



In our future...
A human ambassador...
An alien resident...
An age-old secret about to be revealed...
Atlantis 2: A Question of Survival

The Quest for Freedom begins!

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Summary

The time is 2538, four hundred and ninety years after the ecological catastrophe known as The End.

In the New World that resulted from the cataclysm, the few remaining humans are content to live in and around their city of Atlantis 2 while alien species colonize the Far Lands of the former Americas.

However, whereas the humans' relationships with the aliens of the Galactic Coalition have always remained peaceful if distant from the aliens' part, the situation is now strained as for the first time since The End, the humans are preparing to explore both the sea and the stars.

In this time of unusual turmoil, Nya Pavlovsky, Princess of Mankind a.k.a. galactic ambassador-in-training, is about to take over her mother's Duty. With the help of both her adoptive brother, Mykel Darewing, and her Syllin friend and fellow diplomat, Aenil Sy, the young woman prepares for her upcoming challenge, namely to try and convince the aggressive Gorgons to allow her people to finally reach the stars of the Coalition.


Unbeknown to her, though, her Destiny, as well as her friends' and people's, are about to take most unexpected turns as the belligerent Gorgons plan to attack them.

Meanwhile, further away, the well-concealed Supreme Ruler of the galaxy keeps a wary eye on the free humans of 5-B4 (a.k.a. Earth) for if they were to slip past his various means of deceit and control, they would lethally challenge his absolute, unknown and based-on-lies hegemony of the whole galaxy.

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The main characters

 <p>Nya Pavlovsky</p>	<p>Aged of 18 years old, Nya Pavlovsky is a strong-willed and Intuitive Atlanti who has always lived with her mother and her adoptive brother. Not satisfied by the reality of things until she understands why they are so, she is one of the most curious students the Atlanti school has ever taught, as well as one of the most challenging future ambassadors Aenil Sy has ever trained. As she begins to trudge down her adult path, Nya Feels that much will have to be done if she wants to be successful with the aggressive and distant aliens...</p>
 <p>Aenil Sy</p>	<p>Born in a society devoid of compassion and family ties, Aenil (pronounced like alien but in scrambled order) has always stood out from the other Syllins thanks to her highly developed intelligence. She particularly excels in sciences, specializing in genetics and chemistry. Like every other Syllin, she despises all other species, which are beneath her true first-rate species, but for the past three-hundred and fifty Syllin years, she has been living in exile, punished by her Lord for failing a second time to destroy the humans of 5-B4 (a.k.a. Earth). Ever since that fateful day, she has been living with the humans, secretly controlling them through political means while studying their dormant threat.</p>
 <p>Mykel Darewing</p>	<p>Orphaned and adopted at birth, dark-skinned Mykel Darewing has always retained a very special bond with his adoptive sister, Nya. As children, they have shared their games, stories and imagination, as teenagers, their dreams and hopes, and as young adults, they now share their desire to explore space, as well as a very strong attachment to one another. Mechanically inclined, Mykel works on the Explorer project as both a technician and a pilot. However, whenever he can spare a minute, he also tries to nurture his fledgling Healer's Gift.</p>
 <p>The Gorgons</p>	<p>The Gorgons are a belligerent and extremely xenophobic species. Physically stronger and taller than the average species, the four-armed bipeds are the favourite tools of the Supreme Ruler whenever the time comes for him to create a crisis in the Coalition so as to further or maintain his secret control over the known galaxy. Since Gorgonite has long since dried up, the Gorgons depend on the Syllins for their survival, thus are bound to obey their masters, whom they know for who they are.</p>
 <p>Hyn Li</p>	<p>For centuries, the Syllin known as Hyn Li (a.k.a. the Supreme Ruler) plotted and developed strategies to not only usurp but also retain absolute power for all his eternal life. Nowadays, he has reached his goal and prides himself on his achievement, scorning at everyone else, his own people included. Little does he suspect that his cruel secret reign is at an end... an end that has been set in motion the moment that he ordered Professor Aenil Sy to destroy the humans once and for all.</p>

About the author: As a debuting and self-published Canadian writer, I don't have much to say except that I love to tell stories and that I've been flexing my writing skills on the web for the past eight years. There, people have repeatedly told me that I am a very good writer whose strength lies in the ability to weave long and intricate plots while taking the readers into the characters' minds. Now, I hope that you, like me and my numerous test readers, will be entertained by this new story. I am aware that I am only an amateur writer, but I firmly believe that this is a very good story and that people will have fun reading it. That is my dearest wish, too, and so, I am looking forward to entertaining you as well!

Best wishes
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