



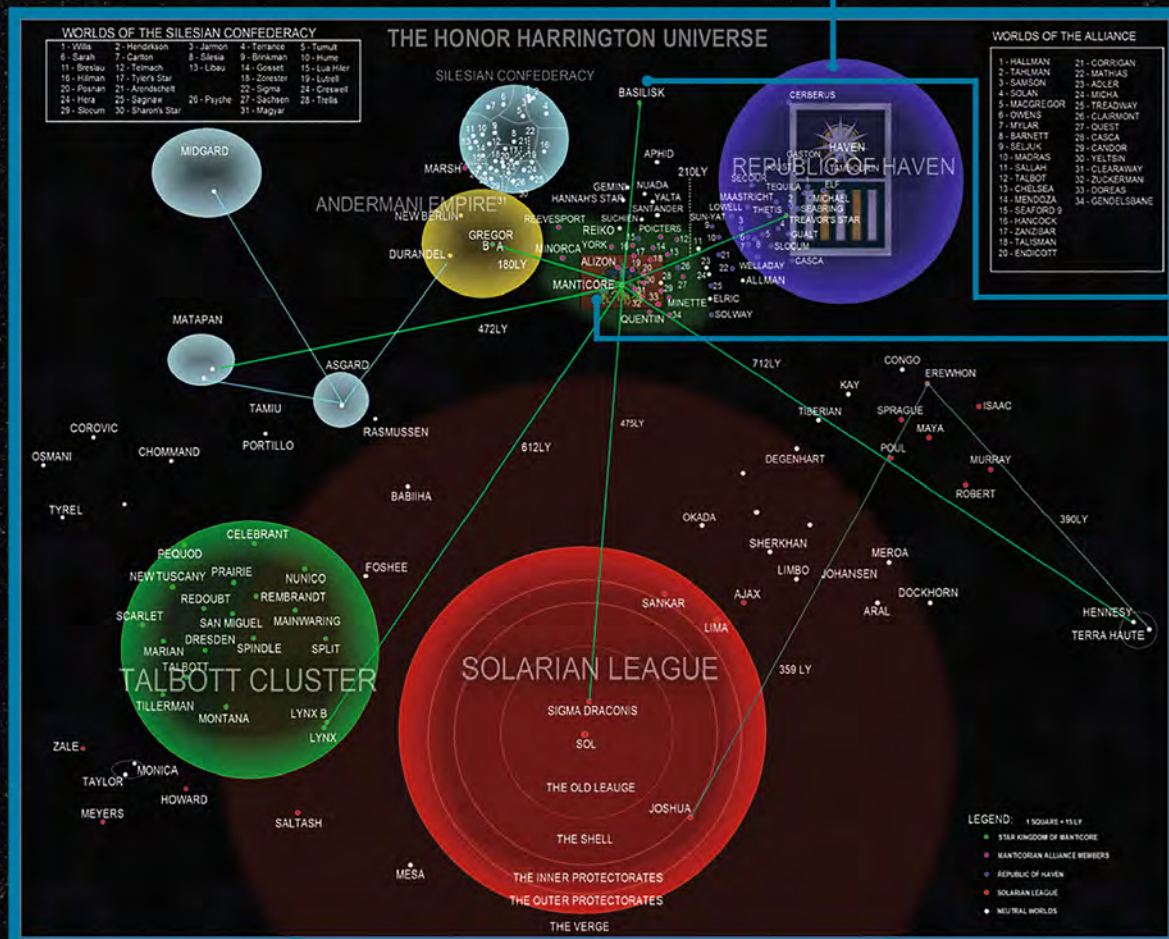
In the year 2130, a colony ship left Old Earth with the mission of interstellar colonization, launching the largest diaspora in the history of mankind. A new calendar system was born that year with 1 PD commemorating the “post-diaspora” era.

Sublight colonization allowed like-minded individuals to populate and govern new Star Nations however they deemed appropriate. Theocracies, monarchies, communist states, democracies and fringe groups all flourished. Initially a source of great peace, technological advances in transit speed and further expansion shrunk the distances between star systems, bringing about an inevitable clash of ideologies.

One of these Star Nations, The People’s Republic of Haven, is on the surface a democracy, but in practicality a central party controlled dictatorship. Wasted economically by its welfare state, Haven embraced an expansionist policy of military conquest to sustain its bloated system.

Conquering system after system, Haven finally set its sights on the Star Kingdom of Manticore, home to our hero Honor Harrington...

TALES OF HONOR



REPUBLIC OF HAVEN

CAPITAL: NOUVEAU PARIS

CURRENCY: HAVENITE CREDIT

BANKRUPTED BY: WELFARE STATE IN 1804 PD

FIRST CONQUEST: PEGASUS SYSTEM

MEDUSA

BASILISK SYSTEM

LANGUAGE: SEMAPHORIC BODY LANGUAGE

CIVILIZATION LEVEL: BRONZE AGE

RELIGION: SHAMANISTIC, KNOWN FOR RITUAL USE OF DRUG MEKODHA

INHABITANTS: MEDUSANS ALSO KNOWN AS STILTIES

STAR KINGDOM OF MANTICORE
FOUNDED 1485 PD (3587 AD)

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

PARLIAMENT

CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY

CABINET

CROWN

ANNEXED TERRITORY: BASILISK SYSTEM

SOLE HABITABLE PLANET: MEDUSA

INDIGENOUS SPECIES: MEDUSANS

ARMN

NAVY

ARMC

MARINES

ARMA

ARMY

ARMED FORCES

ALTHOUGH EVENTS AT BASILISK STATION* DID NOT RESULT IN WAR BETWEEN THE STAR KINGDOM OF MANTICORE, MY HOME, AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF HAVEN, TENSIONS REMAINED HIGH AND WE KNEW HAVENITE VESSELS WERE IN OUR VICINITY.

SILESIA CONFEDERACY
1902 PD

MY SHIP, THE *HMS FEARLESS*, WAS ASSIGNED TO PIRATE DUTY IN THE SILESIA CONFEDERACY.

UNIDENTIFIED VESSEL, THIS IS CAPTAIN HONOR HARRINGTON OF THE ROYAL MANTICORAN NAVY. YOU WILL HEAVE TO IMMEDIATELY AND PREPARE TO BE BOARDED OR WE WILL FIRE INTO YOUR VESSEL. THIS IS YOUR FINAL WARNING.

*SEE TALES OF HONOR VOLUME 1.

THAT SHIP HAS NO IMPELLER DRIVE, THERE HAS TO BE ANOTHER ONE NEARBY. KEEP SEARCHING FOR IT AND GET THE MARINES ON BOARD THE CUTTERS AND PREP THEM FOR SURFACE DROP, THEY'RE ABOUT TO ENTER THE ATMOSPHERE.

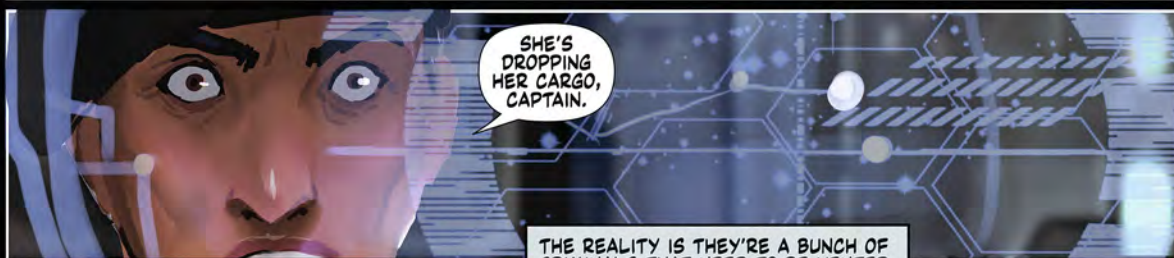
ACKNOWLEDGED, SKIPPER. PLANET HAS TERRAN-LIKE ATMOSPHERE, LIMITED MICROBIOTIC LIFE, BUT NO DISCERNIBLE STRUCTURES OF ANY KIND.

SWASHBUCKLING ADVENTURE, DARING EXPLOITS: FICTION ROMANTICIZES THE LIVES OF PIRATES.

JETTISON THE CARGO.

ARE YOU SERIOUS?

DEADLY, BOY. DO IT NOW OR I'LL DUMP YOU TOO.



THE REALITY IS THEY'RE A BUNCH OF CRIMINALS THAT NEED TO BE VENTED OUT THE CLOSEST AIRLOCK.



PIRACY STARTED THOUSANDS OF YEARS AGO ON OLD EARTH WHEN SEA RAIDERS THREATENED THE TRADE ROUTES OF ANCIENT GREECE.

THE SCOURGE OF THESE PIRATES SPREAD TO ALL SEAFARING NATIONS FOR MILLENNIA BEFORE EXPANDING TO THE STARS.



ATTRACTING THIEVES, DREAMERS AND OUTCASTS, INDEPENDENCE FROM NATIONAL LAWS ENTICED MANY TO TAKE ON THIS LIFE.

BUT NO MATTER WHAT THEY SAY, PIRATES ARE JUST A BUNCH OF PSYCHOPATHS AND MURDERERS WHO PROFIT FROM THE MISERY OF OTHERS.

