

FOR ALL EYES: BACKGROUND INFORMATION OF LOCUST WAR.

THE HUMANS OF SERA HAVE BEEN AT WAR WITH EACH OTHER FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS. IT SEEMS WE TOOK GREAT DELIGHT IN KILLING EACH OTHER FOR CENTURIES, FIRST OVER THE CONTROL OF THE CHOICEST PIECES OF LANDS, PETTY EMPIRES AGAINST DEVELOPING NATIONS. THEN THE DURING THE GREAT ENERGY SHORTAGE THE RICH CRUSHED THE POOR, TILL SOME FOOL DISCOVERED THE SECRETS OF IMULSION. A SUBSTANCE BELIEVED USELESS FOUND IN CERTAIN PLACES ACROSS SERA, UNTIL IT UNDERGOES THE LIGHTMASS PROCESS, A PROCEDURE THAT TURNS THIS FLUID INTO AN INCREDIBLY RICH SOURCE OF FUEL. RICH NATIONS BECAME THE POOR OVERNIGHT, AND THOSE WITH POWER LOOKED TO SECURE THEIR ENERGY SUPPLIES FROM THOSE WEAKER THAN THEMSELVES.

NATIONS FELL, TILL IN THE END TWO VAST GROUPS STOOD TO CLAIM IT ALL, THE UNION OF INDEPENDENT REPUBLICS AND THE COALITION OF ORDERED GOVERNMENTS. IT TOOK NEARLY A HUNDRED YEARS BEFORE THE COG WON. PEACE AT LAST, RIGHT?

IT LASTED SIX WHOLE WEEKS. THE LOCUST, A REPTILIAN HUMANOID RACE OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN EMERGED FROM TUNNELS THAT THEY CAN CREATE MOST ANYWHERE UNDER THE SURFACE OF SERA. THEY KILLED EVERY MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD THAT MOVED. IN A SINGLE DAY THEY MANAGED TO KILL AN ESTIMATED QUARTER OF THE ENTIRE POPULATION OF THE PLANET, AND THEY DIDN'T STOP THERE. THEY SEEM FIXATED ON THE COMPLETE EXTINCTION OF THE ENTIRE HUMAN RACE, NO NEGOTIATION, NO PRISONERS AND NO SURRENDER. IT TOOK NEARLY A YEAR TO EVEN BEGIN TO GET THE MILITARY TO MOUNT ANYTHING EVEN RESEMBLING A COUNTERSTRIKE, AND BY THEN LESS THAN A QUARTER OF THE ENTIRE PRE-WAR POPULATION EVEN LIVED ON THE PLANET.

FACING EXTINCTION THE COG ORDERED ALL HUMANS TO RETREAT TO JACINTO PLATEAU, A GRANITE PLATEAU IN THE FORMER NATION OF TYRUS, THE LOCUST CANNOT BRING THEIR TUNNELS UP UNDERNEATH US, AND WE CAN USE IT AS A BASE TO FIGHT BACK. STILL THE ENEMY FORCES WERE TOO GREAT, AND THE COG UNDER ITS LEADER, CHAIRMAN PRESCOTT CHOSE TO MAKE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE FOR THE LAST HOPE FOR HUMANITIES FUTURE.

IN THE PENDULUM WARS BOTH SIDES HAD CREATED WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION TO USE UPON EACH OTHER, BUT DESPITE THE HORRORS OF THE CONFLICT, MOST REMAINED UNUSED. THE COG USED THEM, ALL OF THEM, AGAINST THE ENEMY, AND AGAINST THEIR OWN PEOPLE. THEY DESTROYED AS MUCH OF THE ENEMY AS THEY COULD TO GIVE THOSE WHO MADE IT TO JACINTO A FIGHTING CHANCE.

THAT WAS THIRTEEN YEARS AGO, AND LESS THAN A SINGLE PERCENT OF HUMANITY REMAINS, AND THE LOCUST, WHILE STRUCK A SAVAGE BLOW, ARE STILL WINNING THE WAR. SOMETHING NEEDS TO HAPPEN, AND SOON, OR ELSE HUMANITIES TIME ON SERA WILL COME TO A REAL AND PERMANENT END.

YOU ARE AGENTS OF THE COG ARMY, KNOWN AS THE GEARS, TRAINED WARRIORS WHO FIGHT ON THE FRONT LINES AND TAKE THE FIGHT TO THE LOCUST. THE HEAD OF THE COG FORCES, CHIEF OF DEFENCE VICTOR HOFFMAN HAS CALLED ALPHA, DELTA, EPSILON AND LAMBDA SQUADS INTO A BRIEFING. RUMOURS ARE THAT HE HAS A SHOT, A LONG SHOT AT TURNING THE TIDE OF THIS WAR.

NOW GRAB YOUR ARMOUR GEAR AND GET YOUR ASS MOVING TO THE BRIEFING ROOM.