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### **The Masters of the Island (#200-#299) : 2400 to 2406** (71 year gap from previous cycle)

Background : the Haluters are ten feet tall and seven feet wide. They have two short legs and two pairs of arms. The lower pair can serve to run or to jump. The hemispheric head has, in addition to an ordinary brain, a second brain which serves as a large capacity computer. The three eyes are very sensitive to infrared. They have the teeth of a predator that can break stone or metal which are then converted into organic matter in the stomach. The Haluters can modify the atomic structure of their body so that it has the toughness of molecularly compressed steel. They are almost invulnerable and can pass through obstacles like a bullet. They conquered the Milky Way 50,000 year ago, but have since given up political power and live peacefully on Halut.

In the year 2400, while on board the new flagship of the Solar Fleet, the KHREST II, along with his wife Mory, Atlan, Pucky, and the Haluter Ichu Tolot, Perry Rhodan discovered a gigantic stellar transmat (matter transmitter) in the form of six stars arranged in a circle (Sextuple) in the center of the Galaxy. The transmat sends them to a star system in-between the Milky Way and Andromeda galaxies (Twin) which is both a waystation and a prison. After resetting the local matter transmat, the KHREST II tries to return to the Milky Way, but they are diverted by an enemy ship to a gigantic multi-layer hollow world also between the galaxies, Horror, where among other things they meet multiple warring aliens. As they break thru the outermost layer, a Terran ship arrives, and returns to the Milky Way with orders to send more ship from Terra to guard Twin and Horror, but the Krest II is shrunk to 1/1000 size and has to battle a huge (150 miles in size!) shrunken space fortress. When the flying fortress uses the transmat to go to Twin system, all the ships are returned to normal size. In the Twin system, the space fortress uses an almost impenetrable force field and has a new kind of weapon, the converter cannon (similar to the transform cannon, but causes explosions inside ships on its own, without having to send bombs), which the Terrans cannot survive against. But by using transformer cannons and giga-Arkon bombs, they are able to retain control of the Twin system. The fortress uses the Twin transmat to go to the Milky Way.

Atlan discovers that the space fortress is manned by methane-breathers (Maahks) that almost brought the Arkonide empire down 10,000 years ago are not all destroyed, but living in Andro-Alpha, a small nebula near Andromeda.

In 2401, the Maahks in the fortress form an alliance with the Akons, and begin attacking the Milky Way, using a “multiduplicator” (cloning) device to create obedient double-agents and a Pulse Disruptor/Impulse Sensor which allows them to transmat anywhere within the galaxy. With the help of a single Maahk defector, a large Maahk fleet is fooled into a trap and destroyed in the Sextuple system. The Akons demand access to the Sextuple transmat, and in the Twin system their entire fleet is destroyed by another Maahk fleet, who in turn are stranded there when the local transmat controller planet there is destroyed.

In 2402, Rhodan learns of another in-between transmat system called Lost and goes there to establish a base in Andro-Beta, a small nebula near Andromeda, and meet the Mobys (asteriod-sized space creatures) and Twonosers (humanoids with two trunks with four fingers each), who guard Andro-Beta for the Masters of the Island. The Terrans eventually build a hidden base on an ice world called Arctis. In the same solar system, they discover the mutated descendants of the Larens, who were originally from Andromeda, and who were punished by the Masters of the Island for failing to destroy the Posbis.

But the Masters detect the Terrans’ presence and mount a strong offense using Twonosers and Mobys. However, when the station controlling the Mobys is destroyed by the Terrans, the Mobys start to kill the

Twonosers, who flee the nebula, leaving the Terrans free to build a new base, where they find Harno, who warns them of an impending attack. IT returns briefly and makes several announcements about the Terrans' future, including that they will destroy a "great race". The Terrans find the original protoplasmic planet from which the Posbis were made, and try to help it, but the Masters of the Island choose to destroy the planet.

At this point the Masters decide to destroy all life in Andro-beta, but Perry finds the mutant creating the destruction and befriends him. *The Terrans are now the masters of Andro-beta!* In addition, a Maahk revolt against the Masters is started in Andro-Alpha. Soon after, the Terrans take control of the chain of transmats into and out of Andromeda.

In 2404, while the Maahks in Andro-Alpha have completely revolted against the Masters, Rhodan makes an exploratory trip towards Andromeda in the KHREST III (1500 miles across!, and equipped with Maahk-style shields), meeting two Paddlers ("Cosmic Engineers", who build space stations the size of large cities) that agree to help him, re-uniting many of their people for the first time in millennia. The center of Andromeda (a volume 20,000 light years across) is protected by a people called Tefrodians, who look very much like the Terrans, whose lives are controlled by the Masters by hyperwave receivers planted in their brains, allowing the Masters to control their actions and kill them at will.

Finally falling into one of the traps set by the Masters, the KHREST III is teleported 50,000 years into the past, back to the Milky Way, where they learn that the Lemurians (the first humanoid race on Earth, who had built a huge galactic empire) had the star-system transmats built in order to leave for Andromeda to avoid a losing battle with the Haluters, becoming the Tefrodians. Akonides (and hence Arkonides) are descended from Lemurians colonies that stayed behind, as are modern-day humans.

The Masters almost trick the Barkonides, saved from destruction by Rhodan in 1982 and 2044, into bringing a virus to the Milky Way that would destroy all life there. Rather than let this happen, the Barkonides destroy their planet.

Trying to get back to the present, the Terrans discover that three Masters are also there in the past, and are Lemurians with cell activators – *Factor VII dies avoiding capture, and Factor VI dies while trying to destroy the KHREST III.* Finally capturing another Master (Factor V), the KHREST III returns to the present and destroys the time-teleporting base, stranding all of the Masters' operatives in the past. Before *Master V dies from Terran mind-probes*, he reveals that there are only 7 Masters or "Factors" (three of which are now dead).

However, in 2405, the Masters have taken the offensive, sending Tefrodians and their cloning machines into the heart of the Terran government to take over key positions and flood the empire with counterfeit money.

Springers are found to be helping the Tefrodians. With the help of the mutants, several Tefrodian bases are found, but the Masters (one of which, Factor IV, is in the Milky Way) continue to try to destroy the Earth, very nearly succeeding. Discovering that the Masters are working on a way to bypass the Terrans' disruption of the stellar transmats (by meeting the transmats' builders, "Solar Engineers", who appear as small spheres, and are not to be confused with the Cosmic Engineers), and with the Terran empire on the verge of economic collapse, Rhodan takes the battle to Andromeda.

Creating miniature suns of anti-matter, he destroys the central Andromeda time transmat with the help of the Maahks, and the Solar Engineers commit mass suicide, thus preventing the building of any more transmats. Unfortunately, not only have the Tefrodians figured out a way to travel between galaxies without transmats, but the destruction of the Andromeda transmat affects the other stellar transmats, leaving the Terran fleet stranded in Andromeda. The discovery of four Maahk bases strung out between the galaxies provides the Terrans a way home and a way to stop the Andromeda invasion. In addition, two of the bases are run by Masters, *one of whom (Factor IV) is killed when the Terrans conquer his base.*

*Finding out the location of the Masters' secondary base in Andromeda, a team is guided by Harno to the location, which is destroyed apparently along with Factor III (who, unknown to the Terrans, did not die, but left for the Milky Way). The Masters' main planet (Tamanium) is located, but it is heavily defended and has a red defense field that temporarily stumps the Terrans, but it is finally breached and **Factor II dies**. Another plot to destroy the Earth is discovered and halted. A beautiful woman Atlan had met earlier turns out to be Factor I, who tries to alter Earth's past by destroying Khrest and Thora's ship before Rhodan discovers them, but her first attempt is foiled by the Arkonide positronic brain on Venus, and **Atlan manages to kill her at the last moment before her second attempt**.*

*Perry's wife Mory gives birth to twins, Michael and Betty.*

*Backstory : the Lemurians, who originally evolved on Earth 197,000 years ago, had an empire that had spread throughout the Milky Way 50,000 years ago, and had already started to spread to Andromeda. But at that time, they entered into a war with the Haulters. which forced many Lemuriains to flee to Andromeda. 20,000 years ago, 13 Lemurians came into possession of cell activators, and created a coalition to take control of the Lemurian empire in Andromeda. 8,000 years later, this government was ruling the whole Andromeda galaxy, due in part to devices implanted in their subjects that could control them and kill them. To protect themselves the Masters kept their identities carefully concealed even from each other, referring to each other as Factors I through XIII. Factor I once killed six of them when they found out her true identity. Factor VII through Factor I built up over the course of millennia a political system based on raw power and highlighted by inhumanity and brutality.*

*[Note : this "history" has been cobbled together from several, sometimes conflicting sources, and should be taken as just a guideline]*

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### **M-87 (#300-#399) : 2435 to 2437** (29 year gap from previous cycle)

By **2435**, a new political and military force has emerged : the League of Free Traders. The Free Trader Roi Danton steps onto the galactic stage -- and is later revealed to be Rhodan's son, Michael, who wanted to escape his father's overpowering shadow and stand on his own two feet.

A gigantic robot space station dubbed "OLD MAN", carrying some 10,000(!) Galaxy-class ships, is found (the Terrans have far less than 1000 Galaxy-class ships). Living on the platform are caterpillar-like creatures (Walkers). Perry Rhodan later learns that the dome-shaped colossus some 100 miles in diameter and 50 miles high came from the time of the Terrans' struggle against the Masters of the Island 50,000 years in the past, and was the product of some courageous Terrans' rescue plan -- though it reached its destination about thirty years too late. After some initial hostilities from OLD MAN, the Terrans discover that it is infected with sentient hypno-crystals whose goal is to enslave mankind. OLD MAN had originally been captained by the brain of one of the Terrans sent back into the past, but lost control to the positronic brain of OLD MAN, and then to the hypno-crystals.

The Terrans discover that the hypno-crystals are being transported from the Magellanic cloud by the Perlians who call themselves the Tri-Conditioned, and can see 1/10 of a second into the future. The Perlians claim that they are some kind of police who are punishing the Terrans for an unstated reason. The Terrans find allies in the Gurrads, slaves of the Perlians who have started to fight back against their masters. **The Terrans are finally able to destroy the 27 planets that host the main crystals, and the eight that program them.**

The next enemy appears in the form of the Haluter-like Bi-Conditioned, or Frequency Guardians (collectively they are called the Second Frequency Power). These beings in their living spaceships (Dolans) with

*impenetrable paratron shields (diverts any incoming energy into hyperspace via a tear in the space-time continuum) and a powerful Vibration Cannon (which creates a structural tear in space, that captures any nearby matter and throws it into hyperspace), call themselves the Time Police and charge the Terrans with so-called "time crimes" (altho the Terrans initially believe the crimes were committed by the Masters of the Island). The Terrans' punishment is to be destruction. In early 2436, five of the aliens gain control of OLD MAN. The Terrans realize that it is one of their time jumps (a short 500-year jump while they were 50,000 years in the past during the Masters of the Island cycle) that they are being punished for.*

*In the ensuing space battle, a clash of paratron fields hurls the Terran flagship Khrest IV into the gigantic galaxy M-87, 30 million light-years from the Milky Way. There, Rhodan discovers that the Haluters are descended from creatures called the Beasts that were genetically engineered in M-87 80,000 years ago and turned against their creators. Many of the races in M-87 look similar to Haluters. Finally meeting with M-87's Base Engineers (so called because they were responsible for the stations and control centers that maintained the power supply to the masters of M-87), they offer to outfit a ship with a **transdimensional drive (which travels thru hyperspace much faster than the linear drive)** so the Terrans can return home, but which in reality would have destroyed the entire Milky Way when it arrived. The Base Engineers, believing that the Haluters with Rhodan are more like the Beasts, try to brainwash the Terrans to relieve them of the Haluters' influence, after which Rhodan sends an ultimatum to the Base Engineers : help the Terrans return to the Milky Way, and they will tell the Engineers the coordinates of the Beast planet (which is a bluff). The Base Engineers try again to capture the Terrans, resulting in a stalemate.*

*Meanwhile, OLD MAN arrives in the Sol system and starts to attack, and the five Dolans spread thruout the system. A frequency-modified transform cannon has been developed which can penetrate the Dolans' paratron shields. A device is triggered on OLD MAN which removes all non-human life on board, giving Terrans control of the base. Five hundred more Dolans enter the Sol system, and eight Bi-Conditioned land on earth, but are killed by a giant robot (Paladin) built by the Posbis. However, the rest of the Dolans begin attacking all Terran colonies. It is discovered that the Bi-Conditioned are actually controlled by a symbioflex parasite, which is the real enemy. Terrans and Halutians build a device which allows them to attack and destroy the symbioflex breeding site. It is then discovered that the Akonides have been performing secret time experiments after they repaired the Masters of the Island's time transmat on Vega VI, which is the real reason the Bi-Conditioned have been attacking. The Akons attempt a more aggressive plan to frame the Terrans of "time crimes", but it is thwarted. One Bi-Conditioned gets rid of his symbioflex, and tells the Terrans where Rhodan is, and how to get there. A rescue mission departs for M-87 with enough Kalup engines for the Khrest IV to return.*

*Once in M-87, the Terran, Halutian, and Posbi rescuers meet the Mooghs, descendants of the Beasts, who claim to be rebelling against the Builders of the Center (the masters of M-87) and would like to ally themselves with the Terrans. Shortly after, the Khrest IV meets the rescue team. Together they go to meet with a representative of the Builders to negotiate, but it is a trap that results in the death of the Terran and Haulter delegation. Finally, Rhodan locates the home system of the Builders of the Center (who turn out to be regenerated-from-death Okefenokees, the philosophers and thinkers of M-87), inside a hollow 6000 light-year diameter sun, and receives two transdim drives when he threatens to destroy their home planet. Abandoning the Khrest IV, the drives are fitted to two Halutian ships, but once back in the Milky Way the ships are pulled back to M-87. The crew escapes to a planet and is quickly picked up by a Terran ship.*

*The Terrans learn that the Akonides have been working with the Bi-Conditioned to create a weapon that could make Sol go nova. Rhodan reasons that perhaps whatever pacified the Halutians 50,000 years ago may work on the Bi-Conditioned, and sends a team to explore the Halutian home planet.*

*There they learn :*

*70,000 years ago the Beasts (who had been created as the result of biological experiments by the Okefenokees) had quickly conquered M-87, but were driven out of the entire galaxy by the creation of the 6000 light year*



diameter sun with its blue radiance. Settling in the Magellanic Clouds, the Beasts were later forced by unknown beings calling themselves the First Frequency Power to be joined with the symbioflex, turning them into the obedient Bi-Conditioned, or Second Frequency Power. Half a million Beasts rebelled and found shelter on Haluta in the Milky Way. They started wreaking havoc in the galaxy until a Lemurian colony used a pacifying weapon against them, turning them into today's Halutians.

A fleet of 2000 Dolans attack the Earth which are immune to the modified transform cannon. OLD MAN unexpectedly activates a new weapon called Dark Moon that turns off the paratron shields of the Dolans, which are quickly destroyed.

OLD MAN gives Rhodan the co-ordinates of the world where it was created. In that system, he finds the Walkers (the caterpillars that were living on OLD MAN when it was first found), and 100 Lemurians in stasis. After a quick trip back in time (!) to eliminate a Maahk threat, Rhodan is given schematics for the Dark Moon, the Haulter pacifying weapon, and the transdim drive. He also receives schematics for a time machine, but destroys them. Back on Earth, a coalition of Bi-Conditioned, Akons, Antis, and humans implanted with the symbioflex parasite are prevented from planting bombs between undersea tectonic plates.

In the Magellanic cloud, the FRANCIS DRAKE (Roi Danton's flagship) is attacked by conical spaceships. After being captured, Danton realizes they belong to Gurrads of this galaxy, who try to infiltrate the Terran empire by implanting symbioflex parasites into the Terran Free Traders and the Springers, but the plan fails, due in part to Rhodan's arrival with a fleet.

The Terrans discover that the First Frequency Power are Okefenokees that fled M-87 and created the Bi-Conditioned in the Magellanic cloud. Still in power in the Magellanic cloud and using the Gurrads as enforcers, they have enslaved a race from whose eggs they can produce a substance whose radiation can mutate the Gurrads and turn humans into ghosts. Un-conditioned Beasts still live in the cloud, and are called Ulebs, who are also part of the First Frequency Power.

The M-87 Builders appear in the Milky Way and head towards the Magellanic cloud and destroy all the Ulebs, apparently killing Roi Danton as well. They only withdraw when Rhodan threatens them with the anti-matter miniature-sun weapon he used to destroy the time transmat of the Masters of the Island. Back in the Sol system, 9000 Dolans appear, destroy OLD MAN, and begin to destroy the Earth. The Halutians are asked for help, and 1500 ships are sent, which manages to *defeat the Dolans, but the Solar Empire is left in ruins.*

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