

# CRISIS OF FAITH

## Storyline Book One (1933-1935)

1 Winter TN 1933 — 1 Autumn TN 1935

"In those days, the planet was readying for war. Alliances were made and revolutions broke out, but no one saw the larger events, already in motion. We were so concerned with our own petty, local problems that we had closed our eyes to the immensity of what faced us... or to the wonders occurring right under our noses.

"There are times I wish we could be so innocent again."

— Nicosia Renault

Storyline Book One: Crisis of Faith traces the events on Terra Nova from TN 1933 through TN 1935. The planet lurches toward a global conflict and the words of Terranovans themselves betray their machinations and true intentions. Dramatic events that were only hinted at in previous books start to take form with world-shaking consequences. Letters, private conversations, journal entries and official reports expose the true face of history, from the deadly secrets of master spies to the fears of those caught up in a conflict beyond their control.

Terra Nova grows older and more mature, but at the cost of the precious innocence and peace won at the end of the War of the Alliance.

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"We must ask ourselves if, when our children look back on our actions, they will hold their heads up high or hang them in shame. Our decisions will be their legacy.

"Mamoud guide our choices."

— Victoria Edden-Smythe, *Grand Marshal of the CNCS.*

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## Dedication

Dedicated to Activision and most especially to the Heavy Gear Computer Game team. Thanks for the fantastic work.

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# Timeline

## TN 1933

► **20 TO 23 WINTER 1933:** Operation Jungle Drums: SIU-Alpha investigates thefts of uranium on the Republican border and discovers the underground base of GREL revolutionary Colonel Proust. Orbital bombing destroys the base and Proust flees to the Badlands.

► **18 SPRING 1933:** The Peace River faction of the Badlands Revolutionary Front purchases explosives from the Forzi cartel.

► **SUMMER 1933:** Adrianna Xing, the self-proclaimed "Apostle of Mamoud" travels from Bangweulu to Massada. She attracts many followers along the way. On the night of 40 to 41 Summer, she is set upon by unidentified attackers piloting stealth Gears. They are repelled by the Norlight troops sent to protect pilgrimage routes.

► **2 SUMMER 1933:** The Prophet's Shield begins an investigation into the faith and beliefs of Northern Guard Gear trainer Katryne Sanz, after receiving information from someone close to her. The investigation eventually comes to include several of her students as well.

► **18 SUMMER 1933:** Oliver Masao, Patriarch of the Eastern Sun Emirates, announces that he will name as heir his last living blood-relative. This extends the "Mothers' Massacre" to his entire family — and hence much of the Eastern aristocracy. Massive bloodshed ensues in the halls of power.

► **22 SUMMER 1933:** Thanks to a contact in the Southern embassy, Paxton board-member Fidel Jacobi learns of the BRP's purchase of explosives. He chooses not to act in hopes of using terror to win the upcoming elections.



# Summer 1933: The Apostle Travels to Massada



▶ **34 SUMMER 1933:** A large bomb planted by the BRF explodes in the Ebert Paxton MegaPlaza in Peace River, killing police and civilians. Fidel Jacobi quickly uses this to attack Paxton President Simosa.

▶ **2 AUTUMN 1933:** On the eve of the Paxton elections, Fidel Jacobi is murdered. Evidence uncovered by Paxton Security later points to an execution by the BRF.

▶ **3 AUTUMN 1933:** With Jacobi dead, Paxton CEO Gerald Simosa sees his allies reelected and his position secured.

▶ **7 AUTUMN 1933:** Nneka Boash, eldest son of Emir Armann Boash of Bangweuleu, attempts to usurp his father's title with the support of Patriarchal troops. Palace guards loyal to the emir and the forces of Dratha Ethene, the other local emir, defend the city. In the process, both emirs break ties with the Patriarch.

▶ **12 AUTUMN 1933:** Katryne Sanz, on suspension from the Northern Guard, leaves for Khayr ad-Din.

▶ **20 AUTUMN 1933:** Northern Guard Lieutenant Jennifer Brockton, stationed aboard the NCS-19 Vigilance is captured during an operation in the Western Desert. Although her commander reports her Killed In Action, several of her crewmates refuse to give up hope.

▶ **25 AUTUMN 1933:** SIU commander Aristide Lazarus recruits Duelist Yang Jownz for a special operation. Lazarus believes Northern Guard Intelligence Service Colonel Sonya Gerti is interested in Adrianna Xing and wants to know why. Jownz travels to Massada to find Xing.



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## TN 1934

► **WINTER TO SPRING 1934:** Colonel Proust recruits troops for an invasion campaign aimed at the small Republican Liberation Movement. Notably, he calls on GRELS from Port Arthur.

► **34 WINTER 1934:** Unidentified commandos raid the Hades bio-warfare complex in Bethany, SR. During the attack, a virulent, semi-lethal agent codenamed Dove is released into the city. The attackers are later tentatively identified as being from the Humanist Alliance.

► **42 WINTER 1934:** Republican Prime Minister Louis Philippe deRouen, convinced that the Hades attack was the result of a Humanist agent in the Republic, makes the hunt for this "mole" the top priority for both Military Intelligence and SRID.

► **SPRING 1934:** Aaron Logan, taipan of the Mekong Development Corporation, begins secret negotiations with UMF Treasurer Yves Banderas.

In orbit of Poseidon, secret refurbishing continues on the Republican Gateship *Illustrious*. The station commander comes under political investigation for his doubts about the project, which operates outside the provisions of the Joint Terranovan Space Initiative agreed upon after the War of the Alliance.

► **18 SPRING 1934:** In a duel broadcast across Terra Nova, Antoni "Solitaire" Mor defeats Lash and once again becomes champion of the Khayr ad-Din dueling circuit.



# Spring 1934: Illustrious Prepares Herself



▶ **SUMMER 1934:** NCS-19 Vigilance fights a long battle with the Republican landship RLS-27 Draco and its escort vessels. During the battle, Jennifer Brockton is rescued.

The Yang Dancers, famous Kabuki artists, perform in Port Oasis. Under the cover of dance, Kitani Yang and her cabal of spies gather information on the Order of the Falcon for their patron, Mekong Speaker Miyako Sogabe.

▶ **3 TO 8 SUMMER 1934:** Colonel Proust's forces conquer the RLM and re-baptize it the New Human Republic, a GREL-based principality.

▶ **5 SUMMER 1934:** Solitaire, Nicosa Renault and Katryne Sanz meet in Khayr ad-Din. They discuss an undisclosed plan for the region in case of a war.

▶ **19 SUMMER 1934:** The BRF in Lance Point shoots down a Légion Noire troop transport, killing all hands. Republican retaliation begins almost immediately.

▶ **22 SUMMER 1934:** BRF commander Ernesto Jaxon releases a manifesto in Lance Point, calling for a Republican military withdrawal from the city and issuing a death threat to local collaborators.

▶ **33 SUMMER 1934:** BRF guerrillas enter Lance Point and a running street battle ensues. SNS reporter Amanda Hess is killed while covering the story.

▶ **24 AUTUMN 1934:** Carmen Melfas interviews Second Follower Thor Hutchison for the Valeria Times.