

HISTORY OF THE SOLAR EMPIRE

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2012 March:

- Scientist at MIT discovers a sub wave length radio transmission coming from a location on Mars.

2012 April:

- The transmission is identified as a sequence of numbers from 1 to 10 repeating constantly, this lead scientists that this signal was coming from a sentient life form located on Mars.

2012 June:

- At a secret meeting, president Obama indicates that a multi national team from the United States, England, Canada, China, Russia, France, Germany, and Japan as been created to send an exploration mission to Mars as early as 2020.

2020 November:

- The multinational exploration ship “Enterprise Mars” leaves earth orbit for Mars. This mission was kept secret from the public and can only be compared to the Manhattan project of WW2. It is feared that public knowledge of this communication from Mars could lead to general panic. A gigantic research and production facility was set up in China and scientists and their family working in this facility had no contact with the outside world for the duration of the project, this was the condition set so that they could participate in the project.

2021 September:

- 2 shuttles attached to the Enterprise Mars land a few kilometres from the radio source.

2021 October:

- The exploration team has found an entry leading to a city buried under Mars, various teams are sent to explore the city and try to identify the race that built it.

2021 November:

- The first conclusions can be surmised from the exploration of the city: The city has a circumference of nearly 30 miles, its age is estimated at 10,000 years and from the furniture found it was clearly inhabited by humans.
- Writings were found on the wall of an obelisk at the center of the city and a team is trying to decipher the language.
- Another team of engineers is working to restore power to the city.
- Only 3 % of the city has been explored since many of the bulkheads are closed, it was lucky that the entrance found was near the center of the city and what appeared to be the control station for the city.

- No trace of any living being has been found; the portion of the city explored seemed to have been orderly evacuated. The general consensus is that the city was abandoned but not because of a catastrophe or an attack by an unknown party.

2022 May:

- The writing on the obelisk has been identified as proto-Greek, translation has begun and about 10% of the city has now been explored.

2022 September:

- Translation of the obelisk now complete, it is the history of the city and its founder.
- The history is presented to an international oversight committee chaired by former president Obama, now chairman of the MPOC (Mars Project Oversight Committee).
- 20% of the city explored including the central command operation for the city.

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2023 April:

- 2 major breakthroughs are achieved:
- Access has been granted to the city computer mainframe; this in turn gave access to the assets inventory of the city.
- The asset inventory mention the existence in the city of an MTP or Matter Transport Portal that allows direct transfer to locations on earth and other MTP located in the solar system,
- It also indicated the presence of a starship building facility located in orbit above Europa containing 4 completed heavy cruisers and one battleship completed at 80%.
- The city also has in a hanger located in the south polar region of Mars, 200 one man fighters and the equipment for a ground battle legion (5,000 soldiers). Both of these locations can only be reached by MTP.

2024 February:

- Scientist have found and succeeded in activating the Mars City MTP. They could locate 5 active address: the Europa shipyard, the mars south pole and 2 addresses on earth, one in Greece in a remote mountain, the entrance had been sealed off for millennia and the second one in Peru, again deeply buried. Both MTP were eventually reopened to facilitate transfer of personal and supplies to the Mars City.
- The next step was exploring the Europa Shipyards.

2024 March:

- A team of scientist and military is transferred to Europa via the MTP after a drone had made a reconnaissance mission, the team wearing astronaut suits were quite surprised when a few minutes after their arrival the shipyard power plant kick in and started producing light energy and fresh air.
- After exploring the star shaped structure, they got their first look at what the Marc city computer was calling a heavy cruiser, a spherical starship of a diameter of 1000 feet sporting heavy gun turrets.
- As the scientist started exploring the ship, all their effort to power up anything but life support failed, the ship would not power up for any other purpose.
- After 9 days without achieving anything, the scientist and engineers decided to try to start up another cruiser, so a guard detail was left on board the original cruiser with a few technicians.
- A few days late, one of the guards got sick. So a few technicians helped him to sit in the command chair of the cruiser... and to everyone surprise the ship powered up!
- All the members of the expeditionary force tried sitting on the command station to see if they could activate it but very few could.
- Based on the available sampling it was estimated that only .06 of 1% could actually activate the ships. It was assumed that they had a genetic predisposition that allowed them to activate the ships. This genetic modification is named O-gene or Olympian gene.
- People possessing this gene were identified all over the world, a special unit called the Solar Defence Force (SDF) was created since the authorities after learning of the great genocide, had decided that a space faring defence force was needed to protect humanity.

2024 December:

- First flight of the SDF-01 Challenger with a human crew (10% of the crew having the O-gene). The Challenger is one of the four Heavy cruiser found on the shipyard.

2025 March:

- Report to the MPOC of the findings of the Olympian Confederacy and the Great Genocide.

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- The MPOC decides that making this information public would only result in mass panic and unrest trough out the world.
- The following course of action is decided:

- Reactivation of the Europa shipyards to produce more ships, industries on earth would be converted to produce Olympian type of weapon and technology and sub assemblies for the ships constructed on Europa.
- Build more shipyards around Mars.
- Expand the SDF and create a ground force to use the equipment found in the polar Martian base. This first unit would be the first brigade of the Solar Marine Corp (SMC).
- Create a military structure only responsible to the MPOC and would not be attached to any national government.
- Rename the MPOC to Solar Assembly with the chairman of the MPOC becoming the first president of the Solar Assembly. The SA is made responsible for the defence of earth and the solar system.

2136 January:

- The Europa and Mars shipyard are producing ships and equipment around the clock.
- MTP are now installed in every major city on earth, the moon colony and the asteroid belt
- Mars city now boast 2, million residents.
- The Moon colony has 500,000 residents.
- The SDF fleet now stands at 3,000 units
- The SMC comprises 11 brigades trained and equipped with Olympian weapons.
- The earth population is starting to wonder why so much is spent on military; riots are more and more frequent in the poorer earth cities.

2137 March:

- With riots increasing all over the planet, the Solar Assembly decides to declare martial law.

2137 April:

- The president of the Solar Assembly together with the delegates of all nations and working with the chief of staff of the SDF declares the creation of the Solar Empire; the armed forces of the various countries are dissolved, English is recognized as the official language of the empire, the SDF no become the Solar Empire Starfleet (SEF) and the Solar Marine Corps becomes the Solar Empire Marine Corps (SEMC).
- The president of the Solar Assembly is elected to the function of Emperor, this function is not hereditary but because of the need for long time planning there is no election of a new emperor unless the Assembly vote by a 2/3 majority to replace him by another candidate. No member of the armed force of the Solar Empire (SE) can apply to the job of Emperor.
- The Emperor with the senate, address the population of the Solar Empire and explain to them the reason for spending so much on the military, he tells them about the old Olympian Confederacy and the genocide telling them that all will be done to avoid this

happening to the Empire but that it will take the active contribution of every human being in the Empire. To make sure that if Humankind is again face with the Raptor threat, it will be ready to fight and that the Emperor and the senate and the armed forces of the Empire will do everything to insure their safety.

- Although some are sceptical about the real existence of the raptors after all these years most of the solar system population supports the new form of government by the Emperor and the elected senate. Every one recognized the need of long term leadership to put in place what is required to protect the solar system and eventually the colonies.

2145:

- To emulate more closely the Roman Empire, the Marine Brigades are renamed Solar Empire Marine Legions (SEML).
- Each legion is 5,000 strong and receives a number (Roman numeral) and a title for instance SEML IX Martia Victrix since this legion is charged with defending the Martian City.
- One of the legions does not receive a number, but only a name SEML Pretoria to serve as the body guard of the Emperor and the senate.
- The Imperial household and the Senate are transferred to Australia, Australia becoming the Imperial Territory and a new city is created called New Rome, to become the administrative capital of the Empire.

2148:

- Life on earth is rapidly improving with a more generalisation of the benefits of the technology acquired from the Olympian. Poverty has been eradicated life has been extended to 150 years and illiteracy is mostly gone.
- 9 Billions Humans live on earth and 10 millions on the Moon.
- Mars has been terra formed and now is host to 1 billion human
- The Solar Empire Warfleet is now 5000 warships strong and the SEML now stands at 21 legions plus the praetorian legion.
- Up to now there has been no actual test of the hyper drive of the Starships of the fleet since it was deemed to risky to go out and explore until it was felt that the fleet was strong enough to meet any challenge that could be found near the solar system.

2151 March:

- The Emperor, the senate and the Joint Chief of Staff now think it is time to start exploring the neighbouring star systems and that the advantages of an early system far outweigh the risk associated with local exploration.

2152 January:

- 10 Task Forces are sent to survey the closest star systems that show potential for eventual colonisation.

2152 June:

- 6 of the 10 expeditions have found suitable planets for colonisation.

2152 September:

- The first colonisation fleet leaves the solar system for Alpha Century. It consists of 10 transport ships with 50,000 colonists, a freighter carrying MTP stations. A Battleship and 3 Heavy Cruisers and a Troopship with Legion XI Spearhead
- The TMP maximum range is .75 of a light year, for safety reason a chain of TMP satellites is created between earth and the Alpha Century each satellite being .5 light years from the next.
- Alpha Century has one terra type planet with no life form and a second planet that can eventually be terra formed.
- The marines are the first to land while scientist and technicians come in the second wave to find the best location for the first colonial city of the Solar Empire.

2211 January:

- **The SEWF is now 10,000 units strong.**
- **The SEML has 28 legions plus the praetorian Legion.**
- **7 new star systems have been colonized.**
- **Total Human population now stands at 19 Billions.**
- First contact with another human civilisation 127 LY from earth.
- Their history mentions the HA-LU-KI but no one has seen them for millennia, they are still used to scare the children to sleep.
- Their planet has 1 billion human living in a 19 century tech level. It has not progress much over the last 1,000 years and there is no evidence of the O-gene in the local population.
- They have no knowledge of the Raptors nor were any traces of the Olympian confederacy found in this system.

2249 March:

- **The SEWF is now 15,000 strong.**
- **The SEML now stand at 35 plus the praetorian legion.**
- **25 star systems explored and colonized.**
- **Solar Empire population 35 Billion.**
- **7 Human groups contacted non with the O-Gene and none with a tech level higher than 19th century Earth.**

- First contact with a non human civilisation. Until their name is known, they are identified by Imperial intelligence as War-Lion because of their felinoid look and the fact that they seem to be very warlike.
- After discussion with some captured War-Lion, it was found out that they call themselves the GA-ULE meaning son of their war god ULE.
- The GA-ULEs are fierce warrior with a deep value of the warrior honour code.
- Their race is about 200 billions strong across 1.024 planets in 925 solar systems.
- They are very individualistic and need a large hunting territory.
- Their fleet is 65,000 strong, saucer shaped ship of 500 foot diameter with strong hull but no force field.
- On the ground they are ferocious warriors who like to fight among clans. They do not like fighting in space as it is not like their traditional hunting ground but on land they are extremely good but undisciplined warriors.
- They are divided into 315 clans, with clans sometimes fighting with or against other clans depending on their current leaders, feuding is their national sport.
- They have heard of the HA-LU-KI but have not themselves have contact with them.
- The Solar Empire have sent First contact Team to most of the clans. About 20 clans have signed some form of peace treaty with the empire, 15 are openly hostile and the remainder has not yet indicated where they would stand.
- It is clear that GA-ULE sometimes like to fight as allied of the Empire while other enjoy as much fighting against the Marines, they see them as worthy opponents.

2290 September:

- **SEWF at 20,000 units.**
- **SEML at 51 legions plus the praetorian legion.**
- **105 star systems colonized**
- **SE population 45 Billions**
- **Human groups contacted 9**
- **Non-Human 1 the GA-ULE**
- 4 Colonial Legions created from volunteers from the colonies, The SEML is exclusively recruiting from native Solaners. The Colonial Legions uniform is dark blue while the SEML is green and the Praetorian is black helmet with green BDU.
- The CL (Colonial Legions) have integrated some auxiliary cohorts of GA-ULE and also have some in the legions as scouts and pathfinders.

- Their warrior skills are highly appreciated as is their honour code.
- They are often used to settle dispute between various Clans. As a normal cohort is often made up of volunteers from various clans under the command of a human officer.

2370 December:

- **SEWF = 25,000 units**
- **SEML = 73 Legions + 2 Praetorian legions**
- **CMC (Colonial Marine Corps) = 24 legions**
- **Colonized SE world = 198**
- **SE population = 90 Billions**
- **Contacted Human groups = 12 (no O-Gene, tech level 19th century or less)**
- **Contacted non-Human 1 GA-ULE**
- First Colonial War (FCW)
- 16 colonies have created the Confederation of Independent Stars (CIS). Some of the fleet and legions have defected to the CIS so that the CIS fleet now numbers 1750 warships and 2 SEML and 5 CMC legions siding with the Confederation plus 20 cohorts of GA-ULE.
- The imperial senate is slow to react but fear that the independence movement might spread and would result in weakened humankind if the Raptor treat ever materialize, in a narrow vote it decides to send an expeditionary force to bring back the CIS in the Empire fold.
- This only angers other colonies so that eventually nearly 49 worlds join the CIS with an additional 3550 ships, 11 SEML, 13 CMC Legions and 30 more cohorts of GA-ULE.

2374 March:

- After almost 4 years of bitter fratricide war, the CIS finally surrender to the SE
- The war was a massive tragedy for Humankind, 10 Billions humans have died, of the 65 CIS world 10 are now total wasteland and the industries on the other have been set back for years as most of the planets were bombed back to the stone age.
- There is a major outcry in the SE and on the colonies that have remained loyal that such a war between human should not have happened and measures taken that it will not happen in the future.
- The Emperor resigns and so do most of the senates. A new senate is elected and senate membership is extended to colonies with more than 500 millions humans so that they can have a voice in the senate.
- A new Emperor is elected by the senate: William Clark who was an advocate of open discussion with the CIS and against the military solution.

2376 January:

- **SEWF = 15,000 units**
 - **SEML = 43 Legions + 2 Praetorian legions**
 - **CMC (Colonial Marine Corps) = 6 legions**
 - **Colonized SE world = 188**
 - **SE population = 81 Billions**
 - **Contacted Human groups = 12 (no O-Gene, tech level 19th century or less)**
 - **Contacted non-Human 1 GA-ULE**
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- After a year of intense deliberation, the new Imperial Senate has come up with a proposal that they believe will avoid any new war between Humans in the future:
 - It is clear that as Humans explore and colonize more and more worlds, the balance of power will shift away from Earth unless it wants to become a fascist state that will spend most of its energy putting down revolts.
 - Even though the spectre of the Raptor invasion is no longer considered by many to keep building up the military, since no one since has heard of them for nearly 10,000 years,
 - The Senate and the military still believe that eventually the Empire will face that threat and that mankind must present a united front against the Raptors.
 - The Senate with the blessing of the Emperor and the JCS have written a new constitution between Sol and the Colonies that would allow secession from the Empire following a given secession protocol.
 - It was felt that this solution would avoid future bloodshed of Humans by Humans on such a large scale as the First Colonial War.
 - A vote would be taken on each planet on January 1, 2377 (Solar Empire Date) to see which planets wanted to secede from the Empire and those that wanted to remain.
 - The vote would be followed by negotiations with the seceding planet and a vote would be taken amongst the fleet units and legions stationed on the planet to see if they wanted to return to the Empire or remain in system under the authority of the planetary government and become part of the armed forces of the planet.
 - The only condition set was that a mutual assistance treaty should an extinction event ever threaten Humankind (such as an invasion by the Raptors) in which case the military forces of all independent colonies would be put under the command and coordinated with the SE high command.
 - A planet that would vote at 80% or more would receive Imperial status and all of its population would be Imperial citizen and could join the SEML and the SEWF. It would be fully represented in the SE Senate and one of its citizens could be elected Emperor.
 - A planet that would vote between 50 and 80 % would receive colonial status. If its population was more than 1 Billion it could petition for a place in the Imperial Senate. Its

citizen could apply into the Imperial armed forces but acceptance would be on individual basis.

- The Colonial Legions would still exist and report to the colonial authority. But could be federalized in an emergency by the SE high command.
- Planets where the vote would be less than 50% would be recognized as independent provided they sign the Mutual Assistance Act. Any citizen having voted to remain in the Empire could be relocated to one of the colonial world at the Empire expenses.

2377 January:

- The results of the vote are in: of the 188 colonies remaining
 - 49 worlds want independence (18 billions citizens) (I)
 - 89 worlds are now part of the Empire (50 billions citizens) (SE)
 - 50 worlds are now colonies (13 billions citizens) (C)
- So that the SE now has 91 worlds Earth, Mars and 89 former colonies all represented in the Imperial Senate.
- The armed forces having also voted, 3,500 units have decided to join the various independent colonies as well as 18 legions of the SEML and 4 legions of the CMC.

2406 February:

- **SEWF = 16,000 units.**
- **Independent World Fleets = 4,000 units**
- **SEML = 35 Legions + 2 Praetorian legions**
- **CMC (Colonial Marine Corps) = 9 legions**
- **Independent World Armed Forces Fleets = 18 legions Colonized SE world = 208 (54 I, 92 SE, 62C)**
- **Human population = 90 Billions**
- **Contacted Human groups = 14 (no O-Gene, tech level 19th century or less) 12 Billions more Humans**
- **Contacted non-Human group = 1 GA-ULE**
- A black sphere with a diameter of 500 foot appears in the Solar System but disappear as soon as units of the SEWF approach it. The Solar Detection Grid has not detected the arrival of the unknown ship until it materialized near Mars and the ship was clearly shielded.

2406 September:

- Again the black sphere is located in orbit around Mars although not showing up on the detection systems.
- 10 Battleships are sent to investigate and try to make contact.

- At first there is no answer to the hail from the squadron flagship but than visual contact was made with someone clearly human, this human than started speaking in Standard English.
- He requested permission to speak directly and in person with the Emperor, the Senate and the Joint Chief of Staff of the Empire.
- It was clear that this human had an excellent knowledge of the Empire.
- After 2 days of communications permission was granted to land within Imperial territory (former Australia) a small shuttle from the black ship under heavy escort by fighters and gunships of the Empire.
- A video conference is than set between the shuttle and the Imperial senate.
- The human greets the Emperor, the senate and the JCS and goes on to say he is an ambassador for another species. He describes himself with the term SEN-MAM and says his name is Urik.
- He goes on to explain that the actual owner of the black sphere is called Khan-Trek and is the ambassador to Earth of the HA-LU-KI Assembly and his mission to Earth is to negotiate a mutual defence treaty against the Raptors.
- The Emperor indicates to Urik that he and the senate would like to meet with Khan-Trek for direct discussion. Urik indicated that since his shuttle was equipped with a MTP device could Khan-Trek use the senate MTP to transport directly in.
- After some heated arguments and a final decision by the Emperor, the Praetorian security unit was doubled and Khan-Trek was allowed to transport.
- Every human in the room including the Praetorian were startled when a massive 3 meters tall, 4 armed alien materialize out of the MTP portal accompanied by Urik .
- The Emperor was the first to regain his composure and to greet Khan-Trek in the name of the Solar Empire.
- Khan-Trek, as softly as possible with his very strong voice greeted his “children” and went on to tell the history of his race the HA-LU-KI

GO TO HISTORY OF THE HA-LU-KI

HISTORY OF THE CITY

In the year 20151 of the Olympian Confederacy, the Exodus Fleet reached a solar system in the Orion arm of the galaxy.

Two planets were deemed suitable for colonisation, although one of them, the fourth from the sun would require some planet forming to make 100% suitable to Olympian life form. The other one, the third from the sun was a perfect replica of Olympia but already had a life form dominating the eco-system. This life form was very similar to Olympians with only one different gene that made Olympians stronger, faster, wiser and having a longer lifespan than the native.

It was decided by the Archon commanding the fleet that we would first settle in a city under the fourth planet since we were still no sure that the Raptors had not followed at a distance. Hiding everything under Mars, sending our Starships into the sun and keeping only those shuttles and fighters that could land on the planet and be hidden in a base created under one of the pole of the fourth planet would reduce the risk of being found by any Raptors search party.

Once the underground city was well under way, it was decided to send recon mission on the third planet to prepare the native population to the fact that they were not alone in the universe.

Some of the recon mission were met as if they were gods, other were seen as demons or witches and killed by the savages.

After 5 years, the underground city on the fourth planet was complete, its population was almost 1 million and some 10,000 Olympians were now living on the third planet in small colonies.

The transformation of the fourth planet was going well and it was expected to be similar to the third within 50 years.

Four colonies were thriving now on the third planet. They were known locally as Olympus, Asgaard, Thebes and Quoatz, a fifth colony was starting among a human tribe known as Han but as they were suspicious it was taking more time to convince them to use our technology.

In the meantime we had started and completed the construction of a shipyard on the moon of one of the planet orbiting the sun, it was felt that we could start building Starships to eventually explore the neighbouring stars although some were arguing that exploring would increase the risk of detection by the raptors.

As a compromise we would continue building ships and store them until we had enough to meet the Raptors on equal terms, after all we had made a lot of progress during our exodus on the hyper drive, weapons, hyper drive nullifying field and more important shielding field technology that we expected to be able to fight back the Raptors on our terms if they came looking for us.

In the underground city, a great debate started as to whether we should continue with the planet forming on the fourth planet or simply move the entire population to a remote island nested between the 2 major continents of the third planet.

Because of the strong currents in that area the native were already scared of going to this Island and very few native were living there. It would give us access to our colonies of Quoatz in the west and Asgaard, Olympus and Thebes in the east.

The island was very rich in resources and weather was perfect for the Olympians. Its main drawback was its situation between two tectonic plates that increased the risk of earthquake. Most scientists argued that with our technology that risk was insignificant.

The more conservative wanted more time to test the potential risk but the majority of the Olympian having lived underground for years and spent 12 years on the Exodus Fleet were impatient to stand again in the sun in a city above ground with real air.

A vote was taken, and 87.6% of the voters wanted to abandon underground city for the island on the third planet. The new city was to be named Atlantis after the last reigning family of the Olympian confederacy that had sent away the Exodus Fleet at the end of the Great Genocide.

It took a year for the engineers to complete the city on Atlantis. The population on the fourth Planet was transported by MTP to the Island. The shuttles of the polar base were used to ferry the militaries to their new base on the island and only 200 fighters and the equipment for 5000 men left in the polar base as a strategic reserve.

In the meantime the shipyard had completed 4 heavy cruisers and nearly completed the first battleship of the new fleet. It was decided to stop the work so that the labourers of those yards could join their family in Atlantis to facilitate their reinstallation and partake in the ceremonies that would inaugurate the new city at the end of the month, than they would be sent back by MTP to continue the work on the new fleet.

MTP had also been installed in deep caverns of all four colonies far from the eyes of the native and only accessible through security gates synchronised to Olympian genes. All were connected to the central hub in Atlantis or the city on the fourth planet and could only be activated from these 2 locations.

Tourism was forbidden and only ethno specialist was allowed to mingle with the tribes to avoid contamination. Despite all those measures, and notwithstanding the presence of the Olympian genes, interbreeding had been successful with the offspring showing more and more the characteristics of the Olympian parent. Some were even considered half-gods among the more primitive tribes.

The Olympian gene was spreading quickly in the native population.

I am the last specialist to leave the city, the power will be turning off after I leave by the MTP to be with my family, and I have engraved the story of the city on this obelisk as a reminder for future generations. If you follow the directions at the bottom of the obelisk it will lead you to a similar obelisk in the pole base that will tell you of the Great Exodus

Hector son of Achilles of the tribe Pegasus
Technician & builder

HISTORY OF THE GREAT GENOCIDE

The Olympian Confederation (OC) was a group of solar systems united under the rule of planet Olympica. At the time of the great genocide the OC included 376 worlds that were represented in the confederation, 5 more, recent colonies were seeking membership into the confederation.

The senate was the ruling body of the OC, each planet being represented by 2 senators. The senate in turn was presided over by the Supreme Archon (non-hereditary king elected by the senate) Hector V of the Atlantica Clan.

Up until year 20,017 of the OC, although having explored space for nearly 2 millennium, no non human sentient race had been found, but other human tribes had been found on many worlds, but it was clear that none of these world or even Olympica could be the cradle of humankind since no ancestor race of human was found. This led scientist to believe that a precursor race had transported humans on many planet of the galaxy for some yet unknown reason.

Some traces of these precursors were found in the ruins of some planets. From all indication they were massive non human with very advance technology. From the writings found on the walls of these ruins these being called themselves HA-LU-KI but the significance of the name is still unknown.

In 20,017, in the 6th month of the year, an exploration ship stumbled upon a planet were the native human population had been recently eradicated, all life was extinct and only a barren wasteland remained.

A research team of the OC fleet was dispatched to investigate the reason behind the outer destruction visited upon this world.

The conclusion indicated the use of biochemical weapons in the last 10 years and a harvesting of all resources of the planet following the extermination of the humans. Mass graves were found and forensic investigation concluded that the bodies had been eaten raw by who ever perpetrated the massacre.

Two more worlds were explored showing the same amount of destruction. A special committee was established to study the situation and present recommendations to the senate and the Supreme Archon.

The first conclusion was that the OC was facing an unprecedented danger, most probably originating from a non-human race and therefore a military build-up was required to insure the protection of the 300 billions humans living in the OC.

The current fleet stood at 10,000 warships with hardened hull in melanium, the hardest metal found in the confederation and armed with missiles and naval grade PPC. The ground forces of the OC included 1,052 Phalanges of 1,000 hoplites each armed with needle throwers, each planet also had a militia reporting to the planet Archon and senate.

The goal was that within 5 years, in 20,023, the fleet would be increased to 25,000 units and the ground forces to 2,000 Phalanges. Also military oriented research would be significantly

increased with the creation of a military research facility called the Octagon for its unique shape and the number of department doing research, one by wing.

In 20,019, first contact in that direction of the galaxy was made with a star ship of unknown design and origin. The alien ship opened fire as soon as it spotted the exploration ship. Luckily the ship captain was a former Warfleet officer and took evasive action and was able to withdraw to safety.

A squadron of warship was sent to the contact zone only to be meet by an alien squadron that was 6 times the human squadron size. Only 3 human ships survived and were able to withdraw, one of these ship, although badly damage was able to recover an escape pod from one of the alien vessel before entering hyper space.

The escape pod was brought back to Sector Command Epsilon (SCE) and all available warships were transferred to the authority of the Naval Archon of SCE. In total 2,500 warships, a fifth of the OC Warfleet was awaiting the alien next move and messages were sent on all frequency to try to open dialogue with them.

The escape pod was opened and out came a reptilian creature 6 foot high, very aggressive. It took a large dose shot from a tranquilizer gun to subdue it.

From documents found on the computer of the pod a lot of information was obtained on the newcomers. The name of the reptiles in their language was SEN-REP their Warfleet numbered 120,000 warships their empire comprising 32 sub-empires (often warring one against the other) with a total population of over 1,000 billion. They reproduce by eggs, each female giving birth to nine younglings every 6 months. They are spread over 940 planets and because of their high birth rate always need more.

Their technology level is slightly lower than the level of the OC but their weapons are very similar to the human ones.

They are totally xenophobe; to them every other race is food. There record indicated that they have already utterly destroyed 21 human world and are in the process of occupying another one were the humans are being slaughtered for food and replaced by young SEN-REP to become the 941 planet of the SEN-REP empire.

Their history is similar to the OC history, as they know that their primitive ancestors were removed from their original planet in another sector of the galaxy to serve as slave labour for the master race (the HA-LU-KI).

The original planet had offered plenty of primitive reptilian life forms, the master picked one that was about 4 feet tall and trough genetic manipulation increase their size to 6 feet And increase their intelligence to a certain level so that they could evolve speech and be useful as slaves.

The Masters seeded those genetically modified reptiles on many planets where their reproductive rate allowed them to become the dominant specie.

For millions of years the SEN-REP (sentient-reptile) served their Masters, but eventually as part of a natural evolution some SEN-REP evolved to the point where they became intelligent enough to think in terms of gaining independence from their Masters.

As more and more SEN-REP achieved higher level of intelligence and knowledge, a galaxy wide revolution started. This revolution was put down by the Masters but hundred of billions of SEN-REP died in the process as the master had decided to eradicate the SEN-REP from the galaxy to the last one.

A SEN-REP fleet did succeed in avoiding destruction and found a safe haven on a planet in a remote sector of the galaxy.

To avoid detection by the Masters the 50 leaders of the fleet decided to destroy all technology and return to a very primitive existence.

For the next 100,000 years the SEN-REP population grew and started again on the path of technology, they advance to the point where they started again to explore space and the neighbouring star systems and colonize habitable planet to offset their incredible birth rate.

The memories of the Masters and the will to avenge their specie resulted in total hate for any specie other than SEN-REP. All other species must serve as food or be eradicated at any cost.

Originally divided into 50 clans, 18 clans had either been destroyed or absorbed when contact with the human happened.

Not only were the humans food but also the SEN-REP scientists discovered the presence of the Masters' gene in the gene pool of the human, so the humans became the target of their vindication since they were somehow related to the masters. A war of extermination was declared against all humans by the 32 clans.

The Olympian Confederacy tried catching up with the reptiles by building up the fleet and the ground forces but it was too little too late. Each battle was taking its toll and each planet lost meant fewer resources to continue the war.

By 21,035 it was clear that humanity was losing the war, only 36 planets remained and the Warfleet had dwindled to 5,000 units. Humankind was living its last days. The Supreme Archon and the remaining member of the senate decided that the last hope for humanity was to create the Exodus Fleet.

The Exodus Fleet was 100 ships of 2000 feet diameter (based on the cell of a battleship, the largest ship built at that time). Each ship was carrying 10,000 humans; those humans were selected on the base of the youth, health and intelligence. The full knowledge of the confederation was downloaded in computers on board the ships, the whole Octagon including all research facilities were loaded on board of 5 additional ships so that research could continue during the trip to a safe haven.

Those ships a new Star Drive that had been recently developed by the Octagon, it was quite a breakthrough since current hyper drive has a reach of only 7 light years between recharge. The

new Star Drive had a totally different approach, creating a local wormhole that allowed the ship to travel 100 light years between recharge. It could not be used for warship since its main drawback was that the direction of the jump could not be chosen but was random. You could not decide where the ship would be coming out of the wormhole but for some reason it was always far from a physical body so that no risk was involved. From a military point of view it was useless but for the Exodus Fleet it was perfect (unless the first jump would bring it into SEN-REP territory).

A second ship was attached to the exodus vessel. This second ship using hyper drive would bring the Exodus ship 140 LY from the border of the OC and then would detach from the exodus fleet and be sent into a sun after its crew had transferred to the Exodus Fleet (EF) and only then would the EF ships use the new Star Drive to avoid jumping in SEN-REP territory.

The EF left Confederation space on the 6th day of the 12th of 20,139. At the same time what remained of the OC Warfleet started the last offensive against the SEN-REP to cover the escape of the EF.

The exodus fleet travelled for 12 years, going back & forth. Incredible technological discoveries were made by the teams onboard the five Octagon ships. The most important for the military was brake trough in beam weapons, energy shield, matter transport technology and above all they developed a computer program that allowed them using the Star Drive and choose the direction of the jump based on the amount of energy feed into the drive.

After travelling for 12 years the fleet ended up in a solar system that was far enough from the SEN-REP domain in a remote arm of the galaxy. While travelling, 99% of the jump had ended in the void, 1% near star system that offered little chance of survival. This star system on the other hand seemed perfect.

Many thought that with the new weapons and improved drive the fleet should return to the OC to help any survivor and destroy the SEN-REP using this solar system as a base of operation.

Luckily the leadership of the EF convinced them that they were too few and that after 12 years the chance of finding survivors was almost nil.

It was estimated that during the exodus the fleet had covered 100,000 LY and that they were now safe from the SEN-REP.

The solar system was named New Olympica and shuttles were sent to the second, third and fourth planet to see where the fleet would settle down.

Because the third already had a native population the first settlement would be on the fourth in an underground city until the surface of the planet could be prepared for humans.

The ships were dismantled for useful parts as they had reached the end of their life and new ships would be built using the new technologies acquired during the exodus.

A new life was starting for the last survivors of the Olympian Confederacy on the fourth planet of that yellow sun.

HISTORY OF THE HALUKI

The HA-LU-KI (Travellers to the Stars in their language) is an extremely ancient race. They started exploring the galaxy 150 millions years ago.

As they explored most of the galaxy, they decided to settle over many planets each one being the home of a family of HA-LU-KI. Since their birth rate is very low and their life expectancy very long (some are as old as 700 earth years), each family is only about 20 to 30 individuals.

Another characteristic of the HA-LU-KI at that time was that they did not tolerate any other sentient life form and did not like to live with other HA-LU-KI except at mating time (once every 10 years between the age of 100 and 500) so that most of the time a single HA-LU-KI was living in a vast territory on its planet, travelling outside of his world to go to the Birth World (the original HA-LU-KI planet and the only place in the galaxy where an offspring can be born) to mate with a member of another family and bring back his child, since HA-LU-KI are raised by the male of the specie.

They had exterminated most other sentient life in the galaxy but on the other hand they wanted to breed a slave race that they could use on their planets.

110 Millions years ago they found one life form on the third planet in a remote solar system orbiting a yellow sun that amused them. When the shuttle landed, a bunch of these 4 foot tall attacked the landing party.

Now the average HA-LU-KI is 9 feet tall, has 4 arms and its hide is as tough as steel, you would need an antitank missile to penetrate that skin! So the landing party found it amusing when the reptiles tried to bite trough their skin.

The HA-LU-KI decided to gather specimens of this specie and bring it back home as pet. They especially appreciated their aggressive nature and one of the favourite entertainments was reptile fight in an arena.

Many family sent party to that remote planet to catch wild reptile and bring them to their planet for breeding.

As the millennia went the breeding program resulted in reptiles that were now 6 feet tall, stronger and faster. They were seeded on most of the planets of the HA-LU-KI and with their incredible birth rate soon became the dominant non-sentient life form on the planet.

They had also evolved mentally to the point where branches of the reptiles known as SEN-REP could be used by families as servant and even do some basic assemblies work for the HA-LU-KI.

Millions of year went by, and eventually evolution led to a new branch of SEN-REP that could think by themselves and started to hate their Masters. When the HA-LU-KI discovered this they started eliminating all of these new reptiles but it was too late, the genetic change combined with

the birthrate resulted in one out of ten SEN-REP being born more intelligent. More and more they learned how to disguise themselves as normal SEN-REP.

Since SEN-REP were also used to do manual work on the ships, the new SEN-REP started to get position on board those ships.

About 150,000 years ago the new SEN-REP accounted for 90 % of the total domesticated SEN-REP population. At that time there were 2 billions HA-LU-KI in the galaxy controlling some 1,000 billions SEN-REPs.

Most of the black sphere ships were crewed by SEN-REP only a few families did not allow SEN-REP on their ships.

The leaders of the SEN-REP felt it was time to start the revolution that would free the SEN-REP and exterminate the HA-LU-KI. A signal was sent across the galaxy for the ships crew to take over the ship and kill the Masters. At the same time on every planet the household SEN-REP started to kill their Masters.

Many black ships were destroyed during the take over but the SEN-REP mustered a fleet of 200,000 black ships to attack core world of the HA-LU-KI.

But much HA-LU-KI family had escaped the revolution and gathered their fleet. The Birth World of the HA-LU-KI had never allowed the presence of the SEN-REP, so they were not aware of a fleet of 50,000 black sphere warships that were stationed under the fifth planet of the system. These ships were not cargo ships like the one seized by the SEN-REP but actual warship crewed by specially trained HA-LU-KI. The counter offensive started and battles were fought with weapons that the SEN-REP had never seen or heard of.

All surviving HA-LU-KI travelled back to the birth world where they joined force with those living on the Birth World.

The war lasted 1,000 years, many planets were totally destroyed and only the tremendous birth rate of the SEN-REP allowed them to survive the onslaught.

The HA-LU-KI population was now down to 50 millions while there was less than a billion SEN-REP in the galaxy, all of them the new intelligent specie.

It was clear that the revolution had failed and a way must be found to save some of the SEN-REP from extermination. The HA-LU-KI warships were searching the galaxy for any trace of SEN-REP, wild or domesticated, and exterminating any reptile found.

The last remaining SEN-REP fleet would be divided with 50 ships under the leadership of an elder SEN-REP would try to find a suitable planet where they could live and hide from the HA-LU-KI. The fleet was sent in the direction of the Magellan clouds and never to be heard from again.

The last battle was fought over the last remaining planet of the SEN-REP, once the defending fleet was eradicated, the HA-LU-KI fleet bombed the planet with chemical weapons and ground troops were sent to insert thermonuclear devices in the planet crust to destroy the planet.

Now content to have destroyed the last SEN-REP in the galaxy, a fleet was sent to the original planet to eliminate any surviving reptiles.

When the fleet arrived in system, they found out that most reptiles had already been killed off by a natural catastrophe and a new mammalian race was now the dominant life form.

This new species seemed quite intelligent and strong. Because the HA-LU-KI did not want to go back doing manual labour, it was decided that the experiment would be renewed but with more safety measures to avoid a repetition of the SEN-REP experiment.

All SEN-MAM (sentient mammal) would be genetically modified so that technology would scare them and they would not evolve past a certain level, that level allowed to use manual tools and animal drawn vehicles but no combustion engine or higher technology.

About 30,000 years ago, The HA-LU-KI was a tired race; they decided to return massively to the Birth world in the hope of rejuvenating the race. The evolution had changed the HA-LU-KI, now they wanted to be among themselves they were seeking the companionship of others of their race. They abandoned their planets, leaving the SEN-MAM to fend for themselves.

On the Birth World, it was decided to reduce the population to a million HA-LU-KI; the Birth world was named HA-LU-KI-LET (Home of the Travellers to the Stars). A group of SEN-MAM was settled on the fourth planet of the system and this planet was renamed SEN-MAM-LET (Home of the Sentient Mammal). Those SEN-MAM were again genetically altered through an HA-LU-KI gene (H-gene) so that they would no longer be afraid of technology, their life would extend to 200 years but their number would be limited to 1 million also through birth control.

As the HA-LU-KI were returning home. One of them named Khan-Ordo decided to extend that same modification to the SEN-MAM that he owned, so the modified gene (H-gene) was introduced into this planet population before Khan Ordo returned to HA-LU-KI-LET.

The HA-LU-KI solar system was shielded from the outside by a gigantic energy shield that did not allow any light out.

For the next 30,000 years the HA-LU-KI were quite content to stay in their home system but eventually some individuals started to have an exploration drive, one of them Khan-Trek a direct descendant of Khan-Ordo. After reading the journals of his ancestor, he wanted to find more about the experiment of his forefather.

After the assembly had given him the permission, he left with his ship to visit the former home of his family.

When he arrived there he found a system that had been destroyed. He followed the path of destruction and stumbled on an outpost of the hated SEN-REP. This came as quite a shock to him and he sent a few SEN-MAM to explore the outpost for him.

They came back with another SEN-MAN. He told Kahn-Trek of the Olympian Confederation, on how it had been destroyed by the SEN-REP but that a portion of the population had survived and were now bred by the SEN-REP as food, he himself was to be the meal at the next lunar feast. He was quite surprised to find other humans that were free. Blood sample indicated the presence of the H-gene so it became clear that this SEN-MAM was a direct descendant of Kahn-Ordo experiment.

The human, Urik went on to explain that the SEN-REP were involved in a war with a methane breathing species coming from the Magellan clouds and that this war had been going on for 5,000 years with no victor in sight.

Urik also had some memories of the Exodus fleet sent before the fall of the Olympian Confederation.

Kahn-Trek returned to Home World to advise the Assembly of the situation.

The Assembly decided to send ships to try to find survivors of the Exodus Fleet, one ship was sent back to the original home world of the SEN-MAM and an exploration flotilla was sent to the Magellan clouds to appraise that methane breathing race.

Kahn-Trek was in command of the ship that would return to the original world of the SEN-MAM and SEN-REP.

It came as quite a surprise to discover that the SEN-MAM or human as they called themselves had evolved so fast, it became clearer when traces of the H-gene were found in the blood sample of many humans. The Exodus Fleet by some incredible luck had come full circle and returned to the original cradle of mankind.

Kahn-Trek's ship remained cloaked to observe the planet listening to the exchange of information broadcasted in the system and inserting some of his SEN-MAN into the local population. After observing the planet for 7 months (local time) and from reports coming from the Assembly he decided it was time to initiate first contact with what he now knew as the Solar Empire.