Name: Principate Science Shuttle Item Category: Shuttle Store: Arx Starship Acquisitions Rarity: Rare

Item Description: A bespoke utility craft of unassuming appearance, the Science Shuttle is a 20 meter long hyperspace capable starship. It excells at the safe deployment, resupply and extraction of Severian Principate science teams and was first encountered in the Lyra-3-k system during the events of the GJX XIII. These shuttles feature two massive engine clusters on each side of the main ship body, offering excellent acceleration and speed for a ship its size and the ability to haul even heavy cargo. The rear of the ship is dedicated for this purpose and can carry up to 50 tons of cargo or 20 passengers. The shuttle is designed for a crew of two, pilot and co-pilot, but can be flown by a single individual.

Although purposefully designed to appear harmless, the shuttle carries a single twin laser cannon in a retractable turret beneath the hull and a pair of countermeasure bays on either side of the rear loading ramp contain decoys that can be deployed to confound hostile tracking systems. This has proven quite useful as the ships themselves are only lightly armoured and carry no substantial shielding.

Visual references: <u>https://readcomiconline.to/Comic/Doctor-Aphra/Issue-13?id=123132#14</u>





