

Treatment

In the year 5200, space travel is a common, but expensive endeavor. There are a few business owners who have their own ships, which monitor and repair the satellites they own, but other than that, there are only two big space ships in operation. The Sepcon run by space flight, (formerly the airforce) and the Degon, which is manned by security operations (formerly the marines). Commander Jonathan Silver runs the Sepcon and Commander Douglas Farrow runs the Degon. They are both together in the program, but they are always competing against each other for funding.

Resources on Earth are limited. The economy is on a downfall, and people blame the space program. It is thought that the men on the ships are living in luxury while people on earth are starving. In fact, it could not be farther from the truth. The ships are undermanned because joining the space program is seen as disgraceful, and though the government keeps channeling money toward the program, it's not enough.

On a routine dump, the Sepcon runs across a foreign matter orbiting Mars. It's a flying saucer four times the size of the Sepcon. They are attacked when they try to investigate. The saucer remains in orbit, and the damaged ship manages to get away. Once they return with the news, both ships are ordered back to be docked and repaired. Confused, the Commanders follow orders. On Earth the crews of both ships end up fighting with each other on the base. When they are sent home for a time, civilians attack them, and they discover that their families have to hide the fact that they work for the space program, for fear of being harmed themselves.

Now aware of the state of things at home, the Commanders demand to know why people hate them, and why the program was kept in operation, but most of all, what had

attacked the Sepcon. They are finally informed that the real reason the space program was started was for protection against an alien species. The government worked hard to hide the knowledge of advanced alien life forms that have been abducting people at random and running tests on them.

The government has a few specimens of it's own and they show the Commanders what they will be dealing with. The government also has one of the alien's test subjects. She is a woman named Nazira who appears normal, except that her eyes are silver like mirrors and her hair is white. She has the most knowledge about the aliens and she is ordered to join the Sepcon as Second in Command.

The ships are sent off with more men and supplies, though it's still not enough. They go back to Mars, but the saucer is gone. As they are returning home, they are informed that Earth is under attack. The saucer is abducting mass amounts of people and is in the process of killing the rest. The government has a few satellites armed with nuclear weapons, but they do little damage. The Sepcon and Degon finally arrive. They go about attacking the ship. When they run out of ammo, they begin to ram the ship. Nazira and Commander Silver board the alien ship and try to destroy it internally. Nazira is able to get by as one of the aliens for a while, but she is soon discovered. She and the Commander make it to the main power of the ship and they destroy the ship with themselves still in it.

The government commends Commander Farrow for his bravery, but he is bitter against the government for not telling the people and gaining support so that they could have been better prepared. He is brought before the people and it becomes clear that he has the people's support if nothing else and he knows that the next battle they will win.