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**B**y the time of the Lutheran Revolution, Thouros was a valued member of the Interplanetary Development Alliance, its mining and metallurgical industries essential to the Alliance's universal expansion.

MY SON.  
MAY OUR  
ANCESTORS  
GUIDE YOUR  
AIM.

MAY OUR  
DESCENDANTS  
SING YOUR  
PRAISES.

Thouros had become as peaceful and stable as any other member planet, a dramatic deviation from millennia of hostilities between two broad civilizations, distinct members of the Human Diaspora: The Urlonians and the Hrind.

Over generations of inducements and displays of power soft and hard, the Alliance's irenic influence took hold.

MAY MY  
VICTORY GRANT US  
IMMORTALITY.

Though catastrophe was avoided, the echoes of Thouros' truculence persisted in its reputation for the provision of superior Alliance military personnel.



RISE!

YOU ARE OF MY EARTH AND I BEQUEATH IT TO YOU, YOURS TO GUARD, PROTECT AND HOLD...

Thouros' original human inhabitants arrived via ark, those cyclopean ships blindly dispatched by Old Earth, programmed to land on the first inhabitable planet and disgorge their human cargo. As elsewhere, however, any further detail or specificity is lost to us.

...THOUGH YOU AND IT REMAIN MINE TO RECLAIM.

Whether the result of underlying tensions, the sense of adventure fostered by an alien world, or--in Thouros' case--a planet matching its inhabitants in belligerent hostility, the end result was the same: Societal regression and reformation on a massive scale.

GO FORTH!

THOUGH BIRTHED FROM THE SEA, YOUR DOMINION IS MY CREATION ENTIRE...

Thus, we are bereft of accurate and objective histories and must excavate truth from myths, legends and oral folklore with origins long after settlers had abandoned written records and coalesced into startlingly distinct cultural and ethnic groups.

Fortunately, the Alliance's tradition of robust Dispersion research provides the means to deduce significant information regarding the human diaspora, including a unique quirk of history that continued to define Thouros even after contact with the Alliance.

...YOURS TO RULE UNTIL IT IS RETURNED TO ME.

The name Hrinden the Conqueror appears frequently in the Urlonian tradition, portrayed as a savage barbarian ruler. However, these appearances span such great distances and eras as to render it impossible for them to reference a single figure.

This disconnect is the result of simple linguistic confusion: Hrinden was not a proper name but a title, roughly equating to "captain," which, in the context of the sea-faring Hrind and their unique societal structure, takes on a broader and more profound meaning.

SHIVER AND SUFFER NO MORE. THE SOUTHERN LANDS ARE OURS FOR THE TAKING.

BRAVE THE LEVIATHAN'S ROAR OR YOUR CHILDREN'S HUNGRY CRIES!

Touching down in Vuule's frigid wastes, millennia after the arrival of the Urlonians, the Hrind were forced to pull their sustenance from the northern seas, a harsh, unforgiving existence.

With improvements to their ships, the Hrind established their own colonies along Edinia's western, northern and eastern coasts. Mirroring the organization of fishing crews, these villages were largely autonomous and ruled absolutely by individual Hrinden.

Predictably, Edinia became the site of numerous violent clashes. The more robust Urlonian record attributes their origins solely to Hrind razzias but, given the pervasiveness of Urlonian warrior culture, the more likely cause is bilateral resource competition.

Bronze breastplate

Flint spear

Bronze sword

Bronze helmet

Leather-bound shield

Wood and bronze club

Flint sword

Leather armor

After accounting for surprise irruptions and numerical asymmetries, Hrind/Urlonian conflicts during this period were typically determined by Urlonian technological superiority. Hrind decentralization, however, rendered them exceedingly difficult to fully vanquish.



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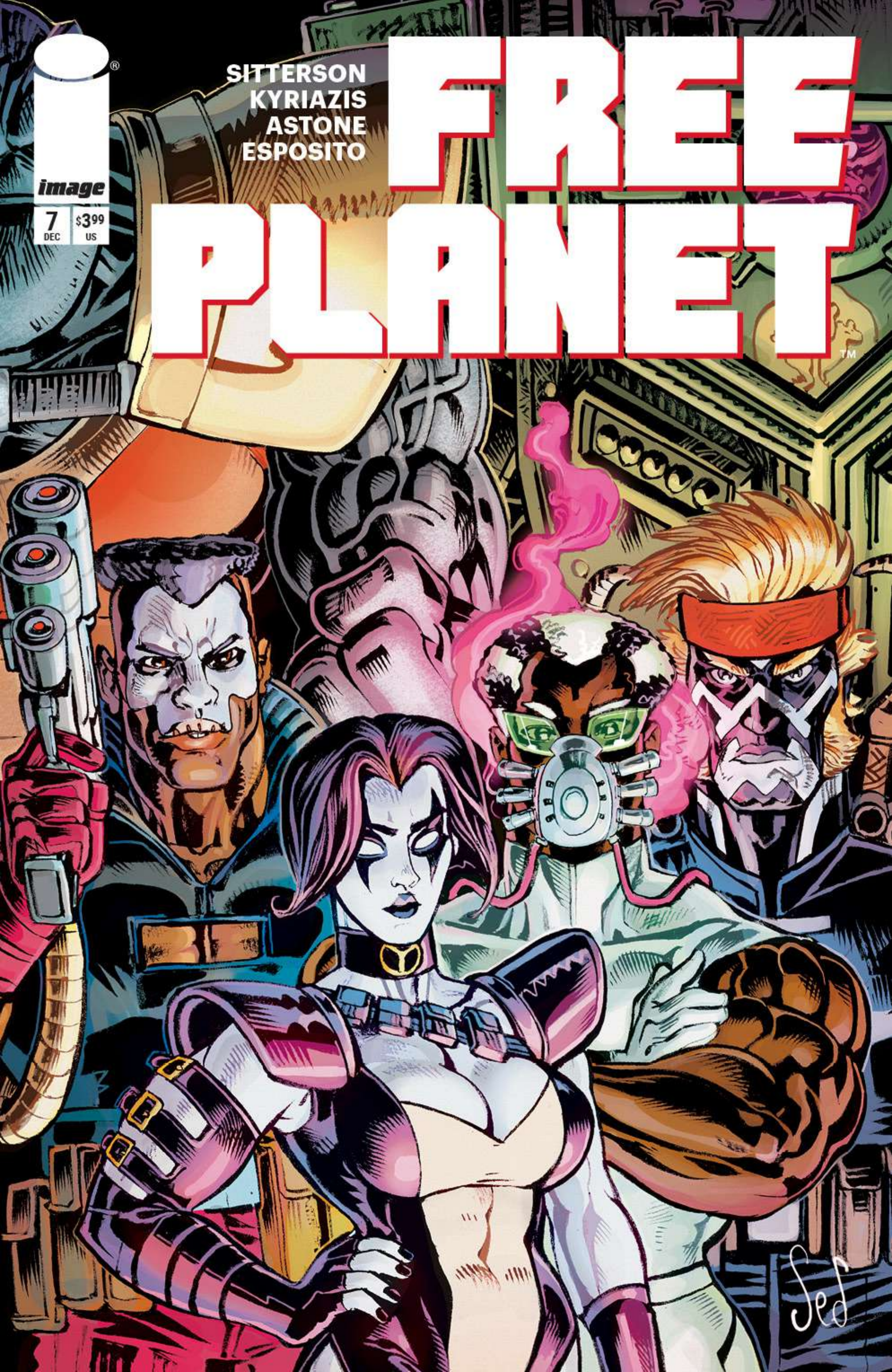




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