

Pre-History - Before YE 01

For untold years the [Black Claw Star Empire](#) ruled a vast sector of space. Many races fell under their rule as they further expanded outward into the cosmos. There were records that told of a time when the Black Claw Kingdom ruled as noble and benevolent beings but those times have since been lost. The dog-like bipedal race that made up the Black Claw had since become cruel tyrants. Their power had long been established when the [human race](#) fell under their sphere of influence. Their rule was cruel and oppressive and those under them suffered much.

So much could be tolerated until finally the many races banded together and fought to overthrow the tyranny of the [Black Claw Star Empire](#). A long and bloody war of liberation ensued which destroyed many worlds and nearly shook civilization apart. An entire galaxy bled until finally after so many years of warfare the Black Claw was defeated in a violent and climactic battle.

After the Black Claw was overthrown there was much turmoil as the races sought to regain their dignity. Humanity feared that the confusion could become more intense and descend into open warfare. There may be a chance of yet again becoming enslaved or worse. To prevent this, the humans decided to send a portion of their population beyond the very farthest borders of the known Black Claw Empire. The exodus was kept secret from the other races and they have since not been seen or heard from since. The humans that remained to rediscover their origins have also not been heard from either.

As the secret convoy fled the former empire they chanced to discover a system of planets that supported life. The locations of these worlds would place the direction of the former [Black Claw Star Empire](#) to the galactic southeast. Upon closer inspection, it turned out these worlds had been discovered by the Black Claw and slated for future development. However, because of the war, the outposts had been abandoned and no reports were ever made thus keeping the area undiscovered. With the internal strife of the empire forcing every resource to turn inwards the convoy determined that there was enough distance to begin colonization safely. Thus they began to settle on the world that would eventually become [Rok'Veru](#).

Upon arriving on [Rok'Veru](#) the humans worked hard to build a world where they could thrive again. After 50 years of peace, a strong movement began to take effect. This movement proposed that humanity should focus on building its war machine so that it may never be conquered again, perhaps even one day returning to the former empire and conquering all those they fled from. Others preferred keeping a low profile and waiting to develop further before trying to expand. For a while, the proponents for war were pacified by the creation of a sizeable defense force. The argument went on for a years before hostilities finally broke out.

As if to prove their point, the faction calling itself [Crimson Dawn](#) began to seize control of various facilities and military hardware. Several years of violence soon followed as the defense force fought against the Crimson Dawn movement. In the end, an uneasy ceasefire was called followed by a truce wherein the colonists decided to follow a policy of expansion and exploitation. A republic style government was formed with representatives from each faction: [Crimson Dawn](#), [Human Defense Force](#), and [Slumbering Dreamers](#). This then led to shifting their homeworld over from [Rok'Veru](#) to [Damasica \(Neo Kohana\)](#). The [Human Defense Force](#) faction thus changed their name to the [Damasica Defense Force](#).

The shift was successful and development was well underway when into the fourth year of development

a plague hit. This plague wiped out many until a cure was developed. However, the damage had been great and in order to prevent a manpower shortage from stifling food production, the Nepleslians turned to cloning. By creating disposable labor force clones the impending [Food](#) shortage was averted. The panic caused by the plague caused the colonists to conclude that the best chance for the human race's survival would be to migrate once more and further spread out the presence of humanity. The planet chosen for this migration was [Planet Nepleslia](#). They landed on the central continent of [Democratic Imperium of Nepleslia](#) and named it [New Detroit](#).

As time passed, the [humans](#) decided to reduce their presence on [Rok'Veru](#) while trying to expand further on Damasicca and Nepleslia. After several decades the colonists settled and expanded on both worlds. Lamentation of their lost origins caused the humans to name themselves Nepleslians and take the name of their new homeworld despite having a presence on Damasicca.

The problems argued before, however, began to resurface as the human race faced such staggering losses again. [Crimson Dawn](#) again began to rise up and demand more concessions. By unleashing the full force of the cloning facilities they wished to create a massive clone army.

Unseen by the other factions, the [Crimson Dawn](#) had already made its move before allowing the other two factions to react. The cloning facilities under their control were already churning out soldiers before the proposition had even been brought up to the council. By the time the others found out it was already too late. [Crimson Dawn](#) attacked and was this time able to overwhelm all opposition. Nepleslia was under full control of [Crimson Dawn](#) and [Damasicca \(Neo Kohana\)](#) followed soon after. A military dictatorship was established. Their expansion was fast and unprecedented as Nepleslia and [Damasicca \(Neo Kohana\)](#) were colonized even faster and more intensely. Resources from nearby asteroids, moons, and worlds were stripped even further.

All of this progress came to an abrupt halt when a famine suddenly hit. Due to the rapid buildup of clone and military force, the food supplies began to dwindle as farming and agriculture failed to keep up with the growing clone population. Public outcry grew so widespread that the military was being frequently called in to suppress the riots and protests. After several years of this oppressive regime a full-on civil war began led by a faction calling itself the [Jade Connection](#). The war grew intense as clones and humans fought each other all over the two worlds of [Damasicca \(Neo Kohana\)](#) and Nepleslia. During this war, the development of advanced cybernetics first began to be explored as an alternative to clone soldiers. Entire squads of soldiers began to be outfitted with cybernetics and while they were more expensive to create they were also more deadly than the unaltered clones despite the refinement of gene therapies currently in use. The [Jade Connection](#) took full advantage of this and had already begun planning for their use before the war even began, mimicking the [Crimson Dawn](#)'s policy of pre-emptive strike during political turmoil.

The [Cyber Stalkers](#) fought hard against the Reapers and after several desperate engagements began to turn the tide against the [Crimson Dawn](#). After five intense years of war that threatened to destroy everything, the [Jade Connection](#) won a complete victory. Showing more mercy than most believed they deserved, the remnants of the [Crimson Dawn](#) were given the opportunity to reunite the human race as one movement. Those who accepted were pardoned except for the ones who committed war crimes and atrocities. The holdouts were either banished or executed along with criminals.

The Nepleslians had grown weary of the wars and focused even harder on living peacefully while advancing themselves. Cities were rebuilt and expanded while science worked towards improving

mankind. This became a sort of 'golden age' and was dubbed the Jade Flourishing. The [Jade Connection](#) was renamed the Jade Republic. All of this was overseen by a council of leaders selected by popular vote through a representative republic. During this time another planet was selected for expansion. This world was [Geshrintall](#) and the spearhead in charge of this was a little-known company known as [Uesureyan Horizons](#). A policy of slow and gentle expansion and exploration was followed to prevent a repeat of the giant women incident, in which a race of giant women native to Nepleslia were hunted to extinction.

For the first time, Nepleslians were able to live in peace for over a hundred years. Progress advanced until issues began to occur with the clone workforce. The older the clones grew the more problematic their behavior became. Many began to show anti-social and criminal attitudes, especially the ones that had been created to be soldiers. This problem had not been encountered before during times of war because clones did not normally live long enough. Now with a huge population of clones becoming dangerously unstable, the regular humans had to find a way to deal with the upcoming crisis. At first, a humane way was sought to solve this problem so scientists rushed to find a means to help cure this behavior but the only results discovered could only benefit future generations and not the ones currently in peril.

At first, the clones were treated at facilities or held in lockdown. Eventually, though, the clones that were not imprisoned began to realize they would eventually go the same way started to panic. Some hid, others fled, while more became violent. Families that had been started by clones found themselves in a dilemma. The government tried to calm the public but as the clones grew ever more aggressive their options were limited. The violence escalated until the clones were hunted for termination or 'ending' as it were. Clones had begun organizing themselves for this possibility and enough humans were sympathetic to their plight so that the population was once again split on the issue.

As tensions rose the powder keg was set off by an assault on one of the clone holding facilities. This massive breakout of clones made by a faction of clones and humans started a descent into a civil war that tested the consciences of all those who fought. Families were torn apart as a result and violence spread across Nepleslia. Geshrintall was spared most of this due to the smaller population and reduced dependence on clones.

The military was called in but due to the heavy dependence on clone soldiers there was dissension even within the ranks. New generations of clones were being made but not fast enough to counter the previous ones. Once again cybernetic advances began to turn the tide but as the civil war continued many areas drifted apart from the main body of government, not wanting to support this controversial war. After several months, the Clone Uprising was systematically suppressed but it left a bad stain on many people's psyche. The cost of cybernetics and the connection it had to winning the war made people seek a new way of creating superior soldiers not dependent on cybernetics.

Several companies worked together under the government to develop the ID-SOL project. The Ideal SOLDier plan created a new breed of super-soldier that was a result of genetic engineering and intense training. These soldiers were a tremendous success and measures were taken to integrate them into the military. A massive restructuring was done to accommodate these new forces. As this was occurring on Nepleslia, the population on Geshrintall was peacefully expanding while Uesureyan Horizons steadily grew and developed further advances in computer technologies.

For a time peace settled on Nepleslia until the cities that had disagreed with the main government in regards to the war grew more belligerent. There was so much disgust with the current government that

the cities had practically declared independence from the main body. The government worked to reconcile with these cities for a while until negotiations broke down and the cities separated from the Jade Republic government to create their own smaller states. The Jade Republic, sticking to a policy of diplomacy and avoiding war at all costs, allowed this and recognized the creation of several smaller governments. As though following a sign of the times, the colonists of Geshrintall decided to also break away from the Nepleslian front and become their own autonomous entity. The local government, backed by the local corporations, decided that they were no longer in need of outside interference. As a result, the Uesureyan Horizons corporation began to have more influence in the run of the planet.

Nepleslia split into four factions: the Jade Republic, the [Tymian Empire](#), the [Tre Empire](#), and the Renato Conglomerate. Each faction had individual stances and some similarities to their policies. A nervous relationship of mutual respect and mistrust settled in as each faction developed their own powerbase. [Damasica \(Neo Kohana\)](#) was the only planet that did not split off and remained aligned to the Jade Republic. Several decades passed in this shaky power struggle. Even more planets were charted out and claimed. Expansion consisted more of resource stripping as each faction sought to outdo the other. For the time they were all fairly balanced against each other, controlling a fairly equal amount of resources even as they sought to further colonize and develop Nepleslia, absorbing more and more of its landscape with industrial centers. This balance maintained until [Geshrintall](#) began to throw its support in with the [Tymian Empire](#), emboldening them to further escalate tensions. After several years the [Uesureyan Horizons](#) corporation had become present in every aspect of life, providing services more efficiently than the government, making contact with the local life forms, and expanding its own influence. It became fairly obvious that [Geshrintall](#) was under the control of [Uesureyan Horizons](#). [Geshrintall](#) was ruled much like an oligarchy but with certain strong figures that dominated policy.

The [Tre Empire](#) began to court the Renato Conglomerate to form a united front against the Jade Republic. The two empires united and used this opportunity to rekindle old disputes against the Republic. Land disputes, economic unrest, and colonization issues were already problematic but the question of expansion in order to return to their roots once again rose up to plague the political forefront. After more argument the [Tymian Empire](#) declared that it would reunite all Nepleslians under one banner and declared war on the Jade Republic. The [Tre Empire](#), which was aligned with the Renato, remained neutral, preferring not to join the war. Fierce resistance was put up by the forces of the Jade Republic's armies but they were still overwhelmed by the combined might of the [Tymian Empire](#) and its [Geshrintall](#) support. The Jade Republic was forced to fall back to [Damasica \(Neo Kohana\)](#) and the flag of the [Tymian Empire](#) flew over the capital city of [New Detroit](#). After the retreat, the Tymian planned to push on towards [Damasica \(Neo Kohana\)](#) and began massing for the assault when battleships of a new design appeared and began to wipe out their transports and cruisers. These ships bore the logo of [Uesureyan Horizons](#) and were superior to all the ships the Tymian Empire possesses. The commander of this fleet declared that the [Uesureyan Star Empire](#) would not allow the [Tymian Empire](#) to go any further.

With the two factions planet locked the war could not continue. At first, the Jade Republic were relieved at the assistance however that was short-lived as the [Uesureyan Star Empire](#) declared that in order for them to receive their protection they would have to submit to their rule. After further negotiations were made the USE promised to give the Republic its own autonomy in regards to internal affairs but that they were to be subservient to the USE. They had little choice since the USE's ships were the only thing preventing the [Tymian Empire](#) from invading [Damasica \(Neo Kohana\)](#). Meanwhile, the [Tymian Empire](#) were infuriated by the betrayal and found that all the supplies they had received were now defective and sabotaged.

For several months the USE fleet conducted orbital bombardment on the territories held by the [Tymian Empire](#). During this time the Republic became nothing more than a puppet government as the USE further consolidated its control over [Damasica \(Neo Kohana\)](#). Under the USE the Jade Republic struggled to rebuild its army for the eventual conflict, conscripting as many citizens and creating as many clones as possible with the limited facilities available. The USE began to plan for an invasion of Tymian territory however before this could happen something unforeseen occurred. The [Uesureyan Star Empire](#) came under attack by a hostile force only known as the [Vordachibeans](#). It was later discovered that space pirates had accidentally led them to these worlds after fleeing from their attack at one of their remote hideouts.

Forced to redirect their efforts to combat this new entity and realizing that this could be a threat to everyone the USE quickly worked toward uniting everyone to combat this threat. Initial hostilities were dispelled once every faction saw that the [Vordachibeans](#) attacked everything with no regard for each faction. For a time everyone united together until the Vordachibeans were not seen for some time. As soon as the war against the [Vordachibeans](#) settled down the factions almost immediately split off again. The [Uesureyan Star Empire](#) immediately attacked the [Tymian Empire](#). Exhausted from the war with the [Vordachibeans](#) they folded almost immediately and surrender. Under the same guise of autonomy, the Tymian Empire was allowed to exist but it was completely controlled by the Uesureyan Star Army. A unified force was created called the [United Empire Forces](#). It was made up of the USE and the [Tymian Empire](#). The Jade Republic was absorbed by the [Tymian Empire](#) giving control of [Damasica \(Neo Kohana\)](#) and all [Tymian Empire](#) territory to the USE.

During this period of restructuring, the colors of factions began to be seen. The military forces of the USE wore green colored vests to identify themselves. Government and police employees began to wear blue vests and uniforms. After the wars, however, there were some areas deemed undesirable or unworthy to extend control into. These areas tended to be controlled by criminal elements and were marked as such territory by a black banner. This was done to ensure territorial control was known and established. Trade guilds and corporations tended to use yellow or brown to denote their affiliations.

The [Tre Empire](#) and UEF made no overtly hostile actions towards each other however there were many covert missions undertaken. The [Tre Empire](#) sponsored various operations ranging from increased criminal activities, terrorist actions, and all-out rebellion. These actions continued for many years until violence escalated all over the [Tymian Empire](#) territory. The various factions that committed these acts united to form the [Nepleslian Reds](#). Their activities increased until the [Nepleslian Reds](#) became a faction of their own. The criminal activities provided them with the funds necessary to continue operations independent of the [Tre Empire](#).

The [Nepleslian Reds](#) continued to fight against the [Greens](#) in order to free Nepleslia from Uesureyan influence. All out war between the two factions was declared as territory within Tymian territory fell under the control of the Reds. At first, the Tre Empire were supportive of the Reds actions until the UEF retaliated and launched a strike against the [Tre Empire](#). Despite the infighting within Tymian territory, the UEF was capable of defeating the Tre by their combined firepower. The [Tre Empire](#) was added to the UEF and became another puppet government under the control of the USE. Any military forces still capable of fighting joined the [Nepleslian Reds](#) in their campaign against the UEF. The Renato Conglomeration remained outside of the conflict but used its vast financial resources to further developments in cybernetic technologies. Incredible breakthroughs were made and eventually led to the development of [The Forge](#), a company completely devoted to researching cybernetic weaponry.

This began a long period of time when war between the Green Vests of Uesureyan forces and the [Nepleslian Reds](#) was waged constantly. The [Nepleslian Reds](#) eventually took Kennewes and created a power base there to continue waging the war. [New Detroit](#) changed hands several times, becoming the most highly contested territory on Nepleslia. The [Greens](#) pushed the Reds out of [New Detroit](#) and forced them as far back as Kennewes. They held [New Detroit](#) temporarily and were eventually pushed back again, losing [New Detroit](#) to the [Nepleslian Reds](#). The borders of each side fluctuated from time to time, settled, and then changed again. There were struggles within each conflict as well as notable moments and figures on each side. Major fleet battles were fought to control space lanes and prevent invasions. Nepleslia became a culture of warfare over the next few centuries, too embroiled in the conflict to even remember the old dispute of whether or not to discover the fate of their brethren who remained behind at the aftermath of the [Black Claw Star Empire](#)

Meanwhile, with [Geshrintall](#) safely away from the major effects of the war, further advancement was made in their genetic engineering programs under [Project Perfect Evolution](#). [Uesureyan Horizons](#) continued to move forward and predict a tremendous breakthrough soon. The strange computer society of [AvaNet](#) began to form in the south. Bizarre signals that were likened to 'floating islands' were found on the other side of the planet. Exploration groups were sent to investigate but never returned. It was eventually discovered that a new race of beings that called themselves the Elysians were moving to claim [Geshrintall](#). According to reports from contact, despite the fact that the Nepleslians colonized the planet almost a thousand years ago, the Elysians claimed that they have always lived there. Later research revealed that they had purged their history to merely reflect that and were new arrivals fleeing a cataclysmic environmental shift on another undisclosed planet. Little other information could be gleaned from the fiercely religious Elysians.

In the final years of this period the [United Empire Forces](#) continued to fight the Reds. During this campaign, a decisive blow was dealt to the Reds and they lost control of New Detroit to the [Greens](#). [New Detroit](#) was renamed [Funky City](#). The USE cast off their allies, finally dissolving the Tymian and Tre Empires to declare themselves the [Yamatai Star Empire](#). Emperor [Ketsurui Saito](#) was crowned.

Warfare with the [Nepleslian Reds](#) continued but there were those among the [Greens](#) who had grown tired of external influence. All factions took note of their unfriendly neighbor and waited for the perfect moment to deal with them.

Thus we entered Yamatai Era Year One....

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