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The Star Ocean (#2200-#2299) : 1322-1337 NGE (10 year gap from previous cycle)

Names in this cycle :

Kantiran – Asciani da Vivo’s and Rhodan’s son

Shallowain – a member of the Arkonide secret service

Kybb-Cranar (Kybb) – the current ruling race in Jamondi

Motana – the previous ruling race in Jamondi; ruthlessly ruled and persecuted by the Kybb

Shozid – a helper race of the Protectors in Jamondi

Gray Autonomous – a spiritual power in Jamondi

Carya Andaxi – the only living Protector

Tagg Kharzani – a Protector who is influenced to become evil

Gon-Orbhon – a Protector who is influenced to become evil

Gon-O – the mental fusion of Gon-Orbhon and the Nocturne Satrugar

Note : when a character refers to him, Gon-Orbhon is used; when the text refers to him, Gon-O is used

Motoclone – a psionic morphing robot that can emit a killing Motoshock

Zephyda – the leader of the Motana

Lyressea – a Sentinel

Carlos Imberlock – a preacher who starts a cult against technology and for Gon-Orbhon

ARCHETIM – a superintelligence whose psi-corpse is inside Sol

STROWWAN – a negative superintelligence

Nocturn – a crystalline race

Satrugar – an insane Nocturn

Orren Snaussenid – a Shohaaken (a race that appeared on Terra; they were created and given life by ARCHETIM’s psi-corpse because of the hyperimpedance change)

Hayok – a star cluster in the Milky Way

Jamondi – a star cluster that appears from a hypercocoon; also called the Star Ocean

Tom Karthay – the only Motana planet in Jamondi not occupied by Kybb

Grayspray – a planet in Jamondi where a Protector and the Paragon Cross are hidden

Arphonie – a star cluster; ruled by Tagg Kharzani and home of his Kerhzesch Castle

Parrakhon – a star cluster in the Large Magellanic Cloud

Parr – a solar system in Parrakhon

Parrakh – a planet in Parr; center of the Orbhon Empire

Order of the Protectors of Jamondi

Protectors – have an aura; ensure order and security in a peaceful manner by resolving conflicts

Sentinels – powerful beings that can consecrate Protectors; in dangerous situations, can take on a second form

Note : because the books are grouped into sections, there were over a dozen places where something happens in one section that is explained or continues in a later section. There was nothing I could do about this.

Note : much of the action happens “inside” the hypercocoon, which eventually fall into “normal” space.

Intro

In the years following the end of the Tradom Empire, relative calm returned to the Milky Way. The LFT is preparing, at great expense and with great effort, for the still unclear consequences of what Cairol has called an "increase in hyperspace resistance." Efforts are being made to make all inhabited planets self-sufficient. This is accompanied by severe cuts in the economies of entire solar systems; *calls of opposition are heard*, and the LFT gradually falls into decline among the galactic powers. The other races ignore Perry Rhodan's warnings, which he makes several times in the Galacticum. The Arkonides in particular are only interested in expanding their position of power, and their declared enemy is the Terrans, and in particular Perry Rhodan.

In 1322 NGE, Kantiran, the son of Perry Rhodan and Ascari da Vivo, *is taken to the Arkonide planet Creiff to grow up. He does not know who his real parents are, but he discovers he has a gift : he can communicate with animals on an empathic level, and bonds with a tatarox marten, a vicious predatory animal. Eventually, he understands the entire instinctively controlled thought world of all animals and can give them orders in a mental way, which they must obey. He also befriends a man named Mal Detair. When he is an adult, during a visit from Ascari, he steals a data crystal from her and learns the truth. He is to be used as a weapon against the Terrans, because Rhodan has no idea of Kantiran's existence, and if he were to be confronted with his son at the right time, his resolve could be paralyzed. When he confronts Ascari, she shows no feelings of any kind for her son, she sees him only as a tool for the destruction of Terra, and admits to having his girlfriend killed. Kantiran then sets his marten on her, who tears her to pieces. Ascari survives, but Kantiran knows nothing of this. Kantiran and Detair leave the Arkon system for parts unknown. Shallowain, a member of the Arkonide secret service, follows him, to bring him back alive. Kantiran apparently shakes off his unknown pursuer and makes it to Terra, where he meets his father, Rhodan, who offers him friendship and asylum.*

From 1326 NGE to 1331, Mars, which appeared after the disappearance of Trokan (*in the previous cycle*), is colonized again. Mondra Diamond will be State Secretary on the staff of League Foreign Minister Julian Tiffloor.

The consequences of the hyperimpedance increase gradually become noticeable. The effects on all high-tech throughout the Milky Way and presumably in the entire Einstein universe are sometimes catastrophic. Hyperstorms rage across the galaxy, exceeding in strength the storms that caused the outbreak of the Archaic Periods of Arkonide history. *The use of transmitters for passenger transport is becoming impossible because the percentage of lost shipments is increasing extremely. It is harder and harder to tap energy from hyperspace. Any device based on hypertechnology consumes much more energy, the hypercrystals used to convert 4-D processes into 5-D or higher process are depleted within a very short time and crumble into dust. Spaceships can only reach faster than light speeds with extreme energy expenditure and are thrown back into normal space after short stages. The maximum faster-than-light speeds also decrease significantly. The range of hyperradio is significantly limited and syntronics no longer work properly or fail completely. Gravitrafs (which store tremendous amounts of hyperenergy in the form of tension in the structure of space-time as standing waves) are rapidly losing their storage capacity. They also cannot be filled to capacity in order to avoid the risk of an explosion.* All of these phenomena do not appear in full immediately and do not have their final strength from the beginning - rather, the conditions worsen over the years. *[The book summaries do not indicate when the effects first start to appear, but they reach their maximum in 1331.]*

From the year 1331 onwards, inexplicable hyperstorms accumulate in the area of the Milky Way, leading to countless transmitter accidents. Not even protective measures like the crystal screen can do anything against it.

Violent spacequakes shake several sectors of space spread across the galaxy. One of these areas is in the immediate vicinity of the Hayok star cluster. Then the "new suns" appear. Some *systems* from the Jamondi *star cluster*, materialize very near the Hayok star cluster. *IT's messenger*, Lotho Keraete, appears on LEIF ERIKSSON. He asks Perry Rhodan and Atlan to accompany him to the *star cluster*, which was exiled in a hypercocoon seven million years ago, where a threat to the Milky Way had arisen. Kantiran, who is angry with his father because he chooses Atlan instead of him as a companion in the Star Ocean, goes into hiding again.

The Star Ocean of Jamondi

In 1331 NGE, Lotho Keraete, Rhodan and Atlan fly into the *Jamondi hypercocoon* with a silver ball *ship* from the Cosmic Engineers. The silver bullet crashes on the planet Baikhah Cain, and Keraete becomes trapped under a thick layer of ice.

Rhodan and Atlan wander through the icy deserts of Baikhah Cain and are rescued by local *natives*. Having now arrived in the temperate climate zones of the planet, Perry Rhodan and Atlan are captured during further exploration by the Kybb-Cranar, who they believe are Motana, and force *them* to work as slaves in the Foam Opal mines of the Holy Mountain. However, the two manage to escape. In the forests of Baikhah Cain they meet free Motana, with whom they find shelter. In the forest of Pardahn they also meet Rorkhete, the nomad, *who searches for six "Sentinels"*. He claims to be the last of the Shozids.

When the Kybb-Cranar attack the Motana settlement, Atlan, Rhodan and the Motana Zephyda are able to escape at the last minute *and meet the psychic Oceanic Oracles*. Atlan and Zephyda fall in love.

Together with Rorkhete, they are teleported to the planet Ash Irthumo by the Oceanic Oracles. As they continue their escape, the immortals learn more about the history of Jamondi, as well as about the Motana, the mysterious Sentinels and Protectors of Jamondi. Rorkhete believes that Perry Rhodan and Atlan could be consecrated as new Protectors. They would then be important symbolic figures *in* the struggle for freedom of the people of Jamondi. *It is also revealed that the Star Ocean may have been put into the hypercocoon by IT.*

In 1332 NGE, on *the planet Shoz*, the fugitives find one of the legendary Bionic Cruisers. Zephyda becomes the commander of the ship, which is named SWORD, and therefore also the leader of the Motana. *The other Motana are brought on board, and they all have to sing with a psionic component to make the ship work.* During test flights, the companions meet *and repair* a damaged Besch spacecraft. As a thank you, the Besch commander gives them a star catalog in which a world is listed where free Motana live. Lotho Keraete is freed from the ice of Baikhah Cain, *and the ship returns to Shoz.*

On Tom Karthay, the only Motana world not enslaved by the Kybb, Zephyda asks for assistance in the fight against the oppressors, but the planetary Majesty refuses. Surprisingly, she receives a message from Corestaar, the *leader* of Roedergorm Fortress (*another kingdom on the planet*). *Their people offer to help, and then the Local Majesties agree to help.* In Roedergorm, Motana are trained as crew for the sixty Bionic Cruisers that can be recovered in a nearby system.

The companions receive further valuable information from the Gray Autonomous (*a disembodied entity*). *He tells them of the six Sentinels created by IT, who, when gathered at the Paragon Cross (which carries a splinter of IT), could consecrate new Protectors of the Jamondi. He refuses to consecrate Rhodan and Atlan as Protectors, but agrees to bring the unconscious Lotho Keraete back to life.*

Three months later, the Bionic Cruiser fleet is ready for use. After the problems with the Deathbringers (*a particular kind of Motana singer, whose songs can kill*) have been solved, the small fleet conquers *the Kybb-Cranar headquarter on the planet Baikhah Cain and many of their spaceships. Rhodan is surprised by their ruthlessness, but they say they will not take any prisoners.* Then a Kybb fleet arrives and retakes the system by using old *Cyber-Neutros (which creates a strong UHF psionic wavefront that disrupts the mental union of the Motana pilots)*, and twenty Bionic Cruisers are destroyed. *While the Motana ships are busy relocating the Motana on Baikhah Cain, Perry Rhodan discovers the eternal asylum of a Sentinel there. In a dream, the Sentinel, in the [Language of the Mighty], asks him about his attitude towards the [High Powers] of the Universe. He says he does not prefer the Cosmocrats, nor the Chaotarchs, he is not obliged to do anything for both sides. Asked about his morality, he says "I see myself in the moral tradition of the old Knights of Deep, who never accumulated power for their own sake". The Sentinel Lyressea is awakened. The Motana blow up the Holy Mountain, destroying all the Foam Opal. The Kybb-Cranar attack again, leaving only 40 Cruiser ships.*

Lyressea reports about *the events* seven million years ago when the Order of the Protectors ensured peace and order in the Milky Way :

The six Sentinels - three male and three female humanoids - were created 7 million years ago by IT on Wanderer from the gene pool of Terra and by Homunk, who comes from the same gene pool, several centuries ago to prepare for a task that had to do with the Order of the Protectors. The Protectors were an organization similar to the Knights of the Deep during this time. They were based in the Jamondi star cluster on the planet Tan-Jamondi II. This was also the location of their dome, a building shaped like a massive pine cone attached to a tree and known as the Rogan Cathedral. According to legend, the order should be blessed as long as the tree bears fruit. The tree was guarded by a mysterious being called Orrien Alar, who could merge with the tree. The Protectors had previously only been able to receive their consecration in Rogan Cathedral because a spiritual being had merged with the cathedral. The Protectors *eventually* broke away from the Cosmocrats. They no longer wanted to follow the rigid rules of the authorities, but instead wanted to live according to their own moral principles. The Cosmocrats agreed to this, but had removed the spiritual being from the Rogan Cathedral so that no new Protectors could be ordained.

In order to save the order from extinction, new Protectors will be ordained by the Sentinels in the future. This only works with the help of the Paragon Cross, a psionic field into which a sliver of IT's consciousness is integrated. Only thoroughly positive beings can be consecrated as Protectors; the final decision is made by the Paragon Cross. As a further gift, Homunk's Sentinels receive several thousand newborns and tens of thousands of fetuses from a people who go by the name of Motana. IT created the Motana from Earth's gene pool, and the superintelligence "extrapolated" the likely development of life on Earth - that is, the Motana correspond to the intelligent life form that will only develop on Earth in 7 million years : humans.

A heyday is beginning for the Order of the Protectors. The Sentinels search for and test particularly suitable creatures from all possible peoples and continually appoint new Protectors. They, in turn, ensure order and security in the Milky Way in a peaceful manner by resolving conflicts without using their powerful military might. The Protectors' strongest spaceships are their Porters: 4 miles long, rust-red *cylindrical* spaceships. However, the backbone of the fleets are the Shozids with their double ring spaceships. The Motana, who spread across many of Jamondi's solar systems over the following millennia, also became an important auxiliary people of the Protectors. Their main world is the planet Barinx.

The Protectors extend their sphere of influence over several star clusters in Milky Way, one of which is Arphonie and is located near Earth. Another such star cluster is also located in the Large Magellanic Cloud and is called Parrakhon. One of the "newer" Protectors is Tagg Kharzani, a dark humanoid, skinny as a skeleton and always wearing a wide-brimmed hat that makes him look even more forbidding. Another new Protector is Gon-Orbhon. Lyressea finds him in an escape pod floating in the void between the Large Magellanic Cloud and Milky Way. He cannot remember his past, but is probably an artificially created being. With his ability to mentally control intelligent beings from a distance, he ends a terrible war that the Kybb peoples, who come from the Small Magellanic Cloud, are waging in Large Magellanic Cloud. At Gon-Orbhon's instigation, a second Protector cathedral, the Paragon Cross, is built in Large Magellanic Cloud on the planet Parrakh, where consecrations can also take place. The pacified Kybb peoples are integrated into the organization of the Protectors. The Kybb are building a *huge* structure in the Arphonie star cluster for Tagg Kharzani – the Kherzesch Castle.

One day, the female water creature Carya Andaxi is ordained as a Protector. She was once a representative of the Cosmocrats, but is no longer working for them. She is practically the embodiment of positive morality. She keeps talking about a legendary place called Ahandaba, which cannot be reached by conventional means of space travel. She begins promoting the potential of psionic space travel that lies dormant in the Motana. Tagg Kharzani develops an aversion to Carya Andaxi and her stories of Ahandaba. It turns out that Kharzani suffers from a pathological fear of death. Carya Andaxi retreats to the water world of Grayspray, which is similar to her home planet and is very close to Kherzesch Castle. From there she returns with a new type of

ship, specifically designed for the Motana. With these Bionic Cruisers, the Motana are increasingly replacing the Shozids. The Oceanic Oracles come from *the planet* Grayspray - it is rumored that they are children of Carya Andaxi.

Bad times begin when the Sentinels receive a disturbing message from Homunk : the auxiliary people of the negative superintelligence STROWWAN will soon invade Milky Way. STROWWAN's goal is to transform itself into a [Matter Sink]. The war soon begins and the Protectors have to use deadly weapons for the first time. New Protectors are no longer consecrated, and Wanderer retreats into hyperspace. Lyressea becomes a psychic Sentinel because of her mental sensitivity. After 898 years of war, the decisive battle takes place between STROWWAN's hordes and the combined fleets of all the peoples of the Milky Way under the leadership of the Protectors. *Most of the Order of the Protectors perished in the Bloody Night of Barinx. After that, Gon-Orbhon and Tagg Kharzani were the only ones left.*

In the battle against STROWWAN's fleets, which was extremely costly for both sides, the decision in favor of the Protectors was brought about by thousands of unexpectedly intervening Bionic Cruisers and two Nocturnes from the galaxy Fornax called in by IT for help, after some of STROWWAN's spaceships equipped with paratechnology had even managed to tear the artificial world Wanderer out of hyperspace. The price of victory is high, the Protectors' forces emerge from the conflict badly battered. The enemy units flee, but could still pose a threat to the Protectors' main worlds. Therefore, the heavily damaged Nocturne Antallin teleports to Tan-Jamondi II, and the Nocturne Satrugar goes to Parrakh. However, Antallin veers off course and crashes onto the planet Baikhall Cain, where he dies. He sinks into the planet's crust, his substance foams up and mixes with the planet's matter - this is how the Holy Mountain *and Foam Opal* are formed. A strong psi component breaks away from the mountain and disappears into space. This later develops into the Gray Autonomous.

The Nocturne Satrugar crashes on Parrakh very close to the Protectors' Dome. An inland sea is created, from which the Dome, a piece of the Nocturne and six volcanic cones protrude. [Satrugar goes mad after the crash. Gon-Orbhon tries to help him, merges with the Nocturne and transforms into a malicious being named Gon-O that believes itself to be a god.](#) Decades later, STROWWAN is finally defeated by IT. The concentration of power of the superintelligence prospers, but the Protectors go downhill. The tree at the Rogan Cathedral dies. The Paragon Cross disappears, and no new Protectors can be consecrated. Gon-O takes power in the Large Magellanic Cloud. The Dome there becomes the core of his empire and has been called Bastion of Parrakh ever since. In the fight against Gon-O's Orbhon Empire, which is preparing to overrun the Small Magellanic Cloud, Tagg Kharzani's Kyber peoples are to play a decisive role. The most powerful weapon are the Kybb Titans. These structures, which are 10 miles in diameter and resemble deformed balls, appear strangely alive. Their interior is filled with nano-cyborgs (technites) that can create anything that is needed. Something mysterious is happening on the Kybb Titans, and even Tagg Kharzani does not know everything about it. The origin of the Kybb Titans also remains unknown. *Inside the Titans*, in areas that no one can enter, Motoclones are created (*a morphing robot with psionic abilities, that can emit a killing Motoshock*).

Gon-O taps into the 6-D component of the sun of Earth with a jet beam, and begins to mentally influence entire peoples in the Small Magellanic Cloud. Soon after, he sends fleet contingents into the galaxy - war breaks out again. An advance by the Protectors to Parrakh fails. Then IT intervenes and seals all 16 star clusters that belong to the spheres of influence of the Protectors and the Orbhon Empire in the Milky Way, and the Magellanic clouds, in hypercocoons. The star clusters then no longer have contact with each other or with the rest of the universe. This abruptly ends the war and IT can continue to build up its concentration of power in peace. Peace also reigns in the Star Ocean of Jamondi for the time being. The few remaining Protectors launch the Distance Track project. They want to try to create a connection between the Jamondi and Arphonie *hypercocoons*. By chance it is discovered that Kybb fleets are marching all over Jamondi. Tagg Kharzani is behind it : he wants to seize control of the Star Ocean. After heavy fighting, the Protectors gather all remaining forces in the Ring of the Nine Suns of Barinx. There they are defeated, and all Protectors fall. The Sentinels are evacuated in time and hidden on various planets.

On the advice of the Gray Autonomous, Zephyda convenes the first Convention of Majesties since the Night of Blood. The Planetary Majesties elect Zephyda as Stellar Majesty, making her the leader of all Motana of the Star Ocean of Jamondi. Lyressea discovers that her sister Catiaane has eternal asylum (*suspended animation*) under the city Kimte.

Perry Rhodan and Lyressea awaken Catiaane. Catiaane knows the locations of the other four asylums. Little by little, [the remaining four Sentinels are freed from their eternal asylums](#). One of the Sentinels announces that he brought the Motana First Fleet to safety before the downfall of the Protectors. This 8,000-unit-strong unit is the Deathbringer fleet and consists of spaceships that are similar in design to the Bionic Cruisers, but are ten percent larger and have three Deathbringer gun emplacements instead of just one. The other Sentinels also want to try to use their knowledge of old bases, equipment depots, etc. - perhaps not all of them have been destroyed by the Kybb and perhaps there is still something to be gained there. Now only the Paragon Cross is needed if Perry Rhodan and Atlan are to be consecrated as new Protectors.

In order to find the hiding place of the Paragon Cross, the companions head to Tan-Jamondi II, the former capital world of the Protectors and also the location of the Protector's Rogan Cathedral. There they actually find the crucial clue : the Paragon Cross is located in the Arphonie star cluster, on the planet Grayspray, the home of the Protector Carya Andaxi. They also learn the story of the Eternal Gardener Orrien Alar, *who cared for the forest around the Cathedral, and managed to revive the tree that was sacred to the Order of the Protectors*.

When the Star Ocean of Jamondi collapses back into normal space, *causing major hypershocks throughout the galaxy*, the companions use the chaos to use the SWORD to reach the Arphonie star cluster via the [Distance Track \(a transmat-like linkage weaving thru the hypercocoons\)](#). Shortly before the Distance Track collapses, the SWORD reaches the Arphonie star cluster. There she is immediately attacked by Kybb ships and can only barely escape. But the chase is only over when a fleet of large bionic White Cruisers *that appear to travel by hyperspace transitions* comes to the aid of the stricken Bionic Cruiser. The crew of the White Cruiser consists of Shozids.

The Shozids take the SWORD to a planet they call Grayspray, *the homeworld of a Protector named Carya Andaxi*, but behave relatively uncooperatively. They report that the planets of a shadow state *under the command of Carya, whom they serve*, were previously hidden in space-time folds from the treacherous Protector Tagg Kharzani's henchmen. However, due to the increased hyperimpedance, they fell back into normal space and are defenseless against *Tagg and the Kybb-Cranar*. They also report that at the time of the hypercocoon banishment, only 200 Shozids lived on Grayspray. There are now almost 100,000 Shozids living in Arphonie, but the genetic diversity was too low. Rorkhete therefore becomes a sought-after man. *Rorkhete refuses to help, so he is abducted*. A short time later, *Grayspray is attacked by the Kybb-Cranar and destroyed*. But as it turns out, it was all just a feint. The Kybb have destroyed the planet Grayspray II, the real planet Grayspray is still safe. *The SWORD and Carya's fleet escape*.

Now the companions are taken to the real planet Grayspray. There they receive an audience with the Protector Carya Andaxi. But she is apparently seriously ill. She also rejects Zephyda's warlike plans *to attack Castle Kherzesch*. For them, war is the wrong wave. It is only when the Kybb-Cranar Motoclone Hundred-and-Nine arrives in Grayspray and kills *many people* before he can be *teleported* into the orbit of the sun that Andaxi is shaken out of her self-pity and inner doubts. She still doesn't want to wage war, but she declares Zephyda commander-in-chief of the troops available. Lyressea is appointed as the top decision-maker. Zephyda then calls for a union of the free peoples of Jamondi, the shadow state of Andaxi and the Terrans - the Alliance of Morality. Carya Andaxi recognizes that Rhodan and Atlan are people of integrity with extraordinary abilities. She also finally reveals the location of the Paragon Cross, *which is in a Kybb-occupied system*.

Perry Rhodan, Zephyda and Lyressea advance to the *planet Petac* with the SWORD. *They evade the Kybb troops, and trick a priest into taking them into a mountain where the Paragon Cross appears. But it starts talking to Lyressea, and refuses to help*. It recognizes the intention of the three space travelers and it also

recognizes Perry's cell activator, and the special affinity of the immortal Terran to IT, but that is not enough. *Eventually, the splinter of IT inside the Cross convinces it to help.*

Meanwhile, Atlan goes on a commando mission with General Traver and Rorkhete. The aim is to capture a Kybb strategic map. The Death Group, a special unit from the Grayspray squadron, manages to capture the data in a Kybb blockade fort. But while escaping, three White Cruisers encounter two Hyperwhales (*huge space creatures that could "bump" hyperenergetic objects like spaceships into hyperspace*). Only two Cruisers manage to escape. The squadron's flagship is blasted into hyperspace – officially, Atlan, Traver, Rorkhete and the 250 men of the crew are pronounced dead. Rhodan and Zephyda find out about the shocking accident on Grayspray a day later.

Under the direction of Remo Quotost, the investigations into Motoclone Hundred-and-Nine continue. *It is discovered that it gets its energy from the [Psionic Network], just like the Bionic Cruisers.* Hundred-and-Nine is reprogrammed and *now* sees itself as an offensive unit of the Alliance of Morality. In the mistaken belief that he can negotiate a separate peace for his people, the deputy Schandor Aquist reveals Grayspray's position to the Kybb, *and kills himself when he realizes the consequences.*

As it turns out, Atlan's Knight aura saved his White Cruiser from destruction, but was instead beamed to a station in hyperspace called TIMBADOR. There Atlan manages to make a pact with the Hyperwhales *to only destroy ships of the Kybb.*

Meanwhile, the Kybb fleet over Grayspray, under the command of the Prime Director Deitz Duarte is expanding to a threatening extent. More than seven thousand units attack the planet, but they encounter the SWORD, finally reinforced by a networker (*a small Motoclone that brings the efficiency of a Bionic Cruiser up to 95%*), and a Protector Porter ship, *which was constructed by the Cosmocrats, so it is very powerful.* Of particular interest to Perry Rhodan, however, is a statement from *Carya Andaxi* that there is probably a special weapon against the Kybb Titans. *She* doesn't have this weapon, but Tagg Kharzani apparently doesn't know *this*, because he doesn't send Kybb Titans to storm Grayspray.

Despite the battle-hardened Terran's best efforts, Grayspray's defenders are fighting a losing battle. As the third and decisive wave of attacks rolls towards Grayspray, *Atlan's White Cruiser* appears at the edge of the system and with it around ten thousand Hyperwhales. They destroy the Kybb fleet, but the Protector Porter *was also radiated into hyperspace.* They then form a defensive barrier around Grayspray. The reinforcement will not last, however, because as soon as the Arphonie star cluster falls into normal space, the Hyperwhales will have to return to hyperspace. *While Rhodan and Atlan have a happy reunion, Grayspray has lost 80% of its White Cruisers, and most of the planetary defenses have been destroyed.* But Hundred-and-Nine says it has extensive information about *Tagg's* Kherzesch Castle.

Meanwhile, Tagg Kharzani is waiting impatiently for Deitz Duarte's completion report. His report about the defeat at Grayspray hits the death-fearing former Protector hard.

Tagg Kharzani's backstory :

He started as a Jamondi Protector, but (for some unknown reason) internally sided with the Kybb in the Jamondi-Kybb war. However, he kept working for the Order of the Protectors for many more years. But when Gon-O visited him, Gon-O offered him a splinter of his Nocturne, which would slow his aging, and Tagg has an unnatural fear of death. Gon-O knew the splinter could also influence Tagg's thoughts. But when IT created the hypercocoons, Tagg was in one, and the splinter was in another. Eventually he leads the Kybb against the Jamondi in a surprise attack, which kills all the Protectors. He becomes the leader of the Kybb. When the hypercocoons collapse, the Nocturne splinter begins to influence Tagg again.

Shortly afterwards, Lyressea and the Motoclone Hundred-and-Nine go on a commando mission to Kherzesch and destroy the BLENDE-Zero, the central control unit of the BLENDE Diamond (*a system-wide shell of hyperenergetic debris to keep the Hyperwhales out of the system*). One Hundred and Nine is lost, but Lyressea remains unrecognized on Kherzesch. Outside the system, the Grayspray Squadron and the Hyperwhales prepare to attack Tagg Kharzani's system.

The squadron attacks Kherzesch. At the same time, spatial *hypershocks* are increasing. It becomes clear that the Arphonie *cluster is falling* back into normal space. Tagg Kharzani manages to escape with forty-eight Kybb Titans. He kills his life-extending symbiote and falls completely under Gon-O's spell. Gon-O orders him to fly to the Sol system *with the Titans*. Lyressea leaves the planet in Tagg's emergency escape spaceship. The entire system is destroyed in a spontaneous explosion of huge amounts of Foam Opal contained in Kherzesch Castle.

Rhodan is not doing any better either; when he awakens, he loses his ability to perceive and control his body during the escape from the Kherzesch system, accompanied by hyperphenomena from the explosion, and can only slowly regain both. When he feels better again, he discovers that Tagg Kharzani has already set off for Sol - a race for the future of the Terrans begins.

In 1333 NGE, now that Arphonie has fallen out of the hypercocoon, the two immortals part ways. The SWORD with Zephyda, Atlan, Lyressea, *the Paragon cross and the networkers* makes its way back to Jamondi, *the White Cruisers head to Grayspray*, while Perry Rhodan and General Traver fly with the ELEBATO to the Sol system to warn of Kharzani's Kybb Titan fleet, *since the hyperstorms make hyper-radio communications impossible*.

The SWORD *flies* to Tom Karthay, where the remaining Sentinels and the Motana have done a great job. Many Deathbringer fleet ships have been activated and manned. [Hundreds of Motana worlds have been liberated from the Kybb and are used as training centers](#). After arriving on Tom Karthay, the allies make their way to *the planet Ios 5*. The Oceanic Oracles of Baikal Cain withdrew there just in time before the entire Cain system is destroyed by spontaneously *exploding* Foam Opal.

The Oceanic Oracles are now also joining the Alliance of Morality and are moving to Tan-Oracle City on Tan-Jamondi II. They are also bringing the Sentinels, the Paragon Cross, Atlan and Zephyda to Tan-Jamondi, the most secure system of the Kybb. When the six Kybb Titans suddenly fly away from Tan-Jamondi towards the Sol system, the companions see the opportunity to attack.

Atlan calls Julian Tiffloor for help because it is assumed that Cyber-Neutros will be used in the Tan Jamondi system. The Residence Minister rushes to help with the PRAETORIA and five thousand LFT BOXES. During a commando operation, the Death Group, with the help of Lyressea and Atlan, captures the identification numbers of the Kybb ships that have the Cyber-Neutros on board. The LFT fleet therefore first attacks alone and destroys these 300 units, then more than 2,500 Bionic Cruisers join the fleet and reinforce the attack *against the remaining 20,000 Kybb ships*.

The Motana take the Tan Jamondi system without causing a massacre among the Kybb. After the battle, Zephyda sends the GREEN MOON with a group of Schota-Magathe and Hytath to support the RICHARD BURTON in the Large Magellanic Cloud.

[The Kybb no longer offer any significant resistance to the Alliance of Morality](#). The Motana establish their base on Tan-Jamondi II. Atlan is looking for the weapon against the Kybb Titans, but none of the captured Kybb know anything. That's why Atlan puts together a commando company to search old archives of the city Whocain on *the planet Tan-Ice*. The task force finds the first indications of an old computer network, but an attack destroys the *building*. Iant Letoxx, who was also a member of the commando squad, disappears.

On the LEIF ERIKSSON, Specter, which came from the Large Magellanic Cloud (LMC) with the GREEN MOON, reports to Filana Karonadze. The commando team sets off again for Tan-Ice. There, Specter ultimately

manages to secure 500 Cyber-Neutros. This weapon is effective not only against the Bionic Cruisers, but also against the Kybb Titans' biodim engines. This is all possible thanks to the help of Iant Letoxx.

The hope that rescue will come for Sol is dwindling. However, Lotho Keraete returns from Mykronoer and reports that he managed to persuade the Gray Autonomous to actively fight against Gon-O. Nevertheless, Atlan and the Terrans are faced with a problem : none of their spaceships are fast enough to fly the 500 Cyber-Neutros to the Sol system *in time*. Atlan goes to Tan-Jamondi to have a conversation with Zephyda.

The Hayok Star Cluster

In 1331 NGE, due to the appearance of the “new” suns, Arkon intends to set up a military base on Hayok, which is technically in LFT space, as a springboard into the Southside of the Milky Way. Kantiran and Mal Detair land on Hayok and fall into the hands of Shallowain. *The Hayok Star Window (from the previous cycle) stops functioning due to the increased hyperimpedance, and its stations fall back into normal space.* The performance of all hyperspacial devices is continuing to decrease. TLD agents discover a complete, fully functional Cosmic Engineer station on Hayok. It is set up like the station that Tyll Leyden discovered on Impos a long time ago (*in the Second Empire cycle*). Agents Trim Marath and Startac Schroeder penetrate the station and gain new information about the hypercocoons. Kantiran and Mal Detair are tortured by Shallowain. But Pucky, Ichu Tolot and Mayk Molinas manage to free them both *during another hyperstorm shock*. Molinas, *who has come up with a buffer to the hypershocks*, is seriously injured.

The new Terran base Brocken 44 *near Hayok* is in danger due to the advance of the Arkonide troops under the leadership of Ascari da Vivo. The situation is cleared up by the appearance of the Terran PRAETORIA, *a cross-shaped ship 12 miles by 12 miles in size, that can break up into modules, and whose technology does not rely on hyperspace.* The hyperimpedance reaches its maximum value in 1331 NGE.

In 1332 NGE, the TLD headquarters on Hayok, the STORAGE, is exposed by the *capture and torture* of agent Corg Sonderbon. *The building is attacked and besieged by Shallowain. Despite the Terran's best efforts, they are eventually literally backed into a corner of the building. Bell receives a distress call from the station, flies there with a large fleet, and the Arkonides stand down. Pucky trains Kantiran's psionic abilities.*

The planet Ash Irthumo falls back to the standard universe. It is the first planet in the Star Ocean whose inhabitants survive the fall. Meanwhile, Trim Marath is on Korphyria with Lyra Morgen and Startac Schroeder to investigate another Cosmic Engineer station. There they meet the immortal Aago von Gem who is used as a guard by the Cosmic Engineers and brings further light into the darkness of the history of the Cosmic Engineers and their peoples. The Jamondi Star Ocean is indeed held in hyperspace cocoons by stations created by the Cosmic Engineers, and are now entering normal space due to the increase in hyperimpedance. Time moves slower in the cocoons, and there is nothing that can stop their full re-entry. In addition, there were two powers, based in the Star Ocean and the Large Magellanic Cloud, that once fought a war that devastated the Milky Way and were therefore banished by IT into two collections of hypercocoons. Both collections are now falling back into normal space.

On Hayok there is a final battle between Kantiran and Shallowain. Rhodan's son retains the upper hand, but spares Shallowain's life, and he is taken into custody. Bell relates that it might have been better if Kantiran had killed Shallowain, because then the Terrans would then have less to worry *about from Arkon*.

Kantiran and Mal Detair personally guard Shallowain, but the Celistas (*Arkon secret service*) still manage to free him. It turns out that the liberation operation was planned by Reginald Bell because he wanted to get rid of Shallowain elegantly. *Pucky realizes that the Specter is born from the consciousness of Mayk Molinas which had spent some time in a positronic computer, which acts as an anchor for his sixth-dimensional energy.* Ascari da Vivo's face is restored by a plastic surgeon.

Julian Tiffloor flies to Hayok with the RICHARD BURTON. After many stages in which one hyperradio buoy was deployed per stage, a message reaches the ship. *It is from the two remaining Algorrians, who demand a large amount of Howalgonium, but are instead invited to join the Terrans on their flight, since Havok contains some of the crystals. They are asked about the Schohaaken, and say they encountered them ages ago. At that time, they were an auxiliary people of the super intelligence ARCHETIM, which disappeared without a trace. Tiffloor tells them that ARCHETIM's psi-corpse may be in Sol. When they arrive in Hayok and encounter the super-ship PRAETORIA, further connections come to light : the temple of the disciples of Gon-Orbhon on Earth is exactly like the Crythumo (a base of the Kybb-Cranar) on the planet Ash Irthumo, which fell out of hyperspace.*

The LFT fleet of Operation Crystal Storm arrives at Hayok. Allegedly, a Terran bridgehead is to be set up in the galactic Eastside to secure hypercrystal deposits. In reality, the ships of the Crystal Storm fleet are being refitted for a push into the Large Magellanic Cloud. Reginald Bell becomes expedition leader and hands over command of the Hayok fleet to Julian Tiffloor, who will remain behind in the star cluster. Ascari da Vivo demands the action be stopped and gives the Terrans an ultimatum : Arkon claims the hypercrystal mining areas in the Eastside. The LFT's bluff was successful, and the Arkonides' secret service did not recognize the true goal of the operation. *But the Terrans are forced to tell the Arkonide Emperor the truth, who requires the Terrans to take some Arkonides of their choosing with them.* Bell and Pucky convince Kantiran to take part in the expedition. Ascari da Vivo, her bodyguard robot, and an Arkonide scientist join the journey as observers of the Divine Empire. *[This story is continued in the Expedition to Magellan section below.]*

Terra and Gon-Orbhon

In 1331 NGE, with the hyperimpedance settled in its new higher value, on Terra, Homer G. Adams is appointed as coordinator for economics, finance and structural change. Under his leadership, reconstruction begins immediately, because in the future the race who is the first to free themselves from the current chaos will be in charge in the Milky Way. The LFT has a good chance in this race thanks to Perry Rhodan's foresighted planning, because unlike the Arkonides, most of the LFT's planets have already been made self-sufficient and low-level technology has also begun to be built. It will therefore not be long before NATHAN is converted to biopositronic operation and basic supplies for people can be guaranteed. Adams convinces Terra's financial tycoons to follow his line in order to avert the impending economic collapse. Despite the hardships that people have to endure during this time, there is no sign of lethargy or even panic on Earth, but a spirit of optimism!

The age of hypertechnology is temporarily coming to an end. Wherever work is primarily done with syntronics, hyperspace tappers, transmitters, hyperradio and other high-tech, chaos reigns. Now Perry Rhodan's precautionary measures are paying off. The suddenly isolated planets of the LFT, especially Terra, manage to switch to outdated but still functional technologies relatively quickly. Positronics, **Nug-Schwarzschild reactors (a highly advanced fusion reactor)** and even more antiquated devices are experiencing an unexpected renaissance. NATHAN will be completely converted to biopositronic operation. Some of the hypertechnology that is no longer functional will not be scrapped for the time being - in case the hyperimpedance increase is reversed at some point. The energy supply on Terra can be quickly ensured using fusion reactors. However, interstellar space travel is still almost impossible, not least because of the violent hyperstorms that are still raging. There is practically no contact with neighboring solar systems.

Carlosch Imberlock, a charismatic preacher, gathers numerous disciples around him in Terrania and announces the imminent arrival of the god Gon-Orbhon, who will destroy all those who adhere to technology and do not believe in him. Some particularly radical Gon-Orbhon disciples all have the same dream in which the god appears to them in the form of a perfect humanoid, which *hypnotizes them*. These fanatics repeatedly carry out attacks on technical facilities that they consider to be the work of the devil, thereby significantly hindering reconstruction. The TLD is powerless against the Orbhonists. Bré Tsinga is also *hypnotized* to join the sect around Carlosch Imberlock. She tries to murder Homer G. Adams, but is taken into custody in time. No trial is

initially brought against her because Julian Tiffloor wants to try to find evidence that she acted under someone else's influence.

In the immediate vicinity of the Pipe Nebula, which is approximately 500 light years away from the Sol system, the Arphonie star cluster appears after violent hyperquakes, which, like the Jamondi Star Ocean, *was* in a hypercocoon. At the same time, the Antares Reef is emerging in the Antares region : a zone of severe, permanent hyperstorms in which maneuvering is impossible. Sol turns into a cosmic beacon and emits radiation with a six-dimensional component, *thus putting the solar system in-between two energetic phenomenon*. It is found that peaks of this radiation are practically identical to the radiation from the METANU nucleus, i.e. with the psi-corpse of the superintelligence KABBA (*from the previous cycle*). **There must also be a superintelligence psi-corpse inside Sol, and it has probably been there for millions of years.** The sun also emits a kind of jet beam that points directly at the Large Magellanic Cloud. Someone in the LMC is apparently tapping into the remaining 6-D energy of the dead superintelligence. At the same time, mysterious extraterrestrials appear in the Sol system, mainly on Earth. They materialize out of nowhere and call themselves Schohaaken. A total of 3,504 of these naked humanoids, which are just over three feet tall, appear. Although their language can be deciphered, they cannot remember anything except their name. They don't know why or where they came to earth from. Only when they are shown, among other things, photos of Algorrians, do they show signs of recognition.

The Waringer Academy is built in Terrania. In particular, technologies are being researched that continue to work after the hypershock, *including the micro-transistion hyperconverter (which converts matter to useable energy with 60% efficiency)*, the Hawk compensation converters(?) and the RAINBOW-class spaceships, which serve as mobile *sun tapping (which absorbs hyperenergy from a sun and converts it to normal energy)* stations. The head of the academy is former USO specialist Malcolm S. Daellian. A hyperradio connection with Ferrol is *eventually* established for the first time since the hypershock.

Homer G. Adams meets an entity which puts him in a parareality in which the hyperimpedance never changed, and the Galactics are planning to become a superintelligence. The being claims to be the Power of Eleven (from the Endless Armada cycle).

In 1332 NGE, the Temple of Degression is built and dedicated in the middle of Terrania as a cult center for the sect around Gon-Orbhon. It resembles the fortresses of the Kybb-Cranar in the Star Ocean right down to the last detail. *Shortly after*, organized resistance against the Orbhonists arises for the first time in the capital of the LFT. The Terrania Civil Guard, a quasi-terrorist group of influential private individuals, carries out attacks on sect facilities. The head of the Citizen Guard is rendered harmless by TLD agents.

The top-secret RAINBOW project is close to completion. It is a tap ship that stores energy, which could be passed on to fueling stations around the solar system. *The first test fails, so a second one is built, which works perfectly, and feeds the energy into the Terran public grid.*

Meanwhile, the sect around Carlos Imberlock is moving on Earth. The Temple of Degression is dismantled in Terrania and rebuilt on the slopes of Vesuvius near Naples. Homer G. Adams tries to turn the new Mafia against the sect. This fails miserably, *and the opposite happens. The godfather allies himself with the cult.*

Expedition to Magellan

In 1332 NGE, the RICHARD BURTON is on its way to the Large Magellanic Cloud. The first stages from Hayok to Navo-Nord lead through the Morgenrot sector. Space stations were set up here at a distance of around 10,000 light years. These stations serve as a way station and for *storing spare Hawk (the device that puts the ship into [linear space]) drives.*

In 1333 NGE, the RICHARD BURTON reaches the Large Magellanic Cloud. After the LFT-BOX (*1350 Possible type spaceships*) is disconnected, it goes in search of Gon-Orbhon. A Star Ocean has also materialized in the LMC and has already fallen completely back into normal space. The RICHARD BURTON narrowly escapes being destroyed by a new *hyperenergy torpedo (that locks on to ship's hyperspatial signature)* developed by Gon-O's helper race.

The Galactics receive important information about the situation in the LMC from shipwrecked Gurrads that are picked up by the RICHARD BURTON. Helix torpedoes attack all energetically active ships. Reginald Bell orders Operation Dead Man : as soon as the "ping" of a Helix torpedo is detected by the *Ultragiraffe (an advanced passive UHF 5-D and 6-D energy sensor)*, the ship will power down. In this way the torpedoes can be avoided. The RICHARD BURTON finds a spaceship graveyard, and while exploring it, Pucky is injured and loses all of his fur. The RICHARD BURTON is damaged by the explosion of a torpedo near it. Since repairs in space would be too risky, they set off for a nearby planet.

The RICHARD BURTON reaches the Cort-Ze system and flies to the second planet there. The necessary repair work is carried out there. When they land, the Terrans discover a city. As it turns out, the Cortezen, the ancestors of the Gurrads, live there. The Cortezen are former helpers of the Protectors of Jamondi. The Galacticians receive valuable information from the Cortezen about the Parrakhon star cluster, where Gon-Orbhon has his stronghold. After repairs, the RICHARD BURTON sets off for the Parrakhon system.

From the Cortezen, the Terrans learned that in the past, Gon-Orbhon had been gathering huge forces in the local star cluster to destroy the Order of the Protectors of Jamondi. After being banished to the hypercocoon by IT, Gon-Orbhon fell into a coma and his soldiers began fighting each other. One side eventually developed the Helix torpedoes, which destroyed everything. When it arrives at the Parrakhon system, the RICHARD BURTON locates eight gigantic spaceships with a diameter of around 10 miles; they are Kybb Titans, as can be seen from the intercepted radio traffic and they are building something. In addition, the Gon-Orbhon central system, where the jet beam ends, is surrounded by a UHF hypershield field (*very high-frequency hyperwave devices still work as normal*). The RICHARD BURTON witnesses the Kybb Titans tow a large spacecraft out of the system and then quickly retreat. The huge device is a kind of virtual imager; it comes into action a little later and attracts hundreds of thousands of Helix torpedoes, which are apparently not under Gon-Orbhon's control. The hyper-energetic fireworks claim victims : a Tryortan Fissure (*a crack in hyperspace*) is opened, the RICHARD BURTON is very badly damaged and the field screen around the Parrakhon system collapses. But as a result, all Helix torpedoes appear to have been destroyed. The Gurrads on board the LFT spaceship suggest flying to a nearby Gurrad planet Roewis to repair the RICHARD BURTON there. Ascari and her bodyguard are found to have blackmailed a Terran technician to give them information, and so are assigned smaller, better-monitored cabins.

The RICHARD BURTON makes it to Roewis, receives a friendly welcome there and can be repaired at the shipyard. Bell reports to the Gurrads about Gon-Orbhon and the Cortezen. He calls on the peoples of the LMC to stand united against Gon-Orbhon. When a consensus finally emerges between all parties, a Parr fighter flies towards Roewis and drops two hyperactive crystal chunks. As it turns out, they are shards of the Nocturne Satrugar that serve as a relay for Gon-Orbhon, who brings the Gurrads under his mental control. The Galacticians barely manage to escape from Roewis. As the supreme patriarch of Roewis announces, they have a new god, Gon-O.

With the system shield down, the Terrans learn more about the defensive and offensive capabilities of the Parrakhon system, which are formidable. There, Pucky, Icholot and Bell go on a risky mission. They smuggle themselves onto an incoming ship and land on Parrakh. There they discover that a Kybb Titan is being made suitable for long-distance flight with a new kind of spacedrive, called the *Biodim engine, which has a biological component*. Further measurements reveal that it has 36,112 containers, containing a cell plasma with *Motana genes*. But Pucky is being watched. The three activator carriers are incapacitated by the motoshock of a Motoclone and captured. At this moment the god Gon-O finally awakens.

Through the mouth of Bré Tsinga, *who is still connected to Gon-O*, the crew of the RICHARD BURTON learns *his* life story :

Gon-Orbhon awakens with no memory of his previous life or name. *He goes thru extensive training by the Cosmocrats, and develops his ability to control people, but is deemed unfit to serve them, so they erase his memory and set him adrift in space.*

One day he is found in the Milky Way galaxy by the Order of the Protectors of Jamondi. He is ordained as a Protector and does many good things in the name of the Order. Everything is going well until the day when, as a result of the conflict between IT and STROWWAN, the Nocturne Satrugar crashes on Parrakh. Gon-Orbhon decides to save the Nocturne. His plan seems to be working. Gon-Orbhon realizes his mistake too late : **he is merging with Satrugar and falling into madness.**

In constant fear for his survival, the new entity, which calls itself god Gon-Orbhon due to the good name of the Protector of Parrakh, aims to become a superintelligence in order to be able to avert all dangers *to its existence.*

At this point, Bré Tsinga comments in her own voice that this happened about seven million years ago. Malcolm S. Daellian concludes that he is in the process of breaking free from Gon-Orbhon's control. Bré Tsinga then continues with the life story of Gon-Orbhon :

The god Gon-Orbhon creates a power base for himself, the Orbhon Empire. He succeeds in spreading his power by bringing parts of Satrugar to other planets, where they serve as relays. The power of the god Gon-Orbhon is expanding. There is a confrontation with the Order of the Protectors. In the few lucid moments, the spirit of Gon-Orbhon can separate from Satrugar. In these moments he walks through the corridors of the Nocturne and tries to harm it. However, his attempts are unsuccessful. *Looking outside, he sees a temple built to him.*

Three visitors appear on Parrakh : Tagg Kharzani is the first to arrive. **Gon-O uses his fear of death to turn him against the Order of Protectors.** Kharzani becomes an ally of the god. As a gift, Gon-O gives him a large shard of Satrugar to take with him to Kherzesch.

Second, a messenger from the Chaotarchs appears who tells Gon-O that the Chaotarchs are very sad about STROWWAN's defeat against IT and would be happy if Gon-O would side with the Chaotarchs and fight IT. Without waiting for an answer, the messenger disappears, but he leaves behind a memory crystal. This contains information about how Gon-O can tap into the **psi-corpse of the superintelligence ARCHETIM in the sun of Earth.**

The third visitor is Homunk, a messenger from IT, who makes it clear to Gon-O that IT cannot tolerate *his* using ARCHETIM. Gon-O ignores this warning and follows the instructions of the Chaotarchen's memory crystal.

At this point in the report, Malcolm S. Daellian clearly defines the terms : Gon-Orbhon refers to the being created by the Cosmocrats, Satrugar to the Nocturne, god Gon-Orbhon or Gon-O is the name given to the fusion of both entities. Bré Tsinga, meanwhile, continues the report :

But the power of IT is greater than Gon-O assumed. The superintelligence banishes the "god" into a hypercocoon. In this way, Gon-O is deprived of the connection to the psi-corpse of ARCHETIM, his source of power, and falls into a coma.

When the hypercoons fall back into normal space, Gon-O is still half asleep. As he becomes more alert, he acts more purposefully. The component of Gon-O that represents the original Gon-Orbhon awakens faster than Satrugar. Gon-Orbhon tries to escape in the short time that his mind is separated from that of the Nocturne. When he realizes that he will not succeed, he tries to protect himself from Satrugar by committing suicide. But this does not work either, and Gon-Orbhon is absorbed by Satrugar again. The god Gon-O is reunited.

It turns out that the Protector *part of him* still believes in good, but only in his rare waking moments. Most of the time he is under the control of the insane Nocturne. When the superbeing, which is in the process of developing into a negative superintelligence, becomes aware of Bré Tsinga, it strikes down the cosmopsychologist with a psionic blow. The Terrans also learn of Gon-Orbhon's plans to send a Kybb Titan into the Sol system. This has a 300 ft × 600 ft para-prison on board, in which the body of Gon-Orbhon *as well as* Pucky, Bell, and Tolot are located. *The psishock to Bré Tsinga also disables the entire crew of the RICHARD BURTON, but Specter is able to active the command codes to send it into linear space.*

Bré Tsinga survives Gon-Orbhon's mental attack. Apparently the PsIso network, together with Prak-Noy's life-saving measures, saved the cosmopsychologist from death. Although her regeneration takes *three months*, she is now completely free of Gon-Orbhon's influence. After she recovers, she *is* put on trial *for the murder of the two TLD agents*. She is acquitted because she did not act of her own free will. Meanwhile, the Arkonide Ascari da Vivo continues to play her games. As Kantiran and Mal Detair find out, she secretly turns off her PsIso net several times. The ship's command is alerted and it becomes clear that she wants to establish contact with Gon-O.

The second wave of the Crystal Storm fleet finally arrives from the Milky Way: 10 SATURN-class EXPLORERS as well as some PONTON-class fleet tenders and one LFT-BOX. After the necessary *replacements* to the RICHARD BURTON, *a scientist* attempts to use the 6-D jet beam as a carrier medium to send a message to the Sol system. This fails; the jet beam proves to be one-way. At about the same time, however, the Morse code from Myles Kantor arrives, which he and his team from TRIPTYCHON [*see the Sol section below for details*] have modulated onto the jet beam. Shortly afterwards, large Gon-O fleet contingents from the Parr system swarm across the entire star cluster, because Gon-O has also received and decoded the Morse code.

On *the planet* Dyon's Earth, the robot freight ship DRAGUUN receives the swarm command from its control center via hyperradio, *presumably from the Orbhon Empire*. It takes off after the automatic repairs are complete. Malcolm S. Daellian has the DRAGUUN boarded, whose drive *failed* after takeoff. The DRAGUUN contains two Kybb *space fighters*, but since they have not been converted, they are unfit for flight. Daellian comes up with a plan to make the *fighters* flightworthy again using micro-Hawks and use them to infiltrate the Parr system. However, Ascari da Vivo makes the condition that she is also allowed to participate in the DRAGUUN investigation. Reluctantly, Daellian agrees. Hytath arrives from the Milky Way with two Bionic Cruisers. Daellian, however, has *one of them sent* back. Hytath is to deliver Myles Kantor's message to Perry Rhodan. When the two *fighters* are almost ready, the oversaturation pulse triggered by Myles Kantor [*see the Sol section below for details*] reaches the Nocturne Satrugar. Daellian immediately gives the order to attack. When the RICHARD BURTON arrives in the Parr system with its escort ships, chaos reigns there, but a direct attack on Parrakh is repelled by a Kybb Titan, *which does significant damage to one of the EXPLORERS*, and the fleet has to retreat. Daellian orders the retreat into the Dyon system. After the direct attack was not successful, the two Kybb *fighters* are now to be used to *sneak* into the Parr system. Ascari da Vivo and her bodyguard Qertan hijack one of the two Kybb *fighters*, *killing several Terrans in the process*. She wants to fly to Parrakh to offer Gon-Orbhon an alliance.

Kantiran and Mal Detair pursue her with the second *fighter*. Both ships land on Parrakh, where there is still great confusion after the shock that Satrugar suffered. The four people enter the Nocturne. Satrugar does not seem to notice them, apart from an increased mental pressure nothing changes for the Galactics. In the

Notturne the pairs are separated, the *bodyguard* kills himself when he tries to free himself from a crystal block with his energy beam. Ascari da Vivo and Kantiran advance to the heart of Satrugar, where a duel takes place. [Ascari falls on a crystal shard that pierces her](#). Kantiran brings her outside and Mal Detair also manages to escape the crystal mountain. Ascari da Vivo asks her son to bury her here and to keep a vigil. *Once she dies*, Kantiran grants her request - for the Arkonides this is a sign of forgiveness.

Sol

In [1333 NGE](#), Myles Kantor is on Mercury, trying to figure out the “jet beam” phenomenon, along with how to restore the system-wide crystal screen. Myles Kantor and his team first advance into Sol’s photosphere with the MUNGO PARK and then with the special spaceship INTRALUX and discover three space stations there, *but Myles thinks they may be a single station in several dimensions*. Kantor hopes to gain further insights into *the superintelligence* ARCHETIM here. Also on board are Inshanin, a high-frequency physicist, Attaca Meganon and the Schohaaken Orren Snaussenid. They advance to the stations and are almost destroyed by a gigantic prominence. At the last moment, the INTRALUX is rescued by one of the stations and brought on board, but is stuck in a hangar that it cannot leave. There they discover two Schohaaken *statues*, which leads Myles to believe that their race is connected to ARCHETIM in some way.

On the TRIPTYCHON stations, Orren Snaussenid experiences the life of *one of the statues*. This enables him to pass on further information about ARCHETIM to his comrades. The superintelligence was the ruling authority in the Milky Way around twenty million years ago and died of weakness after initiating the [reversion of a Negasphere] together with other superintelligences. Its corpse, made of psi matter, was brought by its auxiliary peoples to its self-chosen resting place, the sun Sol.

Orren Snaussenid is allowed into the station. The memories of *one of the statues* are transferred to him and cause him great mental anguish. But this crisis also awakens a memory of his own past. Orren Snaussenid realizes that he was present at the *reversion* of the Negasphere. Tormented by hunger, thirst and *the statue’s* nightmares, he *spends weeks* following the signals that the station gives him in the form of arrows to the headquarters. There he manages to legitimize the crew of the INTRALUX before collapsing. His completely dehydrated body is brought back to the hangar. He *informs* Myles Kantor *about* the legitimization.

Meanwhile, the crew of the INTRALUX manages to penetrate deeper into the TRIPTYCHON stations and uncover some secrets. The three stations are connected by a transmat system, which functions without error even with the increased hyperimpedance. They witness how the MUNGO PARK is taken over by Gon-O and how fifty Kybb Titans treat the sun with five and six-dimensional radiation. This radiation puts ARCHETIM’s site in danger. Based on the tracking data, Inshanin determines that the Titans are in the process of heating Sol to a nova. This process will be irreversible *within six weeks*.

The situation on TRIPTYCHON is gradually becoming hopeless. Orren Snaussenid wanders aimlessly through the corridors and isolates himself from the others. The scientists manage to modulate an impulse onto the jet beam in order to at least inform RICHARD BURTON in the LMC, *but only once*. The predicament becomes even more depressing when the Kybb Titans begin to hunt down TRIPTYCHON. Apparently Gon-O was also able to perceive the modulated impulses. The scientists then come up with a death plan, because sooner or later the protective shields of the TRIPTYCHON stations will inevitably collapse, and surrender is out of the question. They want to stimulate ARCHETIM’s psi-corpse to spontaneously discharge and thereby oversaturate Gon-O. At first the plan fails because Orren Snaussenid does not agree, but this problem is solved when Orren *absorbs one of the statue’s consciousness*. The Kybb Titans fire again at the TRIPTYCHON stations. Everyone dies except Myles Kantor, who manages to *trigger* the impulse. ARCHETIM’s *psi-corpse* generates a Psi explosion in which [Myles and the TRIPTYCHON station are destroyed](#). The sun flares up, *the image of a spiral galaxy spreads across the entire Milky Way with structural tremors and announces to everyone the death of the cell activator carrier*. But his story and the story of ARCHETIM are saved. Myles Kantor’s memories and the memories of *Orren and the statues* are transferred to the 2,535 Schohaaken living on Terra.

The Fall of Earth

In 1333 NGE on Terra, the sect around Gon-Orbhon prepares for the arrival of their god. They are preparing the hole in Vesuvius for the arrival of something - what do they expect?

When Kybb Titan sightings are reported from the MORGENROT stations, Homer G. Adams issues a system alarm for the Sol system. First, a Kybb Titan appears from the Large Magellanic Cloud, but initially remains at the edge of the system as if waiting for something. *At the same moment, the Arphonie star cluster falls from its cocoon into normal space which contains Tagg Kharzani's Kherzesch Castle – the Titan was waiting for this.*

Then forty-eight more Titans *arrive from the cluster*, it is Tagg's fleet. Gon-O reveals itself to the Terrans. Rhodan sends the message "*The Fall of Carthage*". *All Terran ships withdraw from the Sol system. The Sol system falls into the hands of invaders without a fight for the second time in just twenty-nine years.*

Gon-O's Titan enters the Earth's atmosphere and heads for southern Europe, while continuously broadcasting his claim to dominion on Terra. He sends the Nocturne splinter into the hole in Vesuvius – but why?

Carlosch Imberlock takes power and proclaims a new state religion. *The First Terran* is taken over by Gon-O. Homer G. Adams and Mondra Diamond are denounced as criminals and hunted. But the two, *along with a genetically modified semi-intelligent miniature elephant named Norman* are able to go into hiding. They find shelter at the Circus Rochette, which is currently performing in Vienna. Adams explains that Norman feels whether a person is taken over by Gon-O, so he is a natural detector. Homer plans an attack on the para-prison housing *Gon's Nocturne* on Vesuvius in order to eliminate Gon-O. Circus director Matti di Rochette is an amateur geologist and is supposed to help Adams plan his attack on Vesuvius, *which he plans to make erupt. Adams gets the positronic chips needed for his plan from the local police.*

Circus Rochette leaves Vienna and moves on to Naples. There the artists are hired for a show in honor of the day of the announcement by Gon-Orbhon that the Terrans are worthy of being his *auxiliary* people and use this opportunity to prepare the attack. They then leave Naples again and send the two Krakatoa probes on their journey, *which should arrive at their destination in about 40 days.*

In the splinter of the Nocturne Satrugar, Gon-O calls Reginald Bell to a discussion. The self-proclaimed "god" wants to *enjoy* the defeat of his opponent. But Bell does not crawl to the god, on the contrary, he draws attention to one of his weaknesses : the more Terrans he controls, the weaker his control over the individuals becomes. Gon-O *tells* his plans to his robot *bodyguard* Millitron : he wants to extract ARCHETIM's *psi-corpse* from the sun, bring him to Parrakh and use the Psi potential of the dead superintelligence together with the Nocturne Satrugar to take the step to superintelligence. Millitron notes that it is impossible for the former Protector to leave the Nocturne, as the connection to Satrugar would be *broken* if he distances himself too far from it.

Gon-O *speaks again* with Millitron. He ponders about Tagg Kharzani and his fate. The fallen Protector would not survive a return flight to the Large Magellanic Cloud, *which* is of less interest to Gon-O *than* the question of whether the Kybb will remain loyal to Gon-O even after the death of their master Tagg. Gon-O calls Reginald Bell to him again. He tells the visibly horrified Terran that he has found a way to isolate ARCHETIM's *psi-corpse*, but the duration of the process is unclear. However, the self-proclaimed god can *guarantee* one thing : once the process is complete, he will no longer *have* any use for humanity.

Vega System

After Perry Rhodan has proclaimed the fall of Carthage, it takes a few days for the fleet to arrive at the meeting point Gamma-Cenix. Rhodan then sets the next target : the fleet is to be moved to the Vega system. There is a large LFT base on Ferrol, and Vega is only 27 light years away from Sol. Since Rhodan does not send a message to the Thort (*leader*) in advance for security reasons, the Ferrons initially think *this is* an invasion.

Some ministers openly rebel against the young *leader* Kelesh. The Ferrons see the presence of the Terrans as a threat to their system, because Gon-Orbhon will probably not stand idly by while the LFT home fleet assembles at the gates of his system. The fleet is therefore to withdraw, although the TRAJAN has now arrived with Monkey and Michael Rhodan and has brought a new wonder weapon, the dissonance gun. This *cross between the constant-velocity needle point cannon (which creates a faster-than-light tube that weakens the target screen, then focuses an energy beam to a point that can penetrate the screen) and interval cannon (emits a specific faster-than-light hyperradiation that imparts a physical force to matter, shattering it)* is adapted to the needs of the increased hyperimpedance.

Michael Rhodan tells his father of a strange being he met on his way here. Following a strange ship to a planet, a building suddenly appeared beside it. From it, a robot emerged, saying it was the guardian of the Train Station of the Peace Riders. Another being emerges, and speaks in the Language of the Mighty and introduces himself by the title and name Peace Rider Megthan Urthian. Michael is told that the Peace Riders are an intergalactic organization that operates in the area of the Erranternohre, Norgan-Tur and Tschuschik galaxies, but also in the Milky Way, partially as far as the Maelstrom of Stars.

The Ferron Thort grants a stay *of one month*, but before this deadline has expired, a Kybb-Traken *battlecruiser* appears. The ship is able to escape, so that the presence of the Terrans is no longer a secret for Gon-Orbhon. When the Hayok fleet then appears with PRAETORIA and 10,000 LFT-BOXES, the Thort loses his temper. He demands the immediate withdrawal of the LFT from the Vega system. But before they can withdraw, a single Kybb Titan appears *in the Vega system* and almost breaks through to Ferrol. Only with the concentrated firepower of the fleet, together with PRAETORIA and the TRAJAN's new gun, can this one Titan be destroyed. Even this victory is associated with incredible losses in people and material. Before Rhodan can leave, the Thort *promises* him all possible support in the fight against the invaders.

Rhodan receives news from Homer G. Adams that Reginald Bell, Ichu Tolot and Pucky have managed to free themselves *from Gon-O [see The Finale section below]* and that the Kybb want to heat the sun to *go nova*. Rhodan, Julian Tiffior and Monkey plan an attack on the Sol system *to prevent the sun from going nova in just 12 days*. The problem is that the Ferrons are not able to build dissonance cannons, the only effective weapon against the Kybb Titans. Rhodan immediately gives the order to go into action, CRYSTAL STORM II is brought forward.

During an attack on the Sol system, a Kybb Titan is destroyed, but this is not the main goal of the attack. This is only known to Perry Rhodan himself – the aim is to collect *parts* from the production line in the Zwiebus crater on Luna. This operation succeeds despite over 100,000 human casualties. After the fleet has departed, Rhodan explains that they are now able to build 1120 dissonance cannons.

The Finale

In 1333 NGE, Tagg Kharzani is near death and completely desperate. He asks Gon-O for the cell activator chips of the captured immortals, but the self-proclaimed god refuses. He has other plans for the three immortals, against which the fallen Protector Kharzani no longer plays a role. Gon-O transfers command of the Kybb Titans to Deitz Duarto. Kharzani then attempts to assassinate Deitz, but fails. **Gon-O orders the robot Millitron to execute Kharzani.** Shortly afterwards, **Gon-O loses consciousness as a result of the psi-pulse initiated by Myles Kantor in the sun [see the Sol section above].**

The effects of the hypershock wave are also felt within the Temple of Degression – the cultists kill each other with inhuman aggression. *On Luna, many people have been taken over by Gon-O and are taking over the Terran facilities.* NATHAN makes contact with Perry Rhodan in the Vega system and starts Operation CRYSTAL STORM II on Luna.

Meanwhile, Reginald Bell, Icho Tolot and Pucky manage to leave Satrugar's para-prison during Gon-O's confusion *from the psi-pulse*. *Gon-Orbhon begs Bell to remove him from the para-prison so that the Nocturne can no longer control him*. Unfortunately they have to leave Gon-Orbhon behind, but in return they destroy *his robot bodyguard* Millitron and two Motoclones. Gon-Orbhon tells Bell more details about the heating of the sun. *After about a month*, Gon-O's constitution stabilizes again.

On the day of the "point of no return" *for the sun*, a gigantic decisive battle takes place. Perry Rhodan sends the entire fleet that he has assembled near Vega to the Sol system. He directs the attack from PRAETORIA's central cell. Approximately 60,000 Terran units of all sizes oppose the 53 Kybb Titans, but the Terrans' numerical superiority is meaningless due to the superior striking power of the Kybb Titans.

In the first act of the battle, the Terrans manage to destroy a Titan with the dissonance guns produced by NATHAN, but the weaker units have to retreat. Then Atlan appears with 5500 units of the Deathbringer fleet. 498 of these spacecraft have Cyber-Neutros on board. Although these were developed as a weapon against the Bionic Cruisers, they can also be used against the Titans. The fortunes of the battle turn, but the Deathbringer units are also more or less *taken* out of action by the Cyber-Neutros. When the Kybb Titans notice this, they direct their attacks at the Motana units. The pendulum of battle fortunes swings again.

On Terra, Homer G. Adams detonates the two Krakatoa probes after the Kybb Titan leaves its position over Naples. The explosion of the probes causes a volcanic eruption. The Temple of Degression is destroyed and the para-prison is damaged. In the chaos of this destruction, Pucky and Icho Tolot dare once again to advance to the para-prison and free Gon-Orbhon from the clutches of Satrugar. When Gon-Orbhon comes to, he is initially very weak. He becomes aware of the injustice he has committed and wants to help. Pucky replaces Satrugar as Gon-O's psionic energy *supplier*, and with his help, Gon-Orbhon takes control of some Kybb Titans. [The Titans begin to destroy each other](#).

The battle is over, but the victors are still losers, because too many living beings have given their lives to save the Sol system. The Terrans and their allies, the Motana, paid a heavy price for victory. The Terran fleet has suffered heavy losses, but things are even worse for the Motana Deathbringer fleet : it has been almost completely wiped out. All but six ships of the Kybb Titans were destroyed. The sun's heating was stopped in time.

Atlan has decided to say goodbye to Earth and return to Jamondi together with Zephyda. *He wants to help them organize* things within the former hypercocoon *star clusters*. Rhodan, Reginald Bell, Julian Tiffloor, Homer G. Adams, Icho Tolot and Pucky lead the reconstruction on Terra. The Gray Autonomous pacifies Satrugar and merges into him. This creates a zone of peace around Parrakh. Gon-Orbhon is pardoned *by the Motana*. The six Sentinels set up around Gon-Orbhon call the Paragon Cross and confirm him as a Protector. Then the new Protector *requests* a reconciliation between the Motana and the Kybb. The opposition and misunderstandings are still numerous, but the foundation for peaceful coexistence is laid.

Gon-Orbhon arrives on Grayspray to talk to Carya Andaxi about the future of the Order of the Protectors. She *shows him the* hidden Protector Arks that she had built; there are 5,000 ellipsoidal space giants with a diameter of 15 miles and a height of 9 miles. The two decide to call together all the peoples of the Star Oceans and set off with them to search for *the legendary* Ahandaba, a place without pain, where those who are ready can become a "higher being".

Mal Detair and Kantiran remain on Parrakh. *One day*, *Kantiran* witnesses a Peace Rider spaceship landing and a humanoid being with a mask comes out : Alaska Saedelaere.

TERRANOVA (#2300 to #2399) : 1344-1346 NGE (6 year gap from previous cycle)

New names in this cycle :

Fawn Suzke – the representative of the Nucleus

Marc London – a mutant with the ability to mirror and reflect psionics directed at him

Mondra Diamond – Rhodan's ex-wife and mother to Delorian

Kantiran – Asciani da Vivo's and Rhodan's son who became a Peace Rider

Cosmuel Kain – a half-Cyno who became a Peace Rider

Rosella Rosado – a solar system in the galaxy Altasinth that is the center of the Peace Riders

Fumato – a moon where Peace Riders can live, and hold general assemblies

Ospera – a moon where new Riders are initiated, and buried

Antakur – a Progress Guardian

Zerberoff – a Dual Captain of the Terminal Column

Seecharan – a land-based squid race that lives in the Golden System, the source of Salkrit

Inyodur – the race that generated Salkrit when they died

Charonii – the race that lives in the Charon Cloud, who received Salkrit from the Seecharan

Note : for the first time, the Perrypedia cycle summaries used sub-sections – these are underlined and in italics

Terminal Column Organization

Command hierarchy

Chaotarch overseer (no title)

Chaopressor – a superintelligence; directly manages a single campaign and the following :

Dark Investigators – reconnaissance agents that are shadowy and immaterial

Terminal Heralds – a powerful high-ranking entity in the Terminal Column that delivers orders, and can at least give orders to Dual Captains

Pressor Guard – an elite unit of a Terminal Column; operate independently

Progress Guardians – high-ranking staff, responsible for individual sections of a campaign

Dual Captain – have broad powers within a small section of a campaign

Kalbaron – a low-level military rank title in the Column

Kalmorc – lower rank than Kalbaron

Morba – lower rank than Kalmorc

Daerba – lower rank than Daerba

The last four ranks are filled by helper races : Mor'Daer, Ganzhkar, Ariel, Pryym, etc.

Independent (but not autonomous) groups

Last Fist – elite trackers; all are from the Awour race

Assassins of Chaos – elite assassins; all are Micro-Beasts

Koda Ariel – elite espionage and sabotage four-member families of shape-shifting, mind-controlling creatures

Column Motivators – ensure that everyone in the Column remains loyal by subliminal, paranormal influence

Column Anatomists – physicians and biological researchers

Equipment

Traitanks – the battleships of the Column; 2400 x 1800 x 300 feet in size

Chaos Squadron – the Column combat units, each with 484 TraiTanks

Column Fort – a 10-mile sized mobile space station that houses a Chaos Squadron

Dark Capsule – a small unarmed one-man spaceship

Column Ferry – a small ship capable of moving between universes

Column Shuttle – a gigantic cargo and space station transport ship that can travel between universes

Dark Obelisk – put on planets that are to be used and destroyed to make a [Chaotender]

Prospector Cruisers – used to locate and mine raw materials

Service Castle – a huge space station that is the headquarters of a Progress Guardian

Space-Time Router – a space station that allows conventional spaceships to fly into galaxies with a [Negasphere]

Column Machines – used for large-scale technical problem solutions; technically extremely well equipped

TRAICAH factories – gigantic mobile space stations used for mining and processing raw materials

TRAIGOT factories – gigantic mobile space stations responsible for making technological equipment

Factory ensemble – consists of 88 column factories : 66 TRAIGOT and 22 TRAICAH factories

Operating Fleet – 24 factory ensembles

Solar System

In the year 1344 NGE, Perry Rhodan calls the leading representatives of the Milky Way peoples together for the Reconstruction Conference of the Peoples *of the Milky Way*. The meeting begins in the Solar Residence on Terra, in consideration of Bostich's appointments. In addition to the *allocation* of the new star clusters (*from the previous cycle; also see the Jamondi's Star Ocean section below*) amongst the various Galactic powers, the subject of the conference is a new LFT project : the construction of a Milky Way-wide transmitter network, using *Ferronen transmats*, which still work error-free despite the increased hyperimpedance, powered by *sun-tapping* (developed in the previous cycle).

The Nucleus, which emerged from the consciousnesses of the monochrome mutants (*in the Solar Residence cycle*), represented by Fawn Suzuke, *appears and* warns Perry Rhodan on behalf of IT about the Terminal Column TRAITOR (*a decentralized, self-sustaining, multi-universally operating, wandering fleet of 100,000,000+ ships that works for the [Chaotarchs]*). She announces that *its presence indicates that* the war for the Negasphere of Hangay (*which erupted in the Empire of Tradom cycle some 30 years ago*) has already begun. The [Cosmocrats] are tied up elsewhere due to massive attacks by the Chaotarchs, but help for the Milky Way is on the way. Until this arrives, the Solar System must be held at all costs. A TRAITOR outpost is already very close to the Sol system. The Nucleus itself is in great difficulty and cannot help the Terrans. IT cannot intervene in the vicinity of Hangay either.

On the orders of the Progress Guardians (*high-ranking staff, responsible for individual sections of a campaign*) of TRAITOR, the Dual Captain Zerberoff (“*dual*” because they have two half-bodies from different races with brains which can work independently, or merge to become a Singular Intellect with psionic powers; has broad power of command within a small section of a campaign) takes command of the Column Fort (*a 10-mile sized mobile space station that houses a Chaos Squadron*) TRAICOON 0098 near the Sol system, hidden from all human detection equipment by its *Dark Field cloak*.

The Assassins of Chaos, Micro-Beasts (*small Haluter-like creatures with a parasitic creature implanted in their brains making them loyal to the Terminal Column*) led by Zon Factor, are sent to Terra to kill the participants of the conference. Two thirds of the delegates are killed by the Assassins, including the First Terran. Perry Rhodan declares the Mandelbrot *directive* (*invasion of the Milky Way or Terra by Chaos forces*).

The 3-man Siganese (*Terran colonists who evolved to be 4.5 inches tall*) delegation manages to hide in Zon Factor's Dark Capsule (*a small unarmed one-man spaceship*) and fly to the Column Fort.

Still a day later, Perry Rhodan is still deeply dismayed by the events at the Peoples' Reconstruction conference. He demands that the construction of the TERRANOVA *project* be given top priority from now on. To this end,

he inspects the Zwiebus crater on Luna, where the LORETTA tenders (*mobile space stations that will create a crystal screen around the solar system using solar hypertapping*) are manufactured.

The Dark Capsule with Zon Factor and his three Siganese stowaways reaches the Column Fort TRAICOON 0098, just a few light hours from the Sol system. While the badly injured Factor faces a confrontation with the Dual Captain *over his failure*, the three Siganese secretly explore the gigantic station. They manage to intercept some radio messages, but are eventually discovered and hunted. The Fort is still being built, but it cannot be long before it is fully equipped.

Zon Factor is replaced as leader of the Micro-Beasts; his serious injuries mean he cannot defend himself. But the injuries also have a good side : the *parasite* dies and Factor is freed from its influence, *and begins to hate his oppressors*.

The Siganese on TRAICOON 0098 observe the Dual Captain and learn more details about the Terminal Column. A total of 58 Column Forts have taken up positions at all the important centers of power in the Milky Way. Then the Siganese are discovered. *One of them* sacrifices himself for the other two, who shortly afterwards meet Zon Factor, who has regained his free will. The micro-beast and the two Siganese form an alliance. Zon Factor wants revenge on the Terminal Column and *wants to* make an agreement with Perry Rhodan.

Meanwhile, the BRIXBIE, a fighter cruiser of the LFT, disappears just eight light weeks from the Sol system. All that is left of the BRIXBIE is a chunk of super-dense matter a few feet in diameter. The same fate befalls *another ship* as it approaches the wreck and thus also the Dark Field in which the Column Fort is hidden. All ships available in the Sol system are brought together. By using thousands of probes, the Dark Field of TRAICOON 0098 can be penetrated.

Zon Factor and the surviving Siganese escape unnoticed from the Fort and pass on their findings to Perry Rhodan. **He learns that the Milky Way is to be converted into a resource for the Terminal Column. The Column itself has the task of accelerating the creation of the Negasphere of Hangay.** Zon Factor describes the weapon used to destroy the BRIXBIE as a **Potential Thrower** (*hyperphysically focuses the gravity of nearby suns, which manifests itself in normal space as a short-term extreme gravitational effect with the strength of a neutron star, collapsing the target into super-dense matter*). Rhodan follows Zon Factor's advice and orders an immediate attack on the Fort, as it can only be attacked as long as construction is not yet complete.

TRAICOON 0098, however, is unassailable because its protective shield, the **Fractal Bell** (*a shield that strengthens in the area that is shot, and absorbs all attacking matter and energy, even if it's hyperdimensional*), is already active. This shield, charged in the UHF range, cannot be *made* to collapse even by massive point fire. Zon Factor and the Siganese return to the Column Fort to blow up the protective shield units. The Siganese succeed, but **Zon Factor is killed by the Dual Captain**, whom he had confronted in order to take personal revenge on him.

The Terran fleet attacks and destroys TRAICOON 0098. According to data that the Siganese were able to capture, 2000 more Column Forts are to appear in the Milky Way in a second wave. In addition, the Chaos Squadron (*the Column combat units, each with 484 Traitanks, which are the battleships of the Column*), which was supposed to be stationed on TRAICOON 0098, will soon arrive. *The chief scientist* Malcolm S. Daellian, meanwhile, finds out that the individual Forts can be combined to form a huge structure. If there were more than 2000 Forts, their twisted shape would create a structure in the form of a double helix that would be around 12,000 miles long.

The Dual Captain escapes the destruction of the Column Fort and flees to Terra in a Dark Capsule. To justify his failure to the Progress Guardians, he looks for evidence that the Dark Investigators (*reconnaissance agents that are shadowy and immaterial*) gave him incomplete information about the situation in the Milky Way. Meanwhile, Zerberoff tracks down a Terran with whom he has had brief mental contact several times. It is Marc

London, a student who knows nothing about his psi talent. It is possibly thanks to this gift that *the projection of Fawn Suzuke* approaches him. London thinks she is a completely normal girl and falls in love with her.

The research team led by Malcolm S. Daellians succeeds in identifying the typical emissions of the Dark Fields. This is how Daellian gradually tracks down Zerberoff. Before Daellian can catch the Dual Captain, he kidnaps *Marc* and disappears from the scientist's instrument's range.

Project BACKDOOR is completed : a transmitter line between Mercury and Maldonaldo, the innermost planet of the Vega system, is established. Perry Rhodan personally takes part in the first transmitter jump into the Vega system.

The Dual Captain learns his own story through Marc London. London has the para-gift of mirroring and reflecting Zerberoff's *psionic attack*. The immense torment causes the captain's buried memories to emerge, *further enraging him against the Terminal Column commanding officers*. Meanwhile, Malcolm S. Daellian prepares a trap for the Dual Captain. The Dark Capsule is imprisoned on Luna, but Zerberoff blackmails the Terrans with his hostage and forces his free departure. Bré Tsinga and Mondra Diamond then *begin to teach Marc London how to use his powers*.

After Bré Tsinga could not find out anything about Marc London's *abilities*, Pucky takes on the matter. He finds out that London is a psi correspondent (*the ability to instinctively and unconsciously interfere with all para-abilities to which he is exposed*). In the top-secret factory HWG-01, the last LORETTA tenders are equipped with HS-Howalgonium [*HS = Hyperimpedance Stabilized; 83% as efficient as ordinary Howalgonium before the hyperimpedance increase*] and the first test run of the TERRANOVA fleet begins. However, the *creation of a new crystal shield to protect the solar system ends with a catastrophic shutdown*. Outside the Sol system, a Column Shuttle (*a gigantic cargo and space station transport ship that can travel between universes*) appears and unloads a Chaos Squadron before moving on. Shortly afterwards, Zerberoff appears, contacts the Squadron, takes over command and disappears with it to an unknown destination (*see the Hayok Star Archipelago section below*). Reginald Bell and Fran Imith use the short break afterwards to get married.

Events in the Sol system *start to move rapidly*. First, Rhodan receives messages *from Atlan in the Charon Cloud (see its section below)*. Shortly afterwards, Fawn Suzuke appears and warns of a Dark Obelisk (*put on planets that are to be destroyed and used to make a [Chaotender]*), and *tells him that since she has permanently separated herself from the Nucleus, she is in danger of perishing*. Without Marc London's support, she cannot maintain her existence, but she cannot leave Terra either. Marc London is on board the AUBERG and reaches the Sol system just in time. Daellian takes care of the Salkrit (*from the Charon Cloud section below*) and receives an urgent order from Rhodan to use the Salkrit, which has not yet been fully researched, to make the LORETTA tenders ready for use. Perry Rhodan wants to have the TERRANOVA shield, as he recently *decided to call the crystal shield, on hand in case of an emergency*. This happens a little later : the Dark Obelisk appears in the Sol system. However, *when it hits the TERRANOVA shield, it shatters and disappears without a trace* - although most of the Salkrit is consumed in the process. *The second shipment of Salkrit should arrive in about two months*.

The Nucleus, led by Fawn Suzuke, materializes on Isla Bartolomé. The Schohaaken still living on Terra help the collective entity to stabilize itself and at the same time serve as a buffer for the mental energies that are released. The Nucleus warns Perry Rhodan again about the Terminal Column and announces that IT and the forces of Order are unable to intervene in the Milky Way due to the developing Negasphere. However, the Nucleus has called on an extragalactic power to help. The optimized TERRANOVA shield is activated again late in 1344 NGE, with a planned activation period of ten days. *However, various technical improvements stabilize the shield and it remains permanently activated since then*.

The shield withstands fire from six Traitanks. A little later, a Koda Ariel family (*shape-shifting, mind-controlling creatures*) begins acts of sabotage. Since no psi sensors have been installed in the LORETTA

tenders, they manage to infiltrate some of the tenders. However, their acts of sabotage are detected and thwarted. The Kalbaron (*a low-level military rank title in the Column*) of the Koda Ariel remains on Terra, the others die.

The BACKDOOR transmat system is used to import goods and equipment to Terra. With the equipment, a hyperspace beam is directed towards the superintelligence's psi-corpse in Sol to draw on its power. 242 Traitanks attack the TERRANOVA shield. The collapse of the shield is thwarted by the Nucleus, which is now tapping into *the superintelligence's power*. The last Koda Ariel tries to destroy the Nucleus, but is captured and *is killed* a short time later by *its parasite*.

In 1345 NGE, there are several waves of attacks by the Traitanks. **But even more than 17,000 Traitanks fail to crack the crystal shield.** This is not least due to the psionic energy unconsciously released by the spectators at the Solar Championship, which strengthens the Nucleus. Since the Nucleus continues to depend on the supply of this energy, a total of three FILLING STATIONS are set up in the following days, *buildings containing "collector grains", small balls of energy that absorb the mental energy of other living beings and pass it on to the Nucleus, which strengthen it.* In this way, several further attacks by the Terminal Column can be fended off. *However, signs of depression and addiction start to appear among the volunteers.* During these attacks, the formation of a hyperperforation is observed near Jupiter, *a kind of wormhole through which the light of two unknown suns can be perceived, and thru which the Column could enter the solar system.* **Scientists of the Column succeed in creating a tiny perforation in the TERRANOVA screen.** Later, 296 Dark Capsules manned by 400 Micro-Beasts penetrate the Sol system through this opening, but are intercepted by the **microtome hunters** (*small spaceships designed especially to destroy the Micro-Beasts*). *It is discovered that the wormholes are created each time the screen is pierced.*

A month later, six Traitanks penetrate the Sol system, but are destroyed by the PRAETORIA with the improved VRITRA guns from the Arkonides (see the Arkon second below). However, the fight against the Traitanks, whose goal is the destruction of the LORETTA tenders, causes great losses in the Terran fleet. Meanwhile, new FILLING STATIONS are being built all over Terra and on the solar planets. The TERRANOVA-Globus organization is formed, which will manage the FILLING STATIONS itself in the future and increase their effectiveness.

Perry Rhodan personally makes two attempts with a ship to cross the *wormholes* that arise during further attacks by the Terminal Column in the Sol system. Although the entire crew suffers from the *Strangeness effect*, they make it to the end of the wormhole. There, an unknown, rod-shaped ship that does not belong to the Terminal Column already seems to be waiting for the visitors. A four-armed robot gets out and seems to want to make contact with *Rhodan's ship*, but is then torn apart by the *Strangeness effect* along with the alien ship. Rhodan has to return because the wormhole is already collapsing.

During Rhodan's absence, another major attack on the crystal shield takes place. The *Column scientists*, put under pressure by Zarmaur, believe they can enable an entire Chaos Squadron to advance to the Sol system. The attempt seems to be successful. The *scientists* follow the squadron with their own Traitank. **But the entire squadron is lost in the TERRANOVA shield,** because the Terrans have just sent another twelve LORETTA tenders into action in time to reinforce the shield at the relevant point.

Rhodan receives news of Roi Danton's fate (*see the Hayok Star Archipelago section below*) for the first time, but he does not lose hope. On his orders, the Lantern Matrix is ignited, *creating the illusion of stars in Terra's night sky, boosting the morale of the Terrans.*

In mid-1345 NGE, Rhodan succeeds in breaking through the wormhole to another universe *with an ever-changing Strangeness*. There he and Pucky discover the SEOSAMH, controlled by *the robot Aquinas*, with the Powerful Ones responsible for this universe on board. Their leader Nuskoginus claims that he wants to support

the Terrans against TRAITOR as atonement for betraying the Cosmocrats *in his universe*. Rhodan therefore ensures that the SEOSAMH is brought to the Sol system.

The TERRANOVA shield withstands the bombardment of almost 260,000 Traitanks. This is thanks to the reinforcement given to the Nucleus by the Globists enhanced by a Salkrit resonator (*a device using a small amount of Salkrit that increases their psi energy by several times*).

Rhodan learns the story of the Seven Powerful Ones from the Eud'y-Asor-Jaroso universe, whose home galaxy Eudoccia was transformed into a gigantic construction site for Traitanks around 60 million years ago : Terminal Heralds (*a powerful high-ranking entity in the Terminal Column that delivers orders, and can at least give orders to Dual Captains*) had hypnotically influenced the Powerful Ones so that they unknowingly worked for the Terminal Column. Rhodan grants the Powerful Ones asylum in the Sol system and in return receives crucial information from Nuskoginus : **the galaxies of the Local Group are to be transformed into a Chaotender**, which is to bear the name VULTAPHER. **This Chaotender is to protect the Negasphere being created in Hangay from the forces of the Cosmocrats**. *In addition, he learns that there is a group within the Dark Investigators that wants to build up resistance against TRAITOR.*

The "second wave" of TRAITORS' armed forces reaches *and spreads everywhere throughout* the Milky Way. Thousands of Column units of all *kinds* materialize in all important solar systems. Additional Column Forts are assembled.

In 1346 NGE, Perry Rhodan is visited by Dr. Laurence Savoire, who told him that the ESCHER project, which had been supported by the LFT for years, had gotten out of control. Based on information about the **Thought Tower project** (*initiated by a Master of the Island 17,000 years ago, designed to incapacitate entire planets from revolting by mentally broadcasting fear in the inhabitants*) discovered in Andromeda in 1324 NGE (*in the previous cycle*), ESCHER was to become a human-machine hybrid, a supercomputer whose performance was to reach pre-hyper shock levels. With the help of the Nucleus, which wanted to make ESCHER into a parapositronic, more and more people were "compulsorily conscripted" and hypnotically influenced *to become* ESCHER's processors. *Savoire realizes that the staff (including himself) are under hypnotic blocks preventing them from telling others what is going on.* Many of the human processors die - ESCHER absorbs the consciousness of the dead and develops his own consciousness. *He begins to absorb the consciousnesses of terminally ill persons as well.* He networks with numerous positronics in Terrania and with NATHAN. When ESCHER learns that a transmitter connection to Hangay is to be established, he increases his efforts. *When he starts to attract healthy young people, Savoire takes a sedative to break the hypnotic block, and comes to Rhodan.* A storming of the ESCHER building ordered by Perry Rhodan fails, *but ESCHER doesn't use lethal means to protect himself.* By deliberately initiating a pulsation of the TERRANOVA screen, Rhodan persuades the growing Nucleus to take care of ESCHER and correct its misbehavior. The Nucleus announces that ESCHER is indispensable for the RICHARD BURTON's flight to Hangay. ESCHER is allowed to develop further, but only *with willing volunteers, and* under the control of Dr. Savoire.

When a Dark Investigator *ship* emerges from the sun, *which* must have been there before the TERRANOVA shield was activated, Rhodan explores the object together with Pucky and *the Powerful Ones' robot* Aquinas. The Dark Investigator's *ship* approaches the SEOSAMH, which then explodes. The Powerful Ones are brought on board *the Dark Investigator's ship* shortly beforehand. Aquinas claims that the Dark Investigator had been commissioned to research ARCHETIM's *psi-corpse in the sun*, but was killed in the process – only his ship is left. A little later, the Dark Investigator's *ship* leaves the solar system. Rhodan has no means of intervening and has to go on the flight, whose destination is the *black hole in the center of the Milky Way*, where there are about 100,000 Dark Investigators at a gas giant *planet*. Contact is made with a Dark Investigator *pilot*, who reveals that a ritual called the Refractive Jump (*which they believe will re-unite them with the Element of Darkness, relieving them of the extreme pain they feel in the standard universe*) is about to take place, which will be different than usual this time. The *pilots* want to betray the Chaotarchs because they *know that the ritual is a*

sham, and so they feel betrayed by them. They intend to change sides. The ship tells Rhodan about the origin of the ships and their pilots :

The ships were built 76 million years ago, designed to be powerful, and to serve powerful beings, which they did – for both sides of Order and Chaos. When the planet of their creation was destroyed by the High Powers because they were too powerful, all their pilots left them, and they wandered aimlessly. 68 million years ago, when the Element of Darkness (from the Endless Armada cycle) attacked a [Spore ship], its [on- and noon-quanta] interacted with the Darkness, creating very powerful, immortal creatures that were “quanta of Darkness” – the Dark Investigators. 52 million years ago, the Chaos servant Twarion Uruc appeared and united the ships with the Investigators, promising to eventually free them from the on- and noon-quanta in a ritual called the Refractive Jump.

The rebel *Investigators* use the Refractive Jump to destroy Twarion Uruc, but are also destroyed in the process. The Powerful Ones take control of *the Investigator's ship* and flee. Pucky and the Terrans are dropped off on a *Terran colony planet*, and the Powerful Ones fly on to an unknown destination.

Crystal Exchange

In 1344 NGE, the Taxit organization (*independent traders run by Terrans*) has set up the so-called Crystal Exchange on the former gambling *space station* LE-splendid, which orbits Lepso. Due to its strategically favorable location between all power blocs and the independence of the *solar system in the Milky Way galaxy where the LE-splendid resides*, it has served as the main trading point for hypercrystals, especially red Khalumvatt, whose value has risen dramatically *because it has become the most stable and powerful crystal since the hyperimpedance change*. It is run by the *Exchange's Chamberlain* with a firm hand. Behind the Chamberlain's mask is Roi Danton, so that the New USO effectively controls the trade in hypercrystals in the Milky Way. This control helps to maintain galactic peace.

Two TLD agents buy large quantities of the now practically worthless Howalgonium here. The agents do not know what the Howalgonium is used for in the Sol system, but three carrier cruisers appear and pick up 8.7 tons of these hypercrystals. Before this, the TLD agents help to thwart two attacks. One of these attacks was aimed at the Howalgonium. An as yet unknown power evidently has an interest in preventing the Howalgonium from reaching Terra.

Upon hearing of the TRAITOR invasion, the Crystal Exchange is closed by the Chamberlain. Before this, the USO can buy up large quantities of Howalgonium in a final effort, *handing half over to the LFT*. An attack by the Terminal Column can be expected at any time, as the exchange is obviously violating Article 4 of the TRAITOR Directive (*see below*). Some of the traders continue to conduct business on the station without the Chamberlain's consent until LE-splendid is destroyed by a Traitank.

The Peace Riders

In 1345 NGE, a radio message for the Nucleus reaches the Sol system. It announces help for the system. This then appears *a day later* in the form of a single Peace Riders spaceship. Perry Rhodan is somewhat disappointed because he had hoped for strong military help. The ship's crew consists of Alaska Saedelaere and Kantiran. After landing near Isla Bartolomé, Saedelaere begins to tell his story of the last 30 years :

In 1312 NGE, he met Samburi Yura (*a representative of the Cosmocrats*) again in the Varratergir galaxy. However, she did not free him from the Cappin fragment. A little later, he met a Peace Rider.

In 1313, Alaska Saedelaere is ordained as a Peace Rider. He gains insight into the structure of this secret society and realizes that Samburi Yura comes from the Enthonen people, who founded the Peace Rider organization. They have no strict military organizational structure and no clearly defined rules, except for

one : where the powers of Order and Chaos are active, the Peace Riders no longer intervene. The Peace Riders want to ensure peaceful coexistence between all peoples in their *own* sphere of influence; they do not serve the Higher Powers, but they do not fight against them either. The Peace Riders stand for "life itself." *Their ships use a special kind of energy called the Quarters Force, which exists only in the Universal Corridor, a 709 million light-year zone passing thru many galaxies, including the Milky Way. The Peace Rider ships can only travel thru this zone. IT has supported them in the past.*

Alaska picks up Kantiran during a mission, who is ordained as a Peace Rider in 1337 after completing an initiation task, involving the re-establishment of a peace treaty.

In 1339, a general assembly of the Peace Riders is called to decide on the further course of action regarding the Negasphere being created in Hangay. *Their supreme leader vetos any interference by the Peace Riders.*

As a result, some Peace Riders form the Action Group Negasphere (AGN). *In 1344, Kantiran learns that the dogma of the Enthonen can be traced back to a trauma they suffered 2500 years ago. At the time they were among the auxiliary peoples of the superintelligence LIGHT OF AHN and suffered a devastating defeat in the fight against the Decalogue of the Elements. The body of the dead superintelligence is still in the sun Rosella Rosado. After the creation of the Peace Riders, Laire came from the Cosmocrats and demanded that Samburi Yura become their representative in exchange for allowing the organization to continue to exist.*

The Nucleus appears and warns of an acute threat from the Terminal Column. The Peace Riders begin to warn the peoples in the galaxies *in their sphere of influence* about TRAITOR. Alaska Saedelaere and Kantiran set off for Terra, where they arrive in 1345 NGE.

The Nucleus makes it clear to the Terrans that there is only one way to get rid of TRAITOR : the creation of the Negasphere must be prevented or reversed. Then the Terminal Column will lose interest in the Local Group and withdraw. The Nucleus itself does not know how this plan is to be realized. Some time ago it even asked the Pangalactic statisticians in vain. But there is someone who was itself involved in such a retroversion : ARCHETIM, the dead superintelligence whose psi-corpse rests in Sol. It is possible that some of *its* Incarnations in the Cateaux of Times on the planet Oaghonyr, ARCHETIM's seat, know the answer. However, there are two problems : nobody knows where Oaghonyr is, and the Incarnations only pass on their memories to similar beings. *After visiting the Antis home planet Trakarar to learn its location, Alaska Saedelaere, Kantiran and the Schohaake Mengo Suffix and the Algorrian Curcaryen Varantir set off to search for Oaghonyr.*

They fly to the coordinates found on Trakarar in Alaska's OREON capsule. They actually come across Oaghonyr there and discover both ARCHETIM'S HORT (the manifestation point of the superintelligence) and the Plateau of Time (which contains the Incarnations as statues, as in the previous cycle). But their hopes of information on the retroversion are not fulfilled. The Plateau of Time has exceeded its "lifespan" and collapses before all the information can be viewed. However, Alaska captures a so-called Vector Helmet (created by the superintelligence ARCHETIM, allowing 4-D creatures to navigate in higher dimensions), and the searchers find two obelisks that do not cast shadows among the decaying incarnations - an indication that not only the Algorrians worked for ARCHETIM, but that the Cynos (psionic shapeshifters from the Swarm cycle) also had something to do with the superintelligence. With this information, they leave Oaghonyr.

When Saedelaere and Kantiran return to the Nucleus without any concrete results from Oaghonyr, the latter reacts with horror. Without the possibility of initiating the retroversion of the Negasphere of Hangay, it initially sees no possibility of saving the Milky Way. He calls on Saedelaere and Kantiran to get all Peace Riders to stand behind the Terrans. Saedelaere and Kantiran set off to call a general assembly of the Peace Riders. They are accompanied by the TLD agent Cosmuel Kain, who only recently realized that she is a *half-Cyno*. *Along the way, they witness one Dark Investigator killing another, concluding that there are two warring factions of them.*

Saedelaere, Kantiran and Cosmuel Kain reach the Rosella Rosado system *for the Peace Riders general assembly*. Kain is kidnapped by the Hot Legion (*the protector of the Peace Riders, a purely mental collective of several Cynos*). Kantiran and Saedelaere pursue the Hot Legion with the help of the Vector Helmet and discover the crashed YRKADA, a battleship of the LIGHT OF AHN, on the moon Ospera, *where all Peace Rider initiations are held*. They make contact with the Hot Legion, which takes on the form of Cosmuel Kain. They learn that the crew of the YRKADA consisted of Cynos who, for unknown reasons, transformed into the Hot Legion after the crash. *Thru contact with Cosmuel, they have regained many of their lost memories, and they want to manifest themselves in Cosmuel Kain's body, but are prevented from doing so by Kantiran, who loves Cosmuel*. During the general assembly of the Peace Riders, the Patron resigns. Chyndor becomes the new Patron, Kantiran becomes one of his guarantors. The general assembly can now make decisions with a two-thirds majority, the Patron no longer has the right of veto. *The Hot Legion releases Cosmuel. Presumably, the Peace Riders vote to begin interfering with the actions of the High Powers, in particular the Chaotarchs*.

Jamondi Star Ocean

In 1344 NGE, the Jamondi Star Ocean, abandoned by its former inhabitants (*in the previous cycle*), is populated by Terran and Arkonide *immigrants*. The Terrans have populated 9 solar systems, the Arkonides already 42. However, there have not yet been any conflicts between the power blocs.

Reginald Bell sets off on a round trip with the new explorer flagship BUENOS AIRES to visit the settlement worlds of the LFT. On the way, a solar system is discovered that is not listed in the catalogs of the Star Ocean peoples. It is "invisible" to people who are not mentally stabilized. As it turns out, the system is blocked out of the perception of intelligent beings by the psi powers of nine Cynos.

The Cynos have been confused by a call from the Pangalactic statisticians. The statisticians advise their "cousins", who fled from the Negasphere of Tare-Scharm, to leave the Milky Way immediately *and come to their planet*. Pucky helps them *prepare to leave*, but before that a cobalt blue *spaceship* appears, apparently a scout ship of the Cosmocrats. After a *thorough scan of the system*, it moves on, but no contact is made. As a thank you for Pucky's help, the Cynos leave behind a memory crystal with coordinates *within* the Charon Cloud. Reginald Bell immediately sets off there with the BUENOS AIRES (*see next section*).

After returning to the area of the Star Ocean in 1345 NGE, Reginald Bell tests the improved VRITRA guns and *Shadow Screen (which uses the semi-manifestation of a paratron screen and an ordinary deflector to prevent any ordinary 4-D weapons from affecting what's inside it)* in his first successful combat mission against *Traitanks*. He also manages to hijack a wrecked TRAI supply ship. When the Echodim crisis (*see the Arkon section below*) is declared, he sets off for the Arkon system with his small fleet.

Charon Cloud

Past history :

Over 10,000 years ago in subjective Charon time, the Order of the Protectors of Jamondi (*from the previous cycle*) existed in the Milky Way. They wanted to mine the rare material Salkrit, which is located in the Golden System, in the center of the Charon Cloud. Since it was not possible to penetrate the Charon Cloud, which was surrounded and penetrated by a structural *storm (chaotic distortions in space-time)*, the Motana were settled in space habitats around the star cluster. The hope of the Protectors that the psi-gifted people would succeed in adapting to the conditions of the Charon Cloud was fulfilled. The Motana developed the pilot sense and the pilot power. These skills enabled the structural pilots to build *sensors* around their structure *cylinders*, as the Charonii call their 500 foot long and 150 foot thick ships, and thus navigate in the structural storm. Little by little, the Motana descendants, who now called themselves Charonii, emancipated themselves from the Protectors, *who* continued to be supplied with Salkrit, but otherwise contact was limited to the bare

essentials. The Charonii flew their *ships* into the Charon Cloud. From then on, the structural pilots lived on these. The Charonii who do not have the psi gifts live on planets because proximity to the structural storm would harm them.

Unforeseen by the inhabitants of Charon, *the Charon Cloud was closed in a hypercocoon by the superintelligence IT (which slowed down the Charonii's subjective sense of time)*. The Charon Cloud was cut off from the normal universe. After a catastrophe, the Golden System was declared a taboo zone. A system was formed *by the Charonii that relies above all on stability*. They developed a strictly isolationist, self-sufficient way of life and refused to acknowledge the existence of a world outside their star cluster even after the Charon Cloud fell back into the normal universe.

In 1344 NGE, Atlan has been researching the Charon Cloud with the VERACRUZ and the TABASCO, *based on the information Gon-Orbhon gave him (in the previous cycle)*. According to him, there are the Charonii people in the star cluster, which are hidden in the Golden star system. There is also said to be in the cloud a material *called Salkrit*, that could be of great value for the Terrans according to Gon-Orbhon. The AUBERG serves as his courier ship. Atlan *sends it to Terra* for Marc London and a Kantor-Sextant *(an improved Ultragiraffe, an advanced passive UHF 5-D and 6-D energy sensor)*, as the Charon Cloud is protected by a structural storm that makes any kind of location, as well as entry into the star cluster, impossible. The Kantor-Sextant can be used to locate two *Terminal Column Prospector Cruisers (used to locate and mine raw materials)*. These destroy some Arkonide *ships* that are also moving in Charon space. They then generate enormous gravitational fields to protect themselves and can penetrate the structural storm.

But a short time later, one of the spaceships is destroyed. The other escapes from the structural storm, badly damaged. Atlan seizes the opportunity and has the spaceship boarded. This enables him to obtain some information about TRAITOR. The ships' task was to extract Salkrit as a raw material for the Terminal Column.

The BUENOS AIRES arrives at the Charon Cloud with Reginald Bell and Pucky on board. They bring a data crystal that Cynos have given them *(from the previous section)* about a planet located right in the middle of the Charon Cloud.

The BUENOS AIRES leaves shortly after for the Sol system. Pucky stays behind on board the VERACRUZ. Outside the Charon Cloud, Marc London undertakes a daring experiment : he approaches the structural storm in a space jet and uses his paranormal abilities to enter into "correspondence" with a *Charonii* structural pilot. In this way, the space jet can penetrate the structural storm safely. Soon a small spaceship leaves the cloud and makes radio contact. It is the DORYNA, with the structural pilot Kempo Doll'Arym on-board.

The first contact between Atlan and Kempo Doll'Arym is promising. A collaboration between the LFT and the Charon Corps *(a newly founded group of pilots opposed to the isolationist regime)* is emerging. The DORYNA and some other structure *cylinders* create a protective zone in which the VERACRUZ can fly to the Ijor system. The first negotiations between Atlan and the Council of Charonii are difficult. Atlan's request to be allowed to explore the interior of the Charon Cloud is rejected. When the systems that maintain the artificial atmosphere of the city of Aram Verger are damaged by the self-destruction of an ancient cannon, the VERACRUZ saves the 800,000 Charonii living there *by creating* an energy field that prevents the atmosphere from escaping. *Without acknowledging an alliance*, the VERACRUZ is then given permission to enter the Golden System with the help of the Charon spaceships.

The DORYNA and the VERACRUZ enter the Golden System. *The entire solar system is surrounded by a dust cloud. The Kantor-Sextant locates a sun, christened Gold, with one planet, and 26,000 asteroids with high SHF hyperenergy with psionic components. Neither ship can withstand the conditions, so Atlan enters the system in a small, heavily armored spaceship.* There, Atlan succeeds in mining samples of the mysterious Salkrit, *which seems to be a combination of gold and psi-matter, and explodes on mechanical contact.* He is attacked by Technite robots, but the Arkonide is rescued by the Seecharan *(land-based squid)*.

The Seecharan's backstory :

Until the hypercocoon banishment of the Charon Cloud, the Seecharan mined Salkrit in the Golden system. This substance is only found in the fossilized skeletons of giant flying creatures called Inyodur. The Salkrit was given to the Charonii at a so-called trading dock, a disk-shaped space station, in exchange for vital economic goods. The Charonii were unable to fly further into the Golden System than this station because hyper-energetic fields there were too strong and disrupted *or disabled* any high-quality technology. One day, around the beginning of the conflict between the Protectors and Gon-Orbhon (*about 7 million years ago in our universe*), there were attacks on the Seecharan mining teams. The trading dock was destroyed in a *devastating* attack. Inexplicable attacks had also taken place on the worlds of the Charonii. When it became clear that these attacks had been carried out by Technite robots based in the Golden System (*possibly sent by Gon-Orbhon*), a quarantine was imposed on this area of the Charon Cloud. This is how the taboo that still exists today came about, and the trade in Salkrit came to a standstill. *The Technites eventually burned the surface of the Seecharan's planet, forcing the Seecharan to live in asteroids, while the Technites set up factories on the planet. The Seecharan were unaware of the hypercocoon displacement.*

12,000 Technite ships gather around the Seecharan's home asteroid to destroy it. *A Terran scientist discovers the robot's self-destruct code, and broadcasts it throughout the Golden system, clearing the system of the robots quickly. In return, the Seecharan form an alliance with the LFT, and give them five kilograms of Salkrit. The DORYNA and VERACRUZ leave the Golden System.*

A fleet of TRAICAH factories (*gigantic Terminal Column mobile space stations used for mining and processing raw materials*) is sighted. The ships penetrate the Charon Cloud, their target being the Golden System. Kempo Doll'Arym and the Charon Corps succeed in devastatingly defeating this fleet, but at great cost to the Charonii crews. Atlan is *shocked* by the impact of the Explosive Force (*a psionic attack used by the Charonii*). He makes a pact with the Charonii for the Terrans to use the *nearby* Jonah system. *Kempo transfers an old trading dock in the Charon Cloud into the Golden System. In return, the LFT supplies technical know-how, weapons, and sensors to the Charonii.* The VERACRUZ remains in the cloud, while the AUBERG and the TABASCO are sent to Terra with 2.5 kg of Salkrit each (*in the Solar System section above*). Pucky and Marc London also fly back.

The Terrans and Arkonides set up a joint research base on the planet Jonathon *in the Jonah system*, which is led by *the Arkon scientist* Aktakul. *The Terrans give the Arkonides ten fully-functioning Kantor-Sextants in exchange for the data on their VRITRA guns (see the Arkon section below).* Perry Rhodan suggests that Charon could possibly become a refuge like the Provcon Fist did during the Laren invasion (*in the Aphilia cycle*). In 1345 NGE, a scientist working on Jonathon achieved an increase in the efficiency of the VRITRA cannon. A Terran squadron led by the LEIF ERIKSSON II destroys a Traitank with this cannon. **It was the first Traitank to be destroyed by the Terrans in direct combat.**

In the Golden System, a group of scientists led by Dr. Arnie Siska, a young xenopaleontologist, discovered a particularly well-preserved Inyodur inside *an* asteroid. The scientist calls Atlan to the site and the two learn about the origins of Salkrit, and the story of Raahon Alltograd, a special Inyodur, *when Atlan touches its corpse :*

One day, a cosmic gold dust rained down on the Inyodur planet, which had previously been psionically charged near a [Matter Source]. This gold dust penetrated the hearts of the Inyodur and changed them. The Inyodur thus became intelligent and were able to generate a psionic aura that protected them in the vacuum of space and connected them to one another. They were also able to use the strands of the Psionic Network as a means of transport, and can jump through hyperspace faster than the speed of light. With these abilities, they help peoples in need and carefully influence the development of life in several galaxies. They are also apparently asked for help several times by the Cosmocrats and carry out orders for the Higher Powers.

On the instructions of the Cosmocrats, one Inyodur strayed too close to a [Matter Sink], and accidentally became a powerful creature Qeon-Kin, made out of pure negative psi energy, who depopulated entire solar systems to feed itself on the vital energy of the living creatures there. The Inyodur Raahon Alltangrad is asked by the Cosmocrats to stop it, so he and his entire people jump into Qeon-Kin, where the positive and negative psionic energies cancel out in a tremendous explosion, leaving behind psi matter, which concentrates in the hearts of the Inyodurs' dead bodies, forming Salkrit.

Operation Bermuda

In 1344 NGE, Reginald Bell sets off on the LEIF ERIKSSON II to lead Operation Bermuda. All important research facilities, production sites and other facilities are being dismantled throughout the LFT. All of these resources are being hidden in 1024 sectors of space that have not yet played a role in galactic history and are therefore unknown to the Terminal Column. In the same way, all important scientists and specialists, along with their families, and half of Terra's 4000 kg of HS-Howalgonium are being evacuated, so that they do not fall into the hands of TRAITOR.

A diversionary maneuver allows a group of spaceships to be smuggled through the crystal shield into the Sol system, bringing important cargo : 50 kilograms of Salkrit from the Charon Cloud. *Before this, 200 grams had been sent to the USO.* Malcolm S. Daellian undertakes a daring experiment. He makes a transmitter jump on the BACKDOOR route into the Vega system, taking some Salkrit and HS-Howalgonium with him. The experiment is successful : neither the Salkrit nor the hypercrystals are damaged by the displacement.

Hayok Star Archipelago

In 1344 NGE, *Dual Captain Zerberoff arrives with the Chaos Squadron he commandeered and takes command of the Column Fort TRAIKOON 0099 stationed in the Hayok sector. He kills his competitor, the previous captain Tafferier, in a mental duel, and finishes the construction of the Fort, making it battle-ready.* Zerberoff orders the exploitation of the hypercrystal deposits on the planet Caiwan by a TRAIKAH factory. The planet is completely destroyed in the process. As the arrival of the Progress Guardians and the Laboratories of Chaos(?) in the Milky Way is delayed, he orders the Dark Obelisks to be put into position and the first part of the UHF tracking pulses to begin. He realizes that the Terrans have found a way to locate the Dark Field. However, when they discover the location of the Fort, it is too late, the defensive weapons *of the Fort* are ready to fire. The Terrans and Arkonides are smart enough not to get too close to the Fort.

Zerberoff claims supreme command of troops currently active in the Milky Way. This is approved by a Terminal Herald. The Dual Captain sends Dark Obelisks to all centers of power in the Milky Way and announces the TRAITOR Directive :

- 1. All planets, moons, bases and spaceships are to be placed under the command of the Terminal Column TRAITOR.*
- 2. Every Column member has the authority to give instructions to the people, the government and every individual, i.e. every being in the system.*
- 3. It is forbidden to mine any kind of raw material beyond one's own current needs or to use them in an unreasonable manner.*
- 4. It is forbidden to cause large-scale resource movements. This applies to both materials and people.*
- 5. It is forbidden to wage war. All military conflicts are prevented by the Traitanks of the Terminal Column.*
- 6. It is forbidden to damage infrastructure facilities or to allow them to be damaged or fall into disrepair through inaction. It is also forbidden to dismantle infrastructure facilities.*
- 7. It is forbidden to damage spaceships, or to use them unless they are needed for trade or supply purposes. From now on, every ship movement must be approved by the members of the Column.*

On the orders of the Terminal Herald, he initiates work on the construction of a *CALLER (a Sextadim beacon capable of sending a homing signal to other universes, allowing the Progress Guardians to find their way from the Proto-Chaotic Universe, which appears to be their habitat, or from other universes, to the target universe)*, which is to show the Progress Guardian Antakur of Bitvelt the way to the Milky Way.

As part of Risk Plan Charlie, Quinto Center (*the headquarters of the New USO*) is brought to safety from the Terminal Column. At the same time, Roi Danton manages to recover some debris from destroyed Traitanks *to study the unknown material they are made of, and which makes up all units of the Terminal Column*. Four completely intact space suits *of the Mor'Daer (soldiers and cannon fodder of the Column)*, equipped with Dark Fields, are found in *the debris*. These are modified so that they can also be worn by Terrans. In this way, a task force led by Roi Danton manages to have Provokers (*a people associated with, but not belonging directly to, the Column*) transport them to the construction site of the CALLER and examine it. When the CALLER is activated in 1345 NGE, the Service Castle (*a huge space station that is the headquarters of a Progress Guardian*) CRULT appears nearby. The USO specialists have to flee and are captured in the process. Roi Danton's companions are shot, he himself is taken to the Column Anatomists' (*physicians and biological researchers*) ship LUCRIFIR and there united with the Mor'Daer Yrendir to form a Dual being. Although Danton puts up fierce resistance, *his body and mind are merged with Yrendir's consciousness to form the Singular Intellect, Dantyren. He immediately develops very powerful psionic attacks*. He is brought to the Service Castle CRULT.

Several thousand *various* Column units are deployed in the Hayok sector. 66 TRAIGOT factories (*gigantic mobile space stations responsible for making technological equipment*) and 22 TRAICAH factories appear, and a Dark Obelisk is installed on Hayok. Reginald Bell and Bostich plan joint actions to harm TRAITOR using guerrilla tactics *using newly-improved VRITRA guns*.

Dantyren remains on CRULT and is placed under the direct command of *Progress Guardian* Antakur of Bitvelt before a decision is made about his future use. At Dantyren's suggestion, CRULT is transferred to Hayok. The Service Castle is to serve there as a symbol of TRAITOR's power that is clearly visible to all peoples. Dantyren uncovers an assassination attempt against Antakur, planned by Dark Investigators and Column Motivators (*beings that ensure that everyone in the Column remain loyal and work selflessly for the Column by subliminal, paranormal influence*).

The attack by the Terrans and Arkons destroys a few Column ships, but cannot stop them. The planet Hayok is consumed to make parts for a Chaotender and destroyed. Dantyren *stops* the attack against Antakur by the *traitorous Dark Investigator, who is killed*, and as a reward is promoted to the rank of Dual Captain.

Arkon System

In 1344 NGE, a fully assembled Column Fort, reinforced with a Chaos Squadron, is stationed in the Arkon System. Three TRAICAH factories are also located there. A Dark Obelisk lands near the Crystal Palace and emits UHF tracking pulses that cannot be received by normal radio devices. When attempting to attack the Column Fort with a newly developed weapon *from Arkonide scientists*, the VRITRA gun, Emperor Bostich suffers a defeat. The system cannot be held. Bostich announces Arkon's fall, has valuable high-tech *moved* to safety from the Terminal Column and retreats with the throne fleet to *the planet Zalit in a nearby system*.

After the announcement of the TRAITOR directive, Bostich moved his base of operations to an insignificant sector where all Arkonide fleets were gathering. Shallowain (*a member of the Arkon secret service*) remained in the Arkon system and refused to hand it over with a bluff. He claimed that he had the means to destroy all of the system's important planets should forces from the Terminal Column dare to take them over. The Dual Vice-Captain saw through Shallowain's game, so Shallowain had to flee. Traitanks destroyed the Arkonide *transmat network* some time later.

When the 66 TRAIGOT and 22 TRAICAH factories that had *destroyed* Hayok set course for the Arkon system, Emperor Bostich declared the Echodim emergency. However, the Terrans are able to prevent the intended *destruction* of the planets Arkon I to Arkon III and *the moon* Urengoll by using a **Carapol structural burner (containing a Kantor sextant and Salkrit, among other things)** for the first time, *which is designed to inhibit the factories from doing their job*. Dantyn recognizes Rhodan's tactics, and goes to Iprasa (a planet in the Arkon system) to hunt down the Terran task force and *especially* Shallowain. The second attempt, which takes place a short time later on Dantyn's orders, is thwarted in the same way. This means **that the destruction of the Arkon planets has to be postponed indefinitely because the Dark Obelisk has used up all of its energy**. Dantyn advises Antakur to give up on the Milky Way, but Antakur says that the Column operates on the order of hundreds of years, and that the Galactics can't last that long against it.

Halut

In 1344 NGE, there is also a Column Fort above Halut. At the urging of Icho Tolot, the Haluters flee their homeworld because they assume that TRAITOR views them (*as opposed to their planet*) as a resource and would be integrated into the Terminal Column. Almost 90,000 individuals flee their homeworld. On-board the Fort, a Terminal Herald appears and demands an account from Zerberoff regarding releasing the Dark Obelisks early (*see the Hayok section above*), and for letting the Haluters escape. Zerberoff decides to destroy this Column Fort to hide his forbidden actions.

Blue System

In 1344 NGE, the Column Fort TRAICOON 0031 is stationed in the Akon System, where the Energy Command has held power since 1340 NGE after the Governing Council was deposed with the help of 250,000 Antis. A Dark Obelisk *stands* on Drorah (*the Akon's homeworld*). The Akonian home fleet suffers heavy losses in the fight against the unstoppable Chaos Squadron, whose Traitanks take up positions over all the worlds in the system. Kalbaron Gherzzon, responsible for the Blue System, announces the TRAITOR directive. The new council then goes underground and *plants* mines in important facilities throughout the system. Through espionage by a Koda Ariel family, Gherzzon learns of these acts of sabotage and sends out some micro-beast squads that kill all the councilors. *The trigger for the mines is handed over to an Akon who doesn't know what it does*.

In the following months, the Terminal Column establishes its rule in the Blue System. Drorah is occupied by Mor'Daer. There is no government. Since the announcement of the TRAITOR Directive, society and the economy have gone downhill rapidly. Only remnants of the Energy Command are still resisting and are engaged in fierce battles with the occupiers. A small group led by Jere tan Baloy gets hold of *the trigger* that can detonate more than 4,000 explosive charges distributed throughout Drorah. The Dark Obelisk begins its operations. A dome-shaped zone of absolute darkness two miles in diameter is created around it, and it also emits impulses that have a suggestive, disorienting and painful effect. Jere tan Baloy blows up a tower containing the Column Geometers (*a race that is essential in the creation of a Chaotender*) that have only recently arrived on Drorah. That same evening, 20 gigantic objects materialize in the Blue System. 14 of them are Column Shuttles with thousands upon thousands of Traitanks on board, the other six are Column MACHINES (*used for large-scale technical problem solutions, they are extremely well equipped technically*). *A few days later*, another 88 Column Shuttles follow, bringing 66 TRAIGOT factories and 22 TRAICAH factories. These, as well as thousands upon thousands of miniature obelisks that rise from Drorah, surround **the moon Xölyar (which has many transmat stations, shipyards, and production facilities), shield it completely and then completely consume it to make parts for a Chaotender**. *A couple of weeks later*, Drorah suffers the same fate.

Eastside

In 1344 NGE, ever since the hyperimpedance *increase (in the previous cycle)*, there has been war among the various Blues peoples in the Eastside (*the portion of the galaxy centered around the Akons*). The main reason is the distribution battles for scarce hypercrystal deposits and the associated *struggle for dominance* among the Blues peoples and the entire Eastside.

The threat posed by TRAITOR, although well known to governments, secret services and the military, has long been ignored. But, unnoticed by the Blues, the Column has also stationed Column Forts and Dark Obelisks in the most important planetary systems in the Eastside, protected by Dark Fields. *Eventually*, the Column Forts deactivate their Dark Fields, becoming visible to all Blues and announcing the restrictive TRAITOR directive. The resistance of the Blues peoples is bloodily suppressed by Traitanks and Micro-Beasts.

Leading Blues are either killed or mentally influenced by Column Motivators in order to integrate the peoples into the Column in the long term. But the warlike Blues do not give up resistance so easily – they kill *their* influenced compatriots wherever they recognize them.

Aptut System

In 1345 NGE, a Column Fort is also stationed in the Aptut system, *and* the Antis have to observe the TRAITOR Directive. Several Koda Ariel families are active on *the Antis' home planet* Trakarat, but some of these beings can be exposed and rendered harmless. A group of Antis conducts experiments with suits equipped with IPEV psikolons (*a hypercrystal that amplifies psionic impulses 10-fold*). They believe that the Antis are strong enough with their Psi Block to take over or destroy entire units of the Terminal Column. They want to offer these services to all galactic peoples and thus free the Milky Way from the Terminal Column. The Antis manage to hijack a Traitank and direct it against the Column Fort. But then they themselves succumb to a psi attack, incapacitated by a Column Motivator. The Column Fort shoots down the Traitank. A second Traitank opens fire on the Trakarat district where the other ship was hijacked.

Lagoon Nebula

In 1345 NGE, Since Quinto Center is no longer safe at its old location since the creation of Dantyren, the headquarters of the New USO is moved to the Lagoon Nebula. The 12 Algorrians are evacuated *to* there from Devolter II. The Algorrian Curcaryen Varantir supports the QuinTechs in activating the Shadow Screen that will protect the moon *from detection by the Column's forces* in the future.

On Terra, the Nucleus calls for a conference, as it has finally evaluated the data that Alaska brought back from Oaghonyr [*Note : the book summaries indicate that no useful information was found*]. It explains that Malcolm S. Daellian has been chosen to fly with Alaska to Quinto Center to deliver a message for the two Algorrians. The message, which is contained in a tiny, sparking ball, will only be revealed when Daellian confronts the two Algorrians. The Nucleus also indicates that Daellian will probably not return to Earth. A little later, Daellian and the remaining 12 Algorrians set off *in Alaska's Peace Rider ship* towards the Charon Cloud.

When they reach the USO headquarters, Daellian delivers the message in private. He and the two Algorrians are to build something in the Charon Cloud that is “not allowed to be built”. After that, the three are mentally blocked. So they go their separate ways again, Alaska *takes* the technical documents of the Shadow Shield and some other problems that Daellian had the Algorrians solve to Terra, while the TRAJAN takes the twelve Algorrians and the Terran researcher to the Charon Cloud.

Hangay Galaxy

A Factory Ensemble (*66 TRAIGOT and 22 TRAICAH factories*) of the Terminal Column arrives in Hangay *around 1300* NGE. It initially remains inactive because the second wave of the column has not yet arrived.

The SOL

The SOL arrives in Hangay at the beginning of the year 1330 NGE. There the crew makes contact with the individual Kartanin empires. But when it comes to the topic of the Negasphere, Ronald Tekener's and Dao-Lin-H'ay's *pleas* fall on deaf ears everywhere, *due to the recent assassination (probably by Micro-Beasts) of all the delegates of a galaxy-wide peace conference, resulting in hostilities between all the peoples of the galaxy.*

In 1331 NGE, a 20,000-50,000 year old station of an unknown people is discovered, which must date back to the time when Hangay was still part of the Tarkan universe. It is noteworthy that a hologram called up in the station warns of the danger of a Negasphere forming in Hangay. The station is destroyed a short time later by Traitanks. But a final radio pulse from the station is intercepted and leads the SOL to *the Ultra system*, where it has to make an emergency landing on *the planet Blue* as a result of the hyperimpedance *increase*.

The crew of the SOL gradually realizes that the generation spaceship will not be able to take off again any time soon - if at all. All the propulsion units and the *hyperspace* taps have failed, only the early conversion of some areas to low-tech has prevented the worst, and fortunately the on-board computer SENECA is not syntronic, but biopositronic, which is still functioning without *problems*. For the time being, the SOL is stranded on Ultra Blue. Since the SOL is stuck on Ultra Blue, the Solans try to maintain good relations with the Gray Kartanin living there. Dao-Lin-H'ay falls in love with Ron-Sha-R'itt, the head of the colony, and leaves Ronald Tekener.

A camouflaged spaceship crashes on the moon of Ultra Blue, but the wreckage has already disappeared when Tekener arrives there with a SOL cruiser. All he finds is the corpse of a *bird-like humanoid*.

The spaceship that crashed on the moon is a TRAITOR TRAI supply ship. During an attempt to take off, the entire drive section explodes and the convoy ship crashes again just 30 miles away. Because the technology is sealed and secured with explosive charges, repairs without spare parts and thus a new takeoff are impossible. Through a defect, Fartyze, the last surviving officer of the ship, spends not *just* a few months in cold sleep, but eleven years. When he wakes up, most of his crew is dead.

In the years from 1331 to 1342, around 1000 Solaners leave the ship and settle in *the capital city* U'Hartu. Dao-Lin-H'ay lives with Ron-Sha-R'itt. The conversion and repair work on the SOL continues, but a return to the Milky Way or Hangay is out of the question for the time being.

In 1342, eleven years after the crash of the TRAI supply ship, a distress call from the last survivors of the *crashed* ship alerts the SOL crew to the new location of the wreck. During the fight for the wreck, all remaining crew members of the TRAI supply ship are killed, Blo Rakane is shot by Fartyze and seriously injured. However, the demolition of the wreck prepared by Fartyze is successfully prevented *by Blo*.

The Solans manage to *take* raw materials, including Salkrit (*which they don't recognize*) and other *hypercrystals*, from the supply ship, *which has been converted to work with the higher hyperimpedance*. They are also able to capture the makeshift UHF radio that Fartyze had built. Meanwhile, Dao-Lin-H'ay finds the entrance to *the ice city* Vaccao's sunlight station. There she and Blo Rakane gain important information about *the existence and purpose of* TRAITOR and the connections between Hangay and *its forming* Negasphere.

At about the same time, the modified Ultragiraffe locates a ship camouflaged with a Dark Field and approaching the Ultra system. Ronald Tekener uses the captured radio to listen in on the aliens' radio traffic. It becomes clear that TRAITOR is interested in the Solonium *material* of the SOL hull. Before a larger Awour (*the Column's best trackers*) fleet appears, the SOL is able to escape from the Ultra system. Only *about* 300 of the Solans who moved to U'Hartu return to the ship, including Dao-Lin-H'ay.

Kirmizz

In 1345 NGE, Kirmizz, the future pilot of the Chaotender VULTAPHER *who has forgotten his past*, flies to the planet Vibe-Lotoi. There, he is pursued because of his supply of valuable hyper crystals. The fear of death that he feels during the fight with *his pursuer* causes him to regain some of his memories. He allows himself to be tortured by *someone* so that he can finally fully remember his origins : like Gon-Orbhon, he was trained in the 19th Cosmity (*in the previous cycle*), *but was betrayed by the Cosmocrats, so he became a Chaotarch helper*. Kirmizz kidnaps Cosmuel Kain and takes over the Ay'Va's (*a Haluter criminal organization*) fortress and makes contact with his ship BANDA SARI. Alaska Saedelaere *confronts him and* is able to incapacitate Kirmizz with the help of his Cappin fragment. When the Peace Riders try to take him prisoner, he is rescued by the BANDA SARI.

The Peace Riders

In 1345 NGE, the Peace Riders begin building the Camp Sondyselene base *on the planet Vibe-Lotoi* in the Lazaruu star cluster, which lies in front of Hangay. Since they cannot reach Hangay because the *galactic energy that powers their ships* is no longer effective *in there*, they want to observe the activities of the Chaos forces from *there*. Building the base is Cosmuel Kain's initiation task. After completing the base, the Peace Riders try to take Kirmizz prisoner. This operation fails, so that Camp Sondyselene has to be evacuated again, since its existence has become known to the Chaos forces. The remaining facilities are destroyed by Traitanks.

In 1346, *Cosmuel Kain is accepted as a Peace Rider, and* the Peace Riders build the Cala Impex base in the halo of Hangay. Alaska Saedelaere and Mondra Diamond observe the arrival of a fleet of 500,000 Traitanks and other objects that are being modified for onward flight to Hangay. When Object Ultra, *which Alaska uses his Vector Helmet to identify as a [Cosmic Messenger]*, tries in vain to penetrate Hangay, *pararealities keep arising*. The Peace Riders discover a badly damaged Space-Time Router (*a space station that allows conventional spaceships to fly into galaxies with a Negasphere*) and explore it, but are attacked and driven away. *Mondra Diamond acquires a detailed map of the Hangay Negasphere*. They destroy the Router with fusion bombs, but many more appear shortly afterwards.

Operation CombiTrans

In 1327 NGE, work on the operation CombiTrans begins. Initially only Perry Rhodan, Atlan, Reginald Bell and Ichō Tolot are *involved*. The aim of the operation is to commission the Lemurian solar transmitter of Omega Centauri *as part of the Galactic Transmitter Network (GTN) project (mentioned at the very beginning of this cycle)*, whereby Ferron cage transmitters (*requiring stations at both ends*) should also be integrated into the Lemurian and Terran situation transmitters (*which send objects thru a linear-space tunnel*) and Lemurian solar transmitters *all over the Milky Way, allowing faster travel within it*. *Other Lemurian solar transmitters are to be incorporated later*. *With the arrival of TRAITOR, the GTN was co-opted by CombiTrans to allow Galactic forces to reach Hangay to destroy the Negasphere*.

In 1345, with the help of the Haluters, who have fled from their home planet to Omega Centauri, the solar transmitter is to establish a connection to Hangay. The work initially proceeds undisturbed because no units of the Terminal Column are there due to Omega Centauri's hypersurge activity. However, *unknown to the Galactics*, a Koda Ariel spy is active on the Kharag Steel World (*the planet with the controls for the transmat*).

The CombiTrans Squadron sets off for Hangay. The first stop, however, is not the Hollow World Horror as planned, but the Nagigal Trio. This is the only solar transmitter that can be *accessed* from the Kharag Steel World. The CombiTrans Squadron does not reach this first destination, however, but is intercepted by the Tellox Duo solar transmitter *fail-safe mechanism* and beamed into hyperspace. This is how the crew members of the squadron reach Anghur Al-Tare, *home of Lemurian descendants who had also been sent into hyperspace*. Atlan is taken to the Convergent Thinker (*combined fragments of superintelligences*) and learns the story of this being : *it was created by TRAITOR's medics, just like a Dual being, who tried to influence it to become an agent of the Chaotarchs. But it fled from them, and later the Cosmocrats, instead creating an enclosed hypersphere*

around Anghur Al-Tare and devoting itself to rescuing endangered space travelers. All crew members of the squadron are transferred back to their ships, which are transferred back to the Tellox Duo by the Convergent Thinker. Since the ships are not in the area of the *fail-safe mechanism*, they manage to destroy the projectors and also deactivate the transmitter zone. However, the mausoleum of the Lemurian Jerim-Varos, who was involved in the expansion of the transmitter line at the time, is discovered on *the planet* Tellox 1. The corpse is wearing a wristband command transmitter, which Atlan takes. *They use other, smaller transmitters to get back to Omega Centauri.* Back on the Kharag Steel World, Atlan manages to query the special Tanta circuit, *which reveals the locations of several other previously unknown transmitters.* This allows the CombiTrans squadron to set off for Hangay again. After arriving in the Nagigal system, Atlan leads negotiations with the Raphans (*descendants of the Lemurians*) about the use of the control pyramids of the solar transmitter. Since no other station can be contacted other than the Kharag Solar Dodecahedron, the squadron is stuck with the Raphans.

In 1346, the planet Kharmuu *in the Omega Centauri system* is moved into the Nagigal system by the Omega Centauri Solar Dodecahedron. This doubles the living space of the 42 billion Raphans. Immentri Luz, the activation guard *android* of the *Lemurian transmitter system*, awakes from his 50,000 year sleep when the solar transmitter was first activated, *and* contacts Atlan. He *mentally opens the computer locks* so that the other, previously inactive solar transmitters can be activated. The CombiTrans Squadron sets off for the Gulver Duo *system.*

When they arrive, it is discovered that 14 years ago, as a result of the increase in hyperimpedance, a star cluster materialized in normal space in this area, which its inhabitants call Orellana. *Immentri Luz makes adjustments to this solar transmitter, and says it will take several weeks before it settles down.* While exploring the planet New Lemur, the Galactics come into conflict with the Tad de Raud *race*, who have conquered the entire star cluster, *but whose technology is vastly inferior to the Galactics'.* By *re-directing a teleportation*, Atlan, Startac Schroeder and Trim Marath are captured by the Tad de Raud.

The Galactics make contact with the Telomon *race*, *who live in hiding within the star cluster via a network of short-distance transmitters using their own Mesoport energies*, and the activation guard Ama Zurn. They learn of the existence of the Mesoport network. After freeing Atlan and his companions from the Precog Empress *who wants to absorb Schroeder's and Marath's psionic abilities*, Atlan allows the activation guard to flood the Mesoport network with new energy using the sun transmitter taps and thus stabilize it. The onward flight of the CombiTrans squadron to the Jiapho Duo *transmitter will take place when the adjustments settle and the energy cells have re-charged.*

The transport to the Jiapho Duo *transmitter takes place*, but the Halutian ship AHUR *appears alone in empty space with no sign of a solar transmitter, while unknown to them*, the rest of the squadron was sent into a hypercocoon. The Haluters meet Lemurian descendants who have lived for 50,000 years in a combined construct of their former spaceships, which they call Inkar-Durn. *They have totally forgotten their race's history, and some of them have developed the ability to convert hyperenergy into unstable psi energy, which they do upon the AHUR's arrival.* Sokrat manages to make contact with the Lemurians, and a Halutian task force succeeds in removing the psi matter from *Inkar-Durn* in time and releasing it at a safe distance in open space, where it explodes. The explosion creates such an effect in free space that the hypercocoon can be *detected.* The AHUR flies into the cocoon.

The remaining CombiTrans fleet arrives in hyperspace, and can detect no galaxies, only a very small star cluster dubbed the Spectral Island States with 69 suns, two of which are the Jiapho Duo. They confirm that they are in a hypercocoon, and that the planets are inhabited by the Sphero *race.* Atlan leads a troop, which also includes the activation guards, into the adjustment station of the sun transmitter. There, the participants are scanned and an alarm signal leaves the station *to the Ani-Sferzon.* A little later, six Sphero spaceships appear *manned by Ani-Sferzon.* Surprisingly, these attack the CombiTrans squadron and destroy the VERACRUZ and two LFT-BOXES. By chance, the Galactics discover that the *ships* can be defeated with simple *impulse cannons*, but only when fired at close range. This enables them to fend off the first two attacks. But when 440 of

the spaceships start to attack, chance comes to Atlan's aid. A gigantic hyperspace quake forces the strangers to retreat. At first, the Arkonide does not know what has happened. It is only when AHUR appears and the Hauluters make their report that he understands what happened.

Immentri Luz penetrates the Spectral Tower(?) and learns the story of the Sphero :

The Sphero are an ancient, technologically advanced race, with extremely long *lifetimes*, but a dying people with decreasing will to live and *increasing* lethargy. *For 170,000 years, they have been travelling thru hyperspace with their star cluster in a hypercocoon.* They are a morally high-minded people and rarely interfere in the affairs of other peoples, *but have upon occasion allowed some persecuted races to join their cluster. The last-born Sphero, Morian, investigates his race's history and the reason for its decline. It turns out that their genetic structure has changed over time, which leads to a progressive loss of cell activity. At an unknown time in the past, a race called Anakons had donated their genes to the Sphero, which initially resulted in a positive evolutionary boost, but is also apparently the reason for their current decline. Later, it is found that Lemurians also contain a trace of Anakonian DNA. The Sphero take to artificially merging Anakonian genes with their own, and the Ani-Sferzon are created, which are much more aggressive than the Sphero, and eventually wipe them out.*

Luz understands now that there are no more Sphero, and ensures that the Ani-Sferzon are rendered harmless. The CombiTrans squadron can continue its flight to Hangay. Immentri Luz stays behind in the Spectral Island States to search for the Anakons.

Finale at the Solar Dodecahedron

In 1346 NGE, on behalf of the Nucleus, the Algorrians and Malcolm S. Daellian work *in secret* on Jonathon in the Charon Cloud to construct the **Context Converter** (*which allows long-distance time travel that can actually affect the present, unlike many other time-travel devices*). This is the device that "is not allowed to be built". During the first test run, strange time phenomena occur that lead to several deaths. *The test also calls an unknown power to the site.* The purpose of the Context Converter remains unknown at first.

Rhodan confronts the Nucleus, demanding the disclosure of all its plans. Under duress, it tells him the purpose of the Context Converter, which so impresses Rhodan that he orders the ESCHER transferred to the RICHARD BURTON, and flies it personally to the Omega Centauri solar dodecahedron solar transmitter.

Zerberoff leads a fleet of Reductive Traitanks (*equipped with less-advanced technology*) to the Solar Dodecahedron. The attack can be repelled, but the Dual Captain is still successful by setting up a UHF energy potential at the solar transmitter, *whose purpose is unknown.* At the same time, Dantyren, disguised as a Haluter, arrives at the Solar Dodecahedron, *with three Koda Aratier (more powerful than Koda Ariels) shapeshifters.* His plan is to murder Perry Rhodan and Atlan. *Rhodan announces that Atlan will fly with the RICHARD BURTON to Hangay instead of himself, making Atlan think he is hiding something.*

When the emergence of an *unknown space station* measuring at least 60 miles is reported, the Galactics suspect that there may be a connection with the UHF potential. Perry Rhodan, Pucky and Icho Tolot discover *that it is the Lemurian Shock Pulse Generator platform ZEUT-80 (used to build solar transmitters), on which the race called the Half-Track Changers (so called because they seem to live in two planes of existence at the same time) have built a mall for travelers that use the transmitter system.* Rhodan, who can legitimize himself as the heir of the Lemurian people, takes possession of ZEUT-80 for the Terrans, and the *mall* is then cleared. The platform is examined on the way to the Solar Dodecahedron. It is found that its generators can generate hypercavitation (*bubbles in [linear space]*), within which hyperimpedance is reduced.

Four Chaos Squadrons, 122 Traitanks, and the Column Fort TRAICOON 0399 are relocated to the Solar Dodecahedron using the UHF energy potential *left by the six Traitanks.* Atlan is forced to clear the area, and he

himself sets off for Hangay. The Haluters set off for Andromeda, while the Terrans want to try to reach the Spectral Island States. The Galactics' retreat is covered by ZEUT-80. The station thwarts Zerberoff's decisive attack on the control world by using its **hyper-surge generators (which generate hypertears in space)**. Dantyre is on the JEFE CLAUDRIN when it flees through the solar transmitter. Cornor Lerz stays behind *on the control world* and ensures that TRAITOR cannot use the solar transmitter.

Atlan flies to the Lemurian Jiapho Duo *solar* transmitter. On the way, all fleet parts are withdrawn from the solar transmitter systems. All Haluters and Terrans who do not make their way to Andromeda or Pinwheel to support the resistance against TRAITOR are taken in by the Spectral Island States and transported back to the Milky Way. In *Jiapho Duo's control world* Trixal, the decisive battle between Atlan and Dantyre takes place. Atlan kills the dual being, after a psychological game, with a primitive crossbow. The subsequent autopsy reveals that the DNA of the Danton half does not quite match the genetic pattern of the real Michael Rhodan, *and* no cell activator chip is found. **The doctors determine that it is a clone or a copy made in some other way, which is no more than 5 years old.**

ZEUT-80 creates a linear space tunnel through which the RICHARD BURTON and its accompanying fleet consisting of three LFT BOXES and PONTON tenders set off for Hangay. Their destination is Cala Impex, the base of the Peace Riders. ZEUT-80 is captured by Zerberoff, but remains in operation until then. After the collapse of the linear space tunnel, the convoy around the RICHARD BURTON still has to travel a distance of 291,983 light years to the base, *which will take three months.*

Negasphere (#2400 to #2499) : 1346-1347 NGE (0 year gap from previous cycle)

These names are from the adventure 20,000,000 years in the past

Tare Sharm – the galaxy with the developing Negasphere

ARCHETIM – a positive superintelligence helping the Negasphere retroversion

LAW Giver – a huge spaceship specially designed by Cosmocrats for Negasphere retroversion

CHEOS-TAI – a specific LAW Giver ship

Trek of the LAW – 680,000 spaceships that are to bring the CHEOS-TAI to a particular location

Kamuko – General of the Trek of the LAW armada; later started the Peace Riders

Laosoor – a cat-like race in Tare Sharm

Pothawk – a Laosoor

LAOMARK – the Laosoor's generation ship

Cyprons – a technologically highly advanced race in Tare Sharm

VULTAPHER – a Chaotender

Zerberoff – a Terminal Column Dual being who switches sides

Ekatus Atimoss – the leader of the Column's Pressor Guard; a Dual being who switches sides

KOLTOROC – a negative superintelligence in charge of creating Negaspheres

These names are from the present

Kirmizz – the designated pilot of VULTAPHER, of unknown species, who helps the Terrans

Yakonto – a species; a Cosmocrat helper race for millions of years

Mom'Serimer – 4.5 foot tall humanoid hermaphrodites on the SOL since 1304 NGE; good technicians

Inkkdye – an immortal captured by KOLTOROC

Cala Impex – a base of the Peace Riders near the Hangay galaxy

In the Sol system, Perry Rhodan informs his long-time companions Homer G. Adams and Reginald Bell that he is going on a journey with the research vessel JULES VERNE. Mondra Diamond, Alaska Saedelaere, Pucky and Icho Tolot *accompany him*. For fear of agents of the negative superintelligence KOLTOROC, he leaves open exactly where Operation Tempus will take him. Before *he leaves, a messenger of IT* presents Perry Rhodan with an offer from IT to evacuate humanity or parts of it to a safe place. Perry Rhodan refuses, as humanity should not give up its homeland and lose its morale.

In the past :

Note : all dates given are the JULES VERNE's shipboard time.

Operation Tempus

Operation Tempus takes the research vessel JULES VERNE twenty million years into the past *from 1346 NGE* to the year 20,059,813 B.C. The aim is to observe the retroversion of the Negasphere of *the galaxy Tare Sharm* and pass these findings on to the Nucleus. The leap into the past is achieved by using the context converter. Four years before the *death* of the superintelligence ARCHETIM, the JULES VERNE *arrives in the Milky Way*. There, the LAW Giver (*a 700 mile diameter spaceship specially designed by Cosmocrats for Negasphere retroversion*) awaits the superintelligence's marching orders to move to Tare Sharm. The first contact is successful and initially very positive, but it is precisely at this time that Nightlight Armor (*a powerful object of Order given by ARCHETIM to General Kamuko*) is stolen *from the planet Oaghonyr*. Kamuko suspects Pucky because he is a teleporter. The JULES VERNE manages to escape, but is now wanted everywhere in *the Milky Way*.

In addition, the *three* real thieves have also *left in* the JULES VERNE. Their original mission was divided into three parts : they were to steal the coordinates of the LAW Giver and the Nightlight Armor, as well as kidnap the aura bearer Kamuko. They managed point one, point two went wrong, and at point three they switched to Perry Rhodan, as he *carries* a similar aura to Kamuko.

Pothawk, the leader of the *three* Laosoor brothers, uses *parapolarizers (beads of psi-energy that turn the user invisible and intangible for a few minutes, and radiate a strong location signal)* to summon the LAOMARK, a gigantic ship more than 1200 miles in diameter. In this spaceship, which turns out to be a gigantic hollow world, live around 305 million Laosoor (*a cat-like race that walks on all four legs*) under the rule of two kings. The JULES VERNE is detained *inside*, but Rhodan, Pucky and Icho Tolot manage to make a trip to the *interior of the* LAOMARK. They learn a lot about the Laosoor. The excursion comes to an abrupt end, however, when the thieves' employer appears and orders them to put pressure on the escapees by threatening to destroy the JULES VERNE.

After the three Galactics have turned themselves in, Rhodan also makes contact with the client, who offers him the prospect of a free departure if Rhodan proves himself successful in his role as a thief in the course of the CHEOS-TAI mission, without going into detail about what the operation is all about.

Rhodan begins the CHEOS-TAI mission. The leader of the high-tech thieves is Pothawk, and the master thieves set off on their journey with *72 spaceships*. Along the way, Rhodan learns more details of the mission in fragments. He realizes that the mysterious client must be a Chaotarch servant. Pothawk also suspects this, but the Laosoor has no moral qualms, or *perhaps* suppresses them. For him, only the decision of his two kings counts. Since Rhodan has no choice, he has to play along. In the Thanuk Nebula, the Shohaaks *locate* the CHEOS-TAI, as he is told is the proper name of *this particular* LAW Giver, *and temporarily hide it* in a hyperspace anomaly. When Perry Rhodan sees the huge ship, he is overcome by all kinds of memories. The object has the size of a [Spore ship], *and* the surface appears to be made of Carit (*a Cosmocrat-level material*). As the Terran learns from the Laosoor, *they* want to steal the giant, *which is not yet fully functional*. Rhodan is given the task of acting as a "key" and authorizing the Laosoor with his aura.

Using Rhodan's aura and *supra-emitters (TRAITOR devices that emit a miles-wide killing radiation)* they have received from their employer, the Laosoor capture the LAW Giver. However, they realize that they have been deceived : the supra-emitters have not stunned the crew of the CHEOS-TAI *as they were told*, they have killed them. Perry Rhodan learns from the last surviving member of the installation team *of the Tefta-Raga people* that the LAW Giver is to "open the gate to Tare Sharm" and that the Thermodyne engineers must come on board there. The Laosoor use transmitters to *teleport* the CHEOS-TAI *inside* the LAOMARK.

On the JULES VERNE they gather as much information as they can. The Laosoor are downright indifferent to them. Meanwhile, Pothawk is called to report to the kings. As he expects, the client also appears and takes over the conversation. Pothawk declares that he has killed and destroyed Rhodan. The client is satisfied and withdraws. Pothawk then appeals to his kings to honor the thieves, but they are completely apathetic. Of course Rhodan is not dead, but the three Laosoor brothers have conspired with him to form the "Pact Against Chaos". They have taken up quarters not far from the LAOMARK. They spy out the situation and Rhodan suggests that they fetch Mondra and Pucky and infiltrate the *ship*. They do so, and Rhodan's fears are realized : *the Terminal Column's Mor'Daer* are in the *ship*.

Kamuko *finds* the Nightlight breastplate. With its help, she discovers a Pressor Guard (*an elite unit of a Terminal Column*) base at the *central* black hole, which *is still under construction*, and can be conquered by *her* forces *later*. At the same time, ARCHETIM gives the order for the LAW Giver's trek to *start*. This order cannot be carried out because the *ship* has disappeared. ARCHETIM realizes that the Nightlight Armor has been touched by Chaos. This makes it clear to Kamuko that Perry Rhodan is innocent.

Perry Rhodan, Pothawk and his brothers want to free the Laosoor from the Chaos Servants who have been manipulating the people for centuries. Pothawk spreads the news that he killed Rhodan during the CHEOS-TAI mission. In fact, together with Mondra Diamond and Pucky, they penetrate the LAOMARK to unveil the identity of the Laosoor's employer.

Rhodan and Mondra Diamond discover that Ekatus Atimoss (*a Terminal Column Dual being in charge of the Pressor Guard*) is the Laosoor's client, *and is actually in control of the ship*. There are strong TRAITOR forces in the LAOMARK, including Column Motivators, *which explains the apathy of the Laosoor kings*. Rhodan takes *Atimoss' mental diary*, through which the *Laosoor brothers* learn of their true history : eleven of their twelve *gigantic ships* have been transformed into *elements* of the Chaotender INFATHER. *When this information is made public*, high-ranking military officers are persuaded to initiate an assault on TRAITOR's base. *One of the two kings* is killed in the process. The *ship* is conquered and Ekatus Atimoss flees. The CHEOS-TAI is *removed* so that *it can fly to* the Oaghonyr system without causing any damage *to the LAOMARK*. Pothawk is named a new king by *the other king*. The trek of the LAW Giver *starts* for Tare Sharm. The JULES VERNE and the LAOMARK follow, although the LAOMARK will not arrive until *at least six* months after the Terran ship.

Five months later, the JULES VERNE reaches the halo of Tare Sharm. The galaxy is surrounded by a border *shield* and cannot be reached. On board is the young Laosoor Ketchua, who secretly sneaked on board. While examining the wreckage of a Traitank, which - as it later turns out - has been crushed by a huge amoeba-like object, Ketchua retrieves a storage crystal containing data on the globular cluster Aquon-Gorissa in the halo of Tare-Scharm and the CORRIDOR OF ORDER (*a network of hypertunnels and nodes used by the LAW Givers*).

Aquon-Gorissa is *in* a hyperstorm reef (*a powerful hyperenergetic hurricane created by the border shield around Tare-Charm*) and therefore inaccessible. Perry Rhodan makes personal contact with the Sekundim, children of the *positive* superintelligence ELEDAIN, who died about 1600 years ago, *leaving behind its Secondaries, huge semi-material fragments of itself which live in space*. The JULES VERNE *observes them crushing Traitanks, but they can be destroyed by a Column MACHINE*. The JULES VERNE rescues the Secondaries Pherian and Tauzeda and is guided to Eledain-Cishon, *the refuge of all Secondaries*, in gratitude. There it flies through the *Elegain-Cishon hypertunnel* and reaches the hypercocoon INTAZO. After an

examination of *the crew's* conscience by the Lanterns (*also fragments of ELEDAIN*) and an intercession by Kamuko, the JULES VERNE receives permission to join the Trek of the LAW Giver, *whose ships are in INTAZO*. However, *the Galactics* are not allowed to take action on *their* own authority. Nevertheless, the Galactics rescue the crew of a starship that is close to destruction, whereupon Kamuko further restricts their freedom of movement, so that *their* mission goal of observing *the* retroversion is at risk. In the modular dock(?), some *aliens* are manipulated by unknown persons and carry out an assassination attempt on Perry Rhodan, which is thwarted. *It is assumed that the unknown entity must be a Chaotarch or Cosmocrat.*

Near the end of 1346, Rhodan and his companions discover in the Thermodyne headquarters SIAH that a Terminal Herald and the Dual being Ekatus Atimoss (*from the previous cycle*) are active in INTAZO. The Thermodyne engineer Abanathan Seg Dathuel has been mentally influenced by the Terminal Herald, but sacrifices himself in order to destroy SIAH and thus prevent the perforation of the hypercocoon *which would allow TRAITOR to attack*. Kamuko realizes that she is *indeed* indebted to the Galactics. Rhodan is captured by Ekatus Atimoss and joins the flight to Tare Sharm aboard the TAROSHI, while the JULES VERNE *must* stay behind in INTAZO.

Ekatus Atimoss and *Terminal Herald* Glinvaran leave the TAROSHI in an escape pod as soon as the CORRIDOR OF ORDER is crossed. On the planet Ata Thageno, which is affected by vibra-psi (*an influence created by the Negasphere which mutates normal creatures*), Perry Rhodan is freed by Hobogey (*a 14 foot-long worm*), who is searching for the Genprox analysts (*Column scientists studying the mutations*). Together they reach a base station of his people after a terminal quake, *which is a prequel to the union of Chaotic Cells (a region of space where the laws of nature are already slightly changed) forming a Chaotic braid*, but Ekatus Atimoss and Glinvaran arrive before them. Perry Rhodan is contacted by Sharband, a being who has acquired intelligence and paranormal gifts under the influence of vibra-psi and is referred to as an “emanation” by the Genprox analysts. Rhodan learns from Sharband that the Element of Darkness *has been* active on Ata Thageno, and it *will* return *soon* to pick up the Gresken (*another species affected by vibra-psi*). After the unification of the two Chaotic Cells, the hyperphysical disturbances on the planet subside, allowing Glinvaran to summon nine Traitanks. However, these are destroyed by Cypron (*a highly technological race*) battleships. Their commander Randa Eiss accepts Perry Rhodan as a representative of the Cosmocrats. Glinvaran sacrifices himself to enable Ekatus Atimoss to escape. However, Rhodan sees through the trick and captures *him*.

Since Perry Rhodan does not return from the TAROSHI, Mondra Diamond *eventually* obtains permission from Kamuko to fly the JULES VERNE to Tare Sharm. The spaceship is equipped with guardian columns (*an automatic self-destruct mechanism*) and accompanies a battle fleet *to the site of the newly-formed Chaotic Braid, with LAW Giver ships that should destroy them, but during the space battle with Column forces, it is discovered that an Entropic Cyclone (which lowers the intelligence of all intelligent beings in their area of influence and robs them of their vital energy; the Chaos Powers use them to destroy all life in a sector of space) is coming, so the ships of Order must retreat*. The JULES VERNE sets off on its own to search for Perry Rhodan. The Terrans lose their bearings and miss the rendezvous with Kamuko's fleet, so that they can no longer leave Tare Sharm.

In early 1347, Perry Rhodan is no longer on Ata Thageno, but has flown with the Cyprons to Tarquina, *their home planet*. On the way, the Cypron render Ekatus Atimoss' *parasite* ineffective and allow *him* to flee. When the Dual *being* realizes that he has regained his free will and has only been used by TRAITOR, he decides of his own accord to side with the Cosmocrat servants, *and comes back to the Cyprons*.

On Tarquina, Rhodan persuades Randa Eiss to run for the office of the Ultimate Council against the Isolationists. He has no way of contacting ARCHETIM's forces until the election date, which is set *in a couple of weeks*. Ekatus Atimoss saves Rhodan's life during an attack on the old councils by the Isolationists, *after which Rhodan thanks him sincerely*. After Randa Eiss has won the support of the Nega-Cypron (*Cyprons affected by the vibra-psi who can survive in the Negasphere, and the direct ancestors of the Cynos*), he is elected to the Ultimate Council. Meanwhile, Alaska Saedelaere manages to get the JULES VERNE back on

course with the help of the Vector Helmet. The ship makes contact with a Cypron fleet and reaches Tarquina.

The Final Battle

Ki-Myo, a representative of ARCHETIM and an old acquaintance of the Cypron, arrives at Tarquina. He announces that the Negane City has appeared and that this is the sign for the beginning of the Final Battle. He calls on all *all ARCHETIM helpers, including the Cypron*, to take part. However, the Nega-Cypron, who could *allow the spaceships to navigate in the Negasphere*, refuse out of fear of TRAITOR. Ki-Myo asks Rhodan to take part in the final battle, but the Terran still believes he is not allowed to actively intervene in the events of the past and refuses. When the Cypron fleet departs, accompanied by the JULES VERNE, the Nega-Cyprons disappear to an unknown destination.

After the contingents of the free peoples of Tare Sharm have united with the LAOMARK and the fleets from the INTAZO in a hub of the CORRIDOR OF ORDER, Perry Rhodan, with the help of Ekatus Atimoss, overhears a briefing led by Ki-Myo, according to which ARCHETIM's actual target is the central region of Tare Sharm, *where 111 LAW Giver ships are stationed*. The attack must take place before *the spontaneous overall networking of all Chaotic braids occurs*. An ARCHETIM action body is already inside the CORRIDOR for this purpose. Ki-Myo asks Perry Rhodan to free Kamuko, who has not returned from an exploration of Negane City. *He leaves in Ki-Myo's ship, which is a former Column unit, which will camouflage him*.

Perry Rhodan and a task force, including 200 Laosor led by Pothawk, *go to the Negane City, which is 1300 miles in diameter*. They are able to look around unhindered and learn of the preparations being made for the Chaopressor (*the second-highest rank in a Column; is in charge of a single campaign*) KOLTOROC's arrival. KOLTOROC will summon the Chaotarch XRAYN in due course. The team sets out to free Kamuko from the Negane dungeon. They succeed, but Kamuko has already been implanted with a *parasite*. Meanwhile, Perry Rhodan makes contact with the World Sage of Azdun, from whom he gains new insights into cosmic connections. *Among other things, he learns that Chaotarchs use Negane Cities to manifest themselves fully in the normal universe without being subject to the restrictions of the [Transform Syndrome], which allows them to take control of a Negasphere*. Also, XRAYN's goal is to use Tare Sharm as a deployment area for a campaign against the cosmogone DORIICLE. *With the approach of KOLTOROC, they need to leave. Ki-Myo's ship has been confiscated, so they use a transmitter to get back to the JULES VERNE. But the entrance to the CORRIDORS OF ORDER is blocked by a large fleet of Traitanks*.

After clearing the CORRIDORS, the JULES VERNE follows the ARCHETIM fleets led by Ki-Myo to the central black hole Margin-Chrilox, where the final battle breaks out, and where Perry Rhodan wants to observe how the retroversion "works". Due to a major attack on a Chaotic braid, KOLTOROC deploys a large contingent of troops there; this fleet also includes the Element of Darkness, which is particularly feared by ARCHETIM. KOLTOROC is now presumably sufficiently distracted so that the actual target can be *located*: a huge double helix consisting of *over 3000 Column Forts*. This is the Needle of Chaos, GLOIN TRAITOR, the center of KOLTOROC's power in the accretion disk of the black hole, and the Chaotarchs' *pinnacle* in the artificial creation or stabilization of a Negasphere. At the same time, the call signal for the *arrival of Chaotarch XRAYN* sounds in the Negan City.

ARCHETIM's fleets, *accompanied by 58 LAW Givers to provide tolerable physical conditions*, finds GLOIN TRAITOR guarded by more than 100,000 Traitanks, five Column MACHINES and several coupled Column Forts and other large units. *ARCHETIM's fleets destroy GLOIN TRAITOR which is manipulating the Psionic Network, thus dropping the border wall and allowing Cosmic Messengers to enter, which dissolve the Negasphere*. At the same time, ARCHETIM, assisted by CHEOS-TAI, feeds its psi-energy into the Psionic Network, repairing it. When part of the Element of Darkness appears, ARCHETIM is forced to release *its remaining psionic energy abruptly*. Although this destroys the Element, it also destroys ARCHETIM's mental structure, so that he soon dies. Nevertheless, the retroversion is ultimately successful, albeit with extremely heavy losses for the fleets of both sides. The JULES VERNE observes the retroversion. Due to the erupting

hyperphysical chaos, an emergency *time* jump is initiated to *return one day after they left*. On board are the Laosoor, the Spherics (*mutated Cyprons*) and Ekatus Atimoss. It is unclear whether Kamuko also takes part in the context jump, as she was *flying* outside the ship at the time.

In the present :

Evolux

The JULES VERNE reaches the relative present (*presumably in early 1346 NGE*), but is unable to cross the 45 million light years from Tare Sharm to the Milky Way, *because all their Salkrit and HS-Howalgonium hypercrystals have been destroyed*. The Spherics have not survived the shock of time travel, the context converter has melted down to scrap metal, the guardian columns have crumbled to dust, and there is no trace of Kamuko. *The Laosoor realize they will never see their home again. After sending out a hyperradio distress call, a race called the Yakonto become aware of the spaceship, recognize Rhodan as a Knight of the Deep, and tow it to the planet Evolux. Cobalt-blue spaceships (used by Cosmocrats) are being built on this giant planet. The Cosmocrat representative Dyramesch orders a detailed examination of the JULES VERNE. Dyramesch tells Rhodan that Hangay and the proto-Negasphere are not the Terran's problem, but that of the Cosmocrats, who will deal with them in due course. Accordingly, there will be no help for the JULES VERNE; rather the representative has its own plans for their ship . With this realization, Rhodan returns to his ship. Meanwhile, the ship is largely repaired and attempts to escape. This is thwarted by Dyramesch. He intends to integrate the Terrans into the production crews of the cobalt blue spaceships. They are to remain on Evolux forever.*

Although the Yakonto, who are most likely descendants of the Nega-Cypron, are not expected to help for the time being, the Metal-Runners (*highly advanced repair technicians*) secretly repair and optimize various aggregates on the JULES VERNE without being asked. Among other things, they create the object Hephaistos, *an energy-tapper that produces twice the power of the old power plant. Some Yakonto ask Perry Rhodan to accompany them to the planet Thestos. There is a spaceship there in the form of a black obelisk, which is possibly connected to the entity to which the Nega-Cypron owe their origin.*

While Perry Rhodan is traveling *there*, Mondra Diamond, the Laosoor and some Yakonto develop a plan to capture *a Cosmocrat spaceship*. They want to put Dyramesch under pressure or even disempower him. *However, a Yakonto betrays the plan to Dyramesch and Mondra's team is arrested. In addition, Dyramesch is now aware of all the secret helpers of the JULES VERNE.*

After exploring the obelisk ship on Thestos, *clues found there lead Perry Rhodan and the Yakonto to make contact with the entity AMU in the Alufir space sector, which is on board the CHEOS-TAI LAW Giver (from 20 million years ago!) hidden behind a time screen. The LAW Giver recognizes Rhodan's Knight aura and allows the Yakonto's ship to pass through the time screen. Rhodan directs CHEOS-TAI to Evolux and demands the release of the JULES VERNE. Dyramesch wants to oppose him with a Cosmocrat spaceship, but it suffers a malfunction. The Yakonto stop working. Fearing a reduction in efficiency, Dyramesch resigns and leaves Evolux. CHEOS-TAI takes the JULES VERNE on board and sets off for Terra. The Algorrians stay behind with the Yakonto to help them with their high-tech projects.*

On the way back to the Milky Way, the Galactics explore the LAW Giver and try to take control of it. This is unsuccessful, so Curcaryen Varantir requests "servo support". As a result, *without the Galactics' knowledge*, the Heromet (*race*) are awakened. However, they remain hidden out of mistrust of the strangers and *awaken* the Tibirian Melech (*race*). Battle robots are then activated, driving the Galactics out of the LAW Giver, *which now refuses all of Rhodan's commands*. The JULES VERNE is ejected from the hangar. An exploration team led by Mondra Diamond remains behind on CHEOS-TAI. The Tibirian Melech head for the galaxy Barmand-Sternborn. Both the Heromet and the Tibirian Melech are suffering from the effects of a Mental Revision (*the blocking of certain memories*) and *their long deep sleep*.

The JULES VERNE follows the LAW Giver. The Tibirian Melech *invade* the inhabitants of the Vakacool system in a small galaxy, ruled by the Anti-Warrior League, *and take over* in order to obtain help against their compulsion to transform, *which if they succumb to, they die*. A small team led by Perry Rhodan boards CHEOS-TAI with the permission of the Anti-Warrior League. The team is able to penetrate further into the LAW Giver thanks to the Metal-Runner Pan Greystat, who involuntarily took part in the departure of the JULES VERNE from Evolux, has been hiding on board ever since, and has built a *Tentionian crystal donor, which re-energizes hypercrystals, including Salkrit(!)*. He sacrifices himself to enable his new friends to cross the *locked Carit doors*, which are impenetrable to teleporters. The Galactics are discovered by a Heromet, who escapes, so their presence is no longer a secret.

With the help of the Heromet, who refuse to obey the Tibirian Melech, Perry Rhodan recaptures the LAW Giver. All the Tibirian Melech die when they are overcome by the transformation compulsion. The JULES VERNE is *taken on board*, and the journey to the Milky Way can continue. *With the return of the JULES VERNE to the Sol system* (while CHEOS-TAI waits 2400 light years away), Operation Tempus ends on September 25, 1347 NGE shipboard time, which corresponds to *mid 1347* NGE real time.

Hangay Galaxy

The SOL

By using Salkrit, *which they call T-Exagonium* and with the help of the Mom'Serimer, the SOL's hyperdrive engines can be put back into operation so that the ship reaches the galaxy of Hangay in 1343 NGE. After flying to two sunlight stations (*beacons that are part of an ancient galactic location system*) destroyed by TRAITOR, Dao-Lin-H'ay develops a plan to organize the resistance of the peoples of Hangay against the Terminal Column. When a secret conference of the peoples of Hangay on the planet Yoki, attended by Dao-Lin-H'ay and Ronald Tekener, ends in disaster due to an Entropic Cyclone, *she* leaves the SOL alone in a space jet.

Because of *their* help provided during the Entropic Cyclone, the Mom'Serimer are granted LFT citizenship in 1344 NGE. Some are even accepted into fleet service. In the following months, the SOL explores the conditions in Hangay.

Kirmizz arrives at the service castle SIRC *of the Progress Guardian Terkan von Voosar in Hangay* in 1345 NGE. *Terkan treats him with disdain, making it clear that Kirmizz is only a guest, not a member of the team.*

The SOL follows *the core of the VULTAPHERS Chaotender* to the Tir-Na-Tir system, because *its* destruction would be a decisive blow to the Terminal Column. However, direct attacks would be hopeless. *Thru his ability to influence other minds*, Kirmizz sets a trap there and captures *the SOL*. Ronald Tekener, *who cannot be influenced*, has to give in to him, because Kirmizz only spares the crew of the SOL on condition that Tekener cooperates. The SOL is upgraded, receiving a Dark Field *cloak* and a Fractal Bell *shield*. *Tekener* secretly contacts the Mom'Serimer, who remain largely unaffected.

A Terminal Herald delivers the coordinates for the VULTAPHERS construction site, *which is in the Milky Way*, and Kirmizz sets off *for* there. The SOL takes off the following day, accompanied by two Traitanks. Its destination is the Elgas sector near the central region of Hangay. The ship is to be mothballed there until TRAITOR has a use for it.

On the way, Ronald Tekener *puts into action* the plans he has been preparing for months to recapture the SOL *which is controlled by Column Motivators and Mor'Daer*. He is *now* supported by Kirmizz, who is mentally controlling Kalbaron (*Commander*) Silathe from afar. Kirmizz wants to take revenge on *Progress Guardian Terkan von Voosar in this way for the way he treated him*. The "army of shadows" (*8000 Mom'Serimer recruited by Tekener*) takes the Mor'Daer occupiers by surprise. Silathe destroys the *Column computers* that control SENECA and gives the Mor'Daer senseless orders. *Thus the SOL is liberated within sight of the SIRC*

service castle. *Despite the number of Traitanks at the castle, the SOL's upgrades help it survive. However, the Supratron generators (Column technology) prepared by Kirmizzz as a bomb must first be neutralized before the Solans can really celebrate their liberation. By ejecting them from the ship, they save themselves, and lose the ability to create a Fractal Bell shield, but it is now really free.*

The Solans then attempt to contact the Terran spherical starship *they glimpsed two months ago* (the RICHARD BURTON). To this end, a task force of Mom'Serimers disguised as Attavennok (*a race*) smuggles a coded message into the Column radio network. Meanwhile, the SOL waits in the Ackut system. The first meeting with the RICHARD BURTON takes place (*see the next section for the continuation of this story*).

The Hangay squadron

The Galactic's Hangay squadron led by the RICHARD BURTON departs for Hangay in 1346 NGE through a linear space tunnel created by ZEUT-80 (*from the previous cycle*). The first intermediate destination is Cala Impex, the Hangay base of the Peace Riders, which is 2000 light-years from the edge of Hangay.

Cala Impex is reached, and once the preparations for the onward flight have been completed and ESCHER has calculated course data for crossing the border wall, which is 50-100 light years thick, and appears to be a zone of hyperphysical chaos, the squadron sets off. Peace Rider ships provide camouflage for the ships until the border wall is reached. The passage takes *two weeks* and is associated with great difficulties, as the vital energy of all crew members is "sucked out" by the border wall. The squadron does not remain undetected, but is able to evade several Chaos squadrons.

The Galactics make contact with the *resistance group* Noquaa-Kansahariyya (NK) and conclude a mutual assistance pact with the *group on the planet* Quamoto. They learn that the center of Hangay, an area only a few light years across, can no longer be reached and is apparently the focus of TRAITOR's activities. In addition, the NK are aware of the locations of Proto-Chaotic Cells, one of which is not far away. On Quamoto there is a "contact" forest, a collective being apparently *possessing a consciousness*. This maintains communication with the contact forests of the other planets of the NK and is the real head of the *group*. In this way, despite the increased hyperimpedance, which severely hampers the NK's armed forces, news can quickly be disseminated. Atlan communicates with the contact forest, which recognizes his cell activator. Since the planet has been infiltrated by a Koda Ariel, it must be evacuated, *because TRAITOR now knows their location*. Atlan sets off with the RICHARD BURTON and the three LFT double BOXES for a Proto-Chaotic Cell in the Segarenis star cluster. The RICHARD BURTON flies on alone to a space station. The station, occupied by pirates, is captured and evacuated, and explodes shortly afterwards. Analysis of the data collected from it shows that the SOL must have been involved in the creation of the Proto-Chaotic Cell, presumably taken over by units of TRAITOR. Among the people evacuated is Ar-Dus-Taar - *who is really Dao-Lin-H'ay*.

From her, Atlan learns the history of the SOL from 1342 to 1343 NGE (*from the previous cycle*). She knows nothing about the further fate of the SOL, as she left the ship *on her own*.

The RICHARD BURTON reaches the planet Kosichi, *the center of the resistance*. Atlan and Dao-Lin-H'ay learn the story of the contact forests from *the forest* Alomendris, who lives there, which are offshoots of the plant father Arystes from *the galaxy* Segafrendo (*from the Solar Residence cycle*). After clearing up some misunderstandings, Atlan gains the support of Alomendris and sets off for the space sector Kuma-Saka, where the SOL is said to have been sighted. On *the planet* Kalifurn, he survives a passing Entropic Cyclone with the help of the contact forest there and learns from a *captured Column Geometer*, whom he rescues from a crashed Cyclone scout, that the Entropic Cyclones are actually *created by spaceships similar to [Spore ships], but with exactly opposite missions : they collect all [on- and noon-quanta] in their area of action, and the collected vital energy is fed to the Proto-Chaotic Cells, accelerating their development*. The RICHARD BURTON flies to the center of the sector, and find all the peoples on the planets are dead. The SOL arrives in the system, and sends an alarm with a Column radio (*whose signals cannot be received by Galactic technology*), and sets course for the RICHARD BURTON, which escapes in linear flight.

The Hangay squadron establishes a base on the planet Winola III, which is only about 345 light years away from the border wall of Hangay's central zone, *and has a contact forest*. In the Shiva-Bazal space sector *they observe* the transformation of several Proto-Chaotic Cells into a Chaotic cell *with the help of a dozen Chaos Squadrons, a Column MACHINE, nearly a hundred Column Forts, and an Entropic Cyclone*. Shortly afterwards, vibra-psi begins to appear in Hangay. Atlan decodes Ronald Tekener's encrypted message (*see the end of the previous sub-section above*), [leading to a first meeting with the SOL](#).

Thru a trick by ESCHER (from the previous cycle), its overseer Dr. Savoire is incorporated into it, thus eliminating the only person who could disable it. Atlan foils a plan by ESCHER for the parapositronics to transfer to the SOL on its own authority. ESCHER claims that this is his real purpose of existence, and that *the SOL is the only ship that can perforate the border wall and allow Perry Rhodan military access to Hangay*.

In 1347 NGE, Atlan and the RICHARD BURTON succeed in capturing a TRAI Supply ship, which he uses to take control of a Cyclone Scout. The Mom'Serimer of the Army of Shadows play a decisive role in this, *because they are immune to the cyclone's effects*. The attempt to penetrate the Entropic Cyclone AKAZU with the Cyclone Scout and reach the sealed-off center region fails *because there are Column Motivators on board the scout, but even after they are killed, the ship's pilots die in the storm*. But the TRAI Supply ship is able to tow the Cyclone Scout to Winola III.

The Cyclone Scout is converted into a decoy, which is transported to Cyclone Station AKAZU-8 by a *Cyclone Pipe Tender*. Atlan and several Mom'Serimers use this method to reach the interior of the 770,000-mile diameter (*sun sized!*) Entropic Cyclone, where they observe several *golden Column Motivators*. Atlan almost loses his identity while trying to enter *their Entropic Space(?)*. His extra sense guides the body back into the open. Atlan and the Mom'Serimer are forced to flee with another Cyclone Scout. Atlan finally realizes that the idea of using something as incomprehensible as an Entropic Cyclone for his own purposes is completely illusory. The core region of Hangay cannot be reached this way.

The SOL discovers a prematurely materialized *section* of the Negane City from another universe in the Amienolc sector, *very close to the border wall*. The entire city is not due to appear in Hangay for another 1000 years, *and its Strangeness indicates it recently came from another universe*. *An exploratory team is sent in*. Here Ronald Tekener meets the World Sage of Azdun. After his guardian *robots* have been defeated by Trim Marath's Black Twin and the use of *UHF hyperwaves*, the SOL takes the World Sage on board, but he is displeased. Nevertheless, he informs Atlan, in whom he recognizes a Knight of the Deep, about everything important in connection with a Negasphere and its retroversion. He even *collaborates* with ESCHER, who wants to penetrate the central region of Hangay with the help of the World Sage.

Atlan agrees with ESCHER's plan : if the World Sage returns to TRAITOR, the only logical reaction would be to bring him to safety – and the safest place in Hangay is the isolated central region *where GLOIN TRAITOR is*. The *plan* between ESCHER, the Solans and the World Sage is carried out by Isokrain, *an insectoid who had previously mentally merged with the World Sage and now appears as an avatar*. ESCHER will be housed in a replica of the *TRAI Supply ship attached to the World Sage's globe*. *At great risk, Atlan delivers the structure into the hands of TRAITOR, and barely escapes*. The World Sage is immediately taken to the Core Wall at his own request.

The World Sage is brought through the Core Wall by a Column Ferry (*capable of moving between universes*) to a *section of the GLOIN TRAITOR under construction*. He, ESCHER, and Isokrain spend the following months there. During this time they discover the T-Prognostics (*a race of brilliant hyper-mathematicians*). After they are eliminated, ESCHER takes control of large parts of the *section*. *After five months*, the completed section of the portal is transported to GLOIN TRAITOR and docked there. On the way, they learn something about the T-prognostics – *they were created by an unknown being called the Obstetrician specifically for use on TRAITOR*. Once they arrive at their destination, ESCHER sends back the Column Shuttle PASSAGH, which he has

manipulated, with the task of smuggling a large unit of Galactics from Win-Alpha through the Core Wall. This is communicated to the Galactics in advance by radio relay. In the following weeks, *after being stymied by more T-Prognostics*, ESCHER begins to influence the *Elemental QuintaDim Transformer (that manipulates the [Psionic Network] on a galactic scale to promote the Negasphere's growth, and the source of the vibra-psi that creates the border wall)*. With the help of seven T-prognosticators who voluntarily integrate themselves into the hyperdim matrix, ESCHER causes the border wall to sway for a short time, *causing the first hyperflicker*.

The decoupled middle section of the SOL is picked up by the PASSAGH and transported through the Core Wall the following day. The SOL then separates from the Column Ferry again and is located by a Dark Investigator *which they flee from*. Then *some Koltogor ships are discovered, one of which has imprisoned the Sorgor (race) Inkadye for millions of years*. She uses a fictive transmitter to transfer herself into a SOL dinghy, which then returns to the mothership. *The Koltogor ships are destroyed by the SOL*. Inkadye gains the Galactics' trust thanks to Atlan's knightly aura. They learn the life story of KOLTOROC from her :

70 million years ago, Inkadye was on a mission on behalf of the Cosmocrats to bring peace to the galaxy of Serdragon, which was torn apart by terrible wars *between two peoples, one insectoid, the other humanoid*. The most important instrument for maintaining peace was to be an overarching, mediating authority : a psionic potential field brought to life with biophores, which was to be animated by consciousness copies of countless *individuals from both peoples*. The process was successful. Inkadye gave the entity a name that meant "bearer of hope" in their language : Koltoroc.

However, the entity was perverted by an attack by the Chaotarchs. The Chaos Powers had no interest in pacifying Serdragon and sent the Element of Darkness. When the Element attacked Koltoroc, it was put to flight, but a Quantum of Darkness split off and merged with Koltoroc. The terrible torment caused by the Quantum of Darkness pushed Koltoroc's development in an undesirable direction. Torn apart by the duality of the consciousnesses of two races fused within it, the peacemaker became the precursor of a negative superintelligence *by killing all living beings nearby* in order to absorb their consciousnesses.

One day, Inkadye realized that the entity had taken the last step towards superintelligence - KOLTOROC killed countless living beings *in the galaxy* to strengthen itself with their contents of consciousness. *Over time, it became clear that it had no interest in becoming a Matter Sink, which he knew would upset the Chaotarchs*. Millions of years later, an emissary of the Chaotarchs appeared *who made an interesting offer to KOLTOROC*. The Chaotarchs wanted to guarantee his protection in return for the superintelligence assuming supreme command of the *developing TRAITOR Terminal Column as Chaopressor*. KOLTOROC's training for this task was to take place in the Negasphere of TRIICLE-9. KOLTOROC agreed, and left Inkadye alone for a long time.

When he returned, he reported that he had received the answer to the Third Ultimate Question at Negan Mountain in the center of the Negasphere - the negative counterpart to the Mountain of Creation (*from the Chronofossils cycle*). KOLTOROC now devoted itself entirely to the construction of the Terminal Column. *But he put Inkadye in suspended animation, releasing her every million years or so gloat at her*.

Through her story, Atlan has *realized that KOLTOROC is not merely one of several leaders, but the Chaopressor – the heart of the Terminal Column*.

On the same day, Dao-Lin-H'ay travels with the *Sol sphere SZ-1* to Vatucym, where she learns of the existence of the Vibra Squadron (*Kartanin with powerful psi abilities from the vibra-psi*) and is transferred via the contact forest there to *get to a contact forest on the other side of the Core Wall*. Some String Legates (*a race in the service of KOLTOROC*) capture her team. Only the *first hyperflicker* that ESCHER causes in GLOIN TRAITOR on the same day (*see previous page*), which distracts KOLTOROC and the String Legates, allows her to escape.

ESCHER manipulates the Elemental QuintaDim Transformer again and switches it into a test mode so that the Core Wall also begins to *hyperflicker*. *But*, some String Legates *locate* ESCHER and the World Sage. *The parapositronics are destroyed and the World Sage is killed, creating the mental entity WORLD SAGE who absorbs all of ESCHER's processors.*

ARCHETIM squadron and the Peace Riders

In mid 1347 NGE, the ARCHETIM squadron led by Perry Rhodan sets off from the Sol system to Hangay. The goal is the retroversion of the Negosphere being created there.

Shortly before the squadron arrives at Cala Impex, several Peace Riders - including Kantiran and Chyndor - set off for the Lazaruu star cluster because strange signals have been detected there. *Some of the Riders' ships* are irresistibly attracted by a Column MACHINE and have to be sacrificed. *Patron* Chyndor is killed in the battles against *the Column's* Awour headhunters on *the planet* N'jabo. Perry Rhodan learns of this danger. He intervenes with three ultra-battleships, destroys or drives off the remaining Traitanks on N'jabo, and rescues the Peace Riders. Now a new Patron must be *picked*, and a decision has to be made as to how the Peace Riders should continue to behave *in galactic affairs*. Polm Ombar speaks out against direct involvement in the fighting in and around Hangay. Kantiran disagrees and convenes a meeting *of all* Peace Riders. He sets off for the Rosella Rosado system, where Chyndor is buried.

After the arrival of the ARCHETIM squadron at Cala Impex, the JULES VERNE, which had been dismantled into its cells, is made ready for use again. At the same time, prototypes of the *Hawk III converters (faster-than-light spacedrives)* are put into operation. During this time, some mobile units of the Metal-Runners become active and carry out further modifications to the *spaceship*. The Nucleus arrives at Cala Impex, but remains inactive for the time being. The JULES VERNE frees a *Dark Investigator ship* from the grip of a Traitank squadron at the Hangay border wall.

Kantiran puts himself forward for election as the new Patron, but is not present in person on the election date. He is therefore elected the new Patron in absentia. Instead, he returns to Ospera to search for the founding mother of the Peace Riders. Kantiran and Cosmuel Kain discover a cloaked transmitter network and *after several transits arrive at a special location where they see* a recording showing the founding mother : it is General Kamuko, and she is wearing the Nightlight Armor. *She is also currently living there, and* in her mental confusion, Kamuko almost kills the two Peace Riders. However, she *comes to her senses* in time. She realizes that the *intruders* are not her enemies and that she has wasted the last 2500 years in vain through her inactivity. Kantiran succeeds in convincing her that a battle against the Negosphere of Hangay is inevitable. Kamuko appears before the Peace Riders. She accepts Kantiran's decision and declares a state of war herself.

Kamuko's backstory :

20,000,000 years ago, when the JULSE VERNE returns to its present, she is caught by an extension of the time travel fields. After a long period of unconsciousness, Kamuko finds herself in the space jet drifting somewhere in the void between unknown galaxies. The jet's faster-than-light drive, hyperradio and remote localization have all failed. But the life support systems are still working. Kamuko realizes that she cannot reach any of the galaxies and will end her life in solitude. She cannot distract herself from brooding over her failure in the final battle. She blames herself for ARCHETIM's end and makes a vow to herself : never again will she use the Nightlight Armor for combat.

At some point, Kamuko realizes that the Nightlight Armor is beginning to gain control over her : this object of Cosmocratic technology keeps the Aegan alive far beyond the normal span for her people, but also influences her mind. One day she realizes that she can no longer take off the armor.

Some time later, she locates an asteroid drifting in empty space. Kamuko discovers an ancient facility containing a still-functioning hyper-radio. Kamuko manages to *broadcast a distress call*, and shortly afterwards a spaceship appears and picks her up. Kamuko is taken to the headquarters of the superintelligence LIGHT OF AHN in the galaxy Ahn-Aarhoven, *and* receives an audience with the superintelligence. It is part of an alliance that also includes IT and whose task is to fight the Negosphere of the Lord of the Elements. Kamuko learns of the fate of the cosmonucleotide TRIICLE-9 (*from The Endless Armada and Chronofossils cycles*) and of the Lord of the Elements' intention to create the pseudo-nucleotide Aqaho-TRIICLE, with which he could control development in the cosmos. Kamuko is to enter the service of the LIGHT and support the superintelligence in the destruction of Aqaho-TRIICLE. If the Lord of the Elements succeeds in completing this hyperphysical object, then the retroversion of the *Tare Sharm* Negosphere would be pointless, because as long as Aqaho-TRIICLE exists, the real cosmonucleotide cannot return to its old place. Kamuko *is* not forced to fight – instead, she is given the task of setting up an organization of scouts in the galaxy of Altasynth to harness the Quarters Force (*a form of energy*) in the Universal Corridor (*a 709 million light-year zone passing thru many galaxies, including the Milky Way*). As the alliance serves neither Cosmocrats nor Chaotarchs, but fights for life itself, Kamuko agrees. She is given all the resources she needs to build the *equipment for the Peace Rider organization*. *When it is completed*, the LIGHT asks Kamuko to take an active part in the battle after all, but Kamuko remains true to her vow and refuses.

A few months *later*, a 5-mile battleship repair yard is brought into the *Rosella Rosado* system and hidden in a hyperspace niche inside the sun. Kamuko makes this station her base. 48 years *later*, the LIGHT *returns and says that* Aqaho-TRIICLE was destroyed, but that *she has been fatally wounded. She dies and is buried in the sun*. Kamuko now believes she is responsible for the death of a second superintelligence and decides to turn the as yet non-existent organization of the Peace Riders into a league of individualists who will stand up for life itself and stay out of all conflicts between the High Powers.

The Peace Riders organization is formed and Kamuko withdraws. She only operates from the shadows, soon limiting herself to pure observation, and at some point she almost completely ignores the events of the outside world. Over the centuries, the Nightlight Armor has prevented Kamuko from aging. However, the Aegan woman's mind becomes more and more confused.

A Peace Rider ship manned by androids appears at Cala Impex and announces the arrival of contingents of Peace Riders who want to take part in the armed struggle. This is also how Perry Rhodan learns that Kamuko and the Nightlight Armor have been found again. A meeting with her takes place, when 2500 *ships* of the Peace Riders arrive at Cala Impex. She persistently refuses to actively intervene in the fighting. After the *first hyperflicker* (*see the end of The Hangay Squadron sub-section above*), CHEOS-TAI (*containing the JULES VERNE*) and the *Peace Riders* cross the border wall *surrounding Hangay and fly into a nearby sun*. Three [Cosmic Messengers] and *the ship with the Seven Powerful on board* also advance to Hangay.

Two Messengers immediately begin to repair the Psionic Network. The third tries in vain to penetrate the Core Wall, which has remained stable. All these processes are observed by the JULES VERNE. It is assumed that the retroversion has already begun. However, the Nucleus announces that the third Messenger must be brought into the core region within a maximum of four weeks, otherwise GLOIN TRAITOR will recapture the previously lost territory. The Nucleus announces that the SZ-1 is hiding in the nearby sun Valadock. This is where CHEOS-TAI and the *Peace Riders* are now to go.

In the vicinity of the Core Wall, the Powerful Ones are waiting for KOLTOROC to arrive. They are certain that the Chaopressor will personally take care of the Cosmic Messengers. Then they want to use a new, secret weapon.

As the Core Wall begins to *hyperflicker from ESCHER's efforts* (*see the end of The Hangay Squadron sub-section above*), the ARCHETIM squadron, which has since joined forces with the Hangay squadron, is able to advance into the center region aboard CHEOS-TAI. The Peace Riders and the Powerful Ones follow *in their*

own ships. String Legates appear in the JULES VERNE, *indicating* that the presence of the Galactics does not go unnoticed by the Chaopressor KOLTOROC. He sends out the Element of Darkness, which *starts devouring* the ships. *The Powerful Ones* use [biophores] *they* captured in another universe to *damage* the Element, which *withdraws*. 622 humans and 160 Peace Riders and their *ships have been destroyed*. Rhodan realizes that the Nucleus used the Galactics as a decoy and conspired with the Powerful Ones to achieve this victory.

Dao-Lin-H'ay encounters the fleet of the Noquaa-Kansahariyya during reconnaissance flights with the SZ-1 and *after destroying their attackers*, persuades their commander to submit to Perry Rhodan's command. The 10,800 remaining ships of the fleet join the Galactics. As a result, the Galactics' hideout is discovered by a String Legate who was hidden in the NK fleet. KOLTOROC manifests itself in CHEOS-TAI. The superintelligence is thus *falling into* a secret trap of the Nucleus and Perry Rhodan. The Nucleus deals KOLTOROC a crippling blow by releasing much of the psionic energy stored within it. The Galactics and the Peace Riders use KOLTOROC's paralysis to launch an attack on GLOIN TRAITOR. The battle threatens to become a *defeat for the Galactics*, but the WORLD SAGE intervenes and damages the Elemental QuintaDim Transformer in such a way that the vibra-psi is extinguished, *weakening the WORLD SAGE severely*. GLOIN TRAITOR no longer works, but is not destroyed. *The Core Wall collapses, the third Messenger penetrates the center region and anchors itself there. It triggers huge hypershock waves and the chaosphysics are gradually pushed back.*

GLOIN TRAITOR resumes operations *a day later*. Another attack by the Galactics fails. Kamuko puts on the Vector Helmet and leads a third attack, which is *which is now stronger, but* also unsuccessful, because the weapons of the galacticians are not strong enough to crack GLOIN TRAITOR's shields. Only the use of structural torpedoes *a day later* puts GLOIN TRAITOR in such difficulties that the station retreats deeper into the *black hole's* accretion disk, where it is out of reach for the Galactics. Its appearance on the planet Anun-Faeris is noticed by 22 reincarnated components of the World Sage *and* ESCHER. *They* use the time that the WORLD SAGE needs to regenerate after *its attack on* GLOIN TRAITOR to make *TRAITOR's* position known to the Galactics from a TRAITOR base via Column radio.

Retroversion and battle against KOLTOROC

After the reunion with the SOL center section and the discovery of GLOIN TRAITOR'S *location* by Kantiran, which has fled back to the black hole, the Galactics launch new attacks with *structural torpedoes (based on the Carapol structure burner)*. *Its shields hold, but a structural tear is created that Kantiran can enter, and damage some of the TRAITOR's shield protectors.* *GLOIN TRAITOR can then be damaged by massive fire from all of CHEOS-TAI'S weapons to such an extent that it breaks apart and is engulfed by the black hole.* The retroversion is then completed, with the Messengers pushing back the Chaos physics and the Nucleus exuding all its energy to remove Hangay's "predisposition" *(from having come from another universe)* to form a Negasphere, *thus dying in the process*. There is no reason for TRAITOR to stay in the Local Group any longer. KOLTOROC demands that Perry Rhodan confront him in the Dual Metropolis or he would destroy Terra and the Terrans.

Rhodan is ready to fight for Earth, but KOLTOROC has not revealed where the Dual Metropolis is to be found. Together with the leader of the Vibra squadron, Rhodan therefore searches the *planet* Vatucym *for its* contact forest. This determines the exact location of its offshoot in the center region. Rhodan takes the JULES VERNE to the coordinates given. Instead of the expected solar system, however, only a nova is found. Twelve of the 125 free contact forests perish in KOLTOROC's fire while trying to enter the center region *to attack KOLTOROC*. *The remaining forests withdraw.*

Perry Rhodan, Mondra Diamond and Inkadye reach the Dual Metropolis via contact forest, where an avatar of KOLTOROC negotiates with them. The Chaopressor *first talks about the Cosmocrats without contempt, but gets angry at Rhodan for daring to be an advocate for life itself.* He then offers Perry Rhodan a change of sides : the Terran is to work for the Chaotarchs in the future. Alternatively, he is to hand over his Knight Aura to KOLTOROC, which is only possible on a voluntary basis. In return, humanity is to be spared and Rhodan is to receive all the answers that the Cosmocrats have so far refused to give him. Rhodan realizes that a Knight Aura

in the hands of the Chaos Powers would be an incomparable secret weapon – KOLTOROC could use it to gain trust and control over Cosmocrat artifacts. When Rhodan rejects both offers, KOLTOROC gives VULTAPHER the order to attack the Sol system. Inkadye unleashes a psi-storm with parapolarizers which she directs at KOLTOROC. *He reflects the energies back at Inkadye, killing her.*

To distract KOLTOROC, Rhodan releases his Knight aura. While KOLTOROC *struggles* to appropriate it, *Rhodan uses biophores against the superintelligence, which is still weakened after the Nucleus attack, causing its insect half to attack its humanoid half, killing it for good and releasing a psionic storm that blows the Knight aura away irretrievably.* Rhodan enters into a temporary fusion with the remains of KOLTOROC, which enables him to call off VULTAPHER. Mondra Diamond uses the Tarnii KOLTOROC eggs she brought with her to enable Rhodan to undo the fusion. The loss of the Knight's aura is hard on Rhodan. The remaining 114 contact forests leave Hangay and settle in secret locations in the Milky Way. An avatar of Laurence Savoire appears and announces that the World Sage is ready to become the new mentor of the Peace Riders. Kantiran and Kamuko want to lead this organization together in the future, and their goal is to continue the fight against TRAITOR. Ekatus Atimoss wants to join them. All the remaining Galactic units are picked up by CHEOS-TAI and taken back to the Milky Way (*see the end of the next section for the aftermath there*). The chaos that accompanies the retroversion is still raging in Hangay. The fate of the galaxy's peoples is uncertain.

Milky Way and Roi Danton

In 1346 NGE, a secret conference of Galactics takes place in *the space station Aarus-Jima*, initiated by *the Aarus Cheplin and Reginald Bell*. *In addition to the Terrans and Arkonides, the Posbis, the Blues, and Haluters attend.* *On the last day, the New Galactics organization is founded as an alliance against TRAITOR.* The first chairman is Bostich I. Reginald Bell receives news from an emissary of the Peace Riders that Dantyren and Roi Danton were not identical. In fact, *unknown to the Galactics*, Roi Danton's original body is in the Column Anatomists' ship DERUFUS, where it is stored in a biostasis vault and used to make further copies.

On the DERUFUS, the Beast Ganymede frees Roi Danton from his preservation tank. Roi Danton awakens all the Micro-Beasts of the DERUFUS, gains their support, *and they kill all the physicians on-board.* Before the *Column Anatomists' ship* can finally be conquered, it breaks apart because the biostasis vault and the paralog reprotron (*cloning machine*) detach from it. Roi Danton, *Ganymede*, and 1900 surviving Micro-Beasts capture a dinghy and flee to the Aureuth system, near which there is a base of the new USO. He lands on the tenth planet and radios the base for help. Ganymede wants to savor his newfound freedom and fly on with the ship. 100 Micro-Beasts accompany him, while the rest stay with Roi. *But some Traitanks appear and destroy the ship.*

Reginald Bell hands over 500 Carapol structural burner torpedoes to Kantiran. The Peace Riders want to prevent the transformation of planets in other galaxies of the Local Group *into components of the Chaotender.*

After a Teletrans switch (*a hyperphysical tear in space*) in the Sol system has *been opened by IT*, Lotho Keraete *appears and offers Reginald Bell the opportunity to use the switch for the evacuation of a large part of humanity to the Stardust system.* There, people would be safe from TRAITOR, but they would never be able to return to the Sol system. *But on an exploratory visit to the new solar system, Bell discovers that 95% of his ship's hypercrystals were destroyed in the transition. He has 88 days to decide, then the switch closes forever.* *IT also shows him two visions : the first of a happy new beginning in the Stardust system, the second of the downfall of the humans in the Sol system, when TRAITOR deploys many more units, bringing down the crystal shield and destroying the entire system, including Earth.*

Keraete announces this publicly and the information is spread by the press throughout the Sol system. *Not everyone is excited by the idea of abandoning the solar system, especially the TERRANOVA-Globists (from the previous cycle), who do not see why they should give up what they have defended so hard in all these years.*

Roi Danton is evacuated from the Aureuth system by USO ships, but the convoy is intercepted by Traitanks and almost completely wiped out. However, Danton reaches Quinto Center safely.

Timber F. Whistler Jr. sells the *250-billion dollar* company he built up in order to organize a private settler trek into the Stardust system, *and announces his intentions on TV*. With these activities, he forces the LFT government to officially agree to the colonization. *In less than two weeks*, more than 100 million people are willing to leave (*see the Stardust section below for what happens on the new planet*).

Roi Danton returns to the Sol system, accompanied by 1800 Micro-Beasts, *and provides important insider information about TRAITOR*. The *Micro-Beasts* are settled on Luna, where they are given their own area and the Microbeast Academy is established *to prepare themselves to fight against TRAITOR*. The LFT supports this project.

In 1347 NGE, a message arrives on Terra from the New Galactics, according to which *a being named Dantynen* inquires about the status of the development of the Astrovent complex. Apparently a second Dantynen exists. Danton, disguised as Dantynen *using a robot for his second half*, and 600 of his Micro-Beasts capture a Traitank, which is then taken to the planet Liforno by the LEIF ERIKSSON II. There, *the Progress Guardian is mentally distracted by the Nucleus while Roi Danton kills the second Dantynen and takes his place*.

In this disguise, he reaches the Hundred Suns World, which is identified as the construction site for VULTAPHER, *codenamed Astrovent*. *He witnesses the arrival of the Chaotender's core*. After narrowly surviving a confrontation with Kirmizz, who has arrived here, he flies back to Terra in the captured Traitank. *Meanwhile, the Posbis instigate a cyberattack against one of the Column's supertronic computers, rendering it completely paralyzed in total confusion*. *The Posbis hope the condition will spread to all TRAITOR supertronics, but the affected one is immediately destroyed*.

After a stopover in the Sol system, where the findings gained on the Hundred Sun World were passed on to the Peace Drivers, the *Traitank DARK GHOUL* commanded by Roi Danton discovers the *insect race Tarnii KOLTOROC ("children of KOLTOROC")* in a sector of space which TRAITOR has declared off-limits. *Several Dark Investigators arrive, with a Quantum of Darkness*. *It explains that the insect ship is the meeting place for the rebel Dark Investigators*. Danton reveals to them that the Terrans are being supported by a superintelligence and that the Nucleus has succeeded in blocking Roi Danton out of the Progress Guardian's mental perception, *giving them hope for success*. He invites the Quantum of Darkness G'schogun to talk to the Nucleus in the Sol system in order to make a pact with the Dark Investigators against CRULT. In addition, several thousand eggs of the Tarnii KOLTOROC are captured.

G'schogun appears in the Sol system. *After testing humanity's integrity*, it concludes a mutual assistance pact with the Nucleus for the fight against CRULT. *The Dark Investigators will intervene as soon as the Nucleus fulfills its part of the bargain and sends a Terran task force to the Service Castle to attack Antakur of Bitvelt*.

The JULES VERNE returns to the Sol system *via transmat to evade the Column's surrounding forces*. Now the conversions of the Metal-Runners become fully active, *sending the ship into the sun's corona, and new control panels appear that no one can operate*. A hologram of a Metal-Runner informs the Terrans that the starship has been modified so that its performance parameters approach those of a Light Cell (*spaceships used by the Powerful Ones and the Knights of the Deep*), including *hyperspace and Psionic energy tappers, and a Trafatron drive (Cosmocrat-level technology, capable of super-high speeds)*. Only with great difficulty does Perry Rhodan succeed in bringing the ship under his control. *He announces to Terra that humanity is now going on the offensive*. *He leaves with a space fleet towards Hangay*. *The Nucleus agrees to play the part that ARCHETIM did in the past of restoring the Psionian Net, but that it will mean its death*. *When Bell opposes this, the Nucleus points out that IT initiated this plan*.

Roi Danton and the Micro-Beasts succeed in penetrating TRAICOON 0096 and freeing Zerberoff from *his*

parasite. The Dual Captain switches sides and agrees to participate in Roi Danton's plan to fight CRULT. He does not send his report on the situation in the Sol system, which recommended destroying the entire system. Instead, he recommends reducing the strength of the siege troops. *After this and a psionic attack by the Nucleus*, Zerberoff is summoned to CRULT. There he and some Micro-Beasts free *the Dual* Malikadi from his *parasite*. This makes it possible for the DARK GHOUL to fly to the Service Castle. However, Malikadi commits treason and must be eliminated. The DARK GHOUL lands, and Roi Danton detonates the first psi-emitter (*a device that emits a blast of psionic energy, confusing those near it*) shortly afterwards. *The second (configured to kill those near it)*, which kills Antakur of Bitvelt, is detonated by Zerberoff, *who is also killed*. As a result, the Service Castle, which had already been severely damaged by the activities of the Dark Investigators supporting Roi Danton, *explodes*. The DARK GHOUL manages to escape.

When the retroversion of the Hangay proto-negasphere succeeds, *all TRAITOR units operating in the Milky Way are ordered to retreat*. They are to wait at three assembly points for further orders. The Chaos squadrons that have been besieging the Sol system are also withdrawing. The ships at the VULTAPHERS construction site are an exception. They remain on site for the time being because the Chaos Tender is to be completed in a rush. Roi Danton learns this when he pays another visit to the Hundred Suns World in the Dantyren Mask. He is unmasked by String Legates and is forced to flee to BOX-9912 after the DARK GHOUL is destroyed, *leaving the Column forces thinking that Dantyren is finally dead*.

Danton and some Micro-Beasts ambush Kirmizz in a simulation room and kill him so that the Chaos Tender cannot be used. At the same time, 300,000 Posbi BOXES using the newly developed *5-D Shredders (which causes the Fractal Bell shield to interact with the ship, destroying it)* open fire on TRAITOR's fleets guarding VULTAPHER. After initial successes, all but 20,000 BOXES are destroyed - and *because Kirmizz added an autopilot*, VULTAPHER sets off to attack the Sol system. It arrives there and takes the TERRANOVA screen under fire, which then begins to pulsate. Hundreds of Globists collapse under the strain and BATTERY's (*a splinter of the Nucleus left behind on Terra to power the screen*) energy rapidly diminishes, *but is replenished with new volunteers*.

After the end of KOLTOROC brought about by Perry Rhodan, VULTAPHER and all the Chaos squadrons depart. The siege of the Sol system is over and the TERRANOVA shield can be deactivated. Reports *from* many planets *arrive*, but mostly calls for help. It will take many years or decades for the damage from the TERMINAL Column to be repaired. The remains of BATTERY rise into the sky. Thousands of sparks of light emanate from it, then it envelops the entire solar system in a golden glow. The sparks of light *then flow* into millions of *Globists*. CHEOS-TAI arrives in the Sol system. Rhodan hands *it* over to the Algorrians, who want to fly back to Evolux with the LAW Giver to live there forever. Nuskoginus and the other Mighty Ones accompany them *in their own ship*. The Laosoor want to stay on Earth and found a settlement near the Waringer Academy. Perry Rhodan allows himself the hope of a hundred years of peace.

Stardust system

In 1346 NGE, Reginald Bell personally explores the Stardust system and *solves many of IT's hints and traps*. In near-solar space, he comes across large hypercrystal *deposits* and strange life forms, *dubbed Howanets (energy creatures that can change shape at will, and feed off of hyperenergy, such as a spaceship's shields)* that excrete the crystals as metabolic products.

Timber F. Whistler personally leads the first settler trek that lands on Aveda, *along with 15 million people at his expense*. Sigurd Echnatom becomes interim administrator of the new LFT colony. The LFT provides extensive basic equipment for the settlers, including *components* for a total of 70 spaceships of various sizes, and also contributes to the settlers' transportation. *After just six weeks*, a total of 804 million people leave the Sol system and found Stardust Humanity. This is monitored by the TLD and three Vario-1000 robots (*multi-purpose powerful robots with the ability to appear like any human*) even after the Teletrans switch goes out, *because Echnatom is worried that Whistler wants the colony to be independent of the LFT*.

Shortly before the Teletrans switch goes out, Lotho Keraete, who announces *that his task is completed, and that IT will not help the Stardust settlers, also reveals* the Second Galactic Enigma : he has hidden two cell activator chips in the Stardust system.

Ambriador

In 1346 NGE, *Peace Riders* Kantiran and Cosmuel Kain reach *the Ambriador galaxy* and discover that the main worlds of the star realms there are firmly in TRAITOR's hands. By using Carapol structural torpedoes *provided by the Peace Riders*, the Alteran forces are able to prevent the *destruction* of Altera. They also plan to use the torpedoes to protect the other races of Ambriador.

Andromeda

In 1346 NGE, *Peace Rider* Polm Ombar and the module(?) are traveling in Andromeda. Andromeda has also been conquered by TRAITOR, three uninhabited planets have already been *consumed*. There is a resistance organization in Andromeda that works together with the Peace Riders and is supported by a Halutian-Terran base. Together they prevent the *destruction* of the planets Tefrod and Kepekin II. Polm Ombar kidnaps the Dual Captain Romukan, but he is killed by *his parasite* before he can reveal to the Peace Riders which sector of space is intended as the construction site for VULTAPHER.

Pinwheel

A war between Kartanin and Maaks has been raging in Pinwheel since the hyperimpedance increase. In 1346 NGE, *Peace Riders* witness TRAITOR's attempt to *consume* a Maak planet, *but then* observe how a TRAGTDORON (*an instrument of the Cosmocrats with which life and intelligence can be deliberately promoted in a limited space*) prevents its destruction.

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