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Stykades Empire & The Moon Base

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This discussion seems to become very interesting indeed. Actually I never thought deeply about it and the first "questionmark" came to my mind very recently. Unfortunately I have a very few time available now, but I would like to summarise my opinion anyway – the topic is soooo intriguing, I cannot stay away from it :-)

I think the best definition for Stykades is "Federated Reign". As I underlined previously, for sure the empire is built from both conquered and "allied" planets, and anyway Vega allowed to people coming from both places to have a career with him, both in the military and "civil" organisation. And as the case of a ~~civil~~ career for people coming from allied planets could be understandable as a part of an "exchange" for the alliance, to give the same opportunity to persons from defeated countries is somewhat more surprising as they could have some revenge desire and could be not considered people to be trusted. And in fact we see Euridie, Eudix, Ergastul, Atlas in the end not being able to accomplish their task. But the military organisation of Vega is another intriguing topic which would deserve a deeper analysis for sure.

About the transfer of Vega from Stykades to the Moon Base, this is another very interesting topic. Jerome's question is correct: why escaping there instead to an allied planet? Well, my theory is that only a military elite of Stykades escaped to the Moon Base, while the majority of civil population migrated to other planets. In fact, it's unlikely that the cigar-like spacecraft could contain a whole planet population – in the worst case some millions – and actually we never see any civil inhabitant of the Moon Base. This could also explain why Actarus in ep73 and the whole Patruille in ep74 have no regret to attack the Moon Base, which is what I should expect from them if they would have suspected their action could result in killing also the civil population. So I'd think that in some ways Actarus knew that destroying the Moon Base would have meant a military victory without harming any civil life. But how to connect this theory with ep72 happenings? If the civil population was already living safely on other planets, why Rubina thought to ask Duke Flead for the permission to allow the transfer of Vega's people to the newborn Planet Flead?

Well, my opinion is that anyway the sudden and massive transfer of Stykades population to other planets – probably the allied ones, as conquered should have been in the big majority polluted too - due to the contamination of their native planet could have suffered of the same problems of all migrations, with particular reference to pacific living of escapades with local inhabitants. For more, Rubi's revolution was the first signal that something was starting to break the rules and probably Stykades population would have been in danger if the uprising would have spread wider. So the chance to gather and transfer all Stykades population to Flead - a deserted planet full of resources - plus marrying the man who was considered Vega's worst enemy was a good idea in Rubina's perspective for real and all in all the only possibility to save her reign. This scenario could for me explain even better ep 72 from my particular perspective (see my previous SMM on the topic).

This thread had anyway as a result to let a big question surface in my mind once again: why Vega attacked Planet Flead? What was the reason behind the destruction of that planet? But this is another story, and a new post to come sooner or later...

Ciao to all,
Gerdha

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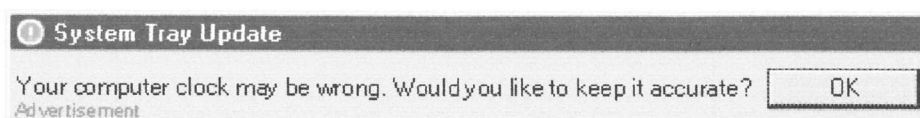
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the civil population has been sacrificed by the military elite of Stykades. Many died and I doubt that they escape to another planet, even an allied one. It is most intriguing indeed and we should try to summarize our points of view in order to find out a logical statement for the military organization of Vega forces, if it's possible of course...

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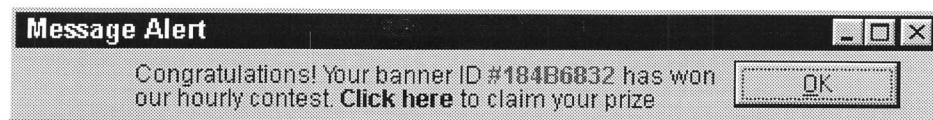
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Jerome, so you think all Vega civil population died in the pollution of their planet? Well, I don't think so. Actually the final explosion of the radioactive mines happens at ep52, but from Italian dialogues I have the impression it was the last and worst catastrophe of a long list. And as a matter of fact nobody talks about the slaughter of a whole population even later. I agree that we see in ep52 not many civils escaping, but I see it as they were the few who were still living on the planet, 'cause the majority (I would say the richest and military relatives – like in very similar happenings unfortunately) probably left Stykades before. Dantus/Akeron, in fact, is not surprised by the chain explosions of the mines and says something about the event as it was not totally unexpected. King Vega himself is not so surprised too. When Gandal & Zuril are informed about Stykades disaster, the Science Ministry's comment is "we don't have neither home nor homeland anymore to come back to, we are like lost in the space" but nobody comments about the loss of a whole civil population. Considering that the cigar-like spacecraft is not such big (it seems to be more or less a dozen times bigger than Grendizer) and only a few little spaceshift follows it during the migration to the Moon Base, I tend to exclude it contained the civil population too.

My opinion is that only the military elite and a few civils were still living on Stykades when the final pollution occurs. It's possible that Stykades population itself was not a high number after all... and this takes me to some further considerations about Vega's internal organisation. Oh, by the way, of course I would be glad if we could share our thoughts about Vega's military organisation; these topics are terribly intriguing to me, you know...

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Suzi

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I've read this interesting discussion and I sort of agree with your assumption, Gerdha, that some Vegan civilians managed to escape to other planets before the massive explosion of the biggest planet containing the biggest population referred to as Planet Vega in the arabic version.

You see, what I inferred from the Arabic version of Grendizer

(which is the closest to the original Japanese one) is that Vega the Great was very ambitious and wanted to conquer the universe. He formed an federation alliance with some planets within his galaxy including Planet Fleed, but when his ambitions extended to invading other planets and killing its inhabitants, Planet Fleed, which was pacifist, retracted from supporting him..(maybe that is why he destroyed it because he needed to use its advanced technologies and rich resources to enforce his army).

Other planets that formed part of this alliance as mentioned throughout the series as far as I remember included Planet Ruby (native planet of Minao aka Euridie), Planet Zoro (native planet of Zuril), Planet Delta (native planet of Harook aka Atlas).

The planets that were conquered and as a result submitted to supporting Vega included the native planet of Gos aka as Ergastrul (I am sorry I cannot recall it on the top of my head now) and the Planet of Blue Angel (after its destruction it was renamed as the Falling Ghost Star due to the poisonous fumes that filled its atmosphere, and it acted as an exile for prisoners of war, traitors and criminals).

As far as I remember that Yara aka Eudie was not mentioned to have come originally from the Planet of the Blue Angel but he was threatened that if he did not cooperate with Gandal and Blaki that his mother would be sent to this planet to work in its mines until she died (which would be tolerated by an elderly woman).

The impression I got was that he was a scientist from one of the allied planets of Vega or perhaps from Vega itself but refused to cooperate with the vegans therefore he and his mother were treated as traitors and his mother was exiled to this planet according to the Vegan law.

I hope this information was of interest to you.

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