

## Prologue

I am Relin Supess. I am the last known survivor of my civilization from before the split. It's been over 230 years since those fateful events happened that lead to the division of my civilization. This split has led to two separate histories of my people. One history has most likely already been documented. The people we down here call the Estellangers were the lucky ones in the division while we Terrarites are left alone buried here in the dark. This is my story, the alternate history to our race. It must be known. My civilization was once great and flourished. We Terrarites will most likely fade into obscurity unless someone does something to change it. I hope to be that someone. I've been around since before the split, and witnessed it first hand and played a critical role in the events of those days. I want to provide a detailed and unbiased history of the Terrarites from before the divide and to today, 230 years after. If you want bias you can check many news stations and articles. I cannot promise a completely unbiased approach to my writing because at times in my long life I've been as angry as the rest of them, but I will try to reconsider the most aggravating of encounters and see them in a new light. This is the history of the Sapidens, and more specifically the Terrarites, after the split. This is written for the Estellangers and to any other civilizations that once knew the greatness of the Sapidens<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> This is written in the Universal language, to any other civilization hopefully you have a good translator.

My civilization is the Sapidens. Our home planet is Hinthro, the fourth planet in the Carmity System. The Carmity System has a total of 6 planets, three gas giants, and three rocky planets. Merool, is the closest of the planets<sup>2</sup>, it is a large gas giant with soaring temperatures. Oblat is the second planet, it is very small and rocky; it's tidally locked with Carmity. The surface has been blasted off by the solar wind. Lalth is the third planet in the system, it is a larger planet. It has two moons. Hinthro, the forth planet, has the ability to spawn Class A life. It has one large moon, Mil. There is an asteroid belt beyond Hinthro. The planet Zelvier is the 5<sup>th</sup> planet, located past the asteroid belt. It has 37 sizable moons and over 90 additional satellites. The final planet is Polsmar. It is a dark gas giant, and has 17 moons, most notable Eeluto which is the largest satellite in the Carmity System.

The Sapidens originated on Hinthro. Their empire expanded across the entire Hinthro system, but no further. Despite the small empire, they were still one of the most powerful civilizations in the galaxy. On every habitable moon there is a base, always manned. Space elevators span from the surface of every celestial body to a stable orbit. There are major mining operations within the asteroid belt, as well as the comet cloud. These bases and mining operations produce a vast amount of material for their disposal. Their most notable feat as a civilization is their Dyson Ring. This ring produces the power for the entire system, with much of its potential not being used. The Sapidens have all the materials, and technology to expand outwards into other star systems, but they have not.

The reason is because of the Hosfect. The Hosfect is a rival civilization from the Haukuma System<sup>3</sup>. They have an empire that covers five star systems. Their empire almost nearly surrounds the system of Carmity. Their technology is not as advanced as the Sapidens, but

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<sup>2</sup> At perihelion, Oblat is closer on average

<sup>3</sup> Haukuma is the third closest star to Carmity

because they have a multi-star empire they have more resources, available man-power and influence over the other nearby civilizations. For a century both civilizations wanted to expand into the system of Adjarent<sup>4</sup>. This resulted in conflicts between the civilizations. The conflicts have expanded beyond the Adjarent system and have resulted in battles within the Carmity system. The battles have been won by the Sapidens but, they are always weakened enough to prevent expansion to the Adjarent System. To this day the Adjarent System is unclaimed<sup>5</sup>; neither civilization can amass the fleet necessary to capture it while fending off the other.

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<sup>4</sup> The closest star to Carmity

<sup>5</sup> The Adjarent system has no planets capable of generating life on their own

## Chapter 1: The Distraction

I wake up like as I would any other day. The sun's been up for hours, but fortunately my job has flexible hours. I eat breakfast and put on my work clothes. I have just graduated from college and have had my job for a year. So far, I don't have anyone special in my life. It's a plus for now; I only have to concern myself with my and my boss's schedules, which are pretty worry free. I walk out of my house; it's a very nice day out. The sun is shining bright in the sky, only dwarfed by the mega structure that is, T.2.A.E.D, our Dyson Ring<sup>6</sup>. This structure has been around since before my childhood, but I've taken a greater interest to it since I got my job at C.S.P.D.M. I no longer taken the massive structure for granted and realize its important role in our entire system. It makes me feel special that I am one of the select few that gets to work directly with this structure, making sure that everything is running smooth keeping the entire star system happy and powered. I get on the train at the station and head into the city for work.

Just another day in the office I assume. I am greeted by our secretary, Yuliv. She tells me, "Morning Relin, Mr. Ces (my boss) would like to talk to you once you get a second"

"Okay, tell him I'll be in his office in 15 minutes" I respond.

I take the elevator up to my office on the 11<sup>th</sup> floor, today was not a stair day. I boot up my computers and set down my stuff and head off to Mr. Ces's office. "Afternoon, Relin (I guess its afternoon now). We've been experiencing some problems with section 47N. We are getting exactly 50% of the power that we would be expecting given current solar conditions. I suspect that it has something to do with a connection. You should see what you can do. Also today we will be testing the O.L.R.S. to make sure the scanners are still working properly. I want you to report to me when you get any signals from the satellites"

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<sup>6</sup> A Dyson Ring is a solar panel mega-structure the completely surrounds a star. T.2.A.E.D. is a single ring located on an orbit polar to that of Hinthro.

“Okay, Ged. I’ll report you my findings for 47N and check in with the scanners when I get some readings” I responded.

“Nothing too special” I thought to myself, “Maybe I can beat my record of only being off by 2 seconds on the scans today. But first I should work out the problem with 47N”

I return to my desk and call the T.2.A.E.D staff. They sent some crew over to check it out. After an hour they replied saying that they will need to receive a special part to reconnect the section, the last one burned out. I filled out the forms necessary and got the part shipped out. “Well that’s over. Looks like I got some down time until the tests” I thought. In my down time I worked on my idea to beat the Hosfect to Adjarent by using wormhole technology<sup>7</sup>. Even though wormholes are expensive, I think that the Dyson Ring can produce enough power for our needs. An hour passes then suddenly something flashes on my monitor. I open the program and see that the sensors have fired on the O.L.R. 5. I call up Mr. Ces and tell him “What’s this Ged? I’ve only been here for 4 hours. Are you giving me the day off or something? O.L.R 5. 1.5AU<sup>8</sup> Retro North”

“Uhh. Relin, O.L.R. 5 was not supposed to be tested today because it was going to interfere with the procedures at the Eeluto base. Are you sure you are correct?”

“Yes. I’m positive. It’s still firing. In fact it is at 1.45 AU right now, heading towards Polsmar’s sphere of influence.”

“This is not good. I’ll be in your office as soon as possible. Get Mr. Colgam in here as well. He has more permissions”

I call up Mr. Colgam, “Calem we have a code orange on O.L.R. 5 right now. We need you to get more info on it. Mr. Ces is on the case, and will be in my office shortly”

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<sup>7</sup> Even for a civilization as advanced as the Sapidens. Wormhole technology was still new and costly.

<sup>8</sup> AU is the unit for the distance between the Earth and the Sun. The original values have been converted to a unit more readers would understand.

“Yes. I’ll be there immediately”

Within 2 minutes both Mr. Colgam, and Mr. Ces are in my office. Calem accesses the satellite’s advanced tracking sensors. After messing around on the computer he is shocked. After a moment’s hesitation he yells “We have a code red in the Polsmar sphere. It’s the Hosfect”

Even though this is our job, it is a shock to have an invasion by the Hosfect. They have not approached the carmity System since I’ve been here. I only can think of my training. “get the higher ups, get the higher ups” the training officer drones on and on in my head. Luckily Mr. Ces has more experience in this field and is out the door before I can think straight.

Calem’s voice snaps me back into the scene. “Track the Hosfect Ship. We need as much information as possible when they call.” He says pulling out a second computer.

With Calem’s help we are able to determine a lot of information about the Hosfect ship. We have its velocity, size, mass, we even can identify which ship it is. This makes it simpler when Mr. Ces calls up. He is with the head of C.S.P.D.M who is on the line with the general of Eeluto military base. They thank us for our quick response times and assure us that they have everything under control, and to be on the lookout for any other disturbances. We hear nothing of the battle out at Eeluto, until Mr. Ces returns 4 hours later. He tells us that he has heard from the general that the battle is nothing special. He tells us that the Hosfect had attacked the mining stations on Polsmar’s other moons and the space elevator on Polsmar. The general is confused about the invasion, he suspects that the ship is rogue because it has not attempted to contact us and it is all alone. He expects everything to be dealt with by midday tomorrow.

Mr. Ces thanks us again for our work today, but tells us to stay the night incase anything major happens. Calem and I set all of the O.L.R satellites to alert and borrow two company couches and sleep the night away. In no time, I am rudely awoken, by the ring of my speakers

and the flashing of my monitor. Calem is already awake and is sitting in front of the monitors. In the most serious tone I've ever heard he tells me "This one is for real".

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Instantly we have every important figure of C.S.P.D.M on a call. "They are coming from the Procentur system. There are 50 confirmed battleships, 70 blockade runners, and 100 ships we've never seen before. They appear to have a massive heatshield and a payload of some sort" Calem and I tell them.

"I'll alert the president immediately" one of them tells us.

"I'll send reinforcements to the Polsmar sphere and alert the general" another says.

"Something here doesn't seem right here. Why would they send in reinforcements from the Procentur System, it's on the opposite side of the Carmity system from Polsmar." I thought to myself as the figures were making important conversation.

"Sir, if you excuse me I think we need to focus more on Hinthro, and the ring. It doesn't make sense for them to attack Eeluto from that side" I interrupted.

"For them to attack us here would be suicide" one tells me, "why the Hosfect are attacking us in Carmity is irrational, but they are not stupid. Plus they are on a trajectory straight towards Polsmar. A maneuver to send them here would be unfeasible"

I find the advisor to the president to be quite agreeable, but in my mind I still thought that they whole attack was unfeasible so we should expect anything. The call ends and Calem and I are left in the office watching as the Hosfect advance towards our base. As most do in this type of situation, we feel hopeless. Hours pass, we watch as our reinforcements head to Polsmar to intercept the Hosfect. As the Hosfect fleet passes Hinthro, they disappear from the monitor.

Unfortunately we don't need a monitor or any additional sensors to see where they went; outside the window we see the massive ships appear in the sky<sup>9</sup>.

"What the hell just happened?! That maneuver is impossible with a warp drive" yells Calem, who is obviously losing his cool.

"It's nearly impossible. But I think I know what happened. They used a wormhole to make that jump. The problem is that they shouldn't have the energy to do that" I said in response.

"What are we supposed to do, half our fleet is in route to Polsmar, while their whole fleet is at our doorstep"

"We get the higher ups" The voice in my head spoke through my mouth.

"The higher-ups are halfway across the solar system, or twenty minutes from this building. We have to do sometime fast."

No matter how fast we could have been there would not have been enough time. The first bomb hit. The building rumbles. I set the building to Code Black and I grab my mobile computer incase anything else comes up. "We need to get to the control room and redirect all the power to the planet's defense systems" I said. Unfortunately neither of us had the permissions to access the Ring's master control panel. Hopefully by setting the building to Code Black we will get any requests by the president or his staff that will give us the access codes. "Get in contact with the crew on the Ring, we will need them shortly" I tell Calem as we run towards the basement.

When we reach the basement of the building we are stuck with locked doors between us and the control room. Fortunately we get a call from one of the president's advisors, he walks us through the steps to override the normal security systems and get manual access. Once we enter the room, he tells us how to divert the Ring's Power to the planet's defense system. He says we

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<sup>9</sup> By sky, it is presumed to mean low orbit, perhaps they used the atmosphere as an aero breaking method. These are no small ships either the shape could be distinguished from the sky easily.



need to get as much power as possible for the security measures. As he is finishing talking to us, Calem gets a phone call from the Ring's on site crew. We direct him that we have orders from the president to override the limits on the Ring.

Calem and I returned to the rest of the building. Employees were being to rush into the building after learning of the code black. The building also provided refuge because the defense protocol called for the complete protection of all government buildings. We were inviting citizens of the city to stay in the lobby because it was one of the most well protected buildings in the city. Outside I see explosions occurring across the city, most being deflected by the shields. Occasionally one hits an unpopulated area. The auto turrets are attacking the Hosfect airships. Our remaining squadrons are being deployed both to fight in the air and in space.

Within the action I barely notice the notification on my computer. It's from the M.C.C, one of the old satellites that I need to keep track of<sup>10</sup>. My job is supposed to be sure that its orbit doesn't decay into that of another satellite, but this wasn't a message anything like that. The satellite was picking up star patterns behind Carmity that should not be there. This information perplexed me for a while, but then it hit me. The Hosfect just displayed that they were capable of wormhole travel, who isn't to say that they are using it on the most massive scale. "CALEM!" I shout, "We need to get in contact with the defense agency immediately, the Hosfect are opening a wormhole around Carmity!"

He is in doubt, until I show him the data from M.C.C. "A wormhole is the only possible explanation, despite the infeasibility<sup>11</sup>" I tell him.

Calem tries to send messages to the defense agency but is unable. "The signals are being jammed, someone needs to go there and deliver the word by hand. I'll keep trying".

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<sup>10</sup> Because Hinthro does not have a moon that produces a total solar eclipse, the Sapidens needed to launch a satellite to prove the theories of relativity.

<sup>11</sup> To open a wormhole the size of a star requires as at least the power of three stars

“I’ll go” I say. I race down to the lobby. I find a company car and Drive towards the other side of town. Due to the state of emergency across the planet no one is in the streets, giving me the ability to go faster. As I’m driving, something appears out of the corner of my eyes. I think it’s a meteor at first but it is one of the unidentified ships from before. It plows through the atmosphere at 4000 meters per second straight into the agriculture tower. The shields have no effect on the craft and it breaks through the shield and embeds itself into the ground and detonates. I slam on the brakes as the agriculture building crashes to the ground in front of me. I look at the debris speechless. I realize at first that I’m lucky I survived, but then the truth hits me. Thousands of people just died in that crash and its all my fault. I begin to murmur to myself “It’s all my fault, it’s all my fault, it’s all my fault...” My thoughts race. If I had been more assertive in my belief then our fleet wouldn’t be half way across the star system, we could have intercepted them. These people didn’t have to die. Its all thanks to my incompetence. I never thought that my passiveness would have such large scale consequences. A tear rolls down my cheek, and at the top of my lungs I yell “IT’S ALL MY FAULT”.

I need to continue though. The defense agency needs to know, before the wormhole expands. I turn around to find another path, but the car won’t start. I leave the car and run towards the defense agency. As I run another suicide bomber destroys the next building in my path. I’m surrounded by my rubble and my dead. I can’t get there. I look back at C.S.P.D.M and hope that Calem got the message across. I then look at the sun. Its brightness has given me hope for my civilization my entire life. The sun is different this time. Its glow appears to be coming from two spaces at the same time, and then the wormhole closes.

It is dark.