

"Risa"

Suggested Era of Play: TNG
Suggested Spotlight Role: Chief Engineering Officer



Synopsis

There is little time for rest and relaxation when the engineering conference, on the pleasure destination of Risa, is brought to an abrupt halt when a key note speaker is murdered, mid-speech.

Opening Log

"Risa, a much better choice for the Engineering Conference than that starbase they picked last time. Looking forward to actually being able to get some R&R between the speeches and events this time around."

Major Beats

Opportunity

Risa is always busy, and more so with the engineering conference at the moment. There are various speeches and events being given by leaders in their respective fields. During one, lead by Professor Tam, the professor stutters mid-sentence then drops down, dead. Unfortunately, Risa's Law Enforcement aren't adept at dealing with much more than minor domestic incidents.

Means

Preliminary scans show the professor suffered from ruptured blood vessels in the brain, exotic metals in the blood indicate some kind of nano-explosive. How did it get into the Professor and who came into contact with them? Who works with this kind of technology in the first place, or at least who had access to it? Working these out should help to narrow down the field of suspects at least.

Motive

Who could've wanted the Professor dead? Dr Wight, had an ongoing, and well known, disagreement with the Professor over an old partnership that broke down. Yael had been an outspoken critic for the last few years. Parlet, is in love with the Professor's partner. Dorel had a public brawl with the Professor only a day into the conference. The murderer, once confronted will try to flee, and has a warp capable shuttlecraft landed nearby.

Minor Beats

The Professor's partner is having an affair, at least that's what the gossip is, is this true? Or is it just gossip and rumour mongering? There is a display on the potential theoretical applications of nanotechnology across a broad range of fields, horrible coincidence? The Professor did seem to suffer from some kind of illness or food poisoning the day after they arrived on Risa, was this a previous murder attempt that failed?

Key Non-Player Characters

All of the attendees of the conference are Scientists and Engineers, either Civilian or members of Starfleet, as such the Professor Minor NPC from the Sciences Division Book (Page 120) will suit them all, though mixing them up with the Engineering Specialist Minor NPC from the Operations Divisions Book (Page 91) would be good for variety. If you really want to focus on these characters, it could be good to take Notable NPCs from various books and personalise them to suit.

Conclusion

The murderer is left up to the GM to decide, all have potential motives, and can be given the means and opportunity with some thought. Obviously the murder at the conference will all but put and end to it, but the Risian Law Enforcement are grateful for the help, acknowledging how out of their depth they would've been.

Adding This Mission In

This mission can take place at any time the Chief Engineer can be away from the ship, such as when it would be docked for repairs or simply when they are able to take their vacation time. They only need access to a shuttlecraft of some kind as a means to get them Risa.