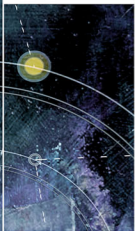


**PROLOGUE:**

"WOE UNTO THE RED  
DRAGON, FOR HIS  
END DRAWS NEAR



AND HIS CAVERNS SHALL BE OCCUPIED BY THE  
WHITE DRAGON THAT BETOKENS THE SAXONS  
WHOM YOU HAVE INVITED HERE.



THEREFORE, SHALL  
THE MOUNTAINS AND  
THE VALLEYS THEREOF  
BE MADE LEVEL PLANE



AND THE STREAMS  
OF THE VALLEYS  
SHALL FLOW WITH  
BLOOD!



AT LAST, SHE THAT IS OPPRESSED SHALL  
PREVAIL, AND RESIST THE CRUELTY OF THEM THAT  
CAME FROM WITHOUT.



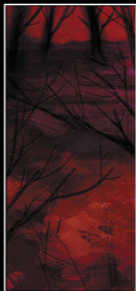
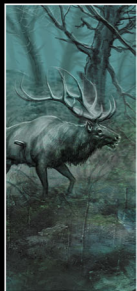
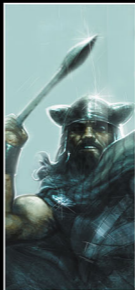
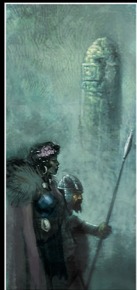
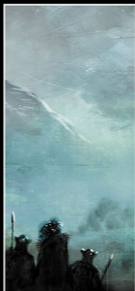
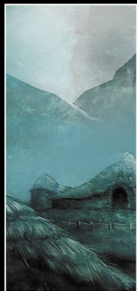
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CORNWALL SHALL  
BRING SUCCOR

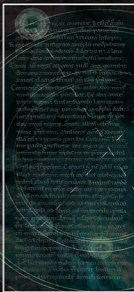
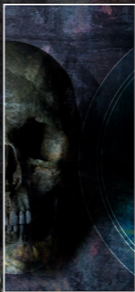
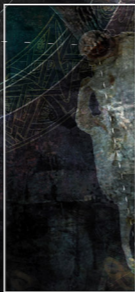
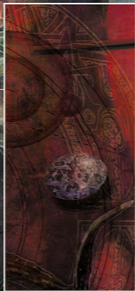
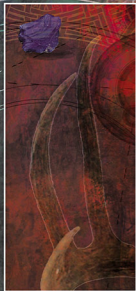
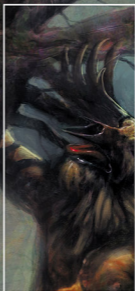
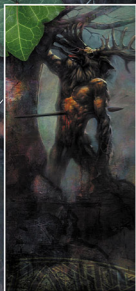


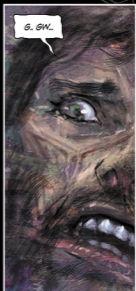
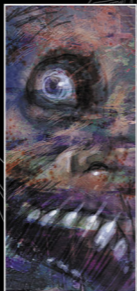
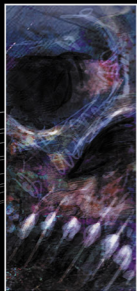
AND SHALL TRAMPLE THEIR  
NECKS BENEATH HIS FEET...'

- GEOFFREY OF MONMOUTH, THE  
HISTORY OF THE KINGS OF BRITAIN









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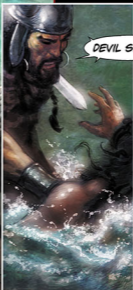
WHAT NOW?

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FINISH IT.



DEVIL SPAWN!



IT ALL STARTS IN THE FUTURE.  
AND IT WENT DOWN -

OR WILL GO DOWN -

SOMETHING LIKE THIS:

THE BOFFINS WILL ACTUALLY  
FIGURE OUT HOW TO TRAVEL  
FASTER THAN LIGHT WITHOUT  
BREAKING ALL OF EINSTEIN'S  
RULES.

(AMAZINGLY HE STAYS RIGHT ABOUT  
MOST STUFF - WITH ONE BIG OLD  
BLIND SPOT.

I'LL GET TO THAT LATER!)

SO - HAVING SORTED OUT THE PROBLEM OF DISTANCE -

TA-DAAA! -

WE START HITTING ALL THE EXO-PLANETS IN  
THE GOLDILOCKS ZONES ACROSS THE MILKY WAY.

(FOR THE UN-INITIATED,  
THAT'S PLACES WE HUMANS  
CAN ACTUALLY LIVE - WITH  
THE ODD BODY MOD HERE  
AND THERE.

THEY CALL THAT 'CARKING'  
IN THE FUTURE, AND IT'S WAY  
MORE hardcore THAN A FEW  
TATTOOS AND PIERCINGS!)

SO -

IT'S 2112..

(I KNOW, RIGHT? RUSH RULE!)

A DEEP-SPACE SCOUT SHIP CALLED  
THE 'BESTER'S DISTINCTION' IS IN  
ORBIT AROUND PROXIMA CENTURI B.

(SERIOUSLY - THERE'S A  
REASON I KNOW ALL THIS  
SHIT. BEAR WITH ME, OK?)



THERE'S A THIN OXYGEN RICH  
ATMOSPHERE, AND WHAT LOOK  
LIKE HUGE RUINS - LITERALLY  
EVERYWHERE! - BUT THERE'S  
NO SIGN OF LIFE..

# STARHENGGE

BOOK ONE: THE DRAGON AND THE BOAR