

Bohandi backstory

Note: Please take into account that any and all measurements in the following stories are human measurements that are mathematic translations from Bohandi measurements.

General overview

The Bohandi are originating from the planet Bohus, in the system humans designated as Gliese 180. The planet was pretty close to its home star, if still in it's habitable zone. This contributed to the fact that the planet's polar ice caps were always relatively small. This in turn resulted to most of the planet being covered by an ocean, with only two small continents emerging from the waters.

Life on the planet is believed to have developed in shallow water around these continents. It is believed that first multi - cell life on Bohus developed 50 million years before it's counterparts on Earth. It also evolved rather quickly.

First known multi - cell organisms were beings known as Kolash. They were known to swim through the vast oceans of the planet and absorb small - cell organisms it finds into itself, feeding itself that way., In time, huge predators known as Bahasns, evolutionary progenitors of the Bashans, emerged, preying on these beings. It wouldn't take long for many other multi - cell organisms to emerge. Soon, waters of the planet were filled with rivaling multi - cell organisms - and soon, some of them began to emerge onto the continents. Among these were evolutionary ancestors of the Bohandi species.

Evolution on the land went quite differently to that on Earth. There were amphibian-like species which evolved into something like proto - reptiles. These beings could reproduce outside water. However, they could never live without it, nor survive long in an arid environment. Not that there were many such environments on Bohus - there were no deserts, just some areas with frequent volcanic activity.

While the planet developed reach underwater flora, the land flora was rather limited, and present only in the most fertile grounds. Eventually, the "proto - reptiles" evolved directly into the mammals, capable of giving birth and breast - feeding. The planet never developed proper reptiles or birds, and insects were rather limited.

Humanoid forms began to evolve when the planet's home star increased it's solar activity, melting the remaining ice caps. The result of this was nearly complete submerging of all land. The mammalian species that evolved were forced back into the oceans, which were now filled with numerous predators, including the agile Bashans and huge Torsans.

The humanoid species, finding itself at the disadvantage, gre a second pair of arms to help in swimming and generally in survival. They also grew more robust. Young would also now travel all the time attached to their mothers until they could survive on their own.

I was then the Bohandi were given a gift of sientence. Of minds and thoughts. They began to organize into bigger groups for defense, and they began to create technology. They began to organize into bigger structures, into early nations. And they began to fight off the predators. In time, they dominated the oceans of Bohus.

This is where most of the legends take place. Of course, in time, many nations began to fight each other. However, for some reason, such fights stopped much quicker than, say, on Earth. Maybe this was because of the natural danger of Bohus, maybe because the water environment made battles especially brutal and maybe, because of the intervention of the aliens.

Either way, the Bohandi emerged from the waters and took what land remained. They soon realized that they could not breathe the atmosphere longer than for 1 hour before needing to return to water for 4 hours. So, they created the first environmental suit so they could always breathe water. At first, they only put them on when going to the surface. However, in time, they decided to keep them on at all times. It was also then when their system of raising their youngs evolved. They were no longer going with their mothers everywhere, but could stay at home in their own suits, freeing the mothers to help the civilization in other means.

The Bohandi quickly invented spaceships. Probably, their experience with underwater transport greatly accelerated their development of these technologies.

The Bohandi explored their star system and found out they were not the only inhabitants of it. On the other side of the system's habitable zone, was a desert planet with it's own civilization. This civilization was composed of peaceful reptiles. They had worse military systems than the Bohandi, but they had a breakthrough on a critical technology: a device capable of bending space to allow ships to travel faster than light.

The Bohandi found out there were dissidents in that civilization that wanted to become military conquerors. The Bohandi armed these dissidents, had them cause some ruckus and then, they invaded. The planet was theirs in a day.

This became an established protocol for an invasion: if a planet was decided as suitable for invasion, the Bohandi scouted it, found if there were any native groups were willing to collaborate, armed them, had them cause some problems, then invade in a quick invasion, using "shock and awe" tactics.

The members of the dissident faction became a second class citizens of the empire. The others became slaves and servants. And so was established the hierarchy of the Bohandi Empire. Well, mostly.

But, above everything else, the Bohandi acquired the designs for that device enabling ships to travel faster than light.

It is important to note than, initially, the Bohandi ships were all full of water. However, they decided that, if they were to bring non - Bohandi with them, it would be more practical to wear the environmental suits aboard and fill them with a "normal" atmosphere that fill them with water and give the non - Bohandi oxygen masks. Of course, this really helped in combat, since the Bohandi weren't being killed every time a hull was breached, and environmental suit had some very nice combat - supporting mechanism, such as target - assist in the visor.

Using a fleet of faster than light - capable ships, the Bohandi began to expand their empire. They met many species less advanced than them. Some were conquered like these reptiles. Others were isolated or made trade partners.

They didn't met anyone capable of resisting them... until they met the Bird - Shaped Colds. This ancient civilization had an empire spanning across many star systems. The Bohandi themselves controlled 21 star systems then.

The Bird Shaped _ Colds were first made aware of the Bohandi where refugees from a planet conquered by the Bohandi came to them. They sent a fleet to that system.

The Bird - Shaped Colds demanded the Bohandi leave the system and it's natives alone.

The Bohandi refused. When the Colds insisted, the Bohandi attacked.

And so began a long series of conflicts between the Bohandi and the Bird - Shaped Colds.

The Bohandi won the first battle, with the remnants of the Bird - Shaped fleet barely escaping.

The war soon escalated. The Bird - Shaped Colds had advantage in numbers, but the Bohandi were much better in personnel combat, were much better at planning wars in

general and they quickly mobilized all their worlds to mobilize a huge fleet, bigger than they needed in their conquests. Using that fleet, they conquered a quarter of the Bird - Shape Colds Empire, before the war drew to a stalemate. Only that was even possible because the Bird - Shaped Colds managed to re - learn the military principles and rules from their ancient data repositories.

With the stalemate lasting for more than a century, both sides began to search for allies. The Bohandi encountered a civilization of big ant - like aliens known as Ansoids, and tried to ally with them for the war. However, Ansoids realized it would be better for them to stay out of the conflict. Only a few hives allied with the Bohandi and helped them with the war. It didn't help much in the war, though. But it made the Bird - Shaped Colds intensify their search for allies. They found a spacefaring civilization in the Zeta Reticuli system. This civilization, calling themselves the Grey Ascendancy (or Gray ascendancy, both spellings are correct). These were beings from a low - gravity planet, with huge heads, big intelligence and not this good strength. Their ships were primarily scientific - but they had one advantage. They developed technology that allowed them to hack into nearly every ship and take control of it, to turn it against their owners. They were unwilling to share this technology with anyone, but were willing to send ships equipped with it to help the Bird - Shaped Colds. Initial results were devastating of the Bohandi, with large numbers of their fleets turning against them. It threatened to break the stalemate and bring an end to the Bohand Empire.

But the Bohandi were willing to use desperate measures to make sure it wouldn't happen. Each ship was equipped with self - destruct systems that could be triggered from their ships or from the flagship of the fleet. The flagships could even disable the ability to cancel this sequence on all ships. After a few times when the hacked ships were simply destroyed (but not before their crews were evacuated, if there was time for this), and the explosions from the destruction were used to destroy the enemy ships, this strategy ceased to work, and the Bohandi commenced a counterstrike. They were unable to breach the perimeter of the Bird - Shaped Colds, but they indeed the territory of the Grey Ascendancy. They destroyed their colonies, but, when they reached the Zeta Reticuli system, they did not invade. Instead, they launched bioweapons into the planets in the system, infecting all the Grey population with a disease that would weaken them, and then would give them a painful death. Then, they left them alone. The Greys were too scared to attack the Bohandi again, at least for a long time. They began sending ships to less advanced civilizations and even back in time, to abduct people, experiment on them to find a cure, and also to take organs from them to replace their organs destroyed by the plague, if they couldn't clone the necessary organ in time.

The Bohandi and Bird - Shaped Colds returned to their wars. The Bohandi also found a way to start invading other universes. However, the first attempt at doing so failed completely; not much became known, but what was learned was that someone triggered the fleet - wide self - destruct mechanism. After that, and because the Grey Wars were over, the mechanism was removed.

Over the entire war, the Bohandi military greatly rose above the civilians. The military Bohandi and civilian Bohandi had great differences in legal matters and representation. By this time, the entire power in the government was in the military, so much so that the civilian support was no longer needed to carry on wars. In some cases, Bohandi civilians had worse than second - class citizens. Second - class citizens at least had some representation in the government, but only military Bohandi were in the government.

However, the war was interrupted when a worse threat arose: the Arachnid Collective. These were spider - like creatures. They were an ancient bioweapon, created by a forgotten

civilization. They escaped, evolved, and now made their own civilization, arising from the Stardock system. They conquered a vast swath of space before the Bohandi, Ansoids and Bird - Shaped Colds came together to destroy them. They crushed their fleets and bombarded all planets in the Stardock system, bringing an end to this threat. After this, the war resumed.

The war only came to an end when a new civilization arose, one that would forever change the face of the galaxy: humanity. Their home system, Earth, was located in neutral space, but close to the Bird - Shaped Colds territory. The Bohandi tried to monitor them a few times, seeing how they were developing worryingly aggressive tendencies, along with fast technological advancement, but were unsuccessful. Once humanity discovered faster than light travel, they made contact with a civilian Bohandi colony in the Proxima Centauri system, and, for a time, trade flourished between the two civilizations. However, a plague brought by the humans devastated the colony, making the Bohandi military hostile toward the humans. This hostility only increased when the Earth prototype ship "Chukspace" helped to thwart an assault on the Bird - Shaped home system by a huge Bohandi fleet, an assault that could put an end to this war once and for all. This made the Bohandi military decide that they had to conquer the humans. The fact that the humans soon made an official alliance with the Bird - Shaped Colds only made it clearer.

The Bohandi made contact with a human dissident group, Anti - Macaw Coalition, and began to supply them with their technology. However, the Anti - Macaw Coalition leader, Agmat, was much more cunning. He intended to use the Bohandi to fulfill his own revenge, but he also planned to take over Earth once their conquest was done, so he planned to bleed out the Bohandi as much as possible before they would win. So, he convinced them to make a provocative move and claim Pluto, creating a military base there. This, of course, outraged the humans, and the war began before the Bohandi were ready. However, the Bohandi would still have won if not for two things. One, the Anti - Macaw Coalition was trying to sabotage the war effort, but the humans had much better security than the Bohandi's previous victims, neutralizing most of the sabotage. Also, the humans had secretly developed plans for a series of powerful ships known as "Earth Fighters". These ships, while officially heavy fighters, could also serve as gunships, dropships, shuttles, assault ships or really almost any function. Dedicated carriers were later made as well. These ships were not tested for safety, but they saved humanity... and so began The War of the three Worlds. It was spoken of before a lot, so we should just note the important events.

Pluto was locked down at the start of the war, besieged by human forces, but Bohandi remained there. All over the Bohandi Empire, Bird - Shaped Colds Empire and Human Space the war went on. For a month, no side was able to gain a clear advantage, although some Bohandi slave species were liberated by the humans, including the Jordans. Then, the Chukspace came from Earth and destroyed the Bohandi base on Pluto. The Bohandi were forced out of the Sol system. This allowed the humans to push toward the Bohandi homeworld. As all over the empire, the Bohandi fell, either to humans, Bird - Shaped Colds or their revolting slave species. The Bohandi retreated to their homeworld, where they put out a last ditch - defense. It was described elsewhere, but the last straw was when their planetary neighbors and slave species turned on them and helped the humans. The humans let a Bohandi fleet escape Bohus, but then bombarded it from orbit with neutron bombs until all life on Bohus perished. Well, almost all life.

The surviving Bohandi here being hunted down and killed. They were divided into evacuation fleets to avoid detection. but most of them were killed anyway. Some escaped

into other universes: one group managed to escape into the future. This group established the Second Bohandi Empire.

Then came the Reshaping. It restructured the entire galaxy and wiped out colonies of all civilizations. More happened then, but it wasn't related to the Bohandi.

In this new galaxy, the Bohandi emerged. They colonized a planet, named it "New Bohus" and began to expand again.

They met the Terran Resistance, one of the splinter groups of humanity. And they also met another civilization, the Vulcan Republic. An about year - long war was fought between Bohandi and the Vulcans.

It was written elsewhere, but, suffice to say, some civilizations, such as Ocampia, Iridium and Romulans joined the second Bohandi Empire of their own free will. The expansion phase ended with the Iconian War, a war the Bohandi lost. They were forced to give contributions to the Iconians for peace.

The Bohandi also plotted with some other civilizations to spread alien endoparasites among other species, but were thwarted. In the end, the Bohandi remained a force in the galaxy, but smaller than they once were. That is, until the Yor returned. These robots were thwarted in their attempt to conquer the galaxy, but their ability to hack almost all computers made the humans impose severe restrictions on computer technology. Restrictions the Bohandi had to apply.

But, they decided to overcome these restrictions by changing themselves. They changed their own biology. They removed the necessity of breathing underwater, and they even stopped wearing their helmets all the time. They also improved their strength, stamina, reflexes, precision and similar things. But some Bohandi went further. They removed the second pair of their arms and made themselves transdimensional. When called to reverse these changes, they denied, and a civil war broke out.

With the help of new allies, the Intueri, the Bohandi put down this rebellion. Yet the rebels escaped into another dimension and plotted their return. They created many bioweapons and other monstrosities. While their initial attempts were foiled, they eventually returned to their universe, and the Bohandi territory. The Bohandi were in conflict with the Greys, which disappeared during the Reshaping. They were now back, cured and escaping from something else. A three - way battle now began, between the normal Bohandi, the returning rebellious Superbohendi and the Greys as whatever was chasing the Greys was closing in...

The first blood

Bird - Shaped Cold fleet, commanded by Freezer no. 232-001-302, was closing on the home system of the Jaborans. The refugees of this civilization came to the Bird - Shaped Colds, speaking of a new, terrible power that invaded their planet and enslaved them. They used the internal divisions of their society to quickly and easily commence the invasion. Freezer no. 232-001-302 was ordered to investigate it and, if confirmed, drive the invaders from the system.

"We're approaching the system " said his helmsman. " Scans are detecting a fleet I'm orbit of the Jaboran's homeworld. "

"Take us within weapons range, then go to full stop " the Freezer said.

The Bird - Shaped fleet did that.

"Hail them " Freezer said.

After a moment, they responded. An image of a command center with many Bohandi appeared on their screen. Of course, the Bird - Shaped Colds had no idea who they were.

"What kind of creatures are you? " a Bohandi said.

"We are the Bird - Shaped Colds " Freezer said. " We have received some information that you conquered and enslaved people of this planet. "

"We took this planet as part of the Bohandi Empire, yes " said the same Bohandi. " But we were asked to do that. "

"We know you exploited existing divides inside this society, yes " Freezer said. " But this doesn't give you right to conquer this planet and enslave most of it's population. This planet is now under our protection. Leave peacefully or we will remove you by force. "

"What gives you the right to do that? " the Bohandi said.

"This is our duty, to protect inferior lifeforms that cannot protect themselves " Freezer said.

"So, you claim you're superior lifeforms? " the Bohandi said.

"Yes, we are " Freezer said. " And we insist you leave this system."

"If you're so superior, prove it! " the Bohandi said. " Remove us! "

And he ended the communication.

"Bohandi fleet is moving toward us " the main security officer said.

"Open fire " Freezer said.

The Bird - Shaped Colds fleet opened fire at the Bohandi ships. They damaged a few of them, but the, the Bohandi launched their fighters.

"Fighters are coming in " said the security officer.

"Deploy our fighters " Freezer said. " Defensive formation. Ready point defense guns. "

Bohandi Fighters closed on their ships and opened fire, causing massive damage.

"What is going on? " Freezer said. " Why are they so successful?"

"They're too fast and agile " the security officer said. " Our guns cannot properly lock onto them. Our own fighters are doing a bit better, but are still outmaneuvered... and outnumbered. "

At this moment, the main Bohandi fleet opened fire. Not caring for the possibility of hitting their own fighters, they fired, destroyed a few Bird - Shaped Colds ships.

"We cannot win this battle " Freezer said. " We must retreat. "

"And abandon the Jaborans to the Bohandi? " said the helmsman.

"We won't help them if we'll die " Freezer said. " And we must tell others what happened here. Sound a general retreat. "

The remaining Bird - Shaped Colds ships turned around to retreat. But the Bohandi had no intentions of just letting them go. They continued firing and their fighters continued doing their attack runs before the ships entered faster than light speed, escaping from the battle.

And this began the long war between the Bohandi and the Bird - Shaped Colds. The Bohandi won the first battle, but the war was far from over.

Bohandi language

One of the greatest mysteries of the Bohandi is their language. For a species that developed underwater, it is strange that they developed such a complex sound language. Language similar to that of most humanoids. Yes, it sounds different underwater but, when they breathe in oxygen - nitrogen atmosphere (and they can, for about an hour), it sounds almost normal. But it's not its greatest mystery. It was noted that the Bohandi language (well, the one that is in common uses anyway) is very similar to certain human language. Not to the common human language, English, but to a much more obscure language, Polish. Especially the common, everyday words are similar, as is the dramatic structure. There are some differences, of course (for example, no uniquely Polish sounds are in the Bohandi language),

but it's still very similar. Bohandi names, on the other hand, always has an ' sound, which does not exist in Polish. And some of these names mean something in Polish, but some don't.

When the Bohandi speak in the air, they sound like people with a harsh, outsiders accent speaking in Polish. Of course, they are fluent in their own language, but this is how they sound. Bohandi writing script, on the other hand, is completely alien, although some humans were able to learn it (mostly from Poland, for obvious reasons).

This similarity actually helped in initial communications between humans and the Bohandi. Too bad it didn't end well.

This similarity sounds very suspicious. It is hard to believe that such similar languages would evolved on such different planets. Yet, there was no evidence, even circumstantial evidence, for any link. It is one of the universe's greatest mysteries, unlikely to be ever solved.

The invasion (Bohandi POW)

The Bohandi invasion fleet, commanded by Commodore G'Rot, was closing on the target planet. It was inhabited by a type - 3 civilization that was decided to be suitable for conquest. They found a group of natives willing to collaborate with them, and, for a few months now, these collaborators were fighting a destabilizing war in preparation for a Bohandi invasion. This invasion came now.

The fleet came out of light speed in low orbit. The planet had meager orbital defenses, and what was there was destroyed in short order.

"Deploy the soldiers " G'Rot ordered.

Bohandi Shuttles, escorted by Bohandi Fighters left the capital ships and flew toward the planet. Some were intercepted and destroyed by some atmospheric fighters, but most reached their targets.

As the Bohandi soldiers were being deployed, G'Rot contacted the leader of the collaborators.

"We have come, as we told " G'Rot said.

"Yes " said the leader. " I am sending you the locations of our current battles... If you want to join them. And thank you. "

"You will thank us by helping us organizing others for work " G'Rot said. " For now, let's focus on the invasion. "

A Bohandi Shuttle carrying lieutenant D'Ara and her team landed near a military base currently under attack by the collaborators.

They quickly left the shuttle and rushed toward the base. On their way, they noticed a few enemy soldiers rushing toward them and quickly targeted them and shot.

They reached an entrance to the base, where some collaborators were in a shoot out with the entrance guards. D'Ara and her people quickly targeted the guards and shoot them.

"Thank you for coming " said the leader of the collaborators. " I am sure we will..."

"Get out of our way! " D'Ara shouted to him, then turned to her people. " Ready grenades!" She threw another type of explosive at the entrance. It attached itself to the entrance and then exploded, creating a hole in the entrance. It have to be said, the defenders capitalized on it and opened fire through the hole, killing two Bohandi from D'Ara's squad and quite a few collaborators.

But this only served to anger D'Ara. She and the rest of her squad threw many grenades through the hole. Explosions from them killed most of the defenders there, and stopped the shooting from the hole.

"Let's go! " D'Ara shouted and she first went through the hole. She was fired upon by four remaining defenders, but all of them missed, and she then fired at them all at once, killing them. The other Bohandi then came through the hole. And the collaborators behind them.

"Where's the command center of this installation? " D'Ara said.

"I think I have a map " said one of her soldiers. " I am uploading it to everyone..."

"Remind me to thank you later " D'Ara said. " Let's go! "

They moved toward the command center. On the way, they were attacked by many soldiers, but they shot them all without suffering any lethal casualties. A few Bohandi were wounded, but it was nothing serious.

They finally reached the command center. People there fired at them and killed one Bohandi, but they were quickly eliminated by the rest.

"Sure these consoles " D'Ara said. " Where's communication? "

"Here, commander " said the same Bohandi that gave her the map before. D'Ara approached that console and contacted Commodore G'Rot.

"We have secured our target " D'Ara said.

"Excellent " G'Rot said. " You did well. The military resistance is broken. We will soon have the full control of the planet. Give our standard instructions to the population. "

D'Ara transmitted standard instructions to the planet's population, ordering them to stay at home until transports arrive to take them.

All over the planet, the Bohandi won. Soon, the shuttles went off the military role and went to the cities, where the locals (and their possessions) were loaded onto them and brought to special camps that were being established around existing food production facilities. The cities were emptied for now, with only Bohandi patrols remaining. They would be used by the Bohandi and their collaborators later. The conquest was over, with full success. The invasion fleet would only remain there until the occupational forces would arrive.

Battle of Zeta Reticuli

A huge Bohandi invasion fleet was closing on the Zeta Reticuli system, home of the Great Ascendancy. The Grey's gave them a lot of pain and caused the deaths of many Bohandi but, ever since the Bohandi began destroying any ships they took over, the Grey's were on the defensive. And the Bohandi were finally pushing toward their home system.

Huge fleet of flying saucers and other Grey ships was before them, filling the system. There were five starbases in the system as well. And a small contingent of Bird - Shaped Cold ships as well.

Fleet admiral F'lara, leader of the invasion fleet, opened channel to the entire fleet and spoke:

"We are here now. For years, we fought these Grey creatures. Many Bohandi fell to them and their insidious hacking of our ships. But now, we will break them. Many primitive cultures called them "demons". Let's purge them. Move in. "

The fleet moved in. Both Bohandi and their enemies began firing missiles and torpedoes in barrages.

"Launch all fighters " F'lara said. " Begin the battle. "

Bohandi Fighters launched and flew toward the enemy fleet. They began launching their missiles, targeting the first line of flying saucers and the Bird - Shaped Fold ships. In response, Bird - Shaped Cold fighters rushed toward the Bohandi Fighters and engaged them in dogfight. The Greys had no fighters.

Seeing that, F'lara ordered the main fleet to move into the enemy fleet and engage it at point - blank range. She also ordered to begin the launching of boarding pods.

Bohandi ships moved between enemy ships and began exchanging barrages of fire.

"Admiral, cruisers Cal'tak and Flop'tak are being taken over " someone suddenly reported to F'lara. " And we repelled many other such attempt. "

"Evacuate the affected cruisers " F'lara said and activated their self " destruct sequences.

The two cruisers soon exploded, taking many Grey ships with them."

"Launch boarding pods " F'lara ordered. Many Bohandi ships launched boarding pods.

Lieutenant I'ggy was in one of the boarding pods with his squad. It launched from their cruiser and headed toward an enemy ship. They reached it and breached the hull. The opening hatch opened and I'ggy jumped into the enemy ship. His squad jumped after him. There were many Greys there, doing their duties. Seeing the Bohandi, they went to their weapons. Most were targeted and shot before they could draw their weapons. Then, the battle began.

I'ggy shot two Grey's and then jumped left to evade fire. He stumbled upon a Grey soldier. He grabbed his frail body and broke his neck. He then used his body as a shield from another shot and then shot another Grey. Two of his people were dead already, but so were over 30 Greys. The Bohandi then moved out and stormed the command center of the flying saucer. The Grey's managed to shoot three Bohandi, and only one lethally, before being all shot down. These beings were terrible at direct combat.

Meanwhile, many more enemy ships (both Grey's and Bird - Shaped Cold's) were subjected to similar boarding parties and taken over. Many more enemy ships were destroyed. But there was still something that had to be dealt with. The Grey's starbases. For now, they largely stayed out of fighting, other than relaying their sensor data to enemy ships. But they had to be destroyed.

First Bohandi ships that closed to them were fired upon and heavily damaged. F'lara was forced to withdraw them.

"We must take out these starbases " F'lara said.

"Admiral, may I suggest something? " said captain G'Ar, her second in command.

"Go on " F'lara said.

"We have five heavy cruisers that are heavily damaged, but still has their warp drives intact " G'Ar said. " We can evacuate them and then ram them into the starbases at high warp, giving the enemies no time to destroy them. "

"Good idea " F'lara said. " I will give the orders immediately. "

The five heavy cruisers were evacuated and then sent on their way. Each rammed into a Grey starbase, destroying it (and themselves).

This pretty much won the battle for the Bohandi. Some pockets of resistance remained, but they were of no consequences.

"Nice us toward the Grey's homeworld " F'lara ordered. " Are the virus " dispersing torpedoes ready?

"Yes " said commander Tu'ckar, the main weapon's officer.

"Prepare them for launch, optimal dispersal pattern " F'lara said. " Fire at my command. "

The flagship, accompanied by many other Bohandi ships, moved above the Grey's homeworld.

"We're in the optimum firing position " Tu'ckar said.

"Fire " F'lara said.

Torpedoes, filled with a virus specifically tailored for the Greys, fired from the flagship and entered the atmosphere. At the right distance, they exploded, dispersing the bioweapon all

over the planet. It won't kill the Greys immediately, but it would infect them, make them weak and isolated... and will force them to stop fighting the Bohandi. It would both be an appropriate revenge and would neutralize the Greys as a threat.

"It is done " Tu'ckar said.

"Move us to the other inhabited planet in this system " F'lara said. " Prepare to repeat this. "

And so, the other colony was infected. The Bohandi then pulled off, leaving a devastated system. It didn't take long for the disease to spread all across the Grey society. It didn't kill them, but they were unable to fight the Bohandi anymore. And it took a long time for them to rebuild their fleet.

Another invasion (Invaded POW)

Bomar Tomat was a member of the Daro species, a type - 3 civilization. He was what you might call a squatter - he had no home, and was living in an old bunker in the forest with a group of his friends.

One day, he was walking from a store where he acquired supplies (and some beverages) when suddenly, a great thunder came from the sky.

Bomar looked up and saw many strange huge spaceships in the air.

Many smaller spaceships emerged from them. As they flew toward the ground, Bomar ran toward his hideout.

"There's something going on outside! " he shouted to the others from his group. " A huge fleet of spaceships... Just appeared in the sky! And they're landing here!"

"Are you saying we have an alien invasion? " said Fola, one of two women of the group. " Don't be ridiculous. "

"Maybe we should turn on our radio and check it out? " said Nomal, another man in the group.

Bomar activated their radio. They were immediately greeted with news about invasion of unknown beings, advisements to stay at homes and news of many military defeats and revolutions all over the planet.

"It looks like you're right " Fola said. " What are we going to do now? "

"I think we should stay here, for now, and see how this situation unfolds " Bomar said.

And so they did. Unfortunately, the situation wasn't unfolding well. The military was being easily defeated by the invaders.

"It's a disaster! " shouted the second woman. " We're all going to die!"

"No, we're not! " Bomar said. " Not if I have anything to say about it!"

But it didn't seem likely. Soon, the invaders sent a general transmission. They informed everyone they were called "Bohandi" and ordered everyone to stay at home until transports would come to take them.

"Unfortunately, we have no home " Fola said.

The Bohandi then warned that patrols will be dispatched to find everyone not at home, and any such people found will be immediately taken into custody. Anyone resisting would be shot.

"That's a problem " Fola said. " They may consider us "not at home". And I wouldn't like to be taken by them. "

"Neither do I " everyone else said.

"And we will do whatever we can to prevent it " Bomar said.

"But what can we do?! " shouted the second woman. Another man supported her.

"I know the situation seems hopeless, and I am terribly scared myself " Bomar said. " But panic is a luxury we cannot afford now. I will lead you. "

"But what can we do? " said another man.

"We can try to steal one of the invader's ships " Bomar said. " And use it to get out of here. "

"Are you crazy? " Fola said. " This is going to get us all killed! "

"This is our only choice " Bomar said. " They will eventually find us here. so we can try to steal their ship or wait here until they find us. "

"All right " Fola said. " But I am holding you responsible for this. "

"Let's prepare to move out " Bomar said. " Pack everything up. We're not likely to ever come back here. "

Their (rather small) equipment was packed up and they left the bunker. Using the forest as a cover, they moved toward the city. They saw as a few shuttles arrived to the city, picked something up and flew away.

"These ships are our ticket out of here " Bomar said. " Let's go! "

They approached the city outskirts. They immediately saw a Bohandi patrolling them and we're shocked by it. The Bohandi was very bulky, in his environmental suit and had four arms. It was, of course, normal, but for them, this was absolutely terrifying.

And the Bohandi noticed them as well.

"You, stay there! " he said.

He then approached them.

"This P'Lak, I have a few... " he bagen to say, but stopped as they rushed toward him. He fired and shot one may, but the rest reached him and attacked him. The Bohandi was much stronger, but was overpowered by numbers. Fola and Bomar wrestled one of his weapons from him and then shot him. Black ooze emerged from the body as its skin was exposed to the air.

"Take his equipment " Bomar ordered.

They did it, just as more Bohandi came. They shot two man before the rest managed to retreat between the buildings.

"What are we going to do now? " said the second woman. " We already have casualties, and we got nowhere near a ship. "

"But we have their equipment " Bomar said. " We can... "

At this moment, a shuttle flew just above them and began firing at them.

"It's that your idea? " Fola said. " Get us all killed? "

"Yes, Bomar... " the second woman said. " What are..."

She was then killed by another shot.

The shuttle then lowered and it's doors opened, revealing a few Bohandi soldiers. Fola shot the first one. The others then jumped down and began shooting, killing many, including Nomal. But they were put down, and Bomar, Fola and three other survivors jumped inside the shuttle. The fight inside the shuttle cost the life of one more man, but the survivors took control of the shuttle and managed to escape from the planet and enter warp.

From the shuttle's database, they learned about the Bird - Shaped Colds and they flew to them. They were welcomed by them, along with some other refugees of Daro that managed to escape.

They began to live in one of the "refugee colonies" established by the Bird - Shaped Colds in hidden locations. After some time, Bomar and Fola got married. However, they never returned to their conquered homeworld.

Rise and fall of the spiders

Who created them, is unknown. They arose from the Stardock system, from the ashes of a desert planet. They were bioweapons, who escaped their creators, evolved and were now ready to fulfill their mission: do destroy all other life, everywhere.

They named themselves the Arachnid Collective, for their form was spideric.

They took many planets close to the Stardock system, cleansing them of all life other than their own.

The first contact with known civilizations came when a Bohandi patrol met one of their scout ships. The Arachnids wasted little time in attacking the Bohandi ships. Their scout has destroyed, but only two Bohandi Fighters survived the battle. They reported it back to the command.

Soon after that, the Arachnids attacked and cleansed a Bohandi military colony. This really angered the Bohandi, who immediately sent a fleet to destroy the Arachnids. Only two ships (light cruisers) returned. They reported the Arachnids were too powerful now for the Bohandi Empire to take on alone.

Reluctantly, the high command asked the Ansoids and the Bird - Shaped Cold for a ceasefire and cooperation in removing the Arachnid threat. Both civilizations were initially reluctant to do it, but after the Arachnids cleansed two Ansoid colonies and one Bird - Shaped Colds colony, both of them agreed.

Now came the hard part. To actually remove the threat.

First, all colonies close to the ones "cleansed" were fortified. Heavily fortified. The plan was that, when the next attack from the Arachnids comes, they won't be able to destroy all life on the planet. But the plan was also to drive them off, not destroy them - but to attach trackers to their ships during the battles and then track them, to locate their bases and then destroy them.

The Arachnids attacked all three civilizations at once. In every place, they met high resistance and were forced to retreat. All three sides attempted to attach tracking devices to the Arachnid's ships, but only Bird - Shaped Colds managed to achieve it. They shared all their data with Bohandi and Ansoids, and they located where the ships stopped for a long time. They all came to the conclusion that their main base was there and a huge armada, composed of ships from all three civilizations, was assembled to go there and remove this threat.

The fleet went on their way. The Arachnids threw many ships at the armada, but it wouldn't be stopped. One by one, the spider's colonies fell. Finally, the armada reached the Stardock system. There was a huge Arachnid fleet ready to meet them there.

A huge battle occurred. Most of the armada was destroyed, but they won. The Arachnids ships were destroyed, and all planets in the Stardock system were bombarded, removing the Arachnid threat.

The survivors of the armada then split up according to civilizations and then left. The ceasefire would cease to apply when all ships returned to their territories. The threat was finally over. While no permanent cooperation resulted from it, at least the Arachnids were no more.

The greatest power (a legend of one conquered civilization)

The Bohandi Empire kept records of cultures they conquered.

Long ago, before the rise of our modern civilization, a great tyrant has arose. He rules from a great fortress in the mountains. For some time, he oppressed other people of this region. He was able to conquer vast swaths of the region, and his raiding parties were going even further.

Fortunately, other civilization from the other side of a nearby sea came. They were able to commence a counter - attack, qmand liberated most of the region. The hostile forces were mostly contained to the mountains, although some raiding parties still sometimes were leaving them.

With peace seeming achieved, many kingdoms were established and thrived. But this didn't last long. The enemy was preparing new tricks, and, after some time, he unleashed them, breaking the containment.

Fortunately, many kingdoms managed to hold the enemy off. Eventually, they mounted another counter - offensive. They managed to drive them back to the mountains, but there, in a huge battle, they were defeated. Most of their armies were destroyed there and, even through the enemy suffered severe loses as well, he could refill his ranks quicker.

The surviving kingdoms changed their tactics for asymmetrical warfare. From the destroyed ones, the survivors formed many partisan bands. One of such bands was led by Ruton, son of one of the leaders lost in the previous battle.

For years, they managed to inflict some damage on the enemy forces operating near their base. But they were eventually discovered and nearly completely destroyed by the enemy. Ruton survived and began wandering until he found one of the surviving kingdoms, one of the better hidden ones. He was welcomed there and began to live there. He helped them in their fight. And he also caught the eye of the local princess, named Fulas. And she for him.

(Bohandi note: We know it's so used, but apparently, most humanoids have similar legends. Well, not us.)

It wouldn't take long for these two to begin seeing each other. And, after a few of these meetings, they wanted more than just to see each other.

"Fulas, I can't wait anymore " Ruton said during one of their meetings. " You're so beautiful... I would like to take you here and now. "

"Then do it " Fulas said. " Take me. Make me yours. "

"But... isn't it dishonorable? " Ruton said.

"Who cares about honor? " Fulas said.

"And... consequences " Ruton said. " And you would suffer them more than myself... "

"They are irrelevant " Fulas said and then kissed him on the lips, hard.

"So it is " Ruton said, his hands already working on her dress, to get her out of it.

They went all the way, a few times. And the next day, and the next. People started to get suspicious. However, before they could do anything, the enemy attacked.

They managed to calculate where the hidden kingdom was located and sent out a huge army to destroy it and enslave the survivors.

The army of the kingdom, including Ruton, went to meet the enemy in battle. But they were defeated, and the enemy then easily took the kingdom, and began bringing it's population out and prepare them for a march to their fortress. Fulas was among them.

Ruton managed to collect some other survivors of the army and get back to the kingdom.

As they reached it, they saw many civilians, including Fulas, held outside the gates, bounds and ready for the march. They quickly rushed toward them, cutting down enemy soldiers in the way.

But it wasn't going to be that easy. The enemy general, a huge hybrid of reptile and mammal, stood in their way.

The other survivors stepped back, but Ruton stayed. He moved to attack, but was stopped when the enemy general spoke. He claimed that it wasn't his fight and offered to let him go. And it was so manipulative that Ruton actually began to consider it. However, Fulan noticed it and called to him to help her. And, through the great power of the connection they formed, the greatest power of all, he heard her and realized how wrong he was to listen to the enemy. He then called to the other survivors and they commenced an attack. They quickly released all prisoners and then retreated.

The enemies pursued them, but they managed to lose them.

Eventually, they met up with survivors of other kingdoms and established a refuge on an island. Eventually, help came from other civilizations.

Ruton and Fulan got married eventually as well, although they had an informal relationship for some time before.

The End.

The monster (A Bohandi legend)

Long ago, in the northern regions of Bohus, was a country known as Kawolaw. They were mostly minding their own business, other than some trading with their neighbors. That is, while they still could.

One day, a powerful monster came. It destroyed a few villages near the capital and then made his nest close to the capital. And he began to prey on their livestock and, occasionally, on the Bohandi themselves.

The country's commander sent many of his soldiers to slay the beast. They stayed in touch through audio communication. However, the soldiers, armed only in primitive weapons, were all killed by the monster. More were sent, and the same happened.

Despair fell on the country. They had no way to remove the monster, which was a great threat. While he ate the Bohandi themselves rather rarely, his preying on the livestock resulted in a danger of a mass starvation.

However, this didn't happen. One day, an apprentice of one of the capital's main engineers, named S'kran, approached the commander.

"I have an idea on how to kill the monster that threatens us," he said.

"How?" said the commander.

"I have created a bomb strong enough to kill the best... from the inside," S'kran said.

"Excellent, but how would the bomb find itself inside the beast?" said the commander.

"I have an idea on that too," S'kran said. "It will be seated."

"Why would the monster eat the bomb?" said the commander.

"That's where I need your help," S'kran said. "I need one unit of our livestock... I intend to place the bomb inside said livestock and leave it close to the monster's nest. The monster will eat it along with the bomb, the bomb will explode inside its stomach and that will be all."

"We can give it a try," the commander said. "But... how will we ensure that the bomb won't explode too quickly?"

"It has a remote detonator," S'kran said. "I will only activate it once it's inside the monster."

"All right," the commander said. "Do it."

One unit of livestock was brought to S'kran's workshop and he planted the bomb into it. He then brought it outside. He had released it outside the monster's nest and had hidden behind a nearby rock.

The monster emerged from its nest. The livestock unit began to run, but the monster caught it. He looked suspiciously at it, as if thinking if everything was all right with it. Finally, the monster ate it.

S'kran activated his bomb. A moment later, it exploded, killing the monster and freeing Kawolaw from this menace.

The escape

Sakara was a woman from the Gobsa civilization. While she was still young, her civilization was conquered by the Bohandi Empire. She was one of a few who managed to escape and get to the Bird - Shaped Colds. She was currently inside one of their bases, waiting for a transport to a refuge colony. Because she was asked to stay out of the way of the base's personnel, she spent most of the time in her assigned quarters. She was content to do that because these quarters, unlike most of the base, were designed for humanoid species. Sakara was eating her dinner when, suddenly, an entire base went on alert. Soon, a Bird - Shaped Cold entered her quarters.

"What is going on?" Sakara said.

"The Bohandi are attacking us," the Bird - Shaped Cold said. "Stay here. Here's a weapon, in case you need one.

He gave her a small pistol and then left.

For some time, there was relative peace. And then, suddenly, a few thunders came through the base. Sakara activated a commlink she was given when she reached the base.

"Bohandi has breached the hull! Organize defenses... Retreat to point 40-41..."

And many shots were heard as well. Then, the comm was filled with jamming and she turned it off.

Sakara was immediately extremely scared. She went through one Bohandi assault and she was lucky there. Being lucky two times would be improbable.

She immediately looked all over her quarters for a place to hide. It wasn't likely to work because of Bohandi's enhanced vision.

She looked at the quarters's closet. It should be all right. She opened it, got inside and closed it from the inside. She sat down there, making herself as comfortable as possible. She gripped her pistol hard.

After some time of nervous waiting, she heard the doors to her quarters opening and hard steps she would always recognize. A Bohandi entered her quarters. Only one, but it was enough to scare her completely.

She heard the Bohandi moving around her quarters. She gripped her pistol even harder, ready to fire at any moment.

Suddenly, she heard shots outside. She heard a body hit the ground. Certainly a Bohandi body.

"You may come out," she heard a voice of a Bird - Shaped Cold.

Carefully, Sakara opened the doors of her closet. She saw two Bird - Shaped Colds in her quarters.

"We must move out quickly," one of them said. "The Bohandi are quickly taking over our base... They came with overwhelming force. We have a few ships ready to evacuate, but we must reach them before the Bohandi can find and destroy them."

"All right," Sakara said.

"Be quiet and stay hidden as much as possible," the Bird - Shaped Cold said. "We will lead you."

They peeked outside the quarters. The corridor was clear.

"Go!" said the Bird " Shaped Cold. They went through the corridor and into the next one. What they saw there was terrible. There was a fight going on there... and the Bird - Shaped Colds were losing, badly. They saw the Bohandi shooting them at distance and shattering them in close combat. One of them jumped at one Bohandi and unleashed his freezing attack. Bohandi's rifle was frozen and useless, but he took his auxiliary pistol to kill the Bird " Shaped Cold.

"We must take another route..." the Bird " Shaped Cold that spoke to her all the time said. " Come...

They went to another corridor nearby. But Bohandi noticed them and fired. The second Bird - Shaped Cold that was with them was shot and killed.

They managed to reach the hidden ship. However, when they were about to board it, they heard heavy footsteps. The Bohandi were coming.

"Stop where you are!" shouted one of them.

"Go!" the Bird " Shaped Cold said and pushed Sakara into the ship. He then closed the doors behind her. "

Sakara looked at the ship's control systems. They were strange, clearly not designed for a humanoid to operate. Yet, this was her only chance.

The Bohandi began to work on the airlock to the ship. She quickly remembered what she knew and pressed the button for launch. The ships launched, but it immediately alerted her about Bohandi Fighters incoming. They opened fire on her ship.

"Now, what should I do?" Sakara said. Suddenly, one of the buttons highlighted. Sakara pressed it, and the ship went into warp. The Bohandi followed her, but they were slower. They were unable to catch up to her.

She was brought out of warp in a few hours. Her ship was disabled... by a command sent by a Bird - Shaped Colds fleet that was around her.

She was brought aboard the flagship, where she was questioned about what happened.

When she said everything, the flagship turned around to bring her directly to a refuge colony while the fleet proceeded to the base to deal with the Bohandi.

Sakara was finally safe, but she was traumatized by both of her encounters with the Bohandi. As were many others.

Discovery

Bohandi cruiser Bal'nah moved into an uncharted star system. Commander B'Ala, commanding officer of the ship, was on it's bridge. They were investigating a mysterious signal detected, and tracked it here.

"Commander, I am reading the source of the signal " said Engsin Z'Er, the science officer. " It appears to be a crashed ship on the closest planet's surface. "

"Our us in a geosynchronous orbit above this wreckage " B'Ala said. " I will take an away team to investigate this ship. "

The Bal'nah moved into orbit above the wreckage. B'Ala went to the shuttle bay. The rest of her away team was preparing for the mission.

"Check your equipment " B'Ala ordered. -Weapons, comms... Make sure the recording is working.

The Bohandi were constantly recording all outputs and inputs of their helmet sensors. Officially, it was to ensure that no Bohandi are missing in action and, if they die, it can be always checked out what they were doing before death. But, some people has suspicions

that it was being used for more nefarious purposes... By some elements in the Bohandi government.

"Everyone ready? " B'Ala said.

Everyone else nodded.

"Get aboard " B'Ala said.

They boarded the shuttle and closed the doors.

"Pilot, initiate the starting sequence " B'Ala said. " Take us out. "

The shuttle left the hangar bay and proceeded toward the wreckage on the planet. They landed close to the wreckage.

"All right, let's go " B'Ala said.

The Bohandi stepped out of the shuttle. They walked toward the wreckage. There was a hole in the hull and they used it to get inside.

Inside the wreckage, there was complete darkness. The Bohandi activated the lights in their environmental suits, showing parts of the interior. they found a few humanoid robots lying in the corridor.

"Where's the source of that signal? " B'Ala said.

"Straight ahead, 100 meters " said another Bohandi. " Follow me. "

They went ahead, until they entered a huge chamber that appeared to be the control room.

"The signal comes from that structure " said the same Bohandi. " And it's much stronger here."

"Can you decipher it from here? " B'Ala said.

"I think so " said that Bohandi. He imputed the necessary instructions and the translation soon showed up.

"Commander... It's not good " he said.

"What does it say? " B'Ala said.

"It's a warning beacon " said the Bohandi.

"Good warning beacon that doesn't transmit properly " B'Ala said. " It only attracts the attention of others, not warns them away. What danger does it warn of?"

"Something about... robots " said the Bohandi. " War machines. "

"We saw them " said another Bohandi. " They're not working anymore. "

"Maybe they only looks like that " B'Ala said. " Let's get out of here!"

They began walking toward the shuttle, quickly. Suddenly, they heard heavy, metallic footsteps ahead of them.

"They're alive! " shouted one of the Bohandi. Soon, shots came, killing one of the Bohandi.

"Everyone, take cover! " B'Ala shouted.

They took as much cover as they could, mostly behind some rubble in the corridor. B'Ala quickly began changing the spectres her visor was looking through, looking for one the robotis would be visible in. She finally found it and relayed it to everyone, then opened fire at the robots.

Each robot could took several hits to destroy, but they were put down. Three Bohandi, however, were killed before it could happen, and fore more were wounded. They went on and managed to reach their shuttle without engaging any more robots. They then took off and returned to the ship.

After returning to hyer ship, B'Ala ordered the warning signal recorded and the her ship to destroy the wreckage from orbit, to prevent anyone else from finding it.

Underwater

Note: This story was already published as part of the "Legends of the Civilizations" story collection.

Long, long time ago, before the Bohandi united into one civilization and before they began wearing their environmental suits all the time, in the oceans of Bohus lived a hunter called Wo'dnik. He hunted a lot of game, but his favorite prey was a species of powerful predators known as Bashans.

One day, Wo'dnik was on a hunt when he saw a huge Bashan. He swam closer to it and he saw that it has cornered something else... Something much smaller. Wo'dnik immediately activated his weapon and shot toward the Bashan. It turned toward him and immediately swam toward him. Wo'dnik evaded it's attack and activated his knife. He then swipe at the Bashan and put the blade it it's flesh. The Bashan roared and threw around, but Wo'dnik managed to rip the blade from the fleshand then activate his ranged weapon. He targeted the wound and shot. This finally killed the beast.

He then approached whatever it was attacking. The being looked like a Bohandi, but was somewhat smaller.

"Who are you? " Wo'dnik asked.

"I am a being known a El'snil " said the being. " You saved me. For that, I shall give you something. 200 meters from here, directly at north, is an entrance to a cave... You will find very curious things there. "

And then, the being swam away. Wo'dnik went where it said and. indeed, found an entrance to a cave there. He netered the cave, and his eyes saw things he had no hope to see.

Not only were there richest beyond imagination, but also technologies like no Bohandi has ever dreamt of. Wo'dnik returned home and called all his friends. Together, they took part of the treasure from the cave and divided it among themselves. They also recorded the location of the cave, and leaved in peace, using the roiches, until the end of their days.

It is said that, when Wo'dnik was dying, he told his children to keep the location of the cave a secret until the Bohandi will become united. And so, when the First Bohandi Empire was created, his descendants revealed the location of the cave, and things there greatly accelerated the rise of our civilization. But, whatever there is any truth in it, we do not know