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CHAPTER II

OUTSIDERS

This placid land was on a collision course with colonization. In the vast universe far away from Knotcher Land there existed other life civilizations. All these were created at the same time as Knotcher Land. For whatever reason there were conditions that created pressure for some of these civilizations to expand their realms. The need was becoming urgent and critical. The inhabitants of these places were known as Lloyds. They were being forced – for various reasons- to find new realms. The only frontier for expansion was outer space. To expand into this vast area was extremely complicated. They had the technology to propel themselves into outer space but there was a catch. The main problem to overcome was a dimension called time. The time required to cross the vast distance to another suitable planet would take so long that the individuals on the space vehicle would age and die before reaching their destination. So time had to be conquered before any realistic undertaking could be considered.

Lloyds on different planets devised unique methods for overcoming the time barrier.

One method was to employ the theory of energy transmission. By reducing voice and pictures into energy waves and transmitting them through space, a Lloyd would be converted to energy and transmitted into outer space to another planet. For this method to be successful there had to be a destination or receiver. To solve this problem the Lloyds selectively salted the outer universe with unmanned space probes to find suitable destinations. These were referred to as “unidentified flying objects” or UFO’s. A desired destination had to have an environment that could sustain Lloyd life. When a location tested positive, a signal would be sent to home base to start sending Lloyds. Knotcher Land was safe and ripe.

Another method was seeding. In this method millions of magnetically charged Lloyd spores were sent (shot) into the far corners of the universe. The

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theory and hope was that a “lucky” group of spores would be attracted to a suitable planet and a Lloyd colony would be “born”. This was a more desperate shotgun approach and was employed when there was urgency and limited time.

Now these exploitations were not limited to one galaxy. There were a number of foreign civilizations interested in expansion.

The distance from these planets to Knotcher Land, the time it would take for the Lloyds to make their final decision to go ahead with their incursion and the development time for the different methods of transportation all would have a great impact on the progress of their particular development in their adopted land.

So somewhere and by someone the decision was made to send Lloyd spores and energy transmissions into space.

Who were these Lloyds?

What were they like?

Why were they doing this?

Were they dangerous?

Here was what Knotcher Land received.

White Lloyds

(Caucasoid)

The first arrivals were the Caucasoid Lloyds named the Amerks. They were energy transmitted to Knotcher Land. They arrived naked. They had white skin, delicate features and smooth muscles. They were mostly hairless except for light hair that was on their heads and certain other parts of their bodies. They were different from the local land animals in the region where they landed. Most noticeable was their ability to walk upright on two legs.

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They also had two arms with hands made-up of fingers with an opposite thumb which enabled them to grasp and pick things up.

Because they were rather frail compared to the Knotcher Land animals in their surroundings, they had to be on the alert, using their eyes, ears and nose to avoid any contact. When they sensed danger, their instinct was to run and hide rather than have any confrontation.

They communicated with one another by way of sounds made by their mouths. When frightened or sad they would scowl their faces and a watery liquid would flow from their eyes. When content or happy the corners of their mouth would pull up and expose their teeth. If extremely happy they would open their mouth and emit a noise.

They held hands as a sign of affection and trust; petted each other and reproduced by mating face-to-face. Their offspring were born whole and alive. The young Amerks were totally dependent on their parents for survival. It would take about six years before the young Amerks could fend for themselves.

These Lloyds had the power to sit and figure things out before starting on a mission. They had the ability to improvise and invent. Most importantly they kept records of their progress. This allowed future generations to build on past accomplishments and not have to relearn everything from scratch.

They believed in one Deity existing in another realm somewhere in space. This Deity provided the rules for which to conduct their behavior:

- Love only one Deity.
- Do not use the Deity's name as a bad word.
- Every seventh day rest and worship the Deity.
- Love and respect your parents.
- Do not harm or kill each other.
- Men and women should do nothing shameful.
- Do not take things that are not yours.
- Tell the truth about others.
- Do not want things that do not belong to you.
- Treat others the way you would like to be treated.

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The mission for these pioneers was to survive by living off the naturally provided resources on this foreign planet. Fortunately, the area where the Amerks landed had good weather and food was plentiful. They were to multiply and peacefully inhabit the land. They were sent with no instructions or tools to accomplish this task. However, as aforementioned, they possessed the ability to think and reason and the ability to keep records of their accomplishments. And they thrived.

As they progressed successfully, their egos made them feel superior over all other creatures. This flaw would cause much anguish in their future.

Yellow Lloyds (Mongoloids)

In a far distant part of Knotcher Land a small group of yellow skinned Lloyds appeared about the same time as the Amerks. Since it was a group appearance their arrival was probably by way of cluster spore seeding. They were small in stature and had broad faces with eyes that appeared to be squinting. Their hair was straight and black and did not cover their bodies. A rigid physical program kept them strong and alert.

They were very aggressive and disciplined. When undertaking a task, nothing could distract them. Sometimes this behavior ended with destructive results. Where they lived was a rough topography with high mountains and deep, swift streams. With no experience their determination to climb the mountains and ford the streams would lead to them falling to their death or being swept away by the rushing waters. Because they were highly intelligent and meticulous record keepers they soon were able to calculate how to scale the mountains and navigate the rivers.

They believed in a mortal Lloyd that would give them divine direction. This mortal would be subject to extreme tests in Knotcher Land. Upon passing this test period he would be elevated to a position of high priest and be their moral reference. He would be the conduit to a greater realm not located in this new land but in outer space. The rules set down by this high priest were:

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- Seek knowledge of the truth.
- Say nothing to harm others.
- Respect life, morality and property.
- Hold a job that does not injure others.
- Control one's feelings and thoughts.
- Practice proper forms of concentration.
- Strive to free one's mind of evil.

All yellow Lloyds would be subject to these rules.

Their mission was to live off the land and multiply as rapidly as possible. As their population grew and grew, food became scarce and posed a large problem. They had to come up with a solution and they did. Rather than being hunters and gathers they turned to cultivating the land and domesticating some of the native land animals. They kept meticulous records and thrived. After settling large sections of this new land they erected a huge barrier to mark the boundary of their domain. They called themselves Levanteans.

The Amerks and the Levanteans set about working toward their respective goals.

They had no knowledge of each other's existence.

Red Lloyds

(Australoids)

At a different location on Knotcher Land and at a later time than the arrival of the Amerks and the Levanteans another cluster spore seeding took place with the arrival of the Choids. These Lloyds had tan skin, dark hair (in the usual places), dark eyes, delicate features, and were slight in stature.

They were gentle in nature and very spiritual. They were not aggressive and would rather love you than fight you. They were artistic and philosophical. They meditated on ethics/duties, the continuing cycle of birth, life, death and

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rebirth, action and subsequent reaction, and paths of practice. They only wanted to be left alone to pursue daily morality and life.

A general set of rules governed their behavior. They believed that their existence was comprised of distinct levels. If they lived a good clean current life, they would move up in levels in their next life. If they were not good and clean, they would drop a level or two. There was no way of knowing what the highest level plateau consisted of so they took no chances in insulting or harming each other or their new found life forms. They immediately took to the Knotcher Land animals and worshiped some of them as distant relatives.

Their goal was to establish a link between these Knotcher Land creatures and their home planet of origin. If the connection was legitimate, there would be great rewards in the form of eternal existence in a faraway place. They were encouraged to multiply and they did at a rapid pace.

Hunger was always a problem. Their worship of a readily available sources of food –local animals–complicated the search for substance. They eventually started farming and domesticated less sacred animals to take up the slack.

The climate where the Choids landed in Knotcher Land was hot and humid. There was what seemed like an endless rainy season occasional accentuated with a very strong storm with high winds that they called a cyklone. These storms caused high casualties and extensive damage.

The Choids did not have any idea that the Levanteans and Amerks were present in Knotcher Land and likewise, likewise.

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Black Lloyds (Negritos)

After an extended period of time, a fourth group of Lloyds appeared in another distant part of Knotcher Land. Their means of arrival was by energy transmission. This group had black skin, kinky black hair, and broad features. They were the tallest of the all the Lloyds.

They were very intelligent and had a single minded sense of survival. As with the other Lloyds, their mission was to survive all the elements - which in their case ranged from hot steamy jungles to arid deserts - and to multiply.

They were primarily farmers but did keep some herds of domestic animals and hunted when necessary.

They were fun-loving and possessed a sense of humor not found in the other Lloyd groups. Record keeping was not their strong suit. Many endeavors were done and redone before they realized that keeping notes would help to prevent duplication of effort. They believed that there was virtue in being honest, generous, courageous, kind, patient, and hardworking. They believed in a variety of deities.

Their obsession with the concept of an afterlife led them to preserve the bodies of the dead. With great effort and enthusiasm they set about erecting large four cornered stone structures which rose hundreds of feet from the desert floor with sloped sides terminating at a point on top. Building these monoliths took much time and effort but these Lloyds were intense and determined in their pursuit of this goal. These monuments would serve as temples to their many deities and tombs for important rulers. There was also speculation that they could be homing devices for future Lloyd arrivals.

This group was known as the Zenns.

They thought they were alone in Knotcher Land but would soon find out that they were not.

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These four groups had various unknown reasons for being in Knotcher Land. They had some basic rules to govern their actions but beyond that they were on their own. Their first instinct was to adjust to this new environment and survive. They all had the same mental and physical ability to pull off their respective challenges.

Unfortunately there were four simple differences between the groups that would cause widespread and massive conflicts:

- Their arrival times in Knotcher Land were staggered.
- They were all different in appearance.
- They all spoke different languages.
- They all had different beliefs (religions).

These seemingly harmless hurdles given to groups with strong wills would prove to be devastating.

The only common thread was their belief that they were influenced by some form of superior force in outer space from which they originated. From there on their values took different paths – some conflicted, some overlapped.

Knotcher Land would never be the same.



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