LIEUTENANT COMMANDER ARDON NORTT

Bolian   **Male**   **Starfleet**

Biography

Lieutenant Commander Ardon Nortt has a distinguished record with the Starfleet Corps of Engineers, receiving multiple commendations of valor, an Excellence in Leadership Award from the SCE, and honorary doctorates at three universities from Earth to Andoria and his native Bolus. Mentioning any of this to Nortt, however, will just elicit a smile and a self-deprecating joke.

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In true Bolian fashion, Nortt's approach to leadership is gregarious and friendly. To those first meeting him, he seems more like an unassuming friend than a squad leader. And yet Ardon Nortt is one of the most effective officers that the SCE has and when a serious situation arises it's easy to see why. The camaraderie and friendships that Lt Commander Nortt creates in his team during down time lead to trust and intuitive cooperation when it comes to crises. Although he has worked in all number of different engineering projects, it is for disaster relief missions and projects in combat zones that Nortt received his commendations.

Many have underestimated Ardon Nortt's leadership abilities but the command staff of the Starfleet Corps of Engineers is firmly behind him. As war seems to be coming and more and more risk-laden projects come up for Starfleet, they would do well to look to Nortt's style of leadership in creating tight-knit teams.

Nortt as a Fraud

It's not as optimistic a look at things, but there is the possibility that Ardon Nortt is actually a fraud. His friendly style of leadership is admired because it works... but what if it didn't? Imagine a subordinate who works with Ardon Nortt who is the actual skilled leader, pulling the team together and forging an effective work group through traditional exercises while Lt Commander Nortt organizes dinners and card games. This sort of interpersonal drama set against a critical situation is easy to imagine in a *Star Trek* episode.

To take this direction with Ardon Nortt, use the stats on the next page for his skilled subordinate (changing the Trait to whatever species you like and possibly adjusting his Values). For Nortt, you can use the less impressive stats for the Operations officer on page 92 of the *Operations Division Supplement*.

Statistics

Use the following statistics for a Notable or Major version of this character. The statistics note what changes are necessary for a Major NPC.

TRAIT: Bolian

VALUES:
- A Close Team Works Better
- Assignments Get Stale After a While (Major NPC)

ATTRIBUTES

Control	10	Daring	9
Fitness	9	Insight	10
Presence	12	Reason	11

For Major NPC add +1 to Control and Reason.

DISCIPLINES

Command	03	Conn	01
Security	01	Engineering	04
Science	02	Medicine	01

For Major NPC add +1 to Conn, Science, and Engineering.

FOCUSES:
- Starship Systems
- Colony Infrastructure
- Computer Systems (Major NPC)
- Group Dynamics (Major NPC)

Stress: 10   **Resistance:** 0

ATTACKS:
- **Unarmed Strike** (Melee, 2⚔ Knockdown, 1H, Non-lethal)
- **Phaser type-I** (Ranged, 3⚔, 1H, Charge, Hidden 1)
- **Escalation Phaser type-II** (Ranged, 4⚔, 1H, Charge)

SPECIAL ABILITIES
- **Engineering Commander:** If Nortt uses the *Direct* Task in his position as commanding officer of his squad and he assists with an Engineering Task, the assisted character may reroll one d20. If he uses the *Rally* Task characters using the Momentum straight away for an Engineering Task may *Create an Advantage* by spending 1 Momentum instead of 2 (more Advantages beyond the first still cost 2 Momentum). Both of these Tasks can be found on page 222 of the core rulebook.
- **Repair Team Leader:** If anyone on Nortt's direct team that he's been working with for at least a week succeeds at the *Damage Control* Task (core rulebook p. 224) they may spend 3 Momentum (Repeatable) to also repair one Breach.
- **Warm Welcome:** Whenever assisting another character, a Bolian may use their Presence Attribute instead of the normal one for the Task. Further, both the Bolian and the character being assisted may ignore any increases in Complication Range for the Task.
- **Procedural Compliance (Major NPC Only):** By spending 2 Momentum to *Create an Advantage* related to obtaining the proper manuals and documentation, Nortt may reroll 1d20 during the next Engineering Task.