

COMMANDER MANZADAC

Manzadac is Captain Albert Nimbus' right-hand man. He's loyal to the end, deeply committed to the separatist cause, but is constantly stepped on and abused by his Captain.

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INT. CAPT. NIMBUS' QUARTERS

Captain Albert Nimbus reclines back in his chair, lovingly polishing his ceremonial sword, when Manzadac enters with a crisp salute and formal posture.

MANZADAC

Captain Nimbus. We've received another transmission from the Confederation High Command, asking whether we've completed our mission.

ALBERT

Ignore them, Manzadac.

MANZADAC

But sir, the High Command--

ALBERT

Tell them that we didn't get their transmission, that our comm system is malfunctioning again.

MANZADAC

Captain, may I speak freely?

ALBERT

At ease.

Manzadac drops his posture and stands at ease.

MANZADAC

Sir, I know our assignment of shipping supplies isn't glamorous, but those power converters are desperately needed by our defensive networks in the Colgari system.

ALBERT

A couple of old power converters won't win the war.

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MANZADAC

I can't speak for the entire crew, sir, but for me, but I joined the Stellar Confederation to liberate ourselves from the arrogance of Core Worlders. The corrupt Galactic Union has become a beached, bloated whale carcass whose stink I can no longer suffer. But the only way we can win this war is if we work together as a team.

ALBERT

Yeah, yeah, yeah. See if you can get me a couple more cans of sword polish in here, would ya?

MANZADAC

Very well, sir.