

# Project Breather

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## What are the characters doing?

The OIA are getting the team to investigate the SSG for anything anomalous. When they arrive they will find out about the deaths of a 'B' Division research group, who were working on a mysterious project, "Project Breather". They are told that the murders are attributed to the member of the team whose body wasn't among the dead, Dr Samuel Craig.

The team are sent to track down Dr. Craig and kill him.

The 'incident' took place two days ago in the labs in Downs Street Station.

## What is really going on?

The SSG managed to get its hands on twisted technology through a Soviet deserter, Dr. Vladimir Sidorov. In order to make the most of these advances they set up a number of research and development groups within 'B' Division. However the prototype designed by Project Breather managed to escape, killing the science team in the process.

In order to ensure that the SSG's enemies amongst the other factions, especially the Army, don't find out about what has happened they are setting up Dr. Craig as the fall guy. He has disappeared and they are desperate to get hold of him, so that what he knows doesn't get spread any further.

The R & D head, Joseph Millar, is feeding the team just enough information to make sure they can find Dr. Craig, and kill him before he spills everything.

The bodies are all being held at St. Bartholomew's Hospital waiting to be autopsied.

### **Project Breather:**

The SSG found Dr. Sidorov with a cell of Soviet infiltrators and Trade Unionist dissidents. During his interrogation (by Joseph Millar) he told the Group of his work in Russia and how he was part of a team investigating how to make humans more resilient to radiation and other harmful chemical agents.

He cut a deal with his captors and agreed to share his research in return for his life and a new place as part of the SSG. Considering how much of Britain is currently unreachable and the number of teams that never return from outside of London, the Group jumped at the chance to add Dr. Sidorov to their 'B' Division assets.

Project Breather was tasked at creating first wave scouts who would be able to survive in the harsh conditions and report back with what was happening. The project was given permission to do experimentation and testing on dissidents found guilty of treason.

## Who are the team?

There are 5 possible team members:

**Captain Brad Harris** – US Air Force pilot.

**Lieutenant Julian Stevens** – Naval Intelligence officer.

**Herbert Jenkins** – A disgraced politician.

**Constable Jock Smith** – A London police officer.

**Samantha Askew** – A former journalist.

## Who are the antagonists?

**“Prototype Sigma”** – The actual killer of the science team and SSG experiment gone wrong. It's programmed imperative is to create other of it's kind and then return to HQ, in this case SSG. However it went rogue before programming is complete and will kill everything it comes across at SSQ headquarters rather than await instructions.

**Joseph Millar** – The team's SSG handler and the real monster. He knows full well what really happened in that lab as he was the one driving the experiment. He is going to try and use the team to tidy up his loose ends (Craig and hopefully Sigma). His secondary project are the lower powered Breathers developed by Dr. Sidorov.

## Who else is involved?

**Dr. Samuel Craig** – The former assistant researcher on Project Breather and now fugitive from the SSG. He realised that the project would be too difficult to control and that the creature was too dangerous. The morning of the 'incident' he took what research notes he could and ran. He knows that SSG is trying to pin this whole thing on him and will do anything he can to clear his name. He knows that the recent disappearances around Hackney are because of Sigma acting out his imperative.

**Dr. Vladimir Sidorov** – A Soviet deserter who is drip feeding technology to the SSG in exchange for his freedom. He was a consultant on Project Breather and is considered a prize asset of the SSG. He managed to avoid being murdered due to a meeting he was in at the time Sigma went rogue. His existence is known by most of the other main factions and they are desperate to get hold of him.

## NPCs:

**Lt Malcolm Chamberlain** – An Army intelligence officer who has been tasked with investigating the SSG's involvement in some recent disappearances.

**Sgt Tim James** - Army Sergeant with Lt. Chamberlain.

**Dr Nicholas Armstrong** - Head of SSG's 'B' Division.

**Hayden Blake** – Morgue assistant at St. Bartholomew's hospital.

**Rosie Hughes** – The receptionist at St. Bartholomew's hospital.

**Max Law** – SSG photographer and researcher.

**William Kemp** – SSG security officer.

**Random names:** Ewan Lambert, Riley Pearson, James Moody, Mildred Hawkins, Mable Edwards, Rose Krumm.

## **Key Scenes:**

Intro and briefing

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Meeting Mr. Millar

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Tour of Down Street (no Labs)

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Seeing the Labs

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Photos/Bodies

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Dr. Craig's Dossier

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Confronting Dr. Craig

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Final confrontation

## **Appendix:**

Player handouts:

Dossier on Dr. Samuel Craig

Final Project Breath report

Character sheets

Captain Brad

Lieutenant Julian Stevens

Herbert Jenkins

Constable Jock Smith

Samantha Askew

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DOSSIER #8726/081012

**REAL NAME:** Doctor Samuel Craig

**ALIASES:** None known

**LAST KNOWN WHEREABOUTS:** SSG Research and Development labs, Down Street

**BUSINESS/OCCUPATION:** Medical doctor specialising in psychology and nuro-science.

## **KNOWN INFORMATION:**

Dr. Craig was part of the research team undertaking Project Breather. His part into this project was to try and understand the ways in which chemicals could interfere with the brain. The project itself was investigating sophisticated breathing equipment to allow access to the badlands outside of London.

On October 11 1963 Dr. Craig was seen leaving the Down Street premises with a briefcase and a heavy looking bag by Security Officer William Kemp. Shortly after this the bodies of the entire Project Breather team were found dead in their labs. Dr. Craig is wanted in connection to these deaths and the theft of a number of highly classified SSG documents and experimental weaponry.

## **Notes:**

- Dr. Craig is to be approached with extreme caution.
- Recent psychological evaluations have found a deteriorating mental condition.
- Apprehend and return suspect to Down Street for questioning and investigation if possible.
- Deadly force is authorised.

## **MISC. INTELLEGENGE:**

- Medium height
- Brown hair
- Blue eyes
- Wears glasses
- Mother lives in Hackney
- Trained at University College London
- Keeps a flat in Shoreditch

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Project 'BREATHER'

Status Report: 10 October 1963

**\*\*TOP SECRET\*\*A DIVISION EYES ONLY\*\*TOP SECRET\*\***

**CURRENT PRTOTYPE: SIGMA**

**PREVIOUS PROTOTYPES: All deceased**

**Head Scientist: Dr. Lucas Chapman**

**Project team: Dr. Samuel Craig; Dr. Arnold Barkley; Sylvia Dyer; Dr. Vladimir Sidorov**

## **REPORT:**

Prototype Sigma is looking highly successful. Grafting the gas mask directly to the skin solved the issues with protecting the respiratory system. Inserting a recorder directly into the chest cavity has yielded some early promising results.

Investigation is continuing on how to attach the optical nerve to a video recording device, but experiments to date have resulted in blindness and in the worse cases death - See report on Prototypes Omicron and Rho.

We are still running into problems with programming the prototype with objectives. Simple orders such as return to base have been accepted easily however more complicated orders were rejected.

Experiments around lobotomising the subject to counteract the remaining homicidal tendencies were initially promising; however subsequent experiments have shown that this technique is too blunt for the purposes required. Further analysis of brain activity needed.

**NEXT FIELD TEST: Due to start 14 October 1963**

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## Operative background:

Brad has been a military man since before he was born. He joined the force straight from High School and went through College with their help. When he was posted to Britain a couple of years ago he was well on the way to the top. Then the bombs started to fall and terrible things started to walk the streets and the USA seemed to fall off the map. With a family and life back in the States all he wants to do is find out what's going on. And he'll do anything to find out.

## Faction background:

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Much like the Special Situations Group (SSG) the OIA is a group made up of members from diverse backgrounds. This diversity however is less factional (at least on the surface) than the SSG, who see the OIA as encroaching on its jurisdiction.

Herbert Jenkins

Your typical stick up the arse old boy. A little too into his stiff upper lip, but the man does know the right people.



Sergeant Jock Smith

A good, solid guy who is always keen to have a pint. A little too much of a stickler for the rules sometimes, but after all he is a Brit.



Lieutenant Julian Stevens

A proper military man. Still a little unwilling to let go of his Navy ties, but he's learning that you've got to look out for yourself in this new world.



Samantha Askew

A real smart girl who seems to be able to talk her way into and out of anything. To bad things never worked out.





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## Operative background:

Herbert was educated in the proper English fashion. He went to Eton, then Oxford, and then stepped effortlessly into Public service as it had always been expected. He seemed to be on the fast track until a scandal involving a minor back bencher erupted.

He is now working with the OIA to buy his way back into the good books and also hopefully get back at those that engineered his fall from grace.

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Sergeant Jock Smith

Surprisingly smart for one of the lower classes. Still has the limited imagination of someone who grew up in the East End.



Lieutenant Julian Stevens

A proper military man. Still a little unwilling to let go of his Navy ties, but he's learning that you've got to look out for yourself in this new world.



Samantha Askew

Very attractive young woman who is surprisingly capable. Her journalistic curiosity has uncovered a number of otherwise hidden anomalies.



Captain Brad Harris

A brash American. Even worse a brash American pilot! He usually seems to get himself into a fix, but at least he's moderately capable of getting out of it again.



# Office of Internal Affairs

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1.a. Name: Sergeant Jock Smith  
1.b. Concept: London police officer  
1.c. Faction: Office of Internal Affairs

2.a. Action:      Original    Current  
                       

2.b. Influence:    Original    Current  
                       

2.c. Insight:      Original    Current  
                       

3.a. Factional Agenda:      Bonus:

Make sure the job gets done and keep things quiet.

Uses:             

3.b. Personal Agenda:      Bonus:

Understand how these things are happening.

Uses:             

4. Traits:	+/-?	Locked?	5. Relationships:	+/-?	Rating
A man of actions not words	+				
Keeps it calm	+				
I've seen too many impossible things	-				
London is my town	+				
Orders are orders	-				

6. Gear:  
Suit, over coat, 2x packets of cigarettes, one revolver (browning), 20 rounds of ammo, ID papers, notebook, torch

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Jock was born and raised in London and takes great pride in his knowledge of the city. In order to "give something back" he joined the Metropolitan Police and gave tireless service for 14 years. Then the bombs started to rain down and the streets and sewers were filled with nightmares. He joined the Office of Internal Affairs to find out why and to make his city safe again.

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Herbert Jenkins

Your typical stick up the arse old boy, always going on about class. A little too into his stiff upper lip, but the man does know the right people.



Captain Brad Harris

A good bloke who's always keen for a pint and a yarn. He usually seems to get himself into a fix, but he's more than capable of getting out of it again.



Lieutenant Julian Stevens

Something about him is just a little bit off. He seems like the type who would sell out his whole team to get ahead. Keep an eye on him.



Samantha Askew

A lovely, bright lass who really adds something to the team. Makes a dark job a whole lot brighter. Damn useful for talking her way out of things too!





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## Operative background:

Julian saw the Navy as the perfect place to spread his wings and gain experience unobtainable in civilian life. His university degree helped get him into the intelligence service and even though his career has only just begun, there are plenty of opportunities out there for a Navy man with a bit of initiative.

He applied to join the OIA after being approached by a friend of his in the Navy. While the RN was a little unsure of releasing him at first eventually they were only too happy to allow one of their own to enter its secretive ranks.

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Herbert Jenkins

Knows whats what and how to get a job done. A little too into his stiff upper lip, but the man does know the right people.



Captain Brad Harris

A brash American pilot. He usually seems to get himself into a fix, but at least he's moderately capable of getting out of it again.



Sergeant Jock Smith

Solid, dependable and willing to just follow orders. He knows London like the back of his hand and has managed to get us through a number of tight spots.



Samantha Askew

Very attractive young woman who should know that this isn't really her place. Despite that, her journalistic curiosity has uncovered a number of otherwise hidden anomalies.





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## Operative background:

Samantha was born and raised in London and has found its stories fascinating her whole life. Her parents were French Jews who came to England at the very beginning of WWII, escaping the Nazi advance. After the bombs stopped falling and the dust settled Samantha realised that this new England was not the place that had taken her family in. She became involved with the Office of Internal Affairs when she saw her Algerian neighbours dragged out of their house, and never heard from again.

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Your typical stick up the arse old boy. A little too into his stiff upper lip, but the man does know the right people.



Captain Brad Harris

As handsome as he is charming. A shame things didn't work out, but for the best though as it complicated a good working relationship.



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