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THE CHARACTERS

COMMANDER JOHN CRICHTON

John Robert Crichton, Jr. was born in North Carolina, thirty-odd years ago. He attended MIT -- ultimately achieving his full doctorate in Theoretical Sciences. When the opportunity arose to train with IASA as an astronaut, he leapt at it. Because of his strengths as a scientist, he was a popular Mission Specialist on several Shuttle missions.

Despite his astronaut status and tall, classic good looks, he still considers himself just one of the science nerds, like his buddies. His active, take-charge, hero side inherited from his father has remained dormant -- until that fateful day a year ago when he stepped into his one-man capsule and ended up at the far end of the universe.

Crichton may not see himself as a hero -- but, like all of us, he has within him the makings of one. All he needs is an opportunity for that side to reveal itself.

Since being hurtled across the galaxy and joining a fugitive vessel, Crichton has managed to survive many obstacles including lethal confrontations with carnivorous and shape-shifting aliens. The difficulties the crew experienced together has created a special bond between them. Now, however, they face the threat of being recaptured by the merciless military race called the Peacekeepers -- John in particular is their new target.

OFFICER AERYN SUN

Aeryn was formerly a front-line soldier in the Peacekeeper corps -- a grunt, and proud of it. She was part of the kick-ass Pleisar Regiment -- always the first unit in.

Aeryn is intensely proud of the fact that she can hold her own among any of her fellow soldiers -- male or female. Being trapped here aboard Moya and having to count on all these non-Peacekeepers for her survival has been anathema to her instincts and training.

As a result of a diabolical experiment, Aeryn was injected with Pilot's DNA and although the transformation was reversed, she still retains some of the DNA. She now shares a close bond with Pilot, in addition to having the technical knowledge to operate the vast ship.

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Being a Peacekeeper (and one of these prisoners' former captors) obviously creates continuing friction between her and them. But as time goes on, her interactions with Crichton and now with Moya's baby Leviathan Talyn -- will lead her to an awareness and compassion that she's never known before.

KA D'ARGO

A huge, brutish member of the Luxan -- a race of fierce, much-feared warriors known throughout the galaxy for their propensity to conquer anything or anybody in their path.

D'Argo's first reaction to most every situation is to go in blasting and ask questions never.

In season one, it is revealed that D'Argo was framed for his Sebacean wife's murder. Although Capt. Crais was aware of his innocence, the Luxan warrior was imprisoned by the Peacekeepers. D'Argo's son has since disappeared and it is D'Argo's quest to be reunited with him.

PA'U ZOTOH ZHAAN

Pa'u (meaning 'Priest') Zotoh Zhaan is a Delvian. Although a middle-aged 812 years on the Delvian calendar, she looks to be in her 40s to us humans.

Delvians are a highly spiritual race -- thoughtful and peace loving. Zhaan has reached the 8th Plateau in the Delvian Seek, their search for perfect understanding and unity with all life.

It is revealed that Delvians are plant-based life forms -- which explains Zhaan's euphoric response to sunlight. Her form does not consist of bones, but of plant tissues and fibers.

RYGEL THE XVI

Standing all of 26 inches tall -- when he deigns to stand at all -- Rygel is the royal sovereign to over 600 billion loyal subjects. Unfortunately for him, none of them is aboard this ship! The victim of a coup by his evil cousin, Rygel has been a prisoner now for over 250 years.

MOYA

Our ship. A Leviathan (a race of bio-mechanoids) -- she is actually a living ship. Moya looks and feels just like a regular metal ship (no unsettling squishing under your feet when you walk) -- but there are subtle suggestions in her design, inside and out, which conform with the fact that she is an evolving, living being.

Moya recently gave birth to a baby Leviathan that Aeryn named Talyn, after her own father. After Moya's difficult labor, it was revealed that Talyn is the first ever hybrid of Peacekeeper weaponry and organic life.

PILOT

Pilot is Moya's control center -- all of her systems are monitored and maintained by him. He's her majordomo, keeping her functioning in top form, communicating for her, worrying for her so she doesn't have to. And he does a lot of worrying...

Pilot's upper-torso is an organic outgrowth of the floor and walls of his Chamber deep within Moya (which he obviously can never leave). He is part of Moya, even though he is very much his own species...

When D'Argo, Rygel and Zhaan chopped off his arm in a despicable trade agreement, Pilot was able to regenerate his arm. But the unpredictable nature of the conspirators in this event, have made Pilot and Moya acutely aware that the crew can never be entirely trusted.

CHIANA

Chiana is an attractive alien female -- a headstrong, acid-tongued survivor, capable of fending for herself in the toughest of circumstances. This edgy exterior, however, hides emotional vulnerability; a sense of humor (tinged by sarcasm), and a wide-eyed adventurous spirit.

Chiana ran away from a very regimented society to experience freedom and adventure in the vastness of the universe. Paralleling the other travelers on Moya, she's a fugitive -- in this case, from her own people, who, if they were to find her, would "reconform" her back to their way of life.

When we first met her, Chiana had already spent five years living by her wits everywhere from luxury resort stations to gritty commerce planets -- and most places in-between. Able to slide effortlessly into any persona she chooses, she's equally comfortable in penthouses and back-alleys.

Sexy and clever, Chiana unfailingly thinks of herself first -- "survival" being her mantra for as long as she can remember. A natural manipulator, quick to adapt, she sizes up Crichton and the others, figuring to scam them for all they're worth. However, the more time she spends on Moya, the more Chiana comes to respect them, and as time passes, she may actually grow nicely into her own niche aboard our ship.

CAPTAIN BIALAR CRAIS

Captain Bialar Crais is Inspector Javert to Crichton's Jean Valjean. When Crichton's Farscape module first appears in this end of the universe, it accidentally collides with a Peacekeeper Prowler, the pilot of which is killed instantly. The pilot was Tauvo Crais, younger brother to Captain Bialar Crais.

Bialar Crais was born on a distant farming commune planet, raised with his kid brother by a loving mother and father, with every expectation that he would grow to be a farmer like his father. His fate changed forever when a Peacekeeper Recruitment Barge arrived and conscripted the eleven-year-old Bialar and his eight-year-old brother Tauvo. As they were dragged aboard the Barge, their father's parting words were to Bialar: "Protect of your young brother!" Bialar Crais lived up to those words, rising through the Peacekeeper ranks solely so he could better protect his brother.

Crichton's collision with Tauvo's Prowler was an accident, but this means nothing to the relentless Captain Crais, who will stop at nothing to exact vengeance upon the man who ended his young brother's life. However, after several ugly confrontations during season one, Crais may finally have accepted the true circumstances of Tauvo's death.

SCORPIUS

Scorpius is a member of the Peacekeeper "CCS" – an elite cabal, much like the Nazi's Gestapo. Cold, analytical, and highly intelligent, Scorpius holds no rank himself... and persons holding conventional Peacekeeper rank hold no sway over him. Scorpius keeps his own counsel, trusts no one, cares about no one.

By species, Scorpius is half Sebacean, half Scarran. Being a half-breed makes him something of a pariah among his fellow Peacekeepers. This doesn't affect Scorpius in the least. He has his own agenda, a *secret* agenda, of which not even the Peacekeeper High Command is aware. But some day they will be... but when they do, it will be too late.

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