

Suspicion

<https://discord.gg/54va23P>

Suspicion is a game about being trapped. Characters are suspects in the Bombing of Phobos City, a crime too important to solve - except to those whose lives are on the line. Held in complete isolation apart from a government mandated chat platform between prisoners, with your fate left in the hands of a government headed towards implosion, the game begins...

Running on Mondays and Thursdays between 6pm and 10pm over Discord, the game is planned to have a run time of two months. This is an unofficial OURPGSOC game, open to anyone who wishes to be involved that is eligible for membership.

Recent History

The year is 2050, 20 years since the ship carrying the first citizens of Mars arrived from Earth. The establishment of the Northern Settlement of Phobos and the Martian Council soon followed.

Back on Earth, the World Congress has eradicated large scale violent conflict; instead, the complex trade alliances and enmity declarations allow countries to cripple their enemies through more politically acceptable means.

The Bombing of Phobos City

The greatest tragedy in Martian history. Five bombs detonated at key points in the structure of Phobos City, the closest to a capital city Mars has. Almost one hundred died, including a number of key political figures.

With accusations abundant, the purpose of this event is unknown. However, that day has moved the political situation of both Mars and Earth into instability never seen before, as organisations try to use this event to their benefit, and to the detriment of their enemies. Internet access is limited to slow the spread of conspiracy theories and panic.

The initial investigations creep to a halt as the government focuses on holding the world together.

Politics

The Settlements of Mars are presided over by the **Martian Council** and the **Planetary Security Force (PSF)**.

There are two main parties that hold significant sway. The first is **The National Factions of Earth**, a conglomerate of the major countries invested in Mars: England, America, France and Russia. The second is **The Party for the Unification of Mars**: increasing in power yearly, this party calls for decreased authority from Earth and the validation of Martian Identity.

The majority of settlements allow only public and academic work; all available manpower is needed to keep society functioning. The main duty of the PSF is to maintain daily order within settlements.

There are two major companies present on Mars: **Tesla** and **Apple**, whose respective monopolies on public transport and security are a source of content contention

Romulus, the state AI, makes the system completely automated. Designed by the famous Apple Technician Bee Crawford, it is debatable whether the Camera Per Square Metre ratio is strictly necessary or due to the extravagant funding provided to the Keep Mars Safe Campaign.

Insurrect is a terrorist organisation, formed of decentralised, violent anarchists who reject the militaristic government of Mars. Every day the media release news of their industrial sabotage and political threats. Most point to them as the true culprits of the Phobos Bombing

Creating a character

A google form will be sent out for you to tell us your characters - here is the format we will be asking for!

Name

It is traditional to identify yourself as a citizen of Earth or Mars. This is signified with the letter M or E between your first and last name. (Kevin M. Mathers, Sullivan E. Kennedy)

The requirements to be a citizen of Mars are to have been born there or to have jumped through relatively simple legal hoops. Citizens of Mars are subject to stricter laws, less pay and limited data protection as a result of bills put forward by National Factions of Earth. Most people prefer to keep their nationality as Earth to avoid being stripped of the benefits. Changing to become a citizen of Earth is legally impossible.

It is generally considered that citizens of Mars are harder working and more law-abiding than citizens of Earth.

Job Title

Everyone on Mars contributes. At least on paper.

Connection to the Crime

They really were thorough when rounding up people to chuck into a cell. Maybe you scheduled to be transported out of Phobos at just the right time, maybe you have the right skill set to pull off such a thing or maybe you know some unsavoury figures. The connection could be from your search history to your grandparents' criminal record.

Political Affiliations

What, or who, do you believe in? This may be held against you in a court of law.

Who are you?

Anything else that you want to include. This will not be held against you in a court of law.

CAT Policy

<http://users.ox.ac.uk/~rpgsoc/CATPolicy2019.pdf>

These topics will not be present within the game and must not be raised by a player.
Any topics described in Appendix A

Self harm as an expression of distress
Miscarriage and Stillbirth
Discrimination on the basis of gender or sex
Discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation
Discrimination on the basis of gender identity
Discrimination on the basis of real world race or ethnicity
Eating Disorders
Forced Abortion
Incest
Mind control or other means of removing agency
Genital mutilation
Animal abuse
Child abuse