

Dan Sherman Space Guardian
All Worlds
Book One
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Prologue

‘Dan, you must kill it.’ The voice said. ‘That is a Devil-Beast and could rip you in half, if you let it. Why are you holding back? You are a potential Guardian-Of-Space. You have to be ruthless sometimes.’ ‘Why can’t I just let it move on, I don’t want to hurt it?’

‘You are expected to bring back the Devil-Beast to the lower astral plane where it belongs, and the only way to do that is to kill it in this plane.’

‘But how did it get to this level in the first place?’

‘That doesn’t concern you; please do as you are bid.’ I was standing not more than ten yards from the monster who was by now eyeing me up suspiciously. It had the look of the proverbial devil but much larger, it had a tail, large hands with long claws, horns, and eyes which resembled a goats. In fact it was everything you would expect from the hell worlds. ‘You are standing in my way.’ It said. I was in fact standing before a hidden-portal, the kind that higher entities use to access the inner worlds. How the monster could see this door was baffling me.

‘How did you manage to get here?’ I said.

‘I am going to pull out your bowels first small man, and then I am going to eat them before your eyes and then I will eat your eyes ha.’ ‘You will not get any answers from this creature, Dan, please do as you are ordered.’

I realized that I had no alternative but to fight this entity. I transformed myself into the menacing form of Cloft, the Tourgen clone. This is a thing that I have become so used to in my dreams, I feel like Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. Cloft is eight foot tall with tiger like skin and teeth and claws which could rip apart any creature on Earth, of course we weren’t on Earth, though. The Monster saw me transform into Cloft.

‘You better move out of my way beast man.’ It said. I am now being informed that these adventures of mine in the inner worlds are going to be recorded for potential Guardians to use while asleep. I have to refer to you in future as Students. I apologize if you are more than that; please be patient and log into the Guardian’s database. I moved towards the monster with confidence. I knew I could easily kill it. For student purposes: Cloft is one of the strongest creatures in the Universe. Guardians have access to a network of unlimited knowledge and time; by that, I mean we can travel anywhere on the inner planes and once you are accepted by the Guardians you can also travel anywhere in time and space on the physical-plane. That is exactly what I am being lined up for. Please be aware that you are unlimited and as such eternal. I grabbed the monster by the throat while he tried to claw into my stomach. I ripped its head off. I am now being informed that I will not remember any of my experiences when I wake up; this is for my protection. I am now going to be debriefed at the astral sub base. Students please prepare your selves for the start of Dan Sherman’s adventures in time and space, onwards my friends.

Overview

I wake up in a sweat, my heart pounding. What is happening?

Every night for a week the same dream! I am standing on a lonely road and looking across at a tall man who is beckoning. I can read the street sign it says Giants Seat lane. I can also make out the town sign; it is Kelsay. Now I think about it I couldn't make that out before! What does it all mean? Maybe I should go there? Ha. Get real, Dan! Me, a School Teacher who had to take early retirement through bereavement after my wife and kid got killed in a car crash go to a place I don't even know exists. Well, I will soon find out, where is my Road atlas?

I don't believe it! It does exist. Maybe I should go there?

Then do what? Do I really think a tall man is going to beckon me? I must be going crazy. But it will be a day out and I do need a change of scenery. I have been moping about here long enough. I see it is up in Northumberland, that's a three hour drive. In the car I feel excited and sad at the same time. Elaine and John, my son, were killed on this very same road. I will be nearing the memorial soon; it was put there by some people who think it is right to leave flowers at places on the road where people who they never met were killed! But who am I to say; I just like to remember them and not mourn them at some place where no one goes. What's this? There is a group of people standing at the memorial? Maybe they are broke down somewhere on the road. But there is no emergency call box here! My god! It is Elaine and John and the tall man from my dreams. I put the brakes on as I Pass by at speed. I pull onto the hard shoulder, I look around, but they are gone! I carry on in a state of puzzlement, and disbelief. What the hell just happened! Am I still dreaming? I must stay calm like I used to be when I studied Yoga. It was the only thing that kept me sane after the accident. I was feeling pretty excited as I pulled into a pub car park In Kelsay. I ask a man who is smoking outside if he knows where giants seat lane is. He said, 'There is nothing there, just a track which goes nowhere, also it is a place where ghosts have been seen and UFOs.' Now my interest was caught, I thanked him and started off in the direction he gave me. After several minutes of driving and thinking I came to crossroads, I also stared in disbelief as the tall man from my dreams was beckoning me!

Chapter 1-Meeting with a Guardian

What in heaven's name is happening? All I could do was look at him in a stupid way as he held out his hand, as I took it, the feeling I got was a palpable wave of love, I felt dizzy and he knew it, he helped me with a strong arm on my forearm. I knew I had never met this man before, apart from my dreams. He had a certain way about him which even now at this early stage suggested that I could trust him. He had grey hair and strong features. He reminded me of an old movie star called Jeff Chandler. 'We can change our appearance to suit the situation. This is to make you feel comfortable. Please come with me, and I will explain everything.' I could have been going to another planet and I would have gladly gone! We walked up the lane which was a single track road and very secluded, gradually we came to a pair of very large and I presume ancient oak trees. The track ended a few yards further up and the view was restricted in all directions. If someone wanted real privacy this was the place. With a wave of his hand a door appeared! It stood there as though it would fall down. I looked round the back of it; it was just a flat door standing there. He looked at me with mild amusement. 'Trust me, this will be a shock to your mind, but we know you can take it, we have been monitoring you in your dreams, and in your everyday life.'

I said, 'Who is we, exactly?'

'I will tell you later; please let us enter the transfer-room.'

As we entered the door, I had an overwhelming feeling of security. I could tell we were dropping down very quickly, I asked him how deep we were going? He said, twenty-three miles!

We came to a stop, the door opened, I couldn't believe my eyes!

A massive room or maybe I should call it a large space, the size of four football pitches and there are three U.F.O.s hovering in the middle, with several small humanoid creatures looking at us!

'It's nothing to get bothered about,' he said, 'they are old friends.'

I said to myself, I'll wake up in a minute. 'You won't,' he said.

I asked if he could read my mind, and he said 'We can, but we don't usually. You have a higher state of consciousness and that has earned you the right to join us, come, you need refreshment, a cup of tea perhaps?'

Right again, I thought, but he already knew.

'I'm only a teacher,' I said.

'Yes, but you have a subconscious knowledge which would be able to withstand the shock of being given all the information which you will receive, also you have had many past life experiences that will be useful to us.'

'Oh,' I said, 'and what would they be?'

'Mainly Yoga, please follow me into the data room.'

We walked to a wall which then opened up! There were no doors or handles; it's as if the place was in tune with the people or higher beings. I was beginning to realize the enormity of it all.

'That's the word,' he said, 'Realization. Prepare yourself for Reality.'

There are a number of gadgets around but the one I was attracted to was a sort of book, like a laptop, the light was coming out of it, not from the screen, but all of it.

'Dan, please look into the book.'

'I don't even know your name.' I said.

'Yes, you do.'

I at once knew his name was Sionn.

'We will be keeping a log of all your experiences from now on; try to be conscious of this and your thoughts will be uploaded to central databank. You can also relate to whoever will get access to your thoughts later as students; these recorded experiences will be a useful tool for us. I will also ask you again later if you still want to carry on with your training. You can still go back to your life as a retired school teacher.'

For student purposes: I will refer to God in the higher case letter from now on, please be aware of this. It is a mark of respect to the deity, or whatever you believe God to be.

Chapter 2-Higher learning

'Sit in the chair and relax.'

As soon as I touched the chair I was energized! I have never seen or felt anything like it before; it felt as though it was part of me, gripping my body like a living thing. The voice I heard was not Sionn's but something else, whatever, or whoever it was seemed like an old friend speaking to me.

‘Once you look into the light book you will be able to do things that you never dreamt of. Tell me now; do you want to join us?’

‘You already know that answer, don’t you?’ I replied.

‘I have to ask, you understand.’

‘What about my home and the life I have or used to have?’

‘After looking into the light book you won’t even think about it. Do not worry; it will be sorted out later.’

‘Can I see my wife and child?’

‘Later, they are, as you now know, still in existence.’

‘Then, yes, I want to be a Trainee-Guardian.’

‘Now, relax.’

As soon as I looked into the light book my mind was like a computer of the highest sort, after what seemed to be only a short time I came out of the book. That’s the only way I can describe it. I knew stuff I never knew before, also I felt in balance with life. My body was pulsating from head to foot.

‘That is just the beginning; we can’t take a chance on overloading you.’

To describe my feelings at that moment is impossible. An ordinary man transformed in one day into a sort of superman. I could do higher mathematics; that is something I never could get my head around, also Physics, Philosophy and any other subject. But the one thing I was good at besides history was astronomy, I always prided myself on that, but now I knew everything I would ever want to know about it. I also knew how to dance! Yes, I always wanted to take Elaine to the dance hall to do proper ballroom dancing, but I always had two left feet, I just love the disco films, now I could do all the moves!

‘Why isn’t my head exploding?’ I said.

‘You know it is not your physical brain that knows these things, but your higher consciousness. Whatever you need to know, wherever you need to go, to do, whatever the Guardians need you to do, you will receive.’

I enquired if anyone else worked at the underground base.

‘It doesn’t need anyone to man it, it is self-regulating, no one can enter it, or find it without permission as the security is so technologically advanced. There are no entrances to the base. Before you ask how the UFOs managed to access it, I can tell you that our lightship helped them. The lightship can travel through any object. Earth, as you now know is not just a planet; it is a star base and had been so for thousands of years.’

I knew it all along The U.F.O.S The M.I.B.S. (Men-in-black) and all the other stories, obviously some were bogus, but now I know. Sionn informed me we were to go to the 27th sector of the Andromeda Galaxy. Wow! This morning, I was on the verge of depression and now I’m going to the largest galaxy outside of our own. 2.4 million Light-years! I knew that in just five days after we leave Earth and travelling at faster than light speed we would enter a worm-hole and almost immediately we would be there! I can tell you that there are worm holes adjacent to every galaxy; this enables the Guardians to access all parts of the Universe. The power system on the ship we were about to board is taken from the stars themselves, we would get all the power we need transferred to the engine which I can’t really describe as I don’t have as yet enough knowledge. I guess next time I look into the light book, I will gain whatever I need but all I wanted to do was dance.

Chapter 3-Lightship

We walked through the wall again into another room.

‘You can rest awhile if you want but you don’t need rest, your body has been rejuvenated by the light chair you were sitting in but you already know that.’

‘Yes, I feel fine. There is some information I would like to know. How old are you?’

‘Yes, we can withhold information if we deem it necessary but we now don’t need to keep anything from each other, you now know I am 3,500 years old in this incarnation.’

‘That is one long life.’ I said.

‘Yes, but time has no meaning on the inner planes.’

I also knew I could move into other states of existence such as dreaming. We all move about in our dreams but most of us don’t remember when we wake up. I used to have lots of lucid dreams when asleep at home; they were like out-of-the-body experiences but were a disappointment when I woke up as I wanted to stay there. Now I would be able to learn and travel wherever I was needed on whatever plane of existence I was on!

Sionn said, ‘You are now receiving sustenance from the very walls and everything connected with this base. You do not need to eat or drink while in your body. Later if you feel the time is right you will be able to leave the physical body altogether, and transfer to an artificial body suit, such as the one you are now going to use for the journey.’

If anyone had told me yesterday I would be going to Andromeda with a 3,500-year old man of higher consciousness I would have laughed at him, even if it had been Sionn, but now I am a different person, being, or consciousness!

The ship was hanging in mid-air as we walked through the wall again; it was the size of a small motor cruiser; the kind people use at the harbor for showing off but this ship I knew would do much more than just move.

Sionn said, ‘We will let the ship fit you up with the suit.’

I knew it wasn’t going to be just a suit but even I couldn’t believe what it was capable of!

I stood with my back to the wall of the ship when it then wrapped itself around me! I felt invulnerable and totally safe.

I knew that this suit, like the ship itself could withstand any attack; or even a nuclear bomb! I let my fingers run up and down the surface of it, it was very shiny and slippery, I just couldn’t grip it. It was also transparent. Sionn said, ‘You can also change your shape and appearance. If we were to go to another planet we would take on the appearance of the locals also we would be given any info or data to speak with them or any animal life.’

My God, I thought, I could talk to the animals.

‘What about sex?’ I said, ‘it is one of few things on earth that shows love for someone,’

Sionn replied. ‘It is natural that you think about such things, so that is why you have the option of keeping your body for as long as you want; in time you will see it as a burden.’

Sionn made the thought-transfer to get the ship underway and before I could think we were out in space. The ship could move at light speed almost immediately. We were already past the solar system and on route to Andromeda. I could see the screen in my vision but it wasn’t a physical screen; I could see it as the ship saw it a blur of tiny lights melting into one giant overpowering glow. It took me awhile to adjust but I was now getting the hang of it. The technology was way ahead of me even with the light book, but with time I could get used to this awesome way of life. The thought struck me; I could live forever like this.

Sionn replied, ‘We do live forever; all things pass on to higher realities.’

Chapter 4-Dream Worlds

Sionn informed me that the next phase would be to learn and serve in the dream worlds while the ship was on its way to Andromeda, we would sleep then we would wake up in the other worlds; in this case the astral plane.

Ok, now I have to make my thoughts accessible to any students who may be able to access to deep-mental-logic program on the Guardians computer banks. So from now on I will every so often upload my thoughts. Forgive me if I get a little carried away as I am new to this. I have been told to refer to you out there who can access these recordings as students, please forgive me if you are more than that.

I found it very easy to sleep but Sionn was helping me, the next thing I knew we were standing in a place that was so unbelievably beautiful. The feeling I experienced was something I have never felt before in my whole life, or my old life.

‘This is one of the higher astral worlds, a place people call heaven. There were children and wild animals playing together! A young girl stroking a tiger! A lion was carrying a boy on its back while a baby lamb was sitting nearby! People were waving and having fun together such as I’ve never seen before; the feeling was of joy and delight. I was speechless. I asked Sionn if this was prearranged for my benefit. Sionn said partly. But we have a job to do in the next town. I tried to keep my emotions under control, but it was very hard, as the experience played havoc with my senses. We walked along the lovely roads where everything seemed perfect, when a thought struck me.

‘Could we...’

‘I’m sorry, Dan, we can’t go to see your wife and son just yet, they are on a different plane at the moment but later you will meet them. You have to learn to keep your emotions in check, this is very important as you will be tempted and tested in many ways later. Your yoga training will help you also; never forget that you are a higher being and eternal.’

I felt disappointed, but knew he was right, as usual; had he ever been wrong, I thought.

‘Yes, even as a Guardian I made mistakes, one in particular.’

I couldn’t believe it, not Sionn.

‘There was once a Guardian named Kallo, we were past life friends and born on the same planet numerous times. He got corrupted by the power of office and is now an outlaw.

I trusted him and he stranded me on a deserted planet without my light suit. I had to leave my body there and transfer to the dream worlds. In other words I died! Kallo had disabled my suits power system, something that we thought was impossible at that time. Our technology was not as good as it is now; even now there are limits to our way of life, for instance, some black-holes are dangerous to us, but that is only in the physical world, as you know.’

I asked Sionn a question that had troubled me all my life:

‘Could you tell me how big the Universe is?’

‘People believe the Universe is only about 13.5 billion light-years in distance. But we know it is much more than that also the inner worlds are much bigger than the physical worlds but of course, they are not physical, we will leave it at that for the moment.’

OK, time for another lesson for you Student-Guardians: You know the physical plane is the normal world where we all live whether it is Earth or some other planet. There are also other planes of existence; the next one up is the astral plane it is a very big place but not in the space that we know, also there are numerous sub planes, In fact thousands so please be aware when we

are visiting these realms, which will be, very often. Of course, you are Trainee-Guardians so you won't need to be lectured like this too much, right? OK, enough said.

We arrived at our destination. It was a small decrepit house with a scruffy garden and a feeling of depression about it. Sionn knocked at the door and a voice said:

'Get the hell away from here.'

It took me by surprise; obviously this part of town has its share of problems.

'Not really.' Sionn said, 'just this house.'

Sionn walked in. Suddenly a man came running at him!

'I'll kill you' he shouted.

Sionn just stood there as the man lifted his arm! I didn't notice the knife at first but I couldn't help panicking as it came into contact with Sionn's shoulder. I needn't have worried as the knife just glanced off again and again. The man started to get tired, obviously thinking he was in the physical body.

Sionn calmed him down before trying to explain to him that he was being transported to a hospital in another region.

The man was escorted away by people from whoever was responsible for that sort of thing.

I said, 'Couldn't they have done what you did?'

'Yes they could, but we had nothing else to do, and it was a learning experience for you.'

'So in a way we are like spiritual guides.' I said.

'Yes.'

I thought, Wow, can this be true? I was just an ordinary person from an ordinary town, in an ordinary country, on a small planet.

'Please don't think that way. You are a Guardian-of-Space and as such, you are unlimited.'

We woke up back on the ship.

Chapter 5-Andromeda

Looking at the scene before me was totally mind boggling, even after all the knowledge prescribed to me. Coming up on the screen in my mind or whatever it was that I was seeing was the Andromeda Galaxy in all its awesome beauty, also on the screen were all the planets that were able to sustain life!

'We have a job to do on Relmar 7 in sector 27.'

'Do you ever get some time off from this job, or whatever you call it?' I felt a little reckless for saying it.

'You will learn more quickly the next time you look into the light book and then you will not ask such questions. But I will say this whenever I feel to be in need of a little rest and relaxation I go to my parent's house on one of the astral sub planes.'

'What about reincarnation? They must have been back many times since you were there in that lifetime.'

'Yes, many times. But we can go to whatever incarnation we want to.'

Wow, I thought. Imagine going to whatever place and whatever family you were born into!

'There is much karma built up and burned up around families; this is because they have lived many lives together. Now prepare for Job experience. We have arrived.'

Looking at the planet from orbit I thought it was something like looking at Earth, but as I studied it I could see the continents were different. Sionn said, 'You will experience a soothing feeling as all the information is given to you by the ship.'

I don't know how long it took, I wasn't bothered, as I felt incredibly calm and rested. I could also speak Relmic the language of the planet, and the other six planets that have been inhabited by them.

Relmar 7 was several hundred years ahead of Earth so everyone spoke the same dialect which was handy and the population was peaceful mainly because there was only one ruling government. Sionn informed me of the mission we were about to undertake: We were to save the planet from total destruction! I felt shocked.

'Do you mean we go from helping one poor soul from the astral plane to saving an entire planet?'

'Not just one planet, but all seven.'

'I thought we weren't supposed to interfere with other people or cultures?'

'Normally we don't but this is an exception. A scientist we take it upon himself to experiment with materials found on an uninhabited planet newly discovered by Relmic astronomers. If we don't stop him in time one hundred and twenty-billion people will die, are you ready?'

What a question! How could I be ready for something like that?

For students: 'The people on Relmar are very much like humans with some differences, their heads and eyes are larger and they are taller by several inches. 'Just lean back on the wall and you will fall out into space.' I already knew we would be OK with our suits on but I wasn't ready for the feeling of being in space with just a suit and no oxygen tank or other usual things one associates with space travel! I couldn't get my old head around the knowledge that a suit which isn't visible and doesn't seem to have any life supporting properties would save me from dying! Now for you students out there: Time for another lesson. Yes, I know you want to know how the light suit works but I am also a trainee so I can't tell you just yet, just know that it is an awesome piece of technology and I'm sure glad we have it, all I had to do was think my way down to the planet! The view was really something until we came into sight of the gigantic buildings which seemed to be everywhere, there didn't seem to be any spare land. My first thought was, what a shame. These poor people have no greenery, but as I was now finding out rapidly by means of my now enlarged state of consciousness. Most of the greenery was under the oceans and in orbit under massive glass domes; I couldn't help thinking this could be the future for Earth in several hundred years.'

We guided our way down through the thousands of space shuttles which were streaming along in all directions.

'We cannot be detected as you know, so we won't be bothered.'

We landed near a huge building with a sign which read:

451st District Biochemical and Food Reprocessing Unit.

I already knew we couldn't be seen as the suits were so technologically advanced that even though Relmic science was much more superior to Earth's, Guardian technology was light-years ahead of Relmar.

I can't help thinking that I will wake up sometime and be back in my old bed but I really don't want that to happen anyway I could always go there in my dreams couldn't I?

Chapter 6-Relmar

We hovered about fifty feet above the walkway. The first thing I noticed was most of the people were dressed the same, it was an off white sort of jump suit.

For students: you already know we can't just pass through the walls as we are in the physical realm. We have to enter by the door, so we must keep out of the way of anyone. No one can see us but they will be able to feel us so be very careful.

'We will make our way to the science room where the man in question is. He is called Dyon17.'

I already knew this info but I sure was glad he was reassuring me. We didn't walk up the moving platform that was the stairway to the lab room, we simply floated by thought! I was in awe of this technology, I felt like a ghost!

We got to the room in question. We had to wait till someone entered before we could go in otherwise the door would open and it would seem unusual and cause suspicion. We didn't have to wait long for access but we would have to wait a while for the actual incident to take place.

The room was nothing like a laboratory back on Earth; most of the equipment was different but along the walls were screens with sections that opened up underneath them. I already knew these were fabrication machines; whatever was put in them would be reproduced in a fairly short time. I now knew how the planet would be threatened. Dyon 17 would try to reproduce materials found by Relmic astronomers from an uninhabited planet. They thought this material would bring wealth beyond measure, as some of the material was mixed with a very rare mineral highly sought by neighboring planets but instead of getting permission for special test procedures, Dyon 17 would take it upon himself to show the government what he had achieved; the result would be an instant increase in the material but not in the quantities that he was expecting. The oxygen in the atmosphere would be depleted so much that people would have suffocated in their millions. Within six months ninety per cent of the population would be dead; of course in the meantime people would have fled to the outlying planets in panic in their private ships, and anything that would transport them off their world. Of course the damage would have been done as the spores would be carried on the people themselves. The time frame would be just three years for complete annihilation also the spores would still be around the planets for a long period of time. I couldn't contemplate the picture that Sionn was painting of Relmar's destruction. I just wanted to get it over with.

Sionn was watching Dyon 17 with his usual unconcerned look!

Dyon 17 was standing next to an access screen with a container. He was about to put the material in. There was another person standing next to him looking anxious, they both looked at each other, and then a quite unusual thing happened. Sionn touched them behind the neck, in the next second both Dyon 17 and his accomplice froze on the spot. Sionn then took the container from Dyon17, he then resealed the lid then he pulled a small sack from his suit covered the container making it invisible. He then handed me the sack while he touched both men behind the neck again. The men started to move again, but simply turned away and went about their business as if nothing had happened!

Sionn took the sack off me and then we waited for someone to walk out of the lab before we could exit. We then made our way out of the building. My thoughts at this time were of how easy Sionn seemed to deal with these world changing decisions. We then flew up between the lines of shuttle-ships and back to our craft. I know all of this may sound like fiction of the highest kind. But as students you already know it to be true. I on the other hand am relatively new to all this so you can imagine I am still reeling from these extraordinary events.

Once inside the ship I asked Sionn how he made the two people freeze and forget what they were doing.

'It was just an overpowering mental ability.'

I asked him if they would remember about it in the future.

‘No, but we will monitor them and the planet regularly.’

‘What are we going to do with the spores?’

‘The container will be neutralized.’

I began to search the ship's screen for information about other local planets; when I say local, I mean anything in the region of thousands of light-years. I noticed one called Sandera in a nearby sector, it was at the same stage as Earth and the wildlife was totally exciting with a huge difference in animal and plant life. I also thought I would practice some dance moves. I asked the ship's computer to play some Disco. I realized the computer sounded like one of my old girlfriends from school called Debra, I asked if I could call it that.

‘You can call me anytime, Dan, and you can call me anything you want as long as it's not ‘it’.

I thought this is funny, is she coming on to me?

I swirled around in my dance move to ask Sionn if we could check out Sandera when he disappeared! Seconds later, I was wandering what to do when a person appeared. A man of about 50 years old, He was a tall man; about six foot three, and was sneering at me. It took me a few seconds to realize, but I now knew it was Kallo, the outlaw Guardian. I started to move, when I was suddenly frozen to the spot and unable to talk.

Kallo said, ‘Don't worry, you will get another light body someday, but for now you have to die. By the way, nice dance move, ha, stupid fool!’

I could see he had the container with the spores in his hands, but poor me the trainee-Guardian could do nothing.

With a flick of his finger I dropped to the floor unconscious.

(I didn't yet realize it, but I was dead.)

Chapter 7-Astral Hospital

I knew at once where I was. A nurse was standing at my bed.

‘Mr. Sherman?’

‘Yes.’

‘Thank goodness you are all right, we had trouble stabilizing you.’

‘OK, nurse, I will take over now.’

I knew this person talking must be a Guardian, but I couldn't be sure.

‘What's happened to me?’ I said.

‘I am Grenwer, a colleague of Sionn's. You were neutralized by something or someone! Tell me what you know.’

I told him what I saw on the ship. He looked shaken, even for a Guardian.

‘Where is Sionn?’ I said.

‘We don't know!’

Now I was shaken!

‘The one thing we do know is Sionn must have suspected some sort of trouble; normally you would have been fully accepted by the Guardians but for some reason Sionn thought it best to keep you partially a Guardian and partially Dan Sherman. You have been mentally scanned and we know you could have some info which might be useful to us. Please come with me.’

‘There is one thing I want to know.’ I said, ‘am I dead?’

‘Yes.’

Just Great! I thought, I've only been in this job for two minutes, I've witnessed the saving of billions of people but now I'm dead and the whole Universe could be at risk.'

We walked into another room. He then asked me to sit down at a sort of computer.

'Just look into the screen, we know you have stabilized so we can now look at what actually happened on the ship. The fact that you were at a short distance from Kallo means we might be able to retrieve some info from him through you. Please relax and concentrate.'

The screen came to life Kallo was looking at me as though I were there again! I started to feel strange.

'Don't be afraid.'

He then touched me behind the neck as Sionn did to the two men at the lab.

'Yes, I can remember now, he's going to Junction 43 at Far-Station.'

Grenwer looked shaken again.

'Far-Station is an inaccessible place.'

'Why.'

'Our ships are unable to penetrate its space. There is just one way and I suspect you know what it is?'

'You mean you want someone to go there in the dream worlds and then transfer to a light suit.'

'Yes.' But who would go?'

'He already knew what I was going to say.'

'Well, I'm already dead so what's the difference?'

'You could get trapped there and we know it is a terrible place to be.'

'What exactly is Far-Station?'

'It is a series of planets which were once highly civilized; they were taken over by numerous warring alien races. These planets are now known as Far-Station. They are within a relatively short light speed distance; most of the evil characters from history are incarcerated there before returning to their respective worlds.'

Oh Great! I thought, I'm about to go to hell in the physical world.

'Can I ask you something, Grenwer?'

'Sure,' he said.

'Why me? Surely you have people more experienced!'

'Yes, but that is why Kallo will not suspect, he thinks you're neutralized, also you now have knowledge which you at the moment can't see but after looking again into the light book you will know better.'

'What about Kallo? Why didn't he just prevent us from stopping Dyon 17 from destroying Relmar, he must have had the technology.'

'It is conceivable he already had knowledge about Relmar but we think he has other plans for the deadly material.'

'You mean more deadly than the destruction of one hundred and twenty-billion people?'

'If he has access to a place where we cannot as yet go he could do catastrophic damage.'

'Why can't you travel there in the dream worlds and find out.'

'Although we can travel up and down the time scales on all levels, we can't as yet access Junction 43 at Far-Station.'

'Why don't you get together with the local people from the different planets that were invaded and take back the planets?'

'We are not allowed to meddle in other planetary problems.'

'Is that not what we are doing at Far-Station?'

‘The difference is that now Galactic systems are at stake, we must retrieve the container without Kallo suspecting.’

‘One more thing,’ I said, ‘how could Kallo kill me while I had the light suit on?’

‘That is another thing we don’t as yet know,’

Reality was starting to sink in now. They want me to dream travel to the border of Far-Station then to an astral planet nearby known as Terick 3; then on the equivalent physical planet wake up in a light suit.

‘No.’ Grenwer said, ‘we have already cloned your old body but we don’t have use for it on this particular mission. Please, we have little time left.’ I wondered what he meant, but I soon realized I was in for a pretty big shock.

Chapter 8-Briefing

‘Just look into the book as you did before.’

After the learning session I felt different.

‘You have only been given a fraction of what you had before.’

‘How am I going to be able to do anything like this?’

‘You know the language of the area you also know enough to survive in the physical, you have also had numerous past lives as a warrior and so have the necessary skills we need, that, plus the training you got from the light book will help you if you get into trouble.’

‘What do you mean survive?’

‘You won’t have the protection of the light suit.’

‘My God, how do you expect me to survive on a world like that with just my old body?’

As I said before, you won’t have your old body. We did use your DNA but the body you are about to get is one of the strongest in the physical Universe. You won’t look as you once did, you will have the appearance of the people know as the Tourgens.’ The information was now starting to seep through to my mind.

The Tourgen, a bestial civilization nearly wiped out through its own in-fighting.

‘Don’t you think this character might be a little too grumpy for this mission?’

‘That is the point; no one will suspect a strategy like this.’

‘He could be right, who would suspect a character bent on self-destruction to attempt to save the Galaxy!’

‘Dan, please understand, whatever happens, you will be all right. If you die you will come back to the astral base. In the meantime you will be able to travel to the third sub world of the astral plane. You now already know who you will meet don’t you?’

I did and I couldn’t wait.

Grenwer said ‘Be sure you don’t give out too much information, Just rest and be with your loved ones for a while.’

Chapter 9-I meet my dead family

OK, time for another lesson: As students you know you can travel anywhere in time and space. Soul is unlimited in dreams and in meditation, so just relax and enjoy.

Please upload your thoughts again as they are very important to the Guardian database, in fact they are the database! Oh, and if you manage to come across the Fetid-black-creeping-plant-lizard please let us know where it is as someone has managed to let it escape from the third lower sub level. We get this all the time. People think it is funny to acquire these exotic creatures then

transport them to other levels but it is no joke. OK, back to reality. I knew exactly where to go. Being dead was just like lucid dreaming, just think about a place and you're there, but the feeling of total excitement was nearly too much to handle. I Knew I couldn't tell them anything of what I was about to do at Far-Station.

The street where they lived was just an old Row of terraced houses in an ordinary town in the Northwest Of England. I looked around. Everything was the same, even the neighbors were the same, how could this be? I realized I Had a lot to learn about the dream worlds. My heart missed a beat as poppy our old dog came bounding over and jumped into my arms, she had been dead twenty years! I couldn't help the tears. I looked up and Mum and Dad were standing there! I was overwhelmed for several minutes but as you know, time isn't the same as it is on the physical plane. (I lost my parents shortly before my wife and son. I don't want to go into it at the moment, so I will just leave it at that.) After the usual hugs and greetings we settled into a sort of uneasy conversation about the usual things which happen in everyday life on Earth. How would they react if I told them about the things that took place during my time as a Guardian! All I could do was play along and act as though I was still teaching and that everything was alright.

They obviously thought I was dreaming and didn't know I had died, but I Realized I couldn't tell them about it. Of course they knew about my wife and son dying. They said they visit regularly. My parents looked thirty years younger. I realized that was what usually happened on the inner worlds, we stay at the age we were comfortable with.

I couldn't wait to get to my house which was only within walking distance. I got up to leave as though it was just another short visit as indeed it was. I have been visiting them regularly in dreams, only now I can remember the whole experience. The feeling of elation and of knowing my parents were actually there was very special. I knew that whatever happened at Far-Station things would be alright. I walked as quickly as I could. Why am I walking? I thought. I could fly over, yes? No, I realized it might cause trouble, as some people here still think they are on the physical planet Earth and not the astral world. I rounded the corner of the Street where my grandparents once lived some forty years before when all at once they appeared at the door! My mum must have informed them I was walking by, God, why can't I just live here and forget the mayhem on the physical world, but then I realized that whatever happens on the physical worlds also happens on the inner worlds. I greeted my Grandparents as usual with hugs and laughter, everything was as I remember, warm and loving. They said things were the same; I thought, that's nice, things should be like that everywhere but of course they aren't. Things on the physical plane were always changing; in fact, the only thing on Earth you can rely on is change itself. I said goodbye. The feeling I experienced as I walked to my house was mixture of excitement and apprehension, what if I didn't want to leave? What am I saying! I have been visiting this place regularly in my dreams haven't I? One thing I did know was I had to keep the visit short for now, my mental state wasn't in the best condition, I had to concentrate on the enormous task at Far- Station! I arrived at my house; my wife was already standing at the door, the first thing she said was, 'I know you have died but they wouldn't give me any more information. I also know you have to do something of great importance in the physical world before we can properly live here together as a family. What does it all mean, Dan?'

My head was in a mess. I was torn between the elation of meeting my deceased wife, and I was about to be reborn as a war-like alien. I also had the job of saving the Universe!

I said, 'Please don't worry, whatever happens we will always be together. Let us just go in and enjoy the day.' The good thing is that a day on the astral plane could be like a week on the

physical world, so we had ample time to enjoy each other as a family. John, my son, was the same as ever, always in some sort of trouble. He said when are you coming back, Dad?' I replied 'I will be back as often as I can; I have some important work to do in another area.'

All too soon, I had a nudge from Grenwer to go back to the sub plane base for another briefing.

Chapter 10-Preparing to be cloned

Back at the sub plane base I was feeling less and less confident. How could I handle this? Grenwer knew what I was feeling. He said, 'You cannot be given too much information otherwise they will know. You will be scanned as you go through the junction any higher readings of consciousness will be found. We can give you such things as language and defense training but not much else.' I thought, just great!

'What if I'm killed again?'

'You would of course come back here; we have a contact for you to meet at a place called area 96. She is a special agent who has been working at Junction 43 for some years, she is a Trainee-Guardian called Reesas. She cannot show up on there're monitoring systems. You will have to be very careful.'

'What will she look like?'

'She has the body of a Tourgen like you will have.'

'Why can't she do the job then?'

I already knew I had said the wrong thing and he knew that.

He also knew I was under a lot of pressure so he didn't react to it.

'I'm sorry,' I said.

'Come, let us go to the cloning room, you have to be cloned before you can look into the light book this time.'

The room was clear apart from a table and a large glass dome over it I could see the huge body of the alien I was going to inhabit under the glass. I knew there was also a physical body of the same alien on the physical world planet which I would transfer to later. I would be able to use this spiritual body to accustom myself before actually waking up in the physical.

For any students who are finding these changes of worlds and changes of consciousness hard to get used to, please ask the inner guide or the spiritual guide for advice.

'Lie down on the table and relax.'

I simply slid into the Tourgens body. The feeling I had when I became conscious was of raw power. I was wearing a one piece suit of a material I wasn't familiar with. I started to feel angry! I had the urge to smash anything that wasn't agreeable to me. Grenwer said, 'Don't fight the aggression; let it come but control it.'

I was able to see what I looked like through a mirror. I was looking at a body of human appearance but with striped skin like a tiger which was red and black. I was 8 foot tall and about 45 stone with teeth that could bite through chain mail and nails that could rip apart any animal on Earth, but of course I wasn't going to be on Earth. The feeling of aggression was getting stronger and it was strangely tempting to smash everything in the room to pieces, Grenwer knew this but just stood there like a ... Well, like a Guardian. He knew it was better for me to get this aggression out now in the spiritual rather than at Junction 43.

'You will be known as Cloft, a criminal from Deanna 12; a planet which is a temporary home for the Tourgens, it is not far from Far-Station.

It is time to look into the light book, it will give you any info you need such as language and customs.

‘Wait a minute! Do you mean to tell me I will be a criminal? What about the job of getting into the location to free Sionn, also how will I meet the special agent?’

‘She is called Reeas.’

I felt the anger starting to come out. Grenwer knew this and said ‘Dan, you will not only be given enough data, but you have also been given special powers. The body you are in will be able to withstand more than enough harm; it has triple the strength of a normal Tourgen body, the only life form you will have to avoid trouble with are the security people and a life form known as the Bourin. They are what I can only describe as what were Trolls in the children’s books of old; they are extremely hard to hurt and are about fifteen-foot tall with enormous strength!

‘Is there anything else I should know or should I simply ask to get killed as soon as I step into the entrance!’

‘You will feel different later. Please look into the light book.’

The feeling was of calm, then of confidence and then extreme confidence.

Grenwer was right; I did feel different, extremely different. I felt like I could challenge anybody or anything. The feeling of strength was overpowering. I simply had to test myself and Grenwer knew it, which is why he insisted on me transferring into the body on the astral plane first.

‘Come with me,’ he said.

I knew I had been given skills such as self-defense and weapon training, not that I needed any weapons.

Grenwer said, ‘Try lifting this weight.’

It was a normal barbell but with about half-a-ton of weights on it, I already knew I could lift it, not only that, I could throw it through the wall twenty-feet away.

‘Dan, don’t think you can’t be hurt when you transfer to the physical world, there will be beings there that know you are strong but they could still kill you with a number of things, so we will attempt to heighten your sense of E.S.P (extra-sensory-perception) with a mental probe. Please sit down and be still, try to be calm and receptive.’

All I could think about was my wife and son waiting for me, I wonder what they would think if they could see me now! A metal hat shaped object was lowered on to my head with wires coming out of it.

‘Why couldn’t I just look into the light book to get this ability!’

‘It would not increase your higher mental abilities, such as E.S.P’

The feeling was of calm and then of knowing, I knew exactly where Grenwer was even though I couldn’t see him.

‘The senses you have won’t be as great as they are here on the astral world but they will be good enough to know if someone was trying to injure you. You can sleep and transfer to the Terick 3; it is the physical planet that is nearby Far-Station. Be calm and rest. I will be there when you wake up.’

Chapter 11-Terick 3

I woke up in a place exactly the same as the one on the astral world! Grenwer was there. ‘Am I on the Physical or the Astral?’ I said, ‘You are now in the physical body of a Tourgen!’ I arose from the table and walked around the room, I looked at myself through a mirror although I didn’t

need clothes as the private parts of tourgens are hidden inside the body for protection. My skin was thick enough to stop a knife-attack by humans but was still vulnerable, Grenwer advised me to put on a protective suit that was widely used on Terick.³, it could repel most weapons but not the blasters which the security-forces used, although they usually used the stun weapon first. (It was the same gun but on a different setting.) The population has weapons of all kinds such as blasters. Another thing to watch out for are the Ancrons, they are a dog-like creature who are and very dangerous, they can kill most beings with ease.

‘How big are they?’ I asked.

‘They look like Hyenas but are twice as big.’

‘Why don’t they get rid of these things?’

‘The government doesn’t care as these types of creature do them a favor by creating fear.’

‘How do I protect myself from them?’

‘They know they will get respect if they kill something bigger and stronger than themselves but don’t worry about them as they are in a special isolated area.’

‘So the government, such as it is, doesn’t bother about getting rid of these creatures as they are keeping down the evil population, and creating fear. Is there anything else I should know about?’

‘There is one other very dangerous creature called the Vennam, but you won’t need to worry about them as they are also isolated in a special area. There are other animals but not many, as most have been killed by other life-forms which have been brought here by aliens.

‘What about Karma?’

‘Yes, you will have to kill other life-forms, but your Karma will be balanced out by helping to save numerous galaxies from destruction.’

‘Do you really believe that could happen?’

‘Kallo had the container with enough material to destroy whatever world it came into contact with or galaxy, once it spreads there is no telling where it would go and no stopping it, once it is set free and expanded through fabrication machines that will be the beginning of the end. It is my belief that Kallo will try to use his influence in the Far-Station worlds to transport the deadly material to most, or all of the higher conscious planets. I think he wants to make himself Ruler of the known Universe!’ ‘What about the astral-worlds, they will still exist won’t they?’

‘How can they? Without the physical worlds the spiritual worlds have no function.’

‘Couldn’t they transfer to another Plane of existence?’

‘If Kallo destroyed most of the higher physical planets, souls on the inner-planes would not be able to reincarnate fast enough.’

I thought about Elaine and John and how life used to be so simple.

I couldn’t get it through my ugly tiger striped head that the future of the Universe depended on me.

‘You must get to Sionn! Only he can tell us when Kallo will strike. You have the abilities you have the power and you have the knowledge but don’t let that be your downfall. You will have to act stupid and aggressive most of the time, as Tourgen’s do. You also have exceptional eyesight which may help you locate Sionn. When you do find him he will know what to do as you have been given information he will need.

‘Do you mean the mind probe?’

‘Yes, he will touch you behind the head and retrieve it.

You know, Dan, he isn’t in his light suit and he will be in another body.’

‘What? How will I know him?’

Of course I shouldn't have said that, I would know him by thought wouldn't I?'

'Yes, he will lead you but you have to concentrate, you haven't got your sense of higher-consciousness as you had before, so be aware. You will be transferred onto a prison ship where you...'

'Hold on a minute! What do you mean a prison ship?'

'Yes, we have to make it seem as though you are a dangerous convict.'

'How will be able to find Sionn if I'm in a prison cell?'

'You are only convicted of a relatively minor law.'

'What's that killing thirty Ancrons?'

'No, you are accused of smashing up a government official's house on Jennan 4, a planet within a short light-distance of Far-Station.'

'Wait a minute, how come I did this if I've only been in existence a short time.'

'We managed to acquire the body shortly after the crime and secrete it here to Terick 3 where we cloned another body. This is the one which you now have. The other body is in suspension at the moment.'

'Well, this body is now very hungry! I hope I can get the mission over quickly as I suspect this body uses a lot of calories.' Grenwer doesn't usually laugh I knew that, but even he had to smile.

Chapter 12-Far-Station

'Please, Dan, be very careful and believe you will succeed.'

'Please sit down.'

He looked into my eyes. Then holding my head with his two hands he then closed his eyes. I knew he was trying to give me some sort of protection. Over the last few days and I suppose it has only been a few days although with travelling to Andromeda galaxy who knows what time it is? All I know is I have grown very fond of these 'Defenders of the Universe.'

You will be taken to a holding place while they access your crime and punishment,'

'What do you mean my punishment?'

'It will only be a flogging or something minor like being left chained to a scaffold while the locals throw stuff at you.'

'What stuff?'

'It is usually excrement or rubbish. Please don't resist or you will be given a harsher punishment.'

'Will I be wearing my protective suit?'

'No, you will be naked,'

'Thanks a lot.'

'You will be perfectly alright as long as they don't throw anything harmful.'

'What about the Ancrons?'

'Don't worry they won't be allowed to come near. Don't forget to act animalistic and stupid. We have monitored the entire area through our agents and no one suspects anything. We believe Kallo is near but we don't know where, he must have technology that is highly prized or a very good cloaking system.'

'What if Kallo has, like you say, higher technology, surely he would catch on to this scam of ours!'

'No, I told you, he has gone beyond the lower states of consciousness, he won't know.'

'I hope you are right.'

‘There is a hotel near to the place where you will be punished; it is called ‘The Dead Tourgen.’

‘What?’

‘Yes, one of the ancestors of the body you are in went berserk and killed many people some decades ago. He was killed by the Bourin, so they thought, but he wasn’t dead. He got up and slew many more.’

‘So the locals might be a little against Tourgens’ I said.

‘One more thing, be sure you don’t over stretch yourself physically, as your strength is more than your body can take; you might pull your arms out of their sockets.’

‘Why didn’t you just let me go in there as a human-being?’

‘You wouldn’t have lasted more than a day. The Bourin are vicious, they won’t give you any chance to negotiate or any form of agreement.’

‘What about a weapon, surely I need something to protect myself.’

‘Reeas will have some; there will be many such things available there,’

‘One more thing,’ I said, ‘how do I get to area 96?’

‘You will have to go by the road; it is not very good as the whole system isn’t repaired very often, also the population like to stage death games. They ride up to other road users and try to smash them with anything they can use as a weapon apart from guns, that is thought to be cowardly.’

‘Oh, no, not more lunacy,’

‘Just be aware of it. You will also have to acquire transport. Motor tricycles are large and powerful and built to withstand a lot of hard use, You won’t need any sort of license for the transport, things like that are not needed as people don’t matter, they are left to get rid of each other in any way they can. Area 96 is some three-hundred miles from the hotel, when you get there make your way to the local park where you will meet Reeas at 1,300 hours on the seven-hundred and fourth day. Today is the seven-hundred and second day.’

‘What month would that be?’

‘There are no months at Far-Station, the days are just days. There are one thousand days in a time span, so they just say seven-o-four or seven-o-five.’

‘What about the seasons?’

‘There are no seasons.’

My God, I thought, let me get away from this place as soon as I can.

I knew I was going to be in for a very rough time. I just hope I can stand up to it. No wonder Kallo picked this place to hide out. No one in their right minds would come anywhere near it. I knew Grenwer hadn’t told me everything about the evils in this place as it might over load my mind with panic. All I could do was trust in Grenwer and Sionn. I knew he was still in existence and waiting to unlock the secret in my mind. I just had to go through Hell to get to him.

From now on Grenwer had to stay behind. I was led by more than thirty guards who were requested by radio. We left the holding area. The security people were dressed in some sort of protective-suit and were very muscular, maybe they are clones, in fact, I’m sure they are. They could, I’m sure, beat the tar out of most people but I knew I could kill the lot of them quite easily. I was wearing restraints around my wrists and ankles, I knew I could break these if I wanted to, but as Grenwer said, I might injure myself. Just take it easy, Dan, or Cloft buddy. I thought, use the yoga technique you used years ago, deep breathing, and mental contemplation. So, they were going to lash you and throw some crap at you, so what, I knew I could break free but that would ruin everything.

We reached the boarding place for the shuttle to Far-Station. There was an assortment of people or beings who I would be hard pressed to even dream of. There was such a difference in body type. There are many human type people with differences in facial appearance and in size but I was the only Tourgen. I was also the largest although not the tallest and I knew, as they did, that I was the most feared. As you students know by now, my face was enough to put anybody off, with my red and yellow streaked eyeballs which could turn to gold when I get angry, and my two inch molars, anyone would be put off. We had our own shuttle. I don't suppose people wanted to travel with a large beast type man who looked like a cross between an eight foot tiger-werewolf. I noticed a lot of the people waiting were also in custody with security guards; maybe some had hired security to guard them. One thing was sure; the job of security guard would always be needed here. We entered the shuttle. I was told to sit down on a seat which wasn't big enough for me, the head guard with his arm band which read captain seemed to take a liking to my discomfort but would not make eye contact with me, in fact, not one of the guards would. I could sense their fear, their hands were near their blasters, and some were already holding them. We lifted off and slotted into the air route to Junction-43. The trip would only take a short time as Terick-3 was in the same solar system as Far-Station.

Now I know what you students out there are saying: what are you doing? How can you hope to find someone who is in a maximum-security fortress, and you don't even know what he looks like. You are in the body of a large beast type man, and you are going to get flogged into the bargain, oh, and there are thirty five armed guards restraining you. All I can say is I trust Sionn and Grenwer and I have to do my best. I am a Trainee-Guardian, and as such, I work for the universal good, like you do, my friends.

Chapter 13-Death penalty

'OK big guy, this is the end of your journey and probably your life!'

'What' I said.

'Yeah, you will be lucky to survive the flogging by the Bourin executioner, he uses a chain to lash the hell out of you, Ha, you poor ugly bastard.'

I got to my feet in an instant. The reaction was instantaneous panic. I got hit by three blasters set on stun; I went down like a ton of bricks in an enormous sack.

I woke up in the astral world; in fact I was in my own bed with my wife stroking my brow.

'Don't worry, you will survive the attack, please trust in the Guardians.' I looked around and there was my son staring at me. 'You can do anything, Dad, you're like a superhero but just for now act like a super softie and it will save your life!' I woke up with a throbbing headache, and a lack of use in my left arm and leg.

'You're not so big now, eh, fella.'

I knew I had to act stupid and weak. I lay there looking at them with my cat type eyes even that made them uneasy. I could sense the feeling coming back into my limbs, also I knew it had made me even more stronger, I don't know what had happened but I knew I had to be careful of injuring myself. I was far too strong even for this body. I had enough strength to squash a steel plate with my two fingers but it would also squash my bones.

'Out!'

It was the chief guard. I pretended to limp out of the shuttle but in reality I could have jumped fifty yards if I had wanted to, and I wanted to. I wanted to smash everything in a mile radius.

'In,' shouted the same guard. An open top vehicle with a cage around it was parked nearby. I got in but I had to squeeze into it I felt claustrophobic I never liked to be in small places when I was a teacher so I guess the fear stems from there. The other guards got into a large bus type vehicle nearby while two more sat at the front of my vehicle. The panic was now setting in, I felt like smashing the cage to pieces which I could have done with ease but the guards would have killed me. I had to squat down and hold myself in check. Just a short time and I would be free. It took an agonizing three hours to get to the place of punishment. It was a large courtyard with a surrounding wall and a tall steel fence with ugly spikes on top. There were cages all over the place, they were stacked outside and inside with a collection of life forms in them; some were obviously dead, some had been there a long time and were stinking!

What the Hell have I let myself in for? All I could think of was my son saying you're like a superhero dad! When I came out of my nice day dream I noticed prehistoric birdlike creatures pecking at the corpses in the cages also rats as big as cats running about between the bars. They sure are a successful species; I suppose you couldn't really improve on them no matter what planet you're on. What am I thinking! I have to get myself together.

"Hey, you, Tourgen, you are to be dealt with right away as we don't want the risk of you escaping, you are to be flogged by chain until dead. The execution will be long and painful"

'Wait a minute!' I shouted, it is supposed to be a punishment and then I'm to be freed!

'No' shouted the guard. The order has just come through, you are too dangerous.

My mind was in uproar, why didn't Grenwer know? Or is this some sort of plan. Was I deliberately not told? I now had to think of some way to get out of this hell hole.

Right, I thought, they think I'm stupid and easily killed, well I'll show them, and to hell with the karma.

'Out,' shouted the guard.

I squeezed myself out of the cage bending the metal bars of the door doing it. I could see about twenty guards of different shapes and sizes standing about.

'Move,' the head guard said. I could see the executioner about fifty yards away standing on a sort of scaffold in the middle of the area. I noticed people were gathering on seats that were being placed around the area. Surely that can't be for me?

'You're the star of the show today,' said the chief guard. 'Whenever a Tourgen gets flogged, it's a special occasion.'

I could see there were dozens of different alien types of people, most were cruel looking but all were humanoid in appearance. The guard said 'They know it will take ages and be cruel. That is what the people want and so we won't disappoint them, will we!' As we approached the scaffold I could see the executioner was a large troll-like creature known as the Bourin. He was about fifteen foot tall and about sixty stone. If I stood a chance it had to be before he struck with the chain.

'Get on the scaffold,' the head guard said. I started to climb up. The Bourin said 'I'm going to enjoy this.'

The smell coming from his mouth was terrible, worse than anything on Earth!

'I'm going to cut you down to the bone first and then I'll start to smash your face. I know it will take a long time that is why I like to execute Tourgens, It gives me a good workout.'

He fastened me into a metal loop in the floor of the scaffold. I noticed there was no cage around the scaffold, maybe they thought there was no place to run to or simply that there were too many guards, another thing I noticed was that most of the guards had their weapons holstered.

‘If you believe in any sort of God, now is the time to pray,’ the security chief said. In fact I did pray a little, for them!

As I knelt down I grasped the chains that were around my wrists, I knew I could break them easily, the question was would I be quick enough to stop the guards. The Bourin said, ‘Right, man-beast I will cut your suit off first, and then I’m going to start.’ As he took out a large knife from his belt, I pulled at the chains; they broke easily, with one swoop I brought the chains and the metal loop around hitting the Troll in the face killing him instantly, I then broke the chains around my ankles. In the next instant with speed that even stunned me, I jumped down and onto two of the guards, one being the head guard, smashing their heads together and killing them. I then grabbed one of their weapons. The other guards were staring in stunned silence, I didn’t have time to look whether it was on stun or kill, I just fired, luckily for them it was on stun, they were out before they could think, I looked around, there was panic everywhere. I scanned the area for any more guards, but they must have got the message, all I could think of was escape, I looked for an exit, I noticed a figure on the wall above the area waving to me, I at once knew it was Reeas the female Tourgen, I ran as fast as I could and jumped the twenty foot wall easily. ‘Come,’ she said. I knew if I was a Tourgen, and I suppose I am, I could love someone like Reeas, she was unusually attractive for a beast-woman but I suppose it was the beast in me coming out, she said she had a transport a short distance away, she also said we couldn’t go to the hotel as the security people would be there once they found out about the incident. I said, ‘How did you know I would be given the death-penalty.’ she said she had contacts in high places. I thought, thank God, or rather Sionn!’

Chapter 14-The Caves of Vennam

We arrived at the transport which was a motor tricycle, ‘You’ve hurt your arm,’ Reeas said.

‘Grenwer said I was too strong for this body, but it did the trick, never mind, we’ll take care of it later.’ She got on the bike and I sat behind her, I said, ‘are you sure this thing can carry us?’

‘Don’t worry, but we might have to worry about being chased, we’ll stand out like--.’

‘Like couple of beast people on a trike,’ I said. She looked at me; I could see she was fascinated by this beast that was able to converse in an intelligent way, which must have been unusual, but it was also the same for me.

We set off at speed. Reeas said, ‘We will have to dump the trike and get another transport, one which we would be able to hide in.’

Reeas said, ‘We will park up and look around for suitable shelter.’

‘I notice there aren’t any other road users on this part of the highway,’

‘No, I deliberately brought us here; it is a forbidden place,’

‘What do you mean?’

‘It is the dwelling place of the Vennam.’

‘That doesn’t sound good, I was informed of them earlier they supposed to be in an isolated area!’

‘Yes, but the security forces would not come in here!’

‘OK,’ I said, ‘but what are the Vennam exactly?’

They are an alien race who can kill most beings with one touch.’

‘Oh, great’ I said! ‘How the hell do they manage to exist with other life forms?’

‘Don’t worry, they won’t come near us, they are afraid of us.’

‘Have you actually seen one?’

‘No, but I know what they look like, they are half-man and half-snake, the bottom half is snake,’

‘You mean they have no legs?’

‘Yes’ and their skin is dark blue in color, also they are naked.’

Please, God, help us to get through this I thought to myself.

We rode for about two hours through a countryside that was desolate featureless. Reeas then said. ‘Let’s make for a cave and hide out for a while.’ We hid the trike in undergrowth. Reeas took out a rucksack from the carrier which contained food and provisions. We then made our way to a mountain range to the Northwest. I asked her why we hadn’t seen any aircraft, she said, ‘they are banned, anything which is too technological isn’t allowed, apart from blasters.’

‘I suppose that’s lucky for us then?’

‘Yes, although they will still be looking for us, they also know there are two of us. It was now getting dark, I noticed that my eyesight was starting to improve, just like a cat; I could also see the Ancon’s stalking us.

‘Do you see what I see?’ I said to Reeas.

‘Yes. They won’t try anything yet, they know we can kill them quite easily, they will wait till later.’

We reached the Caves-of-Vennam. There were many caves, also many holes in the ground, some were very big and others were quite small. These holes were dotted all over the landscape as far as the eye could see. I didn’t like the idea that there could be Vennam waiting down there. I said to Reeas these holes are probably interconnected. She said, ‘Yes, but we have to take a chance. We picked a cave and went in. I said, ‘Are you sure the Vennam are afraid of us?’ Reeas emptied the rucksack and looked at me. ‘Wouldn’t you be afraid of you?’ she said, smiling. There was food and water, medicine, also a knife, rope, bandages, a hacksaw and a blaster! I said, ‘Well done, Reeas. Why didn’t I keep hold of the blaster which I had at the area where I was to be executed!’

‘You know you can’t use the blaster on the Vennam, don’t you?’

‘Yes, I assumed so.’ I said. Reeas was smiling again.

‘Hold still and I will cut these chains off you.’

‘No need.’ I said, I then took hold of the chains and simply pulled, they broke easily.

‘I might have difficulty getting the manacles off though?’

I could hurt myself; I am much too strong for this body.’

I was now pulling the links off one by one; Reeas said you don’t need to impress me I know how strong you are; hold still I will cut the manacles off.’ I was now feeling a little silly.

‘Sorry.’ I said, ‘I’m still in awe of this body,’

‘I know, they are very impressive, and the constitution of it is very robust,’

‘You mean they are easy to look after.’

‘Yes, also they don’t need much food or water.’

Once the manacles were off she gently rubbed some ointment into my wounds and put a bandage on them. I was really getting to like Reeas!

‘What is our plan now, Reeas?’

‘We will wait till the early hours then make our way to the transport stop at ‘Quarter-Point,’ then we will break into a large truck and steal it.’

‘Wow, I said, it sounds easy.’

‘I hope it will be. We had better get some rest for a few hours. I will take the first watch,’

‘No, let me, I don’t really need rest.’

‘What do you mean you don’t need rest?’

‘They gave me some sort of boost before I went into the body!’

‘Dan, I must say you were really something to see back there!’

‘Thanks, but I think most of it was due to this body which is awesome, I feel I could take on anything.’ Reas was now smiling at me.

‘We might have to before we are done.’

‘As long as I have you, I know I could do anything.’

‘What were you before you came here, Dan?’

‘Do you mean before I became a man-beast.’

‘Yes.’

‘I was a teacher on a planet called Earth.’

‘What did you teach?’

‘History, but all that pales into insignificance compared to what has happened since.’

‘What about you? Where do you come from?’

‘A planet called Erinon 5. It is in a triangle of Galaxies known as Zeta3. 1,500 light years away from here; our people are highly developed technologically.’

‘What are you doing here then?’

‘I am a Trainee-Guardian like you.’

‘What is your original physical form?’

‘I am human as you are.’

‘How much do you know about me?’

‘Not a lot, as yet, but that is probably for security reasons.

I have been here quite a while so it was quite easy to develop my higher consciousness without the security forces knowing. They only monitor people coming in to Far-Station; they also don’t expect a Tourgen to have higher learning.’

‘You mean you didn’t look into the light book!’

‘No, I’m self-taught, also they can’t monitor me.’

‘That’s incredible! You’re the perfect spy. What did you do before you became a Tourgen?’

‘I was a physicist.’

‘What makes you stay here?’

‘I want to do all I can to improve life here.’

‘Very commendable, but it’s like hell.’

‘Yes, but there are people here who deserve better and I can always dream travel, in fact, if you will keep guard I will report to Grenwer on the astral plane,’

‘OK, but please don’t be too long, this place gives me the creeps.’

‘OK, I will be as quick as I can.’

She went to a corner of the cave and settled down to sleep.

All I could do was look out at the wasteland that was Far-Station. The sky was deep red making the mountains in the distance look very menacing. The first sign that something was wrong was when I heard a sort of movement in the grass, and then I saw something looking back at me from about twenty yards away, It was sort of sitting up but way too tall for a normal man, and then I saw it. It was on its tail! A Vennam! Without waiting it started to race over to me.

‘Where’s that blaster,’ I shouted. ‘Oh, God, no, I can’t use it.’ Before I could think, the creature was nearly on me, all I could grab was the chain that used to be on my wrists. As the Vennam came into touching distance I side stepped it then hit it behind the head with the chain and manacle. It was dead before it hit the cave wall. Reas was now up and had the blaster

pointed just in case. 'I thought we couldn't use the blaster.' I said? Reeas looked at me. 'I have it set on stun but I doubt it would have worked on it. Maybe we should move on.'

'I thought you said they were scared of us?'

'They are supposed to be. Make very sure you don't touch any part of it. Let's go.'

'Did you manage to reach Grenwer?'

'No, I didn't have the time.'

I couldn't resist looking at the creature on the cave floor, it was dark blue in color with a face like a large lizard, the skin was also oozing a thick liquid which was obviously poison.

We packed our stuff and carefully scanned the outside before we stepped out of the cave. Reeas had the blaster ready just in case.

'I'm sure glad you weren't asleep, Dan.'

'And I'm sure glad you're here Reeas. You know, Reeas; the name of this body is Cloft, don't you?'

'I like Dan, better.'

Chapter 15-Quarter-Point

It was still dark as we made our way to Quarter-Point. My senses were tingling, but I couldn't see anything that was aggressive. The animal life had been more or less eliminated by the Ancrons, and the Vennam. I thought we had been fortunate not to meet any Ancrons, but sods law; there they were, about 50 yards away.

I said, 'I thought they didn't hunt in packs.'

'Normally they don't, but I think they know who we are. You know they are consciously aware, don't you.'

'Yes, but are they intelligent?'

'No, of course not, but they can interact with each other, so we will have to be very careful. The stun feature won't work on these creatures, so we'll have to kill them, and we probably won't be able to get them all before they reach us.'

'You have the blaster, Reeas, and I will have the knife and chain.' Before I could get the words out, they were on us. We stood back-to-back as the first one reached us, I hit it with the chain and it fell dead. Reeas blasted two as they tried to grab her. The biggest one was eyeing me up as it backed away from the blaster, it lunged at me grabbing the chain, I brought the knife in under its jaw and it exited through its head. The other dogs started to back off having now seen the carnage. If ever I needed someone to watch my back it would be Reeas. The power of this body was truly awesome. I thought the light suit was something special and it is, in fact, the light suit was invulnerable but the feeling of power in this body was something extra! Reeas said, 'You really came through again, Dan.'

I said, 'and you, Reeas.'

'The Ancon's don't usually attack in numbers, but we saw them off!'

She touched my arm in a little gesture of affection. I smiled as best I could in this tiger like face.

With all the excitement going on, we didn't notice the ring of Vennam surrounding us, and behind them more Ancrons!

'There is no way we can get out of this Dan.'

Don't count us out yet, Reeas, just be still and wait till they come nearer. Which way is it to Quarter-Point?'

'Northwest.'

‘Right, I suppose we can’t shoot any Vennam?’

‘No, the poison might spread over us.’

‘OK, how are you at landing, Reeas?’

‘What?’

‘I’m going to jump us over this problem, I have enough strength to lift us about forty yards, but I don’t want you to get injured when we land.’

‘Don’t worry about that, I will take my chances.’

‘OK, I’ll wait till they get within about twenty-feet, then you climb onto my back, then I’ll jump. When we land turn around and blast as many Ancrons as you can.’

The Vennam were closing in, I could see the look on their faces they were devoid of any emotion.

‘Now,’ I said. Reeas climbed onto my back. I summoned all my power and jumped. I was surprised at the distance we travelled; it must have been a hundred and fifty-feet, Reeas jumped off before we landed and rolled over several times, luckily she was OK, I landed heavily but was also OK. The Ancrons were charging down on us fast. Reeas changed the setting on the blaster to spread and aimed low, she blew the legs off two Ancrons and wounded a third. The second largest dog managed to come at me from the side I grabbed it by the neck as it jumped and then I held it up for the others to see before I killed it. That was enough for them! The Vennam must have been impressed also, as they just stayed where they were.

‘I’m sure glad you brought that blaster, Reeas.’

‘And I’m glad you have the extra strength, let’s get out of here.’

We started to run, and I must admit, we could go pretty fast, there wasn’t much cover from the landscape, most of the land was desert and the occasional bush.

‘How are we going to get near Quarter-Point?’ I said.

‘We will find a place to hide out till night, and then break through the barrier and find a transport.’

After travelling about twelve miles, we came to some roughly built houses near the perimeter of Quarter-Point, we couldn’t risk checking them out till later, but we more or less knew they were abandoned as there was no one around, but we still had to be careful as we entered the first one.

Reeas said, ‘This used to be a village for travelling people years ago, but the Vennam and Ancrons drove them out.’

‘Why do the government put up with these evil beings?’

‘As long as the Vennam and Ancrons are isolated where they are, they are tolerated. The Vennam can’t be killed with blasters, and we know that they are immune to any known poison, the only thing that can kill them is direct contact, such as what you did to one of them, also the Ancrons can kill one or two now and then, and eat them, as they have developed a tolerance for them over the years. There is no actual government as such; it’s more of a Mob-State!’

‘Well, what do the Vennam live on?’

‘They don’t need to eat very often, they are like snakes in that respect, but when they do, they usually eat the weakest of their kind!’

‘You mean they cannibalize their own people?’

‘Yes.’

‘How can a race of beings like the Vennam evolve into any sort of intelligent civilization?’

‘You haven’t studied the other planets throughout the Universe have you?’

‘I haven’t had the time, as yet.’

'Believe me there are far worse creatures than the Vennam out there!

Please God, help us, I thought.

'Dan.'

'What.'

Reeas said, 'I didn't say anything!'

'No, I am up here,' the voice said.

I was so shocked I couldn't think. Reeas said 'What's wrong?'

'I heard a voice,' It said, 'up here.'

'I can't hear anything.'

'She can't hear me, just you!'

I could now see the owner of the voice, It was a small pixie like creature of about six inches in height with butterfly wings; it was sitting on one of the beams above us. Reeas could by now see it, and had the blaster at the ready.

'Please don't shoot! I am a friend.'

I told Reeas to lower the blaster.

I said, 'I can understand it.'

'Actually I'm a she; I'm called Deria.'

'Will someone tell me what's going on?' Reeas said.

'I can understand it; she says she is a friend, Please be patient, and I will find out what she wants.'

'How do you know my name?'

'I have a message from Sionn!'

I was stunned!

Reeas said, 'All I can hear is squeaking.'

'Deria said, 'You have the ability to understand me, Dan, you were chosen to look into the light book.'

Reeas will begin understand me in a short while.'

'Yes, now I understand, Sionn said I would be able to understand other life forms. Where do you come from?'

'Our planet is Sandora in the Galaxy of Sauteir. We were over-run by a cruel race of people known as the Cryons; they looked on us as pets, and transported us throughout the Universe.'

I couldn't get it through my brain what I was hearing from Deria. She said that Sionn was being held prisoner at the high security complex of Black-Wall in area eighteen at junction 50! When I told Reeas the info, even she looked stunned.

'How are we supposed to get in there? It is the most secure jail at Far-Station?'

'OK,' I said, 'let's take a break; I want you to keep guard while I report back to Grenwer.'

'Please don't be long.' Reeas replied. I found a dry corner of the building and was surprised to find that I went to sleep quite easily. Immediately I was in the same room that we shared on the astral planet of Terick 3.

Grenwer was staring at me. He said, 'Did you meet Reeas?'

I told him the story so far. After careful consideration he said. 'We are almost certain that Kallo still does not know about our plan. You have the information in your mind that Sionn needs to capture Kallo, and Sionn has the information that Kallo needs to destroy the higher worlds! If you were to be captured everything would be lost!'

'Why do you say that?'

‘They would not use ordinary torture techniques on you, they would use mind probes of the cruelest kind, and that is probably what will be happening to Sionn right now!’

I was astonished. I said, ‘Why can’t Sionn just kill himself and escape back to the astral world!’

I knew I had put my foot in it again.

‘I’m sorry,’ I said, ‘I can’t think straight.’

‘You’re forgiven! You have been through a lot, and you have done well! Now is the time to act. When you get back go to the far right-hand corner of Quarter-Point; locate the building known as the Heavy-Mech section. you will have to break the door open, it is made of titanium and is reinforced but I know you will get through, once you are in ask Deria to get the key to the tunneling machine. Deria will also be your guide to the security complex where Sionn is being held.’

‘Do you mean we will tunnel right into the complex?’

‘Yes.’

‘Won’t they expect something like this?’

‘No, that is the thing; they will expect a more technological approach.’

‘Yes, but guiding a tunneling machine underground is I suppose technological, isn’t it?’

‘Yes, but we know they won’t be able to pick any signs up from Deria as she is too high in consciousness.’

‘What about Kallo? Will he not know?’

‘We believe Kallo has lost a large portion of his higher self through being at Far-Station, that is why we must act fast to save Sionn before he is lost.’ I didn’t want to say it but I did.

‘What if Sionn is lost?’

‘Then you will have to kill your selves or die fighting to get back here.’

Not much of a happy ending, I thought.

I woke up with a jolt. Reeas was on guard, and Deria was still sitting on the beam. I related my story to them.

‘We better wait till early morning so no one will be there, said Reeas.’

‘There is no time to wait, according to Grenwer we have to go now!’

‘OK, she said, but it’s risky.’

‘We’ll have to take a chance on that, I’m hoping that if we get away with it, they will think it’s only thieves.’

We ran across to the railings which I could see were strengthened as was everything at Far-Station. Reeas pulled at one railing and I pulled at the other, and we managed to make create a space big enough for us to get through. We didn’t want to risk jumping over as we might be seen.

‘The door won’t be that easy,’ Reeas said. I knew she was right. It was now dark, and there wasn’t anyone around. We had to be careful as we made our way to the Heavy-Mech section.

‘I will need some sort of tool to break open the door. Hold on a minute, what about the roof, maybe I could jump up there and break in.’ Deria said she would fly up and look. Within a minute she was back. No luck, she said, it’s heavy concrete. I’ll fly around and check out the area, and try to locate something for you to use. I said to Reeas,

‘We are lucky to have her.’

‘Yes, Dan, I just hope we can see it through to the end.’

‘If you are there I will be happy.’ I said. Reeas smiled.

Deria came back and said there was a metal bar some way off. Reesas said she would get it. I said, 'Be careful.'

Reesas said 'I can look after myself.' I said, 'Yes, but who will look after me?' She smiled again.

I looked at the door and thought these people might be lower beings, but they sure know how to build things to last. The whole building was made of heavy steel and concrete.

Reesas came back with a big crowbar and a piece of scaffold board. I placed the board on the floor put the bar on the board, then I shoved the bar under the door, I heaved, the door started to move a little, after about two minutes the door was starting to give. I said, 'Stand back.' I then took six paces back and ran putting my shoulder to the door it gave way with a thunderous noise.

'Quick, I said to Deria, go and get the keys while Reesas and I look for the machine.' All Deria had to do was fly between the bars of the office to get the keys which were labeled for each machine. There was no mistaking the tunneling machine as it was massive, with a corkscrew front. We had to climb up a ladder to get to the door; the machine was sitting on a giant truck. Deria was having trouble carrying the key as it was nearly as big as her, but she made it. We went inside the machine. Dear God, I thought, please make it start.

'Lock the door.' I shouted, as I ran to the front, I put the key in and turned it, and lo-and-behold it started. The controls were very basic, just a joystick, and pedals, also a depth-meter and warning lights such as air tanks, and fuel, I looked at the fuel, and again luck was with us, a full tank! I didn't know what type of fuel it was, but I wasn't concerned with that. 'Here we go.' I said, I pointed the joystick down the machine rumbled; I put my foot on the pedal, and it started to move, I couldn't see anything as there was no screen but we knew we were moving as the front of the corkscrew hit the concrete, I knew also part of the roof of the building was gone as the framework of the machine had risen up before we could slide down the ramp. I just hope the metal corkscrew could stand up to the concrete floor. By this time I thought the security forces must be on site.

'What about weapons I said, do they have blasters?'

'Yes' said Reesas, but they won't be effective against this machine.'

It was too late anyway, as we were free of the concrete and going down fast. Deria sat at the side of me, we must have looked a comical site as I was much too big for the chair and she was much too small.

Chapter 16-The yalton Realm

'How do they steer the thing.' I said.

Deria said they probably have a machine which guides it from the surface. 'Go left Dan, I don't know how long it will take, or how far we will have to go, said Deria, all I know is I am getting a signal from the left which is stronger.'

We all knew that the security forces couldn't follow us as the waste from the front of the machine was being thrown to the back. 'What about air I said?'

Reesas said, 'There is a notice here, it say's we can go for two-hours without oxygen then we have to surface, it also says the top speed is twenty-miles an hour!'

'I said, these people might be low in consciousness but they can make a machine like this which is way ahead of Earth's technology?' Reesas said,

'They haven't always been like that, this world was once highly technological, but was invaded by numerous aliens, so over time it became what it is now.'

After two hours I knew we would have to surface for air, but before we could do that, there was a big jolt and we came to a stop.

‘What’s wrong?’ I said.

Deria said, ‘It feels as though we are in the open.’

‘We can’t be the depth-meter says fifty-foot.’

‘Well, we will just have to look outside’ Reeas said.

‘Get the blaster’ I said, as I pushed on the door and opened it. I was amazed to find we were in a massive cave system!

‘It looks as though we are stuck,’ Reeas said. ‘We can’t go back as the corkscrew is sticking out at the front, and we can’t go forward as we are over a chasm.’

‘How did they get around a problem like this? I said.

‘Reeas said, maybe they had maps in the office or something.’

Deria said, ‘The signal is very strong now, we may be able to reach Black-Wall through the cave system.’ Deria then started to cling to my arm.

‘What’s wrong,’ I said.

‘There are other beings approaching.’

‘Step back from the door,’ I said, ‘we don’t know who these people are.’

The front of the tunneling machine was over a drop of about fifty feet, with the door just behind the corkscrew. We were safe enough, but we were trapped. I was trying to figure out how we could get out of this mess when a tiny voice shouted from below. ‘Are you Dan Sherman?’ I was astounded; all I could think of to say was ‘Yes.’ A crowd of small human like creatures were standing and looking up at us! They all started to shout in unison; ‘Please help us, please help us.’

‘Who are you?’ I shouted.

A person came forward and said, ‘We knew you would be coming this way, we have been waiting for you!’

‘How did you know about us?’

He said Sionn had contacted them through mind power!

I was shocked again; how could Sionn get himself trapped by Kallo with the immense knowledge and power he had. I was starting to worry that Kallo was stronger and more powerful than us, and that he was beyond our capabilities to detain, if he could take Sionn with such ease, what could we do?

‘Do you know where Sionn is?’ I said.

‘Yes, he is at Black wall.’

‘OK,’ I said, ‘let’s get down there and figure out a way to get to Black Wall from here.’

We scrambled down the rock face. The leader of the crowd said, ‘I am Fagil, I am the elder of my people here, we are called the Yalton.’

I asked him if there was any way to get to Black Wall from here. He said, ‘Yes, but we want you to help us first!’

I told him that time was of the essence and the whole balance of the Universe was at stake. ‘Yes,’ he said, ‘but the way to Black Wall was guarded by an Underground Devil!’

I thought this is going from bad to worse, what do they want of me? I am only one person!

Fagil replied, ‘I know you are feeling down at the moment, it is the consciousness of the planet that does that!’

‘What do you mean, I said?’

‘This used to be a highly evolved and spiritual place. We were on the verge of total mastery of the mind when we were invaded. Now we are nothing more than vermin to those on the surface. If you will help us get rid of the Underground Devil, we will help you to find Sionn, and then he will also help us to rid ourselves of the surface people once and for all.’

Wow, a pretty tall order, I thought.

‘OK,’ I said, ‘we will help.’

By now the group of people had grown, and I noticed the light in the cavern was getting brighter!

Fagil said, ‘I see you notice our light?’

‘Yes, it’s extraordinary.’

‘No. It is something that evolved many hundreds of years ago. We only need one thing to survive here on our planet, and that is food, which we dig out of the planet itself.’

‘That reminds me,’ I said, ‘I am hungry.’

One of the Yalton came over with a small bag; he reached in and pulled out a small lump of rock. ‘Eat this,’ he said.

I looked at it. I thought, is this for real? I took it, thanked him, and bit a piece off, it melted in my mouth, and I suddenly felt full!

‘This is our sustenance, Fagil said. Please, Reeas, take some, and Deria.

‘Our people are massing at the border of junction 50. This is the time of the Yalton.’

I said, ‘What do you mean?’

‘If we can get through the border and meet with our tribesmen we may be able to overthrow the evil forces on our planet.’

‘How are you going to do that?’ I said.

‘We will prevail with the help of our God-man.’

‘Oh, I said, and who is that?’

‘Sionn,’ he said!

Now it was starting to make sense. This was all part of Sionn’s plan to overthrow Kallo! He let himself be caught! But why didn’t he tell me? Was this all some sort of test for me? My mind was in a whirl, but my attention was on the Yalton, they all looked alike, but now as I studied them, I could faintly see their bones and inner organs through their skin! They had on garments that seemed to glow in the dark, but as I observed them I could see that the light was coming from within them. They also had large eyes. They reminded me of the classic alien type creatures that we had become accustomed to on TV, and in UFO stories back on Earth.

Fagil said, ‘We have been waiting a long time for this moment, if we can reunite with enough of our brothers we would be able to raise the consciousness of other beings at Far-Station, or rather, ‘Yalton,’ this is the original name of our planet.’

‘How come the surface people never tried to exterminate you from above?’ I said.

Fagil said, ‘They are low in consciousness and are afraid of coming down here; they look on us as ghosts, and they know they can’t use any sort of explosive device as it would ruin the planet.’

Deria said, ‘There are others of my kind on this planet, which will also respond to higher consciousness.’

I couldn’t help thinking how a relatively small number of weak creatures would be able to overcome the powerful forces at Far-Station!

‘Please let us be on our way,’ said Fagil.

‘Well,’ I said, ‘we shouldn’t have too much trouble from the Bourin, as we have the blaster!’

'No!' Shouted Fagil! 'You cannot use the blaster it would cause untold damage to the rocks!'

'How do you mean?' I said.

'The slightest contamination from a blaster would do untold damage to the planet!'

'Surely it must have been done before, with the different alien races which tried to dominate the planet.'

'Yes, but that was on the surface where the light doesn't affect the rocks. You will have to kill the Devil with your strength!'

'Well, I did kill the Bourin executioner at the start of our troubles, didn't I?'

'This won't be an ordinary Bourin, it is twice as strong, and cannot be killed with a blaster anyway.'

'OK, but I can use the knife' can't I?'

'Yes, but it probably won't help.'

'What's he made of, Rock?'

'No, but something nearly as tough, its bones are very strong, and the inner organs are protected by more bone. You will have to smash it with whatever you can lift!'

Great, I thought, the future of the Universe depends on two big beasts smashing the hell out of each other.

'How are we going to get there? We only have about half a day to reach Sionn, I said.'

'You have only ten hours!' He said.

'How far is it?' I said.

'Thirty miles, please follow me.'

When we got into the other shaft I was amazed to see well-constructed roadways with lamps set in the walls.

'The lights are for your convenience, will you be able to keep up when we start to move?'

I thought, is he joking, but I soon realized he wasn't. They set off and I could see that they were not touching the ground, but floating above it; they didn't even need to move their legs. I said to Reeas, 'Are you OK?'

'Yes, I'm just wondering what fate has in store for us, Dan.'

'As long as you are here, Reeas, I am OK.' She smiled again.

I estimated we were doing about ten miles per hour, so it would take us three hours to get to where we needed to be. After about two hours we came to a stop next to a big doorway off to the right. Fagil said, 'Please follow us in. I was amazed to see a giant cavern with ornate carvings and statues; it looked like a spiritual place. Fagil said, 'It was one of the centers of higher consciousness on the planet.'

I noticed that the walls were glowing slightly, and there was a faint humming noise coming from somewhere within the planet. The Yalton people were holding hands and standing in a large circle. I, Reeas and Deria were in the center. Fagil started to chant some words which I wasn't familiar with. I noticed that the walls were starting to glow! After five minutes the light was quite bright, and the noise was quite loud. The bodies of the Yalton people were also glowing, and I could see their hearts beating through their chests! The experience to me was of deep spirituality. I also felt confident and totally rested.

'We have given you what extra strength you will need to defeat the Bourin.' Fagil said.

'Thank you, I may need it!'

Fagil then went to a large stone door; he opened it with a little help from his brothers. He said, 'Please take out these weapons.' I went over and saw a collection of weapons which looked very old, one was a sword, and there was also a battle-axe and other things. I asked Reeas to hold the

sword, while I took the axe. It felt strong, and I felt strong, I just hope we were strong enough! I asked Reesas if she still had the knife in her rucksack, she said yes, I knew this knife to be extra strong as if made for someone my size, maybe it was. I then asked Fagil if he had any string, he went to another room and came back with a length of twine which I tied around the handle of the knife and then I slung it over my neck so that it hung down behind my back. 'OK,' I said, 'I'm ready!'

Now for you Students: yes, I can hardly believe I got this far myself! All I can say is I know I can get back to base even if I died so that in itself was a plus, the other thing is, I have very good help. Please don't forget to upload your thoughts to central database. We always appreciate your efforts. Onward!

Chapter 17-The Underground Devil

We started to move again and after a short while Fagil said, 'The hallway where the Bourin lives is five-hundred yards further up the roadway.'

I said, 'If we are lucky he will be asleep.'

'No,' Fagil said. 'He will smell us long before we come into view!'

'Yes, and I can smell him,' the stench is terrible. After another minute I could see it, it was a giant of about twenty foot tall and around three tons in weight. I could see a collection of weapons, and there was a small grotto or cave where it probably slept or ate.

'Why doesn't it come into your area?' I said.

Fagil said, 'The light drives it back!'

It was pacing about as though it knew something was about to happen. It grabbed a large club from the floor and came nearer. I told Reesas to stay clear unless I was about to get killed. She was holding the sword as though she knew how to use it, and she probably did.

'Right, I'm ready.' I said. Reesas said, 'Be careful.'

I walked nearer until I was about fifty yards away then I stopped. I looked around at the immediate area sizing everything up; I noticed there was a ledge at the rear of the Bourin about thirty feet above the wall. The creature was surprisingly agile, I noticed, it swayed from side to side moving the club from one hand to the other. I looked back and noticed the Yalton were in prayer again, they were standing in a ring holding hands.

I said a small prayer lifted up my axe and charged. I then slid on my side as I reached my opponent; I hit it in the leg with my axe. To my surprise it didn't fall, but tried to stamp on me. I got up quickly and swung my axe which hit the Bourin's club. My axe was now stuck in the club! I leaped back. Reesas had seen what had happened and came running. I shouted to her to get back but she didn't do as ordered; she swung the sword and hit the Devil on the side making a large gash. The Bourin stepped back took hold of the axe and pulled it out from the club. Reesas again swung the sword, but the Bourin also swung the club at the same time hitting Reesas, I didn't think anything of it, I knew Reesas was strong, but I underestimated the strength of the Bourin. Reesas lay still. I wanted to go over and help her, but I knew what I had to do. The Bourin now had both weapons. I ran while grabbing the knife from around my neck and jumped. I hit the Bourin in the eye with the knife and before he could react I jumped from his shoulder onto the ledge above. He looked up at me as the blood came gushing out of the wound. I looked over at Reesas and saw the Yalton had formed a ring around her and were praying. I knew she was badly hurt, and I wished she had stayed where she was but she is a warrior like me, and we are Tourgen. I looked down at the Bourin; there was no sign of emotion and no sign of fear, just hate

and evil. I held the knife in both hands and jumped. The knife went in its scull up to the hilt. Then it slowly toppled over and I jumped off as it hit the ground I could see it was already dead.

I ran over to Reesas. The Yalton were still praying but I could see she was dead. The Tourgen didn't feel much emotion but I did and I couldn't stop the tears. I thought to myself, maybe it was the first time a Tourgen had cried?

'My people will take Reesas back to our spiritual hall,' said Fagil. 'We will continue to pray for her, but we must hurry there is not much time left!'

'What's the point.' I said.

'The point is the Universe is at stake!' It was Sionn's voice!

'You heard Your Masters voice?' Fagil said.

'Yes!'

'You know what you must do now then?'

'Yes, but please give me a moment to reflect.'

'I'm sorry, Dan, but we must hurry we have to get through this door. This is the entrance to Junction 50. You will have to use all your strength!'

My mind was in a whirl. I felt anger, frustration, and sadness all in one. I couldn't do anything about the sadness, but I could take the other two out on the door! There were two massive boulders in front of it. Then a very large metal bar slotted into two metal plates, at each side of the door secured with the biggest padlock I had ever seen. Right, I thought, let me get the axe. I slotted the axe under the boulder and heaved, once I got it moving I simply rolled it away. I could see the Yalton were impressed. I did the same with the other one then I took the axe and smashed it down on the padlock. It broke into several pieces. Now all I had to do was simply lift off the metal bar. I noticed that the door only opened outward which was toward me and there was no handle!

'You will have to smash it,' said Fagil.

I didn't know how thick it was but knowing the people on Far- Station, I guessed it was pretty thick.

'OK,' I said, I grabbed the metal bar, and I ran at the door using the bar as a battering ram. There was an almighty bang but the door was still solid. This requires a great deal of force I thought. I then stood still and tried to focus my mind as in yoga. The Yalton were also praying in a circle as usual. After about five minutes I went over to the boulder and using all my strength I lifted it onto my shoulder, I then ran at the door and smashed into it. The noise must have been heard on the surface but I couldn't care less. The boulder was broken in pieces so I moved them away; I noticed the door was split slightly.

I could feel the power increasing in me! I was now more powerful than ever. It was as though the angrier I was, the more powerful I became. I ran over to the other boulder and lifted it easily. With one huge lungful of air I ran as fast as I could.

The noise was incredible! The door splintered into pieces, and I was thrown through to the other side, landing on my face. Luckily I hadn't hurt myself.

I looked up to see another large Bourin holding a very large club in one hand, and a chain in the other!

OK, my friend, I thought, if you want to play I'm your man.

It walked over to me. I wasn't even nervous this time, I knew I could take It quite easily. It swung the chain down from its right hand. I side stepped It with ease. Then I jumped onto its chest scratching both of its eyes out. It dropped the weapons and took hold of me around the back of the neck with its right hand. Then as It was about to hit me with its left hand I caught It

and bit one of its fingers off. Then I bit another one off, it let go of me. Now it was in panic! I walked over to the metal bar which used to secure the door and picked it up; I then walked casually over to the Bourin and smashed it down on its head. It fell dead. I looked over at the Yalton; they were ecstatic!

‘You have defeated the strongest being in this planetary system. Fagil said, ‘you are to be praised!’

The Yalton were now holding hands again and chanting. I thought, we haven’t got time for this but I must be patient. The other thing I thought about was Kallo; surely he must now know we are trying to break Sionn out. The Yalton stopped chanting! Then I heard a faint noise from the tunnel ahead. Then I saw a faint light. ‘My brothers are coming.’ said Fagil. The light was now beginning to get very bright; also the sound of humming was also calming beyond belief!

‘Reunion is at hand,’ Fagil shouted. ‘With the help of our heroes let us go forth and release our savior!’ I picked up the axe and Reas’s rucksack and followed.’

Chapter 18-Junction 50

I wanted to sleep and relay back to Grenwer what had occurred but there simply was no time!

‘Will we meet any more enemies?’ I said.

‘Probably, but they can’t have realized, as yet, about the enormity of what has happened, or there would be mayhem!’

By this time there are more and more Yalton coming to greet us. Before long there were more Yalton than the space would allow, so we had to stop and make our way to another large cavern room. This one was gigantic, bigger than a cathedral were more Yalton were waiting. The whole place was brighter than outside and my eyes were starting to hurt. Fagil said, ‘You will get used to it in a while; also we have only two hours to reach Sionn. We know he is still alive as we are still receiving his mental signals.’

I said, ‘Can you pick up anything relating to Kallo?’

‘No.’

‘Right,’ I said, ‘Where exactly is Sionn?’

‘He is being kept in a small dungeon type room which is heavily guarded but we cannot take the chance of storming it as it would take too long and Sionn would be lost before we could get to him.’

‘Oh, great,’ I said, ‘what are we going to do?’

‘There is a secret tunnel we made years ago that is right under his cell, in fact, there are tunnels under most of the cells as we had the foresight to hope that something like this would happen one day! All you have to do is climb the steps we made to the underside of his cell and break your way in. There are only a few feet of soil which is held up by scaffolding and then of course the cell floor. You will have to use your axe!’

‘OK,’ I said, ‘let’s get on with it.’

‘No,’ replied Fagil. ‘First, let us pray.’ I stood in the middle of the Yalton and cantered my thoughts. The light and sound was incredible. I felt I could take on an army!

‘When you break through you will have to be very quick to stop the guards coming in; also take the isolation leads off Sionn’s head!’

‘What?’ I said.

‘Sionn will be isolated. That means his consciousness will be put into an isolation vessel if we are not quick enough.’

‘Wait a minute,’ I said, ‘Do you mean Kallo has found a way to steal someone’s consciousness?’

‘Yes, and once he is in there Kallo could transfer him anywhere as his prisoner!’

Oh, this keeps getting worse, I thought!

‘Once you reach Sionn you will know if he is aware of you, and whether he is himself. Don’t forget the blaster, you will certainly need it!’

‘Wait a minute,’ I said, ‘there will have to be a change of plan.’

‘What?’ Fagil said.

‘You will just have to trust me. Is there a way to the central guardroom?’

‘Yes, but why do you ask?’

‘I have an overwhelming desire to go there!’

‘But that is the one place we don’t want to go to!’

‘Yes,’ I said, ‘and that is the last place they will expect us to go. Let us lose no more time.’

In less than half an hour we were underneath the guardroom. We had to be very quiet, as I knew Kallo was near, in fact, he was in the guardroom; I just knew it!

I said, ‘There is now less than an hour to reach Sionn, right?’

‘Yes.’ said Fagil.

‘Then Kallo will obviously be expecting us.’

‘Yes, but we don’t even know where he is!’

‘I do.’ I said.

Fagil and the others looked stunned.

‘Where is he?’ they asked.

‘He’s in the guardroom!’ I said.

Before they could say anything I swung into action. The stairway led right up to the underside of the guardroom floor. I gripped the axe with both my hands and smashed the scaffold away then in seconds I swung it upwards. The rubble came down, and I leapt into the room already holding my blaster, I killed three of the guards before they could react, at this point I wasn’t bothered whether it was on stun or kill! I couldn’t believe my luck as Kallo was running for the console but I knew I could beat him to it. I grabbed him by the throat and just held him in the air with one hand while I blasted the console. I could now see the other guards were surrendering. So I flicked the blaster on to stun with one hand and fired. They fell where they stood. I knew Kallo’s little trick of using his finger to kill me wouldn’t work this time as I was now much too strong for that, also the instrument panel was useless now. I knew this was a momentous event as there was a great cheer from underground passages, and also from other areas. With the system destroyed. I knew Kallo was vulnerable now. His light suit was programmed into the Far-Station system. He could kill himself maybe, but I wasn’t bothered either way, as I had him in my grip I was elated. He would now be put in a secure place where he belonged. The Guardians would now be able to access Far-Station, or as it would now be called, ‘Yalton.’

I ran to the cell where Sionn was being held with Kallo still in my grip. Sionn was lying on a table with a metal skull cap on his head with wires and other components coming out of it. He had a different body, but I knew it was him he also had a device fastened around his neck like a large dog collar with a chain attached so that he couldn’t move very far. I removed the skull cap then I pulled at the chain with one hand and it snapped then I gently raised Sionn up while still holding Kallo with the other hand. They were now facing each other. The thing I didn’t notice while I was holding Kallo was that now he was quite dead! I dropped him to the floor. Sionn

looked at me and smiled, he said, 'You have done well, Dan, but the container with the deadly material in it has been moved to one of the other planets in the former Far-Station system, we need you to retrieve it, I will interrogate Kallo when I get back to the astral substation, I will await you there in the dream state.' He touched me behind the neck to retrieve the information he needed. All at once Sionn became deadly pale, and in the next second he was dead! Five seconds later he was back!

'Oh, I forgot, Dan,' he said, 'you can go and welcome Reeas back she's waiting for you below.' Within another two seconds he was gone! What kind of power has Sionn got? What kind of being can conquer death itself? I was stunned.

What did he just say? Reeas alive! I jumped up and ran back down the steps to the tunnel and all the way to the large cavern where the Yalton said they had taken her, the light was awesome. I entered the hallway and stared in amazement at the Yalton who were surrounding the stone table where Reeas was lying. Could Sionn be wrong? No way, I said to myself! The Yalton started to make way for me; I walked up to the table, Reeas was looking at me with those big green and yellow cat-like eyes, she said, 'I wondered how long you would be.' I grabbed her and had to restrain myself from squeezing too much, after all, I didn't get much time for gentility did I.

'I knew you would be OK,' I said, 'but I thought I would see you back at the sub base but this is a big bonus!'

'Yes, I could have stayed there and even come back as another clone but I wanted to help you now. Sionn approved it.'

I told her what Sionn had said and also that everything was now getting back to normal for Yalton.

'Well then, let's go and cuddle up together and sleep,'

'Lead the way,' I said.

I knew Fagil had everything in order. The Yalton had all of the surface beings totally in submission, except the ones who were friendly. I knew it would take quite a while to get back to normality. The weather on Yalton was not good, in fact it was like winter all the time that is one reason why the Yalton started to live underground in the first place, so I suppose things wouldn't change in that respect, but now they were the masters.

Reeas and I went to a corner of the vast cavern to sleep, but first I said, 'Do you want to dance?'

'As a matter of fact I do.'

'OK, how about a classic, the Bolero?'

You students will say: how can two Tourgen's dance the Bolero? Well we did!

We had an hour of the most beautiful ball room dances you can think of in a very large and spiritual place. Can you think of a better thing to do my student friends?

Then we went to sleep in a corner where we cuddled up together. You may ask how we got the music. We simply left that to the Yalton.

Chapter 19-Sub plane Base

I woke up in my bedroom, but I knew it was a part of the sub base. I started to do all the usual things that people do, then I went to the wardrobe and dressed, everything was the same. I knew also that Sionn had something to do with it! There was a knock on the door, I knew it was Sionn. 'Come in,'

'Dan, will you please join us in the briefing room?'

‘Sure.’

I thought that the greeting was a little cool but then I remembered he is a Guardian and not an ordinary person. I thought to myself, I am still Dan Sherman but I knew I wasn't.

I arrived at the briefing room where I met Sionn, and other members, I assumed they were Guardians or official coworkers. There was also a beautiful young woman there who I knew was Reas! I went over and took her hand. She got up and smiled. She looked perfect! I couldn't take my eyes off her.

‘Hello, Dan, we finally get to meet in the human body.’

‘Yes, and I like it!’

Sionn said, ‘As you know, Kallo is back with us and is in interrogation; he won't reveal where he has put the container or what he was going to use it for, but we know that if he had got to the control panel he would have triggered a device which would have released the spores in the container, we also know it isn't at Far-Station, or rather Yalton, and we also know it isn't on any of the other planets within the Yalton system.’

‘How do you know that?’ I said.

‘Because, Dan, he would not destroy his own empire.’

I felt stupid for asking that question. ‘Can I see Kallo,’ I said, ‘I want to ask him some questions?’

‘We already tried that, also he was monitored and scanned, he must have found some way to bypass our system.’

‘Well it can't hurt anything then can it?’

‘Okay, Dan, when you are near to him try to be calm and just open your mind to his thoughts, he will think you are a trainee and won't be able to get to him mentally, do you understand?’

‘Yes.’

I walked into the detention room. Kallo looked at me with contempt.

‘Why, if it isn't the dancing beast-man’

He was behind some sort of force-field, it was OK for me to touch, but of course he couldn't.

‘Come closer, are you afraid? Maybe you feel vulnerable without the light suit, or the Tourgen body?’

I stood there looking him over. He was about six foot three with dark hair and a moustache and small beard, the kind of looks that people would sometimes associate with a villain.

‘Well, have you no tongue?’

‘Why are you doing this, Kallo? Do you want to be the Master-of-the-Universe?’

‘Yes.’

‘Well, you made a mistake at the control center, didn't you?’

‘Not at all, I wanted you to find me; I knew exactly what you would do. Do you think I couldn't hear you and the Yalton making all that noise! I was waiting for you!’

My mind was now in pieces. I had to try and keep it together. ‘Why did you allow yourself to be caught then?’

‘It is all in my plan, I now know the material from the container has been distributed to the systems that I alone picked, I can now inform you that if I am not released in seven days I will detonate the containers. Now dance back, and tell your masters, Trainee!’

I informed Sionn what I heard, but he already knew, as he had monitored the meeting.

‘Well, we now know what Kallo has planned. He opened up to you pretty well, didn't he?’

‘Yes he did, but only because his plan is now ready and he has set the date for the destruction of whatever world, or worlds that the containers are on.’

‘Dan, follow me into the other room we are going to try the technique we tried when you were neutralized by Kallo.’

We walked to the other room and I sat down.

‘Just relax and try to stay calm.’

I was looking at a screen on the wall; then I was looking at Kallo! After five minutes I knew what the name of his accomplice was, but as I tried again, it was as though Kallo knew what I was up to, and the screen went blank.

‘Durian 2,’ I said.

Sionn looked elated.

‘We have been waiting to find out who was supplying information to outside sources, but we could never put a name to him until now!’

‘Who is Durian 2? I said.’

‘He is a Trainee-Guardian. His brother is also a trainee, he is Durian 1 they both come from a highly spiritual family on the planet Gyron, in my home Galaxy! We didn’t suspect anything simply because we thought both brothers were beyond suspicion. We will bring them in for questioning at once.’

‘Can I have some time to relax?’

‘Of course you can, Dan.’

‘I want to ask a special lady to take a trip with me.’

Chapter 20-Trapped in Hell

I met Reeas in the restroom; she was lying on a couch looking peaceful. I said, ‘What are you thinking about?’

‘My home, I haven’t been there in a long time.’

‘Why don’t we go there?’

‘What about the problem?’

‘I asked Sionn if I could take some time out and he said yes, besides, if he wants us all he has to do is simply call us!’

‘I do want to see my parents, OK, let’s go, all I have to do is simply be conscious of my home and you have to be conscious of me, understand?’

‘Yes,’ I said.’

‘Ok, sit down here and hold my hand.’

The next thing I remember is being in a dark place with a very bad feeling of dread!

Where am I? I thought.

‘You are here,’ said Kallo.

I looked around and saw Kallo standing behind a glass wall, but then I realized it wasn’t an ordinary wall.

‘How do you like being behind a force-field?’

This can’t be happening, I thought.

‘Oh, yes it can, do you think you can get the better of me, trainee!’

All I could think about was Reeas! Where was she? I have got to be calm I thought, I am on the astral plane right? Well then, nothing bad can happen if I don’t want it to.

‘Oh yes it can, all I have to do is keep you trapped until the seven days is up. If you are here you won’t be able to interfere with my plans in the physical world will you? And don’t you worry about Sionn he has more important things to think about.’

Panic was starting to grip me! How can this be? Kallo was supposed to be monitored with high security technology! Did I get too close to him in the detention room?

'I'll make your stay here a little more interesting' he said. The place suddenly went very dark, and then I saw the faint outline of what I knew was a large spider starting to emerge from the shadows! I didn't know how big the room was, or what sort of space I was in! All I felt was terror as I hated spiders.

Students: Please send your thoughts as soon as possible, as I need all the help I can get.

What would Sionn do? He would simply say it can't hurt you as it is on the astral plane, and as such, it is without substance.

'Wrong, my trainee friend, you are also on the astral plane, so you are made of the same substance.'

'OK,' I said, 'well, if you can conjure up a spider, I can conjure up a blaster!'

I concentrated with all my trainee consciousness and abracadabra; a blaster appeared in my hand! I fired but the spider was still there!

'You are now in my domain, trainee.'

OK, I thought, if you want something that is animalistic and low in consciousness what about a Tourgen! I know all about being a Tourgen so I will be one again. I concentrated my thoughts on Cloft, in the next few seconds I was him again and willing to fight the whole world, or whatever world I was on. Kallo seemed surprised. 'Well, what have we here?' I saw the spider coming on. It was bigger now about twelve feet across. Right let's deal with you first, I thought. Running at it I jumped and turning in mid-air I landed on its back, I then ripped it open; the gore was just as bad as the physical plane. Before Kallo could send anything else to pester me, I ran at the glass screen separating us, now I knew Kallo had his weakness because although he was able to control most of the lower conscious life forms he wasn't used to dealing with a higher consciousness in the body of a lower life form. I hit the glass wall with an almighty crash rolled over and got up. Kallo promptly disappeared. I sat down in the lotus position. I must have looked silly when Sionn came into view seeing a large beast type person in a yoga position!

'We have Kallo back in check, I'm sorry you had to go through that, Dan, we had to try and weaken his consciousness and we did!'

'Do you mean it was all a plan?'

'Yes, we now have another name of one of his accomplices.'

'Great, but why do I have to take all the rough stuff?'

'Because you're good at it, come.'

The side of the wall became the door to the sub plane base again, and I became Dan Sherman again.

OK, now for another little student lesson: You all know we can become anything we want on the inner Planes, and you know also we have to be responsible about what we do and to whom we do it; this applies to any of the worlds of God.' Don't forget, everything is a learning process and we are the teachers. The aim of the thought-transfer system is to supply information to coworkers throughout the inner worlds. Please use it and learn.

Chapter 21-Visit to Erinon 5

Reas said she didn't know that I was to be used in a ruse to get Kallo to divulge some part of his inner self. I said, 'Forget it, it worked, didn't it?'

Sionn said if I had known, Kallo would have found out and the plan would have collapsed. He also said sorry, he knew only too well how terrible things can be on the lower levels of the astral

plane. Sionn now had the location of six of the containers, four of which came from Darian2 and his contacts who have now been arrested.

‘Dan, you may now go with Reeas to her home for a short visit, enjoy.’

‘I will as long as I don’t have to go through hell again to get there.’

We arrived at the outskirts of Reeas’s city just by being conscious of it. It was a highly developed world with technology Earth could only dream of.

‘Why did you give all this up to go to Yalton, Reeas?’

I already knew the answer as she already told me on the way to junction 50, but I was so overwhelmed by the beauty of the place. I suppose she just wanted to serve God, like a nun would do on our planet. I was starting to fall for Reeas, but I knew my wife was also waiting for me at home although she would have to reincarnate at some point. I was now a Guardian and that would mean I could possibly be anywhere at any time. We arrived at the home of Reeas. It was a large manor style house set in its own grounds, with a beautiful lake facing the front door, everything was perfect, the weather, the view, which was similar to the place where I went on holiday once in the Austrian Tyrol, and the people were very friendly.

After we had met Reeas’s parents and had some food, we went for a walk in the countryside, being as this was the astral plane we knew we could do almost anything, so we decided to fly! Yes, just by thinking about it. We flew over the mountains. The people on this particular plane were used to seeing such things as it was a higher sub plane. We flew between the hills and valleys. I was feeling pretty good as we soared through the scenery, I also thought of one of my favorite classical music pieces.

Reeas was beautiful beyond words, and I knew that whatever body she was in she would still be beautiful. According to the records, she is medium height with long brown hair and brown eyes. She also has a perfect body. As you students know, we can alter our looks just by being conscious. But it is not just the looks that make Reeas beautiful to me, it is her aura, or her inner glow, she can bring out the best side of people, just like Deria can. I feel that I want to be near them all the time.

We spent a considerable time with Reeas’s family, but we knew time was something different here than on the physical plane. I knew that if Sionn needed to contact us he would simply send a thought-transfer so we enjoyed every minute. Reeas took me to visit the Fairy-kingdom that exists in the forest, we went at night and watched as they flew about with their butterfly wings glowing in the dark, we could also talk to them; they asked us if we wanted to become fairies for the night? We said yes. So, then and there, we transformed our bodies into fairies! Yes, my friends, it was as simple as that, we flew about, and helped in any way we could, even with the smallest of jobs such as helping any other life form incarnate to the next level, no matter what it might be, It could be a beetle or a vole,

I know all life is precious, and even the smallest creature, in time, will move on to a higher life form. This is something Kallo has forgotten about in his quest to be supreme leader! I also knew that whatever exists in our imagination could also exist here on the astral world, such as: dragons, centaurs, sylphs, unicorns, gnomes, trolls, the list is endless. I asked the fairies if they wanted to learn our modern type of dance, they said which? I had to say Disco, can you imagine the scene, yes, it was fantastic, my student friends.

We arrived back at Reeas’s house to be told that someone in the next town wanted Reeas and I to escort them on to the next incarnation, word must have gone round that we could move about on the different levels so we said yes. We arrived wearing our best clothes, me in a white suit, and Reeas in a lovely white gown; I must say we really looked the part as we could be any age

we wanted, so we decided to be thirty. The person moving on was a woman who had outlived her time on the present plane, she was happy to be going to the next higher level. It had a higher light and sound content. She said her goodbyes, and we walked through a big golden door which separates the levels. It could also have been a ship or a plane, anything you want to transport you away. When we saw that the lady was in good hands, we walked through the wall into the sub-plane base again.

Chapter 22-Tourgen War

Sionn was waiting in the restroom.

‘We have found the locations of eight of the containers, there are still four to be found. Dan, I want you to go on a special mission.

‘Why do you want me? Surely you have better qualified people.’

‘No, not for this mission, you come from Earth, and as such, you have the same type of lower planet consciousness.’

‘Thanks a lot.’

‘Don’t get upset. What I mean is the planet where you will be going is similar to Earth, there is also a war going on, a war which has been raging for three hundred and fifty years. The two main races are the Dresdians and the Tourgen.’

‘The Tourgen!’ I said.

‘Yes, the same as the one you inhabited.’

‘But, I thought the containers were placed on higher world planets?’

‘Yes, they are, but Treggon which is the higher world planet is also the sister planet of Antarra, the world where the war is raging, it in the same solar system. If Antarra is destroyed by the spores then Treggon will also die. We want you to locate the container, and the agent, or agents!’

‘How am I supposed to survive on a planet like that?’

‘You will have one big advantage.’

I already knew what he meant.

‘You will have the cloned Tourgen bodies. Reesas and Deria want to go also.’

‘How can Deria survive in the middle of a war?’ I said.

‘She won’t even be noticed, she is also a Guardian.’

Wow, I thought, the old team back at work.

Sionn said, ‘Grenwer has located one more container; the news has just come through. This means we have four days to complete this mission.’

‘What about the other containers,’ I said.

‘Don’t worry about that, we will concentrate our efforts on it. Your Tourgen bodies have also been upgraded, they are now even stronger and the bone structure in particular has also been strengthened. Well, what do you say?’

‘OK, what’s the plan?’

‘You will travel there by lightship where you will be able to move around without being noticed, as you know, the ship can change shape and also can be visible or invisible, it will also be your base. Find out what you can without bringing attention to yourselves.’

‘Can we use lightsuits?’

No, you could be noticed. Any sort of higher technology could be discovered, and we don’t want to alert the agents just yet.’

‘What about the lightship?’

The lightship is too high in technological terms for them to discover.'

I don't understand? Isn't the light suit highly technological?'

'Yes, but you will be moving around, and going inside the buildings. Once we have found the containers, and the agents, we will also end the war on the planet Antarra!'

I still didn't fully understand about the light suits but I accepted it.

'What about Karma, I said.'

'We know that if we don't do something the planet will be destroyed anyway. It was originally home to a highly advanced race called the Santine. They were all but wiped out over three-and-a-half centuries of warfare. We believe Kallo, and his agents brought the Tourgen's and the Dresden's to Antarra to bring the consciousness of the planet down. The Santine are now mostly evacuees on different planets throughout the solar system, but there is still a small group left in an area called the Sanctuary. It is located under the Northern ice-cap; they could have information which could help us locate the agents. Dan, I know this is a tricky one, but I believe you can do this.'

Well, I thought, if Sionn has faith in me then that is something special.

I asked Reeas what her thoughts were on the mission; she said we could go to see the Santine first just in case they have some info.

'First you will have to be cloned into your respective bodies. After preparation in the sub plane base, Sionn told us that Antarra was seventeen thousand five-hundred light years away, but we were to use the worm hole at sector 97; this would allow us to get to Antarra in less than two days. This means that we had only two days to find the container. We went to sleep as normal. In the dream state we could, as you know, do anything we wanted in the service of God, but all I wanted to do was dance, yes, I know it's silly, but once you experience the light book, whatever you want to do, you can. Dancing on the inner planes sure does ease the stress.

We woke up in the physical world on Terick 3 in the Tourgen bodies. After flexing our muscles and generally familiarizing ourselves with our new selves. I said, 'OK, let's get started.' I suppose you students are wondering why I have been chosen to lead this mission? You are not alone my friends as I am wondering the same thing. Reeas is more experienced than me, and Deria is a higher life form, but I have, as Sionn said, a lower world consciousness and that is what they want me for.

We were escorted into the loading bay area where we boarded the light-ship. I could feel the incredible power, and technology of the ship. I wondered why the Guardians couldn't find the containers and agents simply by using the ship's resources! I then came to realize that as Sionn had said before, the consciousness of the planet was low, and that alone was enough to stop the Guardians from accessing any data. The job of finding our way to the Northern ice-cap was easy. The ship was something to behold, I couldn't help thinking that something like this could be controlled by a person like me! It felt like a very lucid dream. Maybe it was! Maybe I would wake up and carry on with my very boring life on Earth! I would be able to go walking in the lake district as usual, and visit my gym where I could exercise the puny body I used to have. I looked around the ship, then at Reeas, who now was in one of the strongest bodies in the Universe, and Deria, an Elfin-Princess of higher consciousness, I then felt the power of my own body melting into the awesome power of the ship, then I thought no, I would rather be here, even if I had to die in this physical body, I knew I would be alright. We entered the worm hole at sector 97. There was no feeling of physical change just a weird light-headed sensation, how the ship could travel faster than the speed of light I don't know, but it surely did, we decided to take

advantage of the time span and sleep while we could. I asked Reas if she would come with me to visit my home this time, she said yes.

Chapter 23-Past lives

We woke up in our normal bodies on the outskirts of my town. 'Reas,' I said, 'before we meet my family, I would like to show you a special place. I wonder if we could fly without people noticing around here.' Reas said, 'Of course we can, all we have to do is make ourselves invisible to the locals.'

The feeling I got as we took off over my town was something special, I could see my house and our dog poppy in the garden. Why wasn't I going to meet them? Why was I going somewhere with a person I had become very fond of rather than meet my wife!

'Reas said, 'Do you know we have been together before, in past lives?'

I was astounded!

'How do you know?'

'I looked into the past life records section!'

Now, I realized. The universal love I felt for her, the wanting to be near her. We held hands as we flew over the Northwest landscape, or I should say danced over the landscape, the amount of greenery was stunning, I could see the Cumbrian mountains coming up fast, I knew them well, we landed on Gowbarrow fell, above Ullswater.

'You know Wordsworth wrote his famous poem here.' I said.

'Yes,' she said, 'but we lived here long before Wordsworth.'

'Please, tell me.'

'I can show you. First take a look at the landscape.'

I looked over to Helvellyn in the Southwest then to place fell to the South. The view was lovely, as usual.

'Close your eyes.' She said, 'Open them.'

The view was the same only certain things had changed, some of the stone walls were gone, and the houses were gone. The mountains themselves are hundreds of millions of years old, so they are the same, so are the lakes.

Reas said, 'We lived in a settlement not far from the Roman fort called Galava in the year one-hundred and forty AD. The modern name is Ambelside. The Romans wanted too much tax off us so you broke into the granary were you got caught and killed!'

'What happened to you?'

Reas said she didn't want to dwell on it, but she died in childbirth shortly afterwards. I felt terrible.

'Don't feel sad,' she said, 'we had many happy times as well, our first incarnation in the human form together was 250,000 years ago near Stonehenge, of course the monument wasn't there then, we came across a land bridge which joined France with England.'

'Which was our last incarnation together?' I asked.

'It was in the year 1726. We were North American Indians of the Shoshoni tribe. We lived to the west of the Rocky Mountains in Utah. Life was very hard. There was a lack of big game; we had to live on rabbits, fish, roots and seeds. You were the man as usual, and wanted to use your physical skills, I was the woman, and wanted to learn new skills, but I couldn't with the way of life we had. I then incarnated to a series of planets in the Galaxies of Zeta3 where I could finally learn about mathematics and other such things, and then finally to my home planet of Erion5.'

‘I felt sad for letting her go, but knew it was all in the greater scheme of things. Now we were back together.

‘Reeas, I feel unsure of this mission, such a lot depends on us.’

‘I trust your judgment, she said, and I will help in any way I can. We can use the invisibility device so we can move about without being seen, although I know we will have to be careful. We can now go back to the ship as we are approaching Antarra.’

Chapter 24-Sanctuary Ice Base

We were once again on the lightship, and in our Tourgen bodies. I now felt even closer to Reeas. The image on the screen was of a planet similar to Earth, but of course, it had different continents. The planet itself was smaller than Earth, and I could already see the destruction that the war between the Tourgens and the Dresdans had done. We were in camouflage mode so we weren't seen as we headed for the Northern ice cap. I knew we could enter the base through the underwater entrance as we plunged into the icy water. There was an abundance of life in the water, too much to relate to you at this time. There were also giant squid like creatures many times larger than on Earth. I didn't want to relay a message to the Santine as I wasn't sure whether it would have been intercepted but I needn't have worried as a message came through on the screen, it said ‘Your ship has been expected, this message is secure, welcome, please enter the gateway in two-minutes.’

The inner gateway was huge; it reminded me of the cathedral like building which was underground at Far-Station or Yalton. We came to rest in a sort of dry dock. I was surprised to see a greeting party of dozens of people who were dressed in long orange robes similar to the ones used by Buddhist monks on Earth. The Santine were totally bald and didn't have any hair anywhere on their bodies. As we stepped out of the ship I could see the expression of fear on their faces as they viewed us, after all, they had been abused by beings like us for a long time.

‘Forgive our fear.’ said one of the Santine inching forward. ‘We are not accustomed to greeting Tourgen's such as yourselves, I am Thalo and I will be your guide here.’

‘We are not really Tourgen.’ I said, ‘We have temporarily taken on this form to complete a mission.’

‘We will retire to the meeting hall where you can rest and replenish yourselves.’ Thalo replied.

‘I must say you have a highly evolved culture here!’

‘Yes, we were on the brink of total control of the senses, and we had a planetary security system which could repel any invaders, but it was destroyed by Kallo, He then brought the invaders here, and so started the Great Sadness. Most of our people have gone into exile to other planets. But now you are here! Today is the start of our redemption.’

I felt like I did on Yalton, a cross between a hero and a beast. I had to be positive, I thought.

‘Do you know anything about a container of deadly material? Or anything about any new developments in the way the war is progressing?’

‘There has been news of a secret weapon that the Tourgens have but we don't know any more than that, at the moment.’

‘Would you happen to know where the weapon might be?’

‘No, but it might be at the Tourgen base.’

Deria said she would go there in her light body to check it out as she was less likely to be noticed.

‘I'm getting a message from Sionn,’ Deria said.

‘I thought he couldn't contact us here?’ I said.

‘Normally he wouldn’t, but the frequency has now been checked out safe, but only for me. It would be too risky to contact you or Reeas.’ I didn’t really understand but I accepted it. I was beginning to realize that Deria was an asset I would not want to be without.

She said, ‘Sionn has confirmed that there are four agents on Antarra, one has been identified as ‘Melion3; he is a Santine.’ The reaction was immediate; all eyes turned to a person who was in the hall as he tried to escape but was stopped by two guards at the entrance.

He shouted, ‘There is nothing you can do! If you don’t release Kallo in two days we will destroy Antarra and all the higher worlds in this part of the Universe!’

I said, ‘you do realize that you and everybody else will die, don’t you!’

‘Yes, but we will reincarnate on the lower planets, where Kallo will be the Ruler of this section of the Universe!’

I said, ‘Kallo won’t be allowed to escape, he will be placed in a monitored high security cell.’

‘Yes,’ He shouted. ‘But Kallo will eventually escape and rule, simply because the higher worlds will fall due to their being no physical planets to incarnate to. We know that Sionn won’t allow that and Kallo will be released. I will become a higher apprentice. But we are prepared to die.’

I couldn’t believe what I was hearing!

Thalo said, ‘We never imagined that one of our own people could betray us. He will be punished.’

‘There are still three agents on Antarra.’ I said, ‘What sort of people will they be? Could they be beings of a different race from Tourgen or Dresden?’

‘There are several races besides Tourgen on Antarra; they are mainly mercenaries brought in to create even more destruction. The weapons they use now are very crude as they don’t have the technology to replace the blasters and laser cannons they once had. Kallo will almost certainly have done the same with other highly evolved planets. We thought we were safe from invasion with our defense system but we weren’t, also we decommissioned most of our weapons many years before the war started.’

Deria said, ‘I will go to the Tourgen base now, I will send my thought messages to the ship, they won’t be intercepted, but you mustn’t send any to me.’

‘I understand,’ I said.

Once Deria had gone, I started to think deeply about the problem we had, we only had a short period of time to locate the container, or containers. We didn’t know where they were, we didn’t know where the agents were. I was feeling pretty low, but knew I had the most powerful beings in the Universe on my side. I was a simple type of person on Earth, a retired history teacher with a simple life. The things that have happened to me over a relatively short time have stunned me. I can’t really comprehend it but I know I have to move Heaven and Antarra to bring my part of the story to an end.

Chapter 25-Tourgen Base

Deria had located the Tourgen base. She informed us of the location and that at least one of the containers was there, she also said she was going to check out the Dresden base. I couldn’t reply as that would have compromised us so I just had to trust Deria to know we would infiltrate the Tourgen base and retrieve the container.

We boarded the ship. I knew the coordinates to the Tourgen base just by thought process with the ship, and I also took the time to study the Tourgen people from Debra the ships computer, although she was much more than that, as you know. I was amazed at the brutality of The

Tourgen's and The Dresden's. My mind was reeling from the utter barbarity. How could something like the Tourgen's evolve? The same could be said about the Dresden's, and then I knew! Both races had been manufactured by other beings. Could it possibly be Kallo? The Dresden's were very similar to the Tourgen in build and strength. Debra said there was no planet of origin for either the Tourgen's or the Dresden's! How could this be? My mind was in turmoil again. Why hadn't Sionn told me this? There is only one thing to do. I told Reeas.

'We will have to go in under invisibility mode and take our chances of being discovered. Reeas agreed as there was no time to spare.

The landscape over which we travelled was scorched and dead! Very few buildings were standing, I wondered where people lived, then I realized, these really weren't people at all, but cloned-beasts, well, the majority would be beasts; the leaders would be cloned from other intelligent life forms. We came to a large building that was protected by a large wall and watch towers, something like the buildings I saw in Roman-Britain many years before, only these were made from concrete and steel. There were guards on the towers and also on the walls. The only thing we could do was bring the ship in over the wall and simply jump out when near the ground under our cloak of invisibility. The ship would then stay at a short distance until we needed to escape. I accessed Debra for any other info it might have but she didn't respond, I guess the consciousness of the place was such that she couldn't relate to it. Like Sionn said, the technology we were using was too great, so with the quest for greater and greater technology we certainly lost something in that respect.

One thing I did know was the leaders must have some form technology but kept it to themselves; they were simply keeping the consciousness of the planet down. We had to destroy the control base as soon as we found the containers. We were in invisibility mode which was powered by a small wrist device that enabled the ship to cloak us from a short distance, although I dearly wished we had our light suits on. Reeas jumped out of the ship as it neared the ground, I followed, we headed for the obvious entrance and waited until a Tourgen guard came out we then went in.

There were no security people on the door and I was surprised to see no one until we came up to the guardroom. Fifty yards along the corridor we encountered two Tourgen guards who had only crude machete type weapons. Their senses seemed to know something wasn't right but without our light suits on, and the invisibility mode in operation, I was worried that they might be able to smell us and they might be able to hear us. We had to be very still and wait till someone came out of the room. They might not be able to smell us but I could certainly smell them. The feeling was eerie, they couldn't see us but we could see them and we could also see ourselves, I felt like a ghost! The door opened and a Tourgen came out. He stood there for a moment while another Tourgen who obviously was a leader as he ordered the other one to check the area. Then he shouted to the other two guards to go off duty and send two more guards. They went off to do as ordered leaving the door open, we walked in very quietly suddenly the guard said, 'Hello, I've been expecting you.'

I went for my blaster but before I could get it out I was frozen to the spot! Reeas was also in the same position.

'I assume you are the two agents who have come to locate the containers.'

Obviously he could see us and disable us. I thought back to what happened with Kallo on the ship at Relmar7. It was the same thing happening all over again.

What happened? I thought.

‘You underestimated me, trainees. Don’t you think we could figure out that someone would try to retrieve the containers like this? Who do you think you are dealing with?’

‘Who are we dealing with?’ I said.

He didn’t say anything, but just smiled.

‘One thing is for sure, you won’t be seeing your loved ones for a very long time, also you will not be allowed to sleep or die! You will be chained in the dungeon and kept alive while I decide what to do with you. Oh, and be assured, we will find your ship, It will make a nice little prize for me, thank you.’ With that, the two guards came in and dragged us off. My anger was starting to get the better of me, but I felt totally useless. Reeas could talk to me, and I could talk to her, but that was all. We were chained to a wall in a stinking hole in the basement with no light or any sort of fresh air.

Reeas said, ‘Don’t worry, Sionn will get us out.’

‘What about the plan?’ I said.

‘They know they can’t detonate the containers, it would be the end for them also.’

I thought, yes you’re right, who in the Universe would go through with a plan like that. I asked Reeas who she thought the Tourgen officer was. She said, she didn’t know, but he had to be someone big, I said how come Sionn didn’t know about this guy? Surely with all the info we have he must be aware of these things?’

Reeas said, ‘Dan, please relax, we will be OK, he knows he can’t kill us.’

No, I thought, but he can torture us and we can’t do a thing about it. I didn’t want Reeas to know this so I kept silent. I may not be able to contact Sionn, but I will try to contact Deria by meditation. I imagined I was back in my home on Earth sitting up in bed with my eyes closed, and my mind focused on the inner screen, or the third-eye as it was known in Yoga. Sometime later, I don’t know how long, Deria’s voice came through.

‘Dan, I know what has happened, please be patient and I will try to disable the control panel, do not try to send any message back but just stay as you are, and relax, you are doing well for a human.’

The relief was something I knew might be of use to the enemy so I had to use all my will power and just stay calm. I didn’t even say anything to Reeas in case we were being monitored. I didn’t even risk calling the ship to smash our way out, which was something I would do later if we had to. Several hours went by and then the two same guards came in; one said, ‘You will be stripped and flogged, and then your skin will be sliced off bit by bit. What do you think of that?’

I said, ‘If I had my strength back, I would kill you both.’

That seemed to infuriate them. He said,

‘You’re only a cloned Tourgen, you wouldn’t last two minutes.’

‘Give me a chance then.’

They looked at each other before stroking Reeas on the leg as though they were going to assault her, and then they walked out. Maybe they were trying to get me to divulge my thoughts, I had to keep calm.

Reeas said, ‘Don’t worry, Dan, things will work out, I can take whatever these animals give out’

I thought, no, I won’t let them touch you. Our luck must have been running as half an hour later the two Tourgen guards came back. The biggest one said, ‘OK, Clone, you will be able to move in the next minute. If you can beat me in a fight to the death, which is unlikely, you would then have to fight my partner, and if you beat him, you can both go free, but if we beat you, we will take the female as our prize. Is it a deal?’

‘Yes, I said.’ I felt good, I also felt a strange liking for the way the Tourgen’s do business, they are animalistic, but they are also warriors. Maybe I was wrong; maybe they do come from a planet somewhere. All I really knew was I had to kill them. I started to get my feeling back, Reeas also. Within a short time I was back to my old grumpy self. Obviously the leader didn’t know about this contest. I said, ‘what about the officer, won’t you be disciplined for this.’

‘We are our own boss; we can make our own decisions.’

I thought, no, he doesn’t know. So be it, I said to myself.

‘Where do we fight?’

‘Here.’

‘OK, are there any rules?’

‘Yes, no weapons, we just use pure strength, and our nails and teeth.’

‘Right,’ I said. I knew Reeas could take the other one as she had twice his strength. Looking at him he was about the same size as me but I had many times the strength, but I didn’t bargain for the speed at which he came at me. He lunged for my eyes with his claws; I managed to dodge him and punched him in the stomach. He fell back in agony; I felt pity as I knew I could kill him. Maybe I didn’t have to kill him? It was the other Tourgen I wanted, the leader.

‘Look.’ I said, ‘you don’t have to die, tell me where the leader is, and I will spare you.’ Reeas knew it wouldn’t make any difference and went for the other guard, she ripped his throat out in one movement. The other guard saw this and went for Reeas; I jumped on his back put my arm around his neck and broke it with one pull.

‘What now?’ Reeas said, ‘we can’t risk going to the guardroom in case the leader is there. We don’t know if he could still disable us. We have to find the source of the power to the control panel.’

I said, ‘We will have to risk bringing the ship close by the underground room and blasting the wall out. The plan is discovered anyway, so we may as well use force. Reeas agreed, but said what if the leader has managed to access the ship? I felt cold just thinking about it, if he has, he is truly Kallo’s equal. I was about to summon the ship when a message from Deria came through, she said, ‘I have managed to disable the control panel you should be able to get to the power room which is near to the room where you are destroy it with whatever you can.’

OK, I thought, I can send a message to Deria, so I asked her where the leader was; she said he was trying to locate the ship. Reeas and I focused our minds on the ship, or Debra, as I called it, and within a minute we managed to bring it to the outside of the wall where we were located. Then all we had to do was simply have it push its way through the wall, much easier than blasting through. The hull of the ship was like a knife going through butter, in the meantime, there were Tourgen guards beginning to make their way down the corridor to us. The ship was already all the way in the building, so all we had to do was simply push our way in through the ship’s wall. We could already see the Tourgens trying to do the same thing, only they just slid off the surface, like a ski on ice. We located the power room and blasted it to oblivion; In fact the whole place was destroyed. I knew Sionn was going to be angry, well maybe not angry, Sionn didn’t get angry but disappointed. The first thing to do was locate the leader which wasn’t too hard as Debra found him simply by his DNA, the only problem was, he was dead!

Deria said he had detonated the container! Before he blasted himself!

Chapter 26-Encounter with a God

While preparing to make the journey back to Terick 3 I knew we had failed, the container was now destroyed and the spores would contaminate the Galaxy, then in time the Universe! Sionn

didn't seem too bothered, mind you, he wasn't the easiest person to read, and neither was Grenwer. I felt dejected, and they knew it. Reeas must have sensed this as she came over and rubbed my arm. Sionn was now on the ship's screen looking unruffled.

'He said, 'When did you first know the containers weren't dangerous?'

Reeas said, 'I had my suspicions at Far-Station, but I wasn't sure.'

'What?' I said.

'Yes, the containers were false, we had to find the agent, that was the first priority and we have. Kallo managed to gather an army of helpers and agents, some of whom were very dangerous. It has taken many years simply to locate the planets where they lived, as you know, we couldn't access some of the places because of the lower consciousness of the people.'

'So this whole plan was a trap to capture Kallo, and his helpers.'

'Yes.' Sionn said. 'But we couldn't tell you or Reeas, the only being we could divulge our plan to was Deria because she is of a higher race; her thought waves cannot be tracked by any lower life forms, only her kind can do this, and us.'

We would like to thank you, Dan and Reeas, you have proved yourself to be brave and inventive, we want you to now consider whether you want to continue your apprenticeship with us while you rest and dream. The battle is still not over as there are still agents to be found, but we will discuss that later. The goal which we set ourselves has been achieved. The war between the Dresdians and the Tourgens has been stopped and they will be relocated elsewhere. The planet Yalton is now being reborn and Far-Station is no more.' I felt elation, stupidity, amazement, and love all at once. All I could say was 'Thank you.'

Sionn and Grenwer smiled and for once I did, it must have looked stupid on this big ugly beast face, but I didn't care. 'Please reports to Terick 3 for debrief.' He said.

It would take two days to get back to Terick 3 so we again decided to dream travel while our bodies were asleep on the ship. Reeas said, 'Where would you like to visit this time?'

I said I would like to know what happened in my last incarnation before I became Dan Sherman. She said I wouldn't like it. I said, well, I still want to know. 'OK,' she said, 'you were killed at Normandy in the Second World War.'

'That explains why I was always interested in things to do with that war.' I said.

'Please rest Dan, and dream.' Reeas said.

We woke up in the dream state sitting on a grass bank looking at a raging battle, there was an armada of ships bombarding the shoreline, and the invasion troops were getting ready to land. Now it was all coming back to me!

'I was in one of those landing craft. 'That's enough' I said. 'I know the rest.'

Reeas said, 'Do you want to visit your wife Elaine?'

'Yes,' I said, 'More than ever, but first I want to go to the somewhere peaceful and spiritual. I've had my share of cruel and ugly.'

Reeas said, 'I know a place that is just that, I was taken there by a spiritual master many years ago in the dream state. It is a planet at the far reaches of the Universe, but is no more than a dream away.'

We sat down to meditate.

After a few minutes I found myself standing in an unbelievable landscape! Reeas was at my side. This planet must be a giant, I thought, as the view was limitless no matter how far I looked there was no end to the horizon!

Reeas said, 'This is one of the highest regions of the astral plane. A planet called Nemura. Only the highest spiritual beings come here.'

‘How come I’m here then?’ I said. I knew I still had a long way to go before I could call myself highly spiritual.

‘You have been granted a visit, Reeas said. Come; let us go to the spiritual city in this region.’

We flew over the landscape hand in hand, and I still couldn’t make out the horizon, but the mountains were spectacular, higher and more beautiful than anything I had ever seen. The emotion I was feeling was of ecstasy, as we soared through the mountains finally coming to a rest on the side of a giant peak which had a man-made balcony and French windows! Reeas said, ‘This is usually an inaccessible place.’ I looked around; words cannot say how much I wanted to remain here. ‘The vibrations are starting to affect you, I can tell, don’t be alarmed, you will become accustomed in a while.’ She was right, my senses were reeling. ‘Please come with me,’ she said. We walked down some stone steps into the heart of the mountain; we came to a large room with a red and gold carpet.

Sitting in the lotus position on a large golden cushion was a giant of a man with golden skin, he had no hair at all, and gold bangles on his wrists and ankles and wore a loin cloth. He looked about thirty years old, but I knew he was much older than that! He was obviously in meditation as his eyes were closed. Reeas motioned for us to sit down; I automatically sat in the lotus position as I used to practice yoga in my life as a teacher. As soon as I closed my eyes, I became ‘aware’ in a different state! The man who was sitting on the cushion was now standing on a mountain path, and we were there also.

‘I am Mannus, Lord of this plane.’

I was totally amazed! The love and light coming from this being was indescribable!

‘Come walk with me,’ he said. I automatically thought of the wonderful walks I used to have in the Lake district in my last life on Earth, but this was different, although in many ways it was the same, the scenery was beautiful, but it was the simple truth that we are what we are in our own consciousness! If we are satisfied with our selves mentally and spiritually then we are in heaven, so to speak.

‘You have grasped something eternal.’ Mannus said, ‘Now look,’ and with a wave of his hand, the landscape changed! There was now a gigantic mountain in front of us many times bigger than the others. This is the mountain of God. The light was staggering to my eyes even though I wasn’t in the physical body. Every color in the spectrum was there, many more than in the scientific world of man. I felt I was about to burst with love and light. In fact Mannus said we had to limit our stay as it was dangerous to us to remain too long in the presence of the light. In the next instant we were back in the room. Mannus became aware of us, but he just sat there without moving. I didn’t know what to say so I kept quiet. He then said, ‘What have you learned?’ I thought long and hard, I knew it was better to say nothing than speak wrongly.

‘I’m learning,’ I said!

He smiled. Reeas said, ‘You are learning, Dan.’ In many ways I felt like a child, and in fact I was, compared to Reeas and Sionn, but, Mannus was something else, he was on a level which I could only dream of.

We woke up back on the ship in time for landing on Terick 3.

Now, Students what have you learned? Please upload your thoughts to the databank. Thank You.

Chapter 27-Debrief

We were now on Terick 3, and we were now in the cloned bodies of our former selves. My new Dan Sherman body was thirty years old and had none of my old ailments such as shingles.

Sionn said we could enter into any life form in the physical world. If my Dan Sherman body was killed, then I could incarnate into another one which would be held in storage on any number of higher planets in the physical world. ‘Wow,’ I said, ‘my body is in storage on thousands of planets?’

‘Millions.’ said Sionn. ‘But not fully grown. Your DNA is all we need, we can grow a clone in three days, and then you simply shift your consciousness into it.’

‘So I can live on the physical and the spiritual at the same time.’

‘We do anyway,’ he replied, ‘but people don’t realize it. In dreams we can travel to the end of time, also to the edge of the Universe. That is what I want to talk to you about. We want you to consider going on another mission.’ The hairs stood up on the back of my new neck.

‘I wanted some time to visit my Family.’ I said.

‘You will still be able to visit them, as she and your son are about to incarnate into other lives. I advise you to wait awhile, and let them become accustomed to their new identities.’

‘What about the Elaine I knew?’ I said.

‘The Elaine that you knew is still there, you will still be able to visit her, although the essence of Elaine, as soul, is moving to another body.’ My mind was reeling, and Sionn knew it.

‘Do not worry, he said, this mission although important, is going to be an experience for you and Reeas. Deria also wishes to go.’

‘What is the mission?’ I asked.

‘We have information that the “10973 Universe” is under threat!’ Sionn just stood there and looked as calm as ever. I was again lost for words.

‘Do you mean we live in a multiple Universe?’

‘Yes and the Guardians over there are in need of help.’

‘OK,’ I said, ‘now is the time to take time out.’

‘What do you mean?’ Sionn said.

‘I’m only one man, I said, and still learning, I so nearly botched everything up more than once.’

Sionn was unimpressed. ‘You are a Guardian, and as such, you are unlimited please believe that. We contacted you because you are ready. Once you truly believe that, you will become one.’ I knew he was right. Sionn motioned me to follow him, ‘It’s time to look into to the light book again.’

The book itself was the same but the light was different. It was purple!

‘I see you noticed the color.’ Sionn said, ‘Purple is a spiritual color, you won’t be able to use your light suit while in U10973.’

‘Why?’ I said

‘The physiology of the place won’t allow it. That is why you will be given extra spiritual and mental powers.’

What about protection’

‘That is the thing; you will probably die many times over there, so we want you to be prepared.’

‘What do you mean? I said. What kind of place is it?’

‘The make-up of the place is very different from anything you have ever experienced, Sionn said, ‘but you can take it.’

‘What if I don’t want to take it.’

‘You are being unusually difficult today.’ he said, ‘you will still be able to use the ship.’

‘How come we can use the ship and not the light suit?’

I at once realized I had again made a mistake when he looked at me in a stern way.

'OK,' I said, 'I get it; the suits don't work because we are made of different stuff.' I said.

'Please look into the book!'

'Why have I got these negative feelings?' I said.

'Dan, look at me. Do you trust me?'

'Yes, with all my heart.'

'And do you remember Mannus?'

'Yes.'

'What were your feelings while you were with him?'

They were of joy and love beyond anything I've ever encountered.'

'Well that is how you will feel after looking into the light book, plus you will have spiritual protection on any plane of existence. In other words, you will fear nothing while in the physical body; whatever that body may be.'

Now I felt good, just the talk inspired me, how could I have had any doubt.

'Your human doubt will melt away within the next few hours, but you have to keep your mind in check. Now look and rest, you will be taken to the border of the 10973 Universe for preparation, God speed!'

Chapter 28-Preparation for U 10973

The light was all powerful drawing me in further and further. The Love was something that could be felt, but not in the physical body. I found myself on a hill top, looking over a vast plane of mountains which were too numerous to count. I looked around and saw an Oriental looking man standing in the doorway of a small hut; I could see straight away he was a spiritual-master of the highest order. I felt like dropping at his feet because the urge to be near him was that strong.

'Welcome,' he said I am Xi; I am the gatekeeper of this plane. It is the separation point between the 10973 Universe and the Humanoid Universe!'

I tried to speak, but the words wouldn't come out.

'I see you are having difficulties, please come into my home, I have a friend of yours here.' I knew it was Reeas before I walked through the door. I looked at her with seemingly different eyes? I can't explain it. My whole outlook was different. I felt a confidence I never felt before, also the love I felt was way beyond anything I have ever experienced.

'I feel different.' I said.

'That is the light of this plane changing your spiritual and physical being,' Xi said. I looked at Reeas and saw she had purple eyes.

'Yes,' Xi said, 'I notice you see the predominant color of this plane in your friend's eyes. You also have them.'

After resting awhile I started to get used to the overall beauty of this plane. The hut we were in was very Spartan but I could tell Xi didn't need any material things.

'I want you to come with me to the border of Universe 10973. I know you will need information which is only acquired there, also you will need to acclimatize yourself to the vibrations of the atoms.' I asked Reeas if she was OK, she said she had been aware of this place before and was already used to it in part. We walked out of the hut into a different world, everything was hazy and the colors were brighter.

Don't worry,' Xi said, 'You will acclimatize in a short while. Prepare yourself for a whole different way of life.'

‘How do you mean?’ I said.

‘I mean life on U.10973, isn’t all humanoid!’

‘What do you mean? I said again.’

‘Life consists of all types of physical forms, which could be intelligent or not. Now stand at my side, Reeas stand on my other side.’ Xi then put his hands on the back our necks. It was as though the light of the Sun had entered me. I didn’t know where I was, and I didn’t care, all I wanted was to stay here forever.

I became aware I was back in the debrief room. Sionn was there looking at me with a different look! I then realized it was me who was different!

‘Now you know something of what I am responsible for.’ He said.

‘Yes, I said, ‘and I know you can handle it. I also realize I can now handle a great deal more also.’

‘Good,’ he said. ‘Reeas is also ready-for-anything.

You now have the ability to function on U10973, also the relevant data on most of the life forms which are seen throughout the planets there. The predominant life form which is now a danger is called the Llantrea, a half plant half human type creature. It has got out of control on numerous planets, if it is not checked it will become uncontrollable in a fairly short time. We want you to be eaten by one so we can determine how to combat it.’

‘What?’ I said.

‘We need to find the precise way it feeds and grows. You know you won’t feel anything because you are now beyond the fear of death and pain.’ Sionn knew I could now understand the theory of it all, but it was still a shock to hear it! ‘When you come back to the debrief room at wherever you will be stationed in U10973, they will be able to analyze the data from your consciousness.’

‘Why can’t they use the data from many of the other life from who have been eaten, throughout the years on numerous other planets where the Llantrea are I said.’

‘As you already know, you will be the first Guardian who has the correct consciousness to access the realm of the Llantrea, in other words, we have been waiting a long time for you to arrive!’ I felt privileged and scared at the same time.

‘We don’t just want you to let yourself be taken without a fight you understand. You can do whatever it takes to kill them but you will eventually die, also I won’t be there to help you said Sionn.’ I was stunned!

‘I must stay here on this side of the Universe. Your contact will be Zelda3, a master of the highest order.’

‘Yes, but I will still be able to see you in dreams, won’t I?’

‘Unfortunately no, but I can be contacted by Zelda 3 if need be.

I felt sadness as never before and Sionn knew it.

‘You will still have Reeas.’ he said.

‘Yes, I will,’ I said as I looked at her. Reeas seemed different, and indeed she was, just as I was different. Why can’t things stay the same I thought. Sionn said:

‘There is nothing surer than change in all the worlds of God.’

U10973 is so far away that it won’t be possible to travel there by lightship.’ I already knew this. We would have to dream travel to U10973 and transfer into cloned bodies. I knew also, we would be in the Tourgen bodies we had before, only this time they would be stronger and harder to kill.’

‘Yes,’ Sionn said ‘They will be.’

Your Tourgen bodies have already been cloned on a planet called Halffa which has numerous life forms including Tourgens, some of which help you fight the Llantrea. As you now know the Llantrea are not just powerful in body, but have telepathic ability to contact each other. You as a Guardian also have this ability and so will be able to know their plans.'

Chapter 29-Dream travel to U10973

I was sitting in the debriefing room preparing to sleep; I began to think of Elaine and John. Sionn said I would be able to meet them later when I return to the Humanoid Universe. I also began to put into perspective the utterly fantastic things which had happened to me in I don't know how long! Could I be dreaming all this? Maybe I'm mad, maybe I died in my home on Earth and all this is a bloody big dream. Then I became alert as never before, my consciousness seemed to be expanding even higher. I realized I was still Dan Sherman, but now I was more than Dan Sherman could ever dream of. I felt I was ready for whatever was to be my fate.

Before I go to U10973, I'm going to the beginning of life on Earth. All I had to do was to become aware. I fell asleep easily. In fact everything seemed easy here as regards life as a Guardian, or rather Trainee-Guardian.

Looking down on the land which I knew to be the home where I was brought up was very interesting because everything was different. I couldn't even make out the river which I knew to be not more than half a mile away. I then realized this was millions of years in the past. Everything was covered in greenery. I was reminded of the famous book by H G Wells, The Time Machine, but I knew there were no humans here, all I could find were small life forms, such as insects, even birds hadn't evolved yet.

I found it strangely peaceful and beautiful. The landscape was unspoiled and the rivers were pure, a true heaven-on-earth. I should have known it wouldn't last, could it be a set-up I thought. Looking up I could see a giant saucer-like craft floating about half a mile above me.

The next thing I knew I was being invited to come on board! I simply transferred my consciousness into the craft. By this time in my travels I knew I couldn't get freaked out by anything. The Captain, or leader as he was known made a simple gesture of greeting by raising his arm, I did the same. I knew they didn't speak orally as we did, but I also knew we could communicate by thought-transfer. The occupants of the ship were the archetypal little green-men only they weren't green, but a light shade of grey.

'Greetings Earthman' he said. Wow, the greeting was classic! I then thought I should be more respectful, but they did break into my beginning-of-time dream, didn't they?

'Don't be annoyed, we are simply here to check on the planet as it begins to blossom, we were told you would be here at this time and want to invite you to access our technology.'

Wow, again, I thought.

'We are also Guardians' he said, 'this planet, as you know, will become a paradise for life, only man will threaten it. The species that have become extinct since your time on Earth have already been cloned.'

I said, 'All I wanted was to be alone for a change.'

'You should know by now, we are never alone.'

I felt a little annoyed, but I knew he was right.

'Be content that you are one with the power.'

I knew he meant God.

‘My name is Thoram we are from the planet Zeron in the Thellex Galaxy; it in the outer ring of the Humanoid-Universe. We have been coming to Earth for millions of years, Please look into the screen.’

It was as though he wanted me to acknowledge he was speaking the truth. I looked into the screen and at once all my doubts if I had any, soon went. There looking back at me was Mannus; the lord of the higher regions.’ I was amazed; I felt like a new teacher feels as he starts a new job and meets the headmaster. Of course Mannus was much more than that but he was also love personified. He knew my feelings, and said:

‘If I am the headmaster, I want you to meet my deputy.’

I almost fell on my back as an intense light filled the small space we were in. I then became aware of a beautiful woman standing there, and the overpowering aroma of roses.

The feeling of divine love that was Mannus could not, of course, be overshadowed but the feeling I got with this woman was of a deep basic instinct, if I could put it that way.

How could I still feel this urges if I am a Guardian?

‘Don’t worry,’ Mannus said. ‘The feeling that you are having is not unusual. Zelda3 is a Guardian but she is also a female.’

The love that was coming out of Zelda3 was something I wasn’t used to, I felt I was letting Elaine and Reas down. This woman standing in front of me was everything that any man could ever wish for in every way, physically, mentally and spiritually. I couldn’t take my eyes off her, she had blue eyes and then they were brown, then green.

‘Please don’t be alarmed,’ she said in a voice that made my legs turn to jelly. ‘You are experiencing what is known as a Physical-Change-Over reaction; you are about to make the biggest change from one Universe to the other. Take my hand.’ Again, the feeling was overpowering. My body (although it was only the astral body) was tingling with a sense of warmth and love.

‘Look into the screen,’ she said. I felt like my heart was being ripped out.

‘Your consciousness is being renewed.’

I could see the little people on the ship were also holding hands as in Far-Station with the Yalton.

With everything that has happened to me over the past weeks, yes weeks! How can this be happening? I have been through unbelievable things, and now I’m about to start another even more unbelievable thing!

Chapter 30-Universe 10973 Halffa

I woke up in the sub base at Halffa. Reas was looking at me in a strange way as I came out of the dream state. I said,

‘What’s wrong?’

‘I don’t know, Maybe it’s the change over from one Universe to another?’

‘Yes, I feel the emotions here are different. I feel I want to protect you more,’

‘Yes, Dan, but I feel very real danger.’

‘Yes, but they will have a fight on their hands eh, Reas.’

‘I feel we should just let them kill us straight away, Dan.’

‘What?’

‘Well, we will have to die sometime and we have to get the information needed quickly.’

‘Yes, but not that quickly.’

‘Deria can access their telepathic ability, so all we have to do is get caught and eaten or consumed, as it were.’

I felt depressed as she said that! Maybe she was encountering the emotional-change-over reaction!

‘Please, Reeas,’ I said, ‘we will be OK.’

‘I know, but I just want to get this job over, Dan. I can’t stand the low down feeling of the place. Don’t forget you have lower consciousness levels,’

‘Yes, I know, but you have more training than me, you should be used to these things.’

‘No, Dan, no training can equip one for this place.’

You were at Far-Station for years, Reeas, and that was very low in consciousness, wasn’t it?’

‘No, Dan, it is something else. It must be the physiology of the place!’

‘OK, that’s it then, you can stay here, Reeas!’

‘No, I’m going with you.’

‘Listen, Reeas, I can get the necessary data we need by myself.’

I can see you are affected by this place, please let me go alone this time. I will be back soon as you know, and I will let them take me quickly, also Deria will be with me.’

‘Are you sure, Dan?’

‘Yes, also I won’t like you being eaten before me.’

‘Dan, I sense danger other than the physical presence of the Llantrea.’

‘Yes, I know, it is the telepathic ability.’

‘Yes, be very careful.’

‘OK, Reeas, don’t worry, we will always be together.’

Now I knew what to do. I have the consciousness needed to get this job done.

Reeas came over and hugged me. I could see a tear in her eye, that’s something I haven’t seen very often.

‘Don’t worry,’ I said, ‘I will be back before you know. Oh, and I love you! I know I don’t say it enough!’

‘You don’t have to.’ she said.

We boarded the lightship, this time without Reeas.

Deria was her usual higher Guardian self, totally secure in her abilities. I on the other hand, was only secure in the knowledge that I had the highest beings in the Universe or Multiverse to help me. I felt scared again. Why can’t I rise above this depression? It always seems the same whenever I go into action, especially without Reeas, but more so in this Universe. I know I can handle things when I am actually on the planet.

The ship was ready. Debra was her usual self which was a mixture of calmness and confidence with a little comedy thrown in. Debra was the name I gave to the ships computer, as you know, or rather the ship itself. I named her after an old girlfriend who I had at school back in one of my last life times in the U.S.A. She was a lovely girl, but I was too young, just a year younger than her, but that was too young in her eyes, in my eyes I would have loved her forever. Funny after all these years and life times, I still feel the emotion I had as a boy. I looked her up in the past life records section. She got killed at the age of 18, a passenger in her boyfriend’s car. God, why didn’t she have me as a boyfriend, I would have made sure I had a license to drive before I took her out in the car, unlike her boyfriend! I looked him up in the records section also. He survived the crash but got badly injured and died just eight years later an alcoholic! I didn’t know this at the time as she and her family moved out of the district, so I lost touch, she didn’t even say goodbye. All I can say is it was karma. Yes, I know I’m always saying it was karma,

but it is. For students who can access these thought records you already know, sorry. You will also know karma is a universal law of God and cannot be changed.

We were now coming up on Halffa 2 which was only a relatively short 38 light-years, it only took us eighteen minutes to get there.

We scanned the nearby space for any alarm messages. One last outpost to be still functioning as a trading post was called Mergon. Space tankers would call there regularly to resupply planets in the five solar systems that made up the Delemar Star Region with gas from super-giant gas planets like Jupiter and Saturn. Now I understood how important this job is not only for the life forms that were on nearby planets, but other neighboring planets that needed to trade and visit the star region of Delemar, trillions of souls.

OK, I say to myself, time to pay a visit to some plant people. Yes, I know I shouldn't be sarcastic as I'm a Trainee-Guardian, but I feel a little anger coming on. You know I am now Cloft don't you? So you can forgive me for feeling a little grumpy.

For students who are wondering how the Llantrea manage to travel in space. They simply place spores on unsuspecting space vehicles who happen to visit any of the planets that they have inhabited. Yes I know it sounds utterly fantastic. Don't forget, they have the ability to communicate telepathically with each other, and time has no meaning to them. It has taken a very long time for them to reach this point.

We came out of orbit in the cloaking mode. We could see the destruction the Llantrea had done to the landscape. Any buildings that were still up had been engulfed by Greenery, but not ordinary greenery, this greenery was a menace to the whole galaxy. We accessed the computer on board to find out that there were only a few dozen small areas of land left that were free of the Llantrea and that was because they were mostly concrete or rock. I suppose the Llantrea needed soil to grow or exist in. OK, I thought let's get this show on the road.

We landed in a clearing near to a small fortress like building. We couldn't contact the people by radio or other means as I suppose communications had broken down. Right, I said, let's meet the locals. I made sure I brought an axe just for comfort. A double bladed battle axe in fact! If I was going to be eaten then I wanted to even the score. Yes, I know you students will say your Karma is going to increase. I know, I say, and I don't care, I don't feel very spiritual in this body, Yes, I also know we could blast a hell of a lot of Llantrea, with our cannon from the ship, but in reality it would only be a fraction of the entire population, so let me have my fun. We approached the base at an easy walking pace. I saw a meeting party of about eight beings. Three were Tourgens and the others were different life forms, all humanoid. When we got to within fifteen feet they said 'Stop right there, intruder.'

Of course they couldn't see Deria as she was using her invisibility shield.

'What do you want?'

'I just want to chop a little Llantrea.'

Before they could answer, I noticed that there was a sudden Panic from the group as Llantrea were approaching fast from the wooded area to the North of the base. They started to run back to the base, but I could see they wouldn't make it in time. I started to run at speed, but not for the base, but for the Llantrea! I reached the leading large tree like creature. I hit it with the axe, slicing it in two. It fell dead. Apparently, if you cut a Llantrea in two it dies. But that wouldn't actually be an option would it? It would take a lot more than that to stop them, like me being eaten, and the data being analyzed to find an answer to their feeding process. But for now I'm going to enjoy the show. I could see the group was impressed as they also joined in slicing and cutting at the Llantrea with an assortment of weapons.

Now I was getting into it. I killed another four before one got hold of my arm, I had to let go of the axe. The pressure from the Llantrea on my arm was intense! I started to bite at it, when another branch type arm grabbed my other arm. Now I was stuck. I could now see the mouth of the creature; it was something like an Octopus, a sort of beak. All of a sudden one of the Tourgens from the group saw my predicament and sliced off the branch that was holding me. I grabbed the axe and swung it killing the Llantrea.

Now our small group was in a sort of semi-circle with the Llantrea all around us. Three of the group were now dead and being eaten as we were looking on. I could now sense a telepathic message coming from one of the Llantrea, although it was protected by the others, and several yards behind them. I told the rest of the group to stay together. I then jumped over the front line of Llantrea then bringing the axe down as I fell I hit the leader which split it in two. The leader was now dead. The result was surprising! All the Llantrea within about one hundred yards suddenly fell dead! This had a profound effect on the rest of the Llantrea, as they started to retreat back into the wood.

‘Who are you?’ said one of the Tourgen’s.

‘I have come to help you.’

‘Are you a clone?’

‘Yes, does it matter?’

‘How can you jump so high?’

‘I’ll explain it later. Let us get into the base camp first.’

I instructed Debra to take a sample from a dead Llantrea to Analyze. In the base camp I told everyone that I would help them to overcome the Llantrea. Most of them didn’t even want my help, so I had to persuade them by having trials of strength; arm-wrestling and lifting things. Yes, I know it is asinine, but that is the way these people are. I instructed the ship to park herself outside in invisibility mode. The people in

the base camp now trusted me. I said I would be back in a short while. I then accessed my recent conscious brain patterns to get the telepathic frequencies to access the Llantrea leaders, this was relatively easy to do, and the hard part was fabricating some sort of device to give to the people at the base so they could fight the Llantrea. In two days I had several machines to combat the Llantrea.

Yes, my student friends, I know we could just blast them with the ship, but that was not an option. It is not up to me. I contacted Halffa sub base for instructions and was told to give the machines to the people to help in the fight, you see it is not up to the Guardians to annihilate a species, all we can do is help a little. It will take a long time to restore the balance but it will happen, (Thought message coming through) a large part of the Llantrea leaders would be destroyed by Guardian ships, that means an enormous part of the whole Llantrea population would be gotten rid of. OK, I was wrong; maybe the Guardians do help more than they should, all I know is I didn’t need to get eaten! Good news eh?

Halffa sub-base also said they would supply weapons such as cutting machines like chain-saws to combat the Llantrea by the people, it will give them something to do and there will be lots of wood to build things.

Now for another lesson: yes, I know we said that this Universe wasn’t humanoid! But don’t forget life forms such as the Tourgen are man-made and have been brought here by man also other beings like the ones at base camp are immigrants; so to speak, it is the Llantrea which are native to this Universe. Yes, I hear you say, Man is poking his nose into things again! Enough said eh?

Deria said we had a return-to-base-signal from the ship, so we said our goodbyes and simply walked into the ship which was invisible. Don't worry, no one saw us leave, if they did what a story that would make for future generations, a Tourgen clone that battled the Llantrea and could jump further and was stronger than any other life form and who brought magic weapons that defeated the enemy then simply disappeared! Even I'm impressed!

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