

NPC's from [Sin & Salvation](#) referenced in *Stone and Water*:

Inquisitor Venris Frost

Roughly 230 years old, Frost is Nocetun's second apprentice to reach Inquisitor. A more powerful psyker than his master, he inherited Noctun's fanaticism for the secret mission statement of the Ordo Hereticus, but is much more open to change. He is content to deal with the threat of the day, and in fact wherever the greatest menace is, Frost tries very much to be there. He took notice of the Tyrant star some 70 odd years ago, and since then has been somewhat less in favor with his master for his focus on it.

Frost's retinue leans towards martial and especially melee prowess, as he is a very action oriented individual. He can be extremely charismatic, as perhaps evidenced by his... relations.. with his predominantly female retinue. Frost is brave and dedicated, but has little patience for people who are not of use (or at least amusement) to him, and even less for those who get in his way.

Frost has dark hair with a gray shock, and wears a greatcoat over elaborate carapace armor, and carries a beautiful (and very large force sword) on his back. He and his "sister" Zayel are able to work together, marginally. If they must.

Johnathan Summerset

Johnathan is a handsome man with bright blue eyes and golden blond hair. It would be easy to mistake him for a young man, did his white and gold power festooned with purity seals not tell a different tale. He carries a bolt pistol on his right hip and a short power sword on his left. Johnathan can be found out of his power armor as much as in it (still choosing to dress in white). Charming and kind, he is so good natured he seems dreadfully out of place in the dark halls of Ordo Hereticus, and certainly as the Interrogator of the ominous Lord Nocetun.

Despite his position, Johnathan is one of the most approachable members of Noctun's retinue, and takes the duties of leadership seriously. He is devout, and his answer to a great many questions comes down to faith in the Emperor. Johnathan was originally recruited from the Cadian Imperial Guard in the adjacent sector, to serve Inquisitor Hans Barrier in Ordo Malleus. However, Johnathan eventually discovered Barrier's radical tendencies, and was appalled. He was a rogue agent for some time before eventually being persuaded to join Noctun. Barrier is one of the few subjects Johnathan does not like to talk about, another being his past with a certain Sororitas.

Inquisitor Hans Barrier

Long ago, Barrier was a Maccabean Black Priest. In appearance he is the same, a hulking blond man with a thick beard and a tangled mane that flows past his shoulders. But little else of that austere order remains. Barrier became a retinue member in the Ordo Malleus, a seemingly good fit. But under the tutelage of Inquisitor Delacroix, he grew further and further from Maccabeus.

Barrier is absolutely dedicated to the fight against daemons and chaos. He is still an expert in their lore and the incantations to rebuke such creatures. He has a hard line against the use of chaos as a weapon, but he is none the less a radical as all else is fair game in his mind. A tyranid or a powerful psyker pales in comparison to the danger of chaos run rampant, and so every available weapon must be turned on the true foe.

Barrier wears gold and crimson power armor engraved with strange runes, which emanates a warp signature to those so attuned. It is said that the armor can perform many strange functions, and he is quite at odds with the machine cult over this piece of tech-heresy, even if its origins are unknown.

He fights with a variety of alien weapons, with a particular fondness for Eldar and Kroot armaments. He has allowed psykers of all power levels and mental stabilities into his retinue over the years, and never hesitated to cut them down at the first sign of taint. All of his retinue are outfitted with similar alien technology. Many suspect he allies with heretical groups such as Bishop Saren and the Serrated Query when it suits his purposes, although no one can prove it.