A Galactic Crystal Conflict

A Blub Galaxy lore prologue By Pepinhus - the Lizard, 2022

330 million light-years from Earth, beyond our observable universe, There is the Blub Galaxy, in one of its solar systems there are 7 planets with more than 8 types of intelligent races. Among those planets, there is the blue Sork, it is a world illuminated by the energy emanating from it's ubiquitous blubit crystals which are only found on this planet.

Recently it was discovered that those crystals have wonderful properties that can shape reality and used for many wonderful and useful things. And the Kibis (Sork inhabitants) being free, altruistic and above all things intelligent, knew that meddling too much with this crystal power could bring chaos to their whole galaxy.

Nevertheless, several neighboring planetary kingdoms, always had an eye on Sork and their resources and did illicit experimentation with blubit achieving the construction of amazing technologies and fearful technologies that would turn the tides in any armed conflict and greatly improve societies, some races even claim that by the use of the blubit crystals they can bend the time.

Then the inevitable wars broke. It was an arms race without truce and all engaged into political and militar pressure to get a foothold on Sork. Ceaselessly, the Kibis defended their own lands against greedy offworlders who sought Sork's minerals. Then in those times of chaos, after magnanimous energy shocks that lit the whole galaxy, Nirgara: A pure, immaculate Kibi who was chosen to bring peace to Blub, was able to repel the neighboring invaders using her powers which increasingly weakened her after the conflicts. On an unfortunate turn of events, after the tenth wave of sieges, she had to do a fateful decision and chose to sacrifice herself in order to keep the peace in Blub... But she was deceived.

As a result the Kibis, who were free, intelligent and altruistic with loyal warriors with slender aspects, fell into submission. Many chose exile, others were captured suffering imprisonment and forced labor. They are lost without their queen and were yielding more and more territories of their vast planet to foreign forces. For that reason some brave warriors joined an underground resistance movement known as The Dissidents, this group devoted itself to train on combat techniques and develop technologies to defend what remains of Sork. they know that the time to fight back is near, but also they will need a champion. A gifted young Kibi from ancient prophecies that will lead them to victory, freedom and reconciliation.

Currently, the planet is mostly occupied by the Somirians led by their authoritarian leader Zian, they are dreaded warriors and ambitious politicians. The Somirians have great control over Sork and compete with other races and local inhabitants for resource extraction. But since they have captured and confined Nirgara, the tides are turning to their favor.

But such aggressiveness doesn't come without a reason as simplistic as raw material extraction; They have waged war on Sork because their race is dying, a strange contagious disease is consuming the population of Somir and they have turned to blubit crystal powered technologies to cure their illnesses. Being this the principal reason they have

momentarily oppressed the Kibis. Nevertheless, other Somirians want to leverage the situation, since they are on the planet with a militar superiority and secured territories, their covetous politicians and greedy entrepreneurs don't want to miss the opportunity of extracting more of the Sork's blubit crystals given it has become such an useful and valuable mineral. For that reason they won't easily let go the iron grip on Sork which is granting them such income.

In these dire times some other Kibis have turned to more dishonest ways to keep themselves afloat using this conflict to net themselves a cut of the profits and survive, there are underworld crime circles where natives explicitly dedicated themselves to blubit smuggling, others do espionage work, many have become skilled bounty hunters and some even falsify glass into blubit crystals. Which has led to great confusion among all the occupants of Sork. At the end, anyone in any galaxy will do whatever it takes to stay alive.

One of the most noteworthy Kibi criminal organizations is called The Order of the Ravens, where many incredibly dexterous agents have specialized in the use of blubit crystal technology to meld in the shadows and even impersonating other races at the point of perfect duplicity. More than survival and profiteering the Order has greater plans in mind.

To recapitulate. On the paper, the Somirian occupation ended and the Sork queen is absent. This somewhat led to more pacific times. Even though, the planet is still riddled with Somirian troops, Kibi forces operate from clandestine locations and outsiders are settling themselves down in different territories, its clear that the tenuous peace is an illusion. A multi factional war is brewing in the dark for planetary control, nothing less than a race for the high throne.

Which race will govern Sork? Who will be the factions champions? What would you do if you were in the shoes of any of the characters that shape the planet's history?

Will you take sides with the rebel liberation forces, The Dissidents? Or maybe you could fancy yourself a dreaded crime lord from the Order of the Ravens? Will you dominate with Somirian armament superiority? Will you learn how to wield the power of the blubit crystals with a powerful device crafted by your race? Would you represent an offworlder strange species seeking to push your people into glory and riches?

Many wonders await for you in the Blub Galaxy.