



STELLAR JOCKEYS JUNE NEWSLETTER

Welcome to your monthly Stellar Jockeys newsletter for June 2022. We received feedback on our recent test build of Brigador Killers and are working on our next one.

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A Brief Look At BKTEST03



Since the end of 2021 we have been putting out a series of early iterative builds of Brigador Killers, aspects of which we have written about in previous newsletters. Our most recent one was BKTEST03 and included uprezzed versions of fan favorites the Betushka, the Rounder and the Arlo.



This recent test was nicknamed internally as the "One Of Everything" build which... it wasn't exactly. The sharp-eyed among you will no doubt notice the absence of mechs in the above images; much like with Brigador, animations for mech legs are going to take time to do properly, especially considering the up-rez. However, what this build *did* prove out was that the major change of scaling the combat down from vehicles to on-foot meant that encounters with those vehicles have become much more lethal for players than in Brigador. In terms of gameplay design alone this means a *lot* of numbers need to be considered in a large spreadsheet. It's not just a matter of tweaking damage values to make things feel "fair" - other things like how much time the AI takes to get a bead on the player and fire, or what the default camera zoom should be need to be reevaluated to (broadly speaking) achieve two things:

1. Make the player on foot "feel" like they're on foot (rather than simply making a mech-but-human), and
2. Make the idea of asymmetrical on foot vs vehicle combat something players would enjoy doing (unlike coming face-to-face with heavy armor in the real world)

We think these are entirely achievable though it will take us time to figure out, but finding out at this stage that BK can inspire this amount of intimidation is exciting to us and tells us that we're on to something.

With BKTEST03 done, BKTEST04 will have a shorter turnaround and is coming in July. It won't be as feature-heavy and instead more an iteration of what's been laid out in BKTEST03.

In other BK news, [as we noted in a recent news update on Steam](#), starting July at the end of every month, you will not only get the usual newsletter, but we will also be posting a longer version of things to our [Brigador Killers news hub](#) on Steam. If you wish to get these news posts appearing in your Steam library feed, please follow and wishlist our next game via our store page.

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In addition, as noted in that news update, for this first BK news post we will be answering your questions. Feel free to leave them in the comments of the news update above, or email us a reply to this newsletter.

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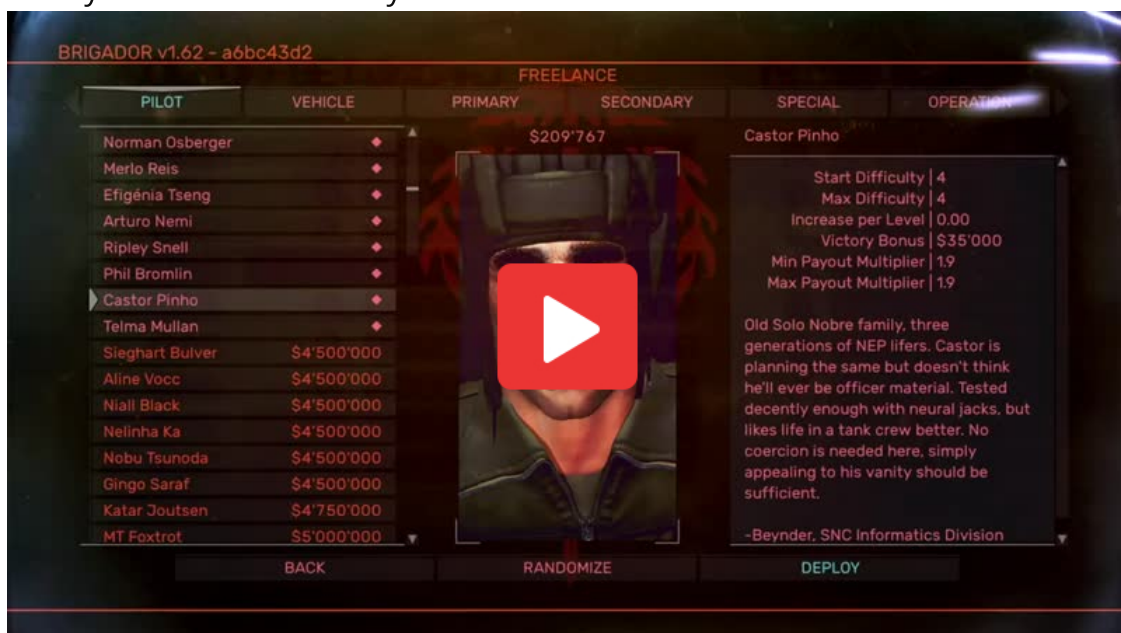
As part of a (very) minor June update to Brigador, we uploaded the initial eleven chapters of the Brigador audiobook to YouTube completely for free. The [playlist link is here](#). If you would like to acquire the audio book in full, [it is on sale on Steam until July 7th](#).

Australia Now Available For Shipping

As of June 22, 2022, we are able to [ship physical merchandise](#) again to Australia thanks to delivery restrictions being lifted for USPS. However, as of time of writing all the other countries we mentioned previously - United Kingdom, New Zealand, Russia and Ukraine - remain unavailable for shipping. This information changes on a weekly basis and we will inform you when these territories become available again.

Community Spotlight

A couple of new faces this month. First up is a a MIDI cover of Makeup And Vanity Set's track "Rise" by Enselle on YouTube...



...Big Potato has come up with their own album art for the Brigador Killers OST...



...and 50Doller has illustrated what an Ed's might look like.



As ever, this is only a smattering of what can be found in our #becks-best on our Discord server.

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Next Month

BKTEST04 is scheduled for the middle of July, but we've a few short holidays scheduled so next month's newsletter will likely be shorter than usual.



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