

# One Thousand and One Nights and One Night

a role-playing game campaign design 'zine

Vol.: 2, Issue: 41, November 1, 2008



## Quote of the Month

“For so around seven years ago our fore-gamers brought forth on this continent, a new rule system, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all game systems are not created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that rule system, or any rule system so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure the onslaught of DnD 4.0. The brave characters, living and dead, who were rolled up here, have consecrated this ground, far above the poor power of the D20. We here highly resolve that these dead characters shall not have been rolled up in vain—and that gaming of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.”—Abraham Lincoln, *Seasoned Savage Worlds* (Pinnacle) PC.

## Master Blaster

So I picked up a copy of *Savage Worlds Slipstream* (Pinnacle) at GenCon in August. It's a pretty neat read and gives you the fun opportunity to run a Flash Gordon— or Buck Rogers—style game, complete with blasters and jetpacks. And I look forward to running it in the future with my group (or having it run, since three of us have it). That got me thinking about zap guns, blasters, lasers and other fun “sci-fi” guns.

I work for a large company that uses some pretty neat tools, and some of them come in the form of a pistol. They often sell surplus via auction and I recently looked at the auction website and found a bunch of really cool images useful for either an “Iron Lords of Jupiter”—style (ala *Polyhedron Magazine* (Paizo) Issue #160) *Savage Slipstream* (Pinnacle) or a steampunk *RunePunk* (Reality Blurs) game. Since these tools have been heavily used, they have that “old and well-worn” look, with paint rubbed off or faded. Here are just a few of these and what I think about them.

(continued on Second Column)

Content © Wooden Leg Named Smith Productions 2008

Website: [1001nightsand1night.110mb.com](http://1001nightsand1night.110mb.com)

## MX-31 “Old Imperial”



These blasters are a half-century old, but still in use around the Solar System. With the collapse of the last Imperial Garrison in the last throes of the Old Empire, many of these pistols gained new life on the frontier, as well as in the hands of some hardened pirate crews. The variety of models is astounding but all have the same excellent manufacture, originally from the Tester Manufacturing Collective. It's easier to buy used and strip for parts than hunt for new. An excellent weapon from a more civilized age.

## PAC Mark IVa Devastator



These shiny metal blasters, the PAC Mark IVa Devastator, are the latest technology to come out of the Pluto Arms Corporation. Ease of use, including maintenance, and professional stopping power make these a wise choice for the discerning soldier, security agent or even colonist. They use the standard JC-X power pack and have an integrated power adapter at the base of the grip that allow them to be run off of a stable ship or building generator.

(continued on Page 2, First Column)

published in association with the Corvis Rabbage Otiological Society  
'zine art is either open source or through fair use of copyrighted works

## Europa Munitions Mode 9



The Europa Munitions Mode 9 pistol is a powerful and well-balanced laser weapon, allowing a skilled user with a Slim-Jim holster to ready the weapon faster than most believe possible, making it very popular with gunfighters. It has integrated sights and a modified hand grip that allows for a range of power pack sizes, which includes most common brands. Unfortunately, the conversion capacitor reduces the shots per pack ratio on non-EMM9 packs below standard. Please check with the official documentation in order to determine actual shot per pack values.

## ZenTex ORangE Laser



Snub nosed (but not as snub as the Veritas V laser and a good 5 years newer), the ZenTex ORangE laser pistol is the best choice for the price conscious. It's popularity increased with petty criminals and romantic dreamers after the Tri-D vid hero Storm Saturn used it to great effect in "The Aldeberan Affair." Unfortunately, most operators do not have the skill (nor the special effects) of Storm Saturn. Rated 4 Star Clusters out of 10.  
(Continued on Second Column)

## Argon Zap Pistols



These twin customized Argon Zap Pistols were recovered off the burned-out spaceship of the famous Star Marshall Luke Rocket. These modifications increased the power and accuracy of these fine weapons but at the cost of power consumption (Marshall Rocket carried two for just that reason). The manufacturer, PlanetY of New London, notes that these modifications void the Argon's warranty and may present an explosive danger to the user. These pistols are currently in the Galactic Law Enforcement Museum on Ganymede, until such time as Marshall Rocket returns or proof of his demise surfaces.

## Veritas V Laser



The Veritas V laser is the most compact hand weapon available in the Solar System. Even though it is well over three decades old, the ease of use, simply point and shoot, as well as concealability, make this weapon a favorite with all urban professionals. The V improves upon the earlier Veritas U model by incorporating additional safety features, including a more advanced heatsink and stability gyro, which prevent the unfortunate problems that plagued the U.