

Arcadia Complex

The first was a young scholar, equally curious and tenacious, who had spent their whole youth enthralled in the mysteries of these ancient worlds. It could be either luck or fate that she lived not in that old era, where the fascination and collection of such forbidden information was enough to permit good people to disappear in the dead of night. Instead, the fruits of her obsession was just now starting to take form. Her words of a newfound expedition had spread around the underbellies of Ayenee's Capital, and their own night of fate had come. Every captain needs a crew, and those who were willing to meet in the earliest hour of morning could soon find themselves in a position of money, knowledge, perhaps even fame.

Be they curious, seeking glory, or just plain desperate.

-The Narrator, Intro Poem, [Prologue: Downrider](#)

Arcadia Complex is a forum-based roleplaying plot hosted by [Pancakei](#) that follows the adventures of [Dahlia Morgan](#) and her crew of mercenaries, lost souls, and scholars chasing down the legends of Arcadia aboard the ISS Downrider.



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Expedition History

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Act One



Prologue: Downrider

After years of planning and dozens of connections being drawn, Dahlia Morgan is ready to step up from her role as technician of a defunct adventuring coop and step into the life of a full-on Expedition Captain. But every captain needs a crew, and it was at the Downrider Inn that they would finally meet. What could possibly go wrong?

Episode One: Sanctum

Following a quiet lead by an informant, Dahlia and the rest of the Downrider crew plunge into the forests of Loinia- a highly fertile but otherwise undesirable planet chock full of unhealthy radiation and overgrowth. The crew quickly found their way to their target- an undocumented stone and metal building that had been partly taken by the advances of time.

The investigation went off without a hitch, until the crew restored power to the dormant AI that resided within- by the name OSC-01. After falling under involuntary control of a malicious virus, the Overseer was damaged and rendered inert. Soon after, the true- and strangely brazen intelligence in charge of the buildings units came back to consciousness.

Episode One Interim: Bivona

With the success of their finds on Loinia, the crew travels to the far-flung mining colony of Bivona. The lakeside city made its profits by mining away the surrounding mountains for valuable ore and materials, but nothing gets in or out without notice of the Vigali- a quietly seeded crime syndicate operating around the sector. With the captain gone to credit an informant for their valuable lead, all sorts of shenanigans break loose aboard the Downrider.

Episode Two: Union

The crew is braced for their next venture, but before they can leave Bivona, a surprisingly close beacon calls them back. The crew follows OSC-01's heading north of Bivona, to an eerily frigid waste barely touched by man. There, they find a previously abandoned structure built ages ago by the Nepherians, the enemy of Arcadia- Alipier Observatory. However, there's more inside the nave halls than anyone would have guessed.

The egocentric Captain Bryce Arvero and his cronies have launched an expedition of his own making with motives unclear, under the heading of the Arcandum Union. The supposedly nomadic restoration group turns hostile when the Downrider crew poke too far into their operation, leading to the detainment of Ferrus, a former friend of the Overseer in a narrow escape into the Bivona wilderness.

Episode Two Interim: Reprise

Hot off the heels of what could be considered a complete failure in Northern Bivona, the gang heads south in search of safety and rest. The gang is almost ready for new horizons, but Dahlia is looking for a return from her deal with OSC-01 first. Generations of once forbidden knowledge is passed on to the crew in the virtual landscape of the Zen Codex, but their rest is cut short as headhunters and past acquaintances of Romulus Aurum catch the crew off-guard.

Episode Three: Defile

From the frozen wastes of Bivona to the sunscorched rock of Trayll II, the Downrider crew searches high and low for signals originating from more operational Oakland units detected by OSC-01.

This episode is ongoing.

Downrider Crew

Character	Occupation	Player	Notes	Picture
Dahlia Morgan	Scholar, Expedition "Captain"	Pancakei	NPC	
OSC-01	Guardian, Overseer	Pancakei	NPC	
Thomas "Juryrig" Addison	Inventor, Alchemist	Burgmond45	-	
Aradia Sivins	Pilot, Magician and Arcane Expert	Arbitrated	-	

Character	Occupation	Player	Notes	Picture
Deimos Gerhardt	Expeditionist	trainscanflytoo	-	
Glasawyr	Monk, Teenage Dragon	Blizzard	-	
Vargas Argyris	Informant, Archivist, Librarian	Dadragon6	-	
Marie Conroe	Engineer	META_mahn	-	

Character	Occupation	Player	Notes	Picture
Rhea	Lost Soul	Speeder	Needs a wiki page.	
Reman Argint	Mechanic	Zweihawke	-	
Romulus Aurum	Artificer	Zweihawke	-	

NPC Profiles

Forgot a name? Here is a listing of the growing number of Plot NPCs for your convenience (including their current relevance in the plot). ¹⁾

Character	Notes
The Narrator	The Narrator.

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Mervius Talamon	The elderly and odd owner of the Downrider Inn. Business partner and investor in the Expedition.
OSC-01	An unusual and rather well-armed robot found deep within the forests of Loinia.
Bryce Arvero	The self-proclaimed “captain” of the Arcandum Union. His plans are vague, he's dangerously armed, and smug.
Satori	Bryce Arvero's bodyguard, a hulking Arcadian warbot with a specialty in cyber warfare.
Alioth	The Arcandum Union's artificer, and Arvero's partner in justice. An incredibly powerful syllic plagued by raw growths of echyllis.
Agatha	One of the three figures of a Biechelon Collective scouting patrol, and the patrol leader. An old-fashioned cultist wielding the force of the mantle.
Clef	One of the three figures of a Biechelon Collective scouting patrol, and the patrol runner. A loud-mouthed athlete wielding the force of motion.
Gallo	One of the three figures of a Biechelon Collective scouting patrol, and the patrol planner. A reserved technician wielding the force of the unknown.

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