

Weightless

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My name is Serandito Carival. I'm only writing it down because people often hear a story, whether it was real or not and wonder, "who did that"?

Some might suspect I'm using an alias, others will point out the name doesn't really matter. They would all be wrong.

I am Serandito Carival and I'm proud of the things I've done, thankful of the memories I've kept and always fearful of the future.

That is why I'm writing this, all of this, down. Because you must learn the truth of it all and pass it on to those that come after you, generation after generation, like a fable, like a myth. But never forget it was all true.

Because lies are what brought us near extinction.

I'm fearful it could all happen again. From what I can tell, from what records and annals have been restored in my time, it almost certainly does happen again. That fear of mine, should become your fear as well. Because fear, as I will explain, can be a very useful tool. And you must know how to wield it, as well as live with it.

There will be a time, in the future, when these writings - in whatever form - will be no more. It has been known, since almost ancient times, that the stars will wither and vanish, others more prominently than some. But still, the universe will die and along with it, every kind of life that populates it.

But mankind has to persevere in spite of that. Promise me this, as I in turn shall promise you:

At the last light of the last star, there will be a man there to see it through to nothingness.

Why, you might ask?

Picture it, I urge you. Hold that picture in your mind, make it a part of you.

Because that picture is all that stands between life and a fate far worse than death; oblivion.

Maybe you're confused by now; perhaps I'm coming off as cryptic or as I've been called many times, a madman.

I am simply a zealot. My aim is to turn you, whoever you are, into a zealot.

You might not want to hear this, but since you're reading this, I'm either part of history by then, or something terrible has happened.

Read and learn my friend. And remember that Serandito Carival is just a name. But me, and you, we're more than that:

We're humans. Never forget that.