

SHADOW SINFONIA AFTER-ACTION REPORT

PRIMARY OBJECTIVE: **FIND AND RETRIEVE PROFESSOR TOVER RASARIO**

OUTCOME: **SUCCESS**

MISSION LEADER: **MORDANA, CEREAN SCIENTIST**

OTHER OPERATIVES:

- **“SEVEN”, HUMAN (CLONE) SHARPSHOOTER**
- **JECKSI, TWI’LEK BODYGUARD**
- **APU PRAL, KAMINOAN HEALER**
- **BENDAK MAREEL, CATHAR POLITICO**
- **KUNARK, TRANDOSHAN ASSASSIN/GADGETEER**

OVERVIEW:

A professor of mathematics at the University of Kalla (on Kalla VII) has gone missing. Tover Rasario is well-liked by his students, and is considered (by some) to be a brilliant mathematician. He has history of disappearing on boondoggles. Therefore, the university and the CSA are washing their hands of him. Two of his students, Arani & Tanda, have pleaded with their wealthy parents for help. The students are convinced it’s different this time. The professor’s behavior has radically changed from his routine misadventures, both before and during this latest disappearance.

MISSION HIGHLIGHTS:

- The team did a very thorough preliminary investigation. They interviewed the concerned students, examined computer records (university and personal), traced messages, examined the professor’s office and apartment, and interrogated the professor’s favorite droid, C3-P5. They did not talk to the dean, which was probably for the best.
- Utilizing the gathered information and evidence, the team determined that the professor was involved in a gambling scheme. And that he made a sudden and unannounced departure to Canto Bight with an unsavory group. His traveling companions included a Besalisk, a human, and some Aqualish goons.
- At the university, the operatives were harassed by members of the Companions, a rival group naively hired by C3-P5. In a delightfully devilish ploy, Jecksi planted a vibroknife on one of them and the Companions were soon escorted away by the campus security.
- S4 delivered the team to Canto Bight, where contact was made with a “spaceport urchin” who helped them identify and locate the gambling gang.
- The child laborer recognized them as the “Sultans of Sabacc”, led by a low-level Besalisk mobster named Buster Gazeeber.
- The so-called Sultans were holed up in the ironically-named Zenith Hotel, one of the least expensive places to find a bed in Canto Bight.
- Jecksi talked to a concierge, who duped her out of a bribe. He directed her to the bored front desk clerk, a burned-out Quarren named Taleed.
- Taleed was happy to talk to anyone and very forthcoming. The group had rented out the entire 17th floor sub-penthouse suite of the 20-story building.

- With some clever social engineering and an ingenious cover story by Apu Pral that “dangerous microorganisms” had infested the air circulation system, our operatives were able to examine the hotel rooms, snoop on the gang, and make discrete contact with the professor.
- It was discovered that he was teaching the gang his new “foolproof” card-counting method so that they could make a fortune gambling at sabacc tables. Unsurprisingly, the lessons were not going well for either party.
- It was a simple matter to clear up the problem by paying off the professor’s modest debt of 6,600 credits to the unsophisticated members of the “Sultans”, who were growing ever-more frustrated by his perplexing and tedious lectures.
- Rasario was thereby retrieved safely and peacefully by the operatives.
- In a well-intended ploy to cover their escape, Jecksi disguised another Nautolan (a stranger found in the streets) as the professor.
- The idea was that he’d divert anyone following them away from the real professor, who was safely riding in an air speeder for the Cantonica spaceport, escorted by other Shadow operatives.
- In spite of putting a stranger at risk, the plan made some mad sense, as it was likely either the Sultans or the Companions might tail the group.
- Unfortunately, someone deposited the dead body of Buster Gazeber right at the feet of Jecksi and “fake professor”. The body was dumped from high above, making quite the mess.
- Bad luck was made much worse when a cab pulled up and the Companions bolted out of the vehicle, accusing Jecksi of killing the Besalisk gangster.
- The Canto Bight police were hailed and quickly swooped down in an air speeder. All parties were held for questioning while the crime scene was cordoned off and a forensics team started their work.
- Review of the hotel’s exterior security holos revealed an air speeder dropping the Besalisk (apparently shot or otherwise incapacitated) from several stories up.
- The open-top air speeder was being piloted by a robed figure that exactly resembled Bendak Mareel (but wearing different clothes).
- The figure’s hooded robe looked very similar to one previously worn by the human member of the “Sultans” (who was none-to-happy when Buster settled for the 6,600 credit pay-off).
- Earlier investigations found the name of the human to be Novak Navarr. It’s likely he was second-in-command of the Sultans and/or had his eyes on the crown. The other members were all Aqualish, who are traditionally used as “muscle” for organized crime gangs.
- When the Companions’ accusation didn’t hold up, they insisted Jecksi was a “person of interest” because of her association with Bendak. The police captain decided to take them all in for prolonged detainment and questioning.
- Police Bulletins were issued for the capture of Bendak and a mysterious Kubaz who was seen pursuing the “fake professor”.
- Bendak was safely smuggled aboard the *Prelude*, partially disguised by Seven’s helmet.
- It’s unknown what, if anything, happened to the Kubaz member of the Companions or the fake professor.

- A public defender named Simo Flaha offered to help Jecksi. He was going to arrange for her release (allowed as long as she remains in contact) but she felt safer to go into a holding pen.
- Counselor Flaha reminded the Canto Bight police captain that they could only hold Jecksi for two days, which he begrudgingly acknowledged.
- Jecksi was placed in a cell with a Wookiee, who appeared to be sleeping one off.
- It's assumed the Companions were held (either in a holding pen or in a nearby cheap hotel) for additional questioning.
- S4 was able to return the professor quickly and safely to Kalla VII.
- As a quick reminder, the known members of **the Companions** are:
 - **Benny Scapr**, a narcissistic Weequay, their leader
 - **Tarrex Shaknaw**, human, an obnoxious gilded bounty hunter
 - **Cander Dane**, a kubaz
 - There may be others we don't know about

THE CONDUCTOR'S REVIEW:

The Conductor is proud of the Operatives and S4 in their safe retrieval of the missing professor. Embarrassing the Companions in the various ways that you did would normally have been extremely satisfying. However, it was an insufficient salve for the Conductor's fury at the Companions' constant meddling and worst of all, their attempt to blame an operative of Shadow Sinfonia for the murder of Buster Gazeeber. This must not go unanswered. Our wrath has reach.

However, the Conductor is confident Jecksi will be released in a day or two and that no serious charges will be filed against her by the Canto Bight police. If that turns out not to be true, our resources are at her disposal (both legal and extralegal). The more pressing matter at hand is following-up on Novak Navarr and the remnants of the so-called "Sultans". The Conductor wants Navarr captured if possible, and brought to S4 for "additional processing".

S4 REPORT, FILED BY ARLEN:

As usual, the operatives ran like a well-oiled load lifter droid. We'll be laughing about that dirty, dirty vibroknife trick and the "Legionnaire's highly contagious thingamabug" for quite some time. We also think that once the heat is off, Bendak should really take that Taleed fellow swimming! (This report may have been filed by Van-Chavez using Arlen's computer. You'd think a kriffing Bothan would know what a terminal-lock is).

MISSION REWARDS:

- Mordana: 20XP, 13 Prestige, 0 Notoriety, 2,000 credits
- Kunark: 20XP, 10 Prestige, 0 Notoriety, 2,000 credits
- Apu Pral: 20XP, 13 Prestige, 5 Notoriety, 2,000 credits
- Seven: 20XP, 10 Prestige, 0 Notoriety, 2,000 credits
- Bendak Mareel: 20XP, 13 Prestige, 5 Notoriety, 2,000 credits
- Jecksi: 20XP, 18 Prestige, 5 Notoriety, 2,000 credits