See the "Cosmic Beings & The Universe" document for explanations of the following : superintelligences, Cosmic Fortresses, Matter Sources/Sinks, Laire, Spore Ships, Swarms, Barys, Cosmocrats/Chaotarchs, Knights of the Deep, Incarnations, the Seven Powerful Ones, and other names below in [brackets].

<u>The Cappins (#400 to #499) : 3430-3438</u> (993 year gap from previous cycle)

Note : throughout this cycle, Rhodan was the symbiotic partner to a creature that greatly increased his telepathic abilities and allowed him to see infrared light, and also enhanced his other senses and mental performance as well.

Almost 1000 years had passed, and the situation in the Galaxy had fundamentally changed. Powerful stellar empires had grown out of various Terran colonies, and some now stood opposed to the Earth. In the meantime, the Solar Imperium has lost a lot of its power, as well as important members, such as Allan Mercant, Mory Rhodan-Abro and John Marshall. *However, the powerful paratron shield technology used by the Bi-Conditioned from M-87 (previous cycle) has been incorporated into all Terran spaceships and as planetary(!) shields.*

In the year 3430, Rhodan is preparing for the forthcoming elections for the title of Great Administrator. After Rhodan wins the election, *three powerful colonial Imperiums* decide to use their forces against the Solar System. But Rhodan had started preparing for this event 500 years ago. When *the attacking fleets are detected*, the whole Sol system is shifted into the Antitemporal Field (ATF), and the entire Sol system vanishes as it is displaced five minutes into the future(!).

A mutant named Corello who knows Sol's secret, and is a powerful hypnotizer and a living fictive transmitter(!) appears on the scene. It turns out that he is the son of two mutants who caused the death of many good mutants 500 years ago. After causing a lot of havoc, he is eventually captured, allies himself with Rhodan, and becomes instrumental in the following events.

The Accalauries appear, antimatter creatures who seem to be searching for something. They discover that a death satellite that had been inside the Sun unnoticed for thousands of years was somehow activated and threatens to turn the Sun nova.

In 3433, Rhodan is summoned by Harno, who says he is related to the Accalauries, and tells him this story :

1.8 million years ago, an intelligent cluster broke off from an energy cloud from the Anti-Universe. It shrouded a planet and gave birth to a million Accalauries. In the 500,000 years that followed, they developed a civilization and a million years later, started searching for their origins.

The rest of the energy cloud became unstable and started spinning, soon creating a black hole that hurled it into the Einsteinian Universe. In the 500,000 years that followed, the new entity destroyed entire clusters of stars and was called the Suprahet by the inhabitants of the Milky Way, until it was turned into the planet Hercules by the Ancient Ones, 1.2 million years ago. Harno and the Terror Worms on Sepulchre were created from fragments of Hercules. The Terror Worms made a pact with the Blues to transport the Molkex created by their siblings. Thousands of years later, the war between Terrans and Blues created quantities of loose Molkex that started fleeing toward the center of the Milky Way and eventually rematerialized in the Anti-Universe of the Accalauries. When the Accalauries saw the Molkex materialize in their universe, they realized where the original energy cloud went and decided to follow it into the Einsteinian Universe.

Now that they have solved the mystery of their origin, the Accalauries want to return to their original form and

turn into an energy cloud as well, but Rhodan convinces them to abandon this plan, since it would lead to the creation of another Suprahet. The Accalauries agree to return to their own universe and Harno follows them.

IT appears to Rhodan after a long time of silence and admits to having fled from the Suprahet in 2326. He also mentions to Pucky that there are other Ilts in the Universe but refuses to disclose their location.

Rhodan learns that about 200,000 years ago, some members of the Cappin race (*who are capable of mentally entering and controlling other creatures, called a mind-jump*) carried out forbidden genetic experiments on the Earth. So that they wouldn't be discovered, they set up a death satellite in the Sun, which would be activated by the approach of beings of a certain cultural and technological level of development, and erase all traces of their work. Humanity had apparently reached that level of development.

As the Sun becomes more unstable with the death satellite continuing to operate, Rhodan and his team of specialists travelled 200,000 years into the past in order to prevent the construction of the satellite with a time machine, the Null Time Deformer (which was delivered to Terran colonial scientists by Tefrodians from Andromeda, then seized by Rhodan's people and improved upon). There, they found a valuable ally in a Cappin named Ovaron, who wanted to bring the criminal genetic researchers among his people to justice, as well as Roi Danton, Rhodan's son, who was thought to be killed in 2437 (in the M-87 cycle). It is also revealed that the Cappins may be the ancestors of the ancient Lemurians (and hence Terrans) on Earth. The death satellite could finally be destroyed.

Ovaron accompanied Perry Rhodan into the present, and in 3436, the Terran took him to his home galaxy, Gruelfin, on board the MARCO POLO, using a paratronic transdimensional (dimasexta) drive, which by flying in Dakkar space (between the fifth and sixth dimensions) can fly billions of times faster than the speed of light. In Gruelfin, however, Rhodan encounters a confused situation. The Takerers, a different group of Cappins (the original group in power that Ovaron belonged to is called the Ganjasens), had taken over and established an oppressive and brutal political system, and are systematically erasing all traces of the Ganjasen civilization. Both factions are awaiting the arrival of the Ganjo, the leader of all Cappins, and the Takerers have a phony Ganjo that they are trying to pass off as the real one, who would then declare them the dominant group of the Cappins, but he is revealed as a fake.

After being captured by Taschkar, the leader of the Takerers, Rhodan, his commandos, and Ovaron are teleported to a robot base, where one of the robots recognizes Overon as the Ganjo. Shortly after, Taschkar is killed by Rhodan. His successor is even more brutal, declaring martial law and shooting dissidents and opponents in the streets.

The Takerers also plan to invade the Milky Way with their mind-transfer abilities, using mind-transfer antennas set up in both galaxies to allow the transfers. The Terrans in the Milky Way discover several such installations, and take them out, but not before a significant number of Takerers have invaded. They attack military, scientific, medical, and civilian installations.

Meanwhile, in Gruelfin, a powerful hypercom signal is sent throughout the galaxy, proclaiming Ovaron as the true Ganjo, but the Takerers try to present another imposter as the Ganio. Rhodan, Atlan, Ovaron and Merceile (Ovaron's mate) are captured by some of the many Cappin factions, and with the help of some of the friendly factions, make a tortuous escape.

They find the obelisk-shrine that can confirm the new Ganjo, and Ovaron is again recognized as the Ganjo. He sends another hypercom broadcast confirming this, and orders the false Ganjo arrested. The Takerers plan one final massive attack on the Solar System, which is eventually defeated by the combined effort of the Terran fleet, several colonial fleets, and even an Akon(!) fleet in 3438.

<u>The Swarm (#500 to #569) : 3441-3443</u> (3 year gap from previous cycle)

On their way back to the Milky Way from Gruelfin, the captain of the MARCO POLO damages the transdimensional drive, claiming that he is a mentally advanced human known as Homo Superior, and says that he damaged the drive so that the two million other Homo Superiors on Earth have time to dismantle all military and technical facilities of the Terran empire. An ally destroys the Dakkar-coms, so that Rhodan cannot contact Gruelfin. The damage to the engine is repaired, but delays the trip by three years.

In the year 3441, the MARCO POLO returned home from Gruelfin -- and found indescribable chaos waiting.

The Swarm, a small mobile galaxy, a stellar swarm of thirty eight thousand objects, *is* passing through the Milky Way, and its influence caused a drastic decrease of intelligence in almost all living intelligent beings *by manipulating the universal gravitational constant*. A *single exposure to the Swarm causes a permanent loss of intelligence*. The Immortals and mutants around Perry Rhodan gathered the few naturally immune individuals and take up the new challenge. *Rhodan* persuades the Homo Superiors to stop committing sabotage since it *aggravates* the current difficulties.

A 300-foot diameter light cruiser named the Good Hope II takes Atlan towards the Swarm. Atlan has a short conversation with IT, who warns him of the serious dangers the Swarm represents.

Upon boarding one of the Swarm's "Manipulators", a stingray-shaped vessel which is responsible for lowering the gravitational constant, a vaguely humanoid statue is discovered, and a voice is heard which says: "It is the Yellow Swarm Master. It is Y'Xanthymr who kills and cries for the red stones." A Terran who is taken into the Swarm sends a message "Protect yourselves from Y'Xanthomrier!".

Several thousand mushroom-shaped two-mile long spaceships leave the Swarm and head towards various planets, where they install themselves and turn into a Yellow Swarm Master head, which act as antennas affecting the gravitational constant over large areas of space. This prompts IT to contact the Terrans, who discover a new version of Wanderer, dubbed Wanderer II, and repair its linear drive. IT explains that it was the threat of the Swarm, not the Suprahet, that caused him to leave in 2326. Only in linear space can IT avoid the effects of the Swarm, effectively taking IT out of this crisis. IT also advises Rhodan to not forget about the World of the Hundred Suns (the home world of the Posbis), which IT says is out of range of the Swarm's effect.

It is discovered that the Yellow Swarm Master heads can use radiation weapons and cry "red tears" that create nuclear explosions all over the planets they are on. They are set up on planets by the Swarm Installers. Some planets are cleared of all intelligent life by the Purples and the Yellow Conquerors, a protoplasmic creature which divides endlessly. There is also a creature called the Black Demon, who commands a powerful space fleet.

Bell arranges a Conference of the Immune, a galactic alliance of all the races in the Milky Way, gathering Haluters, Blues, Akonides, Arkonides, Springers, and various Terran colonial empires in one place. Strangers appear (later dubbed the Cynos), suggesting that Rhodan search for traces in the past to solve the enigma of the Swarm. But the planet they are on is invaded by the Swarm before much can get done. However, the head of the Terran scientific research asks Rhodan to move his scientists to the World of the Hundred Suns so they can regain their senses and start to work on developing a weapon against the Swarm. In 3442, 80,000 scientists are taken there.

Pucky visits Harno, the energy being, trapped inside the Swarm, by separating his mind from his body. The trip takes five weeks and *after many trials, Pucky rescues Harno from the Swarm*.

In 3442, fifteen months after the arrival of the Swarm, the intelligence of normal humans is slowly beginning to rise, while that of the Homo Superiors is decreasing, which ends in their death.

The Terrans eventually learn that that the Swarm, which has crossed the Milky Way once before millions of years in the past, had the mission to increase intelligence. Unfortunately, it is no longer directed by its real masters but by "degenerate gods".

The Terrans infect three billion healthy Yellow Conquerors with some infected ones, which stops them from being sent to planets, and a biological weapon against them is discovered by studying some of the infected ones. It is taken to the 3 major planets within the Swarm where the Yellow Conquerors breed.

Inside the Swarm, the Terrans make several covert missions to key planets, disrupting the various production facilities used by the Swarm Lords. Two "Swarm Masters" (second-in-command to the Swarm Lords) are killed. A ship of Cynos allow some Terrans to come aboard, to show them their superiority, but it is destroyed by Black Demon's ships.

It is discovered that the Yellow Conquerors have a second purpose : when prodded by electric shocks, they secrete a substance that when a Swarm Master bathes in, it reverses their aging process.

Rhodan returns to Terra, waiting for the Swarm to attack the Sol system. When a Swarm spaceship is detected, he orders absolute hyper-dimensional silence, a prepared plan that reduces 5-D transmissions to zero to hide Terra's presence. Someone is sent to the World of the Hundred Suns, where 100,000 metal caps that shield the wearer from the Swarm's effects have been produced. The Maahks and the Posbi arrive to support Terra. Eventually, the solar system is swallowed by the Swarm.

Atlan and a team of special commandos use an old Springer ship that only has hyperjump technology to attract the attention of the Swarm Masters, who begin to test them, eventually asking them to join the Swarm as warriors.

Earth is also tested by a Swarm Master, and an elaborate plan to present humanity as at war with itself using only technology from the year 2000 is presented to them. Unfortunately, one of the "soldiers" fears for his family's safety, and uses 5-D technology in the process, but the observers are shot down before they can leave the Earth. At least this gives the Terrans more time to repair their solar system-wide(!) paratron shield.

Atlan's team is further tested, and when they try to blow up the castles of the Swarm Masters, are fooled by a holo-projection, and their betrayal is exposed. They flee to Earth, demonstrating knowledge of 5-D technology directly to the Swarm Masters. As the Swarm Masters attack the Earth, the Terrans again hold back on showing the true extent of their technology. Atlan is tasked with capturing a Swarm Master who is then held in a paratronic prison, but found to have turned to stone when the prison is turned off. The Terrans rescue some Cynos who came to the Solar System who in turn help the Terrans prevent the Swarm ships from transitioning into the Solar System several times. The Swarm then teleports the entire Solar System(!) 900 light-years from its current location, in an effort to destroy the paratron screen, which it does not.

It is discovered that the radiation emitted by the Yellow Conqueror's division can drive the Swarm Masters insane. In 3443, it is revealed that the Tabora, an energy being artificially created by the Cynos, is the key to power in the Swarm, so a hunt for it starts. The Tabora is re-united with its energy container (the Paradigm Key), which allows it to transition a planet in hyperspace back to normal space. This planet contains the controls of the Swarm, as well as nine Cynos who had ruled the Swarm, but were now held in stasis.

A Terran who has been intimately involved in all of these actions suddenly reveals himself to be a Cyno named Imago I who, along with his brother Imago II have been living on Earth for a million years, waiting for the Swarm to return. They begin implementing their own agendas. All the ships of the Swarm, Terra, Posbis, and the Maahks converge on the control planet in a huge battle. Imago I kills the nine Cynos on the planet, creating a huge eruption of psionic energy on the planet, which the Swarm shield amplifies, killing all the Swarm Masters in the Swarm almost instantly. Imago I chooses to die at this time.

Imago II says that he wants the Earth to stay in the Swarm, and have Terrans act on its behalf. Atlan points out that the Terran ships nearby could destroy the control planet at any time, so Imago II gives in. After some time, Imago II again refuses to release Earth, so Atlan threatens to use the Zero-Time Deformer (a time travel device that can only travel to the past and then back to its present) to kill Imago II while he was in hibernation on Earth before the arrival of the Swarm, and again Imago II gives in, but under the condition that the Zero-Time Deformer is destroyed, which it is. The Sol system falls out of the Swarm and is returned to its original position in the galaxy.

Backstory :

The alteration of the gravitational constant was originally used by the Swarm to increase the intelligence of the peoples within its sphere of influence, but even the Cynos controlling it didn't know the builders of the wandering galaxy was composed of the mental union of thirty-six highly civilized races acting on behalf of the [Seven Powerful Ones]. Then, however, the Karduuhls, a race bred by the Cynos and which had gone out of control, took power, calling themselves the Swarm Masters, and perverted the Swarm's mission in order to keep spacefaring intelligences out of their sphere of influence. This was done on behalf of Bardioc, one of the Seven Powerful Ones, whose minion succeeded in stealing the Paradim key with the Tabora from the nine Cynos, allowing the Karduuhls to take power, so that he could increase his sphere of influence in the galaxy.

The Old Mutants (#570 to #599): 3444-3444 (1 year gap from previous cycle)

The removal of the Swarm allows humanity to recover their mental faculties, but are left easily influenced. The election for the office of Grand Administrator (Rhodan's position) is next year, and there are now three other major contenders for the position.

In 3444, a lost Terran explorer ship returns to Terra, with a single alien on board. He is under the control of the Voices of Agony from his homeworld Asporco, and when the Terran mutants interrogate him, the Voices trigger a psi-storm which stops only when he is put under a paratron shield. Rhodan sends a secret mission to Asporco. After three weeks with no contact, Rhodan and many mutants follow. On the way, many of the mutants are affected in different ways. Once they arrive, they find out that all the crew of the previous mission went mad and died. It is discovered that the metal crest worn by every native is causing the psionic problems, which comes from a 100 mile-long meteorite that landed on the planet in the distant past. The metal is dubbed "Para-emotional Changing Metal", or PEW (in German) metal for short.

Next, the Voices of Agony attack the natives and Terrans alike, and the Terrans leave the planet. The influences only stop when a fragment of the PEW metal is found on-board and cast out into space. Once they land on Earth, the supermutant Corello tries to kill himself to avoid the influence of the Voices, but fails. He finds an ancient Lemurian who had been in suspended animation for 50,000 years, and for some reason convinces him to create eight Lemurian clones with no minds.

NATHAN, the supercomputer on the Moon, concludes from the available data that the Voices of Agony are the eight mutants who apparently died in 2907 (in The Cappins cycle). The mutants eventually inhabit the clones, which unfortunately show signs of rapid decay due to the rushed cultivation of the bodies. They are eventually captured by Rhodan and taken to a medical facility due to their critical health. Cell plasma from the Posbi

world is tried, but is unsuccessful. But a cell plasma caretaker is able to stop the decay of their bodies for a while.

The Old Mutants carry out their own plan to get to Asporco, leaving their dying bodies and forming one conglomerate astral body from all their minds. Atlan takes them to Asporco, but Rhodan finds out and follows them. IT contacts Rhodan, and says that he is in for a long and sinister journey if he tries to solve the riddle of the meteorite of Asporco. Once the Terran ships arrive, the PEW meteorite leaves the planet, flies off into space, then transitions to hyperspace in the direction of the center of the Milky Way, surprising everyone.

The Old Mutants take over the bodies of eight Asporcos and take control of the ultra-battleship MARCO POLO, intending to follow the meteorite. But an accident causes the mutants to lose control of their hosts, and are imprisoned. Once back on Asporco, they escape again, but are eventually stabilized back in the Asporco bodies, however they are paralyzed as a result.

The MARCO POLO eventually catches up to the meteorite, and the new and old mutants go into it, discovering several different lifeforms living in it, as well as that it has its own intelligent consciousness. One of the lifeforms appears like beavers with a baboon head, and have psionic abilities that allow them to travel thru the meteorite's PEW metal at will, and are dubbed Paramags. The meteorite makes several transitions until it arrives in a system with nothing but large and small fragments of a planet. A local group of Paramags enter the meteorite, take control, and are hostile towards the Terrans.

During a transmat, a couple of Rhodan's mutants, along with all of the Old Mutants, are sent back in time 100,000 years, where they find the rubble in the current time still exists as a whole planet. There, they find two groups of Paramags, who, thru a conflict in ideologies, blow up the planet. The explosion forces the mutants 60,000 years forward in time, where they find 8 more meteors like the one from Asporco converted into spaceships, and when one of them hyperjumps, the mutants are returned to the present.

The modern Paramags fight the Terrans, and locate the Sol system and begin to attack there. The mutants plant a fusion bomb on the Paragmags home asteroid, which converts its PEW into energy. But the Paramags use their Para-abstract Plus Constructive Antimatter Construction Field, or PPAA for short (which converts matter and energy into antimatter and antienergy, which then annihilates the matter and energy around it) to destroy several Terran spaceships.

The Old Mutants are moved from the PEW in the Paramags home asteroid to a new PEW-containing asteroid, WABE 1000. The idea is to enable agents of the Solar Defense and the USO (United Stars Organization, an independent galactic police force led by Atlan) to briefly absorb the consciousness of an Old Mutant for their missions and thus be able to use the para-ability of the respective mutant. Another plan is suggested that humanoid robots containing PEW metal be constructed so that the Old Mutants can exist as physical bodies.

During the course of these actions, Rhodan's decisions are criticized by the Grand Administrator contenders, but upon returning to Terra, Rhodan is re-elected by almost 80 percent of the votes.

The Cosmic Chess Game (#600 to #649) : 3456-3458 (12 year gap from previous cycle)

[Note : this summary came from the German Perrypedia, because I didn't want to take the time to download and translate the summaries of all 50 books in this cycle (no English summaries exist). But when I compared the Old Mutants summary above, which I had created completely on my own by reading the English summary of <u>every</u> book in the cycle, to the German Perrypedia's summary, they were **amazingly** similar. So I'm confident that their summary is very good. Italic words are mine.] I found this summary full of several names, and I have a bad memory. So here's a list of the places and races in this cycle :

Naupaum : a galaxy Yaanzar : a planet in Naupaum Yuloc : an intelligent race in Naupaum Pehrtus : an aggressive group of disembodied minds; their home planet is in Naupaum Catron : a neighbor galaxy of Naupaum Payntec : planet in Catron

By 3456, twelve years after Perry Rhodan's spectacular re-election as Grand Administrator, the Swarm's effects have been overcome by all galactic peoples and great progress is being made in technical development. During a test run of the new Black Shield reactor (*an improved power source based on Bi-Conditioned technology*) on board the MARCO POLO, the 1000-foot diameter battleship is transferred to a parallel universe. The dictatorial regime of the unscrupulous Perry Rhodan II has ruled there for over 1500 years. Terra II presents itself as a real nightmare with slavery and a prison atmosphere.

In search of comrades-in-arms against the terror regime, the MARCO POLO finally lands on Palpyron and from then on is supported by the two Oxtorners (*ultra-strong and tough human descendants*) Powlor Ortokur and Neryman Tulocky as well as two Old Mutants from WABE 1000. Rhodan II tries in vain to lure his positive adversary into a trap on Tchirmayn and at the galaxy's GALAX-Zero communications hub. During the rigged "Marathon of Spaceships" competition, Perry Rhodan instead destroys the MARCO POLO II. Rhodan II and Danton II manage to escape to the ice world D-Muner, where Perry Rhodan kills his negative counterpart in a duel. Immediately afterwards, Rhodan and the MARCO POLO is returned to the standard universe.

What nobody knows is that IT and ANTI-IT are playing a cosmic chess game for supremacy of *IT's* [Sphere of Influence] which includes the Local Group of galaxies (Milky Way, Andromeda and six smaller galaxies). IT sticks to the rules, while ANTI-IT pulls out all the stops and uses every means to win.

In the meantime, the PAD plague (Psychosomatic Abstract Deformation) is spreading in the Milky Way via hyper-radio waves. It has the effect of causing an infected person to feel an irresistible urge to act out their most repressed desires, then wanting to return to their original homeworld, then suffering severe pain and lethargy, eventually starving to death.

All attempts to develop an antidote fail miserably. The only immune person to appear is the dubious Kol Mimo, who proposes an intervention in time using a Zero-Time Deformer as a solution. *Mimo and four Terran agents smuggle themselves into the MARCO POLO II before it travels to the alternate universe. Once there, they convince* Rhodan to kill his evil "twin" with his own hands *in self-defense, rather than with a thermal emitter gun as he did the first time.* The plan succeeds, and this time paradox renders the PAD plague and its effects non-existent.

In 3457, it is discovered that Kol Mimo is actually Markhor de Lapal, the descendant of a hyperphysicist who helped develop the zero-time deformer. Markhor de Lapal becomes a secret ally of ANTI-IT and abducts Perry Rhodan, transfers his brain into hyperspace with a transplant transmitter and implants an android brain prepared by ANTI-IT into Perry Rhodan's body, who thus becomes Andro-Rhodan, and is intended to incite the Terrans and other peoples against each other through insane government and military plans. Andro-Rhodan's attempts to undermine and destroy the Solar Empire are repeatedly thwarted by Perry Rhodan, who succeeds several times in briefly maintaining contact with his old body (*see below*). Eventually, Andro-Rhodan was able to act unmolested for the benefit of ANTI-IT for months and caused enormous damage. Finally, Andro-Rhodan was successfully unmasked, and Atlan kills the android brain. Rhodan's body is preserved in the hope that his real brain will return.

Perry Rhodan's real brain materializes in Naupaum, a completely overpopulated spiral galaxy with unknown coordinates, on the planet Yaanzar, where it is sold on the brain market in the capital Nopaloor and transplanted into an alien body using PGT (para-regular equality transplant, *a two-stage, highly complex operation; it can also be modified to transfer one consciousness into another body over long distances*). After excursions into the catacombs of the city in search of the position of the Milky Way, Perry Rhodan has to change bodies again while on the run and ends up in the body of the Yaanztronian Hactschyten.

With this body he saves the life of Heltamosch, a high-ranking minister, and is subsequently supported by him. Continuing his search for information on the position of the Milky Way, Perry Rhodan lands on the forbidden world of Traecther, where all the victims of failed illegal brain transplants are taken. There he meets the Accalaurie Zeno, who has been transported to Naupaum as a result of a hyper-*dimensional* experiment, and thinks that he has been transported to an antimatter universe by ANTI-IT.

In illegal brain transplants, also known as Ceynach crimes, the consciousness of the abducted brain is virtually wiped out by the *original* brain of the transplant recipient. It is the task of the Ceynach hunters Noc and Torytrae, the last two Yulocs, to punish this crime. Both of their brains are stored in the Chatrobank, where they await special assignments from the Yaanztronians and are then transplanted into a body each time. The Yulocs are the oldest known people of Naupaum and had ruled the galaxy for thousands of years.

Perry Rhodan is confronted by Torytrae on Traecther for Ceynach crimes, but manages to convince him that he is the victim. They uncover a plot to overthrow the current government and subjugate all the peoples of Naupaum. The mastermind behind it all is Yuloc Noc, who is killed in battle by Torytrae.

To show his gratitude to Perry Rhodan for his help, Torytrae shows him the way to Horntol in the Fuehrl system, the home planet of the mysterious Pehrtus. There he finds Furloch, a stone Pehrtus brain that has been vegetating on the planet for thousands of years as the last survivor of a spaceship that crashed on its way to the neighboring galaxy and is worshipped as a god by the locals. Furloch wishes to die and wants to be killed by Perry Rhodan, which eventually happens *by accident*. On the return journey to Yaanzar, Rhodan learns of more stone brains in the inner courtyard of the Yaanzardoscht, the hermetically sealed government district of Nopaloor.

Perry Rhodan is able to take mental control of Andro-Rhodan several times with the help of a modified PGT procedure, until an attack causes Andro-Rhodan's brain oscillation frequency to change.

Meanwhile, Raycha, the ruler of the Yaanztronians, dies, and although Heltamosh is the designated successor, a battle for power breaks out, which Heltamosh is able to win with a trick from Rhodan. He poses as the Grand Administrator of the sparsely populated neighboring galaxy Catron, who has reached Naupaum with an expeditionary fleet and offers Catron as a settlement site to relieve the population pressure in Naupaum. The resistance collapses.

Heltamosh in turn equips an expedition to Catron, and the fleet finally reaches the planet Penorok, which also harbors a stone brain. From this brain they receive information about the long-term plan of the Pehrtus, who were unsuccessful in their *war* against the Yulocs thousands of years ago and used bio-infection as a weapon : the Yulocs were genetically modified by the mineral Uyfinom in such a way that a population explosion was caused by an uninhibited *reproductive* drive.

The only mining site with Uyfinom deposits on the planet Sin Urbar is controlled by a robotic brain of the Pehrtus, but it is forced to self-destruct. Further research finally leads the expedition fleet to the planet Payntec, where a PGT facility is located and which is also the end point of the Catron Vein, which enables the transmission of people *between Catron and Naupaum, helps to enable* PGT transport, and prolongs bio-infection. Suddenly a robotic fleet appears and destroys all the spaceships in the Naupaum fleet. Only a few thousand Yaanztronians survive.

Perry Rhodan and Torytrae travel back to Naupaum via the Catron Vein and return to Catron with a second fleet. Despite Torytrae's machinations to keep Perry Rhodan in Naupaum and Catron because of his qualities, Perry Rhodan succeeds in having the Catron Vein destroyed and using the last PGT facility to beam himself back to the Milky Way, where his preserved body awaits him.

But ANTI-IT still has a few trump cards up its sleeve to achieve a victory over IT after all. All attacks on Rhodan fail, and IT parries every move and every dodge. The [Cosmocrats] finally react : they end the contest and decide in favor of IT due to a number of rule violations by ANTI-IT, and banish ANTI-IT to the Nameless Zone for ten "relative units".

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