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"Prolouge"

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In 2104, lithological excavations at the Fourth Mars Colony unearthed an artifact of unknown, seemingly non-human origin; an icosahedron of an unrecognized, non terrestrial metallic composition, inscribed with strange, indecipherable sigils and glyphs.

After long months of intense study, epigraphy experts on Earth ascertained a tenuous parallel between the unknown language on the icosahedron and certain obscure Aztec hieroglyphics, and thus were able to extrapolate a meaning from the unearthly inscriptions.

The translation spoke of a legendary repository of ultimate knowledge known as the Empyrean Lexicon... a codex of alien origin said to contain incredible cosmic secrets; arcane words and psionic waves of power which were the keys to unlocking a network of cerebral-transference portals linking the myriad galaxies of the multiverse, and also the means to transcend the boundaries of the space-time continuum, enabling corporeal beings to travel between dimensions and traverse at will the unknown realms which lay between universes, tapping into the limitless energies which permeated the sidereal fabric of the cosmos.

The translation of the Mars icosahedron also hinted disturbingly at a great pangalactic conflict which was waged over the possession of the codex between the mysterious cosmic beings who had appointed themselves the keepers of the Lexicon and some terrifying

shadowy foe mentioned
only fleetingly in the alien text.

The final battle in this cataclysmic power struggle was
apparently fought
in Earth's own solar system, and the Keepers of the
Lexicon, their power
depleted and teetering on the verge of defeat,
shattered the codex into
a myriad shards, scattering the fragments across the
star system in order
to prevent the secret

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