Lavecon 2016 Entry Sheet

Instructions

Abraka Drabble is the weekly competition where commanders *(that's you)* are invited to submit drabbles *(Short stories of EXACTLY 100 words – excluding title)*, set loosely in the Elite Dangerous universe *(suitable Science Fiction will do)*. Then the challenge is to meet the theme of that particular week, and the theme for your drabble for Lavecon 2016 is "Engineers".

Write your Drabble on the rear of this page, count your words, and post it in the Abraka Drabble entry box at Lavecon or email your entry to abrakadrabble@abrakadrabble.com. You can also join in with us weekly at http://abrakadrabble.com/new

Helpful information

The **Engineers** are known individuals that can modify your ship's weapons and modules. They reside in planetary bases and can only modify a specific set of weapons and modules depending upon their lore and preference. Some engineers are suited more for explorer setups whilst others suit bounty hunters and so on.

In total there are 30 engineers with only 5 immediately known. Before you can get an invite to an Engineer's base you must learn about them first, either through common knowledge or from hearing about them through other Engineers.

To be able to get an invite to an Engineer's base, you first have to meet their invite requirements. These requirements vary and some engineers are easier to obtain an invite than others. Once invited and having travelled to their base, you can unlock their services by doing a task that they ask you to do, such as providing a commodity they require. Upon unlocking access to the engineer you then gain a reputation rank to that engineer. Reputations go from 1 to 5, where 5 is the highest reputation achievable. These reputation ranks determine what level of modification you can do, with every modification crafted you increases the progress to the next reputation level. As you increase your reputation with the Engineer you will be able to craft higher level modifications which provide increased effects. It should be noted that Engineers may not be able to craft all 5 modification levels for a module type.

PLEASE NOTE:

Please use or ignore this information at your leisure, it is purely to help you if you want, you could equally come up with a horrific pun about engine ears, that's the norm in this competition. On Sunday the Abraka Drabble show will be on, where I will read the top10 entries, and then during the awards ceremony the winner I pick will win a KINDLE. Yes that's right, a Kindle Paperwhite could be yours if your Drabble is our chosen winner. If you win and you are not there to collect, I will post the prize out to you, so please fill in the following Details. Entry is only valid if you have a valid ticket to attend Lavecon 2016

Name:	
Cmdr Name:	
Postal Address:	
Telephone no:	

Online Entries can be emailed to abrakadrabble@abrakadrabble.com, entries received after midnight on Saturday 16th July may be missed and not qualify for the competition.

TITLE :

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Example Drabbles,

1. Philip Coutts **- Oops-a-daisy!**

"Gonna cost you mate" chuckled the engineer whistling to exaggerate his statement, "Really gonna cost you".

The Commander sighed, taking a big breath "Look I just need it fixed and quick" he said sheepishly rubbing the back of his neck, "Just give me your price".

"Well you've borked your whotsit" He waved a wrench vaguely at a pile of scrap "And your power distributer is completely…well…distributed. I'll be honest guv, you'd be cheaper buying a new one, what in Laves name did you do to it?"

The Galactic Intern looked embarrassed, "Hit the boost button instead of my landing gear…."

2. Splendour **- Custom Ride**

There's an ancient axiom in the building trade, "An architect looks at a structure to see what they can add to it. An engineer looks to see what they can take away from it."

Engineering at its finest is a triumph of elegant simplicity. The engineer that had 'customised' the Eagle I'd just been conned into buying had taken it waaaay to far. Gone were luxuries like the nav computer, shields, long range comms.

As another shot tore through the hull, I pointed the nose at a bright star, hit the Hyperspace button and prayed that hadn't been 'customised' too.

3. moose666 **- Never buy dodgy Steve's beam lasers.**

"What's this?"
"Issa huge beam laser innit?"
He sighed, Dodgy Steve was known as the cut-me-own-throat Dibbler of engineering circles, so much so that any of his work is grounds to invalidate life insurance.
"All you've done is take a large laser, randomly solder on some 30amp mains cabling and a selector knob pointing to some shapes!"
"It's f'r cuttin' 'oles innit? look i'll puts it on low power mo' so you c'n sees!"
The laser began to draw a red square on the far wall.
"See, it c'n even do squares! that's hard see!"
Without warning, the laser exploded.

Hopefully these fine examples of drabbles may inspire you or convince you how not to write yours. Just remember the title does not count towards the word count.