**Zeitenwende: The Apocalypse**

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“If I can change the course of history, I can dominate death," Ashton remarked on a bewildering note when he closed the gate behind him. Before him lay the murky den, where reposed his Zeitenwende, the cathartic maneuver that rooted mortality to immortal sphere.

"I would change the ambrosia so that life that has died can be brought back to life and can grow again.""If I can’t get the liquid, I can get the conditions back." To understand his point, we need to retrace his point, his thoughts, and his imaginations, which ended 60 years ago with "the death of President Shardon Kraig," the person who had destined the extinction of the human race. The President was the secretary of Horse Shadow, the intelligence group, which had planned to re-establish the legacy of Noah’s ark. How! Let’s see.

Adamant at his apparent impossible point of reversing the president’s death, he went on embedding the last bead into his chain, designing his worm-hole navigator that would route the distance through the only discovered time path in earth, where the terminal maxima of the space-time curve reverted its loop, the possibility of time travel, veiled for ages, on the island of Tod, whose genesis was from the geostorm in the centre of the Bermuda triangle that had engulfed the half of Caribbean islands and submerged the fringes of USA. But why is he shouldering this tempestuous task?

Ashton, someday known as Ashtegar Smith, was the chief of space-time research intelligence for Horse Shadow. He had designed the site to locate Camaraderie along the tracks of the Eye of Zeus, the wormhole, whose probing had been kept secret for ages. Camaraderie was the observatory that they had built, where they had devised techniques to reverse every possible locus of the space-time curve that would annihilate the existing earth, hindering the origin of life. Then Horse Shadow would bring into existence a new world, a world of their choice, a world of their desire, a world under them, redefining the legacy of gods and being recognised as the Neo-deities. But what happened that night remained a mystery. Oh, that sombre night, when everybody in the group began collapsing and perishing, Ashton slipped behind the holocaust and was retained as the lone survivor of the sporadic apocalypse.

Yeah, finally he could; he could succeed in accomplishing his hard-toiled task. With sophisticated efforts and diligent workmanship, he began tuning it: 1503 hertz per light year, 3251 hertz per light year, 10158 hertz per light year, and on and on. It was at last 138750 hertz per light year when he could relocate Camaraderie. There lay the ancient forlorn group aloof from the world outside, floating in the waterslide of time, preserved but lost, mantled by the shadow of their prognosticated death.

Now he had in his hands the strength to revive their ancient ambitions, which remained unfulfilled, drenched in the tides of time, the desire of a new world. It is said that we can control fate if we can annihilate fatality and reign over the domain of time. He went ahead with his plan to get his team back. his team, or only the president? But why?

He started rectifying the area loops of the time-space curve that were linked with the life of the president through some modifications to his instrument. His internal organs began functioning; he was getting his strength back. He was coping with the deceased's life. After the long interval of unconsciousness, which was reduced to less than nanoseconds by the reversal of the time-space locus made by his trusted secretary,

“Mr. President, I need your help." "All of them have just lost consciousness and will revive soon. But the priority is that we can visualise our dream of neo-genesis once you unlock the Zeitreis egress."

“Oh Ashton, what is the time now?" "Ah! We are beyond time." "Fine, let’s go for the job.”

While Mr. Kraig entered the doors of the locker room inside Zeitenwende and let his body get scanned, every neural impulse gushed through his body from tip to toe. But what shocked Ashton was that the lock on the egress did not respond to the scans. But how is Kraig so calm about these failing codes?

There is no longer a femtosecond in the time storm. And shwiiiish... camaraderie got trapped in the vortex of time.

In the records of Time Investigating Head of INTERPOL, Sir Jacob O’ Brien, who was the only living person with the authority of handling human tachyons, to read the past happenings of the human race, it could be read:

“On August 31, 2834, we could trace camaraderie." "After equally investigating all possibilities of extinction of the crew members and President Kraig’s ebb, we could find out Kraig’s involvement in the heinous crime of annihilating life on earth. Through the tachyon analysis, we found that his crew was killed in a conspiracy, probably by his senior staff, Ashtegar Smith, who had kept the secrets of the Eyes of Zeus and Zeitress Egress, between him and the President. The terms cannot be publicly revealed, but it was evident from another cell whose traces were found in different veiled domains of time, perhaps a navigating probe, Zeitenwende, that Ashtegar was perhaps the one who had crafted the plot to achieve his selfish means. The major system of the cell has not been tracked yet.”

But Sir Brien did not reveal the entire facts. Ashtegar had knowingly reversed the path of time to kill the entire crew and escaped in Zeitenwende so that he could later on revive the old president, who was the human key to Zeitress Egress, which had to be unlocked through Zeitenwende. Zeitress Egress was the baby wormhole that would lead to a temporal anomaly saving the refugees, provided it would begin with a Force storm that would be enough to engulf the person who unlocked it. It being at the stage of inception, it would close after letting photons equivalent to a single person’s mass. Hence Ashton had planned that after the President’s death, he would take shelter under the shades of the temporal anomaly, while the reversal of the time loop, would force the approaching time storm to engulf the origin of life on earth. He had correctly estimated the convergence of the camaraderie’s time and the time storm. But the failure trapped him in his own traps. Probing deeper, it was found that Kraig had information about Ashton's plans and had changed the key from him to Antalya Potter, the security head, just the night before. She was killed in the plot along with the other crew members.

But the most significant finding was that Kraig had perhaps used some kind of Tachyon technology, which he had no right to do. This made it possible for him to cogitate the conspiracy. And the worst thing is that the technology is alive with him somewhere in subspaces of time along with the infamous invention, the Zeitenwende.