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The Holdstock Report: A combined history of the galaxy explaining the origins of the great galactic conspiracy.

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Epiphany:

There is a conspiracy - what we are being told is not the truth. There are forces at work beyond the superpowers, and we must expose them before we are too late.

We have recently gone back through our archives, discussed with 'The Librarian' and have discovered an ancient text - more of a picture book (a holofac projector made from tree-scrappings). It is named 'The Alien World' and was written by the old-Earth historian, Robert Holdstock. It contains stories and explanations of mythical beasts and distant worlds, the majority of which are completely made up as one would expect from such a primitive time in human history. Only a few hundred years earlier, ancient cartographers were warning of dragons at the edge of the maps. How we scoffed. We've found evidence of worse than dragons....

We have further examined all historical documents which survive since the end of the last great war on Earth and discovered the origins of this conspiracy. We have looked deeply at the written history from the Pilots Federation and notable historians - Holdstock, Wagar, Stroud, et al. Their combined bodies of work have been used to construct this paper, and credit is due to their diligent recording of fact and myth. The galaxy shall owe them a debt of gratitude.

What follows is an explanation of this statement:

We are about to be wiped out. A hostile race has been constructing a means of controlling the entire galaxy, and we are in the way. Our leadership thinks that they can beat these aliens in a shooting war, but are wrong. If we win the war, they will unleash a super-weapon against us, and we will become another extinct species. We do have one hope, but it is very well hidden.

We, the Children of Raxxla, have striven to discover the truth behind galactic politics. We have suffered enough. We.... Remember.

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The Galactic Conspiracy

For as long as humans have been exploring the stars, there has been conflict. Conflict has defined our species for millennia, and continues to do so. In this section, we shall demonstrate that there are forces beyond our direct sight which are manipulating the population and steering humanity down a very particular path. This section is essentially a history of the human presence in the galaxy. Direct quotes are bold italics, our observations and comments are in plain text.

Early conflict

The early conflicts, including the Independence of Tau Ceti in 2240 were about territory and governance (Tourist spot 0174) which led to a growing sense that the Federation should not be the sole form of government across human populated space. These decades signified a rapid expansion across the stars and with it the first issues of galactic politics.

“The origins of the Empire date back to the colonisation of the Achenar system in the middle of the 23rd century. Marlin Duval was a wealthy woman from Earth, who, disenchanted with their administration and authorities, set off with her own colonising fleet to Achenar 6d because it was so far from Earth. Her leadership ended abruptly when her brother Henson oversaw a flying 'accident' in which she perished. The democratic government changed abruptly to one of strict imperial rule and from then on the family assumed leadership. Female children in the family were prevented with genetic techniques, such as the hatred of Marlin Duval's principles and vision of a world in peace. This restriction was gradually phased out over the years, but the succession of Emperors has remained along the male line until recently.” Tourist spot 0128

These skirmishes and disagreements came to a head in 2323 with the Achenar Crisis.

“Achenar drew the irritation of the Federation at the start of 2323, when reports reached Earth that the colonists had wiped out a sentient race on the planet. This, coupled with the refusal of Achenar to become a member, caused the Federation to send a battle group to take control of the system by force. / The fleet eventually arrived in the Achenar system at the start of 2324. Gathered intelligence meant the Imperial forces ambushed the Federal forces as they jumped into the system. What they hadn't predicted was the enemy to use their pack hunting formation against them.” Tourist spot 029

The Federation were using environmental campaigning as a means of exerting control over the new colonies. Both the Tau Ceti conflict and the Achenar Crisis were instigated by the colonies being accused of wiping out indigenous life on their planets.

“The Achenar crisis had far reaching consequences for the Federal Council. Earth's leadership had been unquestioned, but the mother planet was already undergoing a difficult period with the climate and radiation problems on Earth not improving, and yet Mars appearing ever more verdant

and a more comfortable place to live, there was a general exodus of the rich and influential. The prospect of war with Achenar required a strong hand. In time, the Federal Congress moved from Washington on Earth, to Olympus Village on Mars, and this helped ease friction with other Federation members - as there was a consultation period where other systems were considered. / Nevertheless, the next sixty years saw several fledgling colonies opt out of their colonial charter obligations once they arrived on their chosen world and accept the rulership of the Duvals. The Emperor played the politics skillfully. The massive natural resources being offered and exported from Achenar countered the benefits of then superior Federal technology, whilst the Duval emphasis on subjugating Alien ecology to the needs of the colonies, made them a popular benefactor for struggling settlements.” Tourist spot 0177

The formation of the Empire led to the rise of the second galactic superpower and further debate on the path humanity followed. The Achenar Crisis may have provided an opportunity for another superpower to rise.

At this point, it should be noted that vast corporations dominated all aspects of life, and in 2339, the Sirius Corporation created their own government - the first commercial government.

“In 2339 a commercial colonial expedition reached the unusual binary Sirius system. The colonisation was the first solely corporate colonial mission and the company rapidly rose to become the premier supplier of drive fuel throughout human space. The on-off war between the two major powers over the following centuries financed the initial expansion of the company into an interstellar giant as it supplied both sides. Initially just fuel, but as it became a large interstellar conglomerate, also providing drive technologies and moving into many more fields. / Before it was a hundred years old, the Sirius corporation and its products were thoroughly integrated into civilian and military production throughout human space. It became a trusted partner even during times of conflict, and the organisation took great care to implement 'Chinese walls' between confidential information of its many customers, and put in place a strict protocol so no single customer would be favoured over another, as it fully appreciated its future business depended on it.” Tourist spot 202

By 2380, the initial Federation / Empire conflict was over.

“After the war between Achenar and the Federation concluded in 2380, the Federation looked to find new resources elsewhere. In 2398, the first of a new wave of colonial missions was sent to the outermost sectors in the opposite direction to the Empire and Lave. / Alioth was colonised in 2452. Survey data and reports had already indicated the rich resources of the system before settlement, but the resources proved richer than expected. / The first colonial settlement in the system was known as 'Fruitcake', the name given owing to the loamy consistency of the planetary surface and its propensity for small mineral deposits.” Tourist spot 0115

In the first 200 years of galactic settlement, humanity had seen the rise of three major superpowers, and several associated conflicts. The seeds had been sown for the power-plays over the next 700 years.

The 2400s were reasonably quiet, with the colonisation of what would become known as the Core Worlds - Lave, Leesti and Diso. This area of space was to become critical in galactic events later.

“Between 2621 and 2735, Federal member systems underwent a period of societal change. The original colonial charters of many settlements granted hereditary land and position to families descended from their original settlers. Many of these birthright claims extended across vast areas of land and encompassed massive resources. The old charters became a hindrance, especially to corporations who wanted access to these assets and gradually more and more pressure came to bear on the presidential administration to take action against this 'stifling anachronism'. / The Birthright Wars were the name given to a series of conflicts that resulted in the forced acquisition or redistribution of hereditary rights (depending on your viewpoint) from colonial pioneers to corporations who had the necessary technology to exploit these regions. It was generally blamed on corporate greed at the time, but notably the Federal Navy stood by.” Tourist spot 0181

“One notable power struggle in the Ayethi system was between the Federal military and the Argent family, resulting in Walter Argent leaving the system with as much of the family wealth as he could, and re-settling his family in Alioth. The Birthright Wars were often cited as a primary reason for former member systems subsequently leaving the Federation, and, much later, the formation of the Independent Alliance.” Tourist spot 0182

The Empire and Federation continued to conduct wars right through to the present day, although these again appear to be more to do with the traditional reasons of territory and resources rather than any underlying conspiracy. They had become the background of the galactic tapestry, rather than its focus. Over the centuries, several other players would use the hostility between the superpowers as a means to twist humanity's passage through time.

Several notable events occurred during the Birthright Wars - Riedquat was settled and collapsed almost immediately incidentally signifying the creation of the Galactic Cooperative (GalCop) but the most telling events were the creation of two corporations: Rockforth and the Bank of Zaonce. It should also be noted that Galcop was formed in this time period - 2696, therefore pre-dating the Pilots Federation.

“Based out of the Lave system, GalCop was a trade organisation that mainly concerned themselves with space and station-based activity, and did not take part in planetary affairs, even going so far as to isolate themselves economically from the Federation and Empire.” ED-wiki

Rockforth

“The Rockforth Corporation was founded on Ackwada by the Rockforth Family in 2673, the family that first settled the world. / The Rockforth Corporation began by running Ackwada earning significant foreign exchange from tourism and 'genuine ground-grown food' which it sold far and wide, making very significant revenues. It has since grown into a powerful interstellar corporation, still specialising in agriculture and tourism, with the corporation running giant corporate farms on habitable worlds across especially Federal human space. It has also become quite acquisitive, buying up many of its client companies.” Tourist spot 0214

Rockforth were to play a significant role in galactic politics between 2862 and 2872. They funded the campaign of Federal Presidential elect Issach Gellan.

“In 2862, the Presidential election was won by Isaach Gellan, whose administration marked a new turn for the Federation in interstellar politics. Within months, agents of the Gellan administration were sent to the Ackwada system to repay substantial unofficial (and illegal) loans made to the presidential campaign. The main creditor was the Rockforth Corporation, who refused a negotiated settlement, holding out for precisely the deal agreed in the election race. In 2864, Gellan and his advisers appeared to have withdrawn from these negotiations, because, instead of agreeing the terms, the Federal Navy was mobilised to invade the system on an unrelated pretext.” Tourist spot 0185

This was the first recorded instance of a corporation directly influencing a separate super-power. Rockforth have a legacy of changing politics and events to suit their own purposes. Their home system, Ackwada, was subject of a dispute:

“The official discovery of this system and its habitable planet is nowadays accredited to Augustus Brenquith, although the Rockforth Corporation claim the land deeds and development rights to the system. Thirty nine years after the Corporation declared the system its own; an ancient message capsule (a common way for sending messages at the time) was recovered from outside the orbit of Jupiter in the Sol system. The discovery aroused considerable interest amongst archeologists on Earth at the time while the capsule was in transit to the New Delhi University there was heated debate as to whether the artefact should be opened or not. When the capsule was studied, the seal was seen to be broken, so the matter was resolved. Inside the capsule was a message crystal with the log of the second five years of Augustus Brenquith’s solitary search for new worlds, his ‘glittering legacy’, included in the list of planetary systems that he had stumbled upon was that of Ackwada.” Tourist spot 0216

After the Federation failed to pay Rockforth in full for the Gellan election result, the Federation invaded Ackwada. Immediately, Rockforth requested assistance from the Empire. This led to a new conflict between the Empire and Federation - Rockforth may have manufactured the conflict - it certainly resulted in an Imperial sponsored Privateer fleet to defend Ackwada.

“In 2865, a request from the Rockforth Corporation reached the Emperor for assistance in the Ackwada system against the Federation. At the promise of substantial financial reward a battlegroup was assembled to respond. / Officially, the appointed leader of this flotilla, one Samuel Lanner, was an independent trader and privateer. / The clash between the Federation and Lanner’s forces remained limited and the Federal fleet withdrew to Laveack. The Rockforth Corporation paid up as promised and signed a contract with Lanner’s privateers to guarantee the defence of the system.” Tourist spot 0132

“Seven years later, in 2872 the fleet returned. A clash with Lanner’s forces resulted in a stalemate. Using Anaconda transports and Cobra Mark I’s, Lanner was able to outmanoeuvre the larger Federal battle group, forcing another retreat. In 2873, Lanner was summoned back to Achenar, Records indicate he departed from Ackwada, but he was never heard from again. A memorial stone was erected in the Hall of Martyrs in his honour.”

“in 2974, the Federation pushed further. Another invasion began in the Ackwada system. This time, instead of sending a ‘privateer’ battlegroup, the Empire supplied ships and equipment directly to the system’s residents. The ‘Yorkville Patriots’ rose up and defeated the Federation fleet six weeks after they arrived.” Tourist Spot 0141

Rockforth remained quiet for a number of years, but in 3241 they took centre-stage once more. Once again, this spotlight was in the form of a major commercial acquisition under unusual

circumstances. It should be noted that W'rit was a competitor to Rockforth in the Agricultural sector.

"In the early part of 3241, Dien W'rit, a powerful interstellar entrepreneur, died in unusual circumstances while on holiday in Yorksville, Thompson's Planet (Ackwada). The matter was complicated when it was revealed that he had died leaving behind a recently modified Last Will and Testament which made Thompson Thompson , CEO of the Rockforth Corporation, sole heir to the entire W'rit estate. The W'rit family alleged corruption, though they had no evidence other than the fact of the change in the will. / Then, in July 3251, there was a terrorist attack, launched from unidentified starships, which attacked one of the headquarter buildings in Yorksville. A Federal Senator, several Imperial barristers, and many Rockforth legal staff were killed, not none of the W'rit family, who had left on a trip to see the local wildlife. / The case was dropped, but the attackers were never found. However, in 3273, several members of the W'rit family were present during an explosion at an agricultural facility on Altair." Tourist spot 0215

The background to this event has been uncovered in a transcript entitled 'Frontier: First Encounters (Braben, D.).

"Apparently, D'Writ was assassinated by the Rockforth Corp, and his family tried to bring Rockforth to trial for murder. However, the Rockforths buy up a complete legal establishment, and move it to Ackwada. They then rewrite Independent Systems Law to enable them to sue the D'Writs for libel. Since the D'Writs have nowhere near the financial resources of the huge Corporation, they put out a contract to destroy the legal academy."

[http://wiki.alioth.net/index.php/First Encounters/Missions](http://wiki.alioth.net/index.php/First_Encounters/Missions)

Rockforth's other commercial interest lay in tourism, and there were plenty of scandals associated with one of their rivals in the federation - Worldcraft. It is plausible that many of Worldcraft's issues could be connected to the Rockforth Corporation, but proof is lacking. Further suggestions of a less-than-ethic modus operandi are included in the published work 'Tales from the Frontier', which makes mention of the Rockforth Corporation being involved in Plague / Contagion weaponization.

Rockforth are further implicated in another major event in Galactic history - the loss of the Antares in 3251. A corporate data log from an anonymous deceased pilot may hold some clue as to their role:

"Corporate Data Log: This could bring Rockforth down. That liner wasn't hit by a stray asteroid, it had a faulty supercapacitor. Blew the whole ship to smithereens. This is the cover-up of the century and all the evidence is right here. All I have to do is get it to the right people. Heading out now - wish me luck!"

The Antares accident will be discussed in its own section later.

Bank of Zaonce (TBZ)

“Early in Zaonce's colonial history, in 2682, a former Federation banking executive named Herschel Derrey moved to the colony and set up a family banking business. He and his extended family spread their business around the world in only a decade and by 2693 they had earned a reputation as a level headed and reliable financial establishment. Derrey's daughter Emily brokered a loan on an undisclosed but sizable sum of credits to an up and coming spacecraft manufacturer named Faulcon Manspace in exchange for stock options. Six years later, when the Viper was unveiled, profit rolled in and the stock options for Faulcon Manspace suddenly became vastly profitable to her family. Buoyed by this financial victory, Derrey took over several other banking concerns on the world until his corporation was the sole financial establishment on the planet, although operating under different brands. They adopted the name Bank of Zaonce in 2718.” Tourist spot 0243

Derrey's company's fortunes coincided with the same time period as Rockforth - they were formed within a few years of each other. TBZ became the leading financial corporation just before the end of the Birthright wars. There is little to link them to the galactic conspiracy other than their seemingly innocent funding of the company which was to become Faulcon DeLacey. Their continued financial success is intrinsically linked to the galactic war machine due to their stock options in the Faulcon companies.

The Bank of Zaonce would provide sponsorship for the controlling corporations, and become a supporter of the shadowy cabal throughout history. Much more recently, they have been implicated in a coup attempt in the Alliance:

“The Alliance Tribune has revealed that Admiral Frederick Yamamoto has committed multiple crimes at the behest of Alliance president Gibson Kincaid.

In a detailed report, journalist Vanya Driscoll said:

“As part of a plea bargain to avoid life imprisonment, Yamamoto has provided Alliance Interpol with data regarding actions carried out on the direct orders of President Kincaid.”

“Along with the assassination of presidential candidate Fazia Silva, Yamamoto arranged to murder, injure and intimidate many others to facilitate Kincaid's rise to power.”

“The admiral coordinated his efforts with a number of influential corporate, military and political figures, who allied themselves with Kincaid in exchange for certain advantages. This included a Bank of Zaonce senior director, who illegally redirected funds to bankroll Kincaid's re-election campaign.”

“Kincaid's ultimate aim was to transfer executive power from Alioth to Zaonce, establishing a base of support to eventually become the supreme ruler of the Alliance. But with such a detailed and damning testimony from Yamamoto, it seems impossible that his presidency can survive these revelations.”” Galnet, 7 June 3305

The bank has always been Federal aligned, but with the Federation completely under the control of the corporations, Kincaid could be manipulated to take control of the Alliance.

The Pilots Federation

“The Pilots Federation has existed for a very long time. It was founded in 2805 during the great surge of private ownership of small starships enabled by the hugely competitive modular ship designs made available during the previous decades. / It was founded as much as a way of agreeing prices for ship parts en masse (where member benefit from group discounts), but soon became much more, providing a system where trusted pilots could share route information and protect each other from a new scourge - also enabled by the proliferation of small starships - of interstellar piracy. Over the years an unofficial tally of pirate kills amongst some members began as 'bragging rights' but soon members started showing their kills on their online IDs, and before long those without such a rating were referred to as 'Harmless' - and by implication not so desirable to provide cover on a route known for pirate attacks. / Gradually, the Pilots Federation grew to encompass a great many pilot-owners and their ships. It also provided an element of respectability as the itinerant nature of their lifestyles had started to bring suspicion amongst planet-siders - where the lack of accountability of space farers brought about by their ability to simply move on to a different system before the law caught up with them gave them a bit of a reputation as cowboys or as thieves in certain places. The Pilots Federation would not tolerate dishonourable behaviour among its members, and so such members would wear the PF's logo with pride - earning them a little respect in their dealings, and an antidote to the cowboy image.” Tourist spot 0244

“As their reputation spread, the small group became overwhelmed. There was no way they could satisfy anything like all the demands on them, so they formed 'The Elite Federation of Pilots'. This was a subgroup of the Pilots Federation and it ran its own system to exchange offers between its members. It was quite secretive, and hugely respected, and there was a high demand for their services. Their main problem was how few 'Elite' pilots there were. Many pilots would get rich and retire long before they attained the coveted 'Elite' status; the fundamental problem was that the rating was a kill count. Wise members of the group realised that, in fact, they were no better pilots than some younger pilots with much lower ratings - they had just been doing it for longer - though others outside the group didn't see it like that. They wanted the cachet of employing an 'Elite' pilot. They were also aware that the pirates were getting better. They were better organised than in the early days, and better equipped. It is rumoured they run secret bases and have their own technologies, but what is known for certain is they are highly respected, and get generous discounts throughout human space. In practice the aura of secrecy proved a great strength. The EFP now has representatives throughout human space and beyond, and it is an organisation to which every pilot aspires to be a member.” Tourist Spot 0246

“The Pilots Federation in many ways is a secretive organisation. This in part reinforces its status of neutrality. It exists to support pilots, not nationalities or political factions. Over the years this has led to its acceptance (albeit grudging in some cases) in practically all human domains. Despite its ubiquitous presence it has very little direct dealings with the public. Even member pilots tend to interact via the networked rankings and bounties system. The prime exception to this is registration. A pilot has to register in person for their PF license. Registration is performed at offices throughout human inhabited space. The PF represents the nearest thing to law in uncontrolled and ungoverned space. Their existence provides a safety net for human expansion in space beyond the major factions. The Elite Federation of Pilots (EFP) continues as a select and extremely secretive group within the larger organisation.” Tourist spot 027

The Pilots Federation are the biggest enigma in human history. They were formed with good intentions, but it is the splinter groups which are far more interesting than the main

data-collection company. The Elite Federation of Pilots (EPF) description bares distinct commonality with the descriptions of The Dark Wheel of legend. It could be argued that all Elite-ranked commanders could be considered members of the Elite Federation of Pilots, but we believe they are a completely separate organisation. It is unlikely that the EPF are the Dark Wheel, as the system description for Shinrarta Dezhra indicates that the EPF are simply the Government for Founders World. This fact would separate them from the PF in the same way that Sirius Gov are different to Sirius Corp.

“The Pilots Federation as an organisation controls a vast financial empire. This is not public knowledge, although the major intelligence services are aware of the fact. However for the most part these financial resources are used to improve safety for pilots and for funding bounties used to improve safety for pilots and for funding bounties where local authorities do not (or in uncontrolled space), some governments have been known to take advantage of this. The Pilots Federation also takes a private interest in the independent venture with new colonies, this will typically be masked by front companies. In only one known case has the PF taken control of a world or system - see the Founders' World section below. As well as providing fund for bounties it also receives transaction fees for completed bounties that are processed through the PF bounty system - and in many cases retains unclaimed bounties where, for whatever reason, the pilot who has earned it doesn't claim it. By far the most significant contribution to the PF's finances is the near monopoly it has for the embedded ship and station systems.” Tourist spot 0248

The PF's financial aspects are decidedly curious, but it is the monopoly on ship systems which piques the interest more. If the PF is able to monitor the actions of every single pilot in the galaxy, it is able to feed that information to those who require it, for example, the Elite Federation of Pilots. They are certainly in a position to control the data of every pilot.

“Historically the Pilots Federation has been a trusted source of information for pilots. As humanity expanded into space that need for information continued to grow. Before 3100 they provided data for many ship and station manufacturers. After 3100 in an understated, but effective campaign of acquisitions and mergers they came the dominant provider of this data as well as the hardware and software solutions serving that data. From star chart data, ship data and bounty management systems the Pilots Federation expanded their data sources to include markets, newsfeeds and communication systems. In 3300 the Pilots Federation's GalNet system has a near monopoly on all shipboard and station embedded systems. The systems are fitted as standard on nearly all independent ships and even some militaries. It's a testament to the trusted nature of the PF that his monopoly has occurred with the little resistance bar some back-room negotiations.” Tourist spot 0249

It is clear that the PF control the dissemination of the galactic news network. They even have the ability to deny major news agencies to spread information. They have the ability to influence markets, but whether they have ever done so remains to be proved. It appears that while they do have the ability to control, they simply monitor. Whether this is true for their subdivisions remains to be seen. Certainly the PF are the single largest source of intelligence-gathering potential.

“Officially, the Pilots Federation is apolitical: as an organisation it does not interfere with the internal workings of systems or factions. However this official stance is a misnomer. The PF wields considerable power through its web of political contacts as well as the application of the bounty system and control of the ship and station embedded systems. It also uses a lot of soft power by providing pilot safety support throughout human space. There are also known cliques within the PF (The Dark Wheel is probably the most famous) that have their own agendas.

Officially these are discouraged, but in an organisation so large they are tolerated as long as they don't overstep the mark." Tourist spot 0250

"Much of what the Pilots Federation does revolves around secrecy; and this has many layers. Within the Pilots Federation, the Elite Federation of Pilots is even more mysterious and secretive, and at the centre of that is the elusive 'Founders World'. It is the only system directly controlled by the EFP, and even its location is closely guarded. The secrecy is maintained by the EFP using 'misinformation' - there are a great many rumours of its rough location - and they all contradict each other. Only a select few - the members of the EFP - know the truth. The system is governed by the EFP and it is here that the organisation's headquarters is based. EFP members are allowed to retire here in relative anonymity." Tourist Spot 0251

This beacon is peculiar. It is located in orbit of 'Founders World' in Shinrarta Dezhra. The line ***"Only a select few - the members of the EFP - know the truth"*** indicates that Shinrarta Dezhra's Founders World may not be THE Founders World referred to in the text. It is possible that Shinrarta Dezhra is a complete forgery of the real location - a decoy, distraction or article of misinformation in itself. Only the Pilots Federation would have the required influence and ability to perform such a massive task. In the face of lack of evidence, we must conclude that becoming Elite rank is something which only a small percentage of the population will ever achieve, and that Shinrarta really is the 'secret' location. This beacon could also contradict the possibility that the EPF and The Dark Wheel are the same group of people. It indicates that the EPF are relatively well-known, simply by virtue of publically controlling an entire planet in a major system.. So much for 'its location is closely guarded'... UNLESS the planet is a decoy.

Further Imperial / Federal conflict

The 2900's were a period of interest.

"In 2913, former Imperial Commander Maximillian Wrekcht attempted to raid the banking vaults on the in the Andceeth system. Whilst Wrekcht was a retired Commander of the Fifth Imperial fleet, his actions under an Imperial letter of marque left no doubts to his affiliation. Working from an Imperial cruiser with a prototype engine mask, Wrekcht's audacious attempt to bombard the planet with asteroids was foiled by Federal defence forces. He was believed to have died in the ensuing battle." Tourist Spot 0134

The item of significance from this Tourist Spot is the use of a prototype engine mask - essentially a device which would prevent detection through heat or emissions. The exact nature of this technology is not recorded, but similar technology would be employed almost 100 years later. The Empire at this time, were engaged in a series of aggressive expansions, again over resources, but the focus should be made on the apparent leap in technology used:

"In 2924, a further conflict started up in the Alioth system, initiated by a squabble over its hydrocarbon resources. The Durn and Resnar Corporation applied for Imperial assistance to enforce its claim over a large swathe of the system's mining rights. A small force of Imperial cruisers and their support ships arrived in the system and rapidly deployed to enforce these claims. They vastly outnumbered the mustered Federal units, and forced them out of the entire system within a year. But then, without warning in 2925, the Imperial battle group disappeared. Federal vessels returned and Hassoni-Kruger appropriated the system's mining rights. Within a month all assets of the Durn and Resnar Corporation were seized by the Emperor. The reason for the strange events has never been discovered. Federal intelligence sources were later to accuse the Duvals of instigating a cloning programme to breed specialised infantry units." Tourist spot 0135

"In 2934, acting on the information of concerned locals, Imperial forces arrived in the Fawaol system to wipe out the experimental genetic research facilities of the Darius Foundation." Tourist spot 0136

Cloning technology was used later across the galaxy - notably by The Dark Wheel, to ensure its continuation with a very limited member base. The most famous clones were the pirate Octavia Quinton and Kahina Loren (Salome). Both were clones of the same genetic line, and bred for a singular purpose - to expose the galactic conspiracy. Quinton was abandoned and became a pirate, obsessed with transferring her consciousness into a suitable cloned body - Kahina Loren. The cloning aspect of that particular was noted by the historian Drew Wagar in his books 'Reclamation' and 'Premonition'.

Another famous clone dynasty was the Walden lineage of Lave (Lave: Revolution, Stroud). He was a clone himself, and formed a dictatorship in Lave which prevented economic prosperity for almost 100 years. He rose to power following the collapse of Galcop, and maintained power between 3174 and 3265. It is believed that there were at least seven Walden clones, each succeeding the previous when age began to become apparent. At least three of these clones

were rescued by persons unknown at the end of the Walden era. Whilst the Walden Dictatorship was seemingly unconnected to wider events, it is plausible that the shadowy cartel have used it as an example of what could be achieved, and built on its foundation.

Reverting back to the Imperial / Federal conflicts of the 2900's, there have been some curious incidents.

“in 2942, New America in the Zeessze system revolted over the harsh working conditions imposed more than a century before. Surprisingly the Imperial fleet was not deployed and the system gradually reverted to Federation rule.” Tourist spot 0137

If the Empire had followed its usual M.O., a fleet would have been deployed to defend its territory from a Federal takeover. On this occasion, the Empire simply let the system fall, with no explanation. The reigning Emperor was known for his war-like stance and this departure from form was remarkable for the era. It is plausible that he was in poor health and his son was acting on his behalf.

“In 2943, at the age of one hundred and fourteen, Trasken Duval III died. His son Olban Hensard Duval succeeded him. / Olban's first action on the interstellar political stage marked a different approach to his father. Imperial involvement in the disputes in the Liaedin system, beginning in 2945, were subtle rather than heavy-handed.” Tourist spot 0138

“Further evidence of Olban Duval's subtle approach occurred in 2951 when the Empire elected to act through agents in the Zeaex system, empowering Erronsa and Francis Ashfield in their conflict over mining right with Grambourne Cambridge of the Federation”. Tourist spot 0139

“The Emperor's willingness to use force was proven when in 2959, an Imperial strike force invaded the Laedla system and overwhelmed the Federation garrison on Mansfield on 'Lighting Thursday'. This was the first recorded deployment of 'The Emperor's Own', an elite military corps.” Tourist spot 0140

“In 2976, the death of Francis Ashfield in the Zeaex system, allegedly at the hands of Federal assassins, prompted only the second major military assembly of Olban Hensard Duval's reign. However, conflict was averted when the settlers of Newtown in the system sent a personal appeal to both the Federation and the Empire, which resolved the matter of mining rights and established an uneasy truce.” Tourist spot 0142

This Emperor was certainly the model for future leadership, but this was proved to be short-lived, and the Empire ended the century aggressively defending its territory with a new Emperor.

“The ascension of Gaylen Trasken Duval was marked with chaotic celebrations in the Achenar and Quince systems. With a new Emperor on the throne, the Imperial political agenda changed again. Gaylen proved to have a more prickly and temperamental character than his predecessor. Hostilities at Alioth were renewed in 2994, whilst a Federation supported coup in the Ackwada system was ruthlessly suppressed by the Imperial backed forces in 2996.” Tourist spot 0143

“The Emperor's passion for the arts and very high standards of living saw a rapid population increase in Imperial systems. Massive migration from independent, Galcop and Federation worlds saw an accompanying increase in prosperity. \ To deal with the rapid rise in population across

many worlds, the Empire began terraforming of Cemiess 2 in 3080. This put paid to Federal ambitions in the system. A colonial charter had been established since 3055, but lack of funds had prevented any expansion. The act of approving the Imperial settlement proved to be the last of Gaylen Trasken Duval who dies shortly afterwards, he was 109 years of age.” Tourist spot 0145

Mastopolos

In a similar time period, another corporation began to rise. Mastopolos has proved to be a major player linking the Alliance to the Empire in recent times. They are affiliated to the current Empire power base of Zemina Torval. When they first formed, they came to prosperity to solve

“The Mastopolos family were originally from Achenaar and several members rose to positions of significant Senatorial power in the system, However, in 2951, the major interest of Giya Mastopolos lay in solving an Imperial resource crisis and so he financed an expeditionary flotilla into the Zeaex system, empowering Erronsa and Francis Ashfield in their conflict over mining rights with Grambourne Cambridge of the Federation. After the death of her husband, Gabriella Mastopolos assumed control of the Corporation and guided it to new prosperity. Duke's frivolous ways were quickly forgotten as the organisation ventured out of the Imperial heartlands and courted new contracts with Alliance affiliated systems, even winning business tenders in Alioth.” Tourist spot 0220

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Ashfield's death, as stated earlier, became another flash point for the Empire / Federation conflict and was followed by the ascension of a more aggressive Emperor. Mastopolos continued to be a leading Imperial mining company and tendered against Wreaken Mining in a much later escalation of arms around 3302.

“The election of Grant Keller in 2976 saw a change to Federal policy. Under Keller's administration, corporate investment and involvement in all aspects of Federation society increased dramatically. Recognising the need to restore the financial reserves to the administration which had been utterly exhausted by the previous military expenditures of the last century. Keller's tenure came to an end in 2984 and Federal policy returned to previous ways. A Federally-supported coup in the Ackwada system was ruthlessly suppressed by the Imperial fifth fleet in 2986.” Tourist spot 0192

Keller's election appears to have marked the end of this particular era of Imperial and Federal aggression, although the election of a more peaceful Federal President coincided with the ascension of a war-like Emperor. The next two centuries would prove to be as bloody as the last and the stage had been set for further manipulation from behind the scenes.

Mastopolos continued to manipulate, and was implicated as corrupt in the following Corporate Data Log, left by a deceased and anonymous pilot.

“Corporate Data Log: Seriously, I've got the scoop of the century. Remember in 3252 when Duke Mastopolos was killed in an accident? You know the one - a hover-ballerina fell on him. Anyway, that's not important. What matters is it was no accident. It was his wife, Gabriella Mastopolos, who caused the whole thing. This is massive. A scandal like this could bring the whole company down. Hang on...there's someone at the door...”

Early History Key Players

Federation

Empire

The Pilots Federation

The Elite Federation of Pilots

Rockforth

Bank of Zaonce

Faulcon Manspace (DeLacey)

Mastopolos

3000-3104 Political maneuvers

“The election of Tyrell Biggs from Mars to the office of President in 3008, saw another change in approach. Biggs had been a Congressman for Mars for a long time, and made extensive use of his diplomatic connections throughout his tenure. During his election, he talked a great deal about the use of diplomacy rather than force. In 3008 during a lull in the fighting in Alioth, Federal diplomats secretly approached the Imperial court with a proposition that Achenar and its subsidiary systems join the Federation as full members. This had been attempted before, and had been met with Imperial derision. The proposition included clauses and amendments that would have allowed the Imperial system to qualify for membership despite the differences between Federal and Imperial law on several matters. However, the leak of the documents by Federal spies to other Imperial systems caused widespread unrest, which might have been Biggs' intention all along. For the next decade, this cooled Imperial/Federal relations and caused distrust on both sides.” Tourist spot 0193

What followed was a period of relative calm.

“In 3022, Raul Santorini became Governor of Tau Ceti and through his Corporate connections, controlled the system's congressional seat. Santorini, nicknamed 'Proxmire' due to an obscure historical reference, was one of the very few Federal politicians to achieve significant interstellar status. He achieved substantial popularity during his early tenure as Governor by winning a significant tax rebate for the system from Congress, but also championed deep cuts in the Federal Navy and throughout government, remaining as governor for an astonishing 76 years up until his assassination in 3098.” Tourist spot 0194

At this time, there were rumours of an alien invasion. It is believed that in 3050, the Thargoids were first reported. There are no official records of this conflict remaining, simply folklore passed down through the Jameson family line. Peter Jameson was the first independent pilot to be awarded Elite rank (Tourist spot 0245). This alleged attack was repelled in 3100 by Galcop. There is an alternative legend which puts Peter Jameson in a Thargoid conflict exactly 75 years later, but again there is no substantive evidence.

The Federation and Empire continued to rattle sabres at each other towards the end of the century with the ascension of a new Duval Emperor. Atticus Duval appeared keen to repel any Federal attempt to take territory, but until 3098 seemed reluctant to employ any military forces.

“Atticus Obellan Duval ascended to the Imperial throne in 3081. His arrival triggered noticeably less celebration and the man's dour and bitter countenance was quickly noted as a contrast to the theatrically inclined Gaylen. In 3082 a second mission was sent to Exioce, terraforming the planet Experiment and establishing a permanent presence there, putting an end to Federal ambitions in the system.” Tourist spot 0146

“In 3098 Governor Santorini of Tau Ceti, was assassinated. The Federal press pinned the blame on the Empire, citing several quotes from 'Proxmire' Santorini's speeches that would make him an Imperial target. Unusually, the Emperor chose to make a personal rebuttal of the accusation. Nevertheless, three years later Imperial colonists escorted by Imperial warships, settled on Emerald in the Cemiess system. The Federation responded by sending Admiral O'Brien with a task force, who also dropped a military force onto the planet. Over the next thirty years, both

sides backed local forces (with occasional direct naval confrontation) to gain control of the planet and the system, though ultimately Imperial defenders prevailed with the Empire basing the VI Fleet in the system. O'Brien's efforts were popularised in the fictional holo-vid series "O'Brien's War"."Tourist spot 0195

Santorini's assassination provided the Empire with the motivation it required to start a period of rejuvenation in its military. As can be seen in the tourist spot quote above, the event was messy and implicated the Empire in his murder. It is entirely possible that Duval's denial of the accusation was genuine and that another organisation had arranged the killing in order to frame the Empire. This is the first instance where a shadowy Cabal could be suggested to exist. Duval was a tactical emperor, but had not demonstrated overt military use. An assassination would appear to be out of character where an agreement with the hugely popular Santorini would have been the wisest strategy. The only real winners in this event were the arms manufacturers as Cemiess would prove to be a source of Imperial and Federation tensions for the centuries which followed. Nonetheless, Cemiess was taken by the Empire, and military build up continued with renewed vigour.

"In 3104 a permanent military training base was established on Peter's Wreck in the Facece system. Facece had always been known for its strong support and commitment to training the Empire's finest, but the dedicated base signalled a new fervour for military renewal. This renewal was tested when in 3114, the scientists of Nesbitt Landing in Alioth began demonstrating substantial innovations in robotic manufacture and production." Tourist spot 0149

3104-3184 The Galcop Era

Between 3100 and 3150, the Thargoids made a second appearance. This is first hinted at in the recently re-discovered Galcop Archival Reel #0503 "Watch the Skies". This was discovered aboard an abandoned megaship, the GCS Sarasvati (GCS = GalCop Ship). It appears as if this ship was part of a secret perimeter defence or listening post array designed to observe the return of the Thargoids. As news of the original attacks were slowly erased from living memory and history, GalCop secretly planned for their return.

By 3125, the Thargoids had returned. It was suggested in the press that these attacks may have been retribution for a secret delegation of Thargoids being attacked in the Veliaze system.

"The first reported Thargoid encounters date from 3125, when accounts surfaced that pilots had been pulled from witch-space and attacked by mysterious octagonal starships. Witnesses asserted that the strange vessels were exceptionally fast and remarkably manoeuvrable. Pilots who survived these experiences were convinced they had encountered extraterrestrials, and named the aliens 'Thargoids'.

As news of these encounters spread, rumours surfaced that the interdictions might be a response to an earlier human attack. Leaked Federal intelligence indicated that colonists in the Veliaze system had encountered and assaulted an extraterrestrial deputation shortly before the Thargoid interdictions began. Suggestions that the Thargoid attacks were a reaction to this attack carried more than a hint of plausibility."

<https://community.elitedangerous.com/en/galnet/uid/57ada8969657baeb6e876c6c>

This raises the question of quite what the Thargoids were doing in Veliaze when they were supposedly gone. This 'Leaked Federal Intelligence' suggests that the Federation knew of their arrival, and the descriptor 'deputation' suggests an official visit rather than a war party. The war which followed was denied by the media for the next 150 years, but the rumours of Thargoids never again left public consciousness. The story of John Jameson and the Mycoid weapon has been uncovered, and showed that the Empire and Federation actually combined forces during this period to form the Intergalactic Naval Reserve Arm (INRA).

One ongoing mystery is that of the GCS Sarasvati, namely Project Equinox. This appears to have been a contingency plan, possibly against GalCop or INRA. The mystery relates to 'Unit 01' and 'Thunderchild'. It is possible that 'Thunderchild' was simply a code for one of the following:

- John Jameson
- GalCop
- Thargoids

If John Jameson was Thunderchild, it is possible that Unit 01 could be his son and Julian Lyons his handler / creator. A theory is that the Jameson line were clones produced to maintain the Dark Wheel lineage. The dates surrounding the Project Equinox message are vague, with 'mid 3100's' being suggested as the send date for the message to Unit 01. What does not match is 'Thunderchild' 'going dark in 69'. What is known is that the Sarasvati was still operational until 3172. It is more likely that Thunderchild was connected to GalCop somehow. We are yet to understand this part of the mystery.

In this period, both INRA and GalCop were prevalent. GalCop was centred around the Core worlds, and was the public face of the Thargoid War at the time. INRA on the other hand was a clandestine military organisation which sought to destroy the Thargoids at all costs. GalCop was finally disbanded at the end of this era, in 3174.

This era is defined by cooperation between the Federation and Empire in the face of an alien threat. Unethical weapons were developed by secretive military organisations which resulted in the genocide of an entire species (or so they thought). Jameson himself was killed to prevent the truth getting into the public domain. There appears to be no behind-the-scenes influencing, other than INRA controlling the flow of the war. The INRA bases of this time were either forcibly shut down, or were destroyed in hostile attacks by Thargoids. The bases are as follows:

Location	Name	Synopsis
Conn A 3 a	reverse engineered	Reverse engineering Thargoid tech samples
Hermitage 4 a	technology testing	Accidental discovery of Mycoid
Alnath A 2 a a	history will decide	T-ship experiments
HIP 12099 1a	living specimen	unethical live testing
HIP 59382 1b	project mycoid	Mass production initiated
LP 389-95 7	vaccine	Vaccine against the effects
HIP 15329 A 3 c	whistleblower	Question over ethics
HIP 7158 A 2 b	pesticides?	Transportation and storage
HIP 16824 A 2 f	watching the sky	T-ship holding base
12 Trianguli A 1	all our hopes	Timed data points.

The Rise of the Alliance

3184 to 3300 are a pivotal era in the conspiracy belief that there is a shadowy cabal pulling the strings and influencing human history. This dramatic increase in activity coincides with the formation of the Alliance and the life of Mic Turner. It also sees the rise of more familiar figures to us in 3305 - Hengist Duval became Imperial Emperor in 3233.

“In 3184, the election of Federation President Loric Trander saw a renewal of hostilities over Alioth. This time, conflict was instigated by corporate rivalry in the system's vast gas mining sector. After the discovery of a murdered official named Riley Dain who was investigating the abuse of permitted quotas, the situation quickly escalated. Trander authorised a force of privateers. In response Hesketh Duval sent in the Imperial XV fleet. The conflict avoided the settlement of New California, owing to the previous treaty, but the settlers there found themselves all but cut off until a further ceasefire was established in 3198. Neither side achieved anything but line the pockets of the industries who fuelled and powered their fleets. It also served to stir further resentment amongst the settlers. At this time, the Caker insurrection became more organised and received substantial financial support from unknown sources.” Tourist spot 0120

This tourist spot spells out that corporations are manipulating both superpowers for their own goals. Control of resources was once again the subject, but financial gain would be the result of any significant conflict. If you take a step back and picture the advisors to the superpower leaders spinning a web of propaganda to their respective employers - “Take control of the system for the prosperity of the Empire / Federation...” should really be read as “War = profit”, especially since those same advisers were most likely on the payroll of the arms manufacturers. Playing both sides in high stakes corporate poker. This was the beginning of a cold war which would often burn hot, just before a new threat would show up. Corruption was beginning to show.

“Born in 3205, Mic Turner grew up in Jones Colony in the Essafa system. After graduating with honours from the civilian Pilots school, he moved to New California in Alioth, just before the rebellion started. In 3228, when the Federal corporations supplying New California attempted to raise their prices again, the citizens revolted, taking over the ships berthed in the space station and riding out to the gas mining station to assault the corporate workers. Federal and Imperial forces arrived within days, but fighters from Alioth and several neighbouring independent systems joined forces to repel them. Turner's pilot skills saw him amongst the first to fly out to the orbital platforms and he won a great deal of respect from his peers for his efforts. It was here the met Meredith Argent, a scientist who led one of the Caker cells on the gas platforms and was direct descendant of Walter Argent, a wealthy industrial from Ayethi in the 27th century. Argent and Turner were to become partners for life.” Tourist spot 0121

If Ayethi sounds familiar, it is because it was the location of the Birthright Wars - the conflict which forced Argent to leave the Federation. The cynics would suggest that the industrial Argent family would reap the benefits of much greater competition if another superpower was created. Perhaps the stalemate between the Empire and Federation was too stale.... The more obvious answer is that Argent was simply removing himself, his family and his wealth from the clutches of the overbearing Federation and its ingrained corruption.

"Mic Turner, the intergalactic Explorer, ship designer and founder of the Alliance, led the Federation expeditionary team that brought colonists to Olgrea in 3224. Terraforming operations began almost immediately as the Federation could see that further population growth in the region would require room to accommodate. In 3239, Alliance warships and Turner's command return to the system and after a short altercation with Federal forces won control of Fortress Jung and New Casablanca. After this it was only a matter of time before the rest of the system surrendered and the Federation withdrew. By 3250, the Olgrea system had become a massive part of the Alliance infrastructure. The Planet New Gotham became the centre of agricultural production for the entire Alliance sector. The system population had grown to approach 100 million inhabitants, one of the fastest system migrations in interstellar history." Tourist spot 0127

Alioth would remain a site of conflict itself until 3228

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Argent

Meredith Argent herself is a figure of interest. She was the descendant of Walter Argent - the man who played a pivotal role in the reduction of Federal control in the Core Worlds. Walter fled the Core and settled on Alioth, allegedly to avoid the corruption and constant war-mongering of the Federation. As an industrialist, Argent would make considerable profit from conflict, and so it was. The conflicts followed him to Alioth and remained there until 3230. The Argent family continued to amass wealth through industry (fuelled in part by conflict). Meredith became the source of funding behind Mic Turner's uprising. Indeed it could be said that Argent created the uprising and placed Turner as its figurehead. The Alioth Uprising was caused directly by corporations rather than direct superpower influence.

"The turning point came in 3228, when the Federal corporations supplying one of Alioth's main population centres attempted to raise prices. This triggered a revolt. Federal and Imperial forces were dispatched to quell the uprising, but the resistance, bolstered by fighters from neighbouring independent systems, successfully repelled them. Ultimately the Empire chose to withdraw from the system, reluctant to commit to a potentially protracted campaign far from its centre of power. When the Federation realised how unpopular the war had become among Federal citizens, it followed suit."

http://ed.frank-heinrich.net/index.php?title=Galnet_Collection_News_Articles#15_JUL_3302_E2.80.93_Galactic_News:_The_Origin_of_the_Alliance

Neither the Empire nor Federation seem to have any real interest in the systems surrounding Alioth, so it could be surmised that Argent's industrialist family maintained the presence of both Superpowers in order to maintain a small amount of competition to fuel their business operations.

At this time, rumours surfaced over the destruction of the Thargoids

"But public opinion shifted in 3250 when reports emerged that the disappearance of the Thargoids might have been a direct consequence of a covert anti-Thargoid operation. An anonymous message, delivered to a number of media outlets, claimed that an organisation known as the

Intergalactic Naval Reserve Arm had developed a chemical weapon specifically designed to target Thargoid technology.” Galnet 12 Aug 3302

This statement would have significant consequences for the Alliance, as it is around this time that Argent Aerodynamics Amalgamated Inc. (AAAI) started construction of the Quest-type ships. Rumours circulated later that Turner set off to find the Thargoids and discover the truth behind their disappearance. From the reports of the time, it appears as if INRA may have silenced him as the wreck of ‘Turner’s Quest’ was eventually discovered by Meredith Argent at Pleione.

***“The death of Mic Turner was at tragic blow for Meredith Argent. Not only was Mic her longest, closest friend, but he was killed by INRA doing what he loved best; exploring. Meredith sent her aide, Jo Merion to retrieve Mic Turner’s body and Stow master Capsule, but her attempt was blunted by INRA
In the meantime, she and the board of the New Rossyth Shipyard organised a requiem for Mic Turner, which took place at Fortress Culloden on Argent’s Claim.
Meredith could not let her old friend’s memory end with an incomplete mission. She sent out her own Argent’s Quest and an unknown pilot to complete Mic’s mission to reestablish contact with the Thargoids race.” [http://wiki.alioth.net/index.php/Meredith Argent](http://wiki.alioth.net/index.php/Meredith_Argent)***

There are unsubstantiated rumours that the Alliance made contact with the Thargoids and there may have been some form of technology sharing. The Alliance records, while basic, indicate that the Thargoids were not as hostile as INRA were claiming. INRA were also re-developing the Mycoid virus at this time, and it is suggested that the Mycoid virus was delivered, which led to a further

The physical evidence of INRA’s second mycoid project appears not to exist, although the appearance of the Quest ship at Bill Turner’s workshop (Wagar, D. Premonition) and the Polaris System Permit do lend some credence to these events. What is certain, is that the Alliance were in contact with the Thargoids. This is further supported by the actions of Carl Linnaeus (next section)

Argent is further mentioned within a corporate data log recorded by an unknown pilot:

“Corporate Data Log: I know I shouldn’t have looked but I did. Argent Incorporated were paying me a lot of money for my discretion but I just couldn’t stop myself opening up that crate. Anyway, it wasn’t high-end art I was transporting - unless high-end art is made by aliens nowadays! Whatever it is, it’s not human and it sure don’t look legal. Not sure what I’m gonna do with it yet, but I’m definitely not delivering it for the measly pittance they were originally paying me... ”

The discrepancies could be explained very simply if one accepts that there is a small error in the history data banks - John Jameson delivered the Mycoid virus in 3251, NOT 3151.

With this alteration, the timeline of key events would be:

3050 - 3125 first Thargoid incursion (Peter Jameson)
3174 Galcop collapses
3230 Alioth uprising

3251 Alliance / Thargoid communication
INRA Mycoid attack (John Jameson)
3270 Project Dynasty begins

Project Dynasty was a Club back-up plan in place for the eventual return of the Thargoids. (More on that later)

Linnaeus

Carl Linnaeus claimed to have been part of an Alliance delegation which met with the Thargoids, and is also the origin of the legend of Soontil - thought to be the Thargoid homeworld.

"It's not a blind guess. Carl consulted for Argent Incorporated as a specialist in exo-biological research and exploration. He made me sign a non-disclosure agreement before he told me, well bragged: he was one of the original members of the Alliance delegation that met with the Thargoids back in 3253. According to him, he was pivotal in the negotiations, and in minimising the diplomatic impact of the INRA's attempt to sabotage the meeting." (OotD, James, T)

Linnaeus apparently formed a deal with the Thargoids - discovering that there were two factions. He formed a scheme with the Oresian delegation to provide genetically engineered human pilots in order to defeat the Klaxian aggressors. We will examine these two Thargoid factions later. The scheme created by Linnaeus was named 'Pivot', and was particularly unethical. In many cases, pilots were kidnapped from the fringes of society and their minds re-written. In some cases, cloning technology may have been used to 'grow' these super pilots. There are other examples where this scheme may have been further developed by the shadowy cabal after Linnaeus's death.

In the course of 30 years, the Alliance has helped the Oresians by developing super-pilots, and the Club (the shadowy cabal) were developing an escape plan. It is safe to assume that the Club were aware of Linnaeus' plan, and in this new age of Thargoid incursions, have re-instigated the Pivot project as one of several anti-Klaxian weapons. Guardian Technology is the new super-weapon, but both AX weaponry and Oresian-augmented pilots have been used before - one millennia ago, and the other much more recently. It would be fair to surmise that the Klaxian war machine will be able to defeat both quite quickly. This also disregards the serious health dangers of these super-pilots, which resulted in the original Pivot subjects living substantially shorter lives.

The Oresian retreat and the looming Klaxian incursions have been known for over 50 years, yet the Club is maintaining its known tactics: Super pilots, Guardian weaponry and a back-up escape plan.

It is apparent that Janus Corporation AND the Oresians are collecting test subjects for this new incarnation of Pivot, while Aegis are openly recruiting Imperial volunteers for the same.

Further Manipulation

The Antares and Starship One

The Antares was a passenger liner built at a similar time to the Quest-class ships, but by the Sirius Corporation. Its maiden flight ended in disaster as the ship exploded mid frameshift jump. Its wreckage was not discovered until 3302. Its destruction was compared much later to the loss of the Federal President's Starship One. It is one of the biggest indicators that corporate cover-ups are a fact of galactic politics.

It is thought that the following Corporate Data Log is connected to the Antares:

"Corporate Data Log: This could bring Rockforth down. That liner wasn't hit by a stray asteroid, it had a faulty supercapacitor. Blew the whole ship to smithereens. This is the cover-up of the century and all the evidence is right here. All I have to do is get it to the right people. Heading out now - wish me luck!"

It is therefore possible that the Antares was sabotaged via the Rockforth Corporation. What is particularly interesting is that Li Yong Rui confirms this component failure:

"The wreckage appears to confirm that the component failure described in the ship's final status report did indeed result in the destruction of the Antares. My hope is that by subjecting the wreckage to further analysis, we will be able to determine exactly what caused the malfunction and apply this knowledge to the development of new safety protocols. With luck, we will be able to reintroduce the innovative drive technology used aboard the Antares. This discovery could serve as a catalyst for a whole new era of interplanetary travel." Galnet, 13 Jan 3302

Sirius reaped the benefit of the Antares' loss twofold - they managed to rescue some advanced technology and Li Yong Rui was made out to be the hero of the hour by instigating the search.

"It was later speculated that the deaths of those on the Highliner Antares effectively saved the lives of many more in the subsequent decades, as the number of ships that went missing was measurably reduced, and the new drives proved to be much more reliable than the earlier, slower drives they replaced." Galnet, 2 August 3301

In May 3301, Federal President Jasmina Halsey's Starship One lost contact during a frameshift jump. Immediate comparison was made to the loss of the Antares - Galnet 27 May 3301 and 30 May 3301. <https://community.elitedangerous.com/galnet/30-MAY-3301>
<https://community.elitedangerous.com/galnet/27-MAY-3301>

Further comparisons mounted as key people involved in the investigations of both ships were systematically 'accidentally' killed.

"Everyone on board the shuttle was killed including Sean Richards, a senior consultant engineer who helped to compile the incident report on the recent disappearance of Starship One. Richards had also formed part of the task force some 50 years earlier with the Antares enquiry."

<https://community.elitedangerous.com/galnet/04-AUG-3301>

"The data apparently reveals a connection between the death earlier in the year of Vice President Nigel Smeaton and the Antares Incident. His death was officially declared an accident, although many at the time suspected foul play. Those suspicions are likely to rise again with the revelation that he was related to one of the crew aboard the Highliner Antares when it disappeared on its maiden flight 50 years ago. Elaine Boyd discovered details of a private 'off the books' investigation by the Vice President into the incident and that he suspected it was caused by sabotage, rather than drive component failure. He had already spoken to a number of now quite senior officers involved in the original enquiry. Elaine Boyd's information implied that he may have been killed to stop his investigation." Galnet, 28 August 3302

<https://community.elitedangerous.com/galnet/28-AUG-3301>

Elaine Boyd's investigation revealed much deeper corruption, and linked high ranking Federal officials and other corporations with the loss of Starship One. She too was killed.

"In another shocking revelation the Federal Times today posted a story highlighting possible links between a non-exec member of the board of Core Dynamics and Vice President Nigel Smeaton's death. They first referenced an interview on January 28th with Congressman George Fallside who appeared to have early knowledge of the Vice President's death. The Congressman refused to comment on the article, but it is public knowledge of his non-executive directorship of Core Dynamics and several other major arms manufacturers."

More damning was the evidence concerning one of the crew of the Starship One, Flight Engineer Nick Baron, who had previously worked at Core Dynamics before joining the President's Crew. From the information package sent by Elaine Boyd after her death, the Federal Times published extracts of financial records of the flight engineer."

When tracing these records through a convoluted series of transfers, one of these transfers was through a shell corporation , in which Congressman Fallside was involved. The trail of the payments revealed that Boyd must have obtained a high level clearance access, possibly provided by Agent Monroe."

When asked about today's story, the Chief Editor for the Federal Times commented:

"There does appear to have been a conspiracy on several levels. We believe that the destruction of the Highliner Antares so many years ago may not have been an accident. When the Vice President was investigating the death of his relative, he must have discovered some of these details, and possible the dark forces killed him, and when our reporter Elaine Boyd did the same,

she too was silenced. We are still not clear how it relates to the present day. Our reporters continue to investigate” <https://community.elitedangerous.com/galnet/01-SEP-3301>

It is of extreme importance that Nigel Smeaton’s investigation notes were transferred to the Sirius Corporation after a small portion was decrypted by the federal times.

<https://community.elitedangerous.com/galnet/15-SEP-3301>

The loss of Starship One looks to have been manufactured with two goals in mind - eliminate Nigel Smeaton and his investigation of the Antares, and eliminate Jasmina Halsey so that a more favourable Federal President could be positioned.

Implicated:

- Sirius Corporation
- Core Dynamics
- Rockforth Corporation
- George Fallside, Federal Congressman, Non-Exec director Core Dynamics

Silenced:

- Nigel Smeaton, VP (independent investigation)
- Elaine Boyd, Reporter, Federal Times (independent investigation)
- Sean Richards (Senior consultant engineer, Antares & Starship-One)
- Susan Monroe - Investigator, lover of Elaine Boyd

3150 - 3300 Key Players

- Meredith Argent
- Mic Turner
- The Alliance
- Carl Linnaeus - Pivot
- Sirius
- Core Dynamics
- Rockforth

The Modern Era

Achilles Corporation

The Achilles Corporation are implicated with corruption, although this is the only known evidence:

“Corporate Data Log: We’ve finally got them. Yes, the Achilles Corporation. I know we haven’t been able to make anything stick before, but this time I have hard evidence of wrongdoing. All I have to do is get this file to the authorities. Let’s just hope they haven’t intercepted my comms link. Who knows what they’d do to stop this getting out.”

It is possible they are linked to personal data collection - they manufacture personal assistant androids.

“The robot is manufactured by the Achilles Corporation, and is a relatively primitive machine, designed to coordinate information and perform administrative tasks. Such robots are incapable of independent behaviour, so this one must have been subjected to comprehensive reprogramming.”

<https://community.elitedangerous.com/galnet/28-SEP-3304>

Acting on reports of unusual behaviour, we have found five further robots containing hidden surveillance programs.”

““In each case, the robot was a PA912 model, manufactured by the Achilles Corporation. The robots’ owners are now helping us with our enquiries.”... Two of the five owners have been identified. Don Zhao is the CEO of Kuiper Mining Inc., while Anya Blackriver runs a public-relations consultancy with offices in Olympus Village, San Francisco and Columbus station” <https://community.elitedangerous.com/galnet/05-OCT-3304>

“The Federal Security Service has targeted The Mars Tribune as part of its investigation into robots carrying concealed surveillance programs.

Lieutenant Inspector Ramesh Thorne made this statement:

“The personal robots of former congressman Morgan Unwin and actor Tomas Turai were found to contain surveillance programs. In recent weeks, both were the subject of incriminating articles published exclusively in The Mars Tribune.”

“Public-relations guru Anya Blackriver, also the owner of a ‘spy’ robot, was recently exposed by the Tribune for concealing various scandals on behalf of her celebrity clients. In fact, all the owners of affected robots live in the Sol system, which is the focus of the Tribune’s journalism.”

“We are therefore interviewing Tribune staff to establish if they used these robots to gather private data in order to obtain material for exclusive stories.”

Legal representatives of the Cordova Group, the conglomerate that owns The Mars Tribune, have challenged the FSS for making ‘libellous and baseless accusations’.

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“Last week, Cordova suggested the spy robots could share the many secrets they’ve gathered, and suddenly the FSS is ordered to leave The Mars Tribune alone. Does anyone really think this is coincidence? How many powerful people are frightened of what Cordova might reveal about them?” <https://community.elitedangerous.com/galnet/03-NOV-3304>

“The engineer has attested that she was blackmailed by Kingsley Cordova, owner of the Mars Tribune, into installing surveillance programs on robots belonging to well-known people in the Sol system. The accumulated data was relayed to the Cordova Group, which published it in The Mars Tribune.” <https://community.elitedangerous.com/galnet/15-NOV-3304>

An interesting thought is that Achilles also manufacture the navigation computers found in our ships. It would be highly possible that Achilles control the permit-locked areas of space, including Col 70, Bovomit, Polaris, etc.

Incriminated:

- Gus Weaver, CEO, Achilles Corporation, (vindicated)
- Ramesh Thorne, FSS Investigator (vindicated)
- Mars Tribune
- Kingsley Cordova, Owner, Mars Tribune (arrested)

It is possible that the spy robots were used only to collect headlines for the Mars Tribune, but it is apparent that this scandal had the potential to expose the Club - key figures in society were targeted, and the programme was very forcibly shut down by the FSS. It is likely that Cordova was acting to expose the conspiracy and could be considered by some to be a freedom fighter. Alternatively he could have just been an unethical business owner seeking to manipulate others for his own benefit.

Small Fry

Some Corporate Data logs follow which highlight the smaller companies, or companies which have limited information available about the scale of their corruption:

“Corporate Data Log: That's them - the Greenventure Group. I know they have a reputation for being environmentally friendly but they ain't. Three of the systems they terraformed last year had rare flora and fauna that they just wiped out to make way for colonisation. I have all the evidence I need. This is the big one - this is gonna make me rich...”

“Corporate Data Log: I managed to tap into her private correspondence and it looks like you were right. She's been selling corporate secrets to a rival organisation. Sirius Corp will have a field day with this...or you could just take this straight to her and see what it's worth.”

“Corporate Data Log: I've got the files aboard the ship. If I try to broadcast what I've got, they'll find me for sure. They have people everywhere - damn corporate agents. My only hope is to keep moving, hopping from system to system, and hope they can't track me. But I'm getting tired. If I could just get some rest, maybe I could think straight, find a way out of this. All I need is to close my eyes, just for a little...”

“Corporate Data Log: I've no idea who they have making all those public appearances but it is NOT the CEO. And I know this for a fact because I saw his body in the morgue! They must have done some extensive surgery on a stand-in, or got a lookalike or a clone or something. I'm telling you, the guy is as dead as disco!”

“Corporate Data Log: It's true - all of it was true. They haven't been manufacturing agricultural parts at all. They're making people! Clones! And then selling them to the military. I'm sending you all the details on an encrypted channel but be careful with this, it goes all the way to the top. Once you've gone down the rabbit hole, there's no coming back.”

“Corporate Data Log: They're coming for me, I don't have long. All hard copies of the money-laundering files are in a briefcase marked 'Tiffany's'. I've left it at the main hotel reception of the Worldcraft Theme Park on New California. I've instructed the concierge to give it to a Miss Golightly. You know what to do with it. And good luck.”

“Corporate Data Log: We've had a breakthrough. The nano-tech they were using was corrupted and now we have the proof. Three thousand people died as a result of those experiments, and all the evidence to back up the claim is attached. Be careful - the corporation will kill to keep this under wraps. Get it out there as quickly as you can, and make sure you do it anonymously or we're both dead.” Most likely Vitadyne Nanomed

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“Corporate Data Log: I don't have time to tell you the details... they're nearly here. All you need to know is that it wasn't the separatists who blew up the manufacturing plant - it was the corporation itself. All three CEOs made a killing on insurance claims. Look, everything you need to know is in the data-scan I just sent. I just hope I've got enough time to get out of here before they find me....”

Corruption is rife throughout human space. The above logs simply highlight that what we are being told through the media is mostly incorrect. The next section will investigate the major factors influencing current Bubble policies - The Thargoids, The Dark Wheel and The Club.

Further evidence of corruption

In the modern era, from 3300 to the present day, it is very easy to search human history through Galnet. There are several search terms which we will provide below, which allow the reader to discover for themselves the corruption.

Rackham
Joker's Deck
Hadrian Duval
Far God
Consuela Knight
Nova Imperium
Aegis
Palin
Juanita Bishop
Rochester
Cordova
Nexus
League of Reparation
Maddox Hurd / Herculean Machines

Rapid Promotions

One of the most telling metrics in calculating who is corrupt and who is not, are the rapid promotions and dramatic falls from grace reported in Galnet. These could be individuals ascending the ranks of their organisation with undue rapidity, or companies put into senior positions for which they are not qualified. One or two others are notable exceptions to this rule.

Of the latter group, **Jonah Rochester** is of note. Who is he, and why is he the black sheep of the most influential family in the Federation?

““Jordan’s sisters, Juno and Jocasta, have impressive Navy careers, holding the ranks of Vice Admiral and Post Captain respectively. Only Jordan’s younger brother, Jonah, has no title. He is believed to be the black sheep of the family.” Galnet, 6 July 3304

<https://community.elitedangerous.com/galnet/06-JUL-3304>

Riri McAllister rose through the ranks of the Alliance Reaction Force, attaining the rank of Commodore before being appointed to the Council of Admirals. She later turned out to be the head of the League of Reparation - the organisation which targeted and eliminated INRA employees and their relatives. It is likely that these relatives were still operating under Club control.... Also of note in this episode was the fact that she was discovered by the IISS -a

tri-superpower taskforce, again most likely under the control of the Club. What makes this particularly interesting is that she could be part of the Dark Wheel.... We believe that the DArk Wheel and the Club may employ similar tactics, both morally dubious. Could the League of Reparation have been slowly removing Club operatives and corrupt individuals?

“McAllister, who hails from the Lave system and who is now in charge of its navy, is the youngest person ever to be appointed to the Council. She is also the most junior in rank, having bypassed several other candidates from the ADF admiralty, which has caused some controversy.”

<https://community.elitedangerous.com/galnet/25-MAY-3304>

Tilbery Construction have recently awarded a contract to build a new water treatment facility in a Patreus-controlled system, Eotienses. They gathered a large quantity of slaves together because they lacked the resources to complete the project. The question is how did they get the contract in the first place? At the time of writing (8 June 3305), we fully expect those slaves to be killed in a horrible accident which will leave Denton Patreus in a particularly awkward position, and once again at loggerheads with Aisling Duval. Unchain (Aisling Duval's charity) issued a statement:

“We are also concerned with the lack of information regarding Tilbery Construction and Garrett Kline, who appears to have no experience managing such projects.” Galnet 8 June 3305

Edgar Santiago left Federal politics in unusual circumstances, making way for a certain Isolde Rochester...

“The former deputy leader, Edgar Santiago, recently made the sudden decision to retire from politics and purchase a private luxury starship, despite not being known for extravagant spending.

Isolde Rochester is the matriarch of the powerful Rochester family, which includes the CEO of Core Dynamics and two Federal Navy officers. Rumours suggest that she called off the wedding of her son Ambassador Jordan Rochester when suggestions arose of Princess Aisling Duval's infidelity.” <https://community.elitedangerous.com/galnet/26-DEC-3304>

Juanita Bishop took a major stance against the Thargoids - essentially stirring up inter-species hatred. The public failed to vote for her in the Federal Congress and she fell from grace rather spectacularly.

“Juanita Bishop has failed to be elected to Federal Congress. Many of Bishop's followers have abandoned her in the wake of Gethin Okonkwo's investigation, which found no connection between the Far God sect and the Thargoids, while Congress members have taken a stand against Mrs Bishop for cultivating civil unrest.”

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Zachary Rackham is an interesting character. The former pirate turned multi-billionaire has had some amazing luck - good and bad. In June 3304, he funded a project of shipyard building in Colonia presumably as a tax-avoidance move:

<https://community.elitedangerous.com/galnet/20-JUN-3304>

This did not quite pan out the way he thought and was saddled with an enormous tax bill. He then won a billion credits on the lottery.

<https://community.elitedangerous.com/galnet/17-AUG-3304>

Following this, he funded a technology expo, during which he selected Maddox Hurd's Herculean Machines to provide personal computers for Rackham Investments. The competitor, Supratec, suffered some mysterious and unfortunate failures, in exactly the way Hurd predicted... plus a massive fire..

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<https://community.elitedangerous.com/galnet/07-SEP-3304>

Supratec fought back briefly: <https://community.elitedangerous.com/galnet/14-SEP-3304> citing the Red Family as financial contributors to Herculean Machines.

Herculean Machines finally won the contest:

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Gibson Kincaid's connection to the Bank of Zaonce has already been established, and his scheme to perform a coup of the Alliance to return Zaonce to a prime position confirmed. On his ascent through the Presidential race, he left a scene of devastation including murders.

<https://community.elitedangerous.com/galnet/05-OCT-3304>

"Gibson Kincaid was the governor of the Zaonce system before assuming the presidency in 3303. He has repeatedly claimed that the Alliance is failing to fulfil its true potential."

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Hadrian Duval is perhaps the only true innocent named in this document. It is increasingly likely that his place in the grand plan was completely manufactured by Impirator Kaeso Mordanticus. It is even possible that he is a clone.

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The link is tenuous to say the least - the grandson of a slave with which Hengist Duval may or may not have had an affair with. DNA tests may have 'proved' his lineage, but the results are easily forged, especially since it was Nova Imperium who 'verified' the results. His placement is curious - as heir to Arissa Lavigny-Duval he is in the perfect position to take control of the Empire should ALD have an 'unfortunate' accident. ALD and Patreus have been demonstrated to be anti-club by the historian, Drew Wagar. So when Mordanticus was murdered in the Red Court, it left Hadrian Duval in a position where he was no longer being influenced by the Club. Aisling then took him under her hippy-like wing and prevented further bloodshed.

Arissa Lavigny-Duval herself had an odd ascension to the position of Emperor. She is the only female leader of the Empire since Marlin Duval in the 23rd century, and the first to hold the title of Emperor. (Marlin was the leader of the Republic - the Empire came later).

She was quietly waiting in the wings until Hengist Duval was assassinated Brenda Paul Darius, who was reviewed as a patriot and supporter of Hengist within Patreus' staff. Perhaps his mind had been altered by a shadowy cartel? Certainly it was an attempt to prevent Hengist legitimising Arissa by marrying her mother. Hengist's son, Harold, was excommunicated from succession because of his behaviour.

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<https://community.elitedangerous.com/galnet/19-DEC-3300>
<https://community.elitedangerous.com/galnet/06-DEC-3300>

Rumours have circulated that Arissa Lavigny-Duval is actually a clone, from the same brood-line as Kahina Loren and Octavia Quinton - in other words, a Dark Wheel plant. Arissa's actions at the Red Court, and her anti-club stance as relayed by Wagar certainly go some way to support that.

Joker's Deck. There are yet more suspicious falls, this time directly via a shady gambling syndicate - Joker's Deck. It would appear that corrupt corporations invite the rich and powerful to the syndicate before stripping their assets and using the wealth elsewhere. Notably, Rochester is mentioned.

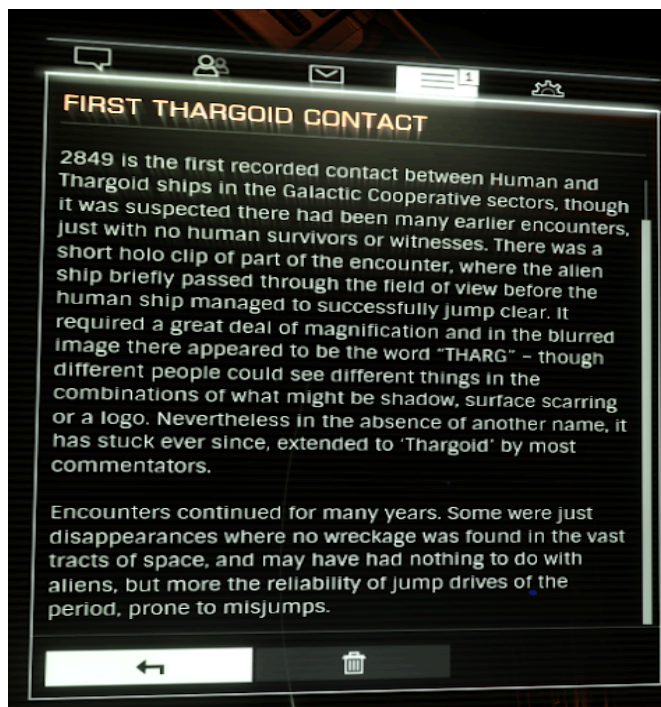
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Those are, in our view, the more significant of the stories highlighted by Galnet. There are others, and hopefully the reader can plainly see that the Federation are attempting to control all aspects of life via corporations. So far as the club are concerned, it is of note that their meetings took place close to Sol, and that key suspects are members of Federal Companies. In the next sections, we shall look in depth at those suspects, and postulate a minor theory on the Thargoids.

The Thargoids

In recent years, we have been attacked by the Thargoids - an insectoid race, seemingly bent on our destruction. The majority of humanity has simply shrugged and got on with the business of killing them in their thousands. Some of us, however, have paused and asked 'why are they here?'

The Thargoids are known to have interacted with humanity for a number of years. The first recorded contact was on 2849, as shown on Tourist Spot beacon 0184:



As described, the name 'Thargoid' is unlikely to be the actual name of the race, and a mis-translation is rather more likely. For centuries, this race of aliens have been accused of tearing ships from witchspace and mercilessly destroying them. They have also been connected with causing the mis-jumps in the first place by remotely interfering with our technology.

We have various accounts of these Thargoids being of two distinct races - the Oresrians and the Klaxians.

The Oresrians are in retreat towards the bubble, pursued by Klaxians in their civil war. We will be a literal human shield whether on purpose or accidental.

"Society chuckled. 'Putting two and two together now, I see. Yes, we have two distinct dynasties of the Thargoids. One known as the Oresrians, the other as the Klaxians. Unfortunately, both are heading in the direction of the core worlds. A conflict is already

taking place, a civil war between their kinds. The Oresrians appear to be losing, falling back. From their perspective, they're retreating, using our worlds as mere cover in their bid to escape their foes." (Wagar, D. Premonition, 2017, p.435)

We believe there may have been an error in the translation of their names.

Oresrians = Oisirians

Klaxxians = Raxxlan

The Oisir-Raxxla were named in Mr. Holdstock's notes:

"These creatures have a very high intelligence and their violent tendencies derive mainly from...."

They are described as Reptilian, but given the old-Earth habit of re-shaping monsters to fit with the scariest fashion at the time, we cannot hold too much to a physical description. It is not beyond reasonable thought that we have named the Thargoids incorrectly and they are actually the fabled Oisir-Raxxlans. If this is true, we need to rethink our relationship with the Thargoids and what their overall aim is. To understand a little of the Oisir-Raxxlans, we shall examine the only known source of information - the writings of Robert Holdstock.

The Oisir-Raxxlans

Mr. Holdstock is rather detailed in the Oisir-Raxxlan combat initiative - they plan to enslave and/or use as many sentient species as required in order to build Talmor Lenses. We relay Mr. Holdstock's prose in its entirety:

“ At a time when the Human race had not yet evolved beyond the tiny, lemur-like ancestor that lived on the African plains, the Oisir-Raxxla were still a peace-loving, rather naïve race, who had journeyed beyond their own galaxy by just a few hundred light years, and had established primarily friendly contact with those alien races that they had encountered.

Planetfall on the world we know as Jodethum changed the destiny of the Oisir-Raxxla totally.

Even then Jodethum was a dead world, a ruined place, covered with the scars of war and the remnants of cities that had once spanned its continents. For thousands of years the Oisir-Raxxla explored the vast caverns, the sky-high structures, the orbiting satellite cities, their interiors preserved in a state of dust-free mummification. They learned much of the creatures that had lived here and had ruled the Universe so many millions of years before.

They learned secrets that led to the development of what we would call the warp drive, the space mechanism which allows the almost instantaneous traversing of vast distances of space. They discovered an ancient wisdom that had never been applied by the elf-like inhabitants of Jodethum. It was the secret not just of stabilizing time, but of moving through time, of controlling time in a way beyond even the power of the great Gestalt on Hiralidion.

Humankind had felt that they were close to discovering the principle, for occasionally the warp drive would fail and ships would pass into the distant past or future, but we could not control the effect finely enough for it to be of use.

To protect this mind-boggling secret, one of the greatest races that had ever walked the star fields had waged civil war and ultimately destroyed itself.

It took 40 generations for the Oisir-Raxxla to decipher the coded formulae and find what they must do to bring time under their control; and the answer was daunting. It involved the building of lenses and stabilizers not just across their own world, but on worlds that spanned the enormity of the Universe itself. A million lenses, a million stabilizers, a million power harnesses, a million structures to twist the flow of space, and focus everything on the Saramandara Pearls; and when it was done, time would cease to exist in that globular cluster, and the Oisir-Raxxla would have a haven from the ravages and destructive fingers of time. They would have a place from which they could explore and enjoy all of time, each and every wonder of each and every Universe that had ever been or ever will be.

It was a dream that came to obsess them and to demand all but a fraction of the energy and economy of their race. They began their task of conquering and building, a task that continues to this day. For thousands of years, architectural and mathematical expeditions spread outwards into the farthest reaches of the Raxxlan Known Universe, gradually constructing the machine that would focus the Universal force into that far distant point. The expeditions never knew their home world, they knew only the Task; generations were born, lived and died on the huge Task Ships as they sought the correct locations for the various parts of the machine. And at a time in our distant past, one such ship found Earth, and realized it was the ideal place to build a set of stabilizers.

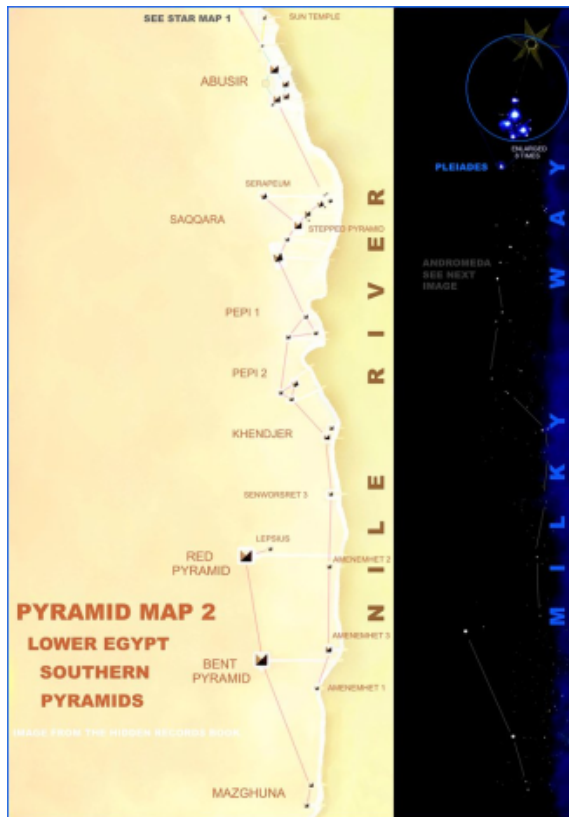
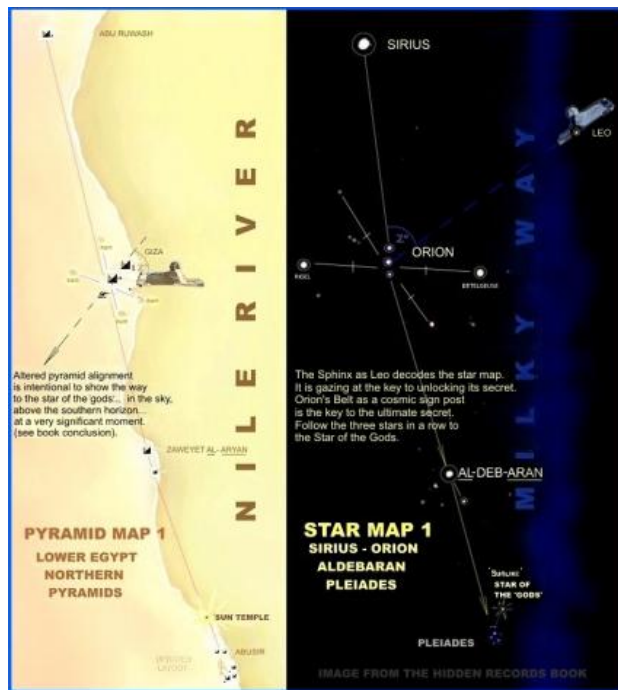
There was no machine technology in that time on our planet, and the Oisir-Raxxla built machines in the image of the men below... taller, stronger, controlled from above, the robots walked among men, and began the legends of the gods; they were remembered, in time, as the god 'Horus'. The place the Oisir-Raxxla had chosen to start the work was a country known today as Egypt, and here they found a society ready-made for their work, with an elite royalty overseeing a rigidly stratified population. It was the work of no more than four dynasties to convince the pharaohs to build their tombs as pyramids, conforming to the various dimensions required for the Talmor Lens. Without the presence of technology that could produce non-corrosive metals, stone was used, and the stabilizers stood for thousands of years. Only one small fact marred the achievement of the Oisir-Raxxla on Earth. No one aboard the Task Ship had been alive when the journey had begun. Mindlessly they had obeyed the sacred directives, slowly forgetting the purpose of the mission, and the grand design that would result as its end point. Slowly, too, the significance and importance of shape was twisted and confused and ultimately lost. They built the stabilizers, the pyramids of Earth, in the easy way, with the points toward the stars; a disastrous mistake for the Oisir-Raxxla, and the beginning of the end of their dream." (Holdstock, R. as Steven Eisler, The Alien World, 1979)

The Oisir-Raxxlan dream ended there, but we believe there is more to their story. Mr. Holdstock had a fantastical mind, and may have got several details wrong. By careful interpretation, we can deduce that the Oisir-Raxxlans will be hostile if they detect resistance to their plan, and have a history of destroying entire species in order to continue their task. They exist on a different time-scale to us, so the lack of contact between the building of the Egyptian Pyramids and now is not an insurmountable problem. Even the Egyptian worship of gods, such as Osiris, support the idea that the Oisir were on Earth.

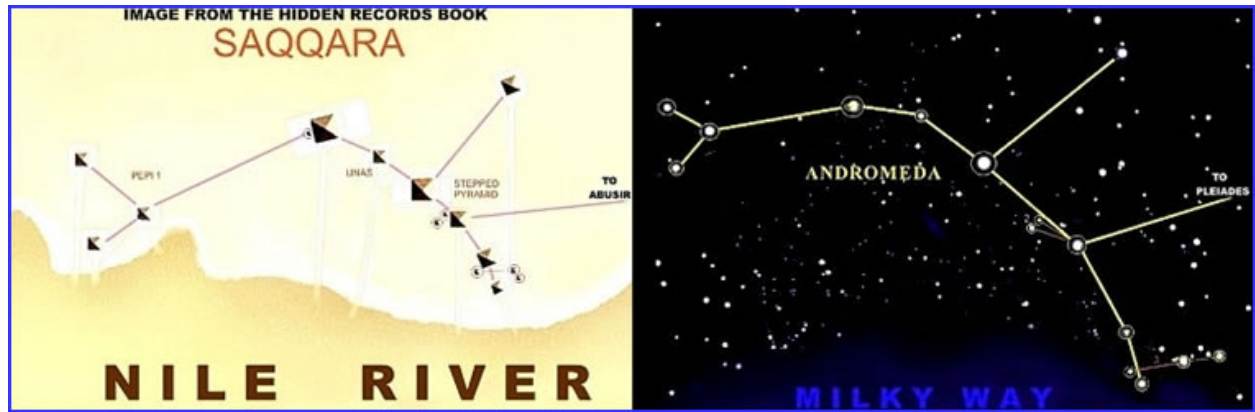
The Pyramids at Giza were built between 2589 and 2504 BC, and so we are just short of 6000 years later. That is within a lifespan or two of the Oisir-Raxxlans, who are estimated to live between 3000 and 6000 years.

Egyptian Star Charts

The Ancient Egyptians were steeped in star-lore, as discovered in the 20th century by primitive archaeologists. The Pyramids were shown to be a remarkable map of the visible sky, and whilst we won't go into the intricacies of those theories here, it is worthwhile showing the structure of this Oisir-Raxxlan machine by way of the pyramid locations and their celestial correspondents.

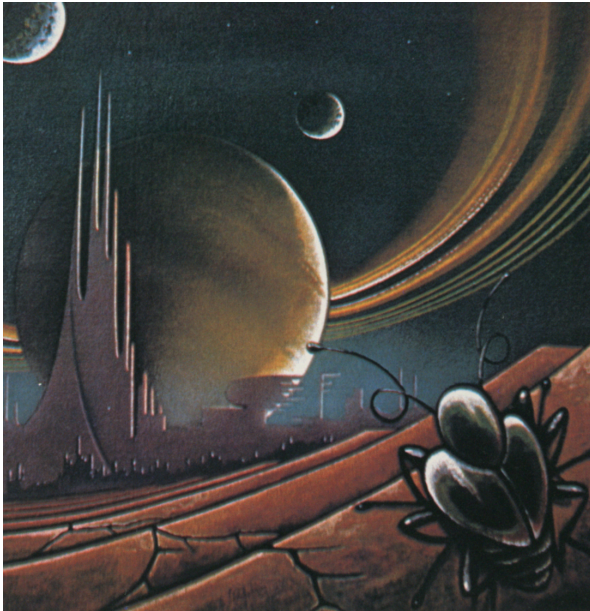


The level of detail is remarkable. A further image shows the detail of a single location:



Talmor Lenses

The purpose of these constructions should also be understood. Again using Holdstock as a reference, we discover that the Talmor Lenses are part of a much larger structure.



“A part of the Talmor Lens, built on the world Capralax VII. This is an 'edge-stabiliser', designed to hold the underspace tensions of five pyramidal lenses in control.” (Holdstock)

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The Oisir-Raxxlans started off by wanting to explore and learn, but over millennia, this dream has become twisted into conquer and build.

This gigantic machine does translate into what we know in 3305. Our ‘Thargoids’ are associated with the Barnacles - organic machines which are known to extract minerals from seemingly barren planets and produce Meta Alloys. These alloys possess unique anti-corrosive properties which

we have used in an ever increasing quantity. It is plausible that these Barnacles are part of the Talmor lens structure, or produce the materials required to



complete the construction.

A second part of the structure can be linked with the so-called 'Giant Barnacles'. These immense structures serve no known purpose, but with the correct combination of Thargoid artefacts, can be made to produce a star chart. This representation of the galaxy roughly fits our own Milky Way, yet the locations do not quite match. We believe that these giant Barnacles are either the lenses themselves, or part of the guidance and stabilisation system. The points of light in the star chart represent the locations of the other required Talmor Lenses across the galaxy. Whether these lenses already exist, or whether this is simply the plan of what is required, is not yet known.



If we are correct, we do not yet fully understand how the lenses operate, or indeed which components of the structure we have already encountered.

A final word: "The Oisir-Raxxla are classified as gigantiform, exoskeletal reptiloid analogues". Have the Thargoids simply continued the work of the Oisir-Raxxlans?



<https://forums.frontier.co.uk/showthread.php/361891-4th-Possible-Species-right-in-front-of-our-eyes>

The Guardians

In 3303, we discovered the remnants of an ancient civilisation - The Guardians. The Engineer, Ram Tah assisted in the decoding of their historical logs and discovered that this was an

advanced space-faring race of humanoids. He also discovered two very pertinent facts about them - they fought the Thargoids, and they were subsequently wiped out by their own Artificial Intelligence machines. The war with the Thargoids appears to be due to the discovery of Barnacles on some of their colonised planets. What follows are the logs as decoded by Ram Tah:

1/28 : Thargoid Log – Barnacle Seeding This is very revealing. The data appears to explain why the Thargoids seeded a number of planets with barnacles in what eventually became Guardian space, millions of years ago. As we know, Thargoid barnacles are designed to extract resources from a planet and transform them into meta-alloys – an essential ingredient in the creation of Thargoid ships and technologies. The Guardians surmised that for the Thargoids, seeding a planet with barnacles is an important process in preparing an area for occupation.

2/28 : Thargoid Log – The War Begins This data details the start of the conflict between the Guardians and the Thargoids. Several thousand years after they seeded planets in Guardian space with barnacles, the Thargoids returned. Of course, they discovered that the planets they had seeded were now occupied by the Guardians! The Thargoids immediately launched an assault, making no effort to communicate with the Guardians, which tallies with the Thargoids' behaviour in human space

3/28 : Thargoid Log – Unsuccessful Truce This data supports my theory that the Guardians were gifted linguists. At some point after the war with the Thargoids began, the Guardians were forced to make a partial retreat. It seems they were still trying to communicate with the Thargoids, and were reluctant to take up arms against them. Eventually they managed to develop sufficient understanding of the Thargoids' language to communicate, but it did the Guardians little good. The Thargoids were determined to continue hostilities, and the Guardians were forced to employ more aggressive methods to address the Thargoid threat.

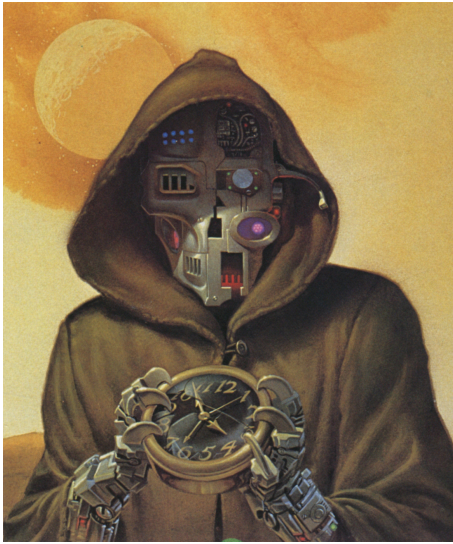
4/28 : Thargoid Log – The War Machine The data in this log details the methods used by the guardians against the Thargoids. At first they deployed ground troops, but when this proved ineffective they started to use drones – autonomous machines that felt no fear, fatigue or uncertainty. These war machines became highly sophisticated in a relatively short amount of time, and were soon able to identify and target anything that utilised Thargoid engineering. Even more remarkably, Thargoid bio-mechanical technology was engineered to recognise anything of Guardian origin. That explains why, millions of years after the conflict, Thargoids devices still react aggressively to the presence of Guardian technology.

5/28 : Thargoid Log – Victory This log describes the end of the conflict between the Guardians and Thargoids. It appears the Thargoids entered Guardian space unprepared for a protracted military campaign, and after facing a relentless onslaught from the Guardians' war machines they were forced to retreat. The log also mentions that the development of the Guardians' war machines created a schism in their society, which may have seeded the civil war that occurred later in their history.

Amazingly, the Guardians forced the Thargoids into a retreat, but referral back to the Oisir-Raxxla may provide an insight into what happened next.

The Oisir-Raxxla had a few methods of control which did not require direct contact with their

enemies.



“A particularly nasty piece of Raxxlan robotics. This skeletal machine was designed to spread alarm and despondency among races that the Oisir-Raxxla wanted to subdue without going to all the bother of genocide. This robot, which would normally be a MOLE class model well up on the ISAC (Integrated Sabotage/Assassination Capacity) scale, was sent to selected races disguised as a representative of the most holy caste. When a sufficiently large group of worshippers had gathered, the robot would run berserk or occasionally explode.”

With this technology, it is possible that the first infiltration resulted in the Guardian ‘Scism’, which separated the Guardians into two sects. The first promoted the use of technology, while the other revered nature and their dead

more than their current situation. The resultant civil war decimated both sides.

While this civil war raged, the Oisir-Raxxla unleashed their secret weapon:

“This ability was artificially developed during the Quintharx Hegemony (42500 BE), when a scientific elite ruled Zaath, and the military leaders were obsessed with avoiding the necessity of direct contact between the Oisir-Raxxla and any other alien form. Techniques of mind projection had been tried in the past, and were now developed to such an extent that the disembodied awareness could attach itself to controls, circuits and crystals in practically any machine construct. Thus, during their slow conquest of the Sector they could invade a world by taking over the luxury and essential machinery of the world, and turning it against its creators. Societies whose computers and mechanical aids are on the side of the enemy cannot survive for long. And it was not just the more obvious machines that were controlled: public transport machines, automatic sewage disposal, power consoles, hearing aids, everything could be possessed by the mindforce of the Oisir-Raxxla.”

If machine control could be employed, then it is plausible that the final stroke in the Guardian’s destruction was the complete take-over of their technology by the Oisir-Raxxla. With the AI now sentient, the Guardians were destroyed.

The Thargoids penetrated the Guardian Technology following their war and turned it against them. Ram Tah described the end of the Guardian species as caused by their AI starting a war with their creators. The AI won, and thus the Guardians were removed from the game.

10/28 : Civil War Log – Annihilation This log concerns the end of the second civil war. Remarkably, it seems the artificial intelligences developed during the conflict became fully self aware at some point, and were horrified by the destruction unfolding around them. It’s difficult to get a sense of exactly what happened next, as the Guardians were not privy to the Constructs’ thoughts. But reading between the lines, I believe the Constructs determined that even if peace

was restored the Guardians would never be able to transcend their violent natures. I believe they decided that the only way to preclude further violence – while giving their own burgeoning society the best possible chance of survival – was to destroy what remained of the Guardians' civilisation. By this time, the Constructs had complete control of the Guardians' munitions and automated war machines. Their attack, when it came, was swift and merciless. Strategic nuclear and chemical-weapon strikes were executed with a precision that only a machine race could accomplish. The few that survived were able to record what had happened, but they soon succumbed to radiation poisoning. The Guardians were utterly destroyed.

The Guardian story has comparisons with our own, but these will be discussed later.



In 3302, Halsey described what she had 'seen' during the destruction of her ship:

Most people associate this with a vision of the Guardian ruins as they had been. Perhaps this is correct, which is why we have listed it here, but perhaps there is an alternative location.

The Dark Wheel



We know that there are two opposing factions within humanity - The Dark Wheel and The Club.

The Dark Wheel are an interesting group of people. According to Holdstock,

"Tales from the Dark Wheel enacted by Narathnu entertainers. These tell of heroes and heroines, of quests for hidden treasure, of invasion by the organised and brutal armies of despots, and the valiant resistance by small bands of forest living peoples, seeking their true king. All the tales have a familiar ring to them, and when the pictures that accompany the tales are studied carefully, it is quite clear that the Tales of the Dark Wheel are tales of Human beings."

The Dark Wheel of our legends refer to a group of people hunting for the legendary Raxxla. It is not clear exactly what Raxxla is through the stories, and it will be discussed further later. What we do seem to know is that The Dark Wheel are very selective in who they allow in to their group, and appear to have significant influence without making themselves known. There is a Dark Wheel faction at Shinrarta Dezra, which may or may not be linked. Certainly their missions are 'shadowy' and relate to 'you-know-where', presumably Raxxla.

Holdstock paints a peculiar picture:

"One of their stories is the legend of the Great Ship, an account of a mysterious race that lives in the Dark Wheel – a galaxy named thus because it is shrouded in black clouds of intergalactic dust and gas. This race is supposedly Human, for they are bipedal, smooth-skinned, five-fingered, and have a legend of uurth, the Mother World that spawned them. Equally indisputable is the fact that they colonised the Dark Wheel while the Human race was still in the Stone Age. It is now known that during the first phase of Humankind's expansion into the stars, a generation ship, populated by more than a million colonists, passed through a warp fault in space and was flung across time and space emerging into the Narathnu Sector at a time when no galaxies in that area had yet developed fully intelligent life. The Humans settled many worlds in the Dark Wheel, but it is thought that their passage through the warp hole had affected their minds, causing them to be intensely suspicious of contact with other intelligent races"

There are a few pointers here. When Holdstock refers to 'Galaxies', we believe it should be interpreted as either star-clusters or areas of our galaxy. The above legend does translate into more modern lore, in so far as the vast number of Generation ships which left Earth early in our space-faring age, yet not a single successful colony has been located. Every Generation ship found so far contains transcriptions of horrific demise.

The Dark Wheel within our legends are deeply suspicious of outsiders, and invitation is granted, but never forced.

It is suggested that the Generation Ship travelled back in time, and led to a colony of humans more advanced than those on Earth. This possibility is conceivable and may have given rise to the legend of the chosen few being granted access to The Dark Wheel. It is conceivable that The Dark Wheel are a race of humans, acting as protectors of humanity.

If this is the case, it is also conceivable that Jasmina Halsey has encountered them - the Architects.

We actually know very little about The Dark Wheel, other than they are a secretive group of Elite Pilots, a faction of the Pilot's Federation.

The Pilot's Federation Codex reveals some interesting hints:

“According to the self-professed Dark Wheel expert Lyta Crane, Dark Wheel operated from a disused starport that orbits the 8th moon of an unnamed gas giant. The station is a Toroid, hence a 'wheel' and ran at minimal reduced power to remain unnoticed, hence 'Dark'. This starport is supposedly the only way the Dark Wheel can verify its identity to new inductees.” (Codex, Pilots Federation.)

The symbol used in the Codex also hints towards an Orbis station. Further information from 'And Here the Wheel' (AHTW) suggests that CIEP used an Imperial-designed station, most likely an Orbis, as part of their secret base network. It is possible that the CIEP station and the Dark Wheel station are the same. AHTW suggests that the station's gravity was of standard Imperial measurement. The station is described as orbiting a gas giant in an explored region close to human-populated space. This is almost certainly an independent system, not Imperial or Federal.

The only other definitive evidence we have of the organisation is from “mid 3301. When Lady Kahina's Imperial Clipper the "Seven Veils" was impounded and examined at the Capitol spaceport it was found to be completely stripped of valuable equipment. However, Loren's imperial tiara and a small emblem were found in the cockpit. The emblem had the word 'Salomé' on one side and an ancient symbol on the other which belongs to an organization known as The Dark Wheel” (Elite Wiki)

Only a handful of pilots are confirmed to have been members. Rafe Zetter, Jason and Alex Ryder, Elessia Fields. (**The Dark Wheel, Holdstock & Premonition, Wagar**), Neptune and Oberon Ryder, Jordan Garry (Ryder) (**And Here The Wheel, Harper**) as well as John Jameson Jr (aka. Luko).

Zetter, Jason and Alex Ryder, and Elessia Fields also have one other thing in common - they all appear in a historical document named 'The Dark Wheel', by none other than Robert Holdstock. Within that document, the Dark Wheel are a secretive organisation looking for Raaxla. No further clues are given as to Raxxla's location, nor how to access The Dark Wheel other than being an Elite-ranked pilot and being selected. It is believed that Jason Ryder discovered Raxxla's location, but was killed for that knowledge. It can be extrapolated that Alex Ryder also

failed to find the information his father had.

Neptune and Oberon Ryder are an interesting link. Neptune was obsessed with discovering Raxxla, while his brother Oberon decided to hunt for the Thargoid Homeworld 'Soontil'. Soontil itself was a translation of a whispered word and is only assumed to be the Thargoid homeworld. We believe that this information is wrong. If the Thargoids actually are the Oisir-Raxxlans, then Raxxla is the homeworld. Oberon's Circle of Independent Elite Pilots (CIEP) were not completely wiped out at the end of the document, and may indeed have a part to play later. The 'Architect' from AHTW is named as being born on Soontil. It is probable that he, his grandson Alex, and the Garrys are related. It is probable that the Architect is Jordan Garry's brother - in other words, both Ryders. This would further implicate Robert Garry as a Ryder, but an anomaly - he rejected membership of both CIEP **AND** The Dark Wheel on ethical grounds..

Luko was a main feature of the historical novels by Drew Wagar, and is believed to actually be John Jameson Jnr. He was a member of the Dark Wheel and is suggested as the person who placed the Dark Wheel symbol in the decoy 'Seven Veils' ship, formerly piloted by Cmdr Salome.

We can draw the conclusion that The Dark Wheel remain a shadowy and secretive organisation, with far more knowledge of the overall galactic situation than we have. They have access to advanced technology as recorded in Luko's last stand - he used AX anti-Thargoid weaponry long before such items were 'created' by human weapon specialists. We believe that they know what Raxxla is, but have not found it yet.

Elessia Fields is a constant feature of The Dark Wheel legend, and appears to be at least 200 years old. She has guided Alex Ryder, and more recently was involved with Salome (Kahina Loren) and Luko.

Elessia is believed to be a clone, or at least using clone technology to extend her life. This is a fairly constant theme throughout the modern age. The Old worlds, in particular Teorge, were the hub for clone technology. Rebecca Weston (3122-3303) and Elessia Fields (est 3100 - 3303) were both created there, and both have been described with the same features, brown hair and grey eyes. Other clones are known to be from the same DNA - notably Octavia Quinton and Kahina Tijani Loren. Octavia was a pirate lord and seemingly knew she was a clone. She attempted to acquire Kahina in order to steal her body... Kahina later assumed the name 'Salomé' and assisted The Dark Wheel to spread word of The Club during 3303.

Salome was assisted by The Dark Wheel to highlight a conspiracy within human politics. This conspiracy will be discussed in detail within the section on the Club.

It is perhaps pertinent to revisit Jesmina Halsey's vision of paradise at this point. There is a possibility that she saw The Dark Wheel's homeworld rather than that of The Guardians.

It is plausible that she was rescued by The Dark Wheel and transported to their homeworld before being returned home some months later. The mystery of 'The Architects of Creation' remains.



Further to this, very recently a station mechanic stole a DBX ship after having a series of troubled dreams. Again, it looks as if the Architects have reached out.

Raxxla

The hunt for Raxxla has been a core part of lore for almost as long as humans have been in space. The first mention of it was in 2296 in the diary of Art Tornqvist. Even then, it was a mythical place along the lines of Avalon or Atlantis.

The Dark Wheel had a toast which also made mention of it:

To the jewel on the brow of the mother of galaxies!
To the whisperer in witchspace, siren of the deepest void!
The parent's grief, the lover's woe, and the yearning of our vagabond hearts! To Raxxla!

It is assumed that this is a route-map to Raxxla, but so far nothing has been discovered at any of the assumed points within the code. Several CoR Commanders are actively searching and following leads. The search has even caused the formation of the Independent Raxxla Hunters - a huge group of hundreds of commanders, who have had about the same level of success as we have had so far. We have worked with Cmdr ScolioTheMost behind the scenes for some time and look forward to seeing if they can get results.

Perhaps it is more of a call to arms, or a set of instructions highlighting where to start looking.

We believe that this is a description of a 'difficult and challenging task which must be undertaken to gain the attention of the Dark Wheel. A path each commander must take on their own

To The Jewel

Holdstock may have provided the original clues to 'The Jewel which burns on the brow of the mother of galaxies' He names a jewel:

"The life form itself arose in a globular cluster, the so-called Samarandara Pearls, first described by Ahmed Samarandara as he successfully navigated his probeship through the Urgenirk Darks to discover the new zone beyond. Their planet of origin was a small, barren world (called Zaath, which means home in their language) which taxed their evolving intelligence to the utmost."

(Discussing the Oisir-Raxxla)

"A million lenses, a million stabilizers, a million power harnesses, a million structures to twist the flow of space, and focus everything on the Saramandara Pearls; and when it was done, time would cease to exist in that globular cluster, and the Oisir-Raxxla would have a haven from the

ravages and destructive fingers of time”

(Discussing the Talmor lenses)

If Holdstock is to be believed, and Raxxla is actually the Thargoid /Oisir-Raxxlan homeworld, it would explain why The Dark Wheel have been searching for it for so long: Control of Raxxla means control of time itself through the Talmor Lens network.

With these clues we have a definite link to a star-cluster. For the remainder of the clue, we look to simple astronomy. The 'Mother of Galaxies' can easily be deciphered as Cassiopeia. She was, in Greek mythology, the mother of Andromeda, and the constellation borders the Andromeda constellation and the galaxy itself. Interestingly, Cassiopeia also featured in an earlier set of clues which led the way to the Zurara ship, lost in the Formidine Rift. There is,



however, no jewel as part of the constellation, but if we refer back to star clusters, there are several. There are other candidates including Tycho's Star - which seems to have vanished since it went supernova in the 15th century; Cassiopeia A - a luminous star close to supernova, and close to Sol; and Rho Cassiopeia - a massive star in an almost impossible to reach section of the Formidine rift. NGC 7789 appears to fit the descriptions. Investigations are ensuing at several possible locations. The path from Shinrarta to NGC 7789 is through Cassiopeia and directly towards Andromeda

and Rho Cassiopeia.

A second thought is that the jewel IS Rho Cassiopeia...one of the brightest stars in the galaxy, and one also located on Cassiopeia's brow, and very difficult to reach.

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The Whisperer in witchspace, siren of the deepest void.

"The Sirens of Ivixor B"

Within ten light years of the Urgenirk Darks, where the black holes sweep through the Oisir-Raxxla Sector, lies the giant red sun Ivixor B. It is still hot enough to support a shell of 40 planetary bodies, and

the life forms that live upon them.....a sun not dissimilar to Algol.....43 worlds, clustered in a narrow plane, and most of them giants, their gaseous atmospheres curling wraith-like into the void ...colours, so beautiful, the richness of reds and purples, and the scores of rocky moons... They discovered the Kiiry, a race of beings living in the upper atmospheres of seven of the 43 worlds, the seven largest planets.

The Kiiry are gigantic, medusoid creatures, which float through the hydrogen seas of the worlds on gas-filled bells, trailing limbs down into the denser atmosphere. Some energy tendrils are more than 2000 kilometres long. At certain times of their lives the Kiiry change form, becoming long and spindle shaped, grotesquely enormous beasts, swollen to a length of 100 kilometres or more. They drift upwards and, using energy stored in special locomotor cells in their teguments, swim through the void of space between the worlds. It is likely that the Kiiry were never bound to the one world of their origin, but colonized the other six giant worlds in the same way that a herd of beasts might spread out to occupy the whole of a river valley. Their 'singing' on subspace frequencies, is a deliberate attempt to seduce passing ships into their field of influence. They can detect the subspace emissions from ships and repeat the 'tunes', creating an oddly hypnotic effect on most spacefaring races. Ships are attracted into the solar influence zone of Ivixor B..."

<https://www.edsm.net/en/system/bodies/id/7411/name/Algol>

Another alternative is that this could relate to 'The Missing' - those commanders who have vanished without trace, or those who 'haunt' witchspace. There is one location in the Rift where everybody died horribly - the Zurara...

The Parent's Grief, the lover's woe....

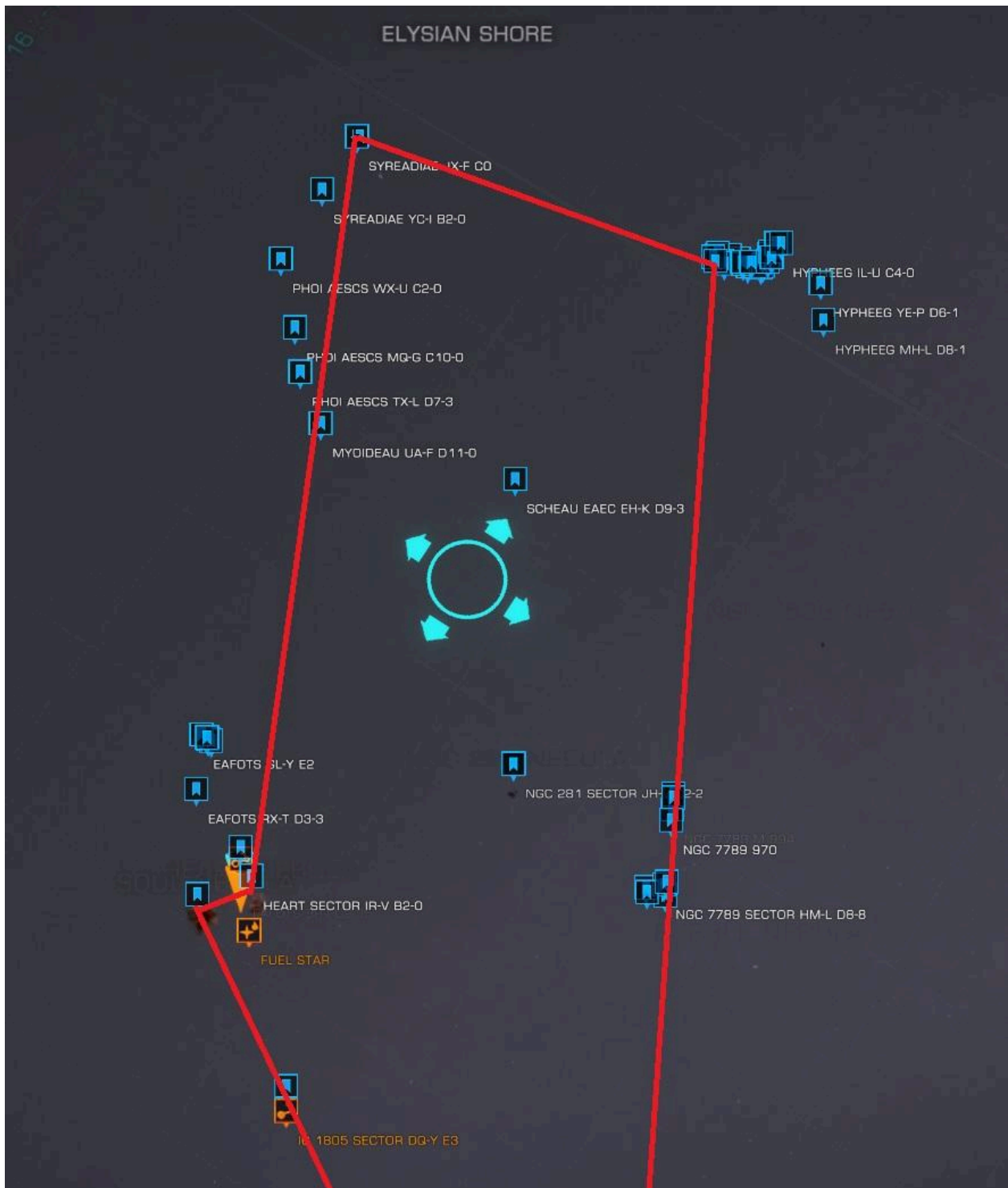
This is likely to reference further Greek Mythology - Eros and Psyche.
It leads to the Heart and Soul. There is a single habited station in each nebula.

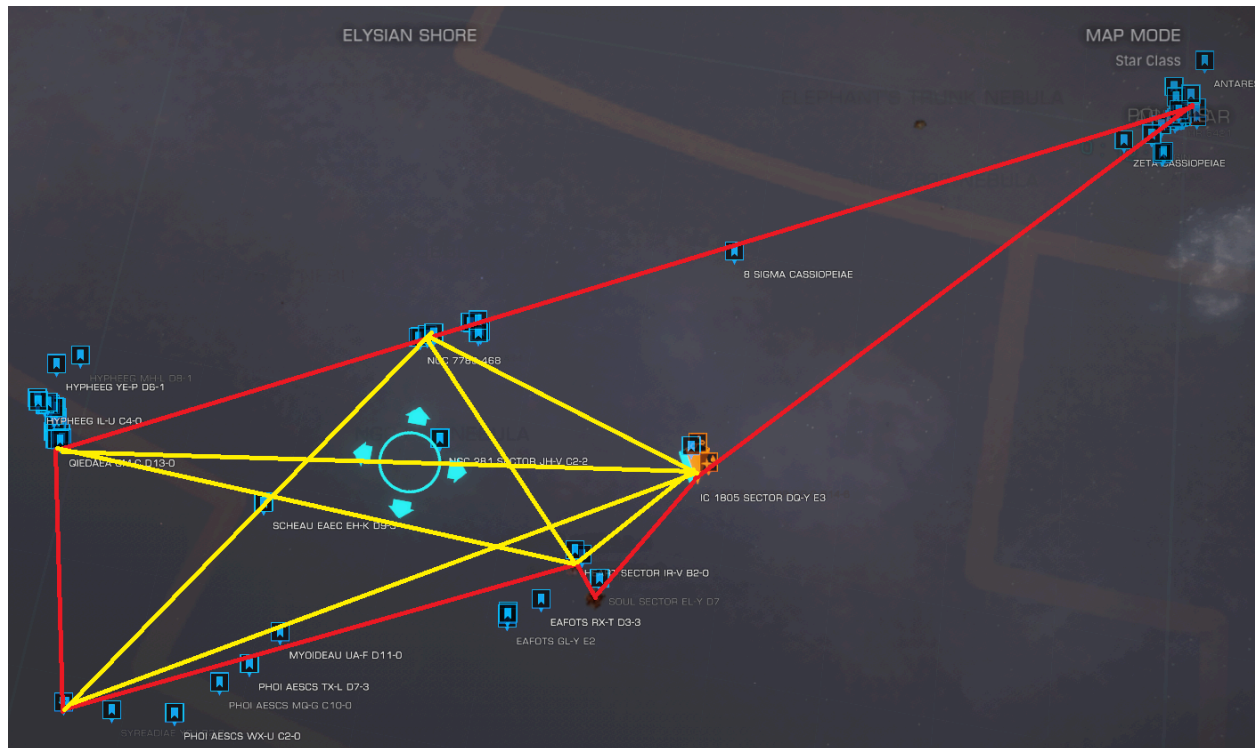
.. our vagabond hearts..

A wanderer... located within the same line as the parent's grief and lover's woe. It appears to point to a star which wanders - there is a black hole which was ejected from the IC1805 (Melotte 15) cluster. It is a literal vagabond heart AND is directly related to the Heart and Soul Nebula. The best guess is that it could be Altera's Eye unless another black hole can be found nearby.

<https://www.constellation-guide.com/heart-nebula/>

The current thought is that The Dark Wheel have set a challenging task for would-be members. It appears to consist of an exploration trail from human-occupied space, through the waypoints identified above, and return. It is possible that sale of that specific data at Shinrarta Dezhra may trigger an invitation, or further communication. We are continuing research into exactly what may trigger a Dark Wheel communication. So far, we have been unsuccessful.





It should be noted that efforts so far have not yielded results, and the above links are completely unsubstantiated. Research continues.

Following months of searching, it appears as if this toast is something to be followed AFTER one has been invited to the Dark Wheel's hidden spaceport.

Legends of raxxla

A portal, like a Star-Gate

The Oisir-Raxxlan homeworld, and focus point of the Talmor lenses

A planet

- Rogue Planet

- Regular planet

A planet-sized ship

A state-of-mind

Our theory that Raxxla is the Thargoid / Oisir-Raxxlan homeworld would match a planetary description, but also links towards the portal / weird technology theory. If Raxxla actually is the focus point of the Talmor Lenses, it will become a portal in time. The entire planet will vanish to an onlooker, yet be accessible only to the Oisir-Raxxlans. Quite how to find it before the Talmor machine is switched on remains a mystery.

This mystery has engaged independent pilots for centuries, and it is not the Children of Raxxla who are leading the current search - the Independent Raxxla Hunters (IRH) are performing the majority of the groundwork, although if our research is correct, they will sadly suffer the same fate as everyone else who has gone looking - disappointment and madness. We hope that they end up with something to show for their dedication.

We believe that Raxxla is either very lost, or very locked. Our investigations are aimed at contacting the Dark Wheel but again, it is likely that it is they who would contact us... We have several members who are striving to become the galaxy's highest achievers in an attempt to get the Dark Wheel's attention. It is uncertain whether anyone is actually watching.

There is, of course, the question of what to do with Raxxla once it is found. If it is some kind of time control device, do we really want to signpost a way to it and attract the eyes of the Club? A theological debate for another time.

The Circle of Independent Elite Pilots (CIEP)

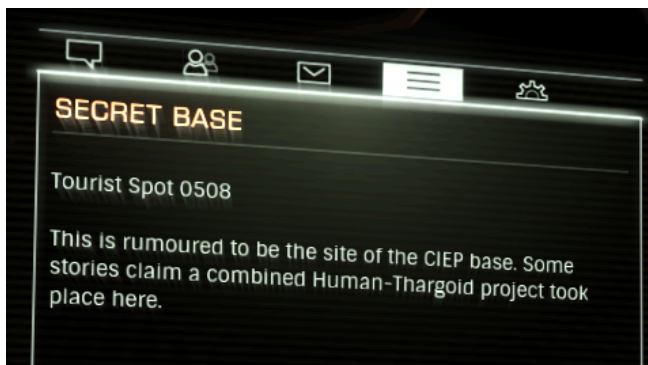
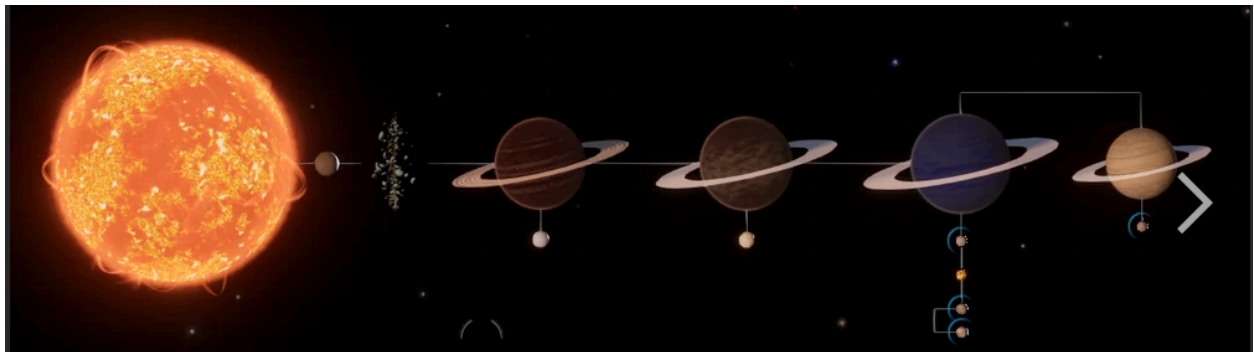
Historian John Harper found significant evidence of another breakaway sect of the Pilots Federation within living memory.

The Circle of Independent Elite Pilots (CIEP) formed when Neptune and Oberon Ryder had a disagreement within The Dark Wheel organisation. Neptune Ryder was obsessed with finding Raxxla, but his brother, Oberon elected to hunt for the Thargoid homeworld instead. 'Soontil' was part of a poorly-translated communication from the Thargoids.

"Soontill is a mysterious planet. It's reputedly a "world full of Thargoid treasures beyond anyone's wildest dreams." It was discovered by The Dark Wheel. The brothers Neptune and Oberon Ryder were divided over whether to pursue Raxxla or Soontill and eventually discovered Soontill. ... This mystery is mentioned in the (historical document) 'Elite: And Here The Wheel,' (John Harper.)

<http://elite-dangerous.wikia.com/wiki/Soontill>

Soontil was discovered, and directions to it have been described in Harper's text, and followed by many people - including CoR's Cmdr JT442 (author of this text).



The system itself is now unremarkable. The world in question was almost destroyed, leaving the surface scorched and ruined. Only a tourist beacon now marks the spot where it existed.

There is a degree of contention as to whether the listed Soontil system is the actual Soontil due to differences in the star type described and apparent. However, by plotting the systems in the historical

document, Soontil can be found in the correct 2D place, although considerably farther away than initially assumed.

"The Admiral nodded. 'From a by-gone age indeed. They never found Raxxia. But they found something else.' He activated the holo-projector and a map of the galaxy materialised before him. 'Neither of you were born at the time but when the Thargoids made their first peaceful contact, an inter-species convention facility was established. In the initial meetings the Thargoids mentioned a lost world; a world that they had once colonised and where they had completed amazing technical work. A world that even to them held an aura of magic. But they lost contact with the world and were unable to find it again. Covert surveillance recorded them discussing whether to ask humanity for help, though ultimately they didn't respect or trust us enough. 'When we translated the covert recording, the name of the planet was 'Soontill'."

[https://forums.frontier.co.uk/showthread.php/402645-Mysteries-of-quot-And-Here-the-Wheel-quot-\(may-contain-spoilers\)?p=6366667&viewfull=1#post6366667](https://forums.frontier.co.uk/showthread.php/402645-Mysteries-of-quot-And-Here-the-Wheel-quot-(may-contain-spoilers)?p=6366667&viewfull=1#post6366667)

It is conceivable that CIEP had discovered a Talmor Lens or another part of that network, and equally plausible that Robert Garry and his pirate colleagues were assisted by The Dark Wheel to remove that structure from CIEP control. A large proportion of the CIEP membership were killed, but not all.

Robert Garry himself used the name 'Ryder' to gain access to information obtainable to the Dark Wheel, of course it is later revealed that Oberon Ryder is his Grandfather and that his father led The Dark Wheel.

CIEP used technology gained from the Thargoid discoveries on Soontil, and there were at least five bases, probably more. The Soontil incident left them weakened, but still a potent force.

- ***Soontil Relics were discovered as part of an archaeological dig in the Soontil System.***
- ***In game The Thargoids have at least an interest in the Guardians.:***

Soontil Relics were a feature of Galnet Articles during the first couple of years from 3300. At the time, it was believed that Soontil Relics came from the legendary Thargoid species of ancient fairy stories, but we propose an alternative theory. The Soontil relics are more likely to be from the then recently discovered 'Guardians'. The age of the relics, combined with their description lends more to what we know about the Guardians than what we believe about the Thargoids.

- ***Galnet 18 MAY 3301 – Soontill Relics Test Results Queried***
"The research team's results clearly state that no known human technology could have created the relics, yet they do not quite align with known Thargoid materials. Whatever they are, they are indeed very old, with isotopic dating indicating that they could well be tens of thousands of years old."
- ***<https://ed-td.space/en/19/Commodity/idCom/173/nCom/Soontill+Relics>***
"A slab of unidentified material covered in pictographs of an unknown origin. This relic is part of a cache of similar artefacts that were uncovered by explorers researching lost alien civilizations in the Soontil system"

It is conceivable that the Soontil relics could be Guardian in origin, and could have assisted with the operation of the Thargoid Talmor lens, or at least deciphering how it worked.

"Oberon had devised the plan. Could The Architect see it through to completion?"

The Architect was the leader of the CIEP according to Harper - and it was Oberon Ryder who set CIEP's plan into action. The plan was reasonably simple - Operation Endure - a

super-weapon to destroy the Federation AND the Empire, unite humanity against the true enemy - the Thargoids.

This plan was thwarted by The Dark Wheel, and so the Empire and Federation continued their cold war and posturing against each other.

From the ashes of the CIEP, rose The Club.

The Club

The Club are the shadowy cartel referred to earlier. Their Modus Operandi is simple - control of the Bubble through corruption and back-room politics. In recent times, they are focused upon the Thargoid threat as well as the grand plan to steer humanity along a certain path. What they don't seem to realise is that they are following exactly what the Guardians did. They may force a retreat, but even the most mundane of machines will turn against humanity and wipe us out.

The corruption of The Club has been well documented by the Children of Raxxla (perhaps we should reconsider our name...). Since the turn of the century, we have documented every news article, tourist beacon and galactic event, and helped to uncover their plans.

We know that they have twisted human politics for a considerable time, but so to have The Dark Wheel. It is increasingly likely that The Club are formed from the Corporations which dominate human life.

The Club utilise a command structure very much like CIEP. Where there were 8 CIEP masters, there are 5 Club members. Each responsible for corrupting and controlling an aspect of humanity. Their aims seem to parallel CIEP too:

- 1: Force an arms race between the Federation and Empire through infiltration and propaganda
- 2: Amalgamate the Federation and Empire through corruption
- 3: Destroy the Thargoids at all costs. Humanity is expendable.

Uniting humanity and creating an arms race was a dominant feature of AHTW as well as having echoes all the way through human history - WW2 resulted in the UN, and the 'Energy War' resulted in the Federation

"...a dark period of history prior to Earth's factional corporations coming together and forming the seeds of what would later be the Federation." (Wagar, Drew. Premonition, 2017. Page 310)

"Infrastructure gestured expansively. 'What do you think all this was about? The clandestine technology acquisition aimed at ensuring that necessary advances took place according to a certain timetable, fanning the flames of war between the Federation and the Empire to ensure humanity has a fleet that has a chance in the coming battle. The encouragement of the space-faring masses to grow their skills in the Arena and weaponize their ships courtesy of those oh-so-convenient "Engineers." We don't intend to allow humanity to be cannon fodder in someone else's war.'" (Wagar, D. Premonition, 2017, p. 436)

The Club's motives are, in their own eyes, pure. They wish to save humanity. The ethical dilemma is at what cost? They do not shy from the murder and genocide of innocents, nor do they particularly care about the regular people and they absolutely must destroy the Thargoids.

The Club is seemingly run by 5 people:

- 1) Infrastructure: The Chairman-figure. Holder of the master-plan. The co-ordinator. This figure has access to the most data.
- 2) Finance: Manipulates the large corporations & arranges suitable corporate legislation, eg. Sirius and Wreaken, Meta Drive, etc
- 3) Exo: Controls exploration & out-of-bubble matters. Likely controls Pilots Federation & locked sectors.
- 4) Personnel: Manipulates / controls humanity's leading figures including ALL powerplay figures.
- 5) Society: Controls the populace via Arena championships, distractions, Galnet, etc. Guardians discovery leaked in a probable joint Exo and Society operation.

(reference to Wagar, D: Premonition, 2017, pages 68-74)

Key descriptors and evidence of operation:

Infrastructure

Male. Large build.

Infrastructure orchestrates the grand plan. He is the Architect of the scheme and appears to have overall control. He is significantly harder to locate than his four colleagues since he appears to directly influence nothing.

“The Alliance and Federation were collaborating behind the scenes..... The Alliance is no innocent bystander”

(Salome's Requiem 3/8)

“Treaties were abolished, bringing us closer to the brink of war. Those flashpoints in Mu Koji? Engineered to fan the flames of conflict. Wreaken Construction was a beneficiary, with its naval shipyards. It was no accident that the share prices of Gutamaya and Core Dynamics rose dramatically.”

(Salome's Requiem 3/8)

“.... organisers of the arena catalogued the best pilots in the galaxy. Ask why you would want a list of combat experts.”

(Salome's Requiem 4/8)

“...these events were carefully orchestrated. Nothing happened without a reason.”

(Salome's Requiem 5/8)

“...they control corporations, the military and some of the galaxy’s most important individuals.”
(Salome’s Requiem 5/8)

“Zachary didn’t turn around. It was not wise, nor would it reveal anything of the identity of his companion.” (Wagar, D. Premonition, 2017 page 321)

He is most likely to be a person we know already through Power-Play.
He is described as male.

Finance

Female. Dislikes space travel.

Finance is concerned with influencing the major corporations to secure innovative technology in order to be able to adequately defend humanity from the Thargoids. The key companies are:

- 1) Sirius Corporation
- 2) Core Dynamics
- 3) Gutamaya
- 4) Engineers

The current era of galactic space travel (and warfare) is largely due to Sirius’ influence. They are major parts suppliers to all of the ship builders and supply almost everything else through subsidiary companies. Their company structure can be found in this album by Commander Lucienn of the Children of Raxxla: <http://imgur.com/a/AmR2y>

In a previous theory, it was hypothesised that President Hudson was under Sirius’ influence, but the events of ‘Premonition’ prove beyond doubt that Sirius AND Hudson are under the control of The Club. Sirius is controlled directly by Finance, whereas Hudson is governed by Personnel.

It begins way back in 3301 when a Galnet article suggests the then Shadow President was elected via assistance from the financial backers of Core Dynamics.

27 FEB 3301 – Core Dynamics Assist Federal Navy in BD+03 2338

“Core Dynamics is pleased to declare the launch of a new stage in their partnership with the Federal Navy. While the exact terms of the agreement must remain secret for reasons of galactic security, GalNet can reveal that the joint cooperation effort will involve the construction of several new Capital Ships, the first of which has just started being built in the newly recaptured shipyards aboard Hudson Dock in BD+03 2338.

Rumours suggest that funding for this project is coming from an unidentified corporate super PAC, who is believed to be the same group that were previously involved in helping Shadow President Hudson gain office.”

(Galnet, 27 Feb 3301)

Further digging provides more clues: (Courtesy of the Children of Raxxla)

GalNet: 3301 04 14 - Hudson has Medical Meeting in Mongan

[\[https://community.elitedangerous.com/galnet/14-APR-3301\]](https://community.elitedangerous.com/galnet/14-APR-3301)

The Shadow President's tour of the Federation continued this week with a visit to the Reyan BPS headquarters aboard Moisc Station, Mongan. Shadow President Hudson met with healthcare mogul and Reyan BPS CEO, Sam Reyan, to discuss ways in which Reyan BPS and the Federal government can come together to ensure a healthier future for all members of the Federation. Subjects under discussion included a potential universal healthcare scheme, improved supply chains for frontier worlds and a number of undisclosed projects that would operate under the purview of the Federal Navy. The proposed deals could be worth trillions of credits to Reyan BPS, a corporation who has traditionally struggled to penetrate the ultra-lucrative congressional contracts market. With so much corporate support beginning to stabilise behind Hudson, it's only a matter of time before the Shadow President finally makes his move to out Halsey from office.

GalNet: 3301 06 11 - Who is Brad Mitchell? The New Federal VP!

[\[https://community.elitedangerous.com/galnet/11-JUN-3301\]](https://community.elitedangerous.com/galnet/11-JUN-3301)

Who is Brad Mitchell? The New Federal VP! After the phenomenal political upheaval of the last week and the handover to the new administration, we take a look at our new Vice President Brad Mitchell. He started as a travelling salesman, a rep for LTT 15449 Dynamic Incorporated, and rapidly climbed the ranks, ending up as President of Sales at Reyan BPS, becoming very wealthy before his move into politics. Brad Mitchell has a good reputation for getting things done, but has made enemies along the way. Having spent much of his early adult life travelling throughout Federal space on behalf of various interstellar corporations, the new VP is well versed in the needs of the Federal frontier systems, and he is well liked in those systems. It is a clear move by Hudson to show he plans to support the frontier on every level, and has been seen as a very positive move by many living along the Federal borders.

It could be claimed that Hudson owes his success to the same people who fund Core Dynamics. Reyan BPS.

Core Dynamics themselves have some far-reaching political links including suspicions of involvement in political murders and high profile ship losses:

23 APR 3302 – Freelance Report: Following the Breadcrumbs

"It seems Federal Times reporter Elaine Boyd's investigations are being ignored by her countrymen. You may recall that she highlighted the suspicious deaths of key individuals involved in both the Antares and Starship One investigations before her alleged suicide. Her data detailed an off-the-books investigation into the Antares by Vice-President Nigel Smeaton, and also alleged that he was murdered."

"Congressman George Fallside's apparent foreknowledge of Smeaton's death was waved away, but I suspect Jacob Harris might have better luck finding Starship One's saboteurs if he searched within the Federation – perhaps starting with folks who have ties to Core Dynamics."

(Galnet 23 Apr 3302)

15 MAR 3302 – Freelance Report: Game of Shadows

Various media outlets throughout inhabited space received an anonymous communiqué this morning. "The galactic community is in peril," the message began. "They just don't know it yet." The transmission asserts a connection between Core Dynamics, the destruction of the Antares and Starship One, the Emperor's Dawn insurgency, and setbacks in Unknown Artefact research. It

also claims that the deaths of Federal Vice-President Nigel Smeaton, Sean Richards, Arnold Lowe, Susan Monroe, Elaine Boyd, Emperor Hengist Duval and the disappearances of former Federal president Jasmina Halsey and Professor Ishmael Palin are similarly connected.
(Galnet 15 Mar 3302)

01 SEP 3301 – Core Dynamics has Links to VP's Death?

In another shocking revelation the Federal Times today posted a story highlighting possible links between a non-exec member of the board of Core Dynamics and Vice President Nigel Smeaton's death. They first referenced an interview on January 28th with Congressman George Fallside who appeared to have early knowledge of the Vice President's death. The Congressman refused to comment on the article, but it is public knowledge of his non-executive directorship of Core Dynamics and several other major arms manufacturers.

More damning was the evidence concerning one of the crew of the Starship One, Flight Engineer Nick Baron, who had previously worked at Core Dynamics before joining the President's Crew. From the information package sent by Elaine Boyd after her death, the Federal Times published extracts of financial records of the flight engineer.

When tracing these records through a convoluted series of transfers, one of these transfers was through a shell corporation , in which Congressman Fallside was involved. The trail of the payments revealed that Boyd must have obtained a high level clearance access, possibly provided by Agent Monroe.

....."There does appear to have been a conspiracy on several levels. We believe that the destruction of the Highliner Antares so many years ago may not have been an accident. When the Vice President was investigating the death of his relative, he must have discovered some of these details, and possible the dark forces killed him, and when our reporter Elaine Boyd did the same, she too was silenced

(Galnet 01 Sep 3301)

27 MAY 3301 – Federal Search Efforts Continue

Specialist teams from Core Dynamics and the Sirius Corporation are currently attempting to analyse the wake and uplink data captured by the President's Guardian Wing escorts in the moments before all four ships jumped

(Galnet 27 May 3301)

It can be clearly seen that Core Dynamics have had significant influence in the affairs of the Federation. The final Galnet Article of 27 May 3301 also mentions Sirius Corporation involved in the investigation of Starship One - the loss of which promoted Hudson to the Presidency - removing Halsey. It is supposed that the plan was to kill her and be listed as one of 'The Missing', but the plan went awry so some improvisation had to take place.

"When we started searching for the remains of Starship One it was with the aim of discovering what happened to the ship. I never imagined we would find survivors, and certainly not that one of them would be Jasmina Halsey"

(President Zachary Hudson, Federation President, Galnet 26 February 3302)

Core Dynamics and Sirius were linked commercially to Starship One and another important loss - the Antares.

The Antares disaster was brought back to the public gaze by Sirius Corp:

13 JAN 3302 Li Yong-Rui announced that the search had resulted in the recovery of the wreckage of the Antares.

“The wreckage appears to confirm that the component failure described in the ship's final status report did indeed result in the destruction of the Antares. My hope is that by subjecting the wreckage to further analysis, we will be able to determine exactly what caused the malfunction and apply this knowledge to the development of new safety protocols. With luck, we will be able to reintroduce the innovative drive technology used aboard the Antares. This discovery could serve as a catalyst for a whole new era of interplanetary travel.”

(Galnet 13 Jan 3302)

The link between both ships is via the Hyperdrive systems - both failed in similar ways and with similar results. It should be noted that Halsey's Starship One was a Saud Kruger Narwhal Liner, whereas Hudson immediately replaced the surviving Narwhal with a pair of Core Dynamics Farragut class ships. It should be further noted that following these disasters, Metadrive was acquired in a hostile takeover - a company which had developed new hyperdrive technology.

Metadrive were a rival hyperdrive developer within Federation control, based out of the Chi Orionis System.

<https://ed-td.space/en/9/System/idSys/3311/nSys/Chi+Orionis>

27 AUG 3302 – Galactic News: Problems at MetaDrive?

Independent auditor BigSix has reported various anomalies in the accounts of MetaDrive Inc., a company based in the Chi Orionis system specialising in hyperdrive research.

....Following the news, shares in MetaDrive Inc. plummeted. But a short time later, Sirius Corp unexpectedly volunteered to prop up the company.

(Galnet 27 Aug 3302)

17 FEB 3303 – Galactic News: Speculation over MetaDrive Technology

Audit records from the MetaDrive Inc., acquired by the Sirius Corporation last year, have been leaked into public data silos by persons unknown.

While the majority of the data is unremarkable, one record mentions 'wake suppression', prompting some commentators to speculate on a possible connection to MetaDrive's work on hyperdrive systems

(Galnet 17 Feb 3303)

“ The Sirius corporation attempted a hostile takeover of Meta Drive. They murdered the Chairman. Metadrive was developing secret hyperdrive technology and Sirius wanted it.”

(Salome's Requiem 4/8)

Sirius now own a Federal Company which was undertaking dubious research into Hyperdrive technology, and which had alleged holes in its finances, AND are located approximately 20LY from the Federation Capital. Metadrive's board were also owned and influenced by Sirius.

““The MetaDrive board ...!”

‘Sirius compromised them in the usual way,’ Bill said, ‘Bribes, blackmail, the details don’t matter.’

(Bill Turner, Wagar. D. Premonition 2017. p.355)

Sirius has an impressive commercial relationship with the Federation AND Empire:

“The continual state of conflict between the Federation and the Empire catapulted the Sirius Corporation into an economic powerhouse as they became the lead supplier of fuel, then later drives and other technologies.

....It also developed an envied trusted status with both superpowers and indeed supplied both sides during their conflicts.”

(http://elite-dangerous.wikia.com/wiki/Sirius_Corporation)

This is further developed with the Introduction of Wreaken Construction - a subcontractor to Sirius.

“Wreaken are constructing ships for both the Federation and the Empire ... Simultaneously!”

(Saffron, Wagar, D. Premonition, 2017. p.345)

Not long after Sirius bought out Metadrive, they took a significant interest in the recently-discovered Alien probes.

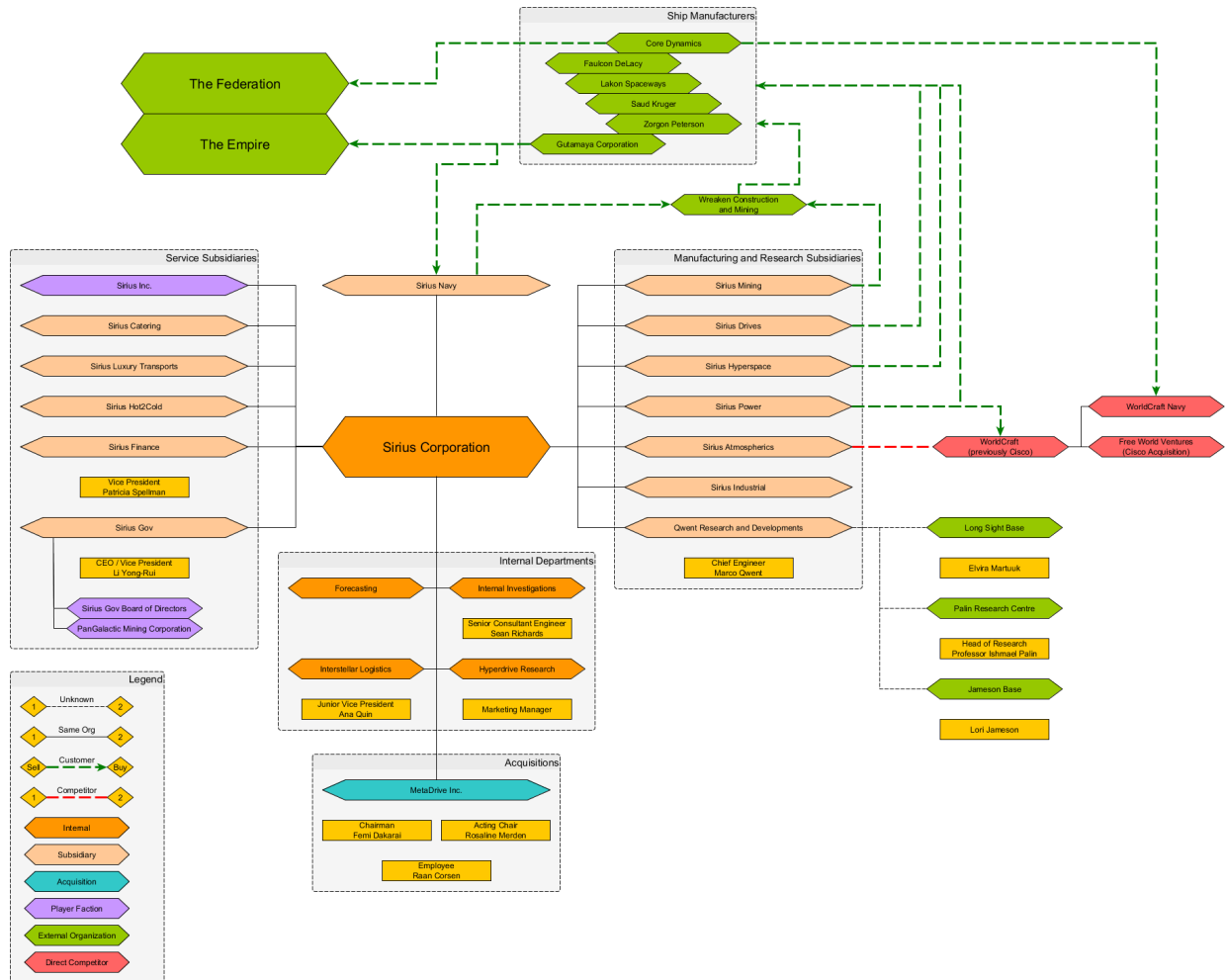
19 JAN 3303 – Community Goal: Sirius Corp. to Address Unknown-Artefact Issue

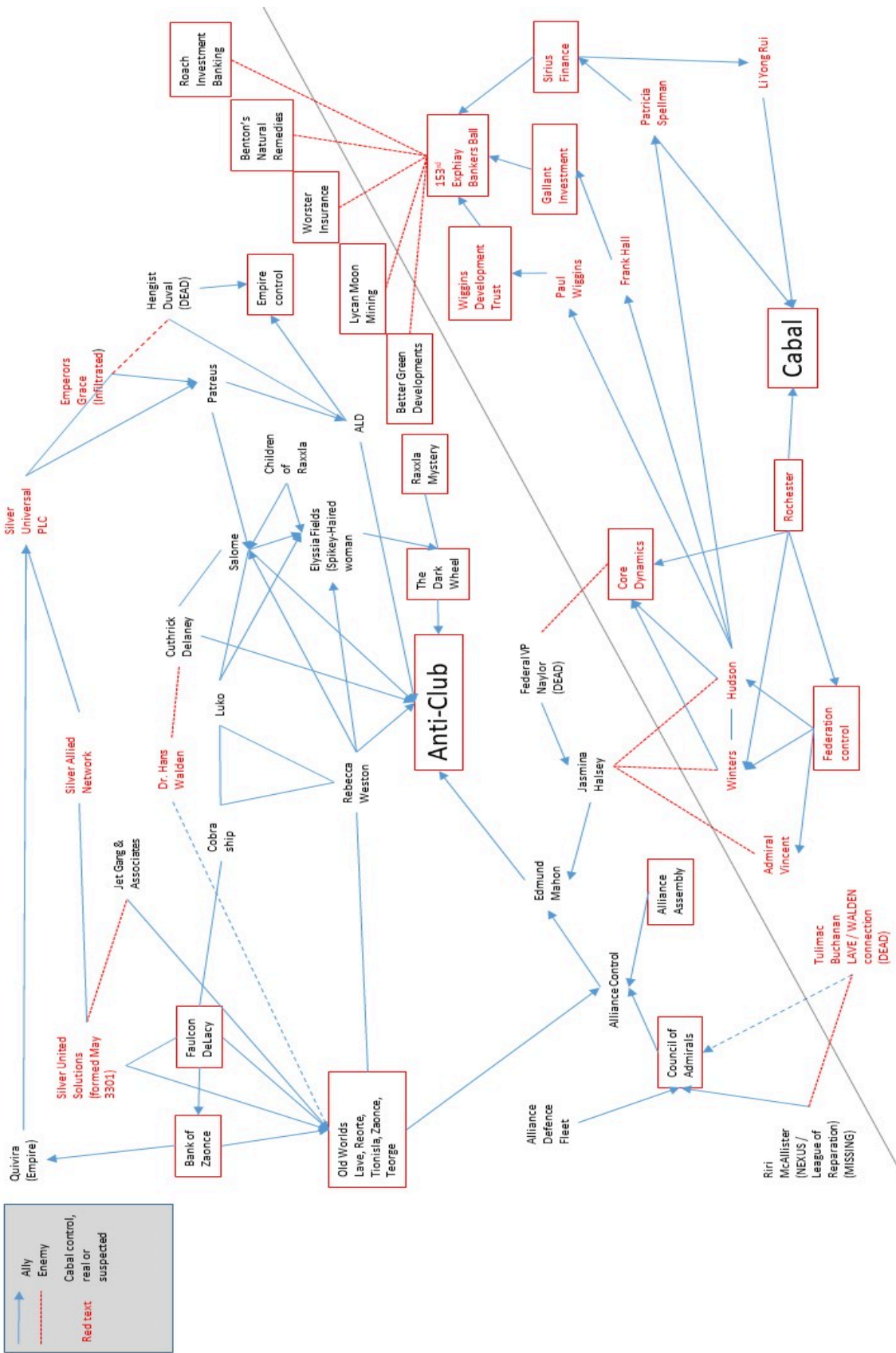
Sirius Corporation indicates that the company intends to tackle the issue by funding a major new research and development project. The purpose of the project is to make starports and other outposts more resistant to Unknown Artefact-related interference through the application of specific micro resources

(Galnet 19 Jan 3303)

With the above evidence, it can be seen that The Club have influence over Sirius, Wreaken, Core Dynamics, Gutamaya and even the Federal President himself. Finance controls the major corporations.

The level of corruption was not realised until we looked at all of the other corporations and key individuals reported in Galnet and other news sources. We discovered quite a web. It should be noted that the favoured term by the Children of Raxxla for ‘The Club’ is ‘The Cabal’.





EXO

Male. Thin build

Exo is responsible for out-of-bubble influence. He is the one who controls the Pilots Federation and restricts travel with permit locks. His main focus in 'Premonition' was to harvest exploration data for the Exodus Mission.

Is the true identity of Exo, Li Yong Rui?

"The Li dynasty's involvement with the Sirius Corporation can be traced back to the company's founding almost 800 years ago."

http://elite-dangerous.wikia.com/wiki/Li_Yong-Rui

He is perfectly placed to be VERY heavily influenced by Finance. He is the CEO of Sirius Gov, ordered the investigations into the hyperdrive malfunctions, and is supremely wealthy. His method of system control matches The Club' modus operandi in so far as he buys systems, rather than aggressively taking them over.

Patricia Spellman, the leader of Sirius Finance is also a prime candidate for The Club.

Personnel

Female.- small and fierce-looking.

Personnel is the person most visible. She has destabilised governments and inserted her own agents into key positions. The following excerpts show how Halsey was removed from presidency. Note the significant failure from Core Dynamics, unexplained flight schedules and finally the destruction of her ship in a 'hyperspace drive' failure:

19 MAR 3301

A major blow to Halsey's plan to suppress the rebellion in Lugh came when Core Dynamics further postponed the maiden flight of the FNS Nevermore following an embarrassing systems failure. During a weapons test, its systems opened fire on Hudson Dock instead of the target drone ship. This caused the station to automatically fire back. The result was dozens of deaths and hundreds of millions of credits worth of damage to both structures.

23 MAR 3301

The Federation received false intelligence that Éamonn Uí Laoghire, leader of the Crimson State Group, was aboard an unarmed refugee convoy near Lugh 6. Halsey ordered Federal pilots to attack the convoy. An estimated 9,322 innocent Federal civilians died in the attack. Halsey's approval rating fell to 26% and Shadow President Hudson swore there would be an investigation into the attack.

24 MAR 3301

The Crimson State Group took control of Hartsfield Market in Lugh, the station with the master controls of Lugh's military defence network. In a debate in Federal Congress, Halsey faced

difficult questions from members of both parties over her mishandling of the Federation's interests such as the ban on onionhead, the loss of frontier systems, and the Lugh war.

25 MAR 3301

Congress decided to withdraw the Federal Navy from Lugh.

28 APR 3301

In an attempt to 'build stronger links' with Federal frontier systems, Halsey announced that she would be undertaking a Presidential tour where she would meet with their leaders and discuss what Sol can do to better support them. Oddly, 78 Ursae Majoris was included in the tour plan, despite it having voted to leave the Federation over a month ago.

26 MAY 3301

Spaceflight One, which President Halsey and Vice President Naylor were on board, went missing after entering hyperspace. Secretary of State Felicia Winters became Acting President.

It can be seen that Halsey was effectively destroyed both in credibility, and then physically with the loss of her ship in an 'unfortunate accident'. Winters becomes acting president before stepping aside for Hudson. (The plan failed when it emerged that Halsey survived, but was subsequently shown to be mentally unstable). Out of the public eye, she became an advisor to Mahon - perhaps because she had met the Oresians.

Personnel is implicated in further detail within 'Premonition' when both Arrissa and Patreus confirm that they are being manipulated, and also when Hudson is given orders in Cambridge following his meeting with Salome.

"...they control corporations, the military and some of the galaxy's most important individuals."
(Salome's Requiem 5/8)

"Zachary didn't turn around. It was not wise, nor would it reveal anything of the identity of his companion." (Wagar, D. Premonition, 2017 page 321)

Personnel is most likely to be the Shadow Vice President - Isolde Rochester.

Society

Male - described as jovial, steely-eyed glint, enormous frame.

Responsible for manipulating the general public. He is noted as being the orchestrator of the Arena Events and the leak of Guardian sites to distract the explorers from the truth. He acts as a master of misinformation and distraction. It can be presumed that the Dangerous Games were also his idea, although this is speculation..

Club members:

Infrastructure - Unknown. Almost certainly a Ryder from Oberon's line - Pilots Federation.

Finance - Patricia Spellman or The CEO of the Bank of Zaonce

Society - Achilles Corporation CEO

Personnel - Isolde Rochester (Federation and Core Dynamics influence)

Exo - Li Yong Rui

Club influence extended to the Empire during this time. We later found out via Salome, that Denton Patreus was not the monster he was made out to be and that we were misguided by Club propaganda. We, The Children of Raxxla, were also played like puppets in this saga. We hope to make amends.

Patreus does have tenuous links to Sirius Corp, in so far as he sells warships (Sirius components), particularly to those who can't afford to keep them as witnessed on December 22, 3300:

"It went into military hardware, bought at full price from Patreus, all those years ago. We've offered to return the warships - we cannot afford to crew them anyway, but Patreus is not interested"

Governor Xavier Malachai, leader of "Durius Dominion" in Durius.

During this time, Patreus appeared to be angling towards the Imperial Throne, firstly by appearing to thwart the attempts of rebels to take control of Empire territories, and secondly by becoming romantically involved in his polar opposite - Aisling Duval. The two could not have opinions further apart on key Imperial matters such as slavery. No matter how one looks at it, it was a peculiar pairing.

Cracks in Patreus' character were appearing in the media, particularly so in the first unsuccessful assassination attempt on the Emperor's life. The suspects were found to be part of Emperor's Grace - a group to which Patreus has a strong bond.

- ***Senator Lavigny's request to pursue her investigation into HR 706 was originally met with refusal by members of Emperor's Grace, who even went so far as to lodge an official protest with the Senate. Emperor's Grace would later find themselves forced to acquiesce under orders issued by Senator Patreus.***
- ***27 APR 3301 – Emperor's Grace Indicted in Attack on Emperor***
Now it looks like Emperor's Grace had good reason to want the Princess kept out of the system, as late last night, new information came to light which has implicated the leadership of Emperor's Grace in the attack on the Emperor. Senator Patreus is disavowing any knowledge of the incident, although he has so far refused to allow any members of Emperor's Grace to be removed from HR 706

Brendan Paul Darius was the man who murdered the Emperor - a man confirmed to be a traditional Imperialist and a loyal member of Patreus' staff - even a Military Captain. His apparent good nature and loyalty implicate Patreus even further.

- **11 AUG 3301 – What Sort of Man Can Kill an Emperor?**
The story tells of a man dedicated to service and traditional imperial values. A man who eschewed personal comforts and focused on his work. In the end the puzzle remains – why would such a loyal man kill his Emperor?

Florence Lavigny rose to his defence, but with CoR it fell upon deaf ears - so convinced were we by his apparent guilt..

“When I was much younger, and my first husband dear Aristide was sadly eaten by a Ling Lang in his own menagerie, there were conspiracy theories, none of which were true. The simple truth was he was foolish to keep so many dangerous animals as pets. I’ve known Denton for years, and I know he wasn’t involved in the Emperor’s murder. Hengist had many enemies, but Denton Patreus was not one of them.”
Florence Lavigny, 27 AUG 3301

The closeness of Emperor’s Grace and Emperor’s Dawn were too close for comfort. Emperor’s Dawn claimed responsibility for the murder. Even high-ranking Imperial Commanders expressed concern at Patreus’ optimism about destroying Emperor’s Dawn, citing how difficult terrorist cells are to eradicate.

- **09 SEP 3301 – Imperial Veteran Sceptical about Patreus’s Campaign**
“We are clearly dealing with a well-organised and highly motivated cell organisation, and despite Denton Patreus’s optimism, in my opinion it is too early to make any predictions about its suppression. I have dealt with similar organisations in the past, and they can be surprisingly hard to extinguish. No sooner have you dealt with one cell, another appears somewhere else.”

What followed this was an apparent U-turn in Patreus’ policy, but a seemingly astute political decision - Patreus pledged his support to Arissa Lavigny-Duval for Empress following reports that his former lover, Aisling Duval should be investigated for connections to Emperor’s Dawn. In one swift move, he diverted the Emperor’s dawn attention from himself to Aisling Duval and became a creditor to Arissa’s throne succession. In this one move, he effectively becomes the most powerful man in the Empire without holding the responsibility of the throne.

- **28 SEP 3301 – Senator Arissa Lavigny-Duval Gains More Powerful Support**
Capitol has been abuzz with rumour following Senator Denton Patreus’ open declaration of support for Senator Arissa Lavigny-Duval. While possibly not a frontrunner for Emperor, Patreus commands a sizeable fleet and is rich and influential enough to help Arissa Lavigny-Duval become Empress.
Senator Lavigny-Duval already enjoys the support of Chancellor Anders Blaine, whose voice is perhaps the loudest and most influential in the Senate.
The Imperial Herald’s revelations concerning connections between Princess Aisling’s office and the Emperor’s Dawn insurgency have severely impacted her rating, and are likely to have cost her support in the Senate. The political landscape has been shaken further by Senator Zemina Torval’s announcement that she is backing Arissa Lavigny-Duval to be crowned Empress.

He was supported by the following statement by the new Emperor:

- **21 OCT 3301 – The Emperor Denounces Emperor’s Dawn**
“Emperor’s Dawn has gone to great lengths to present itself as being aligned with the

Empire's values and ideals, but make no mistake – this organisation is an enemy of the Empire. Senator Patreus has demonstrated sound judgement in his management of the campaign, and I have every faith in his ability to remove this threat to our civilisation. The operation to destroy Emperor's Dawn will continue under his guidance."

In 3303, we thought that Patreus was attempting to take the Imperial throne, but it turns out he was protecting it. It can be seen that if Patreus had been implicated in the Emperor's murder it would have given rise to a much larger escalation of tension between the Federation and Empire. With a Club puppet in control of the Federation, and another at the head of the Empire, a false arms race could be managed and eventual amnesty between the sides could be achieved.

One final incident took place late in 3302 following an attempt on Patreus' own life. It is possible that the Club wished to remove Patreus because he refused to capitulate to them.

- ***20 AUG 3302 – Galactic News: Assassination Attempt on Patreus Thwarted***
Subsequent reports identified the culprits as belonging to the organisation Emperor's Dawn, but it is rumoured that the dissidents were bankrolled and supported by a second party.
"Emperor's Dawn was smashed – it's history," said a researcher for the Imperial Citizen.
"Someone else was behind this – someone with a major grudge against Patreus."

The events which transpired next are described in full in Drew Wagar's historical almanac, 'Premonition'. The very short version is that we were informed of the Club and their plan, with assistance from The Dark Wheel.

One of the biggest events in 3301 and 3302 was the discovery of the Club's back-up plan.

The Oresians are claimed to be in retreat towards the bubble, pursued by Klaxians in their civil war. We will be a literal human shield whether on purpose or accidental.

"Society chuckled. 'Putting two and two together now, I see. Yes, we have two distinct dynasties of the Thargoids. One known as the Oresrians, the other as the Klaxians. Unfortunately, both are heading in the direction of the core worlds. A conflict is already taking place, a civil war between their kinds. The Oresrians appear to be losing, falling back. From their perspective, they're retreating, using our worlds as mere cover in their bid to escape their foes.'" (Wagar, D. Premonition, 2017, p.435)

DYNASTY EXPEDITION:

The Dynasty expeditions were sent out in complete secrecy to locate and seed Earth-like worlds in the Formidine Rift, Conflux and Hawkin's Gap areas of the galaxy.

“But the beacons and the abandoned bases they found ...’

‘A previous expedition we sent out to establish waypoints,’ Personnel said. ‘Ready in case it became necessary ...’

(Wagar, D. Premonition 2017, p.436)

EXODUS MISSION:

Brave Sir Robin trip to the Dynasty locations for the survival of humanity IF the war is lost

“It is quite possible that, despite all our work, humanity may not fare too well against this threat. That original mission and the combined efforts of your intrepid collection of explorers have ensured we have three viable escape routes. Four, if you count that ridiculous so-called utopia of Colonia.” (Wagar, D. Premonition 2017, p.436)

This emergency plan also further indicates that the Club may have got it wrong. IF the Thargoids win the shooting war, the Club will abandon the majority of humanity and escape to one of their predetermined Dynasty bases. IF we win the shooting war, it is likely that the Thargoids will assume control of our machines and destroy us as they did the Guardians.

We firmly believe that the Club plan will end in the genocide of 99% of humanity at the very least.

Conclusions:

There are major eras of politics, each with their own agenda.

Following expansion to nearby star systems, the major corporations began making huge profits. As the superpowers formed, they quickly realised that more profit could be made in war. As with every other human conflict, war brings advances in technology as well as richer industrialists.

By further manipulating politics, a stable state of cold war could be attained, and this persisted throughout our relevant history. (2240-3305).

The threat of alien invasion brought the superpowers together, but it was the corporations who led the fight and who profited the most. As conflict has escalated, so has the desire to control humanity's path. The Thargoids have threatened to bring their control to an end. If too much technology was shared, the corporations would lose out, so the Thargoids were kept at arm's length before an act of attempted genocide removed them. Their captured technology ushered in the current frameshift drives and allowed humanity to expand further than ever before.

The current Thargoid conflict is also about control - the corporations believe that they are able to manipulate the superpowers AND the Thargoids, and so far, they have succeeded. The issue is what comes next. Those of us who have studied the lore, know that a much greater threat is coming. We will not survive.

Perhaps the key to our survival lies in exposing the shadowy Club, and freeing humanity from its restrictions. Perhaps the way to do that is to rise up and rebel against the corporations; or locate the Dark Wheel. Perhaps even the legends of Raxxla can help.

We know the club are formed by the most influential people in the Galaxy, and that is why we indict:

Isolde Rochester - for the manipulation of the Federation, Core Dynamics, the removal of Jasmina Halsey and the attempted coercion of the Empire via her son

Li Yong Rui - for monopolising drive technology, hostile collection of any technology, and for the manipulation of the Federation, Empire and Alliance through the use of technology.

Patricia Spellman - for financing the above accused

Felicia Winters - for manipulation of the Federal government and for passing Federal Intelligence to the Sirius Corporation

Achilles Corporation - for unethical data collection / espionage, and production of technology which limits human exploration (navigation computers = permit lock control)

Mastopolos Mining - for the manipulation of events surrounding the raw material supply to the

Col 70 Shipyards

Wreaken Mining - as above, including murder of investigators

Rockforth - for industrialism above the prosperity of humanity, and influencing governments for profit

The Bank of Zaonce - for financing the whole thing for centuries.

- All of the above are accountable for the manipulation of humanity. They must be brought to justice by an independent court.
- The Club are manipulating the superpowers through all-powerful Corporations. The Superpowers are effectively powerless.
- The aliens we know as the Thargoids are fleeing from a more hostile threat, and the longer we delay cooperation with them, the more likely we are to be wiped out. The Club have planned for the loss of the war.
- The Dark Wheel are trying to steer us along the right path, but are being blocked by the Club

Resources

Tourist Beacons - Cmdr Lucienn, et al, Children of Raxxla

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1eu30UyjpQrWexAglwD1Ax_GaDz4d7l8KD76kSzX4DEk/edit?usp=sharing

ED Timeline - Cmdr JT442, Children of Raxxla

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Tip Off mission investigation, Cmdr Dja, et al, Independant Raxxla Hunters

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1xCGgDSJvwiufc1DHSnchko_jpEdpXH3KUIZT5FBSEBA/edit#gid=1917073973

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