

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].

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Myth (#3000 to #3099) ; 2045-2046 NGE (493 year gap from previous cycle)

Names in this cycle :

Cairan – current predominant race in the Milky Way

Vecuia – the Cairans original home region, 270 million light years from the Milky Way

VECU – the superintelligence that protects Vecuia

Cairans – destroyed the technologies of missing or dead superintelligences

Shenpadri – lizard-like humanoids; trackers

Ladhons – military security; in the Milky Way, they are pirates

Thesans – had abandoned Vecuia’s common cause, were considered traitors by the Cairans

Lasha – Thesans who can see a little way into the future

PHAATOM – a Matter Sink forming into a Chaotarch

Phersuns – an auxiliary military race of PHAATOM that attacks the other races in Vecuia

Advocates – individual agents of PHAATOM

Phertosh – an Advocate

Ancaisin – a galaxy in Vecuvia

Cairan Consuls – leaders of the Cairans in the six parts of the Milky Way (4 quarters, core, halo)

Bru Shaupaard and Wavalo Galparudse - Cairan index keepers

Panarchive – Cairan secret service

Zemina Paath – a Thesan who joins Rhodan’s team

Zain constructs – a biotechnical race

Annba – a Zain construct

Iya – the planet that replaced the Earth in the Sol system

Vira – the moon that replaced Luna

Emlophe star wheel – the Cairans’ main bastion in the Milky Way; solar-system sized(!)

Tomopaths - humanoids with polymorphic arms

Rudyn – the home planet of the League of Free Galactics, run by Bell

Ephelegon – the system that contains Rudyn

TARA-Psi – a unique robot with Posbi plasma containing the consciousnesses of a psionic Terran

Organoid – an implant used by Shenpadri and Cairans for various enhancement functions

Zero Zone – a connection to the second branch of the Duoverse

Lead Sphere – a force field around the entire Arkon solar system

Supramentum – a device holding a collection of minds needed to open the Lead Sphere

In the (second branch of the) Duoverse

Iwán/Iwa Mulholland – a Terran hermaphrodite, a telepath and teleporter

Vanoths – a group that no longer wants to return to the standard universe

Apparently there is a Zero Zone inside the Lead Sphere; Atlan’s Knight aura is required to either get thru the Lead Sphere, or enter and/or seal the Zero Zone (conflicting descriptions)

When Perry Rhodan awakens, the RAS TSCHUBAI is damaged and the Thesan (*humanoid race*) Zemina Paath, who has been robbed of parts of her memory, is on board with a suitcase-like device, *which she calls* Paau. Her spaceship - a Nashadaan - is docked *in the RAS*. She seeks shelter and *has cloaked* the RAS TSCHUBAI with a higher-energy energy field *to protect it from detection by the Cairans, the dominant race in the Milky Way*. *She informs him that Terra is a myth; it does not exist and never has existed, even tho there are Terrans in the Milky Way, who have become an uprooted people*. Reginald Bell, who wears a Chaotarchic cell activator, rules as Resident of the League of Free Galactics on *planet Rudyn* in the Ephelegon system.

Rhodan reactivates the ship and crew. Analysis of hyperradio traffic reveals that *the year is 2045 NGE – the crew has lost 493 years in suspension while crossing the Chaotemporal Tidal Field surrounding Wanderer (from the previous cycle)*. The data from all *galactic* positronics - except ANANSI - has been erased *and* flooded with unknown, contradictory information in the ensuing data deluge, *events called the Posicide and the Data Flood, respectively*. Wanderer has disappeared from the standard universe. The Cairans see themselves as a force for peace in the galaxy and have proclaimed the "Cairan Era". Rhodan searches the Milky Way for cell activator carriers using mental probes. The reactivation of the omni-carrier ship allows the RAS TSCHUBAI to be located *by the Cairans*. While the RAS TSCHUBAI is to be repaired under Atlan's leadership on *the Posbi planet Culsu where it was originally built*, Rhodan explores the situation in the Milky Way with the BJO BREISKOLL dinghy.

Rhodan - exploration of the Milky Way

Rhodan reaches the Olubnea system in *late 2045 NGE*, where he *learns that while* the Cairans may keep the peace, space travel is a dangerous business, as the Ladhons repeatedly raid starships and commit acts of piracy. Hypercrystals are gradually becoming scarce in the Milky Way. The LFG, the New Tamanium of the Tefroders and the Akonian Republic have concluded a pact known as the Lemurian Alliance. In 1750 NGE, the Arkonide Star Baronies founded a new confederation : the United Star Baronies. A third major power is the Gatasium, the working platform of the Blues peoples. He *also* learns that the Ladhons are particularly interested in Olub implants of Cairan manufacture, known as organoids.

While exploring a No-Way-Out *located by Zemina's Paau, which is a Cairan space station* prison in which the prisoners are robbed of their life energy by a vital suppressor and stored in a Macairun crystal, Rhodan comes across *an NDE (Intellegence Service Ephelegon [in German], the current Terran secret service) agent Kondayk-A1 who sets him up with a meeting with Reginald Bell*.

In addition, the BJO BREISKOLL receives the access code for the hyperradio traffic of a Terran explorer fleet based in the Ephelegon system. As a result, they learn that the "cradle of mankind" has allegedly been found on *the planet Tellus (not Terra) in the Rheia system*. Rhodan follows the trail and encounters for the first time the serpentoid Shenpadri, a people who are active archaeologists in the Milky Way, on the planet. There are also the ruins of Terrania City with statues depicting Perry Rhodan as a dictator. When the Cairans show up because a *current-era Terran traitor* has betrayed Rhodan, he fakes his death in order to escape.

Since Rhodan wants to take a look at the Sol system "up close", the BJO BREISKOLL sets off for neighboring Vega. On the way, energetic worms from Onryon *and Terran* pirates attack the spaceship in linear space, damaging it severely. The worms take Rhodan aboard an Onryon spaceship, *along with the Siganesse Tenga who sneaks on-board*. The pirates intended to exchange their hostage with the Cairans for ViTraf (transfusion of [vital energy]). That is why the Cairan Paroshat Klaik, an emissary of a Consul (*very high-ranking Cairan*), comes on board with a ViTraf sample. *Tenga frees Rhodan, who manages to steal the sample*. Tenga is able to help Rhodan *destroy the linear engines, and* is seriously injured in the process, but can be healed by

administering the ViTraf. *The Terran pirate turns out to be an NDE agent, and tells Rhodan that many Onryon are looking for him on behalf of the Cairan, using special locating devices. After Rhodan and Tenga escape, the BJO BREISKOLL is repaired and the flight can continue, but there is not enough time for the detour to Vega.*

The meeting with Reginald Bell is to take place in late 2045 NGE in the mobile space habitat Gongolis. Disguised, Rhodan travels there with a small task force aboard the NDE's TREU&GLAUBEN. *His identity is to be verified before the meeting.* Gongolis is infiltrated by agents of the Cairan Panarchive (*secret service*), which is why the Galactics are quickly discovered *and attacked. They notify Gongolis security, who attack the agents.* The Galactics manage to escape, but the Terran bounty hunters Dancer and Schlafner, working on behalf of the Cairans, succeed in firing an organoid at Rhodan during an assassination attempt on the leader of Gongolis, because they have recognized a cell activator carrier in him. *It is removed, and found that it is emitting a hyperradio tracking signal.* After that, the reunion with Bell finally takes place.

From him, Rhodan learns more about the Posicide and the theft of Terra. Since Gongolis has become too unsafe, everyone involved transfers to the THORA, Bell's flagship, to meet up with the BJO BREISKOLL, which is docked for the onward flight to Rudyn. During the maneuver, Dancer and Schlafner are able to sneak aboard. Rhodan is given a vital impulse *suppressor* by Bell, which means that his cell activator can no longer be targeted, and receives further information about the events of the last 500 years : the World Fire has been extinguished, but the symptoms have only slowly subsided in some places over the centuries. *IT nor any other superintelligences have made an appearance during this time. The Raptus Terrae ("kidnapping of the earth") took place in the year 1614 NGE. The planet Iya with its moon Vira appeared in place of Terra and Luna, and the Sol system has been sealed off by the Clausum protective shield (similar to the TERRANOVA shield) ever since then.* The Ladhon pirates appeared in the Milky Way in 1650 NGE, followed not long afterwards by the Cairans in 1692. The Posicide and Data Flood took place in 1777. It is assumed that the Aarus (*from the Empire of Tradom cycle*) had something to do with this, as their *habitat ships* left the Milky Way shortly afterwards. The Laren also withdrew from the Milky Way, destroying the nearest star portal. The others were shut down, so there is no longer a fast connection to Larhatoon. Vetrismolaud has tried unsuccessfully to extend the New Tamanium to Andromeda and is now a trusted partner of the LFG, as is Rheelona tan Thanor, the Prior Councilor of the High Council of the Akonian Council Republic. The Haluter plague has been cured, but 15,000 Haluters have died or fallen into irreversibility. Ichotolot has been naturalized and is now one of two deputies to the LFG Resident after the office of Solar Premier was abolished, and is considered the "Guardian of the Ephelegon System". Opiter Quint is head of the intelligence service NDE, the successor organization to the Terran League Service. Bell *also recognizes* the people that Zemina Paath comes from – she is a Thesan. The Thesans are said to have been involved in the Raptus.

Dancer and Schlafner come from the planet Ghabar, on which a vitality suppressor is installed, and their paranormal gifts are dependent on the external supply of vital energy. *They must work for the Cairans as assassins in exchange for vital energy, and are told their targets are criminals who endanger peace in the Milky Way.*

During the flight to the Ephelegon system, Dancer and Schlafner begin to *lay bombs* in the THORA's *linear drive engines*. The plan fails and the two assassins are *captured* after some fighting. They feel betrayed by the Cairans and defect. *Due to their dependance on vital energy, they are transferred to medical care on Rudyn.*

In the Ephelegon system, Rhodan receives detailed information about the course of the Raptus event beginning in the year 1544 NGE. The events led to the disappearance of Terra and Luna from the Sol system in early 1614 NGE, together with the remaining population, including Homer G. Adams, after a *partial* evacuation, and the appearance of the planet Iya with its moon Vira in their place *three months later*. It was at this time that the

Thesans were first sighted in the Milky Way, while Bell's daughter Shinae and her mother Toio Zindher fled to Allerorten, *which can no longer be contacted*. The Sol system has become inaccessible due to the Clausum shield. About a year after the Raptus, the so-called Terran Odium (T-Odium) developed, a sensitive-reactive frequency pattern in the ÜBSEF constant (*consciousness*) of those affected, which led to living beings *thinking that Terra and Luna are unreal and don't want to know anything about them, thus losing their memories of Terra*. Apparently, the six-dimensional character of the universe in the Milky Way region has changed minimally but significantly. The starting point is the Sol system. The T-Odium is the reaction to the change. *This phenomenon - along with the Raptus, Posicide, and Data Flood - contributed significantly to the development of the "Terra myth"*. The Cairans first appeared 78 years later, in 1692 NGE, and cordoned off the space sector around the Sol system with a space fleet.

Rhodan - searching the SOL system

Rhodan receives an official mandate from the LFG parliament to *learn about* the fate of Terra and Luna in late 2045 NGE. He visits Ichō Tolot in his flying fortress, the Eyes of the Giant, in orbit around Rudyn and escapes an assassination attempt there. The assassin, a Terran with supernatural powers, *is killed*. *He* has been influenced by a faun-like creature called Saessbekker, a small being with horns, hooves and bright red skin, who manages to escape. *An organoid is discovered in the assassin's body, which is how Saessbekker controlled him*. Rhodan and Bell then set off in the THORA towards the Sol system.

Bell, acting as Resident, is able to obtain a landing permit for Iya. The Cairans are the only ones able to open the Clausum, a kind of perverted TERRANOVA screen. While Bell conducts further political negotiations, Rhodan secretly explores the planet with a task force, including Zemina Paath, and makes contact with the native Ayees. While Iya is geologically very similar to Terra, its fauna and flora are completely different. The *humanoid* Ayees are remarkably friendly towards the Thesan, while they fear that the Terrans may be identical to the Teaana, who, according to lore, will come in the Unseen Days to destroy life. *They tell the Galactics that 500 years ago, the Cairans saved them from destruction from successive catastrophes*.

Rhodan finds statues of Thesans with sound recordings. He also learns of an oracle named Eyshu, who descends from the moon Vira in the perplexed days, and travels to the capital Pesha, where the spiritual leader of the Aayees, the Shojiona, resides and near which a Cairan mission is located. There he visits the Shojiona Todoyhu and identifies himself as a Terran. The Cairans are carrying out excavation work in the depths of Iya, ostensibly to mine diamonds. Together they go to the Oracle's house. The Oracle reveals herself as YLA, NATHAN's "daughter", and *indicates to him that she is being held prisoner*. YLA has been modified by the Thesan Eyx Xunath and has been influenced by paranormal Ayees for generations and held captive. She thinks Iya is Earth and doesn't know what year it is or what has happened in the last 500 years. *Rhodan convinces the Ayees to release the oracle*. Rhodan finds a fragment of Xunath's brain in another Thesan statue, *and takes it*. Meanwhile, special agent Spinoza Godaby, together with TARA-Psi (*a unique robot with Posbi plasma containing the consciousnesses of a psionic Terran*) are in the Cairan mission where Bell is in sham negotiations with the Cairans, *and succeed in capturing data that the Cairans originate from Vecuia, a region of four galaxies some 270 million light years away, and that the Emlophe Star Wheel is the most important and powerful bastion of the Cairans in the Milky Way*. After Rhodan has returned unnoticed on board the THORA, Bell is able to obtain permission to launch by means of a bluff.

Atlan - the search for the repair planet Culsu

When the RAS TSCHUBAI reaches the position of Culsu in late 2045 NGE, the dark world (*does not orbit a sun*) has disappeared. On the way, Zemina's DNA is analyzed, and does not match any known races. Atlan

decides to fly to the Posbi station WHEELER. There he finds completely confused Posbis ruled by a *Posbi* dictator named Stahmon. *It is not a Posbi, but a safety program that has taken on a life of its own and which Pucky is able to defeat and rehabilitate. The Galactics learn that since the World Fire, hypercrystals are consumed more quickly than before, an effect called hypercorrosion, and that the Ladhons appeared in the Eastside in 1650 NGE.* The Posbi Kirt is taken on board as a pilot to search for Culsu's new position.

Once there, the planet is found to be completely surrounded by an inhabited shell of protective metal bands. On Culsu, Atlan makes contact with the Vanth, the guardian race of the Posbis *on this planet*, as well as the Posbis themselves. After he has identified himself, the RAS TSCHUBAI can fly in via a shaft. The Posbis confirm the existence of Zemina Paath's protective *field* in the starship's hull. In exchange for repair work, Pucky is to find a minority of renegade Posbis who call themselves the "Clan of Saboteurs". Atlan and his exploration team penetrate deep into the interior of Culsu and discover a gigantic transition engine *built by the minority* to displace the dark world *to save it from the Cairans. Over time, they came to believe that it was meant to deliver Culsu to the Cairans, which the majority then believed. The two groups join back together. Pucky also learns that the Cairans arrived in the Milky Way 42 years after the Ladhons.* The repair of the RAS TSCHUBAI takes another month. *Atlan wonders why the Posbis are so terribly afraid of the Cairans.*

At the agreed rendezvous point with the BJO BREISKOLL, the RAS is ambushed by Onryon pirates who have a base in the Mhora system. A team led by Atlan sneaks aboard the pirate nest and forces the flight to continue by freeing the hostages there, including the Zain construct Annba. Annba boards the RAS TSCHUBAI. Atlan and Rhodan meet again at the alternate rendezvous point Hellgate.

Rhodan and Atlan meet

In late 2045 NGE, The BJO BREISKOLL returns to the RAS TSCHUBAI at the alternate rendezvous point Hellgate, *where Rhodan and Atlan fought 3600 years ago. The RAS is to be modernized and upgraded by the mobile shipyard HEPHAISTOS for a reconnaissance flight to Vecuia, as its range is only sufficient for the outward flight. The Zain constructs install hypersonic inductors on the outer hull of the RAS. This allows the Ynkalkrit coating to be recharged inside a sun after the hypertrans flight to Vecuia, doubling its range. However, recharging is a one-time process; if it is interrupted for any reason, it cannot be restarted. The Zain construct Annba, which Atlan had previously freed from the hands of Onryon pirates, remains on board the RAS.*

Back on Rudyn, Zemina Paath is temporarily implanted with the brain fragment of Eyx Xunath, allowing access to his memories :

Cairans, Thesans, Ladhones and Shenpadri come from Vecuia, the *name of the* Sphere of Influence of the superintelligence VECU. On behalf of the Cosmocrat MU SARGAI, they cleaned up the galaxies of dying superintelligences. The Cairans *destroyed the technological collections of dead, dying, or absent* superintelligences tracked down by the Shenpadri, while the Ladhons were responsible for the military security of the affected areas. Paranormal Thesans, called Lesha, who could also see into the future to a limited extent, established contact with VECU *for orders and to report results.* On the planet Allaicra there was a vitality potion through which VECU gave high-ranking representatives of the Vecuia relative immortality by supplying them with pure vital energy.

During one of their missions, the Cairans gained possession of a weapon system with which computer data can be deleted or falsified. *They betray VECU and keep the device rather than destroy it.*

Then VECU receives a new mission : the relics of the superintelligence ETTAMA are to be disposed of, but its seat, the galaxy Rhe, is 913 million light years away and therefore inaccessible to the peoples of Vecuia.

The Cosmocrats know what to do. MU SARGAI himself activates the use of a Bi-Local Sphere. This is created by a sextadim hyperbola(?) from the collection of a superintelligence that had become a Matter Sink. It is a 20-mile-diameter region of space-time that is punched out of the normal universe and then exists in two places at the same time; the starting point and destination are identical (*like a window connected to both sides*).

In this way, most of Vecuia's military resources were sent away, so that when the overpowering Phersuns attacked the unprotected Vecuia, VECU apparently fled.

Pucky recognizes the shapeless landscape through which the Thesans move when they contact VECU – *it is* the area of his pain deportations. It is decided that Atlan should investigate the military-political situation in the Milky Way and Emlophe, while Rhodan travels to Vecuia in the RAS TSCHUBAI. Paath does not want to accompany him, but makes her Paau available.

Rhodan - operation Vecuia

The journey to the galactic neighborhood takes nine months. During this time, the tiny organoid *removed from* Rhodan's body is *studied*. It is a *bio-technical device* which can influence the wearer's sense of time and timing. In late 2046 NGE, the RAS arrives in the galaxy of the Cairans, Ancaisin, which belongs to Vecuia. There are no hyperradio broadcasts, and no space-faring peoples. Rhodan encounters Grey Matter, which dissolves all matter that comes into contact with it, *and projects feelings of lethargy and desperation to whoever looks at it*. He also encounters the fleeing Quantam people and the occupying Phersuns, who are regarded as the "murderers of matter". The Quantam were warned by the Ladhons of the imminent annihilation by the Phersuns and equipped *them* with spaceships *so that* some of their people *could flee* to safety. The Galactics save the planet Tophan with its inhabited moon Whan from destruction by the Grey Matter *by using hyperenergy broadcasters and linear space torpedoes*. In the process, Cairan data falls into their hands, *pointing them to other worlds to explore*.

The RAS TSCHUBAI next travels to the *planet* Weem, where there is an abandoned Cairan mission. There, the Galactics encounter the collective being Aanweem, which telekinetically shields itself from the Phersuns on a *solar system-wide* scale. Rhodan receives further clues about the destroyed "World of Eternal Life" Allaicra, and the first *Phersun* Abyssal Triumphal Arch on Caitlast. Because of a certain movement in a common direction, Grey Matter *is* also called vector matter. The Phersuns carry Grey Matter on board their ships.

The RAS TSCHUBAI flies to the Huphurn system, the location of the first Triumphal Arch. Caitlast itself and, apart from Gattcan, all the other planets no longer exist. The system is occupied by Phersuns. They are annihilating three worlds in a neighboring system through the use of Grey Matter. Rhodan visits the Abyssal Arch of Triumph, which feeds substance in the form of vector matter to the "candidate" **PHAATOM - a Matter Sink - so that she can ascend to become a Chaotarch**. As a result of this process, in 10,000 to 20,000 years' time the galaxy district would no longer exist. The Cosmocrats want to prevent this. This multiversal conflict has been raging for millions of years, with the destruction of Vecuia seen as the decisive blow. The Milky Way must not be drawn into this war under any circumstances. During an unsuccessful attack on the Arch, Rhodan rescues the surviving Thesan Pezenna Flaith. She is a Lesha and tells Rhodan that she has foreseen the meeting in the Temporal Channel and that it is essential for the search for Terra and Luna that she accompanies the Galactics. Rhodan successfully applies to visit the interior of the Arch. With a small team, Rhodan flies to the Abyssal Showroom inside the Arch of Triumph, where the work of PHAATOM and the Phersuns is glorified. Anyone who disembarks there must expect to be transformed by the Entity according to its ideas *thru the Abyssal Dispersion*. Flaith commits a suicide attack with psionic microcells(?) to destroy the Arch of Triumph, but is

unsuccessful. This leads to the destruction of the *Galactics' spaceship* by Grey Matter, while O'Shannon is involuntarily subjected to the Abyssal Dispersion. The rest of the team can be taken by the Paau to the STARTAC SCHROEDER; Rhodan, who fell out of the sled while trying to restrain O'Shannon, is initially missing. The Abyssal Triumphant Arch was at best *only* damaged by the attack. Rhodan and O'Shannon find themselves prisoners of the Phersuns on Gattcan, where the mutant Iwán Mulholland, the son of the Hôte of Gongolis, is also being held. Rhodan is interrogated by PHATOOM's Advocate Synn Phertosh - among other things by observing and manipulating his dreams. *Rhodan* learns that VECU is being held in an Abyssal Dungeon(?). With the help of the Paau, *a Terran agent lands on Gattcan and* is able to free the three Terrans that PHAATOM has acquired a "taste" for. Phertosh is therefore ordered to recapture the fugitives. A medical examination of Mulholland reveals that he is a true hermaphrodite and, in addition to teleportation, also has telepathic abilities and can send out thoughts (telemitters). He draws pictures of Terrania that he knows from the "World Shadow" in the Zero Zone. Gry O'Shannon appears unchanged after the Abyssal Dispersion.

From Mulholland's statements, the scientists on the RAS TSCHUBAI conclude that the Zero Zone is identical to the alien landscape that pain teleporters subjectively traverse on foot when using their ability. It is suspected that Terra and Luna may be located there and that the Cairans know of a way to access the Zero Zone. It is therefore decided to join forces with Cairans left behind in Ancaisin. While Synn Phertosh takes up the pursuit of the escapees around Perry Rhodan, the RAS TSCHUBAI encounters Cairan rebels in its search, including an Index Keeper. They have access - but only *when five or more of them are together* - to a directory of the *technological collections* of other superintelligences disposed of on behalf of the Cosmocrats and are searching for information on how VECU could be freed. A meeting of all five Index Keepers, of whom Bru Shaupaard is carrying a sextadim splinter of VECU *in his body*, takes place *after numerous narrow escapes*. The Terrans learn from the Index Keepers that **PHAATOM caused VECU to split off many sextadim splinters, weakening the superintelligence so that it could be locked in the Abyssal Dungeon.**

The Galactics learn where to look for access to the Zero Zone. However, with the exception of Galparudse and Shaupaard, all the Index Keepers, who are presumably the last of their kind in Ancaisin, are killed. The Galactics *travel to the planet Khaiguna, and finally find the portal to the Zero Zone* and are able to open it thanks to Mulholland, who has special rights as a native of the Zero Zone. Advocate Synn Phertosh becomes aware of the planet during his search for Perry Rhodan and his companions after he was able to locate Gry O'Shannon using an abyssal resonance tracker(?) *because she went thru an Abyssal dispersion*.

While the RAS TSCHUBAI is pursued by the Phersuns, Donn Yaradua and Mulholland make contact in the Zero Zone with the Luruparushe, originally from Vecuia but now living here, who are hiding there and are a former auxiliary race of VECU. They learn that the Zero Zone is a mental dimension without a physically detectable extension, and represents a connection to an "other space" in which Terra and Luna are located after they were exchanged for similar celestial bodies originating from there. Since Phertosh can only locate O'Shannon, she is put into suspension, which prevents any further homing. With the help of the machines of the superintelligence MATUY, Rhodan is able to fly from *the Zero Zone* to the other universe on board the TESS QUMISHA, *in late 2046 NGE*, without knowing whether there is a possibility of returning to the standard universe. The *standard universe* portal to the Zero Zone *in Vecuia* is then destroyed by the RAS TSCHUBAI at the request of the Luruparushe in order to protect it from unauthorized persons. *[Rhodan's story is continued in the next section.]*

After Perry Rhodan sets off with the TESS QUMISHA to the other side of the Zero Zone, the Cairan index keepers Bru Shaupaard and Wavalo Galparudse lead the RAS TSCHUBAI to the planet Zpud, where the Abyssal Dungeon in which VECU is being held captive is located. *As the team approaches a huge cube of vector matter, they all feel an increasing mental pressure until they can go no further, but the native Dovoin*

have no problems. Shaupaard admits that like him, *the natives* are carriers of sextadim slivers, which protect them from vector matter. They are agents of VECU who are supposed to help liberate the superintelligence. VECU is trapped inside the cube, but in fact it is not the cube that forms the Abyssal Dungeon, but the entire planet. Using a paramentally enhanced hyperradio simulation, the candidate PHAATOM *creates* an alternative reality for VECU, in which Ancaisin is largely abandoned and Zpud is the last world of the Vecuia. At the same time, substance is siphoned off *from* the superintelligence and transferred to PHAATOM. The superintelligence can be freed, but *in the process vector matter would be released, which would destroy the planet.* After *destroying the simulation equipment*, VECU communicates mentally with its liberators. In order to escape, it has to spread itself across several carrier bodies, *and* chooses Tolot, Assid and Shaupaard. She then transfers the entire team to a *spacejet* waiting at the edge of the system. But something goes wrong. The vector matter of the cube is released. Zpud is doomed. Advocate Synn Phertosh *publicly* blames the Galactics so that they will be hunted as murderers by the Ancaisin peoples.

VECU, which has concentrated its substance in Shaupaard, succeeds by unknown means in seizing control of the RAS TSCHUBAI, including its ANANSI positronics, and imprisoning the crew. Only Ichu Tolot and a few crew members manage to escape. After a successful deceptive maneuver designed to lure the Phersuns onto a false trail, the superintelligence travels to the planet Vunun in the Ju system. *There it is "reborn" in a process in which its consciousness is transferred to the severed, preserved and not quite dead ancestral skulls of the indigenous Vun as VECU's new carriers.* As the Galactics *help* ensure that this process can be successfully completed, VECU releases them and allows them to return to the Milky Way. During the return flight, the RAS TSCHUBAI has to recharge its hull's Salkrit by solar tapping.

Rhodan – Second Branch of the Duoverse (note : all dates are "local time")

The Duoverse was created in the Big Bang : the known standard universe is connected to its "twin", the Second Branch, via the Zero Zone. The Second Branch is not a parallel universe with a different Strangeness, but a half of the Duoverse. This is where Terra and Luna were exchanged for Iya and Vira from the Sol system, as part of the Change-Everything-Event (CEE) in 1614 NGE. *In this universe, Pluto, Zeut (fifth planet) and Medusa still exist in the solar system.* Due to the massively increased hyperimpedance prevailing there, there are technical difficulties, including Homer G. Adams' cell activator discharging and having to be regenerated every 62 years through a 620-hour *process in suspended animation*. NATHAN is initially out of action for twelve years after the CEE. *The lack of weather control creates superstorms that devastate New Atlantis.*

On this side of the Duoverse there seem to be no superintelligences, Eiris, Higher Powers, or a Moral Code. Therefore, NATHAN, which misses its daughter YLA, but also IT, has created humanoid machine beings, the Ylanten, and settled them together with their own fleet in the moon crater Mare Ingenii, in the specially created Ylatorium. They are supposed to give him comfort and help him with self-discovery. The Positronic *Treaty between Terra and NATHAN* stipulates that NATHAN will continue to serve humanity, but can act more *on its own* than before.

In 1626 NGE, Jathao Vanoth, a Lasha Thesan, *reveals himself to* Terra. In his public speeches, he says that the CEE is not a catastrophe, but offers mankind the possibility of a new beginning. The Terrans learn from him what the Second Branch and the Zero Zone are all about.

In 1674 NGE, with newly developed starships *that can handle the hyperimpedance*, the Terrans are able to push ahead with expansion in their new universe. This repeatedly leads to conflicts with the local power, the Topsiders, which ultimately result in a shaky non-aggression pact with the Topside clutch mother, with the

Topsiders *originally* living on Terra refusing to *oppose* their local relatives. Diplomatic relations are established and official ambassadors are exchanged. Onryons settled on Terra have founded *their own* Ryo Empire.

An attempt to make contact with the standard universe at Vanoth's instigation leads to Pluto being damaged in 1850 NGE, 176 years after his death.

The TESS QUMISHA *arrives in late 2046 NGE*, which becomes unable to maneuver *due to the hyperimpedance increase*. NATHAN is to verify Rhodan's identity. *Homer G. Adams is in the regeneration process*.

After *over 400 years in the Second Branch*, a group of Terrans, the so-called Vanoths, no longer want to return to their old home, so that Perry Rhodan's arrival, which was prophesied by Jathao Vanoth in 1626 NGE, is seen by them as a threat. *Radical* Vanoths, with whom *some* members of the Terran fleet also sympathize, repeatedly commit attacks on Perry Rhodan.

Sichu Dorksteiger visits the Institute for the Exploration of the Duoverse, which is located in Pluto's limb. There she learns of a mysterious rumbling that the scientists have discovered inside Terra and offers to help the Terrans.

The Topside secret service "The Nest" maintains a covert base in the Sol system (*which NATHAN has just recently become aware of*), as they see Rhodan's *potential* arrival as a threat to the status quo. *Shortly after his appearance*, a Topside warship arrives in the Sol system *and* demands his extradition.

After NATHAN confirms Perry Rhodan's identity, he sends him to Earth, where Rico (*Atlan's ancient sentient robot from when he was stranded on Terra*) is already waiting for him. *They discuss the Topsides' demands*.

He first goes to New Atlantis. When he visits the suspension alcove where Homer G. Adams is resting (*but will awaken in only 10 more days*), *the entire alcove* is abducted by means of a transmitter. *Immediately after, Mullholland teleports with Rhodan*.

With the help of Iwán/Iwa Mulholland, Perry Rhodan has followed Adams' abductors aboard *a* spaceship via pain teleportation and is able to overpower the terrorists. The Vanoths wanted the Topsiders to take over the power in the Sol system and install a transitional government with *a Vanoth* at the head. When the Topsiders' ultimatum expires, Rhodan agrees to be handed over in order to prevent an imminent war. However, this is rejected by *Terran LFG* resident Orfea Flaccu.

Rhodan is able to *prevent the impending combat* by *bluffing* the Topsiders *into believing* that he has given the Terrans a superior transform bomb. The attackers retreat and a new ceasefire agreement is concluded. However, the *clutch* mother Bun-Akkbo (*leader of the Topsiders*) wants to meet Rhodan, so a meeting is arranged in the Betelgeuse system. Meanwhile, Homer G. Adams has awoken from suspension and informs Rhodan about the Hyper Exhaust Effect on Zeut (*ship's hypercrystals lose all energy when they approach the planet*), where there is also a rumbling. The zone within which the phenomenon occurs has expanded *since Rhodan's arrival*. During the exploration, Rhodan's cell activator chip is drained of *its* vital energy, with the cause lying in the planet's interior. During further exploration, the task force is transferred to a secret Cairan station on Ceres. There, Rhodan learns more about the true goal - called the Trajectory - of the Vecuian peoples from the Objectless Consul, Phrio Bindunudse : **they want to flee from the PHAATOM Matter Sink into the Second Branch, since no Higher Powers can exist there and they would therefore be safe from further persecution**. *Some Cairans arrived in the Second Branch over 500 years ago, and caused the Raptus Terrae by activating a mechanism that*

has been hidden in the core of the planets since time immemorial. *Phrio* does not know who created the mechanism *or* for what reason. Rhodan deduces that they are now searching for *the mechanism, not diamonds*, with their excavations on Iya. *Atlan's Knight aura is required so that the Supramentum ("super-mind") can open the escape route, and he will also serve to seal the Zero Zone. Atlan's disappearance will also cause severe disruption in the regions of the universe influenced by the Cosmocrats. The resulting chaos will be used to cover the flight of the Vecuia peoples.* While Rhodan is finally able to escape with the help of the Terrans, Bindunudse dies when the station self-destructs.

On the way to Betelgeuse, Perry Rhodan makes a stopover on Ferrol in *late 2046* NGE. The Ferrans settling there and the Topsiders monitoring them are threatened by *small pale lights* called "bleaching stars" that drain vital energy from their victims until they die of "old age". Together with the Topsiders, the unknown entities are fought, which improves the relationship between the peoples. It is possible that these creatures are also responsible for the extinction of *all* biological life in the Vega system 10 million years ago. *In early 2047* NGE, Rhodan meets the clutch mother on Vurayur. The diplomatic negotiations between Terrans and Topsiders are jeopardized by a plot *carried out by Terrans and Topsiders to kill the Resident Terran, which is foiled. The Topsiders are concerned that mutants and cell activator carriers create a dangerous cosmic imbalance.* After Rhodan reaffirms that he has no claim to leadership in the Second Branch and that *while everyone will be invited*, no one should be forced to join him in his intended return of Terra, the Orion Alliance is formed.

Another assassination attempt on Perry Rhodan happens again shortly before the Galactic Probe, an unidentified phenomenon which takes place every 177 years. It lasts 20 seconds, and every living being feels like they are being examined to the depths of their soul. One of the places of origin of the Probe is within reach in the Menkib system, and the Terrans prepare to go there. On the planet Yenren, the indigenous Yenranko *mentally hear* the "Dust Lord" during the Probe.

In the Menkib system, Terrans and Topsiders encounter the warring Yenranko on the planet Yenren and are drawn into the conflict. Perry Rhodan supports Obyn's *tribe*, who are striving for peace. The aquamarine obelisk, in which a city and a humanoid figure *made of dust* are recognizable, transports Rhodan, Rico, Iwán/Iwa Mulholland and Obyn to the planet Gatas (*the planet of origin of the Blues in the standard universe*).

There they discover over 6000 oversized Blues statues. These tell the story of the doomed settler ship CHYLLITRISS, which only reached and colonized the target world Dryviert after a long journey, even though it is a hostile wasteland. They desperately wanted to return home - but when they came back, Gatas was now like Dryviert. The group finds the giant statues and a Dust Lord asks them to stay, to remember and to forgive. He says: "You are us. Our shadow. Our light."

A Sagarssen space mission *from a neighboring world* Perazes lands on Gatas and encounters Perry Rhodan and his companions. They set off for the moon Gataszoy, *where evidence of destructive nanomachines is found. After touching another aquamarine obelisk, a Dust Lord appears and tells Rhodan that the Dust Lords have existed for many millions of years and have expanded over large areas of the Second Branch, but are not superintelligences. They see themselves as observers and carry out the Galactic Probe in order to regularly check how conscious life is developing in the Second Branch.* At the same time, all intelligent beings are encouraged to explore their universe. However, the Dust Lords not only observe, but actively experiment with life. The bleaching stars and nanomachines do not originate from the Dust Lords, but from the Candad-Suil, also known as the Silent Shivers, *whose purpose is the extinction of life.* Rhodan asks about the transfer of Terra and Luna. The Dust Lord explains that his kind have nothing to do with this. They have merely modeled their counterparts in the Second Branch and set up a safety device, the Transfer Gear(?), in the depths of Terra in case one of the two "harnesses"(?) is in danger, for example from the Silent Shivers. The Dust Lord does not know

who initiated the exchange. A return exchange is possible. Rhodan receives a pass known as the Dust Process, which authorizes him to operate the Transfer Gear once.

Perry Rhodan has returned to Earth with the Dust Process. He is preparing an expedition with the Gäonautikum, *a ship that can burrow thru the earth*. Iwán/Iwa Mulholland, Sichu Dorksteiger and a team accompany him. The Terrans ask themselves : should they stay in this part of the Duoverse or be transported back? *Many immediately emigrate to Mars*. On the way into the Earth's interior, the Gäonautikum comes to a standstill. Rhodan sets off with Gotjian and Mulholland to an unknown station, the source of the disturbance. *There, they wake a Thesan in suspended animation, who tells them they are on a station of the Silent Shivers designed to stop searches for the Transfer Gear by using an anti-hyperradiation damper, which is what stopped the ship. When they are attacked by bleaching stars, Mulholland teleports everyone back to the Gäonautikum*.

Iwán/Iwa Mulholland, Perry Rhodan and Anzu Gotjian teleport *back* to the station of the Silent Shivers and destroy it. *Rhodan's scientists confirm that superintelligences and other Higher Powers cannot live in the Second Branch due to the extremely high hyperimpedance here*. The Gäonautikum can continue to the lower mantle to the station of the Dust Lords. There, Rhodan and his companions make contact with the Dust Steward.

The Dust Steward checks Perry Rhodan and his companions and accepts the Dust Process. The Steward is even prepared to set the Transfer Gear in motion with the code word "Odysseus". The Transfer Gear, *which is located in Terra's core*, will be ready in a few months. Voting is underway in the Sol system. Ultimately, *57% of the population* is in favor of the reverse transfer, *despite the situation with the Cairans*. In mid 2047 NGE, Rhodan transmits the code word and the transfer begins.

The Earth and its moon are in danger. They plunge towards proto-time(?) and the exchange with Iya and Vira becomes problematic. *There are earthquakes all over Terra, and mutants temporarily lose their old abilities and gain new ones. By activating a special program installed by IT, NATHAN is able to intervene and the exchange succeeds using Gry O'Shannon on the RAS TSCHUBAI as a "locator beacon"*. At this time, the RAS TSCHUBAI is on its way back to the Milky Way and discovers a "dark glow" over the galaxy. The spaceship is torn from the void *and* into the Sol system by an unknown force in mid 2046 NGE, where it is immediately involved in a battle against the Cairans. *At the same time, Terra and Luna return. NATHAN can control the Clausum shield, and deactivates it. The Cairans are driven out of the Terrans' home system. Rhodan addresses the Milky Way peoples by hyperradio message. They will no longer doubt the existence of Terra, because the T-Odium, which has influenced their memories, no longer exists. NATHAN was never affected by the Posicide and can therefore contribute to correcting the information situation in the Milky Way. Rhodan swears the Galactics to cohesion and understanding – as well as the Cairans*.

Atlan : M-13 and the Lead Sphere

In early 2046 NGE, Atlan sets off on a diplomatic mission to M-13 (*the home of the Arkonides*) with the TREU&GLAUBEN and the cloaked CAI CHEUNG on behalf of the LFG to explore the possibilities of cooperation between the Crystal Baronies and the Lemurian Alliance and the military-political situation there, as the Arkonides were coming under increasing pressure from Ladhon and Naat *pirates*. On the planet Trandafir, he instigates an uprising of the hypercrystal-mining slaves. He prevents the *Sovereign* Baron Larsav da Ariga from falling into a Ladhon trap and brings him aboard the CAI CHEUNG seriously injured. *They suspect there are traitors in the Baronies*. Together they continue their journey with a new destination – Zalit, *the Baronies' seat of power*. There is an attempted coup by the Crystal Loyalists, which is thwarted by Atlan and his comrades-in-arms. The Thantur Baron is injured again. The mastermind Jarak da Nardonn, retired Admiral, apparently commits suicide. Atlan - formally classified as an impostor to preserve his *identity* - receives the

official order to fly on to the Arkon system, although the system itself is inaccessible due to the Lead Sphere, *a force field around the entire solar system, which mysteriously appeared some time after the dys-chronic shear and the withdraw of the Atopian Tribunal (in the Jena Lands cycle), about 500 years ago.*

The 20 billion mile diameter (*10 times the size of our Kuiper belt!*), 80 million mile thick (*almost from the sun to the Earth*) force field is examined, but eludes hyperphysical measurements and provides contradictory data. Atlan and a team board the spaceship EP-856 and visit *a Halutian* hyperphysics specialist on his research *ship*. He questions him about the Signats, *a group of fanatics that for more than 500 years have believed the Sphere must be preserved.* The TREU&GLAUBEN then returns to Zalit. TARA-Psi tell Atlan that the Paramags (*who saved TARA-Psi's human consciousness in PEW metal when he died*) have been isolated for centuries, and the Cairans call the Antis the "next race". Bell and Atlan plan an expedition to the Ptish system, home of the Paramags.

Due to the increasing political tensions there, Atlan returns to M-13 as an invasion of *both* the Ladhons *and* the Naats *is brewing*, and the Cairans are also interested in the Lead Sphere. The Naat *pirates* have a new type of weapon system, the Puncture Transform Cannon(?), which was probably provided by an unknown third party, as well as information about Arkonide strategy. Behind the *Naat's* actions is a new coup attempt by the Crystal Loyalists under *retired Admiral* Jarak da Nardonn, who had only faked his death. As it becomes clear on Zalit that *Sovereign Baron* Larsav da Ariga is largely incapacitated, Atlan has himself appointed as the new Mascant when a concerted attack by the Naats and Ladhons begins. With his new flagship, which he has christened TARTS, Atlan achieves his first quick victory against the Ladhons. In a speech, Da Nardonn calls for the reinstitution of the Crystal Empire and promises the return of the Arkon system. This is because the Cairans can supposedly remove the Lead Sphere with the help of the Star Wheel and *restore* Arkon. The commander of the Ladhon fleet demands Atlan's extradition after Nardonn blames him for the impending civil war. *At this point*, Atlan is given a hermetic message (*sealed in his subconscious, to be released at a pre-determined time*) by the 321-year-old Arkonide Chariklis Kavali, possibly from IT : according to this, **the primary goal of the Cairans in the Milky Way is to instrumentalize him to access the Atopian Conductor in the Arkonian system, but this would mean his death.**

This information is independently confirmed by Pucky, who travels to the Star Eastern Consulate aboard the THORA provided by Resident Reginald Bell on a secret diplomatic mission to officially offer the Cairans the support of the LFG in *a* project and thus gather background information. The consul responsible, Taorto Gaazkin, is the only one who has agreed to receive him for exploratory talks. The meeting takes place on the ice planet Poltumno, where Cairans, Tefroders, and native Uphas seem to coexist peacefully. Pucky befriends Gaazkin's para-gifted daughter Neseese, who is a telepath and has been set on the mouse beaver. It turns out that the planet promotes the creation of mutants and is therefore being used specifically by the Cairans. When Neseese wants to kill herself because she feels used by her father, Pucky saves her life using his cell activator. He learns from her and Gaazkin, who subsequently resigns from his post, that the Cairans **require the Supramentum, an artificial entity that is the key to the Lead Sphere and that must be activated by Atlan's Knight aura**, for their project. The price for the Cairan Peace League's cooperation with the LFG would therefore be the extradition of the Arkonide. As this demand is unacceptable, Pucky leaves.

While civil war has broken out in M-13 *because Atlan did not surrender himself to the Cairans*, Atlan is informed by Pucky that Zemina Paath wants to come to M-13 with a USO ship. He also learns of the planned deployment of NDE agents, *because the NDE* fears an attack by so-called Transmitter Haters (*pirates that attack staging yards*) on the ceremonial reopening of a staging yard (*sending and receiving stations of an Akon transmitter network spanning 50,000 light years*). *At the ceremony, the pirates take control of the station, but*

are defeated by the Cairans, who tow the station away for “investigation”. This entire action was merely a ploy to have an excuse to take the station.

While the Eternal Empire (*Arkonides living in the Brass World virtual reality*) refuses to support Mascant Atlan in the conflict despite a request for assistance, he is able to discredit his adversary Jarak da Nardonn among his allies with a clever move. Meanwhile, the Ladhons, who have been conspicuously *quiet* in the meantime, transport *the* staging yard previously *towed away* by the Cairans to the Lead Sphere. In total, *the Cairans* position six yards around it. Through the Posbi Ganud, who offers him the support of the Union of Positronic-Biological Civilizations, he learns of an earlier expedition by the current High Tamaron Vetris-Molaud, during which he discovered that Andromeda's League of Nations had quarantined the Milky Way 400 years ago after Tefroders living there measured disturbing changes in the galaxy's Identification Field (*the overall hyperdimensional energy field generated by all its stars*) shortly before *the* Raptus Terrae. All solar transmitters have therefore been switched off since 1637 NGE and Andromeda has been sealed off by a linear space barrier erected by Onryons. Furthermore, Master of the Island Soynte Abil (Factor VII), a rebel, may still be alive.

The fighting in M-13 has largely come to a standstill since many followers of Jarak da Nardonn have defected to the Crystal Baronies when the seemingly empty BLAISE PASCAL, a Terran research *ship* that had been lost for 250 years, materializes in the vicinity of the Lead Sphere in *mid* 2046 NGE. With the help of Pucky and TARA-Psi, Atlan is able to explore the spherical starship before the Cairans seize it and learns its history. The starship was transported to an alien universe, where the crew settled and encountered the metauniversal Totum(?). The Totum reported a potentially dangerous “wedge” *across multiple universes*. This probably corresponds to the Atopian Conductor in the Lead Sphere. The Totum enabled the hypertronic *computer* of the BLAISE PASCAL *to return to its original universe and to* penetrate the Lead Sphere.

After Atlan is informed by Monkey - with an accompanying warning - about the abduction of his granddaughter Jasmyne da Ariga by the Tomopaths (*humanoids with polymorphic arms*) Ly and Genner, he is lured to *the planet* Sisden. He is aware that this is probably a trap. Beforehand, Monkey sends him the Macairun crystal, which is vital for Jasmyne's *survival*. Reginald Bell *gives* him the THORA for the rescue operation. In the attempt to free *Jasmyne*, Pucky also falls into the hands of the kidnappers. He was the actual target, although it is unclear whether the Tomopaths are acting on behalf of the Cairans or on their own account. When Atlan and his team find their whereabouts, the Tomopaths offer him a deal : in exchange for two cell activators and *their own planet* as a refuge, they will release the hostages and reveal a Cairan secret : **they are planning to escape from the Milky Way to a place where they cannot be tracked down, and allegedly want to destroy all life in the Milky Way to cover their tracks.** But Pucky is no longer in their hands and Jasmyne has fled. Atlan is able to free his granddaughter from a Cairan shipyard and *save her life* with the Macairun crystal. *In the shipyard*, there are blueprints of all the starship types in the Milky Way *and* a replica of the RAS TSCHUBAI is nearing completion. Pucky, meanwhile, has been transported to a No-Way-Out.

After Atlan has destroyed the secret Cairan shipyard on Xirasho, he goes to the No-Way-Out where Pucky is held captive. During the rescue operation, he again encounters Ly and Genner, who claim that he has no idea what is actually going on. In the end, the mousebeaver is dismembered by the Tomopaths before his eyes, *whereupon* Atlan kills them in revenge. Pucky dies in Atlan's arms. When *Bell* learns of *Pucky's* murder, he is devastated. While the hyperphysicist Lionel Obioma has doubts about Pucky's death and its circumstances without finding any clues, Pucky's body is buried in *his home planet* Tramp's sun.

Pucky falls into the hands of the Tomopaths. He is handed over to the Cairans and held captive. He manages to escape via pain teleportation to the Zero Zone. There he meets *the cyborg* Post-Yllits (*mousebeavers from the galaxy NGC 3185*), and *learns from them* that there are significant connections between his people and the

existence of life itself. *He* is able to return and finds himself on the original THORA, which the Cairans have conquered and occupied. Pucky destroys the bioplicator (*another superintelligence technology that the Cairans misappropriated*) which a Shenpadri used to duplicate the THORA's crew, including Atlan, which had since been transferred to a duplicate THORA. *Pucky's duplicate didn't have any psionic abilities, so it had to be killed.* After heavy fighting, the duplicate Galactics are victorious, but Reginald Bell urgently needs to be informed that there is a second THORA. The surviving Cairans flee from the THORA.

Meanwhile, the Naat spaceship *BAILNOOD* appears at the Lead Sphere, equipped with the positronics of the BLAISE PASCAL with the help of the Cairans. The crew consists of Naats and Antis as well as a Shenpadri, who is in charge of the central computer. TARA-Psi smuggles Dancer and Schlafner on board in disguise as the spaceship *enters the Lead Sphere*. Inside, there seem to be no more planets, and time passes ten times faster than in the standard universe. There they meet Tormanac, who explains to them that the Brass Empire was able to transfer data into the Lead Sphere and, just like the Cairans, is now seeking to escape to a mirrored universe that is “behind” the Lead Sphere, *so* they are both potential allies and competitors. When the Lead Sphere repels the *BAILNOOD*, *destroying it*, Dancer and Schlafner are able to escape from the ship just in time thanks to TARA-Psi. They are rescued by a Naat spaceship, which temporarily disappears shortly before *they are taken on board*. Afterwards, its crew members are each trapped in a gold-colored shell and seem increasingly removed from reality. This seems to result from disturbing changes in the environment of the Lead Sphere, as a result of experiments carried out by the Naats, Ladons, and Shenpadri. This “de-realization effect” seems to *be expanding*.

After Atlan returns to *the Lead Sphere* with the THORA, the Cairan Star Wheel, consisting of a solar system and a white hole, appears with large fleet formations *causing a tremendous hyper-energy shockwave*. A Cairan Consul appears, and demands the unconditional surrender of the Naats, Ladons, and Arkonides. The Arkonides are forced to *capitulate*.

A Galactic task force is able to penetrate the Star Wheel. On its main world Ecaitan, various Milky Way peoples are living without their knowledge as part of a research project, as they are supposed to keep the peace after the Cairans leave. *Their ancestors were collected around 1600 NGE*. The Galactics rescue the son of Dupa Emuladsu, a cosmopsychologist and agent of the Panarchiv. The child explains that the superintelligence HATH'HATHANG, believed to be dead, *is within* Emlophe, the white hole at the center of the Star Wheel. *The entire Star Wheel was created by the superintelligence to travel across intergalactic distances, and stolen by the Cairans during one of their missions. They used it to escape from the candidate PHAATOM in Vecuia. Now they are planning to move the entire structure into the Lead Sphere using hyperthrust technology (a transmat system) and encephalotronics(?) [literally, “brain machine” = the Supramentum??].* The Galactics want to sabotage this venture.

In M-13, the starship fleets are slowly regrouping after the 5-D shock caused by the Star Wheel. Atlan wants to take advantage of this to launch a major attack on the Star Wheel. At the same time, Reginald Bell promises help *for the task force inside the Star Wheel* via hyperradio and sends three Haluters, *one of whom can pass thru matter and energy shields*. Then a new Haluter fleet appears off the Lead Sphere. An Arkonide attack on the Star Wheel *not only does no damage at all, but* provokes a devastating counterattack. *The Haulters offer the Naats an alliance, so they no longer have a reason to fight with the Arkonides*. The three Haluters succeed in penetrating the Star Wheel. Bell receives the message *an energy burst has been detected that suggests* that Sol has exploded.

Inside the Star Wheel, the Haluters Bouner Haad, Kro Ganren and Madru Bem unite with Dancer, Schlafner, Chione McCathey, Lionel Obioma and TARA-Psi. Pursued by *a Cairan* huntress, they travel together to the

planet Ghibona. There, *native* Olubfans help them unravel the mystery of encephalotronics – they provide the Cairans with information about special organoids that they carry in their bodies, *which* are bio-adapters that augment the encephalotronic network of neural tissue. *They discover* a room in which robots, Posbis and two Haluters are connected to each other in a huge network. They free the Bensher (*race*) Tenshuun and escape the huntress. According to Tenshuun, his kind are the last loyal servants of the superintelligence HATH'HATHANG, which created not just this one Star Wheel, but many.

After Tenshuun is freed by Bouner Haad, Tenshuun reports on the Star Wheel. HATH'HATHANG had pacified their Sphere of Influence by *using* the overpowering Star Wheels *as peacekeepers*. Tenshuun had learned that she would build one last Star Wheel, which was to be called Emlophe (*"goodbye" in its language*), because HATH'HATHANG would soon give up this form of existence, but will not evolve into a Matter Source. *Tenshuun* became one of the pilots and was given the life-prolonging Bendo, which also made it possible to move the Star Wheel anywhere via hyperthrust in proto-time – a journey thru space and time that lasts 4.5 hours. Tenshuun explains that the Cairans found replacements for the star pilots after the conquest of *the Star Wheel*. These replacements are used up after a certain time. Then the Cairans have to look for the next people who can take over this task. **The Haluter realizes what role the Antis, who are always referred to as the "next race", are intended to play in the Cairans' plans.** *Haad asks Tenshuun if he would be able to pilot the Star Wheel by himself – the answer is "maybe".*

Outside the Star Wheel, Reginald Bell receives measurement results from the Sol system. It appears that another exchange has taken place between Terra and Luna. Atlan makes an offer to the Ladhons *to become mercenaries for the Arkons, to keep the Ladhons in check and drive a wedge between the Ladhons and Cairans*. The Cairans react violently.

Meanwhile, the group in the Star Wheel approaches the hyperthrust dome under the guidance of *Tenshuun*. There they discover *the Cairan Aipu, who can mentally influence machines and see into the future*, and the Cairans' plan to carry out *a Crystal Barony's home planet Tschirmayn's transfer to the void as a punitive action*. Parts of the Cairan population protest. *Tenshuun prevents the planet from being thrown too far away, so that help can arrive in time*. Atlan questions Bell via hyperradio, which Bell finds strange.

The group around the Haluters encounters a robot that Dupa Emuladsu has sent to search for *her son Aipu*. The Galactics know where he is. Schlafner receives a device known as a psailer which acts as a *door key and authorization pass*, and enters the dome wearing a mask. Emuladsu distracts the huntress and, despite a trap *set by her*, Schlafner manages to rescue Aipu, who is wearing an organoid. Aipu explains that he is "the last event before the horizon" and the "tilt of the HATH'HATHANG".

The Galactic group reaches safety on an island. There, Aipu tells them the story of a superintelligence :

A spaceship crashed onto the planet Noinou and crashed into the Hath volcano. It sought out those who could hear it in silence, for it wanted to return to the stars. The Nou (race) Hathang heard it and had strange ideas – taking her people from the wheel to airships in 100 years. After her death, her descendant and two others were each given an organoid, and a liquid which when poured into the ocean became Bendo. Eventually, millions of organoid carriers formed the Hath'Hathang collective and established a star empire of hundreds of races. The Cosmocrat MU SARGAI and a being called IT were present when this collective dissolved in the Bendo and was spiritualized into the superintelligence HATH'HATHANG.

This leads to the realization that picogents - programmed atomic and subatomic particles emitted by HATH'HATHANG *that make up Bendo* - are possibly omnipresent. If they find a suitable host like Aipu, the

latter becomes part of the collective. Schlafner probes the child's mind and realizes that the remnants of HATH'HATHANG existing in Aipu are gradually dissolving.

Outside the Star Wheel, the THORA is *nearby*. Atlan must remain inactive, because the Cairans want him. The punitive action *taken on the planet* Tschirmayn has shown how ruthless they are. A failed sabotage gives Atlan a bad suspicion and he realizes that he, the whole THORA and all crew members are copies and carry organoids. They are to become the Supramentum and thus make the Trajectory possible. A para-collector *Conglomerate* consisting of IPEV psicolon (a hypercrystal which amplifies psionics) was installed in the THORA copy, with which mental impulses and auras can be amplified by a factor of 9.7. The *Conglomerate* contains the brains of various races, including Thesan brain segments. *In the past, it predicted that Terra would endanger the Trajectory. The Cairans did not want to destroy the planet, so they removed it from the standard universe and concocted the "myth" so no one would question its disappearance.* Pucky contacts *Atlan* and demands that the THORA copy be handed over. But Opt-Atlan develops his own plans.

Perry Rhodan flies with the RAS TSCHUBAI to the Lead Sphere. Zemina explains that she had seen in a vision that something would penetrate the Lead Sphere, *but* the projections of two spiral galaxies would be created. The RAS TSCHUBAI will reach the interior of the Star Wheel, *but that* Rhodan may die. Rhodan wants to know how his ship can get into the Star Wheel. Zemina thinks that a closed lock will allow itself to be passed by means of *an* hyperenergetic *pulse*. This information is sufficient for Sichu Dorksteiger to develop a corresponding procedure. The "temporal residual energy" still adhering to RAS TSCHUBAI *from its recent time travelling* is used.

Once inside the Star Wheel, the Cairaners demand the handover of the ship, *which hides* in the corona of the sun. At the same time, the task force and Emuladsu have captured the huntress. After *she* decides to flee, Emuladsu switches fronts again to save her son Aipu. She now wants to help the huntress capture the Terrans and Haluters. *But the huntress's main target is Aipu, who is to be a pilot for the Star Wheel. The Galactics and Aipu are captured*, but only the intervention of Pucky and Mulholland can rescue everyone and take them back to the RAS TSCHUBAI. Although the ship is discovered, it is safe for the time being because the Cairans cannot attack, otherwise they would endanger Aipu. Nevertheless, Rhodan is standing in a lost position against 250,000 Cairn spaceships.

There is a confrontation between Consul Sturu and Perry Rhodan. While intensive negotiations take place, Rhodan sends out a raiding party to obtain crucial information. Despite the deceptive maneuvers of the Cairan intelligence chief, the information is stolen. Zemina Paath learns about her past – *she had been a Vertex Scout, Lashes that had been enhanced by implanted microogranelles that worked for the Cairans on the Trajectory project. She also finds* where her missing brain parts are – they were implanted in *Atlan's granddaughter* Jasmyne da Ariga.

At some point Sturu realizes to his amazement that honest negotiations could be the most advantageous for him. Rhodan demands that *the planet* Tschirmayn be transferred back, that the Cairans renounce Aipu, and that the coordinates of all the No-Way-Outs be made known so that they can be cleared. The Consul is especially happy to approve the latter, because Opt-Atlan is in the process of plundering the vital energy stores of the No-Way-Outs, and who better to put a stop to it than his oldest friend? Rhodan learns that the original Atlan is being held aboard the THORA copy. The Terrans are to take control of the ship, *which is the Supramentum and* essential to the Trajectory, and hand it over to the Cairans.

Pucky discovers a poorly defended lock redundancy station that Rhodan sends some ships to and has the locks to the Star Wheel opened. Thousands of Galactic ships enter. The Cairans are far outnumbered, but the Arkonide fleet Admiral threatens to destroy the encephalotronics and the hyperthrust dome, creating a stalemate.

Two members of the Cairan Triumvirate meet at the site of the delegations' negotiations. The Shenpadri Shanjar overhears them and realizes that he needs Perry Rhodan. The negotiations between the two groups of three begin, but *the Cairans reject Pucky's presence*. A Shenpadri tells Rhodan why the Vecuia races are acting this way - and about the "masterpiece". He asks the Galactics for information *about it* and tells them the coordinates of an important object, which is called the "structure". Sturu is true to his word and gives Rhodan the coordinates of the No-Way-Outs. The transfer of Tschirmayn back to its original location is initiated. In gratitude, Rhodan presents the Cairan with a data carrier containing comprehensive information about the Second Branch of the Duoverseum. When asked about the masterpiece, Sturu explains that this refers to the complete destruction of all VECU auxiliary races. The candidate Phaatom must complete this *task* in order to be able to develop further. Pucky and Zemina Paath penetrate the "structure" and *realize that the Shenpadri may be the dominant species in Vecuia, and that they, not the Cairns, are responsible for the theft of various superintelligence technology*. Back at Ecaitan, Aipu Emuladsu reports that HATH'HATHANG *is dying* and the Star Wheel drifts towards the Lead Sphere, which is currently in a phase of de-realization, so that it could drag the Star Wheel to its doom.

Outside the Star Wheel, Opt-Atlan is on the move with the THORA copy. The bioplicates are constantly optimizing and upgrading it. They attack No-Way-Outs to siphon off the vital energy stored there, and take the vital suppressors to turn them into a Vital Energy Extractor. They then fly to the Anti system to take some of the Antis with them as Star Wheel pilots. Finally, the Opt-THORA, augmented by two Cairan spaceships, now called Golem, heads for the Lead Sphere, where Opt-Atlan takes on some psionic Signats, then uses the Extractor on an LFG ship, killing everyone on board. A confrontation with Perry Rhodan takes place. He asks Opt-Atlan to hand over the original Atlan. In return, Rhodan agrees to discuss the joint continuation of the Trajectory. Opt-Atlan has a counter-proposal. Rhodan should surrender himself in exchange for Atlan. Rhodan is not averse to this, but Pucky and Zemina Paath want to accompany him.

A hyperenergetically active crack in the Lead Sphere causes the Star Wheel to be pulled ever closer towards it. Meanwhile, Perry Rhodan, Pucky and Zemina Paath enter the Opt-THORA. At this time, Atlan experiences a kind of dream through the hostile *mental* influence of Jasmyne da Ariga, *who has sided with Opt-Atlan*. In it, he encounters the Cosmocrat MU SARGAI as a girl, mother and old woman. She fills in the gaps in his memory of the time beyond the Matter Sources. *He learns that MU SARGAI was the one who erased his memories of his stay beyond the Matter Sources, and that this was done at his own request because his consciousness had changed so much as a result of his experiences at that time that he would no longer have been able to function in the standard universe.*

MU SARGAI grants Atlan a brief look back. Atlan sees the coming and passing of countless universes, permeated by the Moral Code. Even this softened snapshot is overwhelming. To see the whole picture - as he did centuries ago - would mean losing his humanity. Atlan realizes this as well as the fact that the reservations he had at the time about being awarded the status of Knight of the Deep were based on a mistake. The memory erasure was not an injustice committed by the Cosmocrats, but pure self-protection. Atlan is finally able to fully accept his Knight aura. He also learns that *his Thez cell activator and the Knight Aura are in the process of merging into something new. As a result, Atlan will develop into a singular order factor* and such a factor will soon be urgently needed, the Cosmocrat claims.

MU SARGAI has no objections to the Trajectory; after all, the Cairans will take all the superintelligence legacies they have acquired to an unreachable location and thus ultimately fulfill their disposal mission. As a parting shot, the Cosmocrat informs Atlan that someone is trying to peel off his Knight aura. Atlan decides that it is time to take action against his twin.

Since Jasmyne da Ariga has had no success with her efforts, Opt-Atlan shaves his head to visually distinguish himself from *the original, who wakes up*.

Perry Rhodan, Pucky and Zemina Paath have entered the Opt-THORA and are trying to rescue Atlan. Opt-Atlan wants to get into the Lead Sphere and Jasmyne da Ariga supports him. Meanwhile, the group of bioplicates, Antis and psychically gifted Signats develop the abilities of a Lasha. Zemina Paath and Jasmyne da Ariga sense that there is a resonance between them. Together, the “Vertex sisters” would be a kind of super Lasha, *which they become*. A brief battle ensues between Opt-Atlan, Atlan and Perry Rhodan. *Then* Atlan's cell activator is temporarily used by Opt-Atlan. In this way, the Knight's aura is transferred to Opt-Atlan. Although it does not persist and *will* return to the original *Atlan*, *Opt-Atlan* succeeds in reflecting an image of the aura into the ship's hull. **This should make it possible to fly safely through the Zero Zone.** *Rhodan, Atlan, and Pucky teleport to the RAS TSCHUBAI.*

Then, Rhodan calls in the *Brass World* mental interpretation of Tormanac da Hozarius, *who* has already recognized that the time has come for the Eternal Empire to move to the other half of the Duoverse. His robot fleet follows the *Opt-THORA* and provides additional computing power. *Finally* a connection with HATH'HATHANG *is required*. Aipu Emuladsu, who carries the last remnants of the fading superintelligence, is willing to make himself available for this. The Paau takes the boy to *Zamina's spaceship* which precedes the *Arkonian* spacecraft to the Lead Sphere. As they say goodbye, Tormanac speaks of a shadow that lies over the Milky Way.

As the Golem and the Starwheel enter the Zero Zone to cross over into the Second Branch of the Duoverse, the Lead Sphere dissolves and the Arkon system reappears in its original form. The Cairan Era has finally come to an end.

Monkey and the USO

The New USO, whose main base is still Quinto Center in the Lagoon Nebula and has three additional planetary bases in the Tyrrhenian Star Cluster as well as the spherical starship NIKE QUINTO as a mobile base of operations, operated underground until *early 2046* NGE. It is made up of around 1.2 million specialists from various galactic races. The ruling Lord Admiral is still Monkey.

The USO makes its first open appearance *by making a faked attack against a Cairaner spaceship* and at the same time the *apparent* rescue by the NIKE QUINTO under the leadership of Monkey - disguised as a masked *person named* Margrave - is brought about. Allegedly, the USO is in opposition to the League of Free Galactics at this time and wants to offer its services to the Cairan Peace League. The Cairan commander is forced to accept the offer and allows himself to be towed to the Hovsur system, which has existed at this location for 491 years, *right around the start of the pre-Raptus phase*. *This is* the secret main base of the Cairans. The legendary Star Wheel, which may have played a role in the Raptus Terrae, is located *41 light days from* the system.

After landing on Hovcai, *the main world of the Halo Consul*, Monkey advances to the Cairan Panarchive *headquarters* in a covert operation. He is able to analyze the structure of the building, which can pick up very weak hypersignals and think for itself. There are also indications of a "next race" that the Cairans are looking

for in the Milky Way, and a conflict with the Thesans, by whom they apparently feel betrayed. In parallel negotiations with Halo Consul Aionguma Baldaraise, the latter agrees to an alliance with the USO if they solve a problem on Lepso as proof of their trustworthiness and efficiency.

The USO then fakes the death of Abreu Dool, the "Phantom of Lepso", and is able to present the Cairans with a fake corpse. The alliance between the New USO and the Cairan Peace League comes into being, so that other spaceships, for example trade convoys, can officially be offered escort for a fee.

Among other things, the USO uses the privileges it has gained to identify and evaluate the military positions and movements of all factions within the Milky Way. Monkey attends a conference on Rudyn to discuss the increasing political tensions in M-13 and the Cairans' interest in the Lead Sphere, and proposes an attack on Hovcai to distract *attention from* Atlan's reconnaissance mission by manipulating the Naat *pirates*. This is to divert any suspicion from the LFG and the USO.

Preparations are underway for the faked raid on Hovcai, with Monkey officially announcing that the USO will check on M-13. This allows him to offer Zemina Paath a spaceship for her journey to M-13 without arousing suspicion.

Before that, however, the Lord Admiral travels to Nuruvrao (M-15) on board the NIKE QUINTO, disguised as an escort with the RATBER TOSTAN. In the Poilus system there is a Cairan settlement. After meeting up with Zemina near the central black hole of the globular cluster, who thinks she remembers that the Cairans started the invasion of the Milky Way from here, the two go undercover in Taymen, where Tomopaths are also working on Cairan missions. They come across a *discharged* agent of the Panarchive who - apparently influenced by a demonic being - is putting the Milky Way at risk of being discovered by the Phersuns by freeing Orpard Surrutaio, the designated *Southern* Consul, who is being held in an underground prison. *Oprard also* believes himself to be possessed by a demon who *the Cairan know can see what he sees, and so could know he's in a different galaxy*. Monkey joins forces with Cairan agents *after the Tomopaths kill the discharged agent*. Surrutaio's escape ends on the USO RATBER TOSTAN, which flies away, pursued by Monkey and Paath in the NIKE QUINTO.

Commander of the RATBER TOSTAN Daan Gudati has been taken over by Saessbekker, who is a Phersun *psionic* suggestor *who had influenced the Panarchive agent and Consul Surrutaio*. His destination is the Silent Station, an abandoned Cairan facility near *M-15's central* black hole, in order to transmit the coordinates of the Milky Way to candidate PHAATOM's Advocates. After being radioed, the station reactivates. Monkey manages to get onto the RATBER TOSTAN, but is unable to prevent the Tomopaths from murdering Surrutaio. Gudati finally frees himself from the Phersun's influence and drives him away. It is suspected that Saessbekker has taken over one of the Tomopaths and escaped with it *to the Silent Station because Saessbekker's body is there*. The Silent Station is destroyed by the USO before the critical data is transmitted. Monkey pursues the fugitive Tomopaths and is able to arrest them. *He holds them because Saessbekker is likely in one of them*. On Cavtha in the Tyrrhenian Star Cluster, a USO base, he finally succeeds in *mid 2046* NGE in using a ruse to capture and destroy the disembodied Saessbekker before he can transmit his information *about the Milky Way* to the Phersuns. After he has handed the Tomopaths over to the Cairans, they offer him an extension of the USO licenses if he hands Atlan over to them as proof of his loyalty. Atlan's daughter Jasmyne da Ariga (*born in the Great Void cycle*), who was thought to be dead, is to serve as *bait*. He must take the Tomopaths with him.

On Arkhamtar, *the home world of an Arkonide state*, it turns out that Jasmyne is the child of Atlan's daughter and Emperor Bostich I and thus Atlan's granddaughter. She must also be hundreds of years old. Her personal physician, a Shenpadri, must regularly supply her with vital energy via a Macairun crystal. Ladhons and radical

Arkonide Republicans were instigated by the Cairans to kidnap her in order to lend credibility to Monkey's rescue operation. Monkey is able to get the Arkonide aboard the NIKE QUINTO, where she is kidnapped by the Tomopaths Ly and Genner. *Monkey examines the crystal and discovers it is the same type as those used in the Cairan's vital suppressors, so he knows the Cairans were extending her life.* He then informs and warns Atlan, who immediately decides to free her.

The League of Free Galactics

Based on the indications that the Antis could be seen as the "next race" by the Cairans, *agent* Kondayk-A1 brings Spinoza Godaby and TARA-Psi to *the Anti homeworld* Trakarat with the TREU&GLAUBEN in *early 2046 NGE* to investigate the *situation*. During their mission, they discover that the Antis are cooperating with the Cairans, who were apparently active in the Milky Way, especially the Sol system, much earlier than previously assumed, *in the pre-Raptus phase*. The Supramentum appears to play an important role in *the Cairans' plans*. The Supramentum is a thirty-foot-high humanoid construct made of a metal mesh with a gold-colored sheath of IPEV psicolon, into which organoids as well as mechanical and positronic elements are integrated. The agents witness the testing of a prototype in which destructive psi powers are released in an uncontrolled manner, resulting in the death of the *Cairan* central galactic Consul, among others. The TREU&GLAUBEN narrowly escapes a fleet of Cairan spaceships. Data captured by Godaby provides information about the assassination of *LFG Resident* Hekéner Sharoun. Reginald Bell informs his friends of the resulting findings : Sharoun was murdered by a Cairan who was operating covertly in the Sol system to prepare for the imminent arrival of the Vecuian convoy, *thus proving that the Cairans were active in the Milky Way some time before 1572 NGE*. In addition to destabilizing the LFG, the goal of the suicide attack was to prevent Sharoun from learning that a Bi-Local Sphere (*another item the Cairns had misappropriated*) had been discovered in the Eastside, which would serve as a gateway from *Vecuia* into the Milky Way.

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Chaotarchs (#3100 to #3199) ; 2071-2072 NGE (25 year gap from previous cycle)

Names in this cycle :

Anzu Gotjian – a technician from the Duoverse and is a mutant with various powers
Damar Feyerlant – a mutant who can manipulate positronic-biological computers
Shema Ghessow – a Terran mutant who can create hyperspace bubbles
Gry O'Shannon – a scientist who can break her body down into infinitesimal pieces (“dispersion”)
Bouner Haad – a Haluter mutant who can pass thru matter and energy screens
Lyu-Lemolat – a Tefroder secret service agent
Aurelia Bina – the Posmi deputy head of the TLD
Sichu Dorksteiger – the Terran Resident and Perry Rhodan's wife
Farye Sepheroa – Perry Rhodan's granddaughter
Mikeke Meideina – a Terran who has merged with a member of another race
Lousha Hatmoon / Soynte Abil – the first Factor VII of the Lemurian Masters of the Island (MotI)
Gaids – a race in Andromeda that used to be one of the Frequency Monarchy's helper races
Vetris-Molaud – the leader of the Milky Way Tefrodians; at some point in this cycle he abdicates

FENERIK – a Chaoporter (has access to Chaoverse)
ZOU SKOST – a Chaotarch who has “dissolved” into FENERIK
Ruuman – an emissary of ZOU SKOST
FENETAY RIK – a Chaotarch whose “shadow” is linked to FENERIK

Quintarch – the title of a Chaoporter leader; 5 are required to operate it
Audh – an essential helper race of FENERIK for creating Chaofactums within FENERIK
Laichangen – a helper race of FENERIK; they have Atom ships
Swekkter – a shapeshifting helper race of FENERIK
Gharsen – a snail-like helper race of FENERIK; they have “Ornamental” ships
Khosen – a Gharsen leader
Munuam – a helper race of FENERIK; they have Tricube ships
Jchzor – a Munuam hunter
Arynnen – a helper race of FENERIK; they have Shardships
Ash’sharal – a helper race of FENERIK
Hookadar, Apehei, Hori – deserters from FENERIK
Sälsinde – a Trox tasked with capturing Bell for FENERIK
Red Star – a ship that closes hyperenergetic “bumps” along FENERIK’s path
Chaofactum – powerful devices and weapons from a Chaoverse that can alter the [Moral Code]

MU SARGAI – a Cosmocrat
Spateese – a Chamberlain of MU SARGAI
Yodor – an arachnoid helper race of the Cosmocrats; they have Cobra ships
Yodor Sphere – a 500 light-year diameter construction site for a Cosmocratic Citadel(?)

LIGHTFORCE – a Cosmocrat ship
Commanders – Alaska Saelelaere, then Vetriss-Molaud, then Soynte Abil
STATOR-FE – a dinghy of the LIGHTFORCE
Vimuin Lichtschlag – the pilot and Commo’Dyr of the STATOR-FE
Krummer Gryllner – a crew member
MONITOR-C – a dinghy of the LIGHTFORCE; owned by Soynte Abil

The seven Castellans (helpers of IT who deal with threats to the Milky Way)
Alschoran – the leader; his ship is the THANA
Kokuloon – his ship is the SKABUKAD
Verind Nott – her ship is the YDUA
Baint – her ship is the SHAI
Vinoi-Ioniv Etter – her ship is the TROPORT
Gera Vorr – her ship is the SKABUKAD
Amamu Empu – his ship is the PROPA

The five original Quintarchs
Shashnar – died in the LIGHTFORCE crash
Farbaud – an active opponent to the Galactics; his ship is a “vessel”
Nal – died in the LIGHTFORCE crash
Schomek – killed by Alaska and Alraska; her ship is the PAALVAGUR
Addanc – wants to take over FENERIK; his ship is the LUCTU

The Rift (capitalized) is a sextadim half-space (= [Dakkar space]) exclave (“something surrounded by something else”), created and sustained by FENERIK. It consists of the Bathos and an outer area, the Limbo, which can only be crossed using a Chaos Driver that creates corridors through which spaceships can travel.

A rift (lowercase) is a local tear which connects the Rift to the standard universe to allow enemy ships to appear wherever they are needed, and can be created by FENERIK at will.

In the 25 years since the return of Terra from the Second Branch of the Duoverse and the end of the Cairan Era, the great Milky Way nations have worked together to rebuild their home galaxy. The League of Free Galactics, ruled by Resident Reginald Bell, now has many allies and its citizens are enjoying a period of peace and prosperity.

In *mid 2071* NGE, Bell is tormented by a voice that is only audible to him and never completely stops. He does not understand the language, but believes that he is being called to the stars.

In the Tannhäuser system, almost 3000 light years away from Terra, Anzu Gotjian perceives a crack in reality with her para-gift. This rift, which grows to a diameter of 2 miles, is described as a spatiotemporal anomaly by a scientist on Tannhäuser, *the planet closest to the rift*. Terra is informed.

Rhodan talks to LAO-2, the new *semitronic computer (operates completely within linear space)* of the Solar Residence that has been transferred back to Terra. LAO-2 draws a line from Sol to Tannhäuser's star. If this line is extended, it ends in the globular star cluster Cassiopeia, *part of Andromeda's local group*, 2.2 million light years away, which has never before been the focus of Galactic interest.

In the Tannhäuser system, the rift is being investigated. Inside, hypertechnology *does not work*. *A ship appears, with three passengers*. They used a special device, the Driver(?) to open the rift so that they could bridge the distance *from Andromeda* to the Milky Way in only three days.

One of the three *passengers* is called Hookadar and is a Laichangen, a roughly humanoid being with four arms and a sickle-shaped head. His companions Apehei and Hori come from a humanoid race with golden facial skin, feathered heads and folded skins on their backs. They are high-ranking crew members of the Chaoporter FENERIK. This *32 mile long* vehicle of the [Chaotarchs] has wrecked in Cassiopeia, causing some kind of interaction with the Sol system. Hookadar and his companions have deserted because they disagree with the Chaoporter's intentions. They *say they are* defectors and ask for asylum.

This information is passed on to Terra. Homer G. Adams *verifies the* deserters *claims*. They are so thoroughly mentally sealed that no telepath can read their thoughts, but they appear credible. At least the Galactics learn that FENERIK is commanded by five Quintarchs (*titles*). Rhodan, who is appointed the first Commissioner of the Lemurian Alliance (*a coalition of Terrans, Arkons, and Tefroders*) *leaves with* the RAS TSCHUBAI. Bell will be closely monitored in *the future*, at his own request. The Resident fears that his personality could change.

Rhodan reaches Cassiopeia and initial information is gathered. Cassiopeia is not subject to the blockade that the peoples of Andromeda have imposed on their home galaxy (*in the previous cycle*). There are only a few space-faring races in the star cluster, including the Bhanlamurians, who are clearly descended from Lemurians. *They have* no hypertechnology, *and have* only just entered the atomic age. Rhodan believes that the planet Bhanlamur could serve as a base of operations and lands on the uninhabited island of Frobher with *the cloaked BJO BREISKOLL*.

On Bhanlamur they discover a servant of FENERIK who has built a Preliminary Bastion on the planet. He is killed, and the Bastion explodes. It is now clear that Hookadar, Apehei and Hori were not lying : a Chaoporter is active in Cassiopeia.

The BJO BREISKOLL *is attacked by a creature from FENERIK who reveals* that FENERIK has been damaged in a collision *before it is forced to leave.*

Then the BJO BREISKOLL meets a ship named ROMEO CHO, whose commander, Harper LeCount, is wearing a uniform with the rank insignia of the Solar Fleet, *and* greets Rhodan by name. It is said that the Trojan (*Terran descendants*) Empire has been waiting for Rhodan for 3000 years. At first, LeCount does not reveal more than the information that the Empire has more than just the name in common with the secret satellite Troy, which was used to advance to Andro-Beta in 2402 AD (*in the Masters of the Island cycle*). A joint mission *with the BJO* is necessary because the Gharsen (*a helper race of FENERIK*) are cannibalizing the Trojan ship ROMEO and have kidnapped half of the crew, including LeCount's son.

Damar Feyerlant, *a member of Pucky's paracorps, is kidnapped by the Gharsens and taken to their ship. Rhodan and a team get in, and learn that* the Gharsen are arrogant and have no compassion for other races, but never kill intentionally. They enjoy the hunt, especially when it involves risk. *Another mutant, Shema Ghessow, learns that hundreds, possibly thousands of creatures from various races are being held captive in the Gharsen "Ornamental" (so called because of its exterior looks) ship. For the Gharsen, all these people are nothing more than exhibits, which they present in "galleries". Damar, a Tefroder Lyu-Lemolat, and Canton LeCount are freed from the gallery.*

The BJO and ROMEO follow the Gharsen spaceship to the Trojan Empire. On the way, Perry Rhodan is told the history of the Trojan Empire :

It begins with the flight of the secret satellite Troy, commanded by Major Fracer Whooley, to Andro-Beta in 2402 AD. Rhodan himself witnessed this part of the events.

Troy, a cube-shaped asteroid with an edge length of 24 miles, largely hollowed out and developed into a powerful, self-sufficient fortress, forms a bridgehead in the battle against the tyrant rulers of the galaxy Andromeda, known as the Masters of the Island. The space station, which can only fly at sublight speed, remains on site with its crew of just under 200 people for observation purposes even after the end of the MotI. Contact with the Solar Empire breaks off around the year 2407. Troy is left to its own devices. The non-humanoid Indarrean they encounter a few years later give them short-range *FTL* transition engines in exchange for various cultural assets.

Troy stays out of the fighting between Maahks and Tefroders, but in 2419 Major Whooley intervenes in favor of a Tefrodian transport ship with women and children on board, which is in danger of being destroyed by a Maahk superior force. All the Tefrodians transfer to Troy, increasing the population to 2000. With new, more powerful transition engines, again provided by the Indarrean, preparations are made for the jump to Cassiopeia, where there are neither Maahks nor Tefroders and therefore no conflicts to get involved in. On the way, a distress call is picked up from the planet Tampash. The Tefroder colonists living there are in a *losing battle* against the aggressive flora and fauna of the jungle world. 13,000 survivors relocate to the asteroid Troy, bringing their technology and planetary resources with them. Although the Terrans are far outnumbered, all the inhabitants of Troy see themselves as a unit - they are Trojans.

In the year 2593, Troy's odyssey comes to an end in the system of the yellow sun Fracer Whooley's star. The Fracer system includes an asteroid belt in the habitable zone. Gradually, numerous asteroids are converted into new living space for the steadily growing population or developed for the extraction of raw materials. *In* 2643, the Trojan Empire is proclaimed, as it has long been clear that hardly anyone will ever want to leave the Fracer system again. The Trojans live in self-imposed isolation and remain unaffected by the numerous crises in the Milky Way and Andromeda. They continue to develop technically and build up their own fleet. A setback occurs in 1331 NGE as a result of the hyperimpedance increase. During this time, previously

unknown hypercrystal deposits are discovered in the Fracer system. The hyper-energetically chargeable kyrogonium becomes the main component of Trojan high-tech. The current head of state is Luna Silvervagen. Admiral Havid Digamma commands the fleet of 250 powerful spaceships.

The BJO BREISKOLL reaches the Fracer system. Perry Rhodan talks to Luna Silvervagen and Admiral Digamma. They can't provide any information about the Chaoporter, but about ten years ago, strange gravitational waves were measured emanating from a point northeast of the center of Cassiopeia. This is referred to as a de-synchronization of reality, also known as a nano-irritation, because in some sectors of space there was a *positive or negative* time shift in the nanosecond range. Only a few weeks ago, the spaceship SELTO VANVEDER was sent to the starting point of the nano-irritation.

Soon after, Khosen's ship arrives. Khosen demands to speak to *Luna Silvervagen* personally. On Rhodan's recommendation, the Gharsen are initially not offered any resistance. As a gift, the *self-proclaimed* dictator releases the abducted Trojans. He *then* claims the Trojan Empire as his property.

Using a *mock* attack, the BJO BREISKOLL lures *Khosen's ship* away from the Trojan Empire and to a sun in whose corona the RAS TSCHUBAI is hidden. The Aagenfelt Flash is deployed and the starship, which is immobilized, is boarded. The Terrans free all the Trojans and some other beings trapped in galleries. Feyerlant steals some data from the *ship's* positronics. *Khosen's ship is destroyed before it reveals the Trojan Empire's existence to FENERIK.*

According to the data captured by Feyerlant, the stranded Chaoporter is in Readiness Phase One and is therefore *barely* operational. This is an opportunity that Rhodan cannot afford to miss. First, he and his granddaughter Farye Sepheroa persuade Lyu-Lemolat to finally tell the truth. She is an agent of the Tefrobian secret service and was supposed to gather information about the nano-irritation in Cassiopeia.

The BJO delivers the Trojans to their home and sets off for the source of the nano-irritation.

A 20-metre-long object appears in a park in the Martian capital of New Pounder City. Some young people, including Idris Ovid, *approach it*. They encounter a man who appears out of nowhere, wearing a blue and red suit with a knapsack and introducing himself as Alschoran. The drop-shaped object is his ship, the sextadim capsule THANA.

Idris offers himself as a guide to the friendly visitor, who reminds him of his father. Alschoran is particularly interested in the governmental structure of the LFG, the Immortals (whose names he does not recognize), and *Terran* history.

Homer G Adams goes to Mars. Together with TLD agent Fedor Grimm, he follows Alschoran and finally confronts him. Alschoran calls *his race* the Asen and claims that *IT* appointed him as the authorized Castellan for the Milky Way decades ago. He and six other Castellans are tasked with *protecting* the *Milky Way* galaxy (*but not all of IT's Sphere of Influence*).

With the help of a sextadim-based fictiv transmitter (the Sextaferer), which he carries with him in a satchel, Alschoran transports himself and Idris to another place. He leaves behind traces of DNA, the examination of which reveals a close relationship with the Ganjasen (*direct descendants of the Cappins*). In a library, Alschoran

searches for information about Allerorten and the imprinting of Reginald Bell's cell activator (*from the Atopic Tribunal cycle*).

The Posmi (*a Posbi whose bioplasma was replaced by semitronics*) Aurelia Bina, deputy head of the TLD, comes to Port Tanwalzen (a well-protected TLD base on one of Uranus' moons). She equips her endoskeleton with a new *organic skin*, transforming herself into a Laichangen and "frees" the Chaos servants. However, they believe that they are being kidnapped by one of the Chaoporter's henchmen and fight back. She claims to the Chaos servants that the "liberation operation" was a test that they passed.

Hypercrystal miners on a gas giant discover a superior-looking man with shimmering honey-colored eyes and a full gray beard. His name is Kokuloon and he is a Castellan from the Calurian race appointed by IT. He heals a miner with a physiotron set up in his sextadim capsule, which is calibrated to only Kokuloon for its life-prolonging function (thus it is called a "singular" physiotron, although it can heal anybody).

Kukuloon believes that an event must have occurred that endangers the entire Sphere of Influence of the superintelligence *IT*, otherwise he would not have been awakened. Above all, Kokuloon needs information, which he hopes to find on *a nearby planet*. Two Terran *miners* are to accompany him.

On the continent of Preland, which was devastated during the Beast War, Kokuloon visits the Blue Mausoleum memorial to gather information. While a probe does this, the Calurian tells his companions what he experienced over 50,000 years ago. *The two miners* learn that the Calurians are descended from the Lemurians and that Kokuloon is a consequence telepath. He can precisely extrapolate the consequences of the telepathically intercepted thought processes and thus predict future developments to a limited extent. At the end of his report, Gennad Torelli, the Resident of the system, appears with an EPSAL cruiser and numerous TARAS.

Kukuloon's backstory :

In 49,990 BC in the 91st year of the war between Beasts and Lemurians, the former rulers of *the Milky Way*, know that their Great Tamanium is doomed. They flee to the neighboring galaxy of *Andromeda* via solar transmitters, while the Beasts continue their relentless attacks. A Lemurian convoy of twelve escape ships is attacked and largely destroyed. New organic spaceships - the Dolans - are used for the first time *by the Bi-Conditioned, descendants of the Beasts*. The Lemurian Belyse is one of the few survivors. Belyse is rescued by the crew of the Calurian ship CASCODO.

During the rescue operation, Belyse and Kokuloon, who is part of the crew of the CASCODO, meet. It is love at first sight. Belyse moves in with Kokuloon on Caluria and is accepted into the CASCODO team at his instigation. During the next mission, the crew of the CASCODO fall into a trap set by the Beasts. A short time later, he receives a mental call for help from an alien creature, which turns out to be *a Dolan*. The Dolan is injured and helpless. It has been left to die by its master and asks for help. Kokuloon knows that the Dolan is in for terrible torture if *it* is transported to Caluria and examined there. He therefore makes it look as if he wants to hurl the Dolan into a sun with a dinghy from the CASCODO. In reality, he brings the creature into a solar orbit so that it can regenerate.

Eighteen years after the end of the war, Kokuloon learns that he was conceived in the hypercrystal-infused atmosphere of the gas giant Tarhuwant, 100 light years away from Caluria. As he has always felt drawn to this world, he flies there. *Near the planet*, a robotic *ship* decloaks. Kokuloon is taken on board. The ship explains that its builder ("the Wanderer") has been watching Kokuloon for a long time and that the rescue of a mortal enemy (the Dolan) has made a great impression on the Wanderer. He therefore offers Kokuloon participation in events of cosmic proportions. Thus the Calurian becomes *a Galactic Castellan*, whose task is to turn the galaxy or an even larger area into a fortress against a danger at some point in the future that is far

worse than the Beast War. The Calurian is given a sextadim capsule whose singular physiotron grants him relative immortality.

About 50,000 years later, the Haluter Troven Lanc enters the Dolan rescued by Kokuloon and gives him the name JASON (from the Atopic Tribunal cycle).

The Munuam are one of many auxiliary races of the Chaoporter FENERIK. *These* creatures with pale purple skin, two arms and large eyes on the sides of their heads move around by hanging from the ceiling with their nine "shoulder threads". Their spaceships, known as Tricubes - three nested cubes with a maximum edge length of one mile - are docked in the outer areas of the Chaoporter and serve as their habitats. The Munuam believe themselves to be invincible. Hunting is the linchpin of their existence, and they are deployed accordingly.

One of the Munuam's best and most famous hunters is the legendary Triad leader Jochzor. He is given the task of tracking down three "unauthorized departures" and bringing them back or killing them, *but* at least the cerebral tract of one deserter must be preserved. *His ship* DUTMUTEV brings Jochzor and his pack to the Milky Way *in mid* 2071 NGE using the Chaos Driver, a component of the Chaoporter technology available to all of FENERIK's auxiliary races. Jochzor is certain that the three fugitives have turned to a major galactic power for protection because they must realize that the pack will soon be *hunting them*. *Jochzor concludes that* information about the deserters is most likely to be obtained in the heart of Terran power, the Sol system.

The *few* statements the Chaos *deserters have made* indicate that a pack of Munuam will soon appear in the Sol system to bring back or eliminate the deserters. The TLD director wants to be one step ahead of his opponents and orders his deputy Aurelia Bina and agent Fedor Grimm to intercept the Munuam. The hunters receive *false* information that one of the deserters has been transferred from the Uranus moon Umbriel to the moon Ariel. After faking engine damage, they crash-land on Ariel *at the deserter's supposed location, then* infiltrate the domed city of Ariel Alpha.

Aurelia realizes that the Munuam have already become active on Ariel. She prepares a new body shell so that she can slip into the identity of Hookadar, the Laichangen who escaped from FENERIK. A secret archive in which humanity's knowledge is stored is to become a trap for the Munuam.

The Munuam enter the archive, and meet Hookadar/Aurelia, who offers her freedom in exchange for the location of the other two deserters. But the Munuam have already forced another TLD agent to reveal Aurelia's plans, and re-program the transmitter to take them to a Terran medoship. Hookadar is shot, but Aurelia only feigns death. The Munuam capture the medoship and crash a dinghy into the spot on Uranus' moon Umbriel where the coerced agent says the other two defectors are. The Munuam-controlled medoship leaves the Sol system, and the coerced agent learns he was fed false information, the two defectors are still alive.

On the medoship, through conversations with Bekim Ballard, the cruiser's commander, Jochzor makes the remark that FENERIK is imbued with the Chaotarch ZOU SKOST, or rather that ZOU SKOST is dissolved in FENERIK.

The DUTMUTEV appears. Aurelia is forced to send a distress call to the TLD and request reinforcements. Her cover is finally blown. Ballard activates the medoship's energy shield. Only he himself can deactivate it. Since the Munuam are thus unable to transfer to the DUTMUTEV, Jochzor agrees to Ballard's request and allows the rest of the crew to leave the cruiser in a corvette.

Twelve TLD cruisers arrive. The DUTMUTEV wraps itself, the medoship and the ejected corvette in a powerful energy shield. Jochzor sees through Aurelia's charade and informs the DUTMUTEV by radio that the deserters are still alive. Aurelia and Ballard ram the Tricube with the medoship and trigger the self-destruct. Jochzor claims that the DUTMUTEV is currently out of contact with FENERIK, so his message could not yet be passed on. Before the self-destruct countdown expires, he allows Aurelia and Ballard to escape because he has taken a liking to the humans and in particular to the commander of the medoship. He himself remains behind in the cruiser, *which blows up*.

In mid 2071 NGE, the BJO BREISKOLL *flies* into the space sector which, according to the Tefrobian secret agent Lyu-Lemolat, *is* the starting point of the nano-irritation. Perry Rhodan and the Tefroders have landed on Ghuurdad, an Earth-like planet inhabited by the Ghutawen *who* are weakly parahuman and offer dream journeys for wealthy customers. Conscious memories are suppressed so that Rhodan and Lyu-Lemolat, who have joined a group in the hope of finding clues to the nano-irritation, temporarily forget that they know each other and what their actual goal is.

The deadline for the *dream* trip passes, *and* Pucky is getting restless. He sends the mutants Shema Ghessow and Damar Feyerlant into action *along* with other companions. Dream travel is a private matter, so the team cannot simply walk into the dream arena, but must use other means to track down Rhodan and Lyu-Lemolat in the dream center in the city of Akkudpar, with *an* enormous hydrogen citadel built by the Maahks.

Meanwhile, Rhodan discovers that a Swekkter (*a FENERIK helper race*) disguised as a Gaid is in the dream group. It becomes clear that the shapeshifter fears a certain Krummer Gryllner, who seems to have something to do with the damage to the Chaoporter FENERIK, perhaps even being responsible for it. The Swekkter has joined the group because he is looking for the Tefroder Tryma Vessko, who is (possibly unknowingly) hiding Krummer Gryllner. Rhodan must find Tryma Vessko before he does.

Rhodan and his companions gather information about Vessko. Two years ago, the woman *was* working in space surveillance at the time *and* reported the appearance of a 400-foot-long unknown cylindrical spacecraft, *but* her observation could not be confirmed by tracking data. She seems to be in the hydrogen citadel, the Maahk's habitat in the center of Akkudpar.

The Munuam Masurosh, Troparod and Gizezze are *also involved*. The Triad's certificate, *given to them by the Swekkter*, states that they are to bring a certain object to the Chaoporter. The Munuam also become aware of the hydrogen citadel. Rhodan's team, which also includes Pucky, arrives there first. Vessko is quickly tracked down. Her information leaves no doubt that the ship she reported was a cobalt-blue Cosmocrat *spaceship*.

Then the Swekkter attacks. He kills Vessko and then himself to avoid being captured. Rhodan finally comes face to face with Krummer Gryllner, *who* is a member of the *Cosmocrat ship* LIGHTFORCE and Alaska Saedelaere is its commander (*last seen in the Stardust and Neuroverse cycles*).

Krummer Gryllner explains that **the LIGHTFORCE rammed FENERIK on the orders of a Higher Power in order to stop the Chaoporter**. As a result, both ships *were left* wrecked in the Rift. Before the accident, Saedelaere had arranged for Krummer Gryllner to be brought to safety in the *LIGHTFORCE's* dinghy STATOR-*FE*. This is the ship observed by Vessko. The pilot, a certain Vimuin Lichtschlag, may know the name of the

particular Higher Power. He has also hidden the dinghy because he knew that the Chaoporter's troops had picked up the STATOR-FE's trail.

Krummer Gryllner receives a contact pulse from *the pilot* Vimuin Lichtschlag. He has registered the mutants' activities and suggests a meeting.

This leaves Masurosh's Triad stranded on Ghuurdad. The Munuam have no intention of leaving their certificate unfulfilled, but need outside help – they hire bounty hunters from the *local* kidnappers' guild.

Perry Rhodan's group is also unable to leave Ghuurdad for the time being. Twenty Gharsen *Ornamental* spacecraft appear *in the Ghuurd system*. Rhodan gives the BJO BREISKOLL the order to leave the system. The location of the meeting *with* Vimuin Lichtschlag is in the city of Votappar, 300 miles from Akkudpar. Rhodan has himself and Lyu-Lemolat teleported there by Pucky.

The Commo'Dyr (“*commander*”) Vimuin Lichtschlag explains that Saedelaere and Eroin Blitzler (*last seen in the Stardust and Neuroverse cycles*) were fine before the collision with FENERIK. The Cosmocrat *ship*, whose hull carries a kind of consciousness, is now probably trapped beyond repair. The *dingy* STATOR-FE is not ready for action, it first *has* to recover from the strenuous escape. **The Chaoporter had to be stopped because FENERIK was about to make a discovery that would have had fatal consequences for the orphaned Sphere of Influence of the superintelligence IT and especially for the Milky Way.**

Pucky's teleport jump was located by the kidnappers' guild. Rhodan and his companions are tracked down and captured, *but* Lichtschlag escapes. One of the kidnappers, *named Kemur*, identifies Rhodan and Pucky, but keeps this knowledge to himself, and helps the captives to escape. In truth, he is on Rhodan's side and makes common cause with Lichtschlag. Naturally, he is also hoping for a fair payment.

The STATOR-FE must not fall into the hands of the Chaotarch servants. Moreover, the place where both the Chaoporter and the LIGHTFORCE are stuck can only be reached with this ship. So the next destination has been decided, but it will be difficult to leave Ghuurdad, as the *Munuam Tricube* is now back on site and a *Garsen* spaceship has landed. Dictator Bharsud has imposed the Gharsian Decree on the Ghuurd system.

With the help of a local native, the group finds the dormant STATOR-FE. Lichtschlag explains that the *rejuvenation* can take years. It can only be faster if the metamorphosis is triggered by an impulse from within. Ghessow uses her para-gift to bring Rhodan and Lichtschlag inside the ship. The STATOR-FE recognizes Rhodan as a recipient of a cell activator. It accepts Lichtschlag's orders and initiates the *rejuvination*. Kemur takes the ship in tow with *his* KE-WOHFEIL.

The Munuam appear on the scene and attack. Pucky teleports in with the rest of the team. The Tricube approaches and sets its sights on the KE-WOHFEIL. Feyerlant, the connector mutant, takes control of the Munuam's *flying chairs* and *blocks the Tricube's* path with them.

Rhodan and Pucky *leave for the Molatvo system in Kemer's ship KE-WOHFEIL. They are there to return* Lyu-Lemolat's (*who was killed by the Triad*) amulet to her companion Lousha Hatmoon. Hatmoon is the deputy commander of the Tefrodian Agency for Stability (*ASK, the secret service*) Perry Rhodan hopes to benefit from cooperation with the *ASK, and offers Hatmoon to join them, which she accepts.*

Shortly after Rhodan and Pucky leave the RAS TSCHUBAI, all the mutants on board feel an alien influence. Anzu Gotjian and the Haluter Bouner Haad are transported to another location by unknown means. *They meet Tondar, who fished them out from the middle of a transmat initiated by a FENERIK agent named Etrex Baibur, who uses a sextadim Pincer to capture parahumans as soon as they use their abilities. Tondar used his Extractor to intercept the process. He reveals that FENERIK needs mutants to turn them into Sextadim Gunners, and that FENERIK must regenerate after the accident. The goal is Readiness Phase Five. The Chaoporter is currently in Readiness Phase Two.*

Baibur is a Chaofactum. Such creatures or objects are one of the reasons for the existence of the Chaoporter. It deposits complex objects in [Chaoverses], which are affected by their stay in them; they undergo a Chaomorphosis. The Chaoporter then collects them and experiments with them. Nothing outside the Chaoporter can survive contact with a Chaofactum without being fundamentally altered, or often just completely destroyed.

Gotjian develops a plan – she deliberately allows herself to be *captured* by the Pincers and persuades Baibur that there are far more powerful parahumans in the place she came from and that she is prepared to *give them up* if Baibur *sends* her back. Meanwhile, Haad and Tondar *adjust* the Extractor so that it can be used to thread someone into the *transmat* beam. This allows him to *transfer* Gotjian and Haad to the RAS TSCHUBAI via *the* transposit beam. Baibur unwittingly helps him by trying to catch Tondar with the Pincers, *but* Tondar uses the additional energy *to destroy* the Pincers.

The RAS TSCHUBAI immediately takes flight as soon as Gotjian and Haad are on board. They polarize the ship's hull, which has been modified as a result of contact with [Proto-Eiris] (*from the Genesis cycle*), so that it makes mutants virtually invisible. Outside the ship, they would be unprotected so that they could no longer take part in commando missions.

On Terra, Bell contacts the historian Madee Azhan about working with the Castellan Alschoran, giving him the history lesson he wants and at the same time checking the veracity of his own story.

After Alschoran's appearance, the Sol system was sealed off by *the* TERRANOVA screen, as no one yet knows what goals the alleged representative of *IT* is really pursuing. Alschoran has sent a call to the other Castellans. *In mid 2071* NGE, the two-headed Vanoi-Ioniv Etter appears outside the shield with her sextadim capsule TROPORT. She is greeted by Kokuloon, whose TRYM had already arrived there a few days earlier. The two Castellans wonder what the seal-off is all about. *Despite the fact that* Reginald Bell is wearing a Chaotarchic cell activator, Etter trusts that the Terrans will remain loyal to *IT* and *de-cloaks* the TROPORT. Reginald Bell promptly contacts him, but refuses to allow Etter to make contact with Alschoran.

A journalist announces to the entire Sol system the presence of the Castellans. This puts even more pressure on Bell, who allows Azhan to enter into mediations with Etter as a representative of the LFG, as requested by Alschoran. *The Castellans use deceit, trickery, and mind-control to gain access to the Sol system.* The Terrans *learn of their* para-capabilities.

Bell and Alschoran (whose quarters are wrapped in a paratron screen for safety's sake) speak plainly *to each other*. The Castellan claims that Bell *must* prove that he is not a tool of Chaos. *He* counters that so far Alschoran has been the one who has used others as tools. Alschoran admits this. Finally Alschoran claims *Bell* represents a danger in the defensive battle against the Chaoporter FENERIK. Bell himself knows only too well, *as he is still*

hearing mental whisperings. He is to resign as Resident and hand over the reins of government to trustworthy people within 30 days. If he refuses to do so, the Castellans will depose him.

Gera Vorr from the humanoid race of the Kyriken, is rescued from space by a robotic ship of the superintelligence *IT* after the destruction of her spaceship. Vorr is the strongest ideal reflector of her people (she can change her appearance according to the wishes of *whoever she's with*), so she is recruited as the seventh Castellan.

Some time later, Vorr's sextadim capsule SKABUKAD crashes during the Swarm crisis (in the Swarm cycle) on the moon Gatschem. The Shemramir people living on its planet are affected by the Swarm's mental impairment. It takes 500 years for them to reach the moon. SKA, the on-board computer of the SKABUKAD, asks for help. The badly damaged sextadim capsule cannot simultaneously repair itself and protect the Castellan, who is resting in the singular physiotron. The Schemramir take on the latter task. To this end, the physiotron is housed in a steel tomb on Shemramir. The sextadim capsule remains on Gatschem.

2200 years after the accident, Vorr wakes up. Vorr learns from SKA that she has to go to the Sol system. As they say goodbye, Vorr shows *the Shemramir* her true colors and gives *them* a wristband device with precise instructions and technical data. With its help, the Schemramen should be able to overcome the stagnation of their people.

SKA has important information for Vorr. A pulse was detected 17 years ago, indicating that a Yodor constructor ship had appeared in the Eastside of the Milky Way. The Yodors are an auxiliary race of the Cosmocrats who always become active when something is to be built for the forces of Order.

Castellan Gera Vorr *reaches the Sol system and crosses the TERRANOVA screen with her sextadim capsule, thanks to Alschoran's mind-jumping into the staff of the TERRANOVA screen's control center.* Alschoran shares the information Vorr has gained about the Yodors with the Terrans. At a meeting with Alschoran, Baint and Etter, Bell, Homer G. Adams and Sichu Dorksteiger learn that **FENERIK most likely had to be stopped to prevent the Chaoporter from discovering the space sector in the Milky Way known as the Yodor Sphere, a 500 light year diameter section of space where the Yodors are obviously building something very important for the Cosmocrats.** Once FENERIK has regenerated, it will set its sights on the Milky Way, and if the galaxy has not been armed with the help of the Castellans by then, the consequences would be unthinkable.

Alschoran addresses the public in a Trivid interview. He reports on the recruitment of the Castellans by the superintelligence *IT*. Alschoran wants the LFG to declare a state of emergency. The Castellans are to be appointed as League Commissioners and given far-reaching powers. Alschoran is very *persuasive*.

Alschoran, Baint, and Etter visit the three FENERIK defectors on Neptune's moon. With the help of her technical equipment, Baint succeeds after a few hours in doing something that would have taken the Terrans months : with Hookadar's consent, she dampens his Mnemonic Deleter (a device that inhibits all auxiliary races from revealing any information about the Chaos powers). Now Hookadar can report that **the creation of Chaofactums is one of the Chaoporter's primary tasks and that FENERIK has entered into resonance with something in the Sol system.** According to Alschoran, this resonance factor can only be Reginald Bell's Chaotarchic cell activator. The fact that Bell hears a "star call" presumably coming from the Chaoporter, as

Dorksteiger admits, *further*s Alschoran's *conviction*. *Someone suggests* that Baint could perhaps manipulate the imprint of the cell activator, but even the powerful Castellán is unable to do so.

It is foreseeable that public opinion will soon tilt *against* Bell, especially when Dorksteiger turns against him. However, this is part of a plan devised by herself, Bell and other insiders. If anyone can stand up to the Castellans, it's someone of Dorksteiger's stature. As the new Resident, she would be part of the Castellans' inner circle and could provide Bell with insider information without their knowledge. So, as demanded by the Castellans, Bell announces *his* resignation. Dorksteiger takes over the office *of the Resident*.

Dorksteiger's first official act is to appoint the Castellans as League Commissioners. Only Kokuloon is not given an official office. Together with Gera Vorr and three LFG super-battleships, he sets off to explore the Yodor Sphere. Reginald Bell leaves the Sol system with the THORA.

In Cassiopeia, Perry Rhodan, Vetrís-Molaud, Lousha Hatmoon and Anzu Gotjian visit the Tefrodian Virth (ruler) Maatvan-Vao to discuss how to proceed with FENERIK. You can only enter the Chaoporter if you are in possession of a Chaos Driver (*a small device*) or are following a pilot ship equipped with one. Vetrís-Molaud suggests stealing a Chaos Driver. Hatmoon draws on information from the Tefrodian secret service and finds out the locations of possible enemy starships. The RAS TSCHUBAI is accompanied by several Tefrodian battleships.

Eventually, after sneaking onto a Tricube ship and a space battle, the Galatics succeed in acquiring a Chaos Driver on the planet Darvab.

A hypertractor F(a tractor beam projector that can access and move objects across hyperspace) is delivered to Rhodan by a stranger, is examined and finally synchronized with the STATOR-FE. *It is hoped that* it can also retrieve the LIGHTFORCE from the Rift.

On board the RAS TSCHUBAI, the decision is made to fly into the Rift with the STATOR-FE. However, as the dinghy of the Cosmocrats is still undergoing self-repair, it can only take a small crew. First, of course, is Vimuin Lichtschlag as pilot, then Kemur with his KE-WOHFEIL, Perry Rhodan, Vetrís-Molaud, Lousha Hatmoon, Anzu Gotjian, Pucky and Bouner Haad. Next, Gotjian takes the Chaos Driver in her hands and mentally activates it. She feels as if Chaogator (*Chaos navigator*) threads are shooting out of it and a hood is wrapped around her head. As a result, the woman from the Duoverse is accepted as an authorized person.

The STATOR-FE recognizes that Hatmoon is wearing a cell activator. **The Tefroder admits to being the Lemurian Factor VII of the Masters of the Island.** The STATOR-FE finally enters the Rift.

The *ship* first reaches the Limbo, which surrounds the inner area in which FENERIK is embedded. The inner *part of the Limbo* is known as *the Bathos*. The LIGHTFORCE is located there, but as Lichtschlag explains, the first thing to do is to deal with the Limbo Guardian. Gotjian can only identify the route to the LIGHTFORCE, *but not FENERIK*.

Eventually, an intruder appears on board the STATOR-FE – the Limbo Guardian Belamassu. He wants to take the ship to the Phase World, where he wants to check whether they are *nomads*. The Phase World is as big as the Earth's moon. The crew of the STATOR-FE leaves the ship, but reserves the right to *wear* SERUNS. In the course of their initial orientations on the Phase World, Gotjian realizes that the Limbo Guardian is *identical to*

the Phase World and can *create* surrogates to be his hands or tools as needed. Belamassu announces that he will retain one of them as an examination fee, regardless of the outcome.

Pucky meets a member of a discarded helper race of FENERIK named Mekano, who knows how to destroy the Phase World. He asks the Galactics for some hypercrystals, which they give him.

The Galactics threaten to self-destruct the STATOR-FE. Then Belamassu would not be able to play with them and the far greater threat, namely the LIGHTFORCE, would remain. They, in turn, want to remove the ship from the Rift. The Limbo Guardian agrees, and transmits the coordinates of the LIGHTFORCE to the STATOR-FE. Mekano, prepared with the hypercrystals, sacrifices himself and is absorbed by the Phase World. The hypercrystals causes the planet and the surrogates to crumble to dust. Whether this ultimately means the end for Belamassu remains unclear. However, the STATOR-FE escapes the Limbo Guardian and sets a new course.

What follows are four days in which the STATOR-FE *travels* along the threads of Chaos. Gotjian catches sight of the damaged Chaoporter. FENERIK is shaped like an hourglass and glows a sinister red. It consists of several rotating bowls whose movement is almost imperceptible. In its entirety, the hourglass appears to be 12 miles long and gradually regenerates itself. However, it is not life, but pure technology.

Less than a day later, the Cosmocrat's *spaceship* is finally discovered. Despite its wretched condition, Gotjian has the feeling that the LIGHTFORCE is spreading order - in contrast to the Chaoporter. Using the instruments of the STATOR-FE, Lichtschlag discovers that the *ship* has not yet returned to a functional state. Instead, the Rift is continuously degrading *the* Cosmocratic technology. Lichtschlag refers to this force as Chaoradiation.

Nevertheless, Vimuin Lichtschlag, Gotjian, Rhodan and Pucky find a way to enter the LIGHTFORCE. After a few teleportations, they appear in a quiet area. There they meet the dwarf android Kano Blautvind. *He* talks about the serendipity principle by which FENERIK travels the universe (*random travel that results in useful outcomes*). Because of this, **the Chaoporter was on the verge of discovering a secret of the Cosmocrats that originates in the Milky Way**. The Cosmocrat MU SARGAI had pointed this out to the commander of the LIGHTFORCE - who stood in the Chaoporter's way. Should the Cosmocrat *spaceship* now fall into the hands of FENERIK, it would be transferred to a Chaoverse and transformed into a Chaofactum. This must be *prevented* at all costs, which is why Saedelaere had sent the STATOR-FE, but also *had a confederate deliver a hypertractor to the Galactics*.

It's back to the STATOR-FE, which is to return to the RAS TSCHUBAI. Blautvind and Gotjian remain behind. The mutant is to help the dwarf android *find* Saedelaere.

After his faked departure with the THORA from the Sol system, Reginald Bell has found shelter incognito in New York. There he meets the Trox (*race*) Sälssinde, who turns out to be an agent of FENERIK. On his behalf, he is supposed to persuade Bell to visit the Chaoporter with him and enter its service as a Quintarch (*commander*). He talks to the Trox for a long time to find out more about FENERIK, but rejects his offer.

Bell *goes* to Maine. There, he meets Homer G. Adams and tells his old friend about his encounter with Sälssinde. The two companions discuss the complicated situation of the Galactics. The Galactic Castellans are operating in the Sol system, Perry Rhodan is in Cassiopeia searching for FENERIK, Atlan is busy in M-13 *with the new Arkon III project (see below)* and Monkey is concentrating on the New USO. They continue to consider whether

it would be possible to smuggle Reginald Bell onto FENERIK as a mock Quintarch, but do not come to a final decision. Bell asks for some time to think about it and returns to New York.

Castellan *Alschoran* meets with Sichu Dorksteiger. The Resident gets straight to the subject : the forthcoming expedition to the Yodor Sphere *created* by the Yodors, the master builders of the Cosmocrats. The Castellans Kokuloon and Gera Vorr are to be part of the expedition. Also Ichu Tolot on the WILHELM GLIESE and three *Terran* starships. Alschoran is not happy that Sichu Dorksteiger wants to fly along, *arguing that* she is needed in the Sol system, but Dorksteiger is not deterred. The expedition takes off the next day.

One week later, slight *fluctuations* are registered in linear space *that the ships travel thru*. The small fleet's linear flight *to the Yodor Sphere* is aborted. It is *noticed* that the two Castellan capsules are missing.

Then a hyperstorm arises. A Tryortan fissure (*a hyperspace rift that draws in objects, damages them, and emits them back into normal space far from their original location*) moves towards the WILHELM GLIESE. The starship becomes unable to maneuver. The escort spaceships also have problems.

The WILHELM GLIESE is rescued, then the two Castellans show up with their capsules. They were the ones who rescued the *ship* via [Dakkar space], *which the Galactics can no longer use since the hyperimpedance increase*. The other starships have to fend for themselves, according to the Castellans, but the WILHELM GLIESE must be repaired at all costs.

On a small planet called Opterx, they meet the Blues Irrudec, who runs a research station there. He promises to help. Five Blues ships approach Opterx, sent by Oscyrium, a sizable star empire. The expedition is invited to fly to Oszyr accompanied by the Blues flagship PAYZA. Sichu Dorksteiger accepts the invitation.

Drünnyür, special envoy of the Oscyrian government, is on board the YIÜRT, *which experiences technical difficulties and crashes. Few people are hurt*, but the YIÜRT is a wreck. The *two Castellans* realize that there were strange occurrences when the YIÜRT crashed, which they cannot immediately explain.

The WILHELM GLIESE reaches the system, where the LFG members *are* received by Drünnyür. Now *discussions* can finally take place. The Castellans inform Whygnid, head of the Oscyrian government, that the thing *that caused the YIÜRT's crash* is the PROPA capsule belonging to Castellan Amamu Empu. It was found in space by the YIÜRT crew and brought on board. They set off for PROPA, which is probably in a hyper-material phase entanglement(? *[probably something like quantum entanglement?]*) with the YIÜRT.

With the help of the Galactics, the PROPA is restored to normal space, and can be entered safely. On board they find the vaguely humanoid Amamu Empu, unconscious. In the singular physiotron of his PROPA is vaguely arachnoid creature : a Yodor. Empu wakes up, *but* he doesn't know anything about the Yodor's plans either. The Yodor in the Physiotron should know more about this, but he is not yet fit for interrogation.

According to Empu's report, he *was* awakened because the Yodors are active in the Milky Way according to the message from his capsule, *which had detected* a Yodor constructor ship opening an uncloaked sextadim portal to return to normal space. The Yodors are probably building something on behalf of the Cosmocrats. Empu ordered his pod to head for the area where the Yodors are active. Once there, the PROPA got *stuck* in an energy field and a transition via Dakkar space led to a collision with a spaceship. This *resulted in a* Yodor materializing in the PROPA. He was badly injured, so Empu took him to the PROPA's singular physiotron. The PROPA had

taken a lot of damage and was stuck in Dakkar space. As it fell back into normal space, a disc-shaped spacecraft approaches : the YIÜRT. The YIÜRT *scanned* the PROPA without being asked, to which the capsule reacted with a hyper-material phase entanglement. Empu's hands were tied.

In the meantime, the Yodor regains consciousness. He introduces himself as Orya Nachnord, hyperspector(?) of the APROYD PROYO. He talks about a catastrophe *at the Yodor sphere* that led to him ending up in the PROPA.

On board the WILHELM GLIESE, everything is being prepared for the flight to and then into the Yodor Sphere. The Yodor sphere is protected by a Vector Inverter Field(?) *shield* and surrounded by hyperstorms. *Hyper-transitions and* linear flights fail, as do attempts at scanning. The expedition has to wait until they are granted access by the Yodors. Then finally a Yodor commander of the VOMPUR allows and enables entry into the sphere, but only for the WILHELM GLIESE – all other spacecraft must remain outside. Expedition leader Sichu Dorksteiger accepts.

Orya Nachnord reports on the Yodor Sphere : the commander-in-chief of the Sphere fleet is Arym Immittag. The projectors for the protective shield are distributed across 100 planets. A few weeks ago, a relic of the Protarchy(?) was discovered *on one of the planets*, which is causing problems.

Immittag demands to come on board the GLIESE, which is granted. The journey continues to the *shield* planet Chaffau. During the approach with a space jet, it suddenly goes into a spin. The on-board technology fails completely. Before the space jet crashes, everyone manages to make an emergency exit. Now Dorksteiger, Ichu Tolot, Empu, Dodua Silberroth and Immittag are on their own. They make their way to the nearest station.

Backstory :

Due to the absence of *IT* in its Sphere of Influence, the Cosmocrats have decided to become active in the Milky Way. Initially, the Protarchic Zone(? [*proto-chaotarchic?*]), called Simuel, within the Yodor Sphere is to be secured. It is normally a no-man's land as far as Cosmocrats and Chaotarchs are concerned. Even *IT* has never bothered with it. The Yodors want to know more about Simuel.

At that moment, something violent sweeps over the group, *which Dorksteiger calls aversion radiation*. Everyone starts verbally attacking each other.

When *Castellan* Empu makes contact with the contents of a pond *which seems to be the source of the radiation*, the environment changes abruptly to a Dark Shore - a strange world with an ocean and a beach. Dorksteiger suspects that it is Simuel. Empu can then tell the group about Simuel's attitude. It considers the Yodors and the powers behind them to be too biased. The aversion radiation is used to drive the Yodors away. The compromise is : the Yodors can remain in the Sphere, but must vacate the planets on which Dark Shores are located. The group can now return.

Back on board the VOMPUR, Immittag even *grudgingly praises* the Galactics. And there is more information for their achievements : **the Yodors are building a Cosmocratic Citadel(?) on behalf of the Cosmocrat MU SARGAI. It will be named Simuel.**

After bidding farewell to the Yodors, Dorksteiger informs Whygnid. Then the expedition fleet starts the return flight to Terra. Dorksteiger considers the journey a success. Galactics and Castellans can work together and trust each other.

In 2061 NGE, a plan is made to transfer a planet from another solar system into the Arkonide system, to replace Arkon III.

In 2071 NGE, the relocation of the new Arkon III, which Atlan is overseeing as project manager, is still not complete. A total of 20,000 light years have to be covered in several stages. In the meantime, Arkon III has covered 65 stages in ten years. The 66th stage is imminent.

Atlan wants to accompany this 66th stage with his spaceship WOLFSISTER. The destination is the edge of M-13. But the planet does not arrive there. It has apparently become stuck in linear space. This leads Atlan to meeting some Yodors, who admit to working for the Cosmocrat MU SARGAI. Arkon III's transitions are reacting with the Yodor Sphere's protective field. The Yodors are just holding Arkon III in linear space temporarily to collect data to make necessary corrections.

The Yodor also tells Atlan about Simuel and the taboo planets in the Sphere. He also invites Atlan to accompany him into the Sphere on board the BROVAYD. Atlan agrees, but prefers to follow the BROVAYD with the THETA DA ARIGA.

Before starting the trip, Atlan and several others are involuntarily taken to a planet in the middle of a war. After many trials and tribulations, an unknown drop-shaped spaceship appears. A hairless, humanoid woman emerges from the ship. She is a Castellian named Verind Nott from the extinct Uxant race. Her sextadim capsule is called YDUA. She tells Atlan that his recent experiences have been a test. Does Atlan still stand for the "old order"? For the Cosmocrats? For IT? The test is not over yet and will continue. Everything serves a specific purpose. Before Atlan can say anything in reply, he and his companions are incapacitated with a neuroshock and taken to the YDUA.

The YDUA is approaching a Nomad (started by Terrans who left Earth after the Time Police attack in the M-87 cycle) ship. Verind Nott knows the starship and its crew. This is where the current test for Atlan is to take place. The fact that Castellian Alschoran is expecting her in the Sol system is of little concern to her – he has to wait.

Atlan is sent to the Nomad ship to do gladiator-style combat. He kills the dictatorial leader, then stuns Verind Nott.

The Castellian finally announces that there will be no more tests without Atlan's consent. Instead, she wants to take him to Sextadim Park, an area beyond time. Atlan listens, but his extra sense warns him. When Verind tempts him to get his own sextadim capsule there, Atlan throws away all reservations and accepts.

The YDUA reaches the methane world Nha-Nunrud. There is a sextadim portal here which opens into a huge spiral staircase leads to the Sextadim Park. They come to a shipyard. Atlan's capsule is waiting there. He gives it the name RA. It is a model without a singular physiotron, which Atlan does not need as a cell activator carrier.

Nott predicts that hard times are coming to the Milky Way. Things could be turned upside-down. Atlan has passed the tests and shown himself worthy of a sextadim capsule. Now he is to make contact with the THETA DA ARIGA, Atlan's flagship, in which the RA and the YDUA will embark. Then it's off to the Yodor Sphere.

The THETA DA ARIGA is with other Arkonide starships near a blue-white star. *There is also* a mysterious spatio-temporal anomaly. Atlan suspects that it is a rift. Two hundred Munuamian Tricubes and three hundred Atom-*shaped* spaceships that have appeared. According to Castellan Nott, *they are* the enemy. In contrast, the Arkonide fleet *has* 111 spaceships.

The enemy *also puts* the *inhabited* planet *nearby* under massive attack. Munuam Prozorod observes with satisfaction on his ship VNATAT. He wants to "give death" to billions of individuals. He sees this as his destiny. During the battle, Atlan's flagship is supported by another *super-battleship*. They stand up to the Tricubes. As a consequence, Prozorod has to put up with the first reproach from his Laichangen superior.

Eventually, Castellan Nott grabs Atlan's arm. They *transport* to the YDUA, which makes its way to the rift. The Castellan suggests that Atlan should now switch to his RA. The RA and the YDUA are to head for the rift via Dakkar space, which *will* be caused to collapse in order to cut the enemy off from FENERIK. The counterattack succeeds. The rift becomes unstable. This realization frightens Prozorod, who has retreated into the rift with the VNATAT. Then he feels death coming.

The RAS TSCHUBAI has flown to the Equivalence Zone(?), *which* is closely guarded by Tricubes. The RAS organizes a mock battle so that the STATOR-FE, with Rhodan, Lousha Hatmoon, Vetriss-Molaud, Pucky, Gry O'Shannon, Kemur and Vimuin Lichtschlag on board, can slip out unmolested and dive into the Rift. Then the RAS withdraws.

At first there is no sign of the LIGHTFORCE. When it is found, it seems somehow shadowed to onlookers. The STATOR-FE flies into the cobalt blue *cylindrical spaceship* through a hole in the outer hull. With the exception of Kemur, who stays with the STATOR-FE at Rhodan's request, the group heads for the control center.

On the way, they experience realistic hallucinations of all kinds from their own lives. Finally, Pucky can clearly sense Anzu Gotjian, who has remained behind after the first mission *to* the LIGHTFORCE. Then the realization dawns : the group is in a para-reality (*a microcosm containing a reality different than the standard one*), created from the memories of Alaska Saedelaere. Slowly, the realization dawns that the LIGHTFORCE commander has created clues to indicate that the LIGHTFORCE and he are in grave danger. Clues from *the para-reality* lead the group *to* a roughly cube-shaped structure that resembles a cardboard box. It is a kind of prison for Gotjian and Saedelaere, as Pucky discovers *when he teleports inside it*.

In the past :

An Audh, a FENERIK scout, has brought a Chaofactum into the LIGHTFORCE : the cardboard-like structure. He makes Saedelaere an offer to switch to the Chaos side, especially as three important members of the Chaoporter have defected to the Terrans, *which* is news to Saedelaere. He declines.

The Audh's original mission was to destroy the LIGHTFORCE, but he has discovered that the *ship* and the Chaoporter are uniquely intertwined and thus bound together for better or worse. And one more thing : two Quintarchs, Shashnar and Nal, died as a result of the LIGHTFORCE's ramming attack. *The Audh brings Alaska and itself into the box. Later, it also traps Gotjian there.*

The Audh attacks Saedelaere. His aim is to take control of the LIGHTFORCE. At this moment, Pucky

intervenes. He manages to put the Audh in a tight spot. When he has to look into *Alaska's* Cappin fragment, he reacts. All four are thrown out of the box. The Chaofactum and Audh disappear.

Saedelaere and Rhodan bring each other up to date with the latest information. Rhodan is not happy that the LIGHTFORCE cannot be *repaired quickly*.

The Galactics want to remove the LIGHTFORCE from the Rift. According to Saedelaere, however, DAN, the LIGHTFORCE's on-board computer, is refusing to communicate. *But* there is also a risk that FENERIK will take over the LIGHTFORCE if the escape is unsuccessful – the Cosmocrat *ship would* be transferred to a Chaos universe, where it will be transformed into a Chaofactum.

It turns out that the Cosmocrat MU SARGAI told Saedelaere how he could salvage the *spaceship* after the accident. She *could not* intervene personally as this could escalate the conflict between the High Powers. Before the collision with FENERIK, Saedelaere *therefore* deposited a hypertractor in a suitable place, knowing full well that it would fall into the hands of his allies.

Then contact is made with DAN, who appears to be confused – *due to* the consequences of Chaoradiation, *it* seems to believe that it no longer exists, and that *the* Saedelaere talking to him is just a memory. DAN realizes that there is a contradiction between his non-existence and the existence of the LIGHTFORCE. The solution : the spaceship must be destroyed. He starts a countdown to the ship's self-destruction. *The countdown stops with 8 minutes to spare.* DAN is once again convinced of its existence. This is thanks to Gotjian, who was able to free the on-board computer from its confusion with her para-gift. A restart is initiated. The reboot *eventually* repairs the damage to and in the LIGHTFORCE.

The hypertractor is activated. The LIGHTFORCE moves. And *due to its* entanglement with FENERIK, the environment goes haywire. The LIGHTFORCE threatens to break apart. And who actually breaks is O'Shannon. The Abyssal Dispersion sets in and she disintegrates into tiny fragments that seep into the LIGHTFORCE. At this moment, the Cosmocrat *spaceship* is easily released.

So it was O'Shannon who released the LIGHTFORCE from the entanglement. She doesn't even know how she did it when she stands before her comrades-in-arms in person again.

The LIGHTFORCE returns to the standard universe, and meets with the RAS TSCHUBAI. FENERIK picks up speed. Not towards Cassiopeia, but towards the Milky Way. Strictly speaking, FENERIK is not flying, but is *being pulled* towards the Milky Way by some kind of attractor at faster-than-light speed.

The RAS TSCHUBAI is badly *damaged from the mock battle*, then the on-board computer informs them that the RAS has been hit by a double six-dimensional shockwave. The next few hours are spent repairing the damage.

There is now something like calm on board the RAS. Alaska Saedelaere signals that he will soon have to return to the LIGHTFORCE. It is now known that the six-dimensional shockwave has spread throughout Cassiopeia. The trigger was the release of the LIGHTFORCE from its entanglement with FENERIK.

The *Cosmocrat* starship needs more time to repair itself, but *the Galactics* don't have that time. So Saedelaere would have to be left behind in Cassiopeia. Vetris-Molaud has an idea : he gives Saedelaere his transferable cell

activator. That way Saedelaere can stay on board the RAS. And Vetriss-Molaud moves to the LIGHTFORCE, where he can live without the activator. At some point, they *will* swap again. As a reward, he wants a dinghy from the LIGHTFORCE. Lousha Hatmoon *also* wants to ensure that the LIGHTFORCE finds a safe place to regenerate. To do this, she also wants a dinghy. Saedelaere agrees *to both*.

Farbaud is one of the current three Quintarchs of FENERIK. He wants to take a closer look at the RAS *to take a closer look at its mutants*. Farbaud has become aware of Gotjian. He describes her as a prime target. She would make a perfect Sextadim Gunner. Gotjian *detects an unknown presence on the ship, and reports it*.

After the small spacecraft that the Quintarch used to dock with the RAS is discovered, he reveals himself. He talks with Saedelaere and Gotjian, then reveals a few things about FENERIK. If the accident had happened in normal space, the whole of Cassiopeia would have been destroyed, perhaps more. Two Quintarchs did not survive the accident. But now FENERIK is free and can thwart the plans of the Cosmocrats in the Milky Way. Then the Quintarch disappears again. Later, he accepts Rhodan's offer : from now on he is considered a visitor with restricted freedom of movement.

The Quintarch is accommodated in a cabin suitable for Haluters. Then Saedelaere comes to exchange ideas. Rhodan discusses a plan with Gotjian : she is to return to FENERIK - as a double agent.

Farbaud makes a plea for Chaos : it's not the enemy of life. Chaos stands for the unfolding of life, while the Cosmocrats stand for stagnation. The Cosmocrats mistranslated the language of the Moral Code.

Farbaud has to admit to himself that he can't figure out Saedelaere. But he has identified the potential Sextadim Gunners : Pucky, Yaradua, O'Shannon, Yüllvay and Bouner Haad. And Gotjian, of course. And Rhodan.

ANANSI reports in. FENERIK is now accelerating to six million times the speed of light and will reach the Milky Way in 130 days.

Sichu Dorksteiger, the recently re-elected Resident, is preparing for a meeting with high-ranking Cheborparnians *on their home planet Pspopta*. The summit meeting is about a new galaxy-wide alliance.

Iwán/Iwa Mulholland receives Dorksteiger. Also present is the FENERIK defector Hori. Atlan arrives at the conference as the Crystal Republic's negotiator. The Resident is the first to hear from him : FENERIK is approaching.

The Cheborparnian Imperial Administrator Nunnuyard Cheteszer (NunC) welcomes the illustrious group of guests, including Castellan Gera Vorr.

The conference *is* all about FENERIK and the danger it poses. The unanimous opinion is that this danger can only be countered by *voluntarily* working together. Atlan now also informs the conference participants about what Perry Rhodan has sent him. The mood slowly changes. How much time does the Milky Way have left? Atlan expects the Chaoporter to arrive *anytime within the next two weeks*.

During *a* break, *Sichu* and *Atlan* seek out Hori. The deserter still has the problem of Mnemo-Deleter. But Hori is confident that he can bypass this security mechanism. So Hori *visualizes what he* remembers to the conference participants : it shows an attack by Munuam Tricubes on a planetary system inhabited by the dragon-like Taavii.

The conference participants get to see a Chaofactum *in action* – the system's sun goes supernova.

Then comes the report that *an* alien spaceship *is* approaching *Pspopta*. *It is* the DRUYUM, a Cobra ship of the Yodors, under the command of Poyparr Nachtal. He insists on attending the conference, even though he is not invited. NunC is furious. As a compromise, the Yodors are granted observer status.

The conference continues. Poyparr informs them of the Yodors' plan. He confirms that FENERIK is their common enemy.

Finally, [the founding of the Third Galacticum is proclaimed](#). The initiators are the Akons, the Gatas and the Tefroders. Pspopta is designated as the temporary seat of the Third Galacticum until it is finally founded. An almost mythical term is *referred to* : the San project, *which has been Rhodan's dream of an* intergalactic pact to counter cosmic threats *for 500 years*.

Atlan is already thinking about the Yodor Sphere. He wants to use his recently acquired sextadim capsule RA to get there soon.

On Lepso, the world ruled by the Ertruser Santu Potomp, the USO naturally has its agents here.

On Terra, Homer G. Adams informs Bell about events on Lepso. There is talk of a fictive transmitter. And a device called a Soul Cage, *that* is said to be able to extract and store *a* ÜBSEF constant (*consciousness*). And there is talk of Sälside, a Trox (*a homeless, wandering race*), which is “not one” or is “no longer one”.

Bell flies to Lepso in the VASE OF ROSES. The commander is the Terran Walle Bateaux, the deputy commander is Uecker London. Bell checks in as a passenger named Joseph Andalous.

Along the way, Bell learns that there is a Kantor sextant on board the VASE, because there is something on board that cannot yet be defined, *which* turns out to be Sälside. The Trox assures *him* that it poses no danger, *and* is delighted that they are going to Lepso.

Once there, Bell and London are informed by *a* USO agent about TSUBEILS ZUFLUCHT, a habitat in Lepso's orbit. A special deal with ominous artifacts seems to be planned there. Bell wants to take a look at it, together with Uecker London.

Once there, Bell and London attract attention, which is why Agathon, operator of *the habitat*, is called in. Agathon knows about the artifact deal and wants to help Bell and London. He arranges a meeting. Bell is astonished when he is confronted with the Barracks (*a small cube that contains 12 robots of incredible power*) of the Cosmocrat TAUREC. There is also a *Knight of the Deep* black glove (*a multi-purpose weapon, transmat, and computer hacking device*). And a turquoise finger ring. The artifacts are ready for auction.

Bell pretends to be clueless and enters into the deal. When things get dicey and Bell's life is in danger, Sälside intervenes. Sälside has a *personal* vested interest in ensuring that nothing happens to Bell.

Bell returns to *Lepso*. *He* constantly feels the Trox Sälside near him, but he wants his independent life back. Sälside, however, wants to take Bell for FENERIK, as *a* Quintarch of the Chaoporter.

Together with Uecker London and the Anti Munaur, Bell meets with the seller of the Soul Cage. The stranger explains that he first wants to x-ray Andalous/Bell before revealing the artifact. Bell is forced to agree. *Later*, Sälside appears and explains that the seller of the artifact is a Yodor.

The next day, Bell, London and Munaur fly to another meeting with the seller. *But things go wrong, and the seller escapes. The trio uses an information dealer to locate him. It is learned that he was kidnapped by the local underworld boss to get the device for himself. They break into his fortress to rescue the seller, who turns out to be the Yodor Yuna Nachgrund, who presents the Soul Cage to Bell.*

Bell has Yuna connect him to the Soul Cage via a *SEMT* hood (*which creates an artificial mental connection*). He immediately feels an extremely strong mental attack and loses consciousness. London leads Bell to the dying Yodor. Nachgrund explains that she was one of many Yodor trappers who hunt down and eliminate Chaos agents *such as Sälside* in the Milky Way. Now Sälside is trapped in the Soul Cage. The Yodor can answer *no* more questions *before* she dies.

It is *the beginning* of [2072 NGE](#) and London suggests flying to Pspopta for the Galactic Conference. But Bell, who no longer hears the star call that has tormented him for months, initially needs a break and refuses. Instead, he asks for a radio link to Lord Admiral Monkey.

Perry Rhodan *and Alaska Saedelaere* meet in the RAS. They are anxious to find out as much as possible about Quintarch Farbaud. It is now known that Farbaud has made contact with all the para-normals on board the RAS. The Quintarch is still working to fill the vacancies of the deceased Sextadim Gunners aboard FENERIK.

As if on cue, Farbaud appears at the meeting. He is friendly and makes a proposal : he invites them to visit FENERIK. Perry Rhodan is reluctant, referring to the previous conflicts with TRAITOR (*from the TERRANOVA cycle*). Farbaud replies that he is not at all enthusiastic about the Terminal Column's *methods*.

Once again, Farbaud tries to convince *the Galactics* that the current danger to the Milky Way comes from the Cosmocrats. FENERIK wants to put the Cosmocrats in their place.

Accompanied by Farbaud, Perry Rhodan, Pucky, Cornelia Zandt, Gry O'Shannon, Alaska Saedelaere and Yüllvay Onofero set off on their journey in Farbaud's cylinder spaceship. While Rhodan is still wondering how they are traveling, Farbaud announces that they have already arrived.

While on a tour of the city of Derdin within FENERIK, the group gets into trouble several times, but is always saved by Farbaud in the nick of time. O'Shannon is seriously injured, and she and Pucky are taken away. Perry Rhodan has had enough. He wants to leave the Chaopoter. Farbaud agrees, but wants to take a detour.

Meanwhile, *the young* Yüllvay Onofero has made up his mind. He accepts Farbaud's offer. He wants to leave the RAS TSCHUBAI and sign on with the Chaopoter.

The group is split up between different eras of time in the city. Farbaud wants to show his guests the sculpture park, but it is not where it was last located. The Quintarch blames this on Rhodan's Auratic Relief, referring to the Terran's ÜBSEF constant, which the Cosmocrats have imprinted in an unknown way. But Rhodan dismisses the blame; after all, the Quintarch knew about the Relief beforehand.

After being attacked by weapons that should not exist in the city, Rhodan is fed up and demands an immediate return to the RAS TSCHUBAI. The Quintarch actually agrees; he too has realized that the timeline has changed dramatically. As a result, they are able to shake off the attackers, but are separated from each other. While Rhodan and Farbaud are able to escape to the archive(?), Alaska and Yüllvay are in one time zone, Pucky and O'Shannon are in another. Cornelia is on her own in one of the time zones. They eventually all re-connect, and get out, but not before seeing some statues in a park of former Quintarchs – one of them is Reginald Bell. Yüllvay decides to stay in the city. In three weeks, FENERIK will reach the Milky Way.

Reginald Bell is rid of Sälside for the time being. Meanwhile, *on the NIKE QUINTO*, Sälside is in the Soul Cage and is to be handed over to the USO. Bell thinks about himself. A Quintarch Reginald Bell, as he himself knows, would have nothing in common with the old Bell.

In order to meet Lord Admiral Monkey, he finally reveals himself *as being influenced by the forces of Chaos*. However, the Lord Admiral has long since found out.

During the process of analyzing Sälside, he takes over a Haluter who is observing the procedure. In the fight that follows, the Soul Cage is destroyed. The Haluter sacrifices himself, and Sälside fades away. Bell feels a dark emptiness. He realizes that he misses Sälside and tells Monkey so. Monkey in turn wants to keep an eye on Bell.

After the death of Sälside, Reginald Bell has been able to breathe for a few hours, but both he and Lord Admiral Monkey know that there are other agents of Chaos who are pursuing him and want to make him a Quintarch of FENERIK. The two cell-activator wearers agree that Bell will change his identity again and then leave the USO flagship to seek out the Yodor Sphere. They are driven by the hope that the Yodors will grant him access to the Sphere.

Atlan and Mulholland fly into the Yodor Sphere in the sextadim capsule RA, accompanied by the Yodor spaceship DRUYUM with Commander Poyparr Nachtal.

In the Sphere, they are received *in the Yodor ship VOMPUR*. The ship's commander introduces them to the commander-in-chief of the Sphere fleet, Arym Immittag. The RA then heads for the planet Sholtoss.

The harbor master *tells them* the Chamberlain, *who* is in the service of MU SARGAI, is waiting for them. The Chamberlain *Spateese* suddenly asks Atlan to accompany him - without Mulholland. They return hours later, and the Chamberlain declares *his mission is over and he will leave Sholtoss*. It turns out that Atlan has received a sextadim camouflage projector from *the Chamberlain*. Spateese warns once again of the danger posed by FENERIK. The Cosmocratic Citadel Simuel will be of great importance.

The sextadim camouflage projector is used to hide ÜBSEF constants. Anyone wearing it is not perceptible via any technology whatsoever. This also applies to FENERIK technology.

Atlan finally leaves the Yodor Sphere - with the certainty that the Cosmocrats will not assist the Milky Way. The RA heads for the empty space between M-13 and the Milky Way, where not only the Chaoporter FENERIK but also the RAS TSCHUBAI is expected. Atlan already knows that he will be hated for his next actions.

The RAS TSCHUBAI has arrived near M-13 and is under fire from linear space torpedoes. They are to be tricked via the **Libration Zone Decoy Projectors** (*which create false signals in linear space to decoy the torpedoes*). Then the ship's command realizes that the torpedoes are of Arkonide design, and they are not so easy to trick. It doesn't take long for the first torpedo to hit the RAS TSCHUBAI.

The RAS TSCHUBAI returns to normal space and is confronted by a fleet of Arkonide starships, including the THETA DA ARIGA. Atlan then vents his displeasure at what he sees as Perry Rhodan's far too lax approach to Farbaud. He wants to take Farbaud into custody. In the name of Arkon, he confirms that no Chaoporter will be tolerated in the Milky Way. So Rhodan goes to see Farbaud. The Quintarch calls Atlan an "interesting fellow".

Gotjian *and* Gry O'Shannon talk about the Chaoporter and Farbaud's offer. *Gotjian* keeps the fact that *she* is to be a double agent to herself.

Operation Arkonsteel is launched. Soon a real battle breaks out around the RAS TSCHUBAI. The Arkonides board the RAS TSCHUBAI and attack Farbaud's vessel. Now Farbaud intervenes in the battle. He relies solely on his physical strength and the contents of his pouch. Gotjian is with him, *and* assures Farbaud that she will accompany him to the Chaoporter. This encourages the Quintarch even more to defend the RAS TSCHUBAI.

Atlan addresses the crew. He demands once again that Farbaud be handed over. A group gathered around Saedelaere now does everything in its power to prevent the imminent destruction of the RAS TSCHUBAI, which has been mined by the Arkonides. At least Atlan allows the crew to leave freely.

Rhodan reveals to Saedelaere that *Atlan was allowed* to storm the ship : Farbaud was to be tricked into abandoning the RAS TSCHUBAI. It was not planned that Farbaud would hunt Atlan down.

Farbaud and Atlan engage in a duel to the death, with each getting the upper hand over and over. Atlan discovers that Farbaud simply cannot be killed.

Finally, Farbaud has to retreat - without Gotjian, who is seriously injured. But then Farbaud kidnaps *her*. When O'Shannon and Saedelaere intervene, they are also abducted to *Farbaud's* vessel. What they see from there leads them to believe that the RAS TSCHUBAI has been destroyed. Among the victims : Perry Rhodan.

In fact, Rhodan and Atlan conclude that the bluff has succeeded. A bluff with a RAS TSCHUBAI double. Farbaud has left the ship. However, Gotjian, O'Shannon and Saedelaere have fallen into his hands.

During the return flight to Terra, it is discovered that FENERIK appears to be following the hypergravitational path of another Chaoporter. Or one laid by the Cosmocrats.

Lousha Hatmoon/Soynte Abil, who stayed behind in Cassiopeia after the RAS TSCHUBAI left, enters the LIGHTFORCE, which has a new commander Vetriss-Molaud. *She goes to DAN, the onboard computer.*

Soynte Abil reaffirms to DAN that she was once Factor VII. The MotI are well known to him, replies DAN, who wants to *know more of their history*. *After telling DAN some events that happened to her personally*, DAN makes his decision : he wants to entrust Abil with the MONITOR-C - with Holar Wolkwart as pilot.

The cloaked BJO BREISKOLL is close to a convoy consisting mainly of Munuam Tricubes and Arynnian Shardships. The small fleet appears to be escorting an icosahedron ship *which is a Singular Relay (used to build Preliminary Bastions)*. The convoy is heading towards an uninhabited solar system.

Then it turns out that FENERIK *ships* are installing a Preliminary Bastion on a moon. This would be a good opportunity to find out more about these constructions. However, any probes that are smuggled out are destroyed in the blink of an eye. *The BJO tries to sneak away*, but the *ship* gets into a battle and just manages to escape, *but* remains in *danger*. Farye *arranges to meet* Soynte Abil, who is traveling *in* the MONITOR-C.

Farye heads for the MONITOR-C in a space jet. *Then* the LIGHTFORCE *arrives*. The MONITOR-C *docks inside the BJO*. The interior of the LIGHTFORCE is fascinating for Farye.

When Abil, Farye, and Vetris-Molaud compare notes, they realize that although Abil has requested *ships* for support and the Trojan Empire also wants to help, they are facing a huge superior force.

They team up to learn more about the Preliminary Bastions, with a two-part task force. The plan is to *present a* suitably prepared *Tefroedian spaceship* to the enemy with alleged deserters on board. *After many problems and close escapes, they manage to get back.* *They learned that* the FENERIK troops are to build a Chaos Bastion, *which* the Preliminary Bastions *are a part of*. However, the purpose of such a Chaos Bastion is still unclear.

On board the BJO BREISKOLL, Farye *learns that* a Gharsen Ornamental starship has entered the *nearby* Armuun system. *She* assembles a task force *and takes it to the Armuun system.* *They learn that* the Preliminary Bastion *being built on a moon* projects the prototype of the protective shield that will soon surround all of Cassiopeia. *Thus "Bastion" refers to this shield.*

It turns out that the Bastion is powered by people linking into a cryo-bank, a virtual world that siphons their mental energy and makes them addicted to the world. *The Galactics convince the computer running the simulation that the people on the planet are Cosmocratically corrupt and useless to it.*

This leads to the entire cryo-bank operation being aborted and the Chaos forces dismantling all their equipment and leaving the system. Later, when the Terrans return to their ship and reflect on what was learned during the operation, Feyerlant reveals that he has learned that an Audh is the lynchpin of the entire Bastion operation and he can find out where the Audh is currently located. *Fayre* takes the information and figures out the location.

Farye confers with Krummer Gryllner and Soynte Abil. The current situation : even in FENERIK's absence, the Chaoporter rules Cassiopeia. The focus is on Pautpar, probably the planned location for a control center of the Sextadim *Screen*, which will soon surround the whole of Cassiopeia, making this small galaxy a Chaos *stronghold*. In the Pautpar system, a colonized moon called Pautpar's Eye orbits a gas giant. *Many Chaos ships are gathering there.*

The MONITOR-C is also in the Pautpar system, as are 1000 enemy units, mainly Munuamian Tricubes - and the FASFAKAAR, *Atom* flagship of the Laichkangen with commander-in-chief Kookanard. There is probably an Audh on board, and Farye makes a decision : advance to the Audh, at least interfere with his plan. However, nothing is known about the term Audhic Rondel.

Farye puts together a team : Shema Ghessow, Damar Feyerlant, Namm Tarrd as an expert on transmitters and Holar Wolkwart are to infiltrate the FASFAKAAR. At the same time, a space battle breaks out that is not without casualties.

The team works feverishly to determine the location of the Audh and its Rondel. This will be followed by an escape via transmitter. At least that's the plan. Then they finally come across Audh's Rondel, a kind of supercomputer *that uses* hyper-ice with sprinkles of hypercrystals. Irregular hypercrystals, because they come from Chaoverse. *More* information is gathered : **the Preliminary Bastions and the Plural Relays serve to stabilize the Sextadim Screen. The cryo-banks reinforce the screen, similar to the way the Globists reinforced the TERRANOVA screen (in the TERRANOVA cycle).** The ÜBSEF constants introduce fluctuations that make it difficult for the attackers to identify frequencies and use them for a breakthrough. What the Galactics don't know : the moon houses the control center of the shield.

What the Audh in turn does not know is that it is to be drawn into a hyper-bubble *by* Shema Ghessow. *But she does not* realize what kind of being she is dealing with. *She* is in danger of being lost, *but* Feyerlant rescues his partner. But the retreat takes place without the Audh.

Now, of all times, Tricubes appear. The BJO BREISKOLL comes into serious danger and is badly damaged. Then the FELLMER LLOYD appears, together with units of the Trojan Empire under the command of Admiral Digamma.

Later, the BJO BREISKOLL, the FELLMER LLOYD and the remaining Trojan units are in retreat. The mission was costly. There have been many casualties. And it is Farye Sepheroa-Rhodan who has to bear *the* responsibility. She meets Soynte Abil. The former MotI sees it pragmatically : they *are* soldiers. They chose this life. At this moment, Farye realizes who is standing in front of her : a *true* master, a Maghan (*title*).

On board the MONITOR-C, *in late* 2071 NGE, three weeks after the first confrontation with the Audh : Farye and Shema Ghessow are having breakfast when *commander* Holar Wolkwart joins them. The dwarf android *informs them that* the Chaos fleet has been *firing* on Pautpar's Eye for hours.

Tensions arise between Soynte Abil and Farye Sepheroa-Rhodan. Who is the real leader? Soynte Abil wants to deal her opponent a blow he won't soon forget.

Then the FASFAKAAR appears. A sphere measuring 500 feet in diameter is released : the Audh arrives with its Rondel. Back in the MONITOR-C, Soynte Abil orders the destruction of the Audh and the Rondel in order to prevent the Sextadim Screen around Cassiopeia. But Wolkwart refuses, whereupon Soynte Abil paralyzes him. The former MotI wants direct control of the MONITOR-C. But Wolkwart has taken appropriate precautions to prevent this.

Before long, barely concealed hostilities between Farye and Soynte Abil come to light. Abil prefers to teach Rhodan's granddaughter a lesson, disrespectfully calling her a child : power is indivisible. To demonstrate her power, she makes a Maahk appear out of nowhere, holding a *bomb*. Soynte Abil confirms *that* the explosive force would atomize the BJO BREISKOLL headquarters. The Maahk is Grek-1, vanguard of the Invincibles : Maahks who can dematerialize and rematerialize along with their equipment. In their dematerialized state, they move towards any target at 85 percent of the speed of light. They come from Andro-Alpha and will arrive soon.

The Maahk must be a Shadow Maahk, Farye speculates. And the lesson continues : only fools share power. And she hasn't been a fool for a long time. Later, the two women have another conversation. The former MotI makes it clear that she doesn't care about the individuals on Pautpar's Eye. Sepheroa-Rhodan opposes this, but doesn't want to *lose the* support of the MONITOR-C. While Abil presses ahead with the battle in space, she wants to *rescue the Court* with a company of Invincibles. This impresses Abil, who pledges a company.

At Soynte Abil's command, a battle breaks out in space. The Shadow Maahks have done a good job of planting antimatter-based explosive charges in the enemy ships. However, the destruction of the Audhic Rondel is only one of Abil's two objectives. The entire Chaoporter fleet is to be destroyed. Trojans, Gaid and Tefroders as well as the BJO BREISKOLL and the FELLMER LLOYD *inflict serious losses*.

On Pautpar's Eye, the Galactics' attack is a quick and thorough victory. The occupying forces are taken by surprise and eliminated. *The Audh's advisor* is forced to realize that a battle is raging and claiming unimagined losses. He fears that the Chaos powers' plan could be contaminated, Cosmocratically *infused*.

In space, Galactic and Chaoporter ships wreak massive destruction on each other.

The Shadow Maahks fail in their attack on the Rondel – *its* protective shield continues to withstand the bombardment. Soynte Abil is on board *a* Gaid spaceship, which is well on its way to becoming a wreck.

Farye Sepheroa-Rhodan also finds herself in the thick of the battle. She heads for the Rondel, which is still protected by a paratron screen. Farye sees the Audh and falls under the spell of the incomprehensible being.

The LIGHTFORCE with Vetris-Molaud appears in the Pautpar system. The Audh dies, his Rondel is destroyed.

In early 2072 NGE., a month and a half after the battle in the Pautpar system, FENERIK's troops are defeated in Cassiopeia. Vetris-Molaud urges them to return to the Milky Way. The BJO BREISKOLL and the FELLMER LLOYD are to dock with the LIGHTFORCE. What Vetris-Molaud has to accept is *that* Soynte Abil has taken command of the ship, and DAN agrees.

A research station known as Stork's Nest, which is from where the Aberration Zone (*an area of space where unpredictable, powerful gravitational effects occur, that extend into hyperspace*) is being observed. The problems in the Aberration Zone have been known for 150 years.

A strange object approaches *the research station* : a “great deltoidal icositetrahedron” with 24 vermillion spikes. The term “Red Star” quickly makes the rounds. Then a radio message comes from the Red Star. The images are symbolic. The message is understood as a warning : don't get too close to the Red Star *nor* the Aberration Zone.

The Aberration Zone expands and contracts again. The Red Star dances through this zone. Extreme hyper-energetic effects hit the League starships. The Aberration Zone shrinks to its normal size of 400,000 miles in diameter. The Red Star announces that the Aberration Zone has now been sealed. At the same time, the Red Star wraps itself in a six-dimensional screen *and leaves*.

The conclusion : *the Red Star has solved a problem for FENERIK, because it would pass through the Aberration Zone on its way through the Milky Way*, which actually happens. The THORA, the RIBALD CORELLO and 27 other League starships are hot on its heels.

Meanwhile, on the KING LAURIN, Perry Rhodan, Sichu Dorksteiger and Pucky try to devise a plan to divert FENERIK from the Kekile system, *about 500 light-years from Sol*. Pucky suggests starting with the Red Star, which has flown ahead of the Chaoporter and seems to have cleared any potential obstacles for FENERIK. It is protecting the Rift.

They inform *LFT* Resident Goodwald of the *Kekile* system of their plan to attack the Red Star, and in their planning discover that there is a memorial statue in the system whose eyes are made of PEW metal. They wonder if FENERIK is being lured into this system by it.

Suddenly, the sextadim capsule SKABUKAD of the Castellan Gera Vorr appears in the system. She informs them that Castellan Alschoran has ordered her to pursue the Red Star. The Red Star begins to move into the system, and Dorksteiger orders her fleet to attempt to block its path. In response, Tricubes, Ornamental spacecraft and Shardships leave the rift, and the Galactics prepare for battle.

Resident Goodwald manages to make contact with the leading Ornamental spaceship. The Gharsen demand free passage for the Chaos Beacon Red Star. *They* assure the Resident that they are after the PEW metal alone, as it poses a risk to FENERIK. Finally, the Resident agrees to hand over the statue in order to get rid of the *Chaoporter's ships*.

Alaska Saedelaere, Gry O'Shannon and Anzu Gotjian are on board *Farbaud's* vessel, on their way to FENERIK. Gry O'Shannon *feels* an affinity for Chaos, which does not escape the Quintarch's notice.

Arriving in FENERIK, Anzu Gotjian is led to the place where she is to be trained as a Sextadim Gunner. Farbaud leads Gry O'Shannon and Alaska Saedelaere to the Seven Domains, *which are* a strange place. The Black Drift *is* swarms of nanobots *that* pounce on anything that opposes them and destroy it. Energy screens are useless because the nanobots absorb the energy, making them even more dangerous.

In the Seven Domains, they make their own acquaintance with the Black Drift and learn about Knomonk. He once planned to go to a Chaoverse, survive there, and return. Knomonk was protected by a special cloak. The Quintarch is willing to tell a few things about Knomonk : once master of *FENERIK*, once Quintarch, but mentally confused after his trip to the Chaoverse.

They set off in search of Knomonk. Farbaud *reveals that* FENERIK is in Readiness Phase Three and must be lifted into Phase Four. Otherwise, FENERIK will trigger an unimaginable catastrophe. **It will crash into the Yodor Sphere. There it would release an ultimate Chaofactum, which would destroy the entire Milky Way.**

Farbaud admits that he needs the help of Alaska Saedelaere and Gry O'Shannon. And a Knomonk in his right mind. But he is vegetating in a state of locked-in syndrome. Farbaud wants to change that. Before Saedelaere knows it, Farbaud rips the mask off his face. The Quintarch reacts ecstatically at the sight of the Cappin fragment. And Knomonk comes to life.

Gry O'Shannon and Alaska Saedelaere have survived the turbulence surrounding their encounter with Knomonk. They find themselves *without Farbaud* in an unknown region of *the Seven Domains*. But they are not alone. O'Shannon has brought a *creature* named Asqua Noquud with her via her ability of Dispersion.

The trio set off together as an alliance of convenience. The dragon-like Asqua doesn't think much of Farbaud and regrets that Knomonk was so unreasonable as to travel to a Chaos universe. Since then, Farbaud has been acting impossible here in what is now the Seven Domains, bringing nothing good to FENERIK. The three agree that FENERIK must not use the Chaofactum *that Knomonk brought back from the Chaoverse*.

Eventually, the three *see* a kind of homestead. On the way there, they reach a patch of ice. The Chaofactum is hidden in the ice, *which is at* minus 961 degrees Celsius - it is Chaoverse ice. While exploring the ice, the Cappin fragment begins to boil - and O'Shannon disintegrates. She remains conscious and recognizes a frozen big bang. A universe smaller than a Planck length, 1.6×10^{-36} meters. The absolute *first* moment of a Big Bang.

But what *will* it become? A universe? A Chaoverse? In any case, it is the Chaos *object* they are looking for. If it were released, it would trigger the ultimate catastrophe – *the destruction of the entire standard universe*. Gry O'Shannon senses that something in the homestead is attracting her. They learn that it is said to *house* two Chaotects (*Chaos architects*).

The farmstead area turns out to be idyllic. There they encounter a strange creature that *tells them that* the two Chaotects are called Perneter and Haretimir Horizon. They conceived and built FENERIK. Although they are said to have left FENERIK via the Primordial Corridor, they *follow FENERIK* via their Gondola.

They meet several interesting people, including the Collector, who lead Alaska to the Suit of Promise, which allows him to control machines by touching them, regenerate wounds, and skip ahead in time by four seconds. He confronts Farbaud and activates the suit's time-skip. Both Terrans manage to escape. Farbaud is furious.

However, they are soon caught in a trap, surrounded by cyberteers(?). In this situation, O'Shannon conjures up the Black Drift. They are brought to safety by Panu Pni(?). In the ensuing conflict, Gry disintegrates into her *Dispersion* cubes. When she regains consciousness, she learns that Pni has taken one of the cubes - for the Collector. In return, Pni shows them the entrance to the Primordial Corridor.

Before Saedelaere and O'Shannon enter the Corridor, they admit their feelings to each other.

Quintarch Shashnar died when the LIGHTFORCE rammed FENERIK. Quintarch Farbaud must find a replacement.

Meanwhile, Anzu Gotjian, who is to be trained as a Sextadim Gunner in FENERIK, *meets* a slug-like creature called Osh'gemta, *who is a Gharsen, and her teacher*. Tenagei is a student of Osh'gemta, *and* is already considered a legend. Anzu meets Tenagei, and together they make their way to the Quintardom.

Anzu's aptitude test is coming up soon. Phase one of *five in* the training. Her aptitude test consists of stepping into the Azure pool. The Azure pool proves to be quite pleasant. She passes the aptitude test. Her body now has an azure hue. The Terran herself is amazed at the development. So is Tenagei. Gotjian learns from *Tenagei* that a Sextadim Cannon can only be operated voluntarily.

Anzu Gotjian receives an offer from Farbaud to continue her training as a Sextadim Gunner in an advanced manner. She would travel to the distant past to take part in the Extemporal Battle. It is a great honor to be sent there at this point in her training, and she accepts the offer.

When she arrives in the distant past, she continues to find it easy to get used to the functions of the Sextadim Cannon, as everything seems familiar to her. But eventually she fires at the ship *the champion* Vhyrgo is on. He is able to partially resist the attack, and he realizes that he must *take* Anzu's psi gift. Finally, he breaks Anzu's spirit and drains her mentality. This allows him to open a portal to the land of the Eternal Creators, which turns out to be the deep past of the other branch of the Duoverseum (*from the previous cycle*). He sends his ship

through, but Osh'gemta manages to retrieve most of Anzu's psyche before the portal closes again. It is unknown what happens to Vhyrgo.

Part of Anzu's psyche is not retrieved, and *it* eventually finds *its* way through time to the day Anzu is born and merges with her. **This explains how she gained her psi gift and why everything that happens in the Chaos Tender feels so familiar to her and why she now feels at home.** As Osh'gemta tells her: "The mind comes to rest when the circle closes".

The *Red Star* has penetrated the TERRANOVA screen of the Sol system without any problems, *which should not be possible*, and now hangs idly over Terra. The Castellan Baint has summoned *NATHAN's* Domino spaceships, which are now orbiting the red spaceship. Several ultra-battleships are also in the vicinity.

Back around 2436 AD, a Terran named Mikeke Meideina is kidnapped by a Bi-Conditioned and rescued by an Ash'sharal named Teshk'posam and merges with her. The combination of her Ash'sharal seven-dimensional thinking and her Terran body allow her ship the Red Star to pass thru the TERRANOVA screen unhindered.

A radio message is transmitted. Spateese, the Chamberlain of MU SARGAI, wants to advise the Terrans on the current situation. *Castellan* Alschoran would very much like to talk to him. Spateese's ship, the ZINASHBURC, flies through an airlock in the TERRANOVA screen into the Sol system and lands near the Red Star. Then *Spateese* has to rest for a while and puts Rhodan off until a later time to talk to him.

Alschoran suggests going aboard the Red Star in the meantime, *and* Rhodan agrees. Mulholland uses pain teleportation to take the two of them *to* the interior of the Red Star.

Alschoran is a partial *mind-jumper* - he can merge part of his consciousness with another living being. In this way, he gathers information from the Ash'sharal. The crew of the Red Star are afraid of the Sol system : *it* could be an anchorage *point* for FENERIK - or the Chaoporter could crash and meet its end there. The Red Star would be able to pilot the Chaoporter through the crystal shield.

Bell arrives, and he and Rhodan meet. Since Bell doesn't believe that the Red Star can be destroyed easily and without immense collateral damage, he wants to offer himself as Quintarch on the following condition : the Chaoporter must fly around the Sol system and not into it. Out of necessity, Rhodan agrees.

Alschoran, Mulholland and Rhodan leave the Red Star. With Bell in command, the Red Star takes off. The Red Star stops 2.7 light years in the direction of the Vega system. Then a 6-D rift of the Chaoporter opens and thousands of FENERIK ships appear *from the Rift*. In an *unencrypted* radio message, Bell demands supreme command of the Chaos fleet - the confirmation is *also unencrypted*.

Rhodan considers that, if worst comes to worst, he would side with Bell and thus *oppose* Alschoran, who sees the Chaoporter *as* absolute evil. Unfortunately, he has no way of communicating this to his old friend.

Sichu Dorksteiger receives a radio call from Reginald Bell, who has taken command of the Red Star. He wants her to *give* him the asteroid Pallas, which he wants to give to FENERIK. Since Dorksteiger has to coordinate this wish with the LFG government, the Lemurian Alliance and the *newly-formed* Third Galacticum, she cannot agree immediately.

In a luxury hotel in Terrania, the masked Perry Rhodan meets with his wife *Sichu* and discusses Bell's wish. Rhodan continues to travel incognito, as people on FENERIK are supposed to think that he is dead and that the RAS TSCHUBAI has been destroyed. After the Dolan War (*in the M-87 cycle*), the so-called Metatin, a parapsychically active metal, was discovered on Pallas - is this the reason for Bell's request?

Backstory :

In 2437 AD, a Terran named Eric dies in a cave-in on the asteroid Pallas. He later awakens, his consciousness housed in the Metatin. But there is no way off Pallas, so for the time being he remains lonely in the bizarre world inside Pallas and waits. Eventually, more consciousnesses arrive in the Metatin and Eric sees himself as a benevolent father who takes them under his wing and thus stabilizes the Metatin.

Some time later, a Terran named Günay Thomsipe's consciousness arrives in the Metatin. He is massively repelled by the self-important First Savior Eric.

Bell and Dorksteiger speak to each other over the radio. Metatin is a special form of PEW metal that *houses* consciousness. Mieke Meideina is to make contact with this consciousness and ask for help for the Chaoporter so that it doesn't fall out of the hypergravitational path. Bell and Meideina want free passage to Pallas.

Bell and Meideina mentally reach Meta-Pallas, while their bodies remain unconscious in the Pallas tunnels. They immediately entrust themselves to Eric's adversary Thomsipe, who takes them in his sailboat to the Old Gate - which already existed before Eric arrived in Meta-Pallas. The gate lies in the middle of an island and *when Bell looks thru it*, he sees three Terrans and a giant beetle walking upright behind *them*. One of the three Terrans is Alaska Saedelaere!

Sichu Dorksteiger finally allows Pallas to be transported to FENERIK. Bell meets Rhodan incognito in a bar in Terrania. The cosmocrat MU SARGAI has informed *Rhodan* through her Chamberlain that **the Chaoporter should be humanized by Pallas' presence and with him as Quintarch in order to prevent FENERIK from colliding with the Yodor Sphere and forming a Chaocosmocratic chimera that neither the Cosmocrats nor the Chaotarchs would be able to control.** Bell and Rhodan are happy with this deal.

Alaska Saedelaere and Gry O'Shannon are in the Primordial Corridor on board the Chaoporter. Behind transparent but unbreakable walls, simulations of the probable evolution of various life forms are running. Saedelaere believes that the builders of the Chaoporter, the Chaotects Perneter and Haretmir Horizon, created the Corridor to escape from FENERIK.

After meeting with the insectoid Tshekdar and speaking at length with it, it later on attacks with a group of Corridorists. Saedelaere and O'Shannon are literally pushed through one of the Corridor walls, which they had previously thought indestructible. *Tshekdar* declares that neither servants of the Chaotarchs nor servants of the Cosmocrats will be tolerated here!

O'Shannon and Saedelaere are hurled into the deep past *within* the Chaoporter. Saedelaere is only granted a private audience *with* Perneter Horizon when he lets *Perneter* touch a glove of the Suit of Promise.

The Chaotect waffles cryptically about how he and his colleague Haretmir will be the final "keystones" in the Chaoporter's Sextadiment(?), which controls FENERIK's Readiness Phases. He sees the Cappin fragment as a way to better accomplish his task. Saedelaere should remove his mask so that the Chaotect can see it. Perneter

already knows that O'Shannon and her companion are time travelers. Saedelaere accuses the Chaotect that the Primordial Corridor - which supposedly only serves to provide easy access to all of FENERIK's construction sites - actually has another purpose : as an escape route for Perneter and Haretemir, neither of whom want to join the Sextadiment. Perneter then attacks *Alaska*, but before he can kill the mask wearer, O'Shannon enters the Abyssal Dispersion and takes Saedelaere with her.

O'Shannon and Saedelaere blackmail *the Chaotect*. He is to bring them both back to the present in return for them not betraying him to ZOU SKOST. The two Chaotects' plan to escape the Chaoporter through the Corridor remains feasible. The three of them set off in search of the first room where O'Shannon and Saedelaere had been pushed through time. Once there, Perneter Horizon encourages the mask wearer to listen to the Suit of Promise. This enables them to return to the Primordial Corridor in the present, *where they track down Perneter*, because only he knows the way out of the Chaoporter.

What Perneter Horizon wants now - as he did then - is a glimpse of the Cappin fragment. In return, he wants to show O'Shannon and Saedelaere a way out of the Chaoporter. The necessary course can only be set by Haretemir Horizon. However, the path to him is somewhat arduous.

O'Shannon wants to be there when Saedelaere lifts the mask. He gets her to at least turn away. The mask is removed and the Chaotect dies in bliss. The emanations of the Cappin fragment trigger a spontaneous Dispersion in O'Shannon.

The Corridorists storm the *place* and accuse the two Galactics of the murder of Perneter Horizon. *The two are captured and prepared for trial. At one point*, O'Shannon automatically goes into Dispersion and disappears. A thermal beam from the Atonement Pre-provider Bazza hits Saedelaere in the chest.

Alaska wakes up at a medical station, *where* the Suit of Promise has partially regenerated *him*. He is able to penetrate the *computers* of the medostation *and discovers that their Advocate* Bukk has registered as a bounty hunter and is hunting O'Shannon. Saedelaere escapes.

Gry O'Shannon is taken by a boat, piloted by Sanshy, to meet Heretemir Horizon. The name "Horizon" is intended to make it clear that **with the Chaoporter they have created an instrument to reach the event horizon of the universe**. It took four million years to build because the Chaotarch ZOU SKOST dissolved into FENERIK. O'Shannon is now supposed to find Perneter Horizon, who apparently descended into the Sextadiment after his death, which he did not want to do. *She uses a staff with a glowing tip to go there, and discovers that an enormous number of ÜBSEF constants are intertwined in the Sextadiment*, which was damaged in the collision with the LIGHTFORCE and *who* have been living in fear ever since, because the three remaining Quintarchs can no longer control the Chaoporter properly and the *new* hypergravitational route is mentally constricting the ÜBSEF constants.

Suddenly, a robot grabs O'Shannon and runs with her up *a* rust-red tower for miles. Both "fall" upwards into the light and emerge on the island where Bukk has been waiting for twelve days *for O'Shannon*. The "robot" was *actually* Saedelaere *who* has retrieved O'Shannon from the Sextadiment.

O'Shannon reports *to Haretemir Horizon* that she *did not find* Perneter in the Sextadiment. She believes he was not there at all. Haretemir agrees to *send them to* the Milky Way. A glider lands with 20 Atonement Pre-Providers who want to carry out the death sentence before the trial. Saedelaere opens *a* portal into the courtroom with the staff with the glowing tip. Judge Choem schedules the trial for the following day.

Bukk tries to convince Alaska that he is dying, so that he would confess to the murder, then she would get O'Shannon off and could then count on many new clients. Choem himself ordered the assassination attempt on Alaska by Bazza.

But in the end, Bukk intervenes. It emerges that Haretemir Horizon paid the Atonement Pre-providers to hunt down Saedelaere, and that Perneter Horizon's butler is in contact with Sanshy. Their testimony exonerates the accused – Saedelaere and O'Shannon are freed.

Two days later, the two are back on the beach. Sanshy appears and hands them a Portal Key that leads to a planet in the center of the Milky Way that is connected to the interstellar spaceship routes. So Haretemir has kept his word. Saedelaere finally opens the portal and leaves the Primordial Corridor with O'Shannon and the Suit of Promise - as he is allowed to keep the Portal Key, he could return at some point.

The Atammas are an auxiliary race of the Haluters. They live on Halut in underground caverns. It was only 500 years ago that the Haluters discovered their presence and took them into their service to maintain machines and technology, but the Atammas had already existed undiscovered underground for 1000 years. The Atamma Wevar, a guardian, ponders the current situation on Halut. He has a message for *the Atammas' leader* Grand Guardian Kaina, because the Atammas no longer want to remain on Halut. Wevar is already working on this project and will not let Kaina stop him. The Atammas have been sabotaging Haluter technical projects for *about* 30 years in order to repair the damage immediately and efficiently - all for the sake of being indispensable.

Jesper Pan, the Vice President of the LFG, *addresses the galaxy thru a hyper-radio broadcast. He reports* that the Crystal Republic of Arkon will join the Lemurian Alliance and will soon send a large fleet to monitor FENERIK's flight.

When *the* Red Star materializes in the Haluta system, an alarm is triggered. Then *a* Chaoporter rift opens : 3000 Chaos ships emerge. The Haluters send 1000 of their own warships to meet them.

A Gharsen *contacts the Halutian negotiator* Blo Rakane by radio from his *ship*, and announces that three Radraumers(?) will land on Halut to extract something from the planet, after which they will fly on. Rakane threatens a space battle, *but allows Farbaud to land to negotiate.*

Farbaud has a long conversation with Blo Rakane. There is only one mountain on Halut, it is a meteorite that has hit it. Farbaud wants to take it with him to FENERIK and offers the Halutians the chance to relocate to the Chaoporter. Rakane refuses the latter, but allows *the* three spacecraft to land and investigate the mountain, *as long as* the Chaos fleet withdraws to the Rift before *they* land.

Farbaud meets the Atammas, who offer to relocate to the FENERIK. He agrees, and so they become a new auxiliary race of the Chaoporter. Farbaud now thinks that it was not the mountain he was looking for, but according to the serendipity principle, the Atammas. Rakane, on the other hand, wonders whether the Atammas might ultimately weaken the Chaoporter in accordance with their prevailing motto of disruptive actions which the Haluters have known about, just as the Metatin in Pallas might eventually humanize the Chaoporter.

Shortly before her departure, the Grand Guardian Kaina leaves Blo Rakane a supposedly empty medkit. When the Chaos fleet has departed, he opens the case and out steps Gry O'Shannon, who immediately asks for Alaska Saedelaere. Kaina found O'Shannon below the mountain and brought her to safety with the cloaked suitcase

Alaska Saedelaere wakes up *in early 2072* NGE in a *station* in an unknown location. There is no trace of Gry O'Shannon. His Cappin fragment is extremely active and he is plagued by flashes of memory from his childhood. These memories seem somehow strange to Alaska Saedelaere, and he is not sure whether they are really his own memories. He relives the day of his transmitter accident *that implanted the Cappin fragment in his face*. He feels the pain *of the incident*. In his pain, he begins to scream his name, which becomes more and more distorted until *he is shouting* the name "Alraska".

After he has recovered from this memory surge, he begins to examine the surroundings and realizes that the station was probably built by Terrans. Outside he finds *a sign that* reads : Station Notration.

Once again he is overcome by a flash of memory. This time it is 3434 AD, and he is traveling with Atlan on Gevonian in search of the mutant Ribald Corello. They meet Kytoma, who calls Alaska Saedelaere "Alraska" and prophesies that he will extinguish a flame in the distant future. He also remembers how he forcibly removed Runeme Shilter's cell activator *in 3441* and how he took power over the Solar Empire after Perry Rhodan's death in 3461, *none of which actually happened in this reality*.

Back in his right mind, Saedelaere now knows where he is. The Notration station is on the planet D-Muner and played a role in the events surrounding the Anti-Universe (*from the Cosmic Chess Game cycle; NOTE – it is really a “parallel universe”*). He suspects that the memory spurts are not his, but those of Alaska Saedelaere from the Anti-Universe. He also suspects that the boundary layer between the Anti-Universe and his universe is particularly thin here on D-Muner. The combat robot Gladman *appears, who* has been tending the station.

He suffers another memory spike *that* is very different from the previous ones. These are not memories from the distant past, but experiences from the present day. He witnesses Mór O'Shannon visiting the Grand Administrator Saedelaere to tell him about her vision of a giant spaceship over D-Muner. Even though those present - Galbraith Deighton, Balton Wyt, Takvorian and the all-seeing eye Harno - do not believe the visions, Saedelaere listens to her and decides to fly to D-Muner.

Meanwhile, in the Anti-Universe, Alraska has arrived on D-Muner. *He* stands in front of the Notration station. Inside, they find an Audh dancing on a patch of ice and open fire on it. With the help of the mutants, they put the Audh in serious trouble. A female figure with wings from which black flames emerge manifests. All attacks on her are ineffective. Alraska *calls for a cease fire*. The figure introduces herself as Schomek, a *Quintarch* of the Chaoporter FENERIK. She offers Alraska the chance to become one of the five Quintarchs of FENERIK. As he would only be one of five, Alraska declines the offer. While Schomek is still trying to convince him, Alraska remembers Kytoma's prophecy and takes off his mask.

Alaska Saedelaere senses that the Suit of Promise is activating, and a short time later he also finds himself on the ice surface in the Anti-Universe. The Audh's *hyper-ice* has further weakened the interface between the two universes, allowing the passage to succeed. When Saedelaere senses that his counterpart in the Anti-Universe supports the same values as he does, he also decides to fight and takes off his mask. Supported by the two *fragments, the two suits* and the mutants Wyt and Takvorian, Alaska and Alraska *kill* Schomek.

As the Audh also disappears and the ice surface dissolves, the tunnel between the universes goes out and Saedelaere returns to his universe.

As he slowly recovers from his exertions, it is *early 2072* NGE, and Gladman informs him that a wrecked rod-shaped spaceship has appeared in orbit.

Above the planet D-Muner, Alaska Saedelaere and the robot approach the *Quintarch ship* PAALVAGUR. The mask wearer expects this unit to repair itself and other Chaos units to appear shortly. So he doesn't want to waste any time. LFG ships cannot arrive for at least another eight hours.

The ship is a Chaos Synapse, *it* exists simultaneously in several universes and there are fragments of Chaofactums on board - these are integrated into the ship, incorporated and intertwined with it.

Kamtaalen Beshkaneel, the Observer of ZOU SKOST, *assumes* Saedelaere has been invited to a wake and funeral feast for Schomek. *Alaska joins a* discussion circle on the PAALVAGUR, *where* one of those present has visions of Terrania in the Anti-Universe : Alraska is told *by his advisors* what tremendous opportunities he would have as Quintarch.

Alaska is still in mental contact with *Alraska* and is aware of his thoughts and his field of vision. If the PAALVAGUR were to be destroyed, as a Chaos Synapse it could mean the mixing of several universes and the downfall of the Milky Way, the discussion group now realizes. *Thru the* mental link, Alaska Saedelaere speaks to *Alraska* and prevents him from blowing up the PAALVAGUR.

In the discussion circle, it becomes clear that **FENERIK is seeking to merge Alaska Saedelaere with Alraska in order to create a transuniversal Quintarch.**

The Observer and the team reach the mourning hall where Schomek lies. The Observer leads *Alaska* to Schomek's corpse because she wants to speak to Saedelaere - the Quintarch left a Quintarchic Vote (*a fragment of the Quintarch's consciousness that knows the Quintarch's choice for their successor*) before she went to D-Muner. The Vote is in the corpse.

In the discussion circle it becomes clear that ***the destruction of the Chaoporter would result in the local unification of the Normal Universe with a Chaoverse and the Anti-Universe - the Cosmocrats would then seal off the Milky Way and inside there would be a deep-seated battle of Chaos against Order to establish the laws of nature.*** Billions would die. Only Saedelaere's ascension to Quintarch could prevent this.

In conversation with the Vote, it becomes clear that *Schomek* still wants Saedelaere to be her successor. To do so, he must speak to the *on-board* sextatronic computer PAAEM. Meanwhile, the two Saedelaeres continue to communicate. Alraska insists on succeeding Schomek in order to gain possession of the PAALVAGUR, which has powers spanning several universes.

Alaska Saedelaere chooses Gladmann *as his companion for the interview*, who is disarmed in the ship's control center. When PAAEM manifests *as* absolute blackness in a corner of the hall, Saedelaere pulls down his mask and the manifestation receives the full radiation of the Cappin fragment. The computer goes mad. Saedelaere returns to the control center while Gladmann blows itself up. PAAEM is *at* destroyed *or at* least badly damaged.

In the control center, Saedelaere uses the Suit of Promise to log into a terminal and deactivate the 6-D shield around the ship. Space soldiers and TARA combat robots invade Schomek's ship - the League fleet has arrived. The LFG troops install a mobile transmitter, through which reinforcements move in. **The LFG troops capture the Chaos spacecraft.**

Saedelaere is of the opinion that the Chaoporter has become even more dangerous due to the death of another Quintarch, as it continues to rush towards the Yodor Sphere. Perhaps FENERIK needs to be saved from destruction, even if this might bring *the Galactics* into conflict with the Cosmocrats.

Distant past : Reginald Bell stands on the planet Pordypor with a mental body. The world is doomed. The civilization of the Paramags (*the indigenous people of the system, who live in PEW metal*) is threatened by devastating volcanic eruptions. As a budding Quintarch, Bell has the choice between saving the planet or saving the future.

Present : the Red Star has approached the Paramag-Alpha system, a waymark on the hypergravitational route of the Chaoporter. Two starship *cruisers* accompanying the Red Star on the instructions of Mieke Meideina observe the local conditions as they enter the Paramag-Alpha system. The planet Pordypor exploded thousands of years ago. But there are still rich deposits of PEW metal, and many of the chunks of debris are *permeated* by PEW strands. Suddenly the planet Pordypor is back and both cruisers plummet towards its surface. According to Mieke Meideina, a time sink has formed, *and the ships are now in the past, where Pordypor still exists*.

A Paramag ship radios the Red Star. Bell is given permission to rescue the surviving crew members and then evacuate Paramags from areas where there is no direct access to the PEW metal. This is because just before the planet perishes, the inhabitants of Pordypor can retreat mentally and physically into the PEW at the same time.

The crews of the two cruisers are sucked in by the PEW. As the Red Star approaches, Bell is *also* sucked into the PEW and meets *a Paramag*, who warns Bell of a great danger : the longer the souls remain in the PEW, the more likely an inseparable fusion of the ÜBSEF constants with the Paramags will become, making a return to *their* human bodies impossible.

Mieke Meideina and *her* Ash'sharal *other half* voluntarily enter the PEW to explore it. They can move around there much better than the other souls. Meanwhile, the disembodied Galactics are moving towards a spirit mill that would crush their souls. Meideina can block the way there *temporarily*. Reginald Bell rescues Meideina and the cruiser crew piling up behind her with the help of an experienced Paramag. Their souls reunite with *their* bodies waiting aboard the Red Star.

Meideina now points out that the spirit mill, which consists of degenerate anti-PEW, must be prevented from spreading into the healthy parts of the PEW. To do this, the planet would have to be blown up "again". In a vision - when the Red Star *will fly* into the Sol system through the crystal screen - Meideina *sees* egg-shaped ships covered in anti-PEW attacking. This could also be prevented by the blast. Bell gives his consent.

Bell is on his way in a Red Star dinghy to rescue Paramags, but the Chaotarch ZOU SKOST *arrives*. ZOU SKOST orders Bell to stop the second blast of Pordypor so that he can retrieve the anti-PEW he craves. This puts Bell in a dilemma, because only the second blast can ensure that the normal timeline is formed, but he is beholden to the Chaotarch - anything else would be mutiny. ZOU SKOST emphasizes how important Bell is to the Chaoporter and that he needs his guidance. Then he disappears.

Bell wants to blow up Pordypor prematurely to prevent ZOU SKOST from appropriating the entire anti-PEW and thus strengthening FENERIK immensely, but things turn out differently, because the Chaotarch *soon re-*appears before Bell and announces that Sälssinde's star-call to Bell will begin from this moment in the past *only if Pordypor is destroyed*. Then the Chaotarch disappears and returns to the real present together with the

captured anti-PEW. Bell finally gives the detonation order, *and* the planet explodes, establishing the normal, known timeline.

Back in the present *in early* 2072 NGE, Meideina shows Bell how the Chaopoter FENERIK processes the anti-PEW and unexpectedly begins to lurch along the hypergravitational path. This is also due to the fact that only Farbaud and Addanc are still available as *acting* Quintarchs.

Then three spaceships appear in very close proximity to the Red Star. These are the two battle cruisers FELLMER LLOYD and BJO BREISKOLL as well as the LIGHTFORCE. The *three ships* reached the Paramag-Alpha system after an intergalactic flight from Cassiopeia to the center of the Milky Way. Mission leader Farye Sepheroa *radios* Bell, but he does not respond. Instead, a rift opens up behind the Red Star.

Several Munuam Tricubes and Aryn timer Shardships leave the Rift and finally Farbaud's vessel appears. *Farye* makes contact with Vetris-Molaud on the LIGHTFORCE. The Tefroder is currently dealing with a *crew* of Saedelaere loyalists who do not want to *accept* Vetris-Molaud as commander. Since it will probably take too long for a League fleet to arrive, Vetris-Molaud orders a Tefrodian fleet here from Tefor.

Farbaud sends for the Munuam Perzpar and the Aryn timer Altalt *and their elite troops*. They are to board the LIGHTFORCE. Afterwards, the Quintarch wants to dismantle the spaceship and transfer its technology to the FENERIK. Farbaud is certain of victory. He fires his vessel's Sextadim Cannons at the cylinder, the effect will drive the crew into paranoia or hallucinations.

The LIGHTFORCE's protective shield is penetrated. Then the vessel rams the Cosmocratic ship and smashes a breach in the hull. Chaos troops board the cylinder and a battle ensues between Aryn timer, Munuam and the dwarf androids. The battle rages back and forth, but then Farbaud changes his tactics : the Wellmox (*race*) Meedost, an interrogator, is to find mutinous dwarf androids, interrogate them and search for the locations of DAN, the ship's brain, and Vetris-Molaud.

The location of DAN is extracted from *a* dwarf android by means of torture. Meedost wants to lead the attack on DAN himself and the Quintarch agrees. The *place* is found, but only a dwarf android is positioned there as a guard. This guard announces that Vetris-Molaud and DAN have entered the flowing space(?) through which the LIGHTFORCE is traveling. During *an* interrogation, the android finally reveals how to find this wandering space.

Vetris-Molaud and Farbaud end up talking, but the Tefroder doesn't think much of the Quintarch's offer to become his deputy, and so the two part without any results. Farbaud initially sees himself as the winner, but this quickly fades when he *realizes that* the cell-preserving radiation of the LIGHTFORCE is apparently missing - the *ship is* in its entirety just a dummy and probably a trap for the Quintarch.

Farbaud is hit by a bolt of energy and *is* badly injured. Altalt and Perzpar follow the Quintarch's last orders. They surrender and promise Vetris-Molaud to lead him aboard the vessel, which has since been captured by Tefrodian troops. Part of the surrender agreement is medical care for the injured, which includes Farbaud.

The unconscious Quintarch wakes up quite quickly *on a medoship* and gives the order for his vessel to self-destruct via radio. The explosions cause a 6-D radiation storm in the vicinity of the vessel, which also wreaks havoc on the LIGHTFORCE imitation.

On his retreat from the ship, Farbaud encounters Damar Feyerlant and Shema Ghessow. The *mutants quickly disarm and restrain him*. The Quintarch is transported to a location through an **Ultradim window** (*Cosmocratic technology that functions like a zero-length wormhole*). Farbaud was taken through the 6-D window into the real Cosmocrat cylinder and is now trapped there in a glass cube. Former MotI Soynte Abil sits in front of him.

Addanc - the last Quintarch on board the Chaoporter - sets off to meet ZOU SKOST, whom he intends to propose to install him as dictator of FENERIK.

In the meantime, Anzu Gotjian is picked up by a larva of Addanc (*Addanc's consciousness is distributed across a large number of larvae*). The Quintarch is convinced that the Terran has already successfully completed her training as a 6-D gunner, *and* wants to take her to an audience with the Chaotarch ZOU SKOST. They take off on Addanc's ship LUCTU.

The Chaotarch emerges from his receptacle (*in which* some of the conditions there are like those beyond the Matter Sinks) in the [action body] of an Ourrvid, an amphiboid with large fangs. He grabs Gotjian and lifts her far up into the chasm so that she can take a comprehensive look at the Chaoporter from there. *As a whole*, it is a shell for ZOU SKOST, but the sight of it makes the Terran faint.

Addanc wants to receive the Chaonome Directive from ZOU SKOST, which would involve absolute command. FENERIK is currently in Readiness Phase One and is still hurtling towards the Yodor Sphere. **A collision would release all the Chaofactums and destroy most of the Milky Way**. With the Chaonome Directive, Addanc would also have access to the Chaofactum Hoard (*all Chaofactums aboard FENERIK*). It would be the very first time that the Chaotarch would give the directive to Addanc. ZOU SKOST will therefore only grant the Quintarch this authorization in an extreme emergency, but at the moment it is not yet time.

Gotjian is back *in* Addanc's domain. The Quintarch slips into *a larva*. He accompanies Gotjian to Nal, because a conversation with the dead Quintarch's Vote is on the agenda. Addanc announces to Nal's *Vote* that Farbaud and Schomek's Votes are part of a *conspiracy*. Before Schomek's death, she had agreed with Farbaud that the Chaoporter should *be destroyed* if *they were both* to perish. Addanc *says he* wants to prevent this. Nal's *Vote* takes the last Quintarch and the Terran woman with him to Schomek's Vote.

Addanc's plan is to fire a special Sextadim Cannon at Schomek and Farbaud's Votes - the only reason he has taken Gotjian with him. To prevent her from finding out about this plan, Shashnar plunges her into darkness and deafness. *Gotjian wakes up* back in the LUCTU, where she finds a rather small version of a Sextadim Cannon.

After a conversation with Shashnar's *Vote*, Addanc retreats to his original body to gather strength for the final battle. He will also destroy the other two Votes after Schomek's and Farbaud's Votes in order to take sole control of FENERIK. Anzu Gotjian will help him to achieve and maintain this rule.

The LUCTU lands at a spot that is particularly suitable for firing the Cannon. The *Votes* of Schomek, Shashnar, Nal and Farbaud appear in a *cube*, and finally Addanc also appears, manifesting himself in a multitude of his larvae. *[Note : Votes are independent entities, they don't just appear when their owner dies, that's why Farbaud's Vote is here.]*

Gotjian targets Schomek's Vote and influences it in such a way that it attacks itself. She then causes Farbaud's Vote to *radiate on* Schomek's *Vote*. When Addanc fires energy beams at the Votes, chaos breaks out. The four

Votes are destroyed. Addanc is completely satisfied with the gunner's work. He must now make contact with ZOU SKOST as quickly as possible, because Farbaud's Vote had manipulated the Chaofactum Hoard in an unclear way before its destruction and Gotjian will still be needed.

The Chaoporter is hurtling towards the Yodor Sphere at 900 light years per day. So there are only twelve days until the collision with the future Cosmocratic Citadel, Reginald Bell sums up on board the Red Star. With only the Quintarch Addanc left aboard FENERIK, the Chaoporter has fallen into Readiness Phase One, making it even more difficult to control. Bell makes radio contact with the Munuam Zebuchor, who commands more than 30,000 Chaos ships that have risen from the Chaoporter's 6-D Rift. Opposing them is a fleet of 20,000 Lemurian Alliance starships (Tefroder, Terran, Springers and Arkonide) and 10,000 Blues warships. Bell wants to avoid a space battle, but Zebuchor is ready for battle and will not take orders from a mere aspiring Quintarch.

The space battle begins with an attack by Springers on Munuam Tricubes, but it doesn't end well for the Springers. Then *several* more *Galactic* battlecruisers *appear*. Tenders *are launched* that carry transmitters to the Springers ships, saving most of the survivors. Bell remains only a spectator.

Then a single spherical ship emerges from the rift. It is commanded by a Thoron named Ruuman. He is an emissary of ZOU SKOST and asks Bell to come aboard FENERIK, as Addanc is overwhelmed *by being the only commander*. Bell accepts and the Red Star follows the Thoron through the rift.

In a Sea of Dust inside the Chaoporter's shells, the Red Star lands on a platform inside a spaceship graveyard. Then Addanc's ship, appears. Bell learns that Addanc has gone to the Chaofactum Hoard to put one of *them* to use. The hoard lies within the Sea of Dust and Ruuman *admits* that he cannot stop Chaofactums himself.

Reginald Bell, Ruuman and Mieke Meideina go to the Chaofactum Hoard. Three Audh are guarding the portal. On Ruuman's advice, Bell mentally opens up to the guards and they actually clear the way. The three of them plunge through an opening and immediately find themselves in a *ferry*, *which Bell pilots*. The journey takes them into the interior of a black hole in which the Chaofactums are stored. Inside the black hole, a radio message comes in from a second *ferry*, occupied by three of Addanc's larvae, in which Addanc's consciousness is located. Bell is to follow them to a certain Chaofactum that the Quintarch wishes to release. By guiding the *ferry* to this destination, Bell is tested for his suitability as a Quintarch.

The black hole is located in a technical enclave of the Chaoporter and within it are the horizon pits in which the Chaofactums are buried. Bell follows Addanc's *ferry* into a horizon pit, but then almost crash lands. However, he eventually takes mental control of the *ferry* and lands softly in the *ferry* terminal.

Finally, Bell and Addanc meet. The Quintarch fires the Chaofactum at the Milky Way, leaving a remnant of the Chaofactum at the control element. Mieke Meideina is able to reprogram this remnant and send it after the Chaofactum, destroying it. Meanwhile, there is a battle with Addanc's three larvae. Bell is able to kill one larva, Ruuman the second. The third larva is only injured - Bell leaves it alive. He persuades Addanc to join him on the GNATOK to discuss the situation of the Chaoporter and prevent its destruction. Bell is determined to save both the Milky Way and FENERIK. Addanc is to help him.

Reginald Bell and Ruuman welcome *Gotjian* aboard *the GNATOK* and escort her to Addanc, who is lying in a medotank in the form of one of his larvae. Bell demands an audience with ZOU SKOST *in the Sea of Dust*.

ZOU SKOST first talks to Gotjian and finally offers her the chance to kneel under his navel, which she takes literally and kneels down in front of ZOU SKOST's manifestation receptacle - but "kneeling under the navel" means something else. ZOU SKOST will then fill Gotjian with that which is dissolved in FENERIK.

The Chaotarch invites Reginald Bell to dive with him. The transfer receptacle *engulfs Bell* and he lands in a barren environment with a few trees and black cities. This is where a precursor of the Chaotarch met MU SARGAI in their former form several million years ago, ZOU SKOST announces to Bell. *A red mist, which Bell reluctantly breathes in, consecrates him as a Quintarch.*

ZOU SKOST announces that he will raise the Chaoporter from Readiness Phase Two to Five by flooding FENERIK with his substance so that the Chaos vehicle can then survive a collision with the Yodor Sphere. ZOU SKOST's communication options will then be extremely limited. He issues the Chaonome Directive to Addanc, making him dictator of the Chaoporter for exactly 33 days, which also includes access to the Chaofactum Hoard. Bell protests and is given a veto over the use of the Chaofactums. It could be, says Bell, that the Chaoporter can only be saved if the Milky Way is also saved.

Using the GNATOK transmitter, Bell and Gotjian travel to the Red Star, Bell's spaceship. Raising the Readiness Phase by three levels will cause severe mental stress and energetic distortions, so Bell takes the Sextadim Gunner with him for *Gotjian's* own protection. He promises Addanc that he will send her to him as soon as the upgrade is complete. Bell, Gotjian and Mieke Meideina then make a pact : should one of the three attack the Milky Way with Chaofactums, for example, the other two are to kill him or her.

The Red Star is now experiencing the rise of the Readiness Phase. Phase Five is quickly reached as the Chaotarch dissolves completely into FENERIK. Bell and Gotjian become unwell, first losing their bearings and then their consciousness. When Bell wakes up hours later, Gotjian has left with Addanc's ship LUCTU. Bell wants to pursue them with the Red Star, but his ship has been damaged by the long stay in the Sea of Dust and the raising of the Readiness Phase. Since the GNATOK is still *working*, Quintarch Bell orders Ruuman to pursue the LUCTU. Addanc has taken Chaofactums on board before his departure. No one knows what he intends to do with *them*.

Addanc has observed the skirmishes with the Munuam *in the DeColmar system that FENERIK is currently passing thru* and now orders Gotjian to launch one of four Chaofactums into an *empty* area in interstellar proximity. She reluctantly complies, but sees the whole thing as a warning shot for the Galactics, *and fires*. The LUCTU leaves FENERIK through a rift. Addanc sends a radio message : he warns *against* an attack on the Chaoporter and announces the release of a Chaofactum. He also names Reginald Bell as the new Quintarch and an image of Anzu Gotjian triggering the Sextadim Cannon is shown in the holo. *Bell and Gotjian are thus portrayed as traitors in the eyes of the public.*

The Chaofactum materializes much closer than expected in the DeColmar system. First it destroys the sixth planet Karragher, then the moon Mundilfari, then planet Odhner and finally the sun DeColmar. Only two million of *Odhner's* 160 million inhabitants are saved. Addanc has caused a *hundred-million-fold* bloodbath with the help of Anzu Gotjian.

Anzu Gotjian is shocked. After a fruitless conversation with Addanc, she switches to the GNATOK. The Quintarch considers it *a fact* that far more individuals in FENERIK and the Milky Way were saved by the deterrent effect of the attack than were destroyed, and he sees Gotjian's *involvement* as the first step for her towards becoming a Quintarch. Ruuman brings her to the Red Star for debate. Bell does not hold her responsible for the devastating consequences of the attack. Nevertheless, Anzu Gotjian reproaches herself.

According to the pact, Meideina and Bell should kill her, but they see Addanc as the main culprit. He used his power as dictator before Bell could use his veto. Gotjian now believes she knows what it means to kneel beneath the navel of ZOU SKOST.

A few light years from the Yodor Sphere, the Chaoporter FENERIK stops. Thousands of Munuam Tricubes, several hundred Arynneen Shardships and Addanc's LUCTU *appear* from the rift. The Quintarch demands free passage to the Yodor Sphere, otherwise he will release Chaofactums.

Atlan *is in* his sextadim capsule RA. He consults by radio with Rhodan, who is currently on board the THANA, the sextadim capsule of Castellan Alschoran. The RAS TSCHUBAI is flying in the wake of the Chaoporter in the best possible camouflage, serving as the ultimate operational reserve. Rhodan asks Atlan to join him on the THANA so that the three of them can fly to the Yodor Sphere and persuade the Cosmocrat MU SARGAI to form a defensive alliance against FENERIK. Atlan uses a transmitter to enter the RAS TSCHUBAI, where the THANA is located.

Addanc fires two Chaofactums in quick succession at the Sphere's Vector Inverter Field shield. The LUCTU and the assembled Chaos fleet fly inside through the resulting *opening*. Several thousand Cobra ships of the Yodors oppose them, but are almost completely casually destroyed.

MU SARGAI calls the Arkonide for help. The capsule is to be directed to her via a paramental 6-D guide beam. Atlan must therefore take the helm of the THANA, which the Castellan only reluctantly allows. Atlan steers the THANA into a hypercrystalline charged Dark Cloud.

Atlan, Rhodan and Alschoran *are taken* to MU SARGAI. The route leads *to* the foot of a mountain, *which* is the manifestation of the Cosmocrat in a para-reality. They learn that MU SARGAI can only incompletely protect itself from the Chaofactums, **as they attack the basic structure of the Moral Code, in which positive superintelligences and Cosmocrats are rooted.**

Rhodan tells of the access to the Primordial Corridor of the Chaoporter, which Alaska Saedelaere and Gry O'Shannon have at their disposal. The Cosmocrat was completely unaware of the Corridor. *She reveals that* the Chaotarch ZOU SKOST is an eons-old companion, comrade-in-arms, and rival.

The *trio* reaches a shelter *occupied by* a woman of indeterminable age who combines all the attributes of Miss, Mother and Madame Sargai, the three *versions* of the Cosmocrat that Atlan has encountered before (*in the previous cycle*). In return for the help of the Galactics and the Castellans, MU SARGAI tells them that due to various events (presumably those connected with the Atopian Tribunal and Thez), **IT has been fragmented into several parts that have retreated to different refuges**; she knows the locations of two refuges and will announce them after the assistance operation has been completed.

A robot steward reports that the Chaos fleet *is near the* Dark Cloud, *which* is therefore in acute danger. Atlan, Rhodan and Alschoran are immediately taken to the THANA. At the edge of the Dark Cloud, the Arkonide takes command of the Yodorian fleet. The LUCTU is isolated at the edge of the Chaos fleet, then the THANA

jumps there. Alschoran teleports to the LUCTU with the Sextaferer *transmitter* built into his protective suit, carrying a bomb. The explosion of the Sextadim bomb causes heavy damage, but Addanc's *ship* is not completely destroyed. The Yodors attack the LUCTU, but it still fires a Chaofactum at the *Dark Cloud*.

In a desperate action, the Castellan takes Atlan and Rhodan to the Yodorian flagship BAYOCO and then steers the THANA towards the Chaofactum. Both are completely destroyed in the collision, but the Castellan teleports back to the BAYOCO in time. [The Chaos fleet retreats and leaves the Yodor Sphere.](#)

During his *visit* to the LUCTU, Alschoran had mental contact with Anzu Gotjian, who is in a conflict of loyalties and reports that Addanc has unlimited access to the Chaofactum Hoard.

MU SARGAI agrees to *have* a large mixed fleet from Terra, the Lemurian Alliance, Arkon and Gatas flown to the future Cosmocratic Citadel for defense, as Addanc is likely to attack soon with an even larger fleet. The Cosmocrat orders the Galactics to the planet Túlasy within the Sphere, from where they can radio out through the Vector Inverter Field.

After sending messages to the fleets, Atlan is drawn to the famous House of Chimeras(?), which he knows from earlier times. It is located in a forest that renders all technology ineffective, so you can only get there on foot. The house is populated by bizarre statuesque chimeras and is in a permanent state of flux. Rhodan, Atlan, Saedelaere and Alschoran enter the house, *but Alaska is the only one allowed to stay*. He finds the Irreversible Room, where the Invited Guests have disappeared to. That's when the three housekeepers show up. So far, they have missed every guest who has opened the door - the Irreversible Room had already devoured every guest before they could materialize. Inside, countless individuals of many species are half or more sunken into the floor and walls. Saedelaere convinces most of *them*, who may have been missing for hundreds of millions of years, to *go* through the *second door in the room*. But when he crosses the threshold, he is alone and meets the other members of his team. Once again, the three housekeepers appear and report that most of the guests who had entered the house have now left. The pressure on the chimeras has eased considerably and they are suddenly relieved of a burden weighing tons. It will still be impossible to avoid guests disappearing in the future, but it will take a very long time before their numbers become a burden on the House again. As promised, Saedelaere will be able to open a gate into the Primordial Corridor with the Perlocator on a single further visit to the House.

In early [2072 NGE](#), the RAS TSCHUBAI and the MAGELLAN with the wreck of the PAALVAGUR fly into the Yodor Sphere. A large conference is held on the RAS TSCHUBAI, attended by Pucky, Ichō Tolot, Iwán/Iwa Mulholland, Alaska Saedelaere and Gry O'Shannon. Two teams are to be formed. The first group is supposed to fly into the Chaoporter with *Atlan on the PAALVAGUR*, but the ship's Chaodrive is damaged and there is no Chaogator on board. Therefore, the *renegade* Chaogator Hookadar is brought from the Sol system. The second group around O'Shannon, Saedelaere, *and Rhodan* will enter via the Primordial Corridor to make contact with Haretemir Horizon, who may know where the Chaoporter's control center - is located. The Portal Key that Saedelaere received can open the Primordial Corridor, but only in the immediate vicinity of FENERIK.

Quintarch Farbaud, trapped on the LIGHTFORCE, *will be tricked into repairing* the damaged Chaos Driver on the ship of the deceased Quintarch Schomek, without realizing that he is helping the Galactics. *When asked*, Soynte Abil, the current commander of the recently arrived LIGHTFORCE, announces that the status of Vetrismolaud is currently unclear - he is inaccessible.

Atlan : on the LIGHTFORCE, Hookadar *finds* the prison cell of Farbaud to free him. On the way to the *cloaked* space jet which Hookadar *used to get here*, the Chaogator demands three guarantees from the Quintarch for his support : his personal immortality, his complete *amnesty* from the Chaoporter, and the prevention of the use of Chaofactums by Addanc. Farbaud agrees to the first two conditions, but will only oppose the use of ultimate Chaofactums if it endangers FENERIK or the Milky Way as a whole.

Finally, the two fugitives reach the transmitter, which Hookadar has allegedly manipulated and which is the only way to get on board the cloaked space jet. Hookadar then informs the Quintarch that the MAGELLAN, the target of their escape, will be helping to repair the still partially damaged LIGHTFORCE, as well as the Quintarch ship PAALVAGUR.

Meanwhile, a team of scientists and robots, led by Atlan, is working on gaining control of the PAAEM on-board computer aboard *the PAALVAGUR*. However, Alschoran's attempt to influence the computer with the help of his para-gift takes a long time.

In the meantime, Hookadar and Farbaud have boarded the MAGELLAN and make their way to the PAALVAGUR. Once there, they are able to repair the ship's faulty Chaos Driver with PAAEM's help. The *Chaotarch* ZOU SKOST's *Observer* Kamtaalen Beshkaneel, to whom Atlan has given free passage, meets Farbaud and reveals to him that the Arkonide is still on the PAALVAGUR.

As they escape, some Galactic ships pursue and fire on them, but eventually let them escape. Alschoran finally takes control of PAAEM. The Galactics are now waiting for the PAALVAGUR to enter the Rift and reach the Chaoporter. However, Farbaud steers the ship into a hyperstorm to shake off the Galactic pursuers.

The Quintarch is able to confront the Arkonide when he *hides in* a secret room *that has a 6-D camouflage cloaking* projector. Farbaud attacks Atlan, who summons several TARAS to protect him and makes his escape.

Farbaud and Hookadar *eventually* steer the PAALVAGUR out of the hyperstorm. The Galactic fleet immediately attacks again. The uninitiated commanders are told that the ship must not be destroyed, as it allegedly has devastating Chaofactums on board.

However, the situation changes abruptly when a rift opens and a mixed Chaos fleet arrives, which immediately attacks the Galactic ships. After the PAALVAGUR dives into the Rift, the Chaos ships also retreat. Despite all the losses, the infiltration plan has been successfully implemented - [Atlan and his team are on their way to the Chaoporter](#).

Finally, Farbaud fulfills his promise to Hookadar. He is rehabilitated in FENERIK and the Quintarch ensures that no ultimate Chaofactums are used. However, Farbaud has other ideas about the immortality of the Laichangen : Hookadar is trapped on a Gharsen ship in one of the Gharsen galleries.

Rhodan : on the RAS TSCHUBAI they observe that a Chaoporter rift is opening up within the Yodor Sphere and spewing out thousands of warships. That's why Rhodan demands that the combined fleet of Terrans, Arkonides and Blues be flown into the Sphere so that the Galactics can fight the Chaos fleet, *which is allowed*. Rhodan prepares to go back to the House of Chimeras so that Saedelaere can open a gate into the Primordial Corridor. But before he can do that...

MU SARGAI is on the run. She wants to meet Rhodan on a planet *near* Tulasy. He chooses Saedelaere as his only companion. MU SARGAI comes to the point : Rhodan should get her out of the Sphere, as FENERIK's growing presence is harming her.

She wants Rhodan to absorb her into himself. The six-dimensional hieroglyph that Rhodan is carrying (*mentioned in the Jena Lands cycle*) serves this purpose. It may be an entire message in an alien language, and she suspects that it will take several Cosmocrats and Chaotarchs to decipher it. It is *called* the Panscriptum. Addanc has already arrived in the Yodor Sphere, haste is therefore required. MU SARGAI reveals that the future **Cosmocratic Citadel Simuel that the Yodor Sphere is building is to serve as a refuge for a coming cosmic catastrophe**, but this project cannot be completed in the presence of the Chaoporter. Atlan also carries a hieroglyph and would *be her first choice* since Rhodan's hieroglyph has been altered *in an unknown way*, but since the Arkonide is unavailable, Rhodan *will have to do*.

MU SARGAI gives Saedelaere a piece of paper with the coordinates of a lock in the Vector Inverter Field of the Yodor Sphere. Saedelaere is to assemble a small fleet at the lock and guard it until Rhodan and MU SARGAI arrive there with the small ship LIGHT.

Addanc, meanwhile, shares his own plans with the Munuam Maot. He *commandeers the Tricube KATTPARU*, and has two Audh wheeled spaceships with him, each with a Chaofactum attached. Addanc senses MU SARGAI's distress and mistakenly believes that she has no knowledge of him.

On the LIGHT, MU SARGAI merges with Rhodan's hieroglyph. Then the Terran mentally steers the small ship towards the airlock - and notices the KATTPARU and the wheeled spacecraft. He makes radio contact with Maot and tries to unsettle the Munuam, but Addanc intervenes and wants to know from Rhodan where MU SARGAI is hiding, which of course Rhodan *does not answer*.

After a short chase, the LIGHT approaches one of the Audh spaceships and destroys it with a kind of paratron launcher. The wheel-spacer is torn into hyperspace together with the Chaofactum and blows away. But the KATTPARU strikes back and hits the small LIGHT hard. Since the starship needs half an hour to regenerate, Rhodan *is* ejected from the small starship *in his SERUN* and *moves far away from the ship*.

The Chaos troops take the LIGHT into a hangar of the KATTPARU, where the LIGHT strikes back when Addanc tries to enter it - there is a huge explosion. The LIGHT breaks out of the Tricube and a chase ensues. But the Chaos Servants are unable to stop the Cosmocrat ship. It retrieves Rhodan, destroys the second Chaofactum, and passes through the airlock into the space outside the Yodor Sphere. The ZINASHBURC of Spateese, the Cosmocrat's Chamberlain, is waiting there. Rhodan goes on board, where MU SARGAI materializes again. **As a reward, she hands Rhodan a data carrier containing the location coordinates of two Fragment Refuges of IT**. Rhodan instinctively knows what to do with the clasp and attaches it to his left collarbone, where his cell activator is located. The data carrier will activate as soon as the Chaoporter has left the Milky Way. Rhodan sends his greetings to Vishna and his daughter Eirene/Idinyphe. Then MU SARGAI withdraws. Rhodan awaits Saedelaere so that they can finally enter the House of Chimeras together.

Atlan : on the PAALVAGUR, the Castellan Alschoran has taken control of part of the PAAEM on-board computer. Atlan and his team overhear a conversation between Farbaud and the *FENERIK* shipyard master. Farbaud demands that the *PAALVAGUR* be repaired, but this would take years. The Quintarch demands another

ship, *which the master refuses. Farbaud then blows up the PAALVAGUR.* Iwán/Iwa Mulholland jumps inside a nearby Chaoporter shipyard with Antanas Lato. Atlan and Alschoran use the Castellan's Sextaferer.

Rhodan : meanwhile, Perry Rhodan, Pucky, Gry O'Shannon, Damar Feyerlant, Shema Ghessow and Alaska Saedelaere *gather together.* Saedelaere uses the *Portal Key* to open a gateway into the Primordial Corridor. As they pass through, they lose most of their battle robots. The Exspector(?) Bunecc wants to take the team to the Chaotect. In return, he demands an information artifact.

Atlan : the team arrives near Farbaud. Since the Quintarch is still weakened by the destruction of the PAALVAGUR, Alschoran manages to partially take over the Quintarch with his semi-*mind-jump* gift. The shipyard master has summoned a new ship, the GUVV-SUVARA. Farbaud takes it to the All-Time Inclined Plane(?), where he leaves it. The team follows him unnoticed. Atlan asks the Castellan to give him the *essential* core of PAAEM; the Arkonide wants to use it to bring the GUVV-SUVARA under his control, *but Farbaud discovers the core and destroys it.*

Rhodan : the team passes through an inconspicuous door and lands in the Locked Corridor. *The leader of the Outcasts* says the artifact *they* are looking for can only be found if it wants to *be.* Gry O'Shannon goes into Abyssal Dispersion and flies ahead of the group as a cloud. They enter a labyrinth, but soon come up against an *unbreakable* wall.

Atlan : Alschoran overhears Farbaud. The Quintarch meets the Lord of Exchange, a remotely Blues-like being. Farbaud learns that ZOU SKOST has completely dissolved into the Chaoporter, raising it to Readiness Phase Five to cushion the impact on the *Yodor Sphere.* Reginald Bell is now a Quintarch; he has brought Anzu Gotjian, a Quintarch-to-be, on the Red Star and has left for an unknown destination. Farbaud can imagine that O'Shannon will also become a Quintarch. Farbaud is unable to make contact with ZOU SKOST and Bell. Farbaud does not like the dictatorial powers of Addanc (who has received the Chaonome Directive from ZOU SKOST). He *realizes* that he must negotiate an agreement to prevent the downfall of both FENERIK and the Milky Way. Farbaud wants to contact the Audhem, also known as the Protodefinitive(?). The Quintarch is not at ease with this 488 mile diameter ice sphere. It has immense significance for FENERIK, but is still alien and somehow just a guest.

Rhodan : *in the Corridor,* Shema Ghessow and Pucky advance behind the wall. A bird-like creature, which Ghessow names Neccu, turns out to be the information artifact they are looking for. Neccu agrees to come with them to Bunecc. The latter is delighted and *will now lead them* to Haretemir Horizon.

Atlan : Farbaud discovers the *mental eavesdropping* of Alschoran, *who leaves his mind.* Alschoran is back with Atlan and is brought *to* consciousness, and warns Atlan. Atlan and his companions *hide in a secret room* in the GUVV-SUVARA, *which Farbaud flies* towards the Audhem, and learn that Rhodan's team is also on the Chaoporter. Farbaud leaves the ship. Atlan's team follows him at a good distance and cloaked with deflectors. Above the Audhem's ice sphere is a floating lattice construction with a much smaller lattice box. This station, called the language grid by GUVV, is Farbaud's target. At the same time, Rhodan's team arrives at Audhem in the small spaceship NACHEN and disembarks under the protection of SERUNS. A 6-D/7-D energy prominence rises from the pulsating ice sphere and both teams now observe the death of the other team members. A spiral galaxy projection appears, indicating the deaths of Atlan and Perry Rhodan.

Legend has it that the two Chaotects presented the Chaotarch FENETAY RIK with the idea of building a Chaoporter. He commissioned them to build it and "cast his shadow into the Chaoporter" when it was finished.

Rhodan, Pucky, Alaska Saedelaere, Gry O'Shannon, Shema Ghessow, Damar Feyerlant and the Posbi Grand4 are floating in the Audhem at the center of the Chaoporter FENERIK. The Audhem appears to them as a 500 mile diameter ice sphere on which Audh dance. A 50 mile grid-shaped station is drifting in the orbit of this world. The group has witnessed Atlan, Iwan/Iwa Mulholland, the Castellan Alschoran, and Antanas Lato being killed by a *prominence*. While they are still trying to figure out how to find the Chaoporter's back-up system to prevent FENERIK's entanglement with the Yodor Sphere, Rhodan has a brief conversation with the technician Larrokar, who thinks of "the Operator" when he hears the word "back-up system", who reveals himself to them shortly afterwards.

The Operator is an Audh, but in humanoid form and apparently made of ice. With the help of a fictive transmitter, he transports the group to a place where the images of around 15,000 dancing Audh are visible on tables. The Operator informs the group that in the proto-definite reality of the Audhem, both their group lived and Atlan's group died, and vice versa, and that only one version can last. Saedelaere rejects this and demands a solution that allows everyone to survive. The Operator also tells them about FENETAY RIK's shadow, which may yet prevent the Milky Way's demise.

The Operator *leads* the group into a room where the corpse of an Audh is lying. He explains to them that the collision with the LIGHTFORCE has caused FENETAY RIK's shadow to disintegrate into Aspects that have left the Audhem and, attracted by Rhodan's hieroglyph, have spread across time and space. To search for them, Rhodan needs not only the cell activator and the hieroglyph but also the Suit of Promise, which Saedelaere gives him. Finally, he starts his mission.

In the Yodor Sphere, on board his flagship LUCTU, Quintarch Addanc commands the troops of the Chaoporter in the conquest of the Yodor Sphere and the destruction of the Yodor infrastructure. To this end, he throws all Gharsen, Munuam and *Arynnen* ships into the fight. The Chaoporter's fleets destroy most of the Yodorian positions and the fleets of the united Milky Way nations are unable to put up any sustained resistance. *Addanc* fires three Chaofactums. One of them targets the RAS TSCHUBAI, but only causes destruction on some decks, the ship is not destroyed.

The LUCTU is also slightly damaged by an attack by several contingents of the Milky Way fleets and three sextadim capsules and is forced to retreat briefly. The Castellan Baint dies in the process. The fighting in the Yodor Sphere ends when Soynte Abil arrives and threatens to collide the LIGHTFORCE with the Chaoporter again, *and* when Reginald Bell, in his office as *an official* Quintarch, orders FENERIK's troops to retreat. They then return to the Rift.

The Operator has sent Perry Rhodan to find the Aspects of FENETAY RIK's shadow cast in the Milky Way. In the process, his cell activator was removed because it is incompatible with the Operator's *translocator (an interdimensional transmat)*.

After the transport, Rhodan emerges in a kind of prison cell on board a spaceship. He realizes that his SERUN has become inoperable and takes it off. Instead, he puts on the Suit of Promise that Alaska Saedelaere has given

him, allowing him to open the cell. Rhodan wears the suit with reluctance, as it reminds him of the Suit of Death worn by the Servant of Matter Ramihyn, who left a trail of death on Terra (*in the MATERIA cycle*). Then he discovers a sign on the corridor wall - he is on board the AETRON!

Rhodan remembers times long past. *In* 1971, the AETRON crashed on Luna. Three rockets with special nuclear bombs have been launched from Earth. The AETRON is about to be destroyed. Rhodan could prevent this by activating the protective shield of the Arkonide research *ship*, but this would create a time paradox and this must not happen. Rhodan is discovered and arrested by two armed Arkonide women. Then a larva of Addanc appears and the two officers fall to the ground unconscious.

Pashu, a female Arkonide, is mentally taken over by Addanc. She asks Rhodan to activate the AETRON's protective shield so that she can use this power to establish an empire of peace in the galaxy. But the Terran refuses. Addanc shoots at Rhodan, but the Suit of Promise saves him. The attack has caused Addanc to lose control of Pashu and Rhodan brings her to safety. The larva dies and Pashu turns out to be an Aspect of the Chaotarch. Rhodan wants to return to the Audhem with her, but Pashu disappears.

Rhodan then finds himself some 10,000 years in the future. *He* finds a Nexialist encyclopedia on a bookshelf and uses it to find out where he has ended up. He is on SupraTerra, an artificial planet located in the void between the galaxies. He finds a reference to the Babylonian Fact Library, which is located in the capital TerCitt. Rhodan *goes to the library where*, he meets *the* Ylan Prossperu, who offers to teach Rhodan about the galactic history of the last ten thousand years. When they arrive in a room full of terminals, Prossperu is revealed to have been infiltrated by an Addanc larva. The Quintarch wants Rhodan to acquire the knowledge of this relative future and thus change the coming timeline in the present. Once again the Terran refuses, so that the Ylan *begins to attack. Rodan shoots Prossperu, destroying the larva.*

Now the Ylan Arioll arrives at the scene of the incident and reveals himself to Rhodan as *an* Aspect of FENETAY RIK. He learns from him that he still has to find one or two more aspects - by no means all of the millions of *shadows that the* Chaotarch cast. When an aggregate(?) crashes to the ground, Rhodan saves Arioll's life with the help of the Suit of Promise. In return, he transports Rhodan to another plane of reality.

It is 2424 AD, and Rhodan is on Maui, Hawaii, in the early days of the Solar Empire. This particular date *means* something. Then he remembers : there is peace in the Solar Empire and before the start of the new parliamentary term, the Rhodan family had taken a vacation in the South Seas. *He spends some time with his daughter, who suddenly* knocks out two bodyguards and threatens her father with a ray gun. The Quintarch Addanc has taken Suzan Rhodan under his mental control!

Addanc has entered Suzan personally and completely, not just as a part of the consciousness of one of his larvae, because he wants to end the fight against Rhodan. Addanc gives Rhodan the choice of locking him in an eternal time loop here on Maui, where he can relive the happy hours with his daughter over and over again, or eliminating Rhodan. Rhodan refuses and instead leaps towards Suzan in surprise. He commands the Suit of Promise to transport Suzan (without the Addanc part) and himself four seconds into the future. Then Rhodan jumps back alone, picks up *a bodyguard's* thermal emitter and destroys Addanc's glowing blue hypercrystal cloud. *The Quintarch is dead, having manifested completely in Rhodan's daughter.*

One of the bodyguards reveals itself to be another Aspect of FENETAY RIK, *and* announces that he must consult with ZOU SKOST, because only together with him could he raise the Chaoporter to Sciento Phase Six for the first time. At this stage, FENERIK could then free itself from its bond with the Yodor Sphere, but since parts of the Sphere are already inseparably fused with the Chaoporter, *it* could no longer be considered pure in

the Chaotarchic sense and would therefore have to be destroyed in order to remove it from the Cosmocrats' grasp. Rhodan has another suggestion. He fears that the Chaofactums that will inevitably emerge will probably destroy the entire universe. Instead, Rhodan wants to neutralize the Chaoporter by putting Reginald Bell in charge of FENERIK. His Chaotarchic cell activator would guarantee that he would not act in the interests of the Cosmocrats, and the cell activator would deter the Cosmocrats from seizing it. Rik agrees, and he will also honor Rhodan's request to bring the Atlan team back to life. Atlan is still needed by MU SARGAI, for the Cosmocrat and ZOU SKOST share a kind of common origin and both still have a most peculiar path together. This information is of immense value for the future. With this, the Aspect of the Chaotarch bids farewell, who alone will now reunite his many aspects. Rhodan has thus completed his task.

Rhodan now returns to the reality of Audhem, *gets* his cell activator back and meets up with his team. Atlan and his team also reappear alive. The Arkonide is convinced that he and Rhodan will have a lot to talk about in the near future. Then the Red Star of Quintarch Bell appears on the ice sphere of Audhem.

On the planet Pspopta, negotiations take place with the Quintarchs Farbaud and Addanc (the last remaining larva of the Quintarch with a tiny sliver of consciousness from the faded Quintarch), Spateese, the Chamberlain of MU SARGAI, is also involved. NunC, the Chairman of the Third Galacticum, announces the epochal agreement. FENERIK will leave the Sphere of Influence of *IT* in a few days and will not reappear here for at least 1000 years. The Chaoporter is now considered neutral and is no longer under the control of the Chaotarchs. Reginald Bell and Farbaud will lead *FENERIK* in the future. Anzu Gotjian and Addanc act as their assistants. FENERIK will return to its Chaoversal traverse, but will avoid all aggressive actions in the future. The half-Terran Mieke Meideina will act as inspector of the Chaofactum Hoard. The potential deployment of the Chaofactums will in *the* future be subject only to the Quintarch Bell. Some of the Castellans will go on board FENERIK, but Alschoran will stay behind in the Milky Way for personal reasons. The conference ends with these revelations, which are also presented to the entire Galactic public.

Bell and Rhodan take leave of each other. Rhodan reveals to his friend that the coordinates of the first *IT* Fragment Refuge in a *globular cluster* near Gruelfin have been determined and that Alschoran will accompany the Galactic expedition there as *representative of his race*. Bell receives a battlecruiser as flagship from the Terrans, as he has rejected a Quintarch starship of Chaotarchic manufacture. The ship is to be named STERNENRUF and retrofitted with Chaotarchic technology. Bell and Rhodan hug each other goodbye. It will probably be a farewell for a long time and Bell assures us that he did not take up the office of Quintarch because he has *always* been number two behind Rhodan for thousands of years.

Fragments (#3200 to #3299) ; 2096-2098 NGE (24 year gap from previous cycle)

Names in this cycle :

Alschoran – a Castellan (helpers of IT who deal with threats to the Milky Way)

Sichu Dorksteiger – an Atorian scientist, team leader, and Perry Rhodan's wife

Antanas Lato – a Terran prize-winning hyperphysicist

Marat – a Posbi who can break down into hundreds of pieces

Damar Feyerlant – a young Terran mutant who can influence positronic computers

Shema Ghessow – a Terran mutant who can create hyperspace bubbles

Aurelia Bina – a Posmi TLD leader

Suyemi Taeb – a Posmi TLD agent
Xenia Biefang – the deputy head, then head of the IEME
Achill Maccao – Vice-Admiral of the Solar Fleet
Bo Ingwersen – a member of the Club of Light Bearers

Soynte Abil – an Andromedean Tefroder and former Master of the Island
Vetris-Molaud – a Milky Way Tefroder
Kemur – a Paddler in the service of Abil and Molaud; a mutant who can pass thru matter

Kmossen – a potential Chaoporter Quintarch (commander)
Vrochons – an auxiliary people of Kmossen
Shadow Guard – an underground organization of Vrochons that works for Kmossen
Club of Light Bearers – a Terran underground organization that works for Kmossen

Gruelfin galaxy

Morschaztas – a satellite globular cluster of Gruelfin
Ganjas – descendant race of the Cappins
Panjas – descendant race of the Cappins and the ruling leaders of Gruelfin
Takerer – descendant race of the Cappins
Ganjat – the name of the Panja empire
Viyesch – the Eternal Ganja, the high ruler of Ganjat
Elelschia – the main world of the Great Ganjat
Ashvalum – the planet with the IT Fragment
Tommpur – an ice creature (KEEP?)
Mrynjad – a helper race of IT
Trochod – a Mrynjad vice-admiral of the blue-gold starfleet
Smyronosh – a Panja planetary governor

Spaphu galaxy

Poquandar – a humanoid who joined the Galactics
Sorgorenland – a planet that connects to the Contrachronic universe

Contrachronic universe

Louwhan – a collective intelligence that manifests as large black obelisks
TEZEMDIA – their trans-universal spaceship

Wolf-Lundmark-Melotte galaxy

Commonwealth – a Terran and Terfroder empire
NADALEE – a “vagrant” superintelligence (one who has not secured a Sphere of Influence)
Tasspares – a humanoid people in the service of NADALEE
Cosmocaravan SHARIKAL – a fleet of ships for the Tasspares, provided by NADALEE
Sinntala Parpandum – a Tasspare who commanded the Cosmocaravan
Shandasar Parpandum – her son, who searched for IT
Thourin – a humanoid-turtle race in WLM
Danou Shinshid – a Thourin mutant assassin who can temporarily steal other mutant’s powers
Protoch – the Shadow Guard leader in WLM

Statter – an autonomous robot created by IT now working against IT

Prologue

In early 2079 NGE, a LIGHTFORCE dinghy appears in the Sol system. The Commo'Dyr Gamo Stormlicht asks Alaska Saedelaere for a meeting on board the ZYLINDER-X and places himself under his command, allowing the mask wearer to freely command the 360-foot-long and 120-foot-diameter cobalt-blue cylinder. Saedelaere also receives information that the LIGHTFORCE is being repaired at the TRAPAX Cosmocrat shipyard, but he does not know its location.

From the Obsidian File (*given to Rhodan by MU SARGAI*), Morschaztas is identified as one of several Fragment Refuge sites, *36 million light-years away*. Since the RAS TSCHUBAI is not yet operational, the MAGELLAN is sent ahead to install an outpost. *In early 2086 NGE, the MAGELLAN sets off on its ten-year journey.*

NGC 6872 (also known as Spaphu) is identified as *another* Refuge, 212 million light years away. As this galaxy lies beyond the range of available ships, this information remains largely under wraps. However, a small circle of insiders know that the RAS TSCHUBAI will be able to reach this destination within six months, *after its repairs and upgrades*.

Gruelfin galaxy (and Morschaztas)

Fate of the MAGELLAN

The MAGELLAN was refitted *for the long flight*, which takes ten years. *In early 2086 NGE, the spaceship departed for the globular cluster Morschaztas near the galaxy Gruelfin. There it was to serve as a base for the search for the Fragments of IT. In late 2095 NGE, the MAGELLAN reaches the periphery of Morschaztas, which is surrounded by a black hole-like event horizon. The ship is taken over by Ganjas (Cappin descendants) with the help of their mind-transfer abilities. Existing Terran anti-mind-transfer technology has no effect. In early 2096 NGE, a distress call from the ship reaches the Milky Way.*

Perry Rhodan, who, like Atlan and Sichu Dorksteiger, has been appointed Alliance Commissioner for the rescue of IT, *immediately* appears before the Third Galactic Council. He wants the RAS TSCHUBAI to be released immediately for the rescue mission. However *because the RAS was damaged in the combat with FENERIK, and has been recently sabotaged and is therefore not ready, as well as the need for Salkrit in the galaxy since FENERIK, which the RAS would use for fuel*, the representatives of the Galacticum refuse.

Atlan consults with Rhodan. *He knows that the majority of the committee has decided against Rhodan's proposal primarily because they are not in favor of resurrecting IT. It is believed that IT would favor the Terrans over everyone else. Atlan then proposes to rush to their aid with the RA. Rhodan gladly accepts the proposal, but there is another attack, this time on the RA, so that the ship cannot take off until mid 2096 NGE. In addition to Rhodan and Atlan, Alschoran, Sichu Dorksteiger, Antanas Lato and the Posbi Marat are also on board.*

After thirty-five days, the RA reaches the location of the MAGELLAN. In the meantime, the Panjas (*Cappin descendants* who strive for aesthetic perfection, *and the ruling leaders of the Great Ganjat of Gruelfin*) have taken command and converted the ship into an Island of Probation (a re-education camp).

Alschoran transports himself, Rhodan, Atlan, and the Posbi Marat to the habitat of the MAGELLAN with the help of *his Sextaferer (his suit's built-in transmitter)*.

However, there are still some *Galactic* rebel groups hiding in the ship. Rhodan suspects that Damar Feyerlant and Shema Ghessow belong to one of the groups. Atlan is injured in a duel by the Panja Devvasch, *co-commander of the invaders*, and arrested. Thanks to a *communications* module from Marat, the Arkonide

secretly maintains contact with his group and therefore remains in captivity voluntarily *to find out from the Panjas how to overcome the black hole-like barrier.*

On the MAGELLAN, Perry Rhodan talks to the Faravanua (*seahorse-like race*) Sammudré, who explains the subtle dictatorship of the Panjas over Gruelfin. Although they do not have any great military power, they act as advisors to other civilizations, where they remove disagreeable politicians who have nothing to do with the rule of beauty and replace them with compliant henchmen.

Devvasch continues to interrogate Atlan and tries to get him on her side. She reveals that their para-*gifted* heard a "six-dimensional multi-voice mental echo of pain" in Morschaztas four hundred years earlier. After a long search, they discovered the source on an insignificant, uninhabited planet. In an abandoned city thousands of years old, they found a shrine in which a conglomerate of billions of consciousness splinters was concealed within a 6-D fold. **Atlan believes it is very likely that the Panjas have found a Fragment Refuge of IT.** He has also learned that the Panjas use nanomachine implants to optimize their bodies.

Atlan enters into a dialog with his extra sense about the time when IT needed his help after the separation from TALIN (*from the STARDUST cycle*). He suspects that the foundations for IT's later Fragmentation were laid back then. *He also* realizes that the Panjas have no direct interest in the Milky Way.

Senior Panja Yahorosh *summons* Raszita, a Ganja *mind-jumper*, to help locate Atlan's allies. Raszita takes over Dorksteiger's body. During an attack, Dorksteiger makes herself suspicious by firing at a robot in an ineffective paralysis mode. But since she is wearing *standard Terran anti-mind-transfer technology*, Rhodan trusts that she has not been taken over.

Rhodan *eventually realizes* that his wife has been taken over by a *mind-jumper*, and that the *Terran protective technology* is useless. The *mind-jumper* apparently wants to be led to the resistance by Rhodan's team. Alschoran puts an abrupt end to Dorksteiger's takeover by paralyzing her. He tells the *mind-jumper in Sichu's body* that he sees through her and threatens to vaporize the occupied body. Raszita immediately withdraws mentally. *Rhodan finds Raszita's body and disintegrates it to prevent further mind-jumps.*

Atlan *meets* the mutant Shema Ghessow, *who tells him that* she and Damar Feyerlant *have been sabotaging the ship.* She offers to take Atlan to safety, but he refuses because he wants to spy on Devvasch even more. However, the two mutants would certainly be a good support for the team.

On the MAGELLAN, Rhodan manages to make contact with the resistance, *and* announces that the goal must be to recapture the MAGELLAN.

Yahorosch, *co-commander of the invaders*, is convinced that Atlan, who calls himself Dagozal to the Panjas, is in contact with the resistance. And indeed, he discovers that the Arkonide is receiving and passing on information *thru* Marat's modules. But Marat does not miss this observation. Rhodan develops a plan from this. He wants to insinuate to the Panjas that the resistance is prepared to sacrifice the MAGELLAN if a reconquest cannot be achieved. Even if this means killing Atlan and the 900 original crew members still on board. And last but not least, Rhodan also mentions an IT Refuge.

As planned, the Panjas intercept the message. Before they can confront the Arkonide, Rhodan manages to make another move. An incoming space transporter, with Perfection Disruptors (*anti-Ganga rebels*) on board, requests escort. The TASCHTAVARK, the ship of Devvasch and Yahorosch, is deployed. Rhodan, Alschoran, Feyerlant, *the MAGELLAN's Posbi pilot* Dynsweiler and Shema Ghessow reach the ship by transmitter.

Feyerlant succeeds in manipulating the hypertronics (*computer*) and Alschoran takes control of the TASCHTAVARK. He uses it to attack the MAGELLAN, steering the ship towards the MAGELLAN while firing. As the Panjas threaten to regain control, the intruders set off in a dinghy. The crew of the TASCHTAVARK prevents the collision and the dinghy is destroyed. Rhodan and his companions *are* able to leave the dinghy in time via transmitter and return to the MAGELLAN. Rhodan and Dorksteiger agree that, if necessary, they will work with the Panjas to reassemble IT.

Devvasch confronts Atlan *about the attack*. In the dialogue between the Arkonide and the Panja, he realizes that Rhodan had planned this precisely in order to get *them talking*. He also continues to play his role. Atlan has told them about the Galactics' search for the IT Fragments, *and* that he suspects the Fragments are in Gruelfin. Yahorosch and Devvasch therefore want to have the MAGELLAN guided to Morschaztas through the Dakkar channels of the Black Star Border (*the event horizon around Morschaztas*) with the help of the 6-D Perductor ("*guide*") pilot Tryvorosh. Atlan also learns that most of the crew have been deported to *the planet* Ghyzarash.

After the two Panjas have left Atlan, they discuss the outcome of the conversation. They also realize that the consciousness conglomerate that the Panjas found in Morschaztas is most likely the Fragment of IT.

Recapture and liberation of the crew

In mid 2096 NGE, the Perductor Tryvorosch arrives on the MAGELLAN. In order to bring the ship safely through the Black Star Border, he first makes some demands. Due to the size of the MAGELLAN, it needs eight relative position responders (*RPR*) to get through the border safely. Furthermore, the Perductor demands *a* hypertronic *computer* on the ship. Meanwhile, Perry Rhodan is on his way in the ship to make contact with a group of Olkonor *resisters*. He wants to make it clear to the resisters that sabotage during the Dakkar maneuver would have fatal consequences for everyone on board. But he is stalled *by some Ikhoni, who also want to destroy the ship*.

Two days later, the MAGELLAN is underway in Dakkar space. And the Olkonors attack the eight RPRs, unsuccessfully it seems. Seven of their eight RPR scramblers are destroyed before they can be deployed. Only one starts up briefly. But the RPR there shows persistent irregularities that cause problems for Tryvorosch. And again and again the Ikhoni form *a para-union*. Rhodan realizes that he is missing something. It was not the Olkonors who were in charge, but the Ikhoni who were responsible for the sabotage. They have a *para-gift* that they use to disrupt the RPR *in Dakkar space when in their para-union*. The Terran then contacts the ship's head of security, Kalatursch, and informs him. Kalatursch reacts immediately and takes massive and successful action against the Ikhoni. When the danger seems to have been eliminated, a distress call reports that Tryvorosh's son has been kidnapped by the Ikhoni. This throws the Perductor off course and puts the ship in danger again.

The situation gets more and more out of hand. At first, Rhodan manages to form an alliance with the Panjas and gets Dynsweiler into the control center to support Tryvorosch. But the Perductor's concern for his son increasingly impedes progress, so Devvasch and Yahorosch decide to abandon the MAGELLAN and leave with *Tryvorosch* on the TASCHTAVARK. *They head back out* – since the Black Star Border is created from within, it is easier and quicker to leave Morschaztas than to enter *it*.

Eventually Spenursch is discovered among the Ikhoni, but he appears to be dead and chaos finally breaks loose. But the young Panjas had only left his body to flee to the Light Land, *or the Zero Zone (a higher-dimensional space which connects the two universes of the Duoverse – the standard universe and the Second branch; from the Myth cycle)*, through one of his para-gifts. After he has returned to his body, Rhodan convinces him that he must navigate the MAGELLAN to Morschaztas. This succeeds, the ship reaches the interior of the Black Star

Border and is initially able to hide near a blue giant star. The Galactics are able to capture valuable data from the hypertronics *before it* self-destructs. These include the coordinates of Ghyzarash and Elelschia, as well as the name of a heavily guarded planet called Ashvalum. After a speech by Rhodan, around fifty Faravanua *including* Sammudré and the same number of Cappins want to stay *on the* MAGELLAN – *the Ikhoni* and all the other aliens leave in *a small spaceship* provided by the Galactics. **The MAGELLAN is now back under Terran control.** Rhodan's next goal is to free the abducted crew, who are believed to be on Ghyzarash.

Atlan has a different opinion about the next targets. He would rather see action taken on Elelschia, the main world of the Great Ganjat, first. That would be easier as long as the Panjas assumed that the MAGELLAN had been destroyed. As a compromise, two missions are launched simultaneously. Rhodan heads for Ghyzarash with the TRINIDAD, while Atlan heads for Elelschia with the SAN ANTONIO.

Rhodan reaches Ghyzarash's system unchallenged. Using a dinghy, a task force consisting of Rhodan, Feyerlant, Marat, and Alschoran succeeds in transferring to a ship of the Vhretusch Sisterhood. After some negotiations, the commander of the ship agrees to take the group, disguised as Ghuttahins (a Cappin sub-race), and the dinghy to Ghyzarash. Once there, the Galactics set out to search for the captured crew members. On Ghyzarash, the Terran Orina Schnittke-Barnum plans a circus performance for planetary governor Vaschnaur and combines it with an escape plan for himself. From this, Rhodan and his companions develop a plan to get all 23,000 members of the MAGELLAN crew off the world. Using holoprojections combined with a series of transmitters (including one on Vaschnaur's ship) during the circus' performance, the plan succeeds. Everyone present can be transmitted to the TRINIDAD, which returns to the MAGELLAN.

The AURA in Gruelfin

Before the Panja Guard attacked and captured the MAGELLAN in early 2096 NGE, the AURA had already gone on a reconnaissance flight. Unable to help the MAGELLAN at first, she continues to explore Gruelfin and returns to the location of the MAGELLAN again and again. During one of these flying visits, she rescues the RA from Panja spaceships and retreats again. After putting the RA in the corona of a red giant star to shield it from detection, allowing the Sextadim capsule to repair itself, it goes on another mission. On Hapcischian, disguised as Veejas (Cappin descendants), they capture one hundred barrels of Murupor (a healing nectar that cures diseases and injuries), to use it to trade with during their explorations. They also destroy a Panja station that was corrupting the nectar. In mid 2096 NGE, the ship returns to the RA. The next objective is to break through to Morschaztas.

The AURA receives a hyper transmission announcing a visit from the Eternal Ganja Viyesch. Once again, the Galactics disguise themselves as Veejas and seek out the planet Oschkor, where the visit is to take place. They reach Viyesch's travel palace by trading some Murupor. Their actual destination is the ice world of Kenkscheil. There, researchers found ice statues in the eternal ice that are said to be 250,000 to 500,000 years old, which attracted the attention of the Eternal Ganja. After Viyesch has examined the caverns beneath Emquolosh, she announces that she wants to cut them out of the eternal ice in order to transport them in their entirety to Morschaztas. The leader of the Oshkoren then asks the native Trisch whether they want to start a war against the Panjas. The Trisch decides on war. After initial successes, however, the Oshkoren attack quickly collapses. Suddenly, four unknown Blue-Gold spaceships, whose form the Panjas consider "perfect", emerge from the ice of Kenkscheil and open fire on the Panjas. Only with massive losses do the Panjas manage to destroy the four ships, and only because they were used to different hyperimpedance conditions. But the recovery of the caverns fails, they fall back onto the planet and break apart. The RA appears inside the caverns before they crash, rescues the remaining Galactics, and teleports to the AURA. The AURA manages to escape unseen in the chaos, with one of the ice sculptures on board. It is a sculpture of an aquatic life form with a horned shield. The historian Jamil Voltera hopes that the investigation will shed light on what drove IT to Gruelfin two hundred

thousand years ago. The AURA sets off for the MAGELLAN to see if Rhodan, Dorksteiger and Atlan have been able to free the MAGELLAN in the meantime. The Ara Vencvender examines the sculpture in detail and assumes that it is a living being.

Meanwhile, the ship flies to the former location of the MAGELLAN, but finds nothing. They therefore decide to break through the Black Star Border somehow. With the help of MAGELLAN's deputy head of security Ephin's para-*gift*, they manage to wake up Tommpur, *the creature in the ice*. The latter initially mistakes the crew of the AURA for Cappins and causes confusion with his own para-*gift*. Only after a considerable time do they succeed in convincing him that they are not from Gruelfin. Since Tommpur's memo-symbiote no longer has any memories, Tommpur can no longer remember his past. He therefore agrees to work together to find his home world again. The AURA, disguised as a Faroschorian spaceship, encounters the Panja research spaceship PRAIPASCH on the Black Star Border. The Panjas are persuaded to take the AURA on board and transport it through the screen. On the way, the Galactics board the PRAIPASCH and take control. Once they arrive in Morschaztas, contact is quickly established with the MAGELLAN and a new plan is forged. Alschoran, who comes on board, suggests using the PRAIPASCH to fly to Ashvalum. Once the situation has been assessed, the AURA withdraws to a safe distance from the system while the RA ejects and descends to Ashvalum in full cloak. *[Continued in Ashvalum sub-section below]*

Atlan on Elelschia

Meanwhile, the SAN ANTONIO reaches the edge of the Heschiol system and gathers initial information. They learn that the Eternal Ganja is not currently on Elelschia and that deputy Vureschganjo Galduron is in charge. Atlan decides to open the door. He pretends to be the "Emperor of the Milky Way" and demands an audience with Galduron. He tells him bluntly that he has come to claim the IT Fragment. *It is discovered that* Panjas technology appears to be hybrid. It is basically based on old Ganja or Takerer (*another Cappin descendant race*) technologies, but with additional elements whose origins are unknown. Before the talks can develop any further, Viyesch returns and *takes charge*.

With regard to the IT Fragment, *Viyesch* remains vague in her statements. It has been a state secret of the Great Ganjat for centuries, which she has allegedly presided over for at least five hundred years. *The* Ganja then leads him into a vaulted cellar, where she shows him two of the ice sculptures she has recovered on Kenkscheil. Atlan does not recognize the creatures, but he suddenly feels an unnatural coldness that spreads from his cell activator over his entire body and threatens to sap his life energy.

In fact, it is the two ice sculptures that draw energy from Atlan's cell activator, and come to life. They parry all attacks *from* energy weapons and also absorb their energy. This is how they manage to escape through an unknown phenomenon that suddenly forms. As a result, *all the Galactics on the planet are* initially arrested. The hunt for the "*enigmatic life*", as Panja scientists call the phenomenon, lasts three days.

Viyesch returns to Atlan, who offers Shema Ghessow *to work with her to capture the ice sculptures, named* Druugh and Taiq. As a reward, he demands answers to his questions and to be led to the source of the "mental substance". Viyesch *agrees, and the team is successful*. Atlan receives new information from Viyesch. **It is the IT Fragment whose four-dimensional imprint the Panjas call mental substance. Atlan firmly believes that it is hidden on the planet Ashvalum. Parts of this substance attach themselves to certain Cappins and turn them into Panjas. This process, called flooding, gives the Panjas the unconditional feeling that they owe something to the mental substance, namely their own perfection or leading others to perfection. Only through physical and mental perfection can the Panjas endure the flooding. Atlan realizes that recovering the IT Fragment therefore automatically entails the risk of a collapse of the Panja culture, as the source for the creation of the Panjas themselves will dry up.**

Viyesch still doesn't trust Atlan. She *shows him the story of the Quadih, who lived 250,000 to 500,000 years ago in Gruelfin*. They witness the attack by the Krequiyet, who invade Gruelfin. Afterwards, they observe the appearance of the "passers-by", who later turn out to be Asen (*a Cappin off-shoot race*). With their support, initially only indirect, the Krequiyet are defeated and the Convergence of the Eighteen Peoples is permanently established. A few decades later, the "Pressure" (*an uncomfortable mental feeling, which grew worse over time*) spreads across Gruelfin. The inhabitants all suffer from severe headaches for which there is no explanation and no cure. The only way out is to flee the galaxy. The Asen also seem powerless, but it turns out that they are creating the Pressure with their *mind-collectors (which they have spread across the galaxy, and which make races more cooperative and peaceful)*. The Quadih Jaccfa and her son Taiq, who has risen to become the supreme admiral of his people, confront the Asen. But the Quadih are rebuffed, whereupon Jaccfa has the technologically superior Asen attack them - in vain, *and she dies in the process. Then most of the peoples of the Convergence left Gruelfin, in Asen transport ships, and moved to the globular cluster Tumuash, leaving the Cappins in control.*

Atlan and Viyesch then switch to the memories of the Asen Ergaton, who was responsible for the contacts with Jaccfa. He is summoned to the Otnosh system. There he witnesses how Alschoran is accepted into the Oval of the Vhanen (*supreme leaders of the Asen*). During the rite, both of the Asen's hands are cut off with a sword and replaced with new, paler ones. Viyesch is now convinced that Atlan has nothing to do with the ice sculptures. Shocked, Atlan realizes that the Alschoran from the vision is identical to the Alschoran he knows. He suspects that Alschoran is a traitor pursuing his own goals and that the whole of Gruelfin could be nothing more than a trap to which Perry Rhodan, as Alschoran's companion, has been unsuspectingly exposed. On their next "dive", the two learn the story of the Asen's arrival in Gruelfin from Alschoran's point of view. *They were presented with the mind-collectors by an artificial life form created by IT to peacefully rule Gruelfin. But two Vhanen discovered a way to pervert them into creating the Pressure, to drive the other races out of the galaxy. After Alschoran became a Vhanen and discovered this, he sabotaged the modified mind-collector. As a result, he was taken to IT to become a Castellan, and the memories of his earlier life were erased.* IT was deeply ashamed of the suffering it had brought upon Gruelfin, albeit unintentionally. Viyesch has the WUTHRASCHA made ready for take-off and, together with Atlan, she wants to fly to Ashvalum. *[Continued in Ashvalum sub-section below]*

Restoration of the MAGELLAN

After an exuberant reunion party, normal shipboard operations resume on the MAGELLAN, with clean-up and repair work underway everywhere. It is now *mid 2096* NGE. Perry Rhodan is beginning to worry that his Arkonide friend has not yet contacted him again. The MAGELLAN is still *hiding* deep in the solar atmosphere of Father Indigo. Probes have been deployed in higher atmospheric layers in order to ensure better positioning. Suddenly, some of the probes leave their position, pick up speed and leave the sun's atmosphere. Dorksteiger follows with the HELM DES HADES and encounters the Juclas (*a short-lived Cappin offshoot race*). An agreement is reached with them and the Juclas take the HELM DES HADES to the Bunura system, where the taboo planet Ashvalum is located. In return, they receive a Relative Position Responder from the Galactics *to navigate the Black Star Barrier*. The Dimensional Wedge(?) that the Juclas have developed is detonated near the Bunura system to deflect attention from the space jet.

Ashvalum

The WUTHRASCHA is approaching *Ashvalum* when the Dimensional Wedge is triggered. This arouses suspicion among the Panjas. There are several incidents on Ashvalum, and Atlan suspects Perry Rhodan is behind them. Nevertheless, Viyesch decides to visit the Fragment Refuge with the Arkonide. *The Fragment tells Atlan thru Viyesch that the Panjas were Ganjas that 500 years ago heard a call from the Fragment, came to it, and stabilized it, making it their source of power. Viyesch makes it clear that the Panjas will not give up the*

Fragment. She offers Atlan the opportunity to become her governor in the Milky Way. When the group returns from the shrine a day later, they are informed that the Perfection Disruptors *that were causing all the incidents* have been arrested. They are Sichu Dorksteiger, Laetitia Gnadt, Bartolome Gast and Perry Rhodan.

Shortly after these events, the RA dives into the ocean of Ashvalum and advances to Bubble 97. Alschoran and his team search the archives there for information about *Tommpur's* homeworld. They also investigate clues about the Fragment Refuges. When Tommpur becomes aware of his past again, he goes crazy and first attacks Alschoran, whom he identifies as *being involved in his race's extinction 300,000 years ago*. He then extends his work to the entire *Bubble* and initiates self-destruction. Alschoran and his team manage to leave the *Bubble* by the skin of their teeth. Ephin *reveals* that he has managed to steal an ancient relic *from the archivist, an iron ball*.

Viyesch takes Atlan to see Rhodan in prison. Atlan faces the Terran and denies that Rhodan is his friend. Viyesch only begins to believe this. Since Perry is a millennia-long minion of IT, Atlan wants the Eternal Ganja to lead Rhodan to the Fragment so that it can judge him. She agrees to the request, but stipulates that Rhodan will have his cell-activator chip removed so that he has no motivation to escape. The three of them go to the underwater shrine, and enter the Fragment's space. An energy sphere hovers there, fragmented once again, and the force of a psionic wail causes the Terran to stagger, while Atlan appears unaffected by the mental pressure. A single pearl immediately detaches itself from the mental conglomerate and floats towards Rhodan. It then transforms into a black, glassy man. It is the teleporter mutant Ras Tschubai! When the stranger speaks of wanting to speak to Atlan and the Terran alone, Viyesch fires a neuroshocker at Tschubai, but he remains completely unaffected. Then she fires at Rhodan, but the glass envelops the ex-Grand Administrator and then he takes Atlan by the hand and teleports away with the two of them.

Ras has taken the two of them to a forest on the island of Payla *on Ashvalum* and tells them about his memory lapses. Perry is nevertheless convinced that he has the real Tschubai in front of him. The latter now reports that something went differently during the Fragmentation than IT intended. The “Misleader” had deceived the superintelligence. Tschubai knows of three other locations of IT Fragments: in the Spaphu galaxy 212 million light years away, in the Milky Way itself and in the Wolf-Lundmark-Melotte (*WLM*) galaxy only 3 million light years away from the Milky Way. Whether there are other Fragments is unknown to the teleporter – there may be hundreds.

Ras *further* reports that IT *says* the Ganjat in Gruelfin must be preserved at all costs, because the Panjas are potentially powerful allies in the future. Atlan says that the Ganjat is a dictatorship and that the Panjas must change in order to ally with them.

Priority one is to get Rhodan's cell activator back. After that comes freeing the three *remaining* prisoners and making contact with the Posbi Marat. Ras knows nothing about the location of the cell activator, while Atlan suspects that it is still in the high security area in Payla. So they go there and observe the area. *They locate Marat. Marat sets off small bombs as a distraction, then shuts off the energy supply of Viyesch's para-traps, allowing Ras to remove the three remaining Galactic prisoners. Ras then teleports Rhodan to the chip, triggers a new para-trap, but shatters and returns to the IT Fragment. Rhodan picks up the cell activator himself, and flees outside where he is picked up by the RA, which returns to the MAGELLAN.*

Back on the MAGELLAN

The SAN ANTONIO also manages to escape and return to the MAGELLAN *in mid 2096* NGE, which means that all the task forces are back on the MAGELLAN. But only a short time later, a weak hypersignal is detected emanating from the battlecruiser. Obviously a trap set by the Panjas, who let the SAN ANTONIO escape in

order to determine the location of the MAGELLAN. As a result, the MAGELLAN is put on alert. Unable to locate the transmitter, the MAGELLAN leaves Father Indigo. The SAN ANTONIO is abandoned and blown up to distract the Panjas, *who* manage to contain some of the explosions and transport the wreckage to the Thola. The Thola have a special gift, as the small crew around Shema Ghessow, who has been following the Panjas, discovers – *in a para-union, they can discover both mental and technical secrets of objects*. As a result, Atlan and Sichu Dorksteiger take the iron ball artifact *from Bubble 97* to the Thola to ask them to decode it. This is successful, but *then* the Thola *reveal they never share their discovered knowledge*. *But this is not a problem*, as Ghessow has also received the knowledge. The sphere contains an overview of the Sextadim Converse – an intergalactic transport system to which Morschaztas and the Spaphu galaxy are also connected *that is still active*. On the MAGELLAN, they decide to investigate in order to possibly find a passage to the Spaphu Galaxy.

The planet Darazzam is considered a promising candidate for the location of the Converse Relay, the entrance to the Sextadim Converse. Perry Rhodan lands there with the cloaked AURA, with almost all of the Murupor on board. However, the investigations are further jeopardized by Kinur, the Shadow, who repeatedly attempts to take over Shema Ghessow by *mind-jump*. The investigations are successful and the stargate is found. However, there are two prerequisites for crossing the Sextadim Converse : a suitable vehicle, which is only available in the form of the Sextadim Capsule RA, and an access authorization, such as the Castellan Insignia of Alschoran. This is incompatible with a cell activator, so Perry Rhodan cannot accept it. Antanas Lato *takes the Insignia*. Perry Rhodan, Antanas Lato and Shema Ghessow take the RA on a journey to the Spaphu galaxy. *[Continued in the Spaphu section below]*

The Blue-Gold Armada

Soon after they leave, Alschoran remembers the location of his ancient Blue-Gold armada. He awakens the single ship he finds there, and the Anqhas crew, an ancient auxiliary race of IT. The other spaceships of the local contingent are activated.

A month later, Alschoran has activated several contingents of Blue-Gold ships one after the other. They now fly to another base world, where only one of 34 ships can be activated. The ship is called the CAUTIOUS. Damar Feyerlant asks to enter the CAUTIOUS, and chooses it as his ship. The Anqha brain that runs the ship mentions that there might be a second armada leader authorized by IT in Gruelfin. Now a call for help comes in from the AURA : hundreds of Panja spaceships are attacking the location of Alschoran's previously activated Blue-Gold spaceships. Alschoran takes his fleet there.

The *superintelligence* technology of the Blue-Gold spaceships is clearly superior to the Panjas ships, but the Eternal Ganja Viyesch compensates with numerical superiority. The Anqhas have realized that the increased hyperimpedance severely limits their technical capabilities. Alschoran promises that Terran technicians on all the ships will help with adaptation and optimization. After optimization, the Blue-Gold starships can even easily cross the Black Star Border to Morschaztas if the Anqha concentrate heavily on the passage, but they don't want to reveal this to the Panjas yet. *The Mrynjad (race) Trochod appears*, who identifies herself as the Vice-Admiral of the Blue-Gold armada. She was inadvertently awakened by Alschoran in a Blue-Gold spaceship and now answers to *him*. She was deployed by IT and has traveled with the armada for a long time, so she knows it better than Alschoran.

A month later, Alschoran has now activated around 2000 Blue-Gold spacecraft. Whether Trochod will side with him permanently remains to be seen. Atlan has brought several Juclas (a short-lived Cappin offshoot race) clans over to his side and the Faravanua are already thinking about a large-scale uprising. Trochod tells them that the Mrynjads come from a distant future and can observe the different ages of the universe from the Kator space(?),

but cannot interfere. Trochod had once perceived an immense light and finally approached it. The light was IT and he reports that he has already taken Trochod's fellow species into his service. In the galaxy of Gruelfin, he needs a vice-admiral for a fleet of spaceships that will be built there. She would then have to wait for the admiral, but that could take a very long time. *IT tells her that* he had unfortunately made a serious mistake in Gruelfin.

Five months later, the start of the uprising against the Ganjat is announced in the underground. In many places in Gruelfin, the peoples now rise up and fight the Panjas. Blue-Gold fleets stand ready everywhere to protect the rebelling peoples. Viyesch announces across the galaxy that Atlan and Alschoran are behind the uprising, and *they* and their allies are now at war with Viyesch and her army. In order to come closer to victory, *Atlan and Alschoran* fly directly to Morschaztas with a fleet of 500 ships. Atlan destroys the *control* stations of the Black Star Border, tearing it open. *Now* large fleets can push through to attack the central worlds of the Ganjat. The beginning of the end of the Panjas's rule has thus been initiated.

One month later, in the present, a space battle is raging between Panja spaceships and Alschoran's Blue-Gold ships. The young mutant Damar Feyerlant commands this armada. *Suddenly,* Damar Feyerlant's *ship* is attacked by other Blue-Gold ships, *by order of Trochod.* *The armada now* attacks the *planetary governor* Smyronosh's starship in order to deprive the Panjas of their local leader. From aboard the AURA, Alschoran orders the attack to cease. The Panjas *Twilight* has begun, the farewell to the dictatorship without destroying the core realm of the Perfectionists. Is this why the IT Fragment was deposited in Morschaztas on Ashvalum? Alschoran will then have to do his part to hold the galaxy together.

The Panja fleet is already heavily demoralized as a large number of Takerer and Ganja ships, among others, have joined the Blue-Gold Fleet to break the *sovereignty* of the Great Ganjat. Alschoran is unconditionally accepted as leader by the rebelling Cappins. Under these circumstances, Atlan wants to force *Viyesch* to hand over the IT Fragment without a fight. The Ganja brusquely rejects this via hyperradio message.

Atlan and the Mucys

Atlan receives a highly-protected, hand delivered message, and then requests a solo mission with the AURA. The message comes from the Mucy (*from the Aphilia cycle*) Ghaner Vreik XX, *who* has left exact coordinates for the Pretender Atlan. Atlan *explains that they were* androids who colonized the Yolschor dark cloud in the *Milky Way in the 3500's AD* to distract the Lauren from the NEI *who were in the* Provcon Fist. *The head of the NEI was called Pretender.*

At the time, the Mucys offered the Larens an alliance, but the Larens instead attacked the multi-cyborgs (*artificially created humanoids*) mercilessly, causing them to commit mass suicide in desperation. Sichu Dorksteiger is of the opinion that individual Mucys fled to Gruelfin at that time and settled there in hiding. Their current goal could only be revenge on Atlan.

The AURA flies to the third planet in the Zarmunlai system, Zarmun, twice the size of Terra. A heavy cruiser called UNSTOPPABLE is moored at a spaceport – the Mucys have been found, *but they* live in hiding. *Atlan find references to* the Taatlonids ; Taatlon was the main world of the Mucys in the Milky Way. Atlan now sets off by boat to the location of the Taatlonids.

Atlan *calls on* Vreik XX, who immediately appears in person. He is the Prior of the Mucys. The Prior explains that thousands of Mucys disappeared with an unknown destination before the mass suicide. Exactly 1000 of them came together and were skeptical of the Larens from the start. They first flew into the Magellanic Clouds

and then in a 1333-year odyssey to Gruelfin. By then, none of the original Mucys were still alive, but they had continuously bred new ones.

*Smyronsh suddenly arrives and attacks the planet. The Prior says he wants to become the Eternal Ganja. It turns out that the Prior has a contingency plan : the entire genome of all Mucys is stored in the body of one Mucy and the contents of *their* consciousnesses are stored in biopositronic computers. You only need one laboratory to breed them all. The last Mucys will now *escape into space again!* The Prior shakes Atlan's hand and forgives him for the disaster in the Milky Way.*

*Later, Atlan makes contact with Viyesch and expresses his fears that Smyronosh will *kill her*. And he reports on the many *descendants* of humanity in DaGlausch, Far Away and elsewhere. One day, perhaps not too far away, this could become a universe-wide humanoid alliance in which the Panjas would also have a place. Viyesch insists that they are currently at war, but she will think about it. Also about whether to release the IT Fragment.*

Smyronosh's Plan

On the planet Hotroyto in the Shashpandar system (the planet of diplomacy and the highest jurisdiction in Morschaztas), a conference is held, to which Viyesch has invited Atlan, Sichu Dorksteiger, Damar Feyerlant, Mirabelle Eden, Alschoran, and Smyronosh. Then a spaceship of unknown design emerges from linear space at the edge of the system and sets course for Hotroyto.

It is a starship of the Choolks, *the TUUM*. The captain of the ship, Boriak, belongs to the Tbahrgrs, *and* demands a meeting with Smyronosh and Atlan. The Tbahrgrs and the Choolks are auxiliary races of the superintelligence THERMIOC, which has merged from the Empress of Therm and BARDIOC (*from the BARDIOC cycle*) around 200 NGE. Boriak reports that six months ago they were asked by Dakkar-com to fly to Morschaztas to negotiate peace between two conflicting parties. Smyronosh now extends an invitation to Boriak to mediate personally between the Galactics and the Panjas, but he declines. He will remain in orbit and carefully examine the situation before intervening personally. This ends the conference.

Atlan sneaks on board the TUUM. In a drive room, he analyzes the drive capacity of the spacecraft *and finds it has only a 2 million light-year range*. This means that the ship could not have flown here from THERMIOC's [Sphere of Influence].

*Then, negotiations are deadlocked as the Panjas *refuse to hand over 50% of the Fragment*. Atlan wants to break off the discussion. Then Boriak apparently comes in person to mediate between the conflicting parties. He *invites* Smyronosh and Viyesch and Atlan. Atlan seizes the situation : only he and the Ganja will go on board. Viyesch is grateful to the Arkonide, as this means that her rival has to stay behind.*

*Then Smyronosh broadcasts a fictitious movie across all of Gruelfin and Morschaztas via a relay. In it, Atlan fights the Eternal Ganja, falsely branding *the Galactics* as aggressors. Now *Panja* spaceships appear and attack the *TUUM*. *Alschoran* grabs Boriak and *kills him*, while the fake Viyesch announces *that* if she does not survive, she sees Smyronosh as a worthy successor - thus revealing *Smyronosh's plan*.*

Alschoran rescues *Viyesch*, Boriak, and Atlan by fictiv transmitter *from the TUUM*. But Smyronosh's speech to the galaxy will have consequences : he claims that Atlan himself murdered Viyesch. Therefore, all Panja ships are to fly from Gruelfin to Morschaztas to destroy the Blue-Gold fleets, because the Eternal Ganja must be avenged, *so says the Eternal Ganja Smyronosh*. And so a war is brewing.

Finale

Viyesch radios *the galaxy* and calls on all the *planetary governors* to join her to defeat the coup leader Smyronosh.

Everyone is fighting over Viyesch vs. Smyronosh, or Viyesch vs. Alschoran, and over defending or destroying the IT Fragment.

Trochod appears on board Blue-Gold spaceships and reports that a decisive battle is raging around Ashvalum. A *mobile transmitter* is installed in the Fragment Refuge, through which Atlan enters. Mini robots sent by Smyronosh attack the IT Fragment, *but* Damar Feyerlant activates a screen to protect the Fragment. Viyesch and Smyronosh duel at the Fragment with their *high-tech swords*. *Smyronosh kills the Ganja with a stab. Invading Panja robots kill Smyronosh.* This ends the civil war.

The new Eternal Ganja Alschoran is inaugurated in the main palace. *A small part of the IT Fragment will remain on Ashvalum to maintain the Panjas, while the majority will be transferred to the Milky Way.* The MAGELLAN will again take ten years to fly to its home in the Milky Way. *In mid 2097 NGE, a fleet of 164 Blue-Gold ships sets off for the Milky Way with the bulk of the Fragment, which will take only about a year.* It arrives in the Sol system *in mid 2098 NGE.*

Milky Way #1

In the immediate vicinity of the TERRANOVA screen that spans the Sol system, a Yaqana spaceship completes its transition. The previously unknown people are stranded with their spaceship, a prototype. The cosmopsychologist Bruno Boukarina makes first contact with *Solar Fleet* Admiral Satou Bezpalky. The *damaged* Yaqana ship is towed into the Sol system. During a reception for the new people in the Solar House *in mid 2096 NGE*, an attack is made on a Katü, the Yaqana's almost symbiotic life partners, *by Boukarina*. This triggers a so-called “misdirection” in *the Yaqana*. The TLD *Posmi* agent Suyemi Taeb, who is present, experiences this as an exuberant, emotional panic attack that brings her deepest fears and worst nightmares to the surface, causing her to experience crying fits and trapping her in a spiral of panic attacks. After the agent regains consciousness, she picks up Boukarina's trail again and confronts him. However, Taeb only learns one name from him, Club of Light Bearers (*CdL [in German]*), before the cosmopsychologist dies.

Admiral Bezpalky asks *her ex-lover* Sascha Liebkind for help in coming to terms with what has happened, as she trusts him completely and wants to keep an eye on the TLD, since *it* does not always pursue the same interests as the fleet. So Taeb and Liebkind become a team. The *Yaqana spaceship* is relocated to Luna, primarily to minimize the danger of being misled again, but also to *justify an* increase the security precautions around the RAS TSCHUBAI. NATHAN also gets involved and makes direct contact with the two agents, *and reports that the Yaqana were guided to the solar system, but doesn't know why*. There are attacks on the shipyards around the two ships. But these are diversionary maneuvers, perfectly orchestrated by Nording Gollokai and the Ylanten (*race*) Pasch to steal the Seal of the Grand Administrator (*which can disable all ships in the solar fleet*) from the shipyard in the name of the Club of Light Bearers. *Like Boukarina, Nording can psychically bond people to him* that can be activated for action with a short command. His goal is the destruction of RAS TSCHUBAI. Liebkind *begins* to suspect that an immortal is behind the Club. The two agents get closer and closer to Gollokai and Pasch, but fail to capture them. Pasch, pursued by Taeb, leaves a trail of devastation through Terrania, but this is merely a distraction. Liebkind is convinced that the target is the IEME (*Institute for the Study of the Structure and History of Metaintelligent Entities [in German]*, which *evaluates* the events that led to the Fragmentation of IT). He goes there and warns *deputy head* Xenia Biefang and her boss Bna Vachut. But Gollokai, whose plan has obviously been carefully prepared for years, *uses the*

Seal to penetrate the archives to steal the Wanderer files and escape via transmitter. However, Pasch, who engages Vachut in a duel, *is* killed.

Due to the reconstruction work in the IEME, Biefang and Vachut go on an away mission with Vachut's DOMO SOKRAT. On board they have a *superintelligence* tracker that could be used to detect IT Fragments. In the Trotak system, which lies within the Topsiders' sphere of influence, the superintelligence tracker *detects something*. To calm the diplomatic waters, Pucky and Ichō Tolot follow, as well as *the Solar Fleet Vice-Admiral* Achill Maccao with the PERSEPHONE. Once there, Tolot and *Pucky* transfer to the DOMO SOKRAT and land on Qisud, the system's main planet, under the pretext of carrying out repairs on the Haluter's ship. There they come across Hruam, a Mrynjad who sees herself as a trustee of IT and brings *them* to the Kator space via a Kato synapse(?). At the same time, it becomes apparent that *the Haluter* Vachut is experiencing an urge wash (*a desire for adventure, excitement, and danger*), triggered by his battle with Pasch. Inside the Kator space it breaks out completely and Vachut dies in a fight with the protective statues of the mental architecture processor they discovered there. **His consciousness is transferred to the processor and is stored there along with many millions of other consciousnesses that belong to IT.** Hruam explains that the processor can be *removed* from the Kator room by one of the people present taking it into his *mind* and housing it there. The administrator makes it clear that Tolot and Pucky are out because of their cell activators, so **Biefang makes herself available.** Hruam sets everything in motion and then takes those involved back to normal space, *and* the expedition returns to Terra.

The Night of the Anuupi is organized in Terrania City, where the luminous animals of the Onryons are shown. The Highest Onryon in the Milky Way, the Ryotarin Shoccnar Suur, appears. Accompanied by Homer G. Adams, she goes on an excursion that is overshadowed by an *ineffective* missile attack. Vice-Admiral Achill Maccao demands that the search for the Club of Light Bearers be coordinated on his ship PERSEPHONE, *the most well-equipped ship in the LFG fleet*. During an attack on one of the Ryotarin's two Onryon spaceships, a prototype of the so-called Onmitter, a *new kind of* linear-space transmitter *that does not need a receiving station*, is stolen. Homer G. Adams is abducted from his home *by the CdL using the Onmitter*.

Homer G. Adams finds himself in the hands of the Club of Light Bearers, namely César Lebailly and Nording Gollokai. They torture Adams in a hideout in Subterrania, *the "town" underneath Terrania*, in order to learn more about the defenses of the artificial planet Wanderer, *and how they were defeated by Adam von Aures (in the Genesis cycle)*. He wants to convince Homer that IT has only favored humanity in order to have fun – the Terrans are just his slavish agents. Adams disagrees : IT has always supported humanity and the Terrans have benefited from it. Pucky and the TLD agent Suyemi Taeb compete with a military commando of Vice-Admiral Maccao in the search for Adams. A battle ensues against Lebailly's robotic constructs. When Gollokai tries to kill Adams, he is killed by Achill Maccao. Maccao's position as head of IT Command, *the anti-CdL taskforce*, is thus *guaranteed*.

Six months later, after analyzing his drawings, LFG Resident Cascard Holonder is warned by art psychologist Nike Erbguth that he could be *being* mentally influenced. After Minister Pakpiendi *unintentionally* sabotages the IEME's protective shields *thru the efforts of the CdL*, the IEME is massively attacked by combat robots. The USO agent Cordt Pahr appears, *manipulated* by Bo Ingwersen from the CdL, in a Kardec (*powerful Porleyter technology*) armor he built himself as a "man in blue flames" and kidnaps Hruam. *After Pahr trains for months in the armor*, Bo Ingwersen has a special task for the *involuntary* traitor : to kidnap several important people and steal an IT artifact.

The TLD agent Suyemi Taeb was seriously injured in the attack on the IEME. Nevertheless, she forms a team with Pucky to find Hruam. They are led into several traps by the CdL in *early* **2097** NGE. Meanwhile, Bo

Ingwersen interrogates Hruam in a secret CdL hideout called "the black garden". Drugged by the Ara Quefia Ghosham, *Ingwersen's superior*, Hruam reports among other things, that she comes from a civilization that exists far in the future. A long time ago, their people were recruited by IT to serve as time beacons so that IT would have an orientation towards the future after leaving the 18 million year time loop *of IT's creation (in the Solar Residence cycle)*. The core of the bond between IT and the Mrynjads is their life-affirming attitude. In addition, *IT differs from other superintelligences in that it materializes in order to act. Most other superintelligences stay in a dematerialized state in order to only observe. She describes the universe as a tapestry of myriad individual stories. The superintelligences are the editors of these stories. Where there are holes and cracks, they try to repair them. At the end of the universe, silence remains, because without this closure, the stories would be worth nothing.* When Ingwersen wants to find out the location of the Fragment Refuges under threat of death, Hruam transfers her mind to the Kator room, *where Bo cannot follow*. Cordt Pahr *uses the Kardec armor to neutralize the drugs Ghosham gives him, and is plagued by remorse*. The Kardec AI reveals itself as sprung directly from Pahr's spirit, *and they eventually merge*. He flees with his Kardec armor and reveals the location of the CdL's secret base to the TLD. *By the time Pucky arrives, Hruam is dead, apparently by suicide*. Ingwersen and Ghosham were able to escape through a transmitter.

USO Lord Admiral Monkey is informed that the Eiris in the Sphere of Influence is being manipulated by someone to harm the superintelligence as soon as it is reassembled from the current Fragments. USO agent Benita Morvan investigates on the private asteroid Ice Floe of the notorious Dionysus Leierstam. She narrowly *survives* an attack, but discovers the code word Mors Peregrini. *Another USO agent, Mikki Offerman gets involved. When the Galactic Guardians (a large multi-galactic criminal organization) is discovered to be involved, Monkey himself appears on Ice Floe, disguised as the Mehendor (race) Avkandru. He informs Offerman the Galactic Guardians are opposed to IT's reconstruction, and that experiments on [Eiris] may be taking place on the asteroid.* The administrator of the asteroid is a Terran named Sulitzer, who forces Monkey into a duel *on an icy lake*. It turns out that Sulitzer is a cybergenetically optimized metagent, *but the Oxtornian Monkey can hold his own against him, and Sulitzer flees. Monkey proves that no Eiris research was being done, this information had only served to lure Monkey into a trap.*

In early 2097 NGE, a very small circle around the LFG Resident Cascard Holonder, the TLD leader Aurelia Bina and Pucky decide to set a trap for the Club of Light Bearers. Aurelia Bina is to be smuggled into the higher ranks of the CdL in a cloaked identity. Part of the strict secrecy is that those involved are temporarily unable to remember their own role due to mental blocking, as the CdL is repeatedly warned by at least one high-ranking leak in the TLD. In the middle of the same year, TLD agent Gideon Hallinger, disguised as a Venusian positronic historian, finds a supposedly ancient cavern in the Venusian fortress in which a person is trapped in a permanent transmitter *(in a constant state of transfer without rematerialization)*. It is Posmi Aurelia Bina, disguised as Arkonide Mocresta da Vasch, who allegedly possesses information about beings who have lived longer than the sun. The Venusian lobbyist Feyman Bonavero reveals himself to be a member of the CdL and abducts the alleged Arkonide from the Venusian fortress by means of a transmitter in order to obtain her knowledge about these beings.

The transmitter's *receiving* station is located on the pleasure spaceship MARILYN MONROE. Bonavero stalls Aurelia Bina with promises that she will soon meet higher-ranking members of the CdL. He *does* reveal the Club's goals : the CdL feels threatened by the power of IT and similar beings. The fragmented superintelligence is currently relatively defenseless. *The Club wants to close the development gap between humanity and IT and steal IT's life-prolonging technology.* Aurelia Bina risks exposure in her *aggressive* investigations. She takes action, shoots the commander of the MARILYN MONROE, a member of the CdL, in a duel and captures a file containing the identities of *a few hundred*, albeit insignificant, members of the Club. The majority of the CdL members on board are able to escape in a dinghy. *This means that the very elaborate plan has failed completely.*

In late 2097 NGE, Adorhee tan Thanor, the Prioress Councilor (*leader*) of the Akonian Council Republic, dies in a near-collision between her space launch UMA YOMIN and *another ship* in the main system of the Akonians. Many suspicious facts indicate that it was an extremely intricately constructed assassination. The Prioress's designated successor, her clone Nemena tan Thanor, invites Monkey as a guest of honor in order to entice him into an investigation by the USO. Apart from her mentor Nuur tan Harol, she trusts no one on *the capital planet* Galazin. However, the USO has no official powers within the Akonian Republic. During the memorial service, USO specialist Ram Wood investigates the *central government building's archives* with his special robot Kolossos, but only finds a few pieces of the puzzle that do not yet form a picture. Since Monkey suspects the CdL is the mastermind, he remains on Galazin in a cloaked identity as Barnite (*Terran colony*) Tastur-A3 in order to continue the secret investigation together with Wood.

Nuur tan Harol recognizes Monkey despite his mask and asks for help. *Nemena's bodyguard* is disguised as a double of Nemena tan Thanor and travels with Monkey. In fact, two assassination attempts are made on the supposed Nemena. Meanwhile, the real Nemena travels with Ram Wood to the moon Xokolon, *for* the transfer of the extracted memories of the deceased Adorhee tan Thanor to her clone. In view of incidents there, Nemena claims to have sabotaged the *transfer* herself because she fears for her identity. The process finally takes place anyway, but with the incident that a false memory is initially smuggled in (Pucky is supposed to have committed the murder). A flashback tells how Shunan ont Viu, head of the political organization Awake Akon (*pro-clone government succession*), was replaced with the help of Kmossen *by the shape-shifting leader of the Club of Light Bearers, known on Terra as Achill Maccao*.

During the *memory transfer* of Nemena tan Thanor, a Dakkar wave emanated from *a* research station on the moon Xokolon. Monkey disappeared in the station. Ram Wood and Settoia Taurim infiltrate the station despite an attack by a Mehendor *spaceship* and unknown rod-shaped robots, and discover that the station has been taken over. The crew is covered in a black hoarfrost and is acting mechanically. It stands to reason that this is a consciousness-manipulating tool of the CdL. Wood and Taurim are now captured just like Monkey. Shunan ont Viu/Maccao and even Kmossen himself ask the three to join the Club, *since the three of them have been mentally stabilized and the hoarfrost will not work on them*.

Kmossen *the Misleader* answers the question about his motivation in detail. *IT had already protected itself from a danger in the early phase of its genesis ages ago, but Kmossen does not know the nature of this danger. This action was part of the superintelligence's mental architecture.* In order to permanently prevent IT from returning, Kmossen needs helpers, as the Misleader has lost contact with the Chaoporter *FENERIK*. He wants to find the Chaoporter and then replace Reginald Bull as Quintarch. As leverage against Monkey, Kmossen steals his cell activator chip. Ram offers himself to Kmossen as a servant, *which he tentatively accepts*.

Monkey and Ram Wood are transferred by transmitter to Kmossen's spaceship WORKSHOP in order to harvest oldoronium crystals in the core of *a* gas planet, which extracts vital energy from *those who collect them*. Kmossen wants to integrate the two USO people into his service in the long term. *He tells Monkey that he has misled IT in the search for suitable locations for his Fragment Refuges and thinks that preventing the reconstitution of the superintelligence is also in the interests of the Galactics, because IT will not be the same "Old Man" afterwards and will be unpredictable. Kmossen admits that he needs the USO to locate the Fragments.* Monkey succeeds in removing the cell activator chip from the shape-shifter Achill Maccao, *as well as a data crystal from Kmossen*, and escapes with Wood from the WORKSHOP, which manages to escape despite fire from the Aconian fleet. Ram Wood joins the bodyguard of Nemena tan Thanor.

Alaska Saedelaere

Alaska Saedelaere is still on the search for the LIGHTFORCE and IT Fragments. After Soynte Abil withdrew to Andromeda with the MONITOR-C, the Tefrodian ex-Maghan Vetris Molaud is once again in command of the cobalt-blue cylinder. After the LIGHTFORCE collided with the LUCTU (*in the previous cycle*), the Tefroder flew the ship to the TRAPAX Cosmocratic shipyard to have it repaired.

In mid 2096 NGE, Gry O'Shannon, *Alaska's ex-mate but still* a member of *his* crew, is overcome by a vision. The mask wearer hopes that there is a connection to the LIGHTFORCE. He asks the *LFT* fleet commander for help and has them list all the unusual events that were registered at that exact time. Intuitively, they decide on an event in M-55. The NIKKI FRICKEL is taken to the ZYLINDER-X (*a LIGHTFORCE dinghy*) and smuggled into it. The sun Pale Red, which is orbited by a much younger stray planet that they christen Mystery Guest, harbors a secret. On the world they discover a strange refuge *with immortal Terrans from the 17th century* that probably goes back to IT, but no longer obey *its* original commands. They get to the bottom of the matter and come across Trim Marath (*last seen in the Negasphere cycle*), who, *over 600 years ago*, while searching for his son, destroyed the refuge's defense system and became stranded on the world. Saedelaere learns from Marath that the mobile Cosmocrat shipyard TRAPAX is hidden in the system. In a commando mission they penetrate the station. There they learn that Soynte Abil, together with the Paddler (*race*) Kemur and Vetris-Molaud, have taken the LIGHTFORCE by force and are on their way to Spaphu, *to search for a Fragment of IT*. After the mission, Alaska Saedelaere brings Trim back to Mystery Guest, *but* tells the LFT Fleet Command that Marath died during the mission on TRAPAX.

Alaska Saedelaere and Gry O'Shannon try to reach the galaxy Spaphu with the dinghy of the LIGHTFORCE ZYLINDER-X, although it is beyond the range of the dinghy. After 36 million light years of flight, Gry O'Shannon notices a paradimensional "candlelight". The signal can be traced to the planet Anntabur in the galaxy Doulzamar. The indigenous bird-like Burunui declare tower-like structures surrounded by protective screens on their planet to be information centers inhabited by *the Experts*, that *sometimes* reveal information about future events. The *extremely aggressive* Aenissen, *who also recently landed*, try to force the Burunui to give them access to an information center, but the Burunui are unable to do so. After Alaska Saedelaere has averted the threat from the Aenissen, the protective shield around an information center opens. Alaska Saedelaere and Gry O'Shannon are welcomed by Zantumon, who is a descendant of the current Burunuis. The information centers are from the future, but reach far into the past. *They also function as post offices thru time*. Zantumon surprises them with a message from Perry Rhodan that was delivered 3000 years earlier. It contains news about the recovery of the IT Fragment from Spaphu, the whereabouts of the LIGHTFORCE and another IT Fragment in Terrania, *which* is divided into two parts : one in the past and one in the distant future. The ZYLINDER-X sets course *back* for the Milky Way.

Spaphu

In late 2096 NGE, Antanas Lato, Shema Ghessow and Perry Rhodan fly with the Sextadim capsule RA into the Converse Relay in the small galaxy Morschaztas to the Spaphu Galaxy, to search for the IT Fragment Refuge there. Involuntarily, this "road to Spaphu" leads to a stopover on the intelligent steel planet Crossd in the void between the galaxies, still 44 million light years away from the destination. While the Oproshins living on the surface make contact with Antanas Lato and Perry Rhodan, intensive *mental* contact is made between the planetary entity and Shema Ghessow. At the end of the contact, Ghessow receives a small metal sphere with a directory of the paths in the Sextadim Converse. The RA can continue its flight to its destination.

The RA now reaches its destination, the galaxy of Spaphu. The Sextadim Converse has led them to a mausoleum located on *the moon Gee*. The *arachnoid* Cunuur (*race*) gravekeepers capture Perry Rhodan and

Antanas Lato *and imprison them*, while Shema Ghessow *escapes and* makes contact with the Shempira grave robbers in the hope of forming an alliance with them.

The hope is fulfilled. Four statuettes made of valuable osmium are provided for the burial of *the Sman (race)* Tassam. In an attempt to steal them, the Shempira Omlirr Oscha and Ghessow raise *an* alarm. A competing grave robber appears before the Sman guards. Thanks to her *para-gifts*, Ghessow is able to get herself, the two robbers and the loot to safety. Meanwhile, *a* Sman visits Rhodan and Lato in the Cunuur prison. When he touches the Castellan insignia, Lato gains *mental control of* the Sman. He takes them away in a glider. Ghessow is able to join them. In one of the living houses of the Cyv, they witness the special burial ceremony, *during which Ghessow accesses Tassam's memories, and sees the LIGHTFORCE.*

With the RA, Rhodan, Ghessow and Lato fly to the Woya Dhum nebula, where they suspect the IT Fragment of Spaphu *resides. But* since native species are searching for a so-called "blue phantom" in the nebula, *which caused a lowering of background* hyper-energy in Woya-Dhum, Rhodan suspects that Vetriss Molaud has beaten them to it with the LIGHTFORCE. *The Galactics learn that the natives attached an Emmzu transponder (a biological, spore-based tracking device) to the phantom.* Rhodan and Ghessow undertake further investigations on a Noiran freighter.

As a result of these investigations, the RA heads for the Uchina Zumy system, whose planet Lurru is populated by many species. Orbiting the planet is the artificial *moon* SAGHIK, a listening world, 600 miles in diameter. The "cyberflora" (*transponders, receivers, and data processors*) of the Emmzu is cultivated there. There is an attack by the Anezians, who regard the existence of the listening worlds and space travel itself as sacrilege. The fighting only comes to an end when the Khassu Than (*a technologically powerful race*) arrive, *at which point hostilities end without their having fired a shot.* Perry Rhodan receives *data that suggests* that the LIGHTFORCE may not have found the IT Fragment yet.

The RA's next destination is the planet Koichert, where around 100 hostile territories are at war. In the archives of the city of Pvaum, Antanas Lato learns that two high-tech starships have recently fought each other in this solar system. Caught between the fronts of a local conflict, Lato is taken prisoner. In the same prison is the Onquor (*race*) dimensiologist Poquandar, who soon has technical discussions with Lato. Shema Ghessow is able to free them both, *but Lato has to steal back the Castellan Insignia.* When the Khassu Than isolate the planet, Rhodan sends the RA to the hyper-river port (the intragalactic transport system in Spaphu) of Egannol, while he wants to carry out further research on Koichert.

Poquandar advises Perry Rhodan to visit the Chet Tower *in the town* Maitharm. He expects to find Checcoir lookouts there, possibly one named Tchevu, who is said to have personally observed the space battle. Tchevu, who is found after some effort, confirms that the LIGHTFORCE was one of the two ships. According to Tchevu's description, Poquandar identifies the opposing starship, a black shard ship, as the TEZEMDIA. The Tashzure (*race*) Hishza abducts Poquandar *to* his spaceship KASHZOR. Ghessow transports Rhodan, Lato and himself on board *an Onquor ship* via *her* hyper-bubble. They now discuss the IT Fragment : Rhodan believes that it *is* located in the Woya Dhum nebula, where Sigleiru hypercrystals collect consciousnesses and allow them to exist. Ghessow believes that the LIGHTFORCE or the enemy ship abducted the Fragment, as they were unable to sense it during their stay in the cloud.

Poquandar tells Hishza *that he* has learned from his long-time teacher that there are regions in Spaphu that enable a transition to another universe. He knows the inter-universal spaceship TEZEMDIA from a *previous encounter.* Two different beings had disembarked and reported that the Louwhan (*race*) Louzhondosh was on board the black shard ship to find a mental conglomerate. The two beings from the TEZEMDIA had also

handed Poquandar the Truimou, a quadruple-angled stick, which he has carried with him ever since. Shema Ghessow is able to *rescue Poquandar*, and together with Rhodan and Lato they escape in an escape pod from aboard the KASHZOR, which is now in the vicinity of the Samsant hyper-river port.

After landing, Perry Rhodan and his companions Shema Ghessow, Antanas Lato and Poquandar have to find their way around the difficult conditions of the hyper-river port. In order to pay for a passage to *the hyper-river port* Egganol, where the RA is located, they earn money *by performing* in the port's amusement arcades. When they are finally able to undertake the passage in the hyper-river on board a hyper-river gondola, it is seized by hyper-river pirates *led by* Tozzcord.

Tozzcord boasts that they have been authorized for this mission by Pnerten Andhini, the leader of the pirates, *who, according to some prisoners*, took his throne after the death of the old supreme pirate leader and after he had killed all competitors. This throne comes from a cosmic being *who has been* leading Spaphus' destiny for more than a million years. The *pirates fly* to a discus-shaped, three-mile-diameter space station - the pirate island AUMASSEA, *which* Pnerten Andhini *commands*. He wants to sell the prisoners at the 'Specimen Market'. While still on board the *first ship*, Shema Ghessow watched from her hyper-bubble *as* the prisoners *were* led away. She decides to leave the hyper-bubble and mingle with the pirates because she believes that they couldn't all know each other.

Antanas Lato and Perry Rhodan *are detected as exceptional thinkers*, and are taken to Pnerten Andhini, who wants to take the most valuable prisoners into his own custody. *They are rescued by Ghessow, and rest in an empty container. They rescue a prisoner named Vincoulon*, who is obviously of particular value to the pirate leader. *Vincoulon tells Rhodan of a moon in his native system which is a portal to another universe. Rhodan thinks that's where the inter-universal TEZEMDIA, LIGHTFORCE, and IT Fragment will be found. While trying to recover Poquandar, they are all captured again, but during the process, Andhini is killed by a ruse of Tozzcord, who claims he is now the pirate leader.* But Vincoulon tells Rhodan that Tozzcord lied when he declared that he could simply succeed Pnerten Andhini. Such an appointment is always preceded by a competition that anyone can enter – really, anyone - not just hyper-river pirates. The candidates have to go through a complicated selection process consisting of duels and proof of suitability. So Perry Rhodan can also apply. Each candidate can have a few helpers at his side. The members of this team can then only win together or, if they lose, die together...

In mid 2097 NGE, Perry Rhodan's application to succeed *Andhini* is taken seriously by the pirates. The Dark Port of Atulhu becomes the scene of the contest for the succession. The competition between Perry Rhodan and three other candidates is monitored and judged by three judges. While some tasks are intellectually challenging, the last one surprises even *the* pirates with its contempt for intelligent life. To the surprise of many and against the resistance of some pirates, the judges agree on Perry Rhodan as the new supreme leader of the Hyper River Pirates, who takes on the title of Administrator.

The Hyper-river Pirates *don't like Rhodan*, because he is a complete stranger and not even a pirate himself. He is considered the murderer of their previous leader Pnerten Andhini, which Perry does not want to deny until he has evidence that it was not him, but the Tashzure Tozzcord who committed the murder.

Rhodan wants to introduce new rules. He wants to tear down the slums and build decent houses for the pirates. In addition, the loot from an arriving ship that was sent out on a raid Andhini should be divided among all pirates so that everyone gets something.

However, he must set out quickly to find the RA, that should be waiting for him at the hyper-river ports Egannol or Tallumadd. With it he and his companions Shema Ghessow, Antanas Lato, Poquandar and Vincoulon want to find the LIGHTFORCE. *They prepare to leave on the pirate ship SHAMMADIN.*

When Tozzcord *awakens and* realizes that he is not the winner, he sees his survival as a tremendous humiliation that Rhodan has inflicted on him. He wants to be part of the SHAMMADIN crew. Shema Ghessow is horrified by this, but Perry would rather have his enemy within sight than fear that he will gather a new following in Atulhu. Tozzcord's most devoted follower is the Prym (*race*) Eryck, a teenage humanoid with the special gift of hyperspace sensitivity, *whom he rescued as a small child*. Eryck then swore to him eternal loyalty.

When they arrive at Egannol, the RA is nowhere to be found, *so they* go on to Tallumadd. Antanas Lato realizes that he can feel the RA's new course through the Castellan Insignia. When they get to Tallumadd, they still can't locate the RA. *Rhodan* flies to *the port* together with Shema Ghessow, Antanas Lato and the pirate scout Wulkker Tallumadd. The latter is supposed to spy out worthwhile targets on Tallumadd, *because after* ten days in office, *Rhodan* must either have made a major raid or be thrown naked *into space*.

Leto overhears the conversation of two Fayyuds who are talking about an ancient fellow named Ain who wants to look at an artifact. This can only be the RA. *They track down Ain to a Dark Harbor.*

Shema discovers that a group of Wij'sun have rented a gondola that will leave soon. The Wij'sun are slave traders who always carry a lot of money with them. Rhodan can attack and rob them *with a clear* conscience. And so he can offer the pirates lucrative loot *before his deadline runs out*.

Tozzcord sees an opportunity to turn Eryck against Rhodan. He advises him to join the boarding party that is now heading to the Dark Harbor. In this way he could take revenge on Rhodan and kill him. Rhodan visits the Dark Harbor, *and his team* discovers a storage room with containers *that* are full of Transpares (*money*) that Ain apparently stole from Tallumadd and stored here. A Lletha (*race*) reports that Ain took *the RA* to a safe place in *space*. After two days, Ain shows up to store more Transpares. When he then flies away again, Shema, Rhodan and Eryck are on board.

The ship lands at a T-shaped spaceship conglomerate *made of smaller and smaller cubes*. *While searching the large ship, the team is attacked by creatures that penetrate their SERUNS and even Shema's hyper-bubble, which should be impossible*. Eryck realizes that Tozzcord has lied to him and used him his entire life, and that taking Rhodan's side feels right. With his gift, Eryck can establish contact *with shadowy attackers*, the Lipekas, *who take the team to Ain, who tells them* that the Lipekas wanted to use their Star House (*the T-shaped ship*) to stabilize a passage between their universe and the local universe and to create a bridgehead, which failed.

Ain has been using the RA to try to stabilize the Star House in this universe, but is failing. Rhodan can persuade the Fayyud to give him two containers with Transpares and six *Lipeka* cubes, which he wants to *incorporate* the RA *into*. Rhodan, Ghessow and Eryck return with the RA to the SHAMMADIN, where the arrival of the Transpare containers caused a great stir and the pirates speak of their Administrator with awe. *Tozzcord finally attempts to assassinate Rhodan, but Rhodan's bodyguard kills him first.*

The Baccuns carry out a four-year campaign of conquest in Spaphu every 400 years. This is a biochemically induced and culturally shaped phenomenon that is unique among the peoples of Spaphu and is believed to give

them true power among the so-called Dominant Four(? [*races?*]).

Perry Rhodan, whose position as leader of the pirates turns out to be a difficult balancing act, has to deal with Anmananda, the commander of the Hyper-river Pirates' flagship, because she has different goals than him. He is interested in finding the LIGHTFORCE and the IT Fragment in Sorgorenland, while the pirates are only interested in profit. Therefore he has to offer them something that can be obtained there. Vincoulon comes to his aid by reporting on the planet Glain. Something interesting was found on Glain, but Vincoulon doesn't know what. So Perry decides to fly *Glain* first. Rhodan would prefer to *land* with just his own people, but Anmananda insists on sending him a profit-making specialist, Noiran Erenda. *There, iridium is found to be plentiful, which is extremely valuable in Spaphu.*

The Baccuns want to settle here. *When Rodan confronts them in space, the RA emerges from one of the six Lipeka cubes he got from Fayudd Ain, and starts destroying Baccun ships. The Baccuns, led by Telpecc, leave.*

Of course, the pirates would like to recover the iridium treasure immediately, but their leader puts them off until later, *since* Ghessow, Poquandar and Rhodan are the only ones who know where it is located, and Perry's primary target is now Sorgorenland.

With the Sextadim capsule RA and the SHAMMADIN, Perry Rhodan reaches the Gangonia system, whose third planet is Sorgorenland. Strangeness disrupts hypertechnology in the entire solar system.

Telpecc, a war commander of the Baccuns, *attacks the Lipeka cube that Rhodan is in, who has to flee to the RA. When the Baccuns approach the cube, Rhodan warns them that it will explode in five minutes, which it does. When this happens, the Baccun fleet retreats by a few million miles.*

Rhodan is refused permission to land on the planet by the Sorgor, but is allowed to land the RA on the moon Gyrund.

The Baccuns then bombard the moon with heavy weapons and land troops. This results in heavy fighting on the moon. *Telpecc lands and invites Rhodan, as much for information as for revenge. The two finally meet, and have an almost philosophical conversation about the meaning of true wealth, which should not extend to material things, but above all to the self-development of an individual. Perry Rhodan, Antanas Lato, Poquandar and the Sorgor Varsaisch are able to flee aboard a Sorgor spaceship, while Shema Ghessow remains behind on the moon aboard the RA.*

After Rhodan's landing on Sorgorenland, *a worm named Ralmusch reveals that MU SARGAI is present on Sorgorenland in the form of the Imagonon, but as a stranger it is probably not possible to ask her any questions, as her incarnation decides for itself who it speaks to. Rhodan mainly wants information about the LIGHTFORCE and the TEZEMDIA. The Baccuns attack the planet, and hound Rhodan. Rhodan wants to go to the Imagonon as soon as possible, but when the second moon of Gorgorenland, Sharund, drifts into another universe, a Strangeness tsunami occurs. Nevertheless, Perry Rhodan and his companions manage to reach the Imagonon, which lies in a Soogart (a round golden area), where the Terran can ask questions of MU SARGAI. She says IT took a step sideways in its evolution with its Fragmentation. Instead of becoming a polyversal entity and merging with Thez, which the Cosmocrats would have welcomed as it would have given them a foot in the door of the trans[beyond]-Cosmocratic Thez, the superintelligence escaped this fate by splitting into at least four Fragments.*

The two spaceships LIGHTFORCE and TEZEMDIA, on board which the IT Fragment is presumably located, *arrive in the system, and follow Sharund into an alien universe. With no time to summon the RA*, Perry Rhodan follows them in a Sorgor spaceship, the MY SPIRIT MY STAR.

The RAS TSCHUBAI takes off from Earth *in late 2097* NGE and reaches the area of the galaxy Spaphu *in early 2098* NGE after a faster-than-light journey of 212 million light years, albeit 54,000 light years away from its intended destination. Approximately 1.2 million light years from Spaphu, a 500-light-year-diameter concentration of hyper-energy consisting of the finest threads, "the Cosmic Web", becomes apparent.

Flashbacks depict the earlier work of Kmossen, the Misleader, who also acted as a *protector and* guide for the Chaoporter FENERIK (*from the previous cycle*). *Kmossen believes that* the Chaotarchs built the Cosmic Web. Kmossen receives data about the superintelligence IT, which is currently fragmenting, whether voluntarily or driven by something is unclear. Kmossen the Chaos Servant decides to mislead IT. He cannot forgive the Terrans for neutralizing FENERIK and sets a trap for them in the Web.

Further flashbacks depict the unmasking of saboteurs on board the RAS TSCHUBAI who belong to the Club of Light Bearers. One of them nevertheless *remained onboard and* succeeded in manipulating the hypertrans-progressor drive *soon after takeoff*: Ulix Veith, who turns out to be the Rift-manipulated *Solar Fleet Vice-Admiral Achill Maccao* and is in direct contact with Kmossen. *His sabotage was detected and corrected, but he eventually escaped from the ship and was teleported a few million light-years back to Terra. Kmossen congratulated him* – a manipulation has taken place, which the crew will only become aware upon arrival in the Spaphu galaxy.

Icho Tolot explores the Web *first and does not come back*. Commander and expedition leader Farye Sepheroa then leads a team into the Web and *is temporarily captured by the Jedhamuun (race) Berka, commanded by Kmossen*. She *finds Tolot, and they learn that the Web is 300 million years old, that it was the building site of FENERIK and that the Cosmocrat MU SARGAI and the Chaotarch ZOU SKOST met here, but when they met is unknown*. The construction of the cosmic web began *when an entity that came from the Big Bang observed and directed the construction and saw it as an opportunity to finally die. Another entity, surrounded by fire, finally granted her wish, but a hint of the former remained in the Cosmic Web*. She also realizes that Achill Maccao has led her to the FENERIK construction site to demonstrate that the Galactics are up against Chaos forces, who are now irrefutably behind the Club of Light Bearers. The RAS TSCHUBAI takes off to Spaphu in search of Perry Rhodan.

While waiting for Rhodan to return from the other universe, Kmossen tries to deceive Shema Ghessow by using a clone of Perry Rhodan to present a story in which the Galactics failed in every way possible in the other universe. Rhodan presents Ghessow with a supposed gift from Antanas Lato, a vital nebula, which settles in her ring. Back on board the RA, the ship's "counterpart" (*sextadim computer*) secretly makes contact with her. The RA has discovered that the alleged vital nebula in Ghessow's ring is draining her life energy and has therefore removed the ring. The Sextadim capsule is convinced of Kmossen's hostile intentions. *When she confronts him, he attacks her viciously, but is driven off by the arrival of the RAS TSCHUBAI. She joins them, as the RA is considered to be contaminated and is quarantined*.

Contrachronic universe

In [late 2097](#) NGE, landing on the moon Sharund, which has drifted into a Contrachronic Universe (*which causes memories of the future*), has led Perry Rhodan into a Catachronic Zone, a *transition* zone between the two universes. In the golden city of Khamu, *after being relentlessly pursued by many adversaries*, the Catachronic Portal is found, a golden foil that protects travelers from the Catachronic Zone's strangeness effects. *Once they are protected, they proceed to the Contrachronic Universe.*

Perry Rhodan directs the MY SPIRIT MY STAR to the planet Kaldhorom, the "World of Golden Clouds", which occupies the place in the Contrachronic Universe that Sorgorenland occupies in the Gangonia system. The golden anti-strangeness foil is produced by native leviathans, *which blow it high into the atmosphere*. On board are his companions Varsaisch, Antanas Lato, and Poquandar. The sanctuary of the Arrival of the Highest, as it is called by the native Laomoal, initially appears to be the equivalent of *the* Soogart on Sorgorenland, but on attempting to land, the MY SPIRIT MY STAR sinks. The supreme deity of the *native* Laomoal is called Musarhihrasum. Perry Rhodan rightly suspects an echo of MU SARGAI here. She is said to watch and sleep at the same time in the Stikits Mountains, in a place that the Laomoal call the Treasury of the Highest. The Laomoal Rymimyr is to lead Perry Rhodan there. Rymimyr is attacked by a pack of Gnong *along the way*.

At the gate of the treasure chamber, both the chamber guard Amdakk and the custodian Vruchym refuse to let the Terran and his companions in. Only Varsaisch's hint that the chamber mistress Penteschte is her daughter opens the way into the treasure chamber, which turns out to be the chamber of the Cosmocrat MU SARGAI. There, Penteschte reveals that **the Cosmocrats fight against Catachronous Zones because of their lack of causality due to the mixing of the timelines of the two universes, and that it is possible that the Chaotarch ZOU SKOST was created in this Catachronic Zone.** The injured Rymimyr carries out an assassination attempt on Penteschte, which Amdakk and Perry Rhodan are able to thwart, destroying Amdakk in the process. In death, Rymimyr proves to be a shape-shifting Swekkter, an auxiliary race of the Chaotarchs. Vruchym *extrapolates* Perry Rhodan's last sighting of the LIGHTFORCE and the TEZEMDIA into the Obsidian File, with a note that the local Fragment is on one or the other, and puts him and his companions Antanas Lato and Poquandar back into the control capsule of the MY SPIRIT MY STAR, while Varsaisch stays with her daughter Penteschte.

Based on the new data, the MY SPIRIT MY STAR heads for the solar system Urdinna. The *spaceship* is pulled into the many-moon system of the thirteenth planet, where Perry Rhodan manages a hard landing on the moon Estaliak, on which ten thousand different species are said to live. The Gravo trap around the thirteenth planet, Iluntasuna's Hammer, has existed for millions of years, *which causes passing spaceships to crash land. They hear of a spaceship, the DROCHA, which can escape the Gravo trap, and sneak on board it.*

Perry Rhodan, Antanas Lato and Poquandar are arrested above the eleventh planet Zouharra on the DROCHA by the Zougaturen Spolchon (*the leader of Estaliak*). By influencing a medic, they manage to escape to the surface of Zouharra, a *high-tech* shipyard landscape with starships in all stages of production, while finished ships circle in orbit. Vanashy from the Taemkary race ends the *shipyard's personnel's* pursuit of the fugitives. She describes the omnipresent Constructor on Zouharra as an ancient being who wants to build the perfect space fleet to compensate for a long-ago loss.

Perry Rhodan wants to salvage the MY SPIRIT MY STAR, or at least its retrofitted Cosmocratic faster-than-light drive. To do this, however, he has to penetrate the deepest shipyards of Zouharra, where the Constructor analyzes new spaceships in order to create perfected *versions* of them. There, Rhodan learns that the Constructor had *incubated* at least part of the Chaotarch ZOU SKOST. **Rhodan is concerned that the apparent neutralization of the Chaoporter FENERIK may be based on a deception by the Chaotarch, if ZOU SKOST was**

incubated in the Contrachronic universe millions of years ago, but has been traveling with FENERIK in the home universe for millions of years.

Lato is able to learn the TEZEMDIA's course data. However, as Spolchon continues to pursue the four, a protracted armed confrontation ensues before Rhodan and his companions can escape and *they* decide to capture one of the completed spaceships on the surface of Zouharra.

With the help of Poquandar's Truimou's fictive transmitter, Rhodan, Lato and Vanashy get into the Constructor's optimized replica of a Taemkaryan spaceship, *the ELNVAN*. They *discover that* it belonged to a fleet that was detained in the Urdinna system a long time ago by Iluntasuna's Hammer. While the Taemkary *have* died out, the Constructor also *created an optimized replica of* Vanashy from nano- and pico-robots as an artificial being, which however retained *his* memories – *it is this being which is with the Galactics*. With the ELNVAN, Rhodan sets off in pursuit of the TEZEMDIA and the LIGHTFORCE. *Vanashy stays behind*.

The ELNVAN *flies* to the system of the red giant sun Fanau-Mah, 2200 light years away from the Urdinna system. Above the only planet in the system, Glivfanau, the TEZEMDIA is attacked by the LIGHTFORCE. When planet-bound systems intervene in favor of the TEZEMDIA, the LIGHTFORCE flees. Rhodan, Lato and Poquandar fly to the planet. An attempt to make contact with the native Sihila is successful. They are led to the Glivto-barbarians. These are jet-black, narrow, upright *obelisks* 480 to 550 feet high and are referred to by a Sihila as the "Star Wise Men" (*these are a form of Louwhans*). A TEZEMDIA messenger reports that the Louwhans are a collective being, organized in "sticks". Smaller parts of these can become independent and turn into a Truimou. The Louwhans have integrated the consciousnesses of a large number of Sihila into their colony on Glivfanau. The IT Fragment is to be taken to the Louwhan's homeworld, Atarmoun in the Gouttam system, about 12,500 light years towards the center of the galaxy. Rhodan, Lato and Poquandar return to the ELNVAN.

On board the LIGHTFORCE, Soynte Abil and Vetriz Molaud plan the future of the IT Fragment, *once they get it, to be* in the form of a permamentum (a mental tool for planning and managing) for *the Andromeda galaxy*. *They are planning a revival of the Masters of the Islands*.

Meanwhile, on board the ELNVAN, Perry Rhodan finds only a gravity well in the area where Gouttam, the central system of the Louwhans, is supposed to be located. Thanks to the Truimou of Poquandar, the ELNVAN heads for the solar system of Vunainen, 30 light years away. The second planet, Kaunkird, is supposed to be the gateway to Atarmoun. Rhodan and his companions must first pass tests there. These are *interrupted* by the dwarf android Ono Cloudrider, *a crew member of the LIGHTFORCE*. He expresses his dissatisfaction with the current commanders Abil and Molaud and offers to take Rhodan, Lato and Poquandar to the LIGHTFORCE. On the way there, he *puts* Poquandar and his Truimou in a stasis tube in order to hide them from the TEZEMDIA, next to which the LIGHTFORCE is hiding.

To circumvent Abil and Molaud's security measures on board the LIGHTFORCE, Ono Cloudrider transports Perry Rhodan and Antanas Lato to a facet of polyreality. Rhodan finds himself in a fictitious New Amsterdam on the east coast of the Chinese-dominated People's Republic of North America in 1978. This illusory reality is peppered with Rhodan's memories from his real life, which have different meanings in this para-reality, *where he is a journalist*. He receives unexpected help from Ospan Jesbolat, who enables him to find Antanas Lato, *who discovers that Jesbolat is "the immortal wanderer"*. The illusory reality ends when *Thomas Cardif* (Rhodan's first son) appears to kill Rhodan. Jesbolat turns out to be a small IT Fragment that provides Rhodan with some information. *He says that IT was misled by Kmossen, but promises Rhodan his continued support*.

He also reports that Kmossen was an *instigator* of the Chaoporter FENERIK, but failed in Cassiopeia (*in the previous cycle*), which is why he wants to punish the Galactics for neutralizing the Chaoporter. Finally, he names the locations of the four large Fragment Refuges and describes himself as a smaller one.

Perry, Antanas Lato and Ono Cloudrider are on the LIGHTFORCE and escorted to a space where they meet Soynte Abil, Vetris-Molaud and one of DAN's dwarf androids, Teom Rainlight. DAN has assigned Rainlight to judge Perry, Antanas and Cloudrider for breaking into LIGHTFORCE *to take control of it*, and help *DAN* decide if Perry should be given equal command over the ship.

The Terran and the Maghans emphasize their different plans for IT : Rhodan wants to win the reunited superintelligence for humanity, Abil and Vetris-Molaud want to use the Fragment on board the TEZEMDIA to stabilize (*rule*) Andromeda.

DAN demands that the Maghans on the one hand and the Rhodan group on the other, including Ono Cloudrider, enter into a competition to see who can *locate* the IT Mental *Fragment on* the TEZEMDIA. The winners will be given control of the Fragment. DAN splits them into random groups and when they materialize in the TEZEMDIA : Soynte, Perry and Ono end up together in one group, while Vetris-Molaud and Antanas become the second group.

After various adventures, Perry's group locates the Fragment, but *discover* that it might be unstable and in danger of dissolving. Everyone returns to the LIGHTFORCE. Vetris-Molaud has learned that TEZEMDIA will soon land on the homeworld of the Louwhan Islands.

DAN decides to give Perry equal control of the LIGHTFORCE with Soynte Abil and Vetris-Molaud. They are not pleased but have no choice but to accept it. If the three commanders cannot reach a consensus, DAN will give Perry Rhodan priority. They ask DAN how he can be sure that Perry will do what is right and he just says that he understand how Perry thinks.

Meanwhile, in a parareality, it is 1971 AD and Perry Rhodan wakes up for the test launch of the first moon landing. The ship launches *but* is suddenly mysteriously destroyed. Perry wakes up, to find himself in bed in a room with no exit. Suddenly a woman dressed in white, named Eirene, appears and lets him know that he is being tested to see if he is proper for a particular job. He was the only "survivor" of the STARDUST, which the Arkonides destroyed to prevent a moon landing. Perry actually also died, but his essence could be retrieved and given a new energy form body. He is offered the *chance of* accepting the position as pilot of a special spaceship. *He accepts, and Eirene brings him to a blue cylinder ship – it is the LIGHTFORCE! He will become the ship's onboard computer, and she asks Perry to choose a new name. He chooses...DAN.*

The TEZEMDIA is approaching the planet Atarmoun. It is feared that the delivery of the IT Fragment to the Louwhan sticks is already being prepared. The LIGHTFORCE, which had released itself from the *hidden* entanglement with the TEZEMDIA just in time, follows it there.

Suddenly, something protrudes *and emerges* from the TEZEMDIA in several places. They are Zouga ships that the Constructor of Zouharra has hidden with optimal tracking protection on board. The ships are manned with Vrochons in the service of Kmossen. The Zouga ships attack the LIGHTFORCE, which threatens to overload the protective shields of the Cosmocrat ship. Although the LIGHTFORCE is quite capable of shooting down the enemy ships, the Vrochons keep launching new *ships*.

However, the main danger comes from “defect” radiation emitted by the ships of the Phantom fleet. This radiation causes the constantly *changing* polyreality of the LIGHTFORCE to freeze. This is the superimposition of all realities on board the ship, *which is essential* for its defense capability. DAN loses control of some areas of the ship. Three Zougaturen ships can dock and bring *a defect radiation transmitter* on board.

While the LIGHTFORCE retreats from Atarmoun, still firing at the Phantom ships, Perry Rhodan, Kemur and Antanas Lato set off on a mission with the STIFT-W. Kemur penetrates one of the Vrochon ships *with his para-gift* and allows Rhodan’s team access from the inside. Rhodan penetrates the radio station and *stops* a signal that is required to coordinate the enemy ships, *which* prevents further attacks with their energy weapons. Rhodan uses the Vrochon ship to damage the Phantom Fleet's flagship so badly that it breaks apart.

Vetris-Molaud and Soynte Abil as well as Teom Rainlight, meanwhile, each with a squad of 20 dwarf androids, fight against the intrusion of the Vrochons. However, the defect radiation continues to spread and kills most of the androids. *They are led by a dwarf android that is immune to the radiation to the radiation generator.* After the generator is destroyed, DAN regains access to the destroyed areas.

Suddenly the Rift (*from the previous cycle*) opens and Kmossen's ship WORKSHOP appears, taking in all the remaining Vrochon ships. Kmossen requests an audience with the Louwhans *on an open channel*.

Kmossen *introduces himself* as “the *Misleader* in the Shadows who also calls himself the last Heddu”. He asks the Louwhan stick *overseer* Landanou for an audience, which is *granted*. Vetris-Molaud's request is rejected.

Perry Rhodan *and his team* are still on board the STIFT-W. They decide to land at Atarmoun *in* the camouflaged ship and thwart Kmossen's plans. *While landing, they* measure an enormous burst of energy. Rhodan's search for the cause of the energy *burst leads to the discovery that the* Truimou come in a wide variety of sizes and they are psionically charged here, which gives them their paramechanical abilities.

At the same time, Soynte Abil and Vetris-Molaud supervise the repair work on the LIGHTFORCE. The Cosmorat ship has suffered considerable damage during the fighting.

But then comes the news that the TEZEMDIA is allowed to land on Atarmoun to feed *IT's* mental substance *to the Louwhans*, which Rhodan wants to prevent at all costs. Rhodan, however, has trouble explaining why the Louwhans should not also benefit from the support of IT. At this moment, Kmossen, accompanied by Vrochons, enters the audience hall and demands to be heard. While *he* argues for his interests, the antennae on his head emit hypnosuggestive signals at Landanou and *its assistant Taschuir*.

The feeding of the IT Fragment *begins* - with fatal consequences : the Louwhan sticks cannot tolerate the mental material from another universe and threaten to die - and with it so does the IT Fragment. **This is the goal of Kmossen, because he knew from the beginning the incompatibility of the two entities.**

Perry Rhodan wants to try everything to stop the feeding. With Soynte Abil's help, Kmossen is lured away from the planet. This gives Perry the opportunity to enlighten the Louwhans about the true motives of *Kmossen*. However, they stand by *their* contract with Kmossen, even though this means their own death.

Although it is badly damaged, the LIGHTFORCE *heads for* Kmossen's WORKSHOP. The two mighty ships race towards each other. When they are only 600 miles apart, the LIGHTFORCE suddenly stops and flies away in the opposite direction - a maneuver that is only possible for a Cosmocratic ship made up of polyrealities that can constantly regroup. The WORKSHOP chases after it.

Meanwhile, on board the STIFT-W, Perry Rhodan uses tractor beams to remove the infusers *containing* the IT Fragment *and which are* responsible for feeding *it to the Louwhan*.

Kmossen seems to retreat into the Rift. But before the STIFT-W with the infusers *can enter* the LIGHTFORCE, the WORKSHOP drops out of *the Rift* and puts itself *directly in front of the STIFT-W*.

The LIGHTFORCE materializes between *the STIFT-W* and the WORKSHOP at the last moment, *causing the WORKSHOP to veer off, preventing the STIFT-W's destruction*. When the heavily damaged BOLZEN-Z goes on a collision course with the WORKSHOP, the latter retreats into the Rift.

Soynte Abil wants Rhodan to bring the infusers to the LIGHTFORCE as quickly as possible, but he refuses. He wants to remove the parts of the IT Fragment that have already been fed into the Louwhan sticks, as they may be of crucial importance for the entire Fragment. He has also offered his help to Landanou, who *is* suffering from the *consumed* IT components.

Antanas Lato, Poquandar and Soynte Abil accompany him to the audience with Landanou. Taschuir leaves the room, but returns a short time later with a group of armed Vrochons. Taschuir is under Kmossen's influence and has become a traitor. When Perry *is awakened* from his *mental* audience, a Vrochon tells him that Kmossen is inviting him and his companions to the WORKSHOP. When Rhodan asks what Kmossen actually wants from them, he beats around the bush. Apparently he is interested in Rhodan and Abil's two cell activators, as well as the Obsidian File and the Castellan Insignia.

Kmossen declares that he wants to become Quintarch of the Chaoporter FENERIK. But controlling the Milky Way is just as interesting. While Kmossen indulges in his wishful thinking, he is suddenly blinded by Abil. Rhodan reacts in a flash, activates his combat vest, which had not been taken from him like his weapons, and races towards the transmitter, shooting at the Vrochons. *Abil follows*. Lato also disappears into it and destroys the receiver as soon as they have left it. *They arrive in another part of the WORKSHOP*.

Rhodan contacts the LIGHTFORCE and asks Vetriz-Molaud to pick them up. However, the Maghan does not receive permission from the Louwhans to approach the Goutam system. They would see it as a hostile act.

While trying to set a trap for *some Vrochons*, Antanas Lato is captured in turn. Abil assumes that he is dead and wants to leave the missing body behind when the opportunity arises to use *a glider* to flee from the Vrochons. But Perry Rhodan leaves no one behind. He sends her off and goes to look for Lato, whom he discovers in captivity with the Vrochons. Kmossen is also present *and* has taken possession of Lato's Castellan Insignia. For Rhodan, the superior force is too great for an attack. Suddenly Poquandar appears next to him. He has teleported with his Truimou, *which he loses to Kmossen*.

In order to get the Truimou and the Castellan Insignia, Rhodan offers Kmossen free passage from the system for himself and his Vrochons, otherwise *a mine full of Vrochons will* be destroyed. Kmossen agrees and leaves the Truimou and the Castellan Insignia behind when he leaves.

The WORKSHOP attacks the infusers' transport *ship* to destroy the IT Fragment. Only when the LIGHTFORCE is allowed to fly into the system can Kmossen's ship be finally driven away.

The infusers are unable to pull the IT Fragments out of the sticks without damaging the sticks. A way is finally found to extract the mental substance that has already been fed in : *in several sessions, it is transferred via Rhodan's mind into the Obsidian File, brought to the LIGHTFORCE and united there with the rest of the Fragment.*

Lato is appointed as a trustee of a document in which the Louwhanians and the Galacticians, represented by Rhodan and Lato, assure each other of their friendship and support.

Now it is finally time to return to their own universe. The LIGHTFORCE sets course for Kaunkird, *and returns to the standard universe.*

Journey to the past and future

Perry Rhodan has traveled back in time on the LIGHTFORCE with Antanas Lato and the two Maghans. They arrived in the year 2466 AD, just after the Dolan War. They are chasing after another IT Fragment, said to be on Earth. They discover that they have been followed by someone from the future. As a result, Rhodan decides to go to Terra incognito to assess the situation. He negotiates for passage to Terra. The ship is old, so it will take multiple hyperlight stages to reach Terra.

As the trip progresses there are reports of a ghostly figure on board, scaring passengers and crew, but no harm comes from it. Perry comes upon the so-called ghost, which turns out to be a Myrnjad named Tochrum, who tells Perry that he has a message for *him*. He must hurry to find the IT Fragment because there is another Myrnjad, Usuchtane, along with a time travelling companion who is also after the Fragment. Tochrum says he will meet Rhodan in Terrania City and then vanishes. *The ship's engines fail from age, and a passing Haluter offers to repair them. While on the ship, his child is abducted, which Rhodan rescues. He offers Rhodan and his companion passage to Terra.*

On board the Halutian spaceship AVDUR are Perry Rhodan, the smuggler and drug dealer Eudora Groush and the Haluter Khamu Pattran. Rhodan calls himself Michael Thomas Walker because he absolutely has to remain incognito. The Obsidian File warms up from 19.9 to exactly 25 degrees C, which could mean that the next stop is the Ellert Mausoleum, where this exact temperature has prevailed for around 500 years. They pay a visit to Ernst Ellert's mausoleum. There, Groush *uses para-suggestion* to turn the two guards into allies, while Rhodan deactivates the security systems with override codes.

Rhodan and Groush reach Ellert's sarcophagus, where two figures reveal themselves: a robot and Usuchtane. Rhodan has already been warned by Tochrum about Usuchtane and the robot, who immediately introduces himself as Statter. This representative of IT apparently wants to prevent IT from being misled in the past. *To do this, he wants to exchange the Rhodan from the future for the one in this century. The later Rhodan would then be able to prevent the collapse of the Solar Empire and be perfectly prepared for the arrival of the Swarm and the Council of Seven. To do this, Statter wants to kill the current Grand Administrator.* Statter does not accept Rhodan's objection that this will lead to catastrophic time paradoxes.

When *Solar Defense agent* Diona Ferrante reaches the sarcophagus room, she declares everyone present to be under arrest and announces that everything is cordoned off by soldiers. Walker and Groush surrender

immediately, but Usuchtane and Statter flee. Rhodan realizes that the IT Fragment is not here and that Usuchtane and Statter will try to kill the local Rhodan.

Rhodan/Walker is taken to an interrogation room on the ship *LIONHEART* outside the *Mausoleum*. The alarm went off because intruders entered the *Mausoleum* despite all security measures. Rhodan and Groush, who has now realized that she is dealing with Rhodan, hijack a 3-man destroyer from the *LIONHEART* and flee. Groush now wants to know who Rhodan really is. He tells her that he has come here from the distant future and is looking for a Fragment of IT, but remains vague so as not to trigger a time paradox.

And then the robot Statter appears near Rhodan. Once again, Statter tries to integrate Perry into his plan to kill the local Rhodan and then establish a new timeline with the future Rhodan. Rhodan realizes that the former servant of IT wants to elevate himself to the level of the Higher Powers of the multiverse and strictly rejects the megalomaniac's offer.

Rhodan, since he knows all the security features of Allen D. Mercant's residence from the past, has sneaked into his private home, greets his old companion, and convinces him that he is from the future. Rhodan now lets Mercant in on the details as responsibly as he can do without changing the timeline. A trap will be set for Statter in the Dolan Memorial Park.

It is not possible to capture the robot using the technology of the 25th century AD, but Rhodan is able to retrieve the first part of the Fragment from the Dolan Memorial into his Obsidian File. He is then transported to a very distant relative future of Terrania City by the *Obsidian File*. He manages to pull Statter and Usuchtane with him in order to keep him from killing innocent people in the park. Allan D. Mercant must now keep the conversation with the future Rhodan secret for the remainder of his life and will probably do so.

After arriving in the far future, Usuchtane takes Statter with him and dematerializes. Rhodan finds himself under a glass dome in Terrania City. Almost all of Terrania City's inhabitants have currently embarked on an interstellar star journey, the family towers are deserted. Rhodan finds himself in a man named Amad's tower.

The highest of these, at around 240 miles, are the Time Police Office and the Tower of MU SARGAI. This home of the Cosmocrat likes to change its location frequently.

In a dream, a snake that calls itself the Dream House resident appears to Rhodan. Many people wanted to get into the tower of MU SARGAI, but they all failed, this messenger from IT announces. However, these failures regularly gather at the inn "The Post of the Various Eternities". Rhodan now wants to be taken there. He should just walk down this road and he will arrive, the snake tells him.

He finds a table, sits down and falls into a deep sleep again, then leaves the inn. Statter calls by radio. Rhodan has to watch as Amad is tortured and mutilated by the robot in the inn. If Rhodan does not appear at the inn as quickly as possible, it will be the end of Amad.

At Amad's family tower, Statter tries to prove that he really has Amad under his control. Amad orders his residence to self-destruct.

Rhodan finds the non-functioning Statter sitting on a tree stump. He finally realized that Statter himself contains the final Fragment of IT, and felt the need to come to the future to open Rhodan's eyes to what could happen there. Rhodan retrieves the IT Fragment using his Obsidian File and lets Amad take him to the tower of MU SARGAI.

MU SARGAI announces some groundbreaking statements to Rhodan : in this universe in the distant future, there is no Thez. And the Cosmocratic Citadel Simuel (*from the previous cycle*) is home to time travelers and entire cultures who have had to flee their real time for various reasons. They come from all over the universe. There they can recover from Chronostress (which has plagued Rhodan severely from the very beginning). **And the Yodor Sphere, where the Cosmocratic Citadel will be located, can be used as an incubator for the re-genesis of IT.** Rhodan decides to return to his time. Rhodan suddenly finds himself on board the LIGHTFORCE.

Wolf-Lundmark-Melotte

In late 2097 NGE, the THORA takes off on a flight to the small galaxy Wolf-Lundmark-Melotte (WLM), where a Fragment Refuge of an IT Fragment is suspected *to be*. The THORA is accompanied by eight explorer ships and the Posbi spaceship BOX-29. The expedition is led by Pucky. In mid 2098 NGE, the convoy reaches WLM. On Falund, the second planet of a red sun, a mixture of Lemuroids, *reptilian* Hayelen, and representatives of previously unknown species live in the world's only, nameless city. Both in an orbital station and on the planet itself, all technology *has been* destroyed by Black Star Sand.

Barun Jannerwin, known as Barun the Liar, is the only innkeeper in the city. He reports that an office of the Cosmic House League (*from the cycle of the same name*) existed on the planet Goroldoa. The regulatory power in the WLM is the Star Association Haye (*of which the Hayelen are the dominant race*), which has quarantined Falund and its surroundings because of the Star Sand. The THORA and its convoy set course for Goroldoa.

On Goroldoa, a *Prophany* (*prophecy and epiphany*) tribute is about to happen. On board the Arkonide SIHUNDAS which arrived for the event, Pucky and a task force arrive on the planet. In the Cosmic House they speak with Moria Armstrong, *but learn nothing new*. Before the Prophany, there are assassinations, including by Vrochons who have also landed on board the SIHUNDAS. Pucky and the Arkonides on board are able to contain the danger. It is revealed that Kmossen wants to recruit Suyemi Taeb. During the Prophany, a golden being appears at the pilgrimage site and heralds a bright future.

The assassins are pursued by Pucky aboard the THORA to the planet Inferno. The head of the research station there, Nikolo Bonasera, states that an Arkonide dinghy has landed on the neighboring continent. Evolution quickly produces a large number of highly poisonous species on the planet, which promptly attack the expedition. The head of the Shadow Guard, the Vrochon Rapach, is able to neutralize Pucky's para-gifts. He wants to recruit the mouse beaver for the Shadow Guard and Kmossen. When the Haluter Bouner Haad fends off the Shadow Guard's attack, Thourin spaceships appear and demand the extradition of Goroldoa's assassins. Pucky's expedition now heads for Armstrong's world and hopes to get support on the capital world of the Lundmark Terrans in the search for the IT Fragment.

On Armstrong's World, an assassination attempt is made on the Commonwealth's Terran Governor. An examination of the dead assassins shows that they are WLM Terrans, but their brains are riddled with Black Star Sand and so did not act on their own. Pucky suspects Kmossen and his Club of Light Bearers to be the masterminds behind the attack.

In the local Cosmic House, Posmi Diva Winterstorm stays behind in the archive. When Diva doesn't return, Pucky teleports to the archive, where they find her missing. When she returns, she is accused of stealing data and Pucky demands an explanation. She admits that she had a mission : she is a Summoned One of her people

and has received her mission from IT personally. She is supposed to protect the limited *Fragments* of IT's self. She also *says she* found information about the possible location of an IT Fragment in the archive.

The THORA sets off for the planet Amboriand, just 920 light years away in the Lulaza system. *Along with* Pucky *are* Diva Winterstorm and the Haluter Bouner Haad. Due to the expected six-dimensional impulses *given off by the Fragments*, the xenotechnologist Jamelle Halloran is also part of the team. They hope to find the IT Fragment there.

Shortly after departure, the Haluters have another surprise for Pucky. They have developed a super-intelligence Sextadim detector. However, there are still doubts as to whether the device really works.

They land on Amboriand near *a* crashed Haluter ship. The Haluters identify the wreck as the VANNTA, the ship of the Haluter Troton Gor. An examination of the wreck shows that, along with several other devices, the superintelligence detector has been removed. A trail of the Haluter is found, which is followed until it disappears on a huge sheet of ice. The wreck of *a* second Haluter ship, the KOLOTO, is located below the surface. It is explored, and the dead Sogo Tolan is found. *Over time, the Haluters in the group begin to get more and more aggressive, due to indigenous spider bites.*

After two days, a signal is finally discovered. It is the Posbis' BOX-11, *which* is probably much older than 3600 years. They begin examining the BOX-11, which is trapped under the ice. Diva Winterstorm suggests visiting the *forbidden* laboratory. The laboratory used to be used to develop biological warfare agents; after all, the Posbis were enemies of all biological life back then. And if you wanted to produce an antidote for a toxin, that would be the right place. Pucky teleports himself with Diva Winterstorm to the edge of the laboratory and finds Troton Gor's corpse. An examination and evaluation of a data storage device shows that Gor's cure should have worked, although he was apparently killed by the Posbis during a fit of rage.

As they begin treating *Bouner Haad*, they are attacked by robots from the Shadow Guard. Pucky meets a Vrochon, whom he takes prisoner. The Vrochon calls himself Protoch, and he tries to recruit Pucky for the Shadow Guard. Pucky suspects that the Shadow Guard has managed to deliberately send out fake signals with the help of the stolen superintelligence detectors.

A message *is broadcast* : Shandasar Parpandum, ambassador of the Cosmocaravan SHARIKAL, announces that the companions of the vagabond *superintelligence* NADALEE are on their way to Wolf-Lundmark-Melotte to rescue IT. Apparently Parpandum has also followed the signal of the Vrochons.

Vrochons have taken up residence inside the BOX-11. On behalf of Kmossen, they have constructed a Sextadim transmitter to lure ships to Amboriand whose commanders feel connected to IT. Those who are lured do not know that Kmossen's goal is to destroy IT. Pucky, Bouner Haad and Jamelle Halloran fight against the Vrochons.

Shandasar Parpandum appears. His means of transportation is a transreceptor, a combination of transition engine and transmitter, which appears externally as *rods arranged as a cube, but is really a 4-D tesseract*. *A net on his head shields his thoughts. He is first met by Protoch and Danou Shinshid, who take him with them, and tell him that the Galactics want to destroy IT.*

Inside *a cave deep in the ice*, for a very long time, a being who does not know whether it is alive or not has been guarding the entrance to *Allerorten*, the City of All Places. From time to time it receives visitors, whom it either lets onto the carousel to the City of All Places or not. From some he demands a deposit, which they can then collect back when they return. The Guardian notices that a tesseract has arrived. Several people emerge from it and he goes to meet them.

Pucky senses a welcoming thought sent to him from Shandasar Parpandum, who tells him *to trust* the “puppet”. Shandasar can apparently sense the remains of the IT Fragment, which must have been in the *ice cave* for some time. It has now moved on to the City of All Places. *Shandasar sends a telepathic image of a hall* in which there is a flat building *which* houses the carousel. In fact, it is a breviature, a *doorway* to the city of Allerorten. Pucky goes there with Haad and Halloran.

The guard *who* welcomes Pucky and his companions looks like a puppet in the shape of a Haluter. *He tells them* they should not worry about the others, who they see as their enemies. He has already sent them on to the City of All Places. Now he demands a pledge from everyone - from Jamelle Halloran just a hair, from Bouner Haad a finger and from Pucky his cell activator. After a brief hesitation, Pucky *agrees*. He now has only 62 hours left to find the IT Fragment in the City of All Places - before their opponents do.

An old-fashioned carousel takes its passengers to *Allerorten*. The carousel begins to turn *again* and becomes so fast that the surroundings blur. When it slows down, the passengers find themselves in the district Anabranche, which is located in the Zaruhartea galaxy, on the planet Toomp. However, they end *up* on a *riverbank with a bridge that leads to* a strangely blurry area - the Otherland. Pucky suspects that the IT Fragment is hidden there.

Jamelle, meanwhile, tries to get information about the bridges to the Otherland from the night watchman. He reveals that only very rarely does anyone manage to cross a bridge. As they approach a bridge, they enter a zone in which the desire to turn away takes over. *It also cannot be teleported across*.

However, there are bridge hermits who can withstand this so-called Antipathy zone and live permanently under *various* bridges. They develop a feeling for the structure, *which tells* them when it opens. Then so-called bridgewalkers can lead someone across. Toio and Shinae Zindher, Reginald Bull's wife and daughter, are such bridgewalkers. They returned to *Allerorten* over 500 years ago, when Terra was kidnapped into the Dyoversum (*in the Myth cycle*). Shinae has apparently been kidnapped - certainly by Danou Shinshid.

Since Pucky only has twelve hours to live without the cell activator, the mayor gives him Thaotama, a drug from the Otherland consisting of cybernetically modified insects that slows down cell decay. Toio and Shinae also carry this within them. They were brought to *Allerorten* a long time ago by an agent of *IT* - Ernst Ellert. It is assumed that Ellert was given the Otherland to keep the IT Fragment there.

When *bridgewalker* Ghous-2-Appnu tries to bring Pucky, Haad and Halloran across his bridge, he encounters unexpected resistance that he has never experienced before (due to manipulation by Shinshid). Only with the help of a *para-union* does Ghous-2-Appnu succeed, after a long struggle, in opening the bridge and advancing into the Otherland.

One hundred thousand people live on the *large bridge to the Otherland*. Among them are the beetle-like Kahorr, who harvest energy from the hyper inflow that is needed to operate the bridge and the Antipathy field.

The Otherland is a wasteland. Only desert and steppe, through which swarms of Thaotama dance at intervals. Pucky and Bouner follow the *Vrochons*. They come across a Thaotama swarm in which Pucky can sense IT. The Fragment is evidently hidden in *the insects*.

Pucky tries to contact the swarm to tell IT that a friend has come to help him. After a while, he succeeds. The swarm forms a mirror image of Pucky, which speaks to him. IT says it had been warned and that it would not be found in this place or at this time. IT refers to a previous visitor on behalf of NADALEE, who offered that IT could continue his game with new rules on a new playing field. When he asks where the Vrochons have gone, *the swarm indicates* a direction.

When Bouner Haad and the mousebeaver follow this hint, Pucky suddenly receives a mental cry for help from Shinae, which is connected to *an* image of her whereabouts. When Pucky teleports, *he ends up in a Vrochon* camp, and Shinae is in a tent. Two belts wrapped around her body keep her trapped in an isolation field.

Pucky is able to isolate Shandasar Parpandum from the others and talk to him. But he does not believe the mousebeaver that he wants to protect the IT Fragment.

Shinshid teleports Ghous-2-Appnu into a technical tent that Haad is destroying *as a distraction* to make Pucky's rescue operation possible. The Haluter accidentally kills Ghous, as it was hidden under the canvas of the tent.

Under constant fire from the Vrochons, Pucky, Haad, and Sinae can only flee into the wasteland of the Otherland.

In a safe house, Shinae tells the story of her life in the city of Allerorten and temporarily on Krynn (*in the Genesis cycle*) and Reno 25. Her presumed parahuman gift has never been awakened. Pucky, however, *mentally probes* her and assumes that *she* is connected to the IT Fragment. He believes that she refuses to accept this destiny because she experienced early on how her father Reginald Bull placed his sense of duty above his personal happiness. *But* she decides to face her destiny. *Flying to an unusually large* Thaotama *that is* the IT Fragment, a flower blossoms in Shinae's mind, radiating pure existence. Afterwards, her wide-open pupils show milky stars; she now has "starry eyes". *She becomes the guardian of the IT Fragment by absorbing it*. Shinae influences *the Shadow Guards* with her newly awakened powers *by pacifying* them so that they leave the scene. Shinshid flees and takes Protoch *and Shandasar* with him.

After the Fragment's transition from the dancing swarm into Shinae, she knows that all the Fragments will come together again in a suitable place, the House of IT. This is located in the Yodor Sphere (*from the previous cycle*) and will have several guardians, including Shinae and Toio. Shinae leads Pucky and Haad back to Allerorten over the bridge.

They arrive in the Breviatur on Amboriand, the carousel in the *ice cave*. In space they find Kmossen's servants, including Protoch, and the newly arrived Cosmovaravan SHARIKAL, led by their Pathfinder Sinntala Parpandum, *Shandasar's mother* .

Shinae has several seizures as she adjusts to the IT Fragment within her, which Pucky helps her thru.

Protoch accuses *Pucky* of having murdered Shandasar Parpandum to Sinntala Parpandum. But while the alleged corpse is being transported to the caravan's flagship to perform the Tasspares' *funeral*, Pucky is able to find the *real Shandasar*, who suggests that he transport the IT Fragment using *his* transreceptor. As Pucky heads for the RAS TSCHUBAI, Danou Shinshid sneaks into the *device* with Statter.

Pucky has inadvertently brought *the Thourin assassin* Danou Shinshid and *the renegade IT robot* Statter on board the RAS TSCHUBAI along with Shandasar Parpandum and Shinae Bell-Zindher, the carrier of the IT Fragment, via Shadasar's transreceptor. Statter tells *the ship's computer* ANANSI about the so-called hyporoom, which others call the Rift, which he had explored on behalf of IT, *where he met Kmossen*. *Allegedly, Kmossen and he have made a joint plan to reverse the Dys-chronic Shear in order to return IT to its responsibilities and thus put the universe back on the right path*. *He also reveals that IT influenced the construction of the RAS TSCHUBAI, as it did with the SOL and the BASIS. The shell of the RAS TSCHUBAI can store Proto-Eiris and could thus become the core of a new machine city in which IT could recreate itself from its Fragments in a re-gensis*. Statter wants to prevent this. *With Kmossen's spaceship, Statter wants to transport the IT Fragment back in time via the Counterchronic Universe, before the Dys-chronic Shear, in order to convince IT to take the right path, which IT once refused to take*.

Statter reprograms the *older* Posbis on board by radio, causing the protective screens around Shinae's location to collapse. Danou Shinshid abducts Shinae *by stealing* Shema Ghessow's powers, but Orrito Gun is able to slow Shinshid down with his Zero Gift (absorbing and annihilating the para-gifts of others). *Both Shinshid and Gun are killed*. Statter is abandoned on board a corvette in intergalactic space, which explodes, but Ichō Tolot doubts that Statter was destroyed in the process. The IT Fragment in Shinae explains that *the re-generation of the IT Fragments into something new has already begun on board the RAS TSCHUBAI. Thanks to its Ynkalkrit hull, it will become the new house of the superintelligence*.

The Tasspare SHARIKAL Cosmo Caravan backstory :

The Tasspares were rapidly colonizing their galaxy Harel. But Harel was full of intelligent life that was being wiped out world after world by a secret fleet of Tasspares. When this was revealed, a faction of the Tasspares accepted the collateral damage of their unchecked expansion, which was due to their own high fertility, but peace-loving Tasspares rebelled against this warlike expansion. The Empress of the Tasspares called for birth control to limit their murderous expansion. This idea seemed absurd to many Tasspares. The civil war only ended when her son and heir announced that he only wanted to father one child. Then the Frun that had alerted the Empress to the genocide appeared again and explained that she was one of the many forms of NADALEE, the Vagrant superintelligence. The Tasspares had found the way to peace in time. Would they now follow her and bring peace to others? Many Tasspares then joined together to form the Cosmocaravan, whose first commander was Agipha Sharikal.

The SHARIKAL Cosmocaravan was NADALEE's [anchor] in four-dimensional space. *The armada* had already been traveling beneficially through space for decades when it reached the ring galaxy Athrass. A negative superintelligence had settled in Athrass, abducting the intelligent races and causing the suns themselves to burn out. After many years of searching, SHARIKAL found the supposed anchor of this superintelligence directly on the event horizon of a huge black hole : a planet had been cut in half, the cut surface of the hemisphere habitable, covered by a hemispherical energy shield. When SHARIKAL tried to attack this world, the enemy deployed a fleet of silver spherical spaceships. Now the supposed enemy superintelligence made itself known. It called itself *IT* and warned NADALEE *not* to destroy the Athrass galaxy, which NADALEE accused *IT* of doing. *The caravan's commander negotiated between the two*. Now both superintelligences realized that they had been deceived. Both had met at the black hole in Athrass in the

mistaken belief that the other superintelligence was the enemy. Now IT and NADALEE exchanged ideas and made a pact.

IT and NADALEE cooperated for a long time. However, they *finally* solved the mystery of the negative superintelligence of Athrass some time later, when a new solar extinction began there. The negative superintelligence was hiding inside the supermassive black hole. IT penetrated the black hole and was victorious. But NADALEE had to retrieve *IT*, who had lost millennia during this period and blamed NADALEE for *being* trapped in the light that the black hole captured and did not give back. This victory, which had actually been achieved together, led to a rift between the two superintelligences. The confused *IT* took up the fight against the Cosmocaravan. NADALEE appeared to Yamalda Kopan, who was *commander* at the time, in the form of Frun and explained that the Cosmocaravan had to help the suffering superintelligence IT instead of fighting it. NADALEE gave the order for the caravan to split into three parts. When *IT* was lost, SHARIKAL followed NADALEE's order to search for IT.

Milky Way #2

Admiral Satou Bezpalky flies on board the new command ship of the Terran fleet, to meet Atlan and Sichu Dorksteiger, who are *travelling* to Terra with an IT Fragment on board the fleet of Blue-Gold spaceships *from Gruelfin*. Admiral Bezpalky is supposed to rule out any possible threat to Terra from the Blue-Gold armada. A second Fragment is currently *with Shinae Bell-Zindher* on board the RAS TSCHUBAI, which is also approaching the Milky Way.

The likely upcoming merger of IT is being discussed among the population *on Terra*. For example, some critical voices fear that a long-lasting merger could put the Milky Way in the focus of IT's enemies and thus pose a danger to Terra and the Local Group *of galaxies*.

A *hyper-com* conversation with Xenia Biefang, *now* the head of the IEME and bearer of the mental architecture processor *Fragment*, shows that even the Terran leadership can only speculate about a possible merging of the IT Fragments. Although three possible plans are being considered, these are not based on facts. However, the government is making its considerations and plans public in order to gain support from the population and to get the Terrans in the mood for *reconstructing* IT.

Cascard Holonder, the Resident of the LFG, explains in another interview that Admiral Bezpalky is now not only acting on behalf of Terra, but is accompanied by ships from the Arkonide Crystal Republic, the Glory of Gatas, the Posbis and the Haluters. In addition, Holonder expects an authorization from *the Secretary General of the entire Third Galacicum* for Admiral Bezpalky to act on *its* behalf.

In late 2098 NGE, the Blue-Gold spaceship CAUTIOUS MERCY lands at Terrania spaceport, carrying the Panjas' IT Fragment on board, which Atlan was able to *retrieve* in the galaxy Gruelfin.

The leaders of all major Terran governments and organizations meet. In order to *stabilize* the mental architecture processor of the Fragment, the specialist Xenia Biefang *is flown* in a fleet of gliders to the CAUTIOUS MERCY, *and while* the glider with *Biefang* is attacked, *it arrives safely*.

NATHAN's research reveals that *travel writer* Spia Aschmoun must have been on Terra for over 3200 years, since 90% of literary works from many centuries can be attributed to her. The moon *computer* considers it

plausible that Spia Aschmoun is an emissary from IT who has lived unnoticed on Earth for more than three millennia.

TLD chief Aurelia Bina follows Spia to the seabed in bottom end of the city, where a lock opens in the seabed. She reaches a hall with a holo-model of the headquarters of the Tefrodian Tamanium in the Milky Way. *Vetris Molaud appears* and he greets Aurelia Bina on the LIGHTFORCE. The Cosmocratic spaceship has *adapted* to him over *the last* 3000 years, because he flew back into Terra's past with the LIGHTFORCE and Soynte Abil (*aka Spia Aschmoun*). Why he did this remains unclear, however, as Molaud does not want to answer Bina's questions about it. He only reveals this much : in a transcendent chamber on board lies the IT Fragment from the galaxy Spaphu, which is looked after by Antanas Lato. What Molaud and Soynte Abil are planning now remains just as uncertain. The former ruler of the Milky Way Tefroders also does not reveal what became of Perry Rhodan and Pucky.

Around 20,000 ships *arrive near the Ferron* system from the hyperspace Rift. The Cosmocaravan SHARIKAL of the superintelligence NADALEE has arrived in the Milky Way. The Tasspares demand the extradition of the cell activator bearers Atlan and Homer G. Adams. The Cosmocaravan explains that the activator bearers founded the Club of Light Bearers out of lust for power and also betrayed IT. Their goal is the corrupted re-genesis of IT into an instrumental pseudo-superintelligence that would be under the control of the activator bearers. *The caravan is an alliance of Tasspares, Vrochons and the Commonwealth (Terrans and Terfroders), all from WLM.*

The Tasspares and the Ferrons agree on an ice moon of the *gas giant* planet Siskul as a rendezvous point for a personal negotiation. When *the Terran ambassador* Axelle Tschubai mentions during the trial that the USO was able to identify Kmossen *as being* behind the Club of Light Bearers, the *Caravan* representatives react particularly aggressively and a battle breaks out in which the *Caravan* forces quickly gain the upper hand and occupy the Ferronian's ship.

Axelle Tschubai, the *Ferron ruler*, his bodyguard, the teleporter Zamunat Pettper, *and* Axelle hide, but are discovered by a Commonwealth patrol. The soldiers of the patrol declare that they cannot believe the activator bearers' betrayal of IT and place themselves under the control of the forces of the Milky Way. With their help and a ruse, the *Galactics* are able to capture the *Cosmocaravan ship* HS'ERT, and capture the Tasspare's chief negotiator. The HS'ERT can also be used to communicate with the fleet and the real events can be described.

The Vrochons are looking for a Cosmic Conclave within *Siskul*, a meeting place for superintelligences. They suspect that they will find a message from IT to NADALEE at this location. *On-board the Galactic ship*, Zamunat Pettper reports that he has a feeling of being pulled in a certain direction. The ship follows *his* feeling and finds a structure, but it sways too much to dock. Pettper teleports with Tevvka Grecoa, the commander of the Terran forces on Ferrol, and the Oxtorner Janou LeCount to the presumed Cosmic Conclave.

Colonel Tevvka Grecoa is in the Cosmic Conclave, *but* contact with a potential guardian of the station is unsuccessful, so *he* sends out reconnaissance probes. *Grecoa, Pettper, and LeCount* are attacked first by Commonwealth Terrans and then by Bouner Haad. The teleporter Pettper has to bring the three to safety.

Meanwhile, Homer G. Adams has arrived in the Vega system and is conferring with Axelle Tschubai. The LIGHTFORCE will not come here, as Vetris Molaud and Soynte Abil strictly refuse in order not to endanger the IT Fragment on board in the face of the Cosmocaravan, which has technology from the superintelligence NADALEE. The Haluter Bouner Haad, who *is acting* in the interests of the Cosmocaravan SHARIKAL, is probably currently hypnotically conditioned by the Black Star Sand.

Axelle Tschubai now speaks to *the Tasspare's negotiator* Hentalon Basim and confronts him with the fact that she knows that he is working with Kmossen. Then she asks him about Pucky and Shinae Bell-Zindher. The latter carries an IT Fragment within her. The two had left the Cosmocaravan in the direction of the RAS TSCHUBAI. Whether they got there remains uncertain.

Tevvka Grecoa *and his team find* Barnburt, the *Conclave Guardian*. Barnburt has no contact with other Conclaves, of which there are probably hundreds in IT's Sphere of Influence. Barnburt is considering isolating his station because of the fighting that has taken place there. As a Trustee, you can acquire a license to use the superintelligence's means of power here. *But* this requires *either* a cell activator chip with a special imprint or a Castellan Insignia. Barnburt has now arrived in his laboratory, where he wants to develop a remedy for the mental subjugation of the Haluter Haad.

Haad and Homer G. Adams *are* on board the Vrochron *ship* SOMBULACH. Haad takes *Adams* and Trochod into the *Cosmic* Conclave. Homer G. Adams wants to apply to be appointed as Trustee of the currently splintered superintelligence IT. However, as *Adams'* cell activator has no special imprint, he *is refused*. Then the commander of the *WLM* Commonwealth demands the release of Trochod, Adams and Haad. Since they are only guests of the Guardian, Barnburt has no objection. Adams now urges departure and leaves the station with the Haluter and the treacherous Vrochons in the direction of *the* SOMBULACH.

Barnburt announces that he himself will now act as Trustee, due to a lack of worthy candidates. And Adams *will be* his guest on the *Cosmic* Conclave. Barnburt has also had chemical substances mixed into Haad's food. These may have an effect in a few hours that will free the Haluter mentally.

On board the *Cosmic* Conclave, Adams reports that Antanas Lato has just arrived in the Vega system and is boarding Adams' ship. He is wearing a Castellan Insignia. Lato contacts the Cosmocaravan and demands ultimate command of the caravan, as he is the only Castellan of IT in the Milky Way.

Sinntala Parpandum wants to test *Lato's* Castellan Insignia, but *he* refuses to come on board the *Cosmocaravan* flagship MAIMASSIM. He suggests the *Ferrol capital building the* Red Palace as a neutral location.

On board the WORKSHOP, Kmossen persuades the shape-shifter Achill Maccao to transform himself into Antanas Lato. Achill's ability is based on Ara nanorobots that transform his body. But every time he transforms, his life expectancy decreases. Kmossen promises him the cell activator from Homer G. Adams or Soynte Abil. Despite his reservations, Maccao finally agrees. He *is* to kidnap Lato in order to credibly duplicate his Castellan Insignia.

The delegations from the two sides finally arrive at the Red Palace, *and* Adams is able to identify the disguised Maccao, but only on the basis of a hunch, *and alerts others*. In the palace, the Insignia of Castellan Antanas Lato is examined to confirm his identity. [Lato ultimately takes control of SHARIKAL in an official ceremony in](#)

the Red Palace. But Sinntala Parpandum remains suspicious. It is still unclear whether Maccao or the real Lato has taken command.

Reconstitution

Late 2098 NGE : the joining of the various IT Fragments is now entering its decisive phase. The setting is to be the Yodor Sphere within the west side of the Milky Way in the area of the *Blues*' star empire.

Then a radio holo from Admiral Toman Monbiot comes in : the RIGA, an Explorer ship, has returned after a seven-year mission and jumped into the Blue-Gold fleet. The RIGA has ejected all of its dinghies. They are firing incessantly at the Blue-Gold spaceships. One of them has already exploded. It is assumed that the crew was mentally taken over by the Black Star Sand of the Chaos servant Kmossen and that is why they started this attack on the Blue-Gold ships. Atlan, the TLD *chief* Aurelia Bina, and two TARA combat robots board the wrecked RIGA via the on-board transmitter of his Blue-Gold ship. *They free the commander Sayra Wein from the influence of the Black Star Sand.* Three Blue-Gold ships have now been destroyed. Since each one carries a part of the IT Fragment, it is unclear how this will affect the regeneration of the superintelligence.

Meanwhile, a fleet of 20 Yodor cobra ships arrives in the Sol system. They were delayed because they had received a message from the Cosmocrat MU SARGAI : the "House of IT" must be built in the Yodor Sphere in order to carry out the re-genesis of *IT*.

Now the fleet of the 161 remaining Blue-Gold spaceships sets off, accompanied by 90 heavily armed combat ships of the LFT. Monkey's flagship, disguised as a hospital ship, is also part of the party. The Tasspare Cosmocaravan, consisting of around 20,000 units, also joins the IT convoy.

After much intrigue and conflict, the Blues Prime Regulator allows the IT convoy to pass through Blues' territory. It is possible that the *troublemakers* had been influenced by Kmossen.

The news reports that the spaceship LIGHTFORCE is addressing the galaxy. Perry Rhodan appears, who discusses the IT Fragments and the future of the Milky Way. He also discusses the concerns over the possible resurrection of IT. He assures the audience that they are not searching for the Fragments for their own interests but do so on a mission from the Lemurian Alliance. He also states that the Galacticum has created a position of Galactic Inspector to monitor the Yodor Sphere. The first holder of this position is the *Blue Yassa Eyxolon*.

Sichu Dorksteiger, Soynte Abil, Perry Rhodan, and Damar Feyerlant meet to discuss the recovered IT Fragments. They debate the safety of the Yodor Sphere and the trustworthiness of the Yodors. The meeting is interrupted by an alarm call from the LIGHTFORCE, indicating an opening of the Rift.

Achill Maccao, disguised as Antanas Lato, is on Kmossen's WORKSHOP, *which has* new weapon systems. The WORKSHOP attacks the LIGHTFORCE, causing significant damage.

Kmossen and the Vrochons attack the IT convoy, as does a fleet of *Blues* under the command of Patryss Zö *who is* under the influence of Kmossen's Black Star Sand. The so-called Light Battalion, also led by Star Sand, appears to come to the rescue, but engages in mock battles with the *Blues*, *trapping the IT convoy in the middle.*

Achill Maccao, still disguised as Antanas Lato, sends more *Cosmocaravan* Tasspares to the Blue-Gold spaceships, *with foreign technology, causing* Atlan and Damar *to* infiltrate the MAIMASSIM, the flagship of the Cosmocaravan. Atlan and Damar discover the real Antanas Lato.

Onboard another Terran ship, Damar Feyerlant communicates with the *Positronic Coordination System (Pos-Coor)* entity created by Achill Maccao from individual Pos-Coor modules and learns that it desires freedom. The entity helps Damar and his team to navigate the ship and evade capture. Achill Maccao prepares to activate the Aagenfelt *Flash inwards towards the ship to disable all its technology*. Atlan's team retreats to a transmitter room *and* escapes. Damar stays behind to try to stop Maccao from activating the Aagenfelt *Flash*, *but it is* activated, disabling all hyper-energetic devices and killing the Pos-Coor entity. [Damar dies in the ensuing chaos, along with Achill Maccao.](#)

One month later, the IT convoy reaches the Yodor Sphere, but Kmossen has managed to penetrate the Vector Inverter Field(?) *shield* around it. Atlan and Antanas await a mysterious wave of higher dimensional energy that has been *detected* approaching the Yodor Sphere, hoping that it will help them.

Perry Rhodan is on board the spaceship RAS TSCHUBAI, which has returned from the depths of space, and learns that his granddaughter Farye Sepheroa will be one of the godmothers of the regenesis of IT - a guardian of the House of IT - which could mean a long farewell, as it is unclear how long it will take to put the Old Man of Wanderer back together. At least that is what the Yodorian ambassador who has come on board the RAS says. In just a few hours, the Yodor Sphere will open and the House of Chimeras (*from the previous cycle*) will find its actual destiny. And that is exactly what happens. The entire IT convoy is allowed in, and a mixed fleet under the command of the Blue Yassa Eyxolon guards this process and then flies into the sphere. And within the sphere, the Chaotarchic Rift quickly opens up. Kmossen's WORKSHOP, along with a large number of Vrochron tube ships, bursts out of it.

Now Alaska Saedelaere and Gry O'Shannon land in a space jet inside the LIGHTFORCE, where Atlan is already waiting. The local IT Fragment is in one of the transcendent chambers of the cobalt blue cylinder, which presents itself as the Terran city of Avignon. DAN, the on-board computer, reports that Kmossen has started up a device on board his ship that perverts hyperspace in the UHF range. The SHF range is hardly affected at all, so it is definitely not Chaotarchic technology. Alaska and his companion Gry will pay the Chaos servant a visit.

But before that, Kmossen demands that parts of all the Fragments of IT be handed over to him, as many as are needed to prevent the rest from regenerating. The alternative would be to destroy the IT convoy and all of its Fragments, and he has now called up 18,000 spaceships for this, and he can summon additional fleets from cocoons in the Rift at any time - the latter is a lie. Now Pucky counters and *calls* Sinntala Parpandum, the commander of the Cosmocaravan SHARIKAL : Kmossen is a liar, and the proof is *her* son Shandasar Parpandum, whom Kmossen allegedly had killed, *and* is standing next to Pucky.

Some spaceships now attack the RAS, but the ship holds firm. The Yodorian fleet and that of Yassa Eyxolon are ready to defend the spaceship. Perry Rhodan can already see a huge space battle approaching...

Alaska, Gry, Soynte Abil and Saedelaere now enter the WORKSHOP via a transmitter connection switched by DAN. *Alaska* wears the Suit of Promise.

They meet Ghu Broi, the manifestation of the ship. Saedelaere speaks to Ghu Broi and believes that he wants to be freed from Kmossen. But then Broi withdraws and announces the arrival of Kmossen. He, or rather one version of him, is in the barren(?) room of his ship and orders the WORKSHOP together with a hundred Vrochon spaceships to fly to the House of Chimeras.

Perry orders both the LIGHTFORCE and the RAS to the House of Chimeras on the planet Tulasy. *He learns from a Kmossen messenger that Kmossen has duplicated himself and is now seeking Rhodan's death at any cost.*

Kmossen now appears to Alaska's team and attacks them using robots and Vrochon soldiers.

Rhodan arrives on Tulasy with the RAS TSCHUBAI, which has been badly devastated by the attacks of the Chaos fleet. The House of Chimeras, located on an island, is unscathed because it is under a high-quality protective shield. But according to the guardians of the House, there is not much time left to start the regeneration.

Rhodan now wants to set a trap for Kmossen. Pucky will teleport him to the House of Chimeras and then leave him alone. He will then make an emergency call to lure *Kmossen*. Rhodan is on the surface of Tulasy and, pretending to be in a damaged SERUN, moves towards the House of Chimeras and finally gets through the protective shield. The second Kmossen flies to Tulasy and fires at the protective shield of the House of Chimeras. Rhodan begs the guardians of the House to make it appear as if Kmossen can penetrate the Cosmocratic shield on his own. Kmossen breaks through a wall, blowing it up. Since the house blocks all technology, it now provides two sabers for a medieval duel. During a short fight, the house projects a scene of Kmossen dying *in the future as a distraction*, and [Rhodan succeeds in killing Kmossen, who bleeds to death](#).

Meanwhile, *the first* Kmossen is fighting the LIGHTFORCE with the WORKSHOP. Since he can only damage it in the Rift, he drags it there with him. *On board the WORKSHOP*, Alaska and Abil now try to convince *Kmossen* to surrender, but he has his robots fire at the team at full speed. Alaska is able to save the team from the fiery hell again thanks to *the Suit of Promise*, and then he begs Ghu Broi to stop Kmossen, because the WORKSHOP is racing in hyperspace towards the core of Tulasy, where it will explode. But *Broi* can only decide to take the team to Kmossen. Kmossen rejects the offer that the LIGHTFORCE could take him to the Chaoporter FENERIK, and then Saedelaere reaches the last resort. He takes off his helmet and removes his plastic mask so that [Kmossen can look directly into the Cappin Fragment - which kills him](#). Now Ghu Broi stops the WORKSHOP's insane flight because loyalty to his master no longer exists after his death. Saedelaere sends a radio message to the Galactic fleets : he asks them not to fire on the WORKSHOP and to grant it safe passage out of the *Yodor Sphere* as a thank you to Ghu Broi.

The LIGHTFORCE then brings Vetrin Molaud and Soynte Abil to Andromeda and the satellite galaxy Valotio respectively. A *small ship* of the cobalt blue cylinder, the WANDLER-QU under the dwarf android Orter Sinsius, will patrol there and provide the two with timely assistance, but only if their goals are aligned.

Gry and Alaska will fly with the LIGHTFORCE to Ancaisin (the former galaxy of the Cairans, *from the Myth cycle*) to research the Abyssal Dispersion of the candidate Phaatom *that happened to Gry*, as agents of the Cosmocrat MU SARGAI.

One year later, in *late 2099* NGE : an armada of refugees from within the Yodor Sphere, which will soon close, leave. Meanwhile, several million individuals now seek their fortune in the Cosmocratic Citadel Simuel - and billions of previous residents are going the other way.

The first of 2100 NGE: Rhodan says goodbye to his granddaughter Farye, who, together with Shinae Bull and Xenia Biefang, will be one of the guardians of the House of IT. The RAS TSCHUBAI will merge with the House and the regeneration of IT will begin. After Farye Sepheroa's arrival, the Yodor Sphere will close for the indefinite future. Antanas Lato has finally left the Milky Way with the Cosmocaravan SHARIKAL. A new era is dawning. After its return, IT will no longer favor a particular people and the Wanderer will be a different person, if only for the fact that parts of its mental substance were lost or remained in Gruelfin with the Panjas, *and destroyed by Kmossen*. A new era is dawning...

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