

Special Planetary Section 7: Scythe

Scythe is a [roleplaying](#) plot created October 30, 2016 by [gallant](#) and CadetNewb.

- [Session 1: The Scythe that Cuts the Wheat](#)
- [The Scythe OOC Thread](#)

Status: This plot is currently open for any approved character to join.

RPG Rating: Our RPG Rating for this plot is **3/3/3**, and there are a lot of sexual hijinks that feed into the plot's overall theme of Neplesian crime.

Plot Overview

The year is YE 38, and the planet [Francia](#), settled in YE 30, has developed nicely. As the result of its hardy citizens, brave marines, and plucky industries, the population of the planet has grown and the planet has become largely self supporting.

Previously loaded with strange mutagenic viruses, the soil now yields to those who ply it; one such farmer, [johnathan_izgimmer](#), has enjoyed several years as the planet's Senator, representing the system and the Imperium with pride and distinction. Now he has returned to his planet to find that he has several new neighbors, and not all of them are living happily together.

Over the last several years, pushed by several cartels and organizations who have discovered hallucinogenic properties in wheat modified by the planet's mutagens, the economy of the planet has slowly become dependent upon this new export—"Muties", or semi-synthetic drugs, have become not only commonplace, but is spreading virulently. Addicts fill the hospitals, and violent crime associated is on the rise. Colonials, settlers from other systems and planets, have vastly outnumbered the native Franks since '33, but it is not the Colonials that pose the problem; it's the corporations.

Called "Corpies" by the locals, they created new colonies which barely deserve the name. Run more like corporate outposts, with their own law, security, and forms of corporate currency, they have slowly overtaken the wildlands, pushing their projects further and further away from the Planet's temperate equator into the cold in search of more of the planet's natural resources. Here, they are their own masters, and the experiments they do upon their willing addicts may be within the law, but they rankle common decency.

And with each influx of new Corpies, they gain power. The power to do whatever they want, on Izgimmer's home.

Election Year is coming up, and with the local government powerless to stop the rapid corporatization of his precious homeworld, he finds both his position and his planet in jeopardy. Desperate, John turns outside the Imperium to a woman he barely knows - the Yamataian Taisho, [Morioka Bhelith](#). Willing to work "pro bono", if only for her own amusement, the former Xilurian elfess suggests her own cutthroat tactics. Under the Senator's limited authority, he appoints an extra-police strike group, "Scythe", to investigate the malpractice of the corporations upon the planet - and to quietly combat their predatory

behavior against his people, and his position.

But will it be too little, too late?

RP History

Formed in the middle of YE 38, on the Nepleslian planet [Francia](#)], [Planetary Section Seven](#), nicknamed [Scythe](#), was formed by Chief [\[\[character:bhelith_blackspear|Bhelith Blackspear](#) and then-Senator [Johnathan Izgimmer](#) as a extra-legal police unit. Stocked by personal and secretive specially-tailored orders from [NAM](#) and [Origin](#), 'Scythe' was commissioned to keep the planet of Francia with a secondary mission of keeping the planet under the Senate's control instead of the rising power of Corporations beginning to form alliances to exploit the populace and maintain their in-the-shadows operations such as illegal cloning, weapons-stockpiling, and human trafficking.

Scythe's first operation occurred in the late fall of YE 38. Operation Fall Harvest used the newly christened Harvest Squad, which contained approximately twenty '[Rayleigh](#) Androids' and one regular officer to assault a blacksite to liberate illegally cloned slaves forced to work in the fields of the blacksite plantation. Upon assaulting the plantation and subsequently triggering a corporate alarm, a detachment of the planetary defense forces was ordered to counterattack the Scythe Squad by some corporate order. Taking who they could, the Scythe forces exited the area as quick as possibly through airlift and were out of the area when the PDF arrived.

After the operation, Scythe focused on tracing the blacksite's operators and their aligned corporations. The corporation that had been operating the blacksite had gone on the guise of EvaUni Enterprises, and had seemed to cease to exist overnight. Following more digging throughout the sources they could find, Scythe found traces of a Corporation calling itself Aeon Gene Tools. To increase it's effectiveness the section would need to expand its operations to gain more leverage, so it began a silent recruitment pattern. After around a month of silent operations, Scythe gained the employment of [Oswald Tyson](#), [Hashimoto Nenna](#), [Zoia Nar'Sivaro](#), and [Sutauto Kunio](#). The latter two were ex-students from Yamatai which had been cast about after the first had been kicked out and the second had graduated.

These enlistments and hiring made for expansions of the section, the Chief opened up her personal house retainers into the organization, taking in Zoia and Kunio as retainers. Scythe's rosters now numbered out at twenty-four on-call units.

The second operation came in the form of Operation Cull. There had been traces of Aeon Gene Tools involvement in a sexual trafficking group in the slums of Francia City, and using a full police insert would expose the section's investigations. Therefor, Operation Cull would be an undercover operation. Scythe did not have the location of any operations, but they did receive a rough lead for the leader, who went by the guise of 'Maller' through a long and drawn out pornography hook-scheme. Maller was later identified as a Police Chief of a small precinct located near where the Aeon Gene Tools' factory was located.

Operation Cull involved Sergeant [Dallas McClosky](#) acting as a newly-hired mercenary who was destined to arrive at a corporate-aligned hotel that was presumably acting as a front. Retainer Zoia Nar'Sivaro, now going by Zoia 'Morioka' by her customs, was to be acting as a 'catch' that the incognito Dallas was escorting in to Maller for a private showing. After successfully executing the guard capture and beginning the infiltration, things began to go wrong.

Maller, whom was thought to be only guarded by a few men and acting alone soon was found out to be working with a ring instead of a group, suddenly exposing itself to be much larger than one location. After a bad call of continuing the operation made by McClosky, Zoia was captured by the ring and Dallas called for backup upon reaching an exit.

Chief Blackspear arrived on scene, her and McClosky quickly made a rough chase of the shuttle carrying the captured Zoia towards the northern mountains but lost them after a while. Returning to Maller's building, the two Scythe members quickly assaulted and entered Maller's penthouse, capturing him quickly. After making a field interrogation, Scythe found that the ring was not only a sexual trafficking ring, but also a child sex-trafficking ring. Maller was shot by McClosky in a blinded rage, and Maller was killed. Scythe had the information it needed, and they had Aeon Gene Tools' method of involvement. All that was left was to formulate a rescue. This rescue operation was quickly mustered and formed through the name of Operation Harvest Recovery.

Harvest Recovery involved an assault and capture of the Aeon Gene Tools' northern factory. The assault was done through air assault inside the perimeter of the factory's defenses, which from above seemed minimal. The insertion went smoothly, and the assault began. Bhelith and her retainers made tracks for the facility's command center while Dallas and Harvest attempted to find the holding area for the victims.

As Bhelith's team moved towards the command center, Dallas' team reached the main floor of factory. Upon blowing the doors to the floor, they found the thing that they needed to incriminate Aeon Gene Tools, the facility's cloning floor was being used to clone children, and with the corporation's attachment to the child sex trafficking ring, it was now impossible to deny that Aeon Gene Tools' wasn't anything but a name plastered on a building.

Upon capturing the cloning floor, Bhelith's team captured the command center. After neutralizing any resistance and declaring the facility under the Section's command, the holding cells were located through the facility's security console. Dallas' team recovered an injured Zoia and departed on Chief Blackspear's personal vessel, the Sigil. The remaining units stayed in the area to secure the facility and contact local police forces and hospitals to recover the cloned children and begin the process of documenting them and all the remainders.

Following the Aeon Gene Tools operation, Scythe entered a small lull period in operations. In this lull, it was decided that the Aeon Case was to be delivered to the Francian House in two months as a part of the method of increasing the House's power over the growing corporations. Also in this period, Razor Squad was formed under Sergeant Dallas McClosky, bringing the number of on-call assets to fifty.

The last major operation conducted by Section Seven, Operation Liberation, was a sting on a Nekoalkyra sex trafficking ring in an attempt to destabilize the remaining links of the Aeon Gene Tools ring. Retainer Sutauro Kunio and Officer Hashimoto Nenna infiltrated the ring under the guise of a rich landowner's son and personal escort. The Scythe operatives liberated one Neko, [Kelda](#), and exfiltrated the area. Shortly after, the ring's operation was reported to the local precincts and was shut down. Most of the Neko slaves were freed, with only a handful escaping with the ring's masters.

With data in hand about the Aeon Ring and the details needed to incriminate the officials running it, Scythe prepared to take the fight to the House and bring out the Corporate involvement. A convoy containing forty of the fifty assets left the Scythe bunker early in the morning of the House meeting. After traveling down the main highway and entering the junction to head for the House of Francia, Corporate

mercenaries created several roadblocks and engaged the Section Seven officers and officials.

At one point during the ensuing firefights and chases, the Francian Planetary Defense Forces were given orders to attack and terminate the Section Seven convoy, all of its members, and the Senator and to leave no survivors. The Scythe bunker was also targeted, and was destroyed. Section Seven escaped with ten members remaining, the rest were killed by the PDF.

A bounty was placed on each remaining member of Section Seven, number in the millions each. After disappearing from Francia, the Planetary Section Seven ceased to exist, its members listed as traitors and criminals.

Months after the Francian Escape, members of Scythe were found with another band of Neplesian traitors, defectors from the [NSS Interregnum](#), in a firefight with bounty hunters in a hotel on [Dawn Station](#). Rough reports make mention of five deaths from the Scythe/Deserter side with a near total casualties for the bounty hunters.

After that altercation, the remaining Scythe members disappeared once again.

Rules and Pacing

The rules are as follows, and appropriate links:

- This is a Single Post RP, with light JPs when necessary.
- The GM will make a post once every (X-2) posts, where "X" is the number of currently active players. Players who consistently cannot make the posting speed, which will be flexible thusly, will be dropped from the plot after 5 posting cycles.
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Pacing

Scythe is a Half-SP, Half-JP plot.

1. The SP sections are 'Missions'
2. The JP sections are 'Asides'

The asides last 3 weeks, and separate the missions, which chronologically will happen once every House meeting. The Francia House meets once every three weeks, so that gives the players plenty of time to have JP asides with each other in and around the Izgimmer estate, or where-ever the adventure takes them.

However, players are simultaneously required to post regularly in the SP portion of the mission. Though currently there is a post-mission JP thread running, this will not be the norm, and in the future JP asides will need to happen in the 3 weeks *prior* to the mission thread (to be consistent with pacing).

Characters and Players

Nepleslian Police Force

Character	Player	Notes
Chief Bhelith "Morioka" Blackspear	GM gallant	Former Admiral, Chief of Scythe. An elf.
Sergeant tannhauser	GM gallant	EM-J6-1 "Rayleigh" Command Variant, declared sentient; Tough On Crime™
Sergeant dallas_mcclosky	Hamnjam	Salty, Straight-laced, and well tested.
Sergeant Oswald "Ozzie" Tyson	Acewing	Nepleslian Tank Police Commander for Great Justice
Officer Candidate sutauto_kunio	Hamnjam	Basically a janitor; pissed off the Chief

Supporting Roles

Character	Player	Notes
Senator johnathan_izgimmer	GM CadetNewb	Senator of Francia, Anise System. Wants his planet back.
Retainer zoia_sivaro	Edto	Personal Retainer of Bhelith's, and trainee
Nito Juni hashimoto_nenna	Acewing	Bhelith's "Minder"

Open Positions

Scythe is currently looking to fill general police, mercenary, and para-military positions. Applicants must be able to take orders, be basically trained in combat operations, be familiar with all appropriate equipment, and must be reasonably experienced. Military service a plus, but not required.

We're looking for NEW players, so please PM Gallant or CadetNewb on the forums to inquire more specifically about the sorts of characters that we are looking for.

- [Requirements for joining during Session 1](#)

Assets and Links

General information surrounding the plot will be listed here.

Locations

The Izgimmer Estate & Precinct House

[precinct_house](#)

First introduced [in Session 1](#), the Izgimmer Estate is a farmstead where wheat and various other grains are grown. It is one of the original land grants given to the Franks by the Nepleslian government, and is

near Francia City.

On the surface, the farmstead looks as any might; it has a building which houses its farming drones, and a reasonably sized manor house nearby on a hill overlooking the land. However, beneath the agrarian surface, Johnathan has used a great deal of his wealth to construct a bunker. The “Man Cave” of every Nepleslian's wet dream, the complex is three stories deep, including a garage, a main office, several other rooms for personal use, an armory, a silo for helicopters or shuttlecraft, and is notably heavily armored.

This presently serves as the headquarters for SPS 7, until a more suitable Precinct House can be secured.

Useful Links

Uniforms

As any regular [police force](#), Scythe (SPS-7) is entitled to wear a police uniform, and it is standard issue.

- [A Standard-Issue Police Uniform](#), in Aegean blue and black, including beret.
- A Silver, shield-shaped badge, gold sunburst in center, “To Uphold and Enforce”, listing officer number and precinct. Worn on left breast.
- A “Scythe” Unit Patch, worn on left shoulder and beret. Notably, the “7” is meant to look Scythe-like. Very nice.

Droids

Known as the 'Harvest Squad', this series of droids served in Rok'veru with SGT Tannhauser, and have been reassigned to Scythe.

- 10 [EM-J6-1 "Rayleigh"](#)

Squads

- [razor_squad](#)

Garage

The toys we play with.

- 1 [main_battle_tank](#)
- 2 [outrider_armored_car](#)
- 1 [crast](#)

Armory

Officers of Scythe (SPS-7) are entitled to carry their own weapons, whatever they are comfortable and proficient with.

- 12 [golem_assault_armor](#), Police Colors

Misc. Links

- [ranks](#)
- [police](#)

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