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# **Miranda Bannings**

Miranda Bannings is a player character played by Grey Library.



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### 1. Aquila Flight

# **Physical Characteristics**

• Height: 5'1"/ 155cm

Mass: 45 kilograms (99 lbs)Measurements: 30A-22-31

**Build and Skin Color:** Miranda is very lightly built, possessing of a small stature and nonexistent figure. Her skin has a noticeable pale European complexion to it.

**Eyes and Facial Features:** She has small, narrow eyes with an clear grey coloration and somewhat short eyelashes. She has a small round nose and thin lips, framed by a slightly heart-shaped face.

**Ears:** Normal for a Nepleslian, they are rounded and small-sized, proportional to her stature.

**Hair Color and Style:** Semi-long grey hair with a slight darker tint, her hair is naturally straight and reaches to the middle of her back when worn loose. In combat or while piloting, it is often worn in a ponytail.

**Distinguishing Features:** Geshrin/Nepleslian blended features, an odd matching set of grey hair and grey eyes. Very short for her age.

# **Psychological Characteristics**

**Personality:** Calm and polite, Miranda is a rather amiable person to talk to. A good listener, she has plenty of patience and angers very rarely, making her a good confidant and mediator in conflicts. However, sometimes she gives off the impression of airheadedness and occasionally spaces out or drifts off when reminded of something. When in a familiar environment, she tends to snark very occasionally and has a rather curious nature, easily impressed by small things such as natural phenomena.

When not on duty, Miranda often maintains a rather regimented schedule, area cleaning intermixed with a daily fitness regime and quiet reading. Occasionally, she can be found chatting with nearby maintenance staff or tinkering with non-critical systems in her bunk.

- Likes: Clean spaces, tea, scenery
- Dislikes: Junk food, random explosions, smoke
- Goals: Get a good service record on her portfolio, then apply for a government-funded scholarship

# **History**

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### Family (or Creators)

- Larry Bannings Father
- Honjou Koyuki/Koyuki Bannings Mother

#### Pre-RP

### **Birth and Early Life**

Born aboard a space station, Miranda Bannings was severely premature due to a bad mix of her Geshrin/Nepleslian heritage and her mother's Geshrinian physiology. As such, Miranda suffered from highly-stunted growth and other problems that would persist throughout her entire life, leaving her as a small and sickly child. Her parents diligent care coupled with the sterile environment aboard the station managed to sustain the ailing baby through her early days, allowing Miranda to grow up into a bright young child.

The *Blue Horizon*, an orbital cargo transit hub owned by the TradeStar shipping company, was Miranda's first home. Overseen by her father, Larry Bannings, the young Miranda grew up in almost completely zero-G environment, floating to and fro through the station's many corridors. Raised by her parents to be a cultured and intelligent individual, the little girl spent her youth learning from online courses, pestering the many station mechanics and playing with the other children aboard the Blue Horizon. The folk aboard the *Blue Horizon* were of the understanding sort, looking out for the weak girl and ensuring that she had a happy childhood, over time Miranda began to recognize not just her parents, but the entire station crew as her big "family".

On many evenings when she was free, Miranda often lingered near the *Blue Horizon*'s viewing galleries and gazed at Nepleslia and the stars, mesmerized by the glitter of the distant starlight and the shimmer of Nepleslia's veil of orbiting junk. From there, she developed a fascination with the stars and planets, often asking new arrivals questions about the mysterious "Landborn". A visiting Yamataian, bemused by Miranda's naivety, gave her the nickname "Tsukihime" or "Moon Princess", a nickname that has persisted among Miranda's acquaintances to this very day.

# Move to Deleris and Dodging the Battle of Nepleslia

In a reckless business venture approved by the TradeStar head management, Larry Bannings was abruptly reassigned to oversee the establishment of *Harmony Station*, a refinery outpost orbiting Deleris, a sizable gas giant situated in the still-unsettled Colonial Expanse. Bringing along his wife and the then 7 year old Miranda, the Bannings family bid farewell to their subordinates and long-time friends before setting off for Deleris in YE 25, inadvertently escaping the Battle of Nepleslia which would occur 1 year later. There, the Bannings family would spend many years overseeing the various extraction operations across the helium-rich planet, as well as the transit hub where the processed helium would be shipped off to out-system depots. In the frontier environment of Deleris, Miranda learned basic mechanics and piloting through helping out the local technicians, as well as piloting bulky cargo shuttles to ship various parts and other necessities to the many skimmer vessels scouring the atmosphere of Deleris. Before

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long, her innate talents in piloting heavy craft began to shine through and Miranda was acknowledged as one of the best shuttle pilots aboard *Harmony Station*, reliable enough to regularly complete the longer out-system runs.

Shortly after Miranda's sixteenth birthday, Larry and Koyuki began to worry about their daughter's future, as Deleris had no place for the intelligent girl. Mr and Mrs Bannings wanted the best for their precious child, but were leery of packing her off to Nepleslia Prime, having heard horror stories of the chaos in the new capital's streets. The higher universities of Nepleslia simply were out of the Bannings' price range and the lower ones were simply unacceptable, due to the "rabble" as stated by Koyuki. However, an opportunity arose when a visiting recruiter for the Star Military of Nepleslia suggested a government sponsorship plan available to individuals with a good service record which would be more than enough to further her education. Spending a year and a half on preparations and administrative matters, Miranda Bannings thus left Harmony Station for the Nepleslian Star Navy at age seventeen.

### Knifehead Squadron

Trained as a bomber pilot in the Nepleslian Star Navy, Miranda showed signs of being a promising pilot and was assigned to Knifehead Squadron, a small bomber squadron tasked with garrison duties in the Colonial Expanse. Shortly after her arrival, a militant uprising led by independent agitators occurred in one of the frontier worlds and Knifehead Squadron was merged into Task Force Asskicker, a military mobilization seeking to quell the uprising and restore order. There, Miranda's piloting skills truly shone as she carried out high-speed precision strikes on the militants, severely disrupting their logistics and command through surgical destruction of supply convoys and command centers. Her efforts throughout the year-long campaign were renown throughout Task Force Asskicker, the boots on the ground often calling her their "little guardian spirit".

When the pacification campaign finally ended with near-total destruction of militant forces and an astoundingly low casualty count, Miranda was quickly promoted to Lieutenant Junior Grade and reassigned to Aquila Flight, a brand new flight in the 78th Tactical Fighter Battalion. Bidding farewell to her friends in Knifehead Squadron, she set off once again into the unknown.

# **Important Information**

### Miranda's Condition

Miranda's unnatural physical development is a result of the unhealthy state of her mother's family. In the Honjou Clan which Koyuki Bannings, formerly known as Honjou Koyuki, originated from, descendants of the Honjou frequently suffered from genetic defects that were exacerbated by the prototype nature of their NH-1 Geshrin template, which was heavily distorted by nearly a century of inter-family marriages caused by the Honjou's seclusionist nature and hardline beliefs. It is considered fairly normal for a Honjou to possess concealed mutations or even minor mental deficiences, with particularly cursed individuals being nonfunctional wrecks.

Miranda herself fell victim to the Honjou legacy, being born alarmingly premature after only 3 months.

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She did not enjoy the accelerated growth typical of the Geshrin due to Koyuki's mutated genetics and nearly died at birth, she had to be "grown" for 6 more months in a makeshift incubation unit kit-bashed out of an old hydroponics facility. This resulted in her severely underdeveloped physique throughout her life and all but crippled her in terms of sexual maturity, she has not and never will undergo puberty and is thus sterile.

As Honjou culture considers their own "quirks" to be indecent and not for public knowledge, Miranda has an unverifiable number of ailments which she keeps hidden, only known to her service records and unit medical staff after considerable coaxing.

# The Honjou Clan

An insular and secessionist group, the Honjou "clan" is in essence a hermit-like gathering of dissatisfied individuals united under the leading Honjou family as a large-sized "pseudofamily". It originally consisted of the "Main House", direct members or relatives to the main Honjou line, as well as "Branch Houses" for the rest of the unrelated members. However, due to the unique circumstances of the group, the Branch Houses have largely blended together to the point of being indistinct from one another, with only the Main House staying intact.

Hailing from Geshrintall since YE 01, the Honjou family were a small clan of locals that largely elected to stay together as a single body instead of splitting off into smaller family "cells", forming one of the larger family groups at that time. Following the completion of the *Perfect Evolution Project*, the Honjou clan underwent a series of schisms as the younger members of the Honjou clashed with the tradiionalist heads over the morality of the then-untested Soul Transfer technology recently stolen from the Elysians. Great Plague of YE 08 that occurred barely 8 years later wiped out over half of the Honjou, with only the radicalists surviving due to their new Geshrinian bodies. Initially believing that the plague was an Elysian weapon and taking comfort in their enhanced immunities, the Honjou were horrified to learn about the PNUgen Corporation's involvement in the tragedy.

Terrorized by the questionable security of their own bodies crafted by the very same corporation, the Honjou swiftly began agitating against further genetics experimentation, staunchly condemning further development of the NH-22C Yamataian and NH-29 clones for fear of further tampering and genetic warfare. Slowly gaining influence on the side, the Honjou and similar-minded families would rise to become a notable regional annoyance to the Yamatain government with their constant political lobbying. As paranoia grew from the unrelenting government stance and rapid development of the *Perfect Evolution Project*, the dissenters formally bonded as the united Honjou Clan and began an insular existence, shunning the new Yamataians and keeping to themeselves and fellow Geshrin.

The controversial Species Restriction Order of YE 29 enacted in YE 29 proved to be a major turning point in the fate of the Honjou. Viewing it as a blatant act of curtailment by the Yamataian government to force them into controlled bodies, the Honjou and allied hardliners began a mass exodus from Geshrintall in protest, damning the NH-22C Yamataians as "soulless puppets" that were naught but obedient drones. Gathering on a small fleet of civilian vessels, the Honjou fled into deep space and headed to an orbital colony headed by one of their wayward members, Honjou Koyuki/Koyuki Bannings, negotiating with TradeStar management to serve as station personnel in exchange for safe harbour.

Particularly chosen for the mild-mannered nature of the station's Nepleslian personnel, reminiscent of old

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Geshrin culture, the Honjou have slowly but surely begun to open up over the years and have become a major powerbase aboard Harmony Station. Though amiable to the local Nepleslians and polite to "mainland" persons, they remain unwelcoming of citizens of the Yamatai Star Empire and are outright hostile to Nekovalkyrja of all models for their military origins, possessing more than enough clout to bar many a retired Neko from entry completely.

### Skills

### Communication

Having been brought up by Nepleslian and Geshrin parents, Miranda is fluent in both Yamataigo and Trade. However, her Trade tends to carry an odd accent reminiscent of old European speech, not to mention her rather archaic Yamataigo.

### Starship Operation

Miranda is a qualified pilot for the Hornet Fighter Bomber craft, as well as common models of low-end civilian freighters. She is highly skilled in piloting heavier vehicles in planetary orbit and low- to nullgravity environments, as well as Orbital Physics for low-consumption journeys in space.

# **Maintenance and Repair**

As part of the standard pilot training, Miranda is capable of maintaining and field repairs for the internal flight systems in her craft. Her previous experience with maintenance of civilian shuttles has given her intermediate knowledge of basic structure and fuselage repairs, but Miranda is not skilled enough to repair the more esoteric of the Hornet's systems.

# **Fighting**

Miranda has undergone basic combat training and is fairly proficient in self defense. She can use most of the standard-issue firearm models in the NSMC and is passable in melee combat, but she has a surprising knack for low-gravity ballistics and three-dimensional movement due to her time aboard Harmony Station.

# Strategy (Planetary Bomber)

During her time as part of Knifehead Squadron, Miranda has learned various skills such as formation flying, processing fire support orders, close air support operations and priority target identification. She is able to function as part of a massed bomber assault, roving CAS, strike package delivery and convoy

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raiding.

# Farming/Gardening

A product of too much free time aboard an orbital station, Miranda is fully capable of operating a standard hydroponics facility as well as modifying it to raise a fairly prosperous botanical garden of sorts. When needed, Miranda can produce and process enough biomass via high-intensity moss/algae cultivation to feed a decent-sized group of people for a good while, albeit at the cost of them suffering through utterly bland "nutrient-slop" rations.

### **Astronomy (Civilian)**

Though not professional by any means, countless hours of stargazing has familiarized Miranda with the different types of common celestial bodies and rudimentary star charting. Due to her lack of formal training, it remains nothing more than a hobby.

# Inventory

Miranda Bannings has the following items:

# **Clothing**

#### Uniform

- CSS Suit
- 2 Button-up short-sleeved overshirt, blue, with rank patches on shoulder pads and name plate
- 4 T-Shirts, white
- 4 underwear sets, white
- 2 Blue jeans
- 1 Garrison hat, blue, with flash patch
- 1 pair of finger-cut gloves, leather, brown
- 1 pair of shoes, brown
- 6 pair boot Socks, white
- 1 double-strap belt, brown

#### **Bunkwear**

- 2 T shirt, white, with fleet number on the right chest
- 2 Pairs of ankle length pajama pants, blue
- 1 Pair of slip-on flexi-shoes, brown

#### Workout/Swim

- 2 Long-sleeved mocks with fleet number on the right chest, blue
- 2 Work-out shorts, light blue
- 1 One-piece bathing suit, blue, fleet number on right breast

### **Weapons and Weapon Accessories**

- 1 Automatic Pistol, ESG "Easy Sub-Machine Gun", ceramic, with 2 extra JHP magazines
- Brown Pistol Belt

#### **Accessories**

- 1 pair of identification tags, metal, with name and hometown
- 1 Canteen, 1 quart
- 1 AwesomeCorp DataJockey
- 1 Wallet with the Naval Corps Insignia plated on it
- 1 small souvenir globe
- 1 small flash drive
- 1 Knifehead Squadron patch (unused)
- 1 EM-G4-1 Filter Mask (Basic)
- 2 pocket gyroscopes

# **Trivia**

- The Honjou Clan is partly based off seclusionist Japan and the Westboro Baptist Church.
- Miranda's familiarity with hydroponics facilities are a side-effect of being "born" in one.
- Despite her size, Miranda is surprisingly strong due to regular NASA-style workouts to counteract muscle atrophy, especially important due to the lack of gravity aboard the *Blue Horizon* and *Harmony* stations.
- Miranda is pursuing a degree in Chemical Engineering, specializing in Fusile Materials. She is shortlisted by TradeStar management for the position of Assistant Plant Inspector after she graduates.
- Due to her colonial origins, Miranda underwent Boot Camp in one of the larger SMDIoN bases in the Colonial Expanse. She has never set foot on Planet Nepleslia.

# **Starship Resume**

As a de-facto designated pilot for Harmony Station and a pilot in service to the NSN, Miranda has flown the following vessels in the past:

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### Civilian

- Mule Ultralight Freighter Used for small supply deliveries for Harmony Station, essentially the "family car".
- Ge-T3-1a Raba-Class Work-Pod Maintenance Pod, for station maintenance and expansion as needed.
- C3C Used for biannual deliveries of refined fuel to TradeStar HQ, Planet Nepleslia.

# **Military**

• Na-F/A-7X "Goliath" Fighter/Assault-Bomber - Assigned craft in Knifehead Squadron, as well as in Aquila Flight.

# **Finances**

Miranda Bannings is currently a Leftenant (NSN) in the Nepleslian Star Navy.

<b>Total Savings</b>	Addition	Subtraction	Reason
6000 DA			Starting Pay
5870 DA		130 DA	EM-G4-1 Filter Mask (Basic)
5864 DA		6 DA	Spare Battery
6364 DA	500 DA		Weekly Pay
5964 DA		400 DA	Remittance

Character Data		
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