clarified that you cannot use Overload or Meditate/Guidance on [Switch](#) or [Starlight Fade](#).

Housekeeping

- Removed deprecated reference to TAUNT from Combat Rules.
- Removed deprecated reference to the Altarian Federation from Backgrounds.

v1.1.1 (2022-01-20) - Learning from Experience

- XP gains reduced by 1 globally to slow speed of Advancement.
- Various respecting must maintain rank and Ability prerequisites.

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Changes

- Added a 60s cooldown to the [Startouched](#) top tier abilities that give you unlimited uses of a call.
- CLUNK works on unsuspecting individuals out of combat even if they are armed.
- BURN prevents striking for damage.

Clarifications

- Clarified [Character Advancement](#) onto its own page.

- Clarified top tier [Startouched](#) abilities that let you freely make calls require the gesture constantly.
- Clarified that [Overload](#) only works for abilities that normally use one hand.
- Clarified YOU LOT destroying cover.

Release! v1.0.0

Pre-Release

v0.9

- Added [introlarp](#) and [introgame](#) pages.
- Expanded [Glossary](#).
- Added [Credits](#).
- Cribbed [Social Contract](#) from Animus.
- Cribbed [Running a Mission](#) from Memento Mundi.
- Swapped GM XP reward for running a mission.
- Added Discrimination on the basis of national / planetary identity to Themes.
- Added [Borderlands](#) map and planets.
- Clarified [Naming Conventions](#).
- Added [Player-Requested Missions](#).
- Updated [Backgrounds](#).
- Added startup Clout for [Factions](#).
- Added [Species](#).
- Fiddled with [Commando](#) hits.
- Clarified that HEAL ZERO is not a thing.
- **Massive proofreading pass.**
- Sensitivity read completed.

Post Playtest 5 (The Great Robotic Uprising of Vyx 9A) v0.8

- Removed Multifaceted and made it a Rank 5 Specialist Ability.
- Renamed Startouched#Mystic to Scion
- Added SLOW call.
- Upped the base HP for Commandos.
- Increased base cost for Commando abilities.
- Added Commando abilities for all levels.
- Added Specialist abilities for all levels.
- Added Startouched abilities for all levels.
- Added Various abilities for all levels.
- Removed reference to Grenade variants.
- Removed reference to Hacking.
- Removed restriction for EFFECT being only for Monsters.
- Changed contact address to planetfall.larp@gmail.com.
- Banned species-based discrimination from the game.

Post Playtest 4 (They Chose Violence Redux) v0.7

- Started adding more setting.
- Removed Altarian Federation.
- Added Galactic Cooperation.
- Added numerous factions.
- Added Factions and Clout mechanic.
- Added Secret Metaphysic.
- Restored BLAST.
- Changed Single Ranged Weapon Prowess to match Bladed Weapon Prowess.
- Increased cost of Sweeping Strike.
- Removed Ambidex by default - made it a Melee Prowess option.
- Rebalanced Tinkering deck to encourage recklessness

Post Playtest 3 (They Chose Violence) v0.6

- Extended charge time for Startouched abilities:
 - Concussive Bolt → 15s
 - Repairing Barrier → 10s
- Reduced power of Air Blast to 1 target within 5m, reduced charge time to match Concussive Bolt.
- Added Multifaceted Background
- Changed Pilot Background Evasive ability to Talisman

Post Ref Team Expansion v0.4

Combat Rules

- Simplified Unconsciousness and Incapacitation to Just Unconsciousness.
- GMactored Energy into Class Abilities:
 - PING cannot be called by default by everyone.
 - DRAIN prevents ability use for 10s.
 - CURSE prevents healing above 1 for the rest of the encounter.
 - Removed GAIN <Y> ENERGY.
- Reintroduced EXECUTE.
- Renamed MISSED to MISS.
- Removed Shield Cover by default.
- Removed YEAH and OUCH as superfluous.
- Removed HEAL <X> as overly complicated.
- Renamed VA-WORP to WARP.
- Renamed ASSIMILATE to HARVEST.
- Removed rend effect from BREAK.
- Introduce BURN and ZAP.
- Remove TAUNT. PULL covers this.
- Removed KABOOM. MASS STRIKEDOWN covers this.

Classes / Backgrounds / Abilities

- Removed Synthetics.
- Removed Various Background.
- Renamed Startouched Background.
- Completely rewrote class abilities.

Post Playtest 2 (Recalibration) v0.3

- Removed Detonator Energy Regimen because it is silly
- Reduced DRAIN duration to 5s from 10s
- Removed Energy Sap property from DRAIN, it's always the worse option so why would you pick it?

Post Playtest 1 (Calibration) v0.2

- Removed CHAAAAARGE as a call
- This is now explicitly an ability for some
- Changed the Melee Tree to be focussing around response and use of PUSH
- Removed BURN (EFFECT: BURN) works
- Renamed ZAP to DRAIN
- DRAIN is a 10s embargo on using Energy or drains ALL your Energy
- Clarified the Overcharging mechanic bestows the DRAIN after *any* of the energy is spent
- Space Within Space now costs 2 Energy not 5
- Renamed KNOCKOUT to CLUNK
- Moved BLAST to the Damage Calls section of the Combat Rules page
- Renamed CRUNCH to BREAK
- Removed STABILISE and replaced it with the ability for anyone to call HEAL on an incapacitated character
- Grenade Prowess only gives 1 Grenade per encounter
- Added Ranged Weapon Finesse and Ranged Weapon Mastery
- Adjusted Energy Costs - only Rank 5 Abilities cost 5 now, and most are brought to 2 or 3 Energy
- Changed Tech Scanner skill to be less useless
- PING to Uncalled Melee Damage does not need to be called
- Increased the Energy Cap for Generator

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