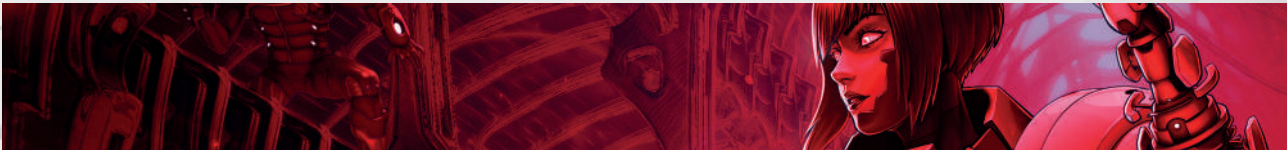


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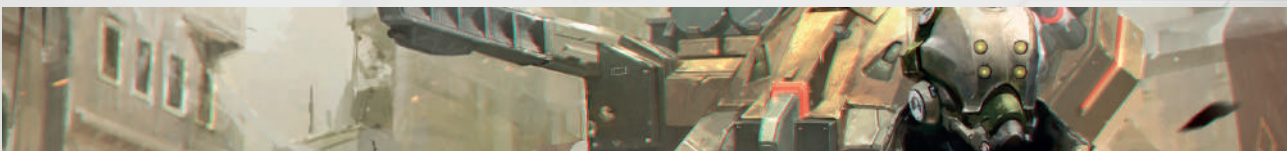
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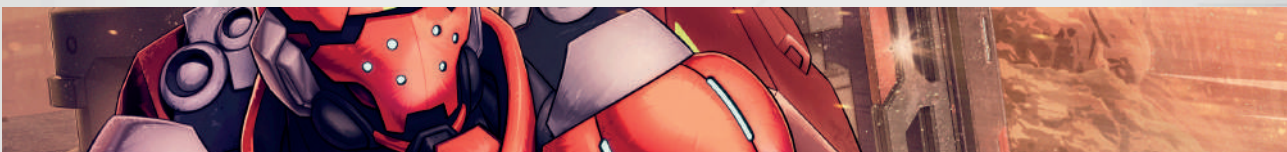
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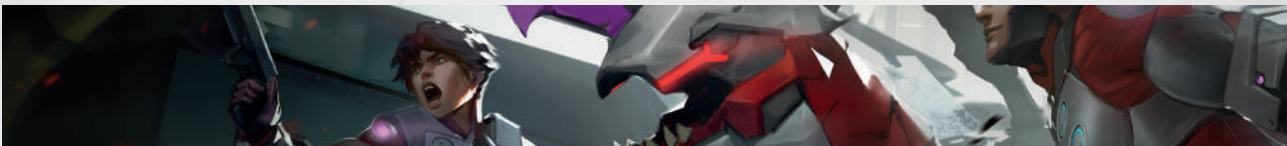
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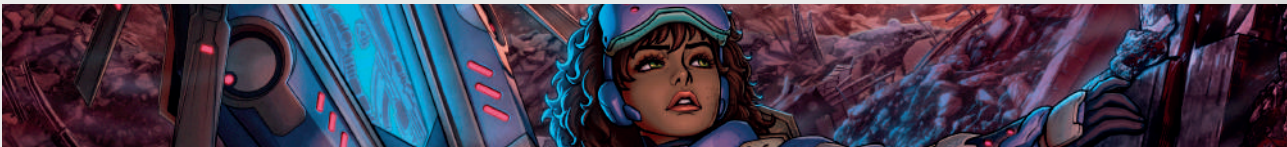
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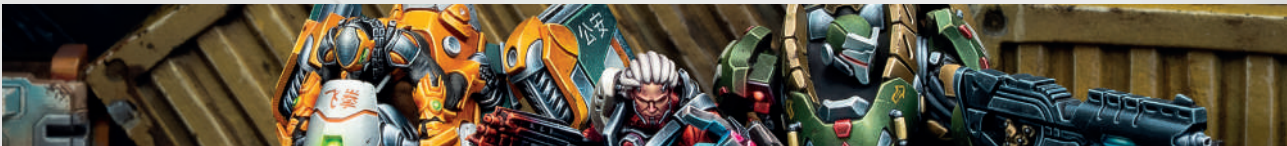
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"A grander, broader Human Sphere, brimming with possibility and hope," these were the words of the Überhaus President in her speech at Edda after Shinju was first discovered. Sadly, these words were only partially prophetic. When the Abraxas wormhole opened up to the system that this planet was in, all the major powers saw a new opportunity to expand their wealth, influence, and resources, but it also brought new conflicts, division, and strife.

When the Greater Independent Japan betrayed its closest ally, PanOceania, to seize half of Shinju, it set the tone for the policies pursued on this planet. All actions would be driven by greed and self-interest in pursuit of what appeared to be the grand prize: not only territories and precious resources, but also the prospect of achieving technological supremacy by exploiting the alien ruins on the planet. But besides these treasures, Shinju also has plenty of horrors: dreadful Quantum Anomaly Zones, dormant xenoweapons, vicious megafauna, brutal weather, an atmosphere that eats away at your lungs, and the ever-present danger of the Red Fever.

Shinju's atmosphere still contains traces of an anti-personnel nanoweapon system. These nanobots corrode the lungs if filtering respirators aren't used. This wouldn't necessarily be a big deal, as people exposed to the nanobots can periodically purge their lungs, but the problem is that sometimes, at random, these nanobots activate their main offensive function, triggering the so-called Red Fever, a lethal and highly contagious disease that requires subjecting anyone coming to or leaving the planet to quarantine protocols.

But this disease that plagues Shinju, considered a curse by the population, represents a new opportunity for all those powers driven by greed and vested interests, as they see it for what it is: a weapons system that could bring them closer to achieving the supremacy they all strive for.

AN ARTICLE BY FIONA HEGELMAIER

FOR ORAKL, THE CURRENT AFFAIRS AND

ANALYSIS CHANNEL FROM THE UNIVERSITY

OF MANAHEIM, CONCILIUM PRIMA.

THE FIRST FALL OF SHINJU

They believed that the abrupt shutdown of all long- and short-range sensors distributed throughout their star system was the first phase of an attack. But they were wrong. The attack had already begun long before, and they had already been invaded.

The enemy had already compromised all of their communication, surveillance, and defensive systems. It had already reached the very core of the system and deployed invisible weapons across the entire surface of their planet. The shutdown was actually the second phase of its attack plan: to cause havoc and prevent its targets from realizing what was happening. Confident in their technological superiority, they activated their cities' quantum variation systems, which enabled them to oscillate between different dimensional planes to shield them from any physical attack. This was a tried-and-tested, virtually unbeatable defense system, but this time it was useless. The enemy was already inside, and it had flooded the atmosphere with nanomachines that had already invaded the bodies of the planet's inhabitants. Hunter-killer weapons were deployed against the servant species on that world that were immune to the nanites. Meanwhile, all their robotic defense systems were blasted from orbit, and viral agents were released to mutate the local wildlife, making it larger, more aggressive, and deadlier to any potential survivors. When the nanomachines consumed their hosts, that civilization could no longer offer any resistance, and thus the cleanup and erasure teams quickly descended to the planet surface to steal the Digester, completely wipe out any remaining organic matter, cadavers, and DNA samples, and plunder all the archives and databases so as to turn that world into a data void.

An entire civilization at its technological peak was completely obliterated in record time. A Herald-class species—a partner of the T'zechi Digesters—they were unable to endure despite our support. We don't know the name of these unfortunate Heralds, for even that was erased by their enemies. And that makes it even worse, because there is no greater blow to Digesters than denying us access to knowledge, as it deprives us of the fundamental purpose of our existence. The name of that enemy is also unknown to us, but everything points to them being Seekers—hunters of Digesters—and we believe we will soon meet them face to face.

EXCERPT FROM THE FORGOTTEN

ANNALS OF THE T'ZECHI DIGESTERS.

CHEMOMEMORY BLOCK ANNEXED TO OPEN

CASE STUDIES.

NOVARO, NEW AREA OF INTEREST

On the sunlit side of the moon known as Akiyama, at the edge of the vast Aller crater, above which Shinju shines far away against the black sky, sits the Free City of Galla Placidia, O-12's most impressive outpost and the beating heart of Starmada in that star system. Its glass and titanium spires glisten under that perpetual daylight, casting their shadows down into the depths of the crater, like a beacon guiding humanity through the void. Galla Placidia is a marvel of architecture and imagination, a city built both above and below the satellite's regolith. All above-ground structures—its diamantine domes, spires, and walkways—have been designed to withstand the rigors of solar radiation and impacts from micrometeorites, while the city's real expanse lies hidden underground, sheltered from the harsh conditions of the moon surface. Being a Free City of O-12, in addition to serving as the main base of its fleet, Galla Placidia also houses an important node of ALEPH, as well as the offices of the Special Situations Section, so it acts as the AI's off-world headquarters in that system.

With a 251-kilometer diameter, the Aller crater is the largest on Akiyama and is largely still unexplored, much like the rest of the satellite is still uncharted, although mining licenses have been issued in some of the areas farthest from the lunar city of Galla Placidia. So, during a licensed exploration carried out by the RocaWorks mining corporation, a labyrinthic underground structure was discovered, clearly of alien biotechnological nature, and was designated the Novaro Area of Interest. Despite angry objections from RocaWorks, which had the support of the Nomad government, this discovery was enough to strip the company of all mining rights in the area, and Novaro was placed under the international authority of O-12, although it was managed by the SSS of ALEPH from its headquarters in Galla Placidia.

At first, the enormous maze that was Novaro was assumed to be a vestige of the Haisha civilization, the original dwellers of the





Around the person of the Emperor orbits a cabinet of counselors and figures who are of interest to the Dragon. This set of people is known as the Imperial Court: a diverse group of technocrats, advisors, relatives, lovers, careerists, leeches, and amusements, among others, that the Emperor considers convenient to have by his side. The counselors tend to have an official post, high-ranking within the structure of the Imperial Civil Service, but apart from these the court lacks any specific legal purpose. Their power is derived from the potential capacity to influence the Emperor.

The Imperial Court is plagued with political predators for whom personal ambition is the only valid moral precept. The Court is a nest of snakes where intrigue, conspiracy, and betrayal are the only way to survive; but it is an entity with an expiration date. With the death of the Emperor the Court dissolves and is reconstituted again but under the control of the next dynasty, which is the reason the courtiers usually do not continue in their position of power and influence. The Wheel spins and the cycle begins again; this is the Imperial System in action.

AN ARTICLE BY MISAKO NAKAYAMA

FOR "THE INTERORBITAL GAZETTE",

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CARAVANSARIES ALH FAJR NETWORK.

IMPERIAL PHILOSOPHY

One cannot understand Yu Jing without appreciating the influence of Confucianism on the StateEmpire, especially on its Judicial Corps. This philosophy, rooted in ethics rather than religion, advocates for a paternalistic government with a ruler who must cultivate moral perfection to set a good example for the people. The revered Emperor embodies these fundamentals, although the devotion he is shown is politically controversial for the more conservative members of the Party. Confucianism encourages strict obedience and a rigid hierarchical structure, and this is closely exemplified in the Imperial Civil Service and its complex and slow bureaucracy, which can be especially frustrating for foreigners who are not familiar with the formalities of the Imperial System.

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SEPARATION OF POWERS

When Yu Jing was still a nascent country, businesspeople with political connections could pressure local and state authorities into turning a blind eye to their abusive practices. It was a country where civil society, undermined by its lack of representatives, could not turn to courts that were subservient to the Party, so it had nowhere to go to seek justice. But this problem was greatly mitigated when the Imperial System was created and the Party relinquished control of the judiciary. It was not a perfect solution, as the Party can still lobby the Emperor and influence peddling continues, but since the political and Imperial branches were separated, corruption has been reduced to the level of any other developed nation. Ultimately, the separation of powers always benefits citizens the most.

EXCERPT FROM "THE JADE DRAGON:
AN ESSAY ON YU JING" BY DR. SIMONA
CAGLIESI, PROFESSOR OF STATE THEORY,
UNIVERSITY OF MANAHEIM SCHOOL OF
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A BRIEF HISTORY OF CORREGIDOR

Tragedy shaped the genesis of Corregidor, the oldest mothership of the Nomad Nation. The violence unleashed by the drug cartel wars ultimately resulted in the bombing of a school bus transporting the children of the Latin-American political elite. The drug lords claimed that the killing of those children was collateral damage, but the sight of their bodies fueled their parents' thirst for revenge, so they arranged for all those traffickers and murderers to be exiled, doomed to a living death.

This is how Corregidor was born, a spacecraft known for its harsh living conditions and ruthless prison guards, the prison where Latin America's worst criminals were confined. Years later, the construction of the Space Elevators in Africa and South America led to massive migration and a huge influx of refugees going to Corregidor, which led to the addition of a new module: Lazareto. Overpopulation only exacerbated their problems and misery, because hiding among the refugees were many mercenaries, guerrilla fighters, and genocidal criminals who had fled the wars in Africa and the Americas. However, when the governments of Earth abandoned the mothership to its fate, the many different groups that made up Corregidor had to come together if they were to survive. It wasn't easy. When the money of the Corregidor Foundation was insufficient, they had no choice but to hustle and fend for themselves. And, boy, did they ever!

The people of Corregidor specialized in building and repairing machines, tools, and equipment in zero-g, and they honed their fighting skills by using the rules of prison, which is to say, no rules. Thus, the strongest among them made it through. And things gradually improved.

At present, while the situation in Corregidor has changed and its services are now regarded as necessary, its citizens remain among the most neglected and rejected people in the Sphere. The rest of humanity chooses to pretend they don't exist. But the feeling is mutual, because Nomads, especially Corregidorans, don't want to be part of what they call "*the bullshit system of the Human Sphere*." In space, they are proud to live in absolute freedom. Natural-born fighters and survivors, they are the tough guys of the Nomad Nation, where danger, violence, sex, and hardship run wild.

ABSTRACT OF "A BRIEF HISTORY OF

CORREGIDOR", A DOCUMENTARY BY

TROSTKYEMISSION FOR MAYA.





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HOW TO PAINT A YUJINGYU FĒIQUÁN IMPERIAL TACTICAL WING

In the following pages we will discover the process to bring to life a Yu Jing, Fēiquán Imperial Tactical Wing.

COLORS USED

State Grey

Pale Grey Blue

Ivory

Matt White

Scarab Green

Acon Green

Pharaoh Guard

Invincible Orange

State Empire Pride

Yutang Sunset

Glowing Inferno

Dark Grey

Frontline Drab

Skin Tone

Caribbean Ocean

Chung Kuo Skin

Dark Rust

Lens Flare Glow

Quantronic Glow



the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are employed in the public sector has increased by 1.5 million, from 2.5 million in 1980 to 4 million in 1995. The public sector has become a major employer in the UK, and its growth has been a major factor in the overall growth of the economy.

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