



# PROXIMA

THE STORY OF THE SECRET SOLAR SYSTEM, PART I

A GRAPHIC NOVEL BY R. GALVEZ, GPT-3, AND DALL-E.



FOR EMMA HARPER

LOVER OF ALL THINGS SCIFI, EXCEPT AI. MERRY CHRISTMAS.







# FORWARD

THE FOLLOWING STORY WAS WRITTEN WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF WELL KNOWN AI NLP MODEL CALLED GPT-2, AND ALL ARTWORK, INCLUDING THE COVER, CONSTRUCTED BY AN AI MODEL CALLED DALL-E. I HAVE TAKEN ARTISTIC LIBERTIES TO FILL IN THE DETAILS AROUND THE AI'S STORY, AND ADD A BIT OF SCIENTIFIC SPICE.

- R. GALVEZ



THIS IS MY HOME PLANET, PROXIMA, HOME OF THE ANCIENT SEPIAN PEOPLE.

EVER SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE GREAT PLANET FORMATION ERA OF THE UNIVERSE, WE HAVE KEPT TO OURSELVES, AMASSING INFORMATION ABOUT THE GREAT EXPANSE OF THE COSMOS.

PROXIMA IS A BEAUTIFUL TERRESTRIAL PLANET PART OF THE ERRATIC AND POWERFUL BINARY STAR SYSTEM KNOWN AS PROXIMA CENTAURI. FOR CENTURIES WE ENJOYED A PERFECT BIOLOGICAL HABITAT THANKS TO OUR THREE MOONS, EACH WITH A MAGNETIC FIELD STRONG ENOUGH TO PROTECT US FROM OUR EXTREME HOST STARS.

ADVANCES IN SEPIAN TECHNOLOGY HAD BROUGHT US TO A LEVEL OF PROSPERITY UNKNOWN IN THE GALAXY SINCE THE DAYS OF THE CENTAURIAN REPUBLIC, AND OUR LEADERS BELIEVED THAT OUR PEACEFUL WAYS WOULD LEAVE US UNBOOTHERED BY ANY NEIGHBORING GALACTIC NATION.

IN ORDER TO DETRACT ANY NATIONS FROM DISTURBING OUR PEACE, WE MINED ALL HIGHLY VALUABLE MATERIALS IN OUR STAR SYSTEM AND SHOT THEM WAY OUT INTO THE MILKY WAY'S DARK MATTER HALO. WE MADE THIS WELL KNOWN WITHIN THE GALAXY.



FOR CENTURIES UPON CENTURIES, WE ENJOYED PEACE, EXPLOITING OUR RICH STAR SYSTEM FOR ALL OF ITS RICHES AND INCREDIBLE LANDSCAPES, DISCOVERED LOGICAL STRUCTURES FAR BEYOND ANY ADVANCED MATHEMATICS UNDERSTOOD TODAY, AND EXPLORED COUNTLESS ARTISTIC FORMS.



WE HAD A GREAT RUN..

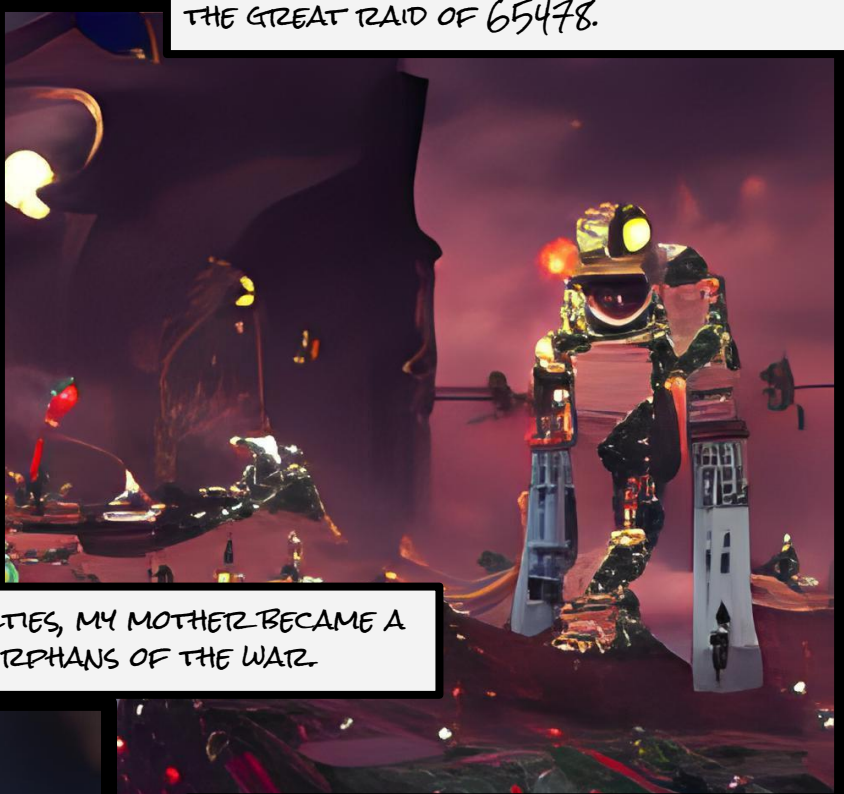




MY NAME IS VERA AND I WAS BORN IN THE 2345TH CENTURY JUST BEFORE THE WAR BETWEEN THE SOLAR EMPIRE AND THE SEPAN REBELS BEGAN.



MY FATHER, A LOYAL SEPAN, WAS KILLED IN THE GREAT RAID OF 65478.



BECAUSE OF THE MASSIVE NUMBER OF CASUALTIES, MY MOTHER BECAME A NURSE TO HELP THE WOUNDED AND HELP THE ORPHANS OF THE WAR.



THE TECHNOLOGY AND POWER OF THE GREAT SOLAR EMPIRE WAS COMPLETE AND OVERWHELMING. THERE WAS VERY LITTLE LEFT AFTER THE RAID OF 65478.

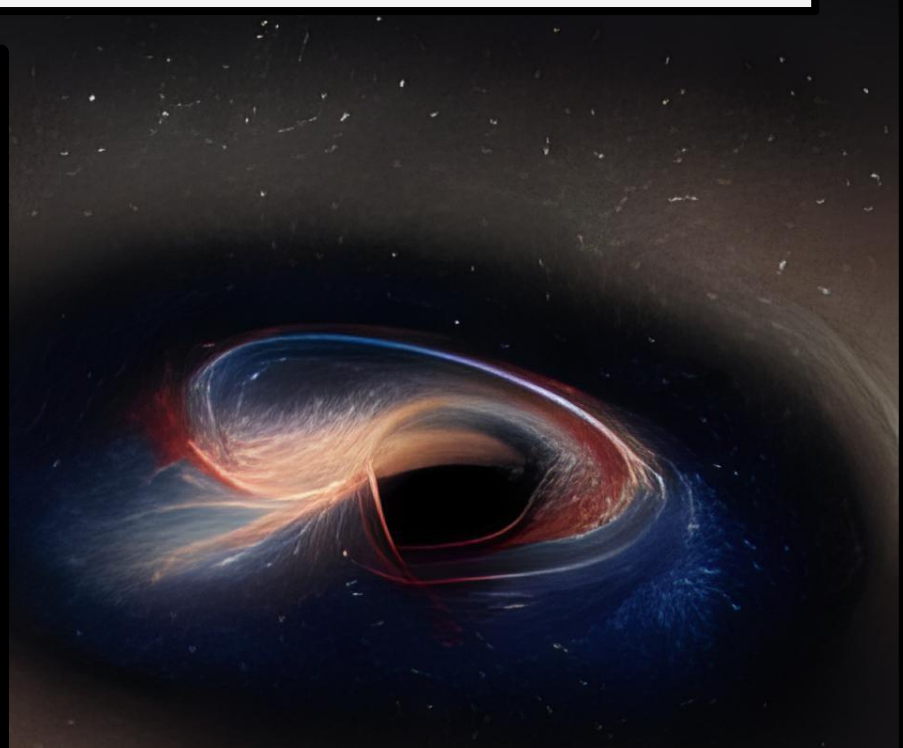




THE SOLAR EMPIRE CAME FROM A FAIRLY AWAY AND STRANGE PLACE, ALMOST AT THE EDGE OF THE COSMIC HORIZON. THEY CALLED THEIR HOME GALAXY "SOL".



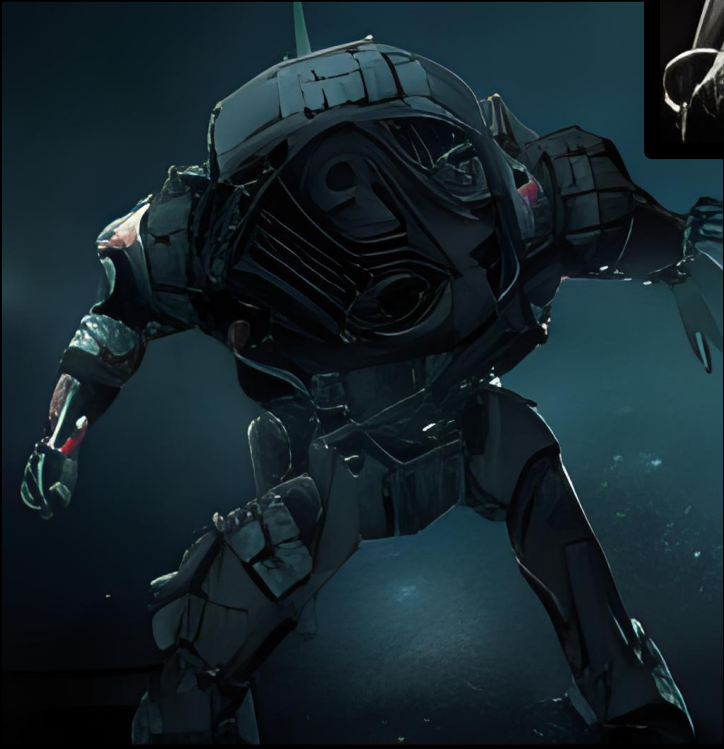
THEY ARE ARGUABLY THE OLDEST AND MOST ADVANCED SPECIES IN THE UNIVERSE, GUIDING THEIR EVOLUTION FOR ALMOST 12 BILLION YEARS. THEIR ORIGINAL LIFE FORM WAS ENCODED IN A DNA-LIKE HEAVY ELEMENT PRECURSOR THAT SOURCED ITS ENERGY FROM THE ULTRA HOT GLOW (AT THE TIME) OF THE BIG BANG.



BECAUSE THEIR HOME GALAXY WAS SO OLD, ALL STARBURST ENDED AND THEY WERE OUT OF ANY LIGHT ELEMENTS TO CONSUME. THEY THEN SCOUTED THE UNIVERSE FOR FERTILE GALAXIES TO CONSUME, AND NATURALLY FOUND OURS.



THEIR TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENT WAS SO FAR BEYOND ANYTHING SEEN IN OUR GALAXY... WE DIDN'T STAND A CHANCE.







NOT EVEN THE GREAT ARCTURAN EMPIRE WARRIORS COULD STOP THEM, AS POWERFUL AS THEY WERE.





WE KNEW THAT APPLYING ALL OF OUR KNOWLEDGE AND TECHNOLOGY, WE COULD HOLD THEM OFF FOR A WHILE, BUT WE WOULD EVENTUALLY FALL...



SO GUIDED BY OUR SEPIAN ELDERS, WE ENCRYPTED ALL OF OUR KNOWLEDGE STONES AND HID THEM IN THE MOUNTAINS OF ONE OF OUR LARGE MOONS, KRITYAN.

OF COURSE WE DIDN'T JUST GIVE UP WITHOUT A FIGHT.

DURING THE GREAT RAID OF 67458, TWO SEPIAN OFFICERS SNUCK INTO A SOLAR EMPIRE SHIP HOPING TO FIND SECRETS THAT WOULD AID IN THEIR DOWNFALL. WHAT THEY FOUND AMAZED US ALL.

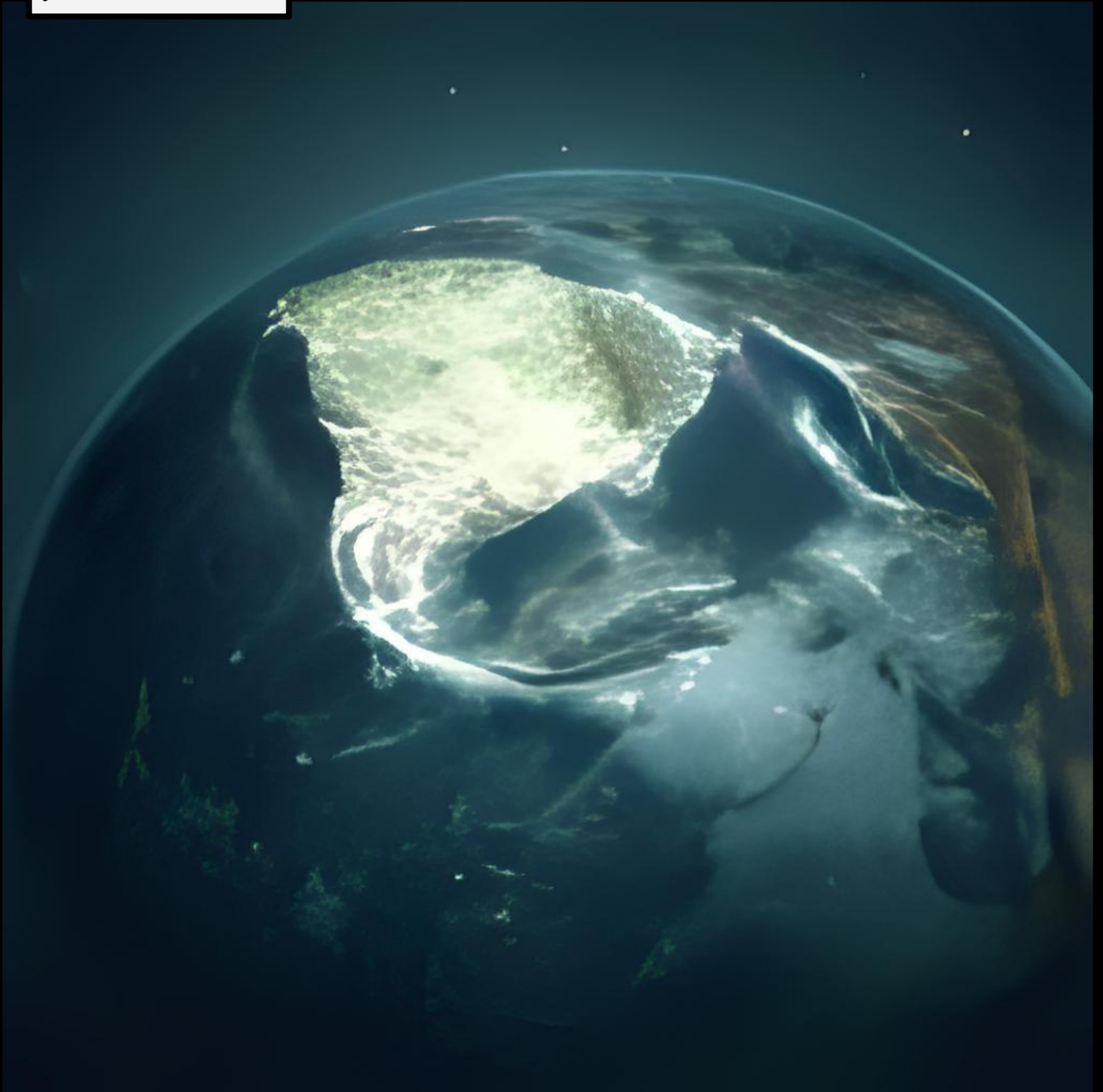


THE TWO OFFICERS HAD FOUND A SECRET TECHNOLOGY THE SOLAR EMPIRE HAD BEEN WORKING ON FOR CENTURIES-- A STAR SYSTEM CLOAKING DEVICE, MEANT TO HIDE AN ENTIRE SOLAR SYSTEM FROM ANY OBSERVATION.



WE STOLE THIS TECHNOLOGY AND SET OUR SIGHTS FOR A YOUNG STAR SYSTEM, ABOUT 4 LIGHT YEARS AWAY FROM PROXIMA CENTAURI. OUR SCIENTISTS HAD IDENTIFIED A FERTILE TERRESTRIAL PLANET THERE WHERE WE COULD USE THIS TECHNOLOGY AND CALL HOME.

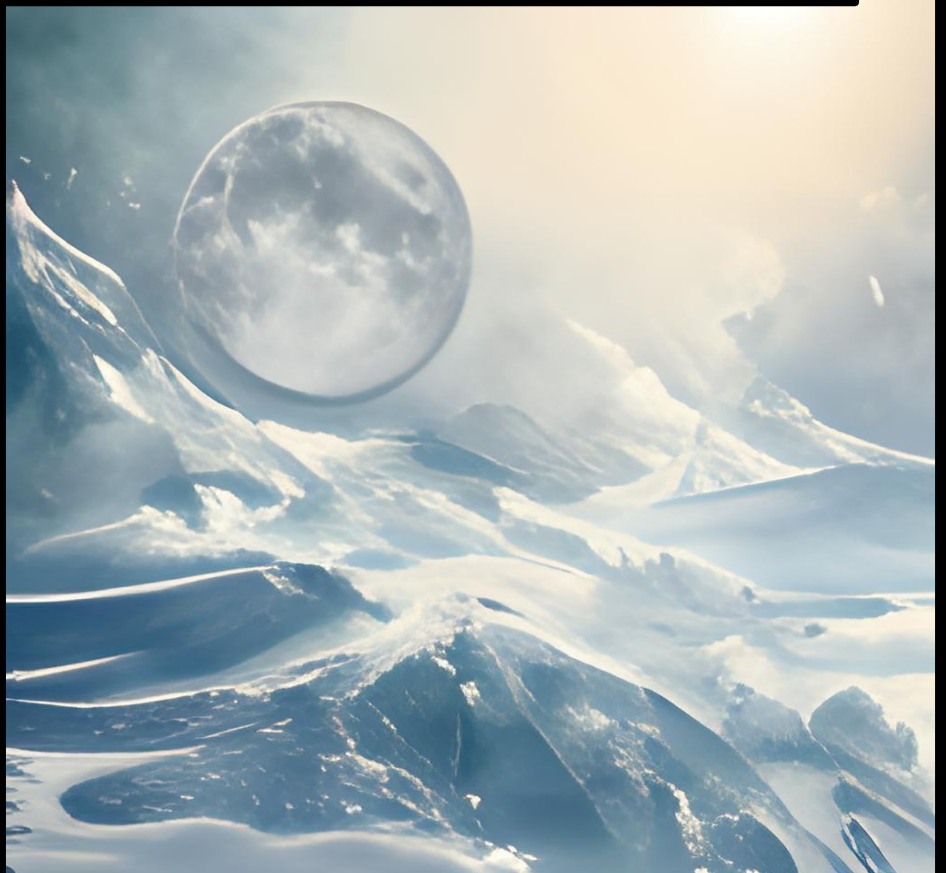
WE CALLED IT EARTH.







SO WE SET OUT FOR A NEW HOME AND LEFT OUR BELOVED PROXIMA AND MOONS BEHIND.



BY INVOKING THE STOLEN STAR SYSTEM CLOAKING TECHNOLOGY FROM THE SOLAR EMPIRE, WE MANAGED TO START OVER ANEW, KEEPING THIS CRUCIAL PIECE OF INFORMATION FROM MOST OF THE NEW SEPIAN POPULATION.



WE CALLED OUR NEW STAR SYSTEM THE SOLAR SYSTEM SO WE WOULD NEVER FORGET WHY WE CAME HERE.



WE NEVER WILL FORGET THE BEAUTIES OF PROXIMA, OR THE ENCRYPTED  
STONES OF KNOWLEDGE THAT WE LEFT BEHIND ON THE MOON OF KRITYAN...