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Found Passage From The Stellar Histories Reference Guide OMNIPEDIA-X, Catalog Listing FERRIDIAN PLAINS: Destruction Begets Redemption.

[Translated from Ferridian]

(Entry #)
Ωδ-∞μΔ00ΣΙ



The time was then. We were there at the now. Far along the rock we saw long and deep. The rock shuddered, and starlight passed above. Time is a river we know nothing of the source or terminus. The stars shone, and the figure came to our rock. We were fearful, and it was large. The being moved towards. Warnings from the rock implored us to stay away. We kept distance as the being moved among. It was looking. It was feeling. We dared not let it see us. We were and remain afraid.

From these pataphysical texts we begin to learn more of the culture developed by the FERRIDIANS of the Styxonian Cluster, just outside the Burth System.

Our scans of the sector have identified their species as having peaked approximately 3,000 stellar cycles ago, near or just before The DARK THULU Period. Our gaseous mass analytics has shown considerable fossil record beneath the "rock" of these texts which identify a small, powerful bipedal creature. Subsisting in a gathering/foraging method, these creatures appear to have lived a joyless and unending life of constant work and group thought — yet experienced and documented a change in their culture surrounding the arrival of a being.



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Ι∞μ]-ΣΔ00Ωδ

The being has been. Many starlights shine on the rock. Many people fed. Many born. Stayed it did. Close we now draw to it. Warmth it gives. Food for the whole is here. Whole is more. Being stay. Rock has informed us.

While the realization that these FERRIDIANS were capable of higher thought and documentation is itself a true revelation, further data analysis draws a parallel between this change in their culture and the arrival of this being — a being that we believe was the "Destroyer," known later as *Cosmos*.

Why or how he came to visit this species on their far-off corner of the multi-verse is unknown, but it is clear that his presence brought harmony to the FERRIDIANS and possibly resulted in the further evolution of their mental capacities.

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Δ00Ωδ]-ΣΙ∞μ



Starlight shines, and being is gone. Lifted to heavens. From sky came brightness.

If this is indeed the case, further study of this effect on other regions visited by *Cosmos*, as documented elsewhere in the OMNIPEDIA-X, should be marked a high priority.

Further analysis recommended.

[END TRANSCRIPTION]

SOME AREAS OF
KING THULL'S CASTLE
SHIP AREN'T ON THE
FLOOR PLAN.

HIS EXTERMINATION
BOT FACTORY IS THE
LARGEST!

ONE NEEDS
POWER TO RULE,
GENTLEMEN.

AND
RULING
IS ULTIMATE
POWER!

IT'S A
DELICIOUS
CIRCLE.

REQUESTED
MODIFICATIONS,
KING?

**DONE,
CHAIRMAN
TRAX-4.**

A RELIEF
AFTER WHAT THE
UNIVERSE KILLER DID
TO OUR ALPHA
MODELS.

"I'M TAKING PRECAUTIONS
TO ENSURE HE'S RENDERED
A **NON-ISSUE**,
COUNCILMAN ZUX-4.

"**FAILING THAT,**
SURE, HE'S TOUGH..."

...**BUT**
I'VE **BEATEN**
TOUGHER.



IF HE DOES AGAIN INTERVENE IN OUR RECLAMATION OF VOLTRAK?...?

TO ME, HE IS SIMPLY A WEAPON. ONE THAT I WILL...



...CONTROL OR DESTRUCTION?

SPEAKING OF, HE'S HERE, MY KING.



EXCUSE ME A MOMENT, GENTLE-VOLTRAXIANS.

OUR PLAN PROCEEDS AS SCHEDULED?

YES, KING...

"...ASTRO-COURSE
ADJUSTMENTS
HAVE BEEN MADE."

COSMOS IS EXCITED,
RUSHING TO GREET
WYAN.

ALLOW ME
TO ASSIST
YOU.

I CAN
GET DOWN ON
MY OWN!

BUT...

...THANKS.

THIS HARDENED
WARRIOR KNOWS
NOTHING OF PURE
KINDNESS.



WELCOME TO MY HUMBLE CASTLE, DESTROYER!

DESTROYER?
I...

HE CALLS HIMSELF COSMOS, M'LORD.



COSMOS THE DESTROYER!

URKI JUST COSMOS.



YOU'RE COVERED IN THE GRILLED AROMA OF SPACE!

I, TOO, ONCE TRAVERSED THE VOID SANS SHIP. BUT IT'S NO WAY FOR A KING TO GET AROUND!