

SIDEREAL APOGEE

FOUR AND A HALF CENTURIES INTO THE FUTURE, MANKIND'S PLACE IN THE GALAXY HAS SHIFTED VASTLY. WITH THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE INFECTED WITH RADIATION AND DISEASE, MOST PEOPLE NOW LIVE IN THE SPACE COLONIES SCATTERED ABOUT THE SOLAR SYSTEM. THE BULK OF THE POPULACE LIVES ON EITHER MARS OR THE ENCIRCLING ASTEROID COLONIES.

NATIONAL AND ETHNIC IDENTITY HAVE LOST THEIR MEANING AS CORPORATIONS HAVE REPLACED GOVERNMENTS IN MOST CAPACITIES. LAW ENFORCEMENT IS OVERSEEN BY A SYSTEM WIDE ORGANIZATION KNOWN AS SOLCORPS - IT FUNCTIONS ONLY BY THE GRACE AND FUNDING PROVIDED BY THE MEGA CORPORATIONS OF THE DAY.

FOLLOWING THE DISCOVERY OF A DEFUNCT WAYWARD ALIEN SPACECRAFT IN THE 24TH CENTURY, THE LAST HUNDRED YEARS HAVE SEEN A MASSIVE PUSH INTO THE OUTER STRETCHES OF THE OORT CLOUD, WITH BOOMING SETTLEMENTS ON TITAN, GANYMEDE, EUROPA, CALLISTO AND IO. THE INTERPLANETARY CORPORATIONS ARE SETTING THEIR EYES ON OTHER STAR SYSTEMS AS THE ALIEN TECHNOLOGY FOR INTERSTELLAR TRAVEL IS REVERSE ENGINEERED ON A SOLITARY SCIENCE OUTPOST ON VENUS. CONSTRUCTION OF HUGE FLEETS OF DEEPSPACE CRAFTS ARE UNDERWAY AS A NEW FRONTIER IS ENVISIONED BY MANKIND.

THIS NEW FRINGE IS A WORLD OF THIEVES AND KILLERS ON ALL LINKS OF THE FOOD CHAIN. THE OUTLAWS OF TOMORROW ARE HACKER ASSASSINS AND CYBORG SCAVENGERS. THEY ARE SMUGGLERS AND BOUNTY HUNTERS MURDERING FOR MONEY AND TECHNOLOGY ON THE EDGE OF THE NEXT BIG JUMP, CONNECTED ONLY LOOSELY THROUGH THEIR ASSOCIATIONS ON THE DEEPNET WEBSITE BEVØL.

THESE ARE THE SORDID TALES OF THOSE SCOUNDRELS.

THIS IS THE AGE OF SIDEREAL APOGEE.