

WELCOME TO

2099

A world of advanced technology, wonderful and unique occupations, mesmerising lives - and a potential impending global disaster. Humanity as we know it lives aboard the Gaia, a mega fleet of large ships carrying all of the populace, as Earth was rendered uninhabitable in 2019. With population at an all-time high of 80 million, things are alright in the future, but they might not last. With threats to an invasion, a highly capitalist world, one central world government and a security breach threatening to wipe out the entire human race - one wonders, how did we get here?

THE PAST

For centuries the world ignored dire threats of climate crisis, diminishing resources and potential worldwide calamity just around the corner. And we were wrong to do so, as exactly that happened. All existing problems on our planet combined with a massive population boom and crippling resources, made humanity go on red alert in 2016. On 10th Feb 2017, The United Intergalactic Consortium (Or just The Consortium in common speak) was formed, the joint efforts of all major government bodies of the world to pool their resources together and create one power for the betterment of us all. And so, The Consortium was given the most important task of all - saving humanity.

ROADMAP TO THE PRESENT - THE CONSORTIUM'S MASTERPIECE:

The Consortium was the very turning point in an otherwise certain tragedy for humanity as a whole. With virtually the entire world's money bank pooled in their resources but time running short, they had to come up with something quick or else face extinction. And so, they did, and for 80 years now it remains The Consortium's masterpiece - Gaia. A second earth named after the Greek word for Mother Earth herself. A massive fleet was created, huge ships were constructed and then carried humanity in waves 0. A total of 32 ships were created turn by turn, and by the time of 26th August, 2019 - the last day on Earth, the entire population was carried out to space, situated in space about one of thirty-three ships. With humanity scattered between different ships and facing issues such as overpopulation and extreme poverty in the spacecraft, the shift did cause its own share of problems. But ultimately it was the very best decision for humanity - for the next best thing would have been certain destruction.

BUILDING THE FUTURE

- RISE OF THE UAC:

Now the world was scattered, floating in outer space. The Consortium managed the primarily important things as finding suitable alternatives for Earth and securing the people after virtually their entire livelihood was lost. As such, they didn't have time for other (still relevant) problems. And so, a capitalist regime was developed. Aside from primary concerns of humanity, rest everything would be handled by private companies. Yes, it would result in a profit for the company but at the end it would develop humanity as a whole. And the most important as well as lucrative business of them all was Vessel building.

Humanity was scattered amongst giant ships in the fleet separated by millions of kilometres of space - you couldn't just walk across to visit your cousin. And so came Vessels, privately licensed small ships made specially for this purpose,

transporting humans across ships. And in the numerous companies which came up for this business, Aerospace Corp. was the most incredible of them all. Rising fast among the other companies, forcing competition out or just acquiring it. Slowly it became a mega-corporation, and when The Consortium granted Aerospace Corp. 100% rights to all the duties of the Vessel business in 23rd January 2078, Aerospace Corp, now renamed as Union Aerospace Corporation became the biggest company in the modern world.

Now in 2099 with it offering over 35% of the human populace work and having expanded into virtually every major business now, UAC is the single biggest company in the world, and only second most influential group after The Consortium itself.

WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

This has been the state of the world now. But for what happens next, it depends on not the various interwoven plots and numerous threats to the barely standing world order, what will happen to Gaia next? Well, that only time can tell...