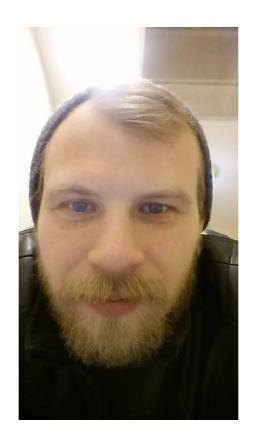
# Nine-Sleeves Galaxy

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#### **Episode One Asa (Space War)**

#### Introduction

The sun is sinking. It is late summer. Aniretake walks slowly in the forest. She has been out of contact with the mother-ship for a year and there is no news from Ashkela. She knows he will be back. He always comes back. But the sadness fills her soul. Ashkela's family were great warriors, defeating many enemies, but Ashkela and Aniretake hate war. The family put a curse on him. He fled with Aniretake.

Aniretake arrives at a small town. Tomorrow she will fly to planet Cold Earth. She wanted to stay in the forest, where she felt the presence of Ashkela all around, but she can't. She needs sleep. Though her craft has no weapons it is superior to many others, it can appear anywhere in space by passing through the gate and it holds memories of times with Ashkela. It was part of the mother-ship, which is somewhere in Sleeve Nine of the galaxy. In the days when the mother-ship left the solar system nobody used the gates. They had to travel the whole distance.

Aisa and Dyol guard the solar system. They are on Cold Earth waiting for Aniretake. They welcomed Ashjola and Aniretake into their family and they made their new home there. Now Ashjola has been sent to warn Aisa's relatives of the imminent danger of attack from kascheys, who have already attacked Sleeve One and could attack Sleeve Nine next. Nobody used teleportation as it would be too dangerous. Kascheys always use primitive tactics which are effective when their opponents are vulnerable. They avoid contact with well protected fleets. It is a mystery, who opened the gate for kascheys to enter? A lot of refugees fled to Sleeve Two and Sleeve Nine. Those who were scared most fled to sleeves three and eight, the furthest Sleeves.

### Chapter One Cold Earth

When Aniretake arrived, Aisa and Dyol gave her a strong hug. The brightness from the sun reflecting from the snow was blinding. All together they went into the one great house. Inside it was warm and there were fragrant herbs. The inside of the house was like the forest Aniretake had been in the day before. They sat together. Aisa told her that the army of Sleeve Nine would fight off the kascheys and soon the battle would be over. Ashjola, or, as some people call him Ashkela, would be back soon. This made Aniretake very happy, but she only smiled.

Dyol brought a small box.

"A present from the dragon," - he said. "She laid so many eggs, that it is impossible to raise them. Ashjola once saved the dragon's life and now she is paying him back. You are good people and you will look after him well."

Aniretake opened the box. There was a slot with a thermoregulation green egg with a cellular pattern on it. She touched the egg gently to determine that it was the same temperature as the human body.

"Dragons are immortal if they keep the green colour" - continued Dyol, - "but if they are not loved they attain tremendous power and can be black or red. When Dragons achieve a golden colour they can go to the Rule (the world of the Gods, which is like your imagination)".

Aniretake closed the box and put it in her bag.

"Tell us, what do you do on the Green Earth?" - Aisa asked.

"Through-out the forest, near the village, I feel Ashjola. Every sound has meaning. It's as if he's trying to talk to me. But the crows distract me with their cooing" - Aniretake hung her head. Silence reigned.

"Stay with us, dear. After a short time the wind of change will

blow," - Aisa said. Aniretake nodded.

A new day dawned. Dyol woke up before everyone else and peacefully watched as the Sun rose.

For ten years Ashjola and Aniretake brought joy to their home. They became their own children. Ashjola had never been on Asa before. This had made him a peaceful man. His ship was just a defensive system which could withstand any attack. Some even said that it could withstand a plasma jet from a black hole. Ashjola told no-one where the spaceship was built. It was only known that he designed it. The warriors of his family laughed at him, which was one of the reasons for the break-up. But now the Asa has started. He was simply asked to deliver a message, but he decided to stay and help the Aces fight. Dyol knew that Aniretake was using her powers to protect him, and while she was okay Ahjola would be safe.

The Cold Earth was once like Green Earth. But as its Sun became smaller and smaller Cold Earth became colder and colder. Dyol witnessed all of this. Many people including his children decided to leave Cold Earth. Some moved to Green Earth, some to other Systems. But Dyol did not grieve, his faithful wife Aisa was a loyal supporter and friend. They lived happily together. There were several more planets behind Cold Earth, but they were inhabited by humanoids, who preferred underground cities and complex communications. They had huge factories and could build many things including a fleet of spaceships. Ashkela was very friendly with them and promised to help with technology. But he was still very young and not always able to correctly convey the essence of his ideas. Nevertheless, their friendship was so strong that he took several of them to his spaceship. It is very easy to control this spaceship, but when the modules have not enough crew, it is very difficult to get to places on time. Before Ahjola and Aniretake met Aisa and Dyol, they enlisted many good crew members. But the spaceship was still seriously

undermanned. Only the most desperate people left their homes to join the crew. And now the Asa has started. Many people wanted revenge, but did not see the point of joining a ship without firepower. Older spaceships met their requirements, but joining a crew was very difficult, because the teams were complete. The Galaxy has not built new spaceships for ten years. This was because of the arrival of Aniretake and Ahjola on their spaceship. It was recognized that their technology was revolutionary. Plasma and rockets were a thing of the past. The best defense is defense, not, as they said before: attack. Now it has been decided to force the enemy to the edge of the Galaxy. The mission was very tough. It was necessary to exhaust their combat potential. After that it was decided to settle the enemy on empty planets, where, over a long period, they can regenerate. It was more difficult for Aces than for Ashjola. Aces maneuvered for a long time exhausting the generators and batteries of the enemy. When the enemy tried to escape Ashjola interfered with they teleportation, sending them further into trouble. The de-energized spaceships were sent to the empty planets intended for enemy resettlement. After this Asa ended.

Ashjola knew that this was the last Asa in their Galaxy. The Supreme Council had already approved the replacement of old spaceships with the type of ship that brought Ashjola and Aniretake to this civilization. The Aces of planets were happy with this decision. This last battle proved it. The Asa was sent by the highest Gods to prove that The Nine-Sleeves Galaxy can solve extremely complex conflicts bloodlessly. Ashjola and Aniretake brought luck to solving this problem. They endured many difficulties after the expulsion. As a result of this, they developed a spiritual connection, which no-one could destroy. And all those who met them could share in this. These people became the strongest families in the whole cosmos. Before Ashjole and Aniretake came to this Galaxy, only Dyol and Aisa had such a

connection. Now this great joy spread with incredible speed.

Dyol thought all of these things, as he smiled and looked at the Sun.

### Chapter Two The first sleeve

Ashjola sat behind the central control panel. In front of him was the hologram of Rit's face. He was on another spaceship where he directed the movements of the enemy from the deenergized spaceships on empty lands. The enemy surrendered and was subjected to the will of the Aces. Now they had to grow their own food. Parasitism ended. Under the leadership of Aisa Aniretake with the galactic team developed new plant species. They had to get their enemies back in to human form. Some members of the enemies were very strong. Their genetics had undergone tremendous changes. They received supernormal abilities, but became wicked in the mind. The parasitic way of thinking was caused at genetic level as a result of a gross error in experiments with nutrition. Now these mutants had to spend long periods feeding themselves with combinations of new plant fruits. With this they would become human beings again.

"I'm glad it's over", - said Rit.

"The feeling is mutual", - said Ashjola smiling, - "now I can return to Aniretake. We built a new control centre to look after our wards. Now the mutants have to spend a long time working on themselves. It's a pity that the sleeve was so shabby. Dyol said that intelligent life began to populate Nine-Sleeves Galaxy from here".

"Yes, but it was a long time ago".

"Good luck to you Rit. Fly to Green Earth. We will be glad to see you".

"Fare well Ashjola", - Rit smiled.

The hologram disappeared. Ashjola stretched out and cracked his knuckles. After many hours awake, because of the Asa, he briefly fell asleep. He dreamed of the Green Earth, where he and Aniretake spent time. He began to smell the grass and

trees. He dreamed that Aniretake touched his hand, and the feeling moved up his arm. He awoke and saw Hir's hand on his shoulder.

"Dreaming?" - said Hir.

"Just tired, I need to sleep".

"The Council will contact us from the station in a short while".

"Then wait for the last modules to open the portal".

"It will take an hour", - said Hir.

"We will wait", - replied Ashjola.

The air on the spaceship was sterile, but the smell of orchids stayed in Ashjola's mind. On the Green Earth this plant was rare. But Ashjola and Aniretake were lucky to find some on the outskirts of the village. Since finding them the place became special. Ashjola was drawn to it. But he had to finish his business on Asa first.

The last modules entered the spaceship.

"Open the gate!"

The gate was like a huge mirror, which opened in front of the spaceship. The spaceship with low speed entered it. On the other side a fascinating view of the Council's station appeared.

"The seventh berth", - said the dispatcher.

The spaceship moved slowly towards the pier.

"Contact", - said Hir.

"The crew are all on leave prior to departure", - said Ashjola.

At the station there were two ways to move. Through portals or through endless corridors. Ashjola had plenty of time and preferred to walk. He decided, against his better judgement, to turn into a botanical garden. It was beautiful as always, but lit artificially. The light reminded him of the light from the Sun of the Green Earth. He sat down on a bench and immediately a black woman sat down beside him. Her name was Naiza. She was a member of the Council.

"Hello Naiza!"

"Hello Ashjola!"

"How are you?" - replied Ashjola.

"I'm busy thinking as always. You do not have to go into the Council Chamber. Here is the iron book, a new generation. Enemies from other worlds cannot intercept its signal. Now you can hold the whole Nine-Sleeves Galaxy in the palm of your hand, and it is perfectly safe".

"How many factories will be involved?" - asked Ashjola.

"One hundred and fourty-four", - replied Naiza.

"It takes about a century to replace the whole fleet, then farewell to the enemy!"

"We've exhausted them thoroughly, they will not appear now. Soon we will find their galaxy, then we will send a signal to the others. A possible expedition for observation of the problem".

"I would like to take part", - said Ashjola.

"It will not be yet, but we will call you."

"Thank you!"

"Your apartment is on the seventh level of the north wing. You can rest there".

"That is exactly what I need. See you soon."

"Bye!"

Ashjola got up and went to the first portal. After passing it, he was in his station apartment. He collapsed immediately into a deep sleep. When he awoke he went straight to the small spaceship through the portal. The team were all rested and gathering there.

"We're off!" - said Ashjola.

The spaceship slowly moved away from the pier. The station receded in to the distance. In a few moments it was as if you could hold whole station in the palm of your hand.

"Open the gates!" - said Ashjola.

An incredibly large mirror flashed before the spaceship. After

passing it the spaceship came out near The Cold Earth. Ashjola took the small spaceship and teleported directly to the village of Dyol and Aisa. It was mid-day. The Sun was shining brightly. When Ashjola came out of the spaceship he saw Aniritake running to meet him. They hugged each other tightly and swirled around. Dyol and Aisa stood nearby and were happy to see Ashjola and Aniretake together.

# **Chapter Three Green Earth**

After a short time Aniretake and Ashjola moved to the Green Earth. The rest of the spaceship's team also went home. Only a small group remained on the spaceship.

Ashjola and Aniretake often went out into the wild places. There they felt great. The crows flew away. The nightingales sang, the orchids were blooming. Their scent brought peace to the soul. Aniretake always carried the box with the egg. One day there was a faint signal from the box. A little Dragon made its way into the light. Aniretake and Ashjola watched. The shell cracked slowly, a small head appeared, it's eyes opened and the baby dragon looked at the people. In his dark eyes you could drown, they were shining with an invisible light. Aniretake gently took the dragon in her arms and pressed it to her. The dragon put his head in her hand.

There was silence. The dragon assumed the people were its parents. They took it to the house and fed it. The dragon ate a tiny bit. He was very small. They placed him in a special bed, where he fell asleep. Aniretake and Ahsjola left the room.

"It will be a long time before he can fly", - said Ashjola.

"The dragon will not be able to leave us for a very long time", - said Aniretake.

"When do you think it should go back to the Dragon Earth?"

"Dyol said it takes five years for them to become independent. To part from us will be hard".

"We'll visit him", - said Ashjola.

Ashjola and Aniretake always made advance plans. But due to their youth they did not see the future very clearly, but they tried. Sometimes they imagined things, some of which became real and some were forgotten. The older generation acquired the gift of clairvoyance, but with this one must be very careful. For

Aniretake and Ashjola it was easy. They always supported each other in difficult moments. It's more difficult for those who are alone. Gradually, they acquired intuitive communication of feelings. Their abilities developed and became easier to use.

The baby dragon grew to knee height. He liked to walk with Ashjola and Aniretake in a clearing where there were orchids. They learned to understand each other without words. Their spiritual connection grew day by day. They played together. The glands of the dragon began to fill with a combustible liquid, but this was not dangerous, because Aniretake and Ashjola had trained him to use fire long before. The dragon like to let small trickles into the sky. This was fun for all. Neighbors came to see the flames. There have not been dragons for a long time. All of them lived on the nearest planet in the direction of the Sun. It was warmer there, that's why there was not much greenery, but the dragons liked it. No one bothered them there. In nearby Solar Systems there were several similar planets. They communicated through the portals, which the ancient dragons knew how to open.

Approximately five years had passed since the dragon was born. The dragon felt full of strength, could fly, and loved to make different figures in the air. It could easily lift a person. Ashjola and Aniretake were preparing for the transition to the Yellow Earth. The dragon did not hide his joy to see his fellows. The day came and they set out on their journey.

The small spaceship appeared at a clearing near the cliff where the dragons slept. In the sky above, several dozen of these creatures hovered. Most were coloured green, but some were black and red. Nearby another dragon could be seen in silhouette. She was approaching the people with her child. The dragons put their heads on each other's necks. They embraced. Looking at the people the dragon's mother politely nodded to them, and they both soared into the sky. Ashjola and Aniretake watched the trail

and joy overwhelmed their hearts.

# **Episode Two Investigation**

#### Chapter One Rit

Ashjola and Aniretake stood in the clearing near the village. The small spaceship appeared and Rit emerged from it. The friends embraced. The name Rit came from the rune "RITA", which means Relatives Inlaws Titanicly Agni saving, this is an approximate translation. Those who break this law die. Marriages between relatives such as father and daughter, son and mother or brother and sister and non-human life forms are the same: it is a case of incompatibility.

"I have not seen you for a long time!" - Rit began.

"That's for sure! How are our mutants?" - asked Ashjola.

"It's hard for them to take their first steps, they do not want to work at all. This is because of genetic modification by the wrong means".

"What about reproduction?" - Aniretake asked.

"They do not think about future generations. Complete egotism".

"By our calculations how long will they take to return to a normal state?" - Ashjola asked Aniretake.

"The regular mutants will take about fifty years, middle group about seventy years and the elite group about one hundred years and more", - Aniretake replied.

"What did you do on your base?" - Ashjola asked Rit.

"In general I set up the works. There were occasions when I visited the colony. As soon as the small spaceship landed, a large number of mutants assembled. Their leader came forward and tried to take control. I reduced his psycho-energy, because he started to urge his men to attack us and take the spaceship. We

unloaded medicines for the least healthy and quietly flew away. Some mutants were completely exhausted, they couldn't work, and some could barely walk. They were given supplements to boost their energy to enable them to work. I think the slowing down and decay of motor functions should have an effect on them. Now they will work better".

Rit was from the third sleeve of The Galaxy. His family were highly evolved and lived longer than most stars of Nine-Sleeves Galaxy. His relatives settled here from a smaller galaxy after the devastating Asa. Since then they have gained great wisdom and for many generations were sound and full of energy. His planet was blue and called The Water's Earth. This was In contrast to the system of Ashjola and Aniretake, where all the planets were of different colours, which determined their names, except for the Cold Earth, which is still sometimes called White Earth. The planet of Rit did not have such a solid surface. This did not prevent people from happily living on it. The cities were mostly built under the water, but there were also floating cities, which could move all over the surface of the planet. An abundance of marine plants and animals complemented the harmony of the ecosystem. An unusual type of animal was the water's dragon. They were distinguished from ordinary dragons by membranes on their paws as well as gills for breathing under water, which make life on The Water's Earth easier for them. They were the most powerful animals on the planet. They lived peacefully with humans and the species helped each other. Under the water there were caves with anhydrous space, where dragons could rest. The dragons held meetings with ordinary dragons and other species. Water's dragons also created portals. Some said that dragons came from very distant galaxies, but this happened very rarely.

## Chapter Two. The First Sleeve.

Rit liked to be busy. Everyone was worried about the appearance of the enemy.

"Let's conduct our investigation into the discovery of an unauthorized portal for the enemy? - Rit said to his friends with a questioning look on his face.

"We must take our spaceship and fly to the first sleeve", - said Ashjola.

"Fly!" - said Aniretake with a smile.

A small spaceship appeared at the opening of the portal the enemy had used. They could see The Blue Planet nearby. The Blue Planet was the first attacked. The satellite, in which the spaceships were hidden was covered in craters, giving it a porous surface. When the enemy appeared, they fired many rockets at the planet, the defense shield worked. Like a magnet the rockets were attracted to the satellite. It was impossible to destroy the satellite. The satellite base of spaceships was camouflaged with the dust of many minerals. After the rockets exploded a multitude of craters formed.

Rit contacted the control room of the satellite to report their arrival, so as not to disturb anyone. The satellite answered giving permission to land. They decided to visit the spaceships' park. The spaceship calmly entered the airlock. Inside it was very light. There were many ships on berths. Finding a free berth Rit, Ashjola and Aniretake moored. On leaving the spaceship they all went through the portal and found themselves on a busy road. People were moving in all directions. In a few moments friends arrived. The door opened and they all moved into the hall where there was a lot of different equipment. They were welcomed by a gray haired old man with a young face and strong body. Rit immediately spoke to him and got access to the panel with the

records of recent events. His eyes became silver and words on the screen started to move with incredible speed. Rit started to see the events that had happened during the arrival of the enemy. The information stream ended.

"It's obvious!" - said Rit, - "The enemies used a huge amount of energy to create gravitational waves. Their galaxy was far from us. They came from a parallel universe".

There was silence. Everyone became thoughtful. Never before was there such an advanced civilization as this enemy. There was an opportunity to remove their galaxy. But Nine-Sleeves solve problems, they don't hide them away. Rit thanked the old man and the three of them left the hall. They decided to take a walk around the planet to enjoy its flora and fauna. First they looked at the local city Acgard. There were no signs in the city of damage from the conflict, which took place in the space around the planet. Civilian life continued. People seemed more thoughtful than usual, but there were many reasons for this. The buildings were mostly of white stone, in some places there were beautiful parks. There was a huge variety of birds. Aniretake stretched out her hand and a white dove sat on it. A moment later another dove sat beside them. Birds carefully looked at Aniretake. She spoke with them in a language which only they understood. Aniretake smiled and the birds flew away. The city was very big. It took a long time to walk around it. In the evening the three friends went to the spaceship, where they spent the night. In the west there was a magnificent sunset.

**Episode Three.** Cats.

# **Chapter One. Guardians of Acgard.**

Night fell. A white lion in a mirrored helmet watched the stars appear. A tiger with white and black stripes approached him wearing a similar helmet.

"Do you miss your friend?" - the lion smiled.

"Ani fell asleep, but I can't," - replied the tiger.

"Does Ako sleep too?"

"A long time ago".

""The View" will open soon, will you help?"

"With pleasure".

Above the pyramidal building, which is a strongly elongated tower, a huge blue ball caught fire emitting rays in all directions. Images began to appear above the city of Acgard, this is "The View" (a view is a 3D screen above Acgard). The View showed The Five-Sleeves galaxy. The lion frowned. The third sleeve came in to focus and got bigger and bigger. There was a blue-green planet, which has regenerated following a catastrophic drought. There had been no rain for many years. Thirsty animals hid under plants. The panther, who worked with the lion on "The View", sent out from her beautiful green eyes a ray of the same color green to "The View". The lower layers of the planet appeared. The core became visible. The tiger's eyes frowned. He started reprogramming the planet. It took several hours. The eyes of the tiger become blue when he finished. The ray from the eyes of the panther stopped. The planet resumed its usual form.

"Soon the cyclone will bring rain," - the lion smiled.

"The View" finished its work and left only a blue light on the top of the tower.

"Will you go for a walk around Acgard?" - suggested the tiger.

"Come on!" - said the panther.

The cats slowly walked down the hill towards the pyramidal tower. The tiger was named Al, the lion Jars and the panther Iza. They were all young.

After the Aces defeated all the enemies, they began to teach the local animals. The animals had developed their civilizations in different worlds. The Aces cooperated with the animals and this proved very fruitful. Since then many animals from the forest migrated to Acgard. It was the planetary center. Of the three cats only Al managed to have a family. His wife was a yellow-red lioness named Ani. Their daughter Ako was built like her mother but had the color of her father. Ani always spent time with Ako and passed-on her wisdom. Al tried to spend all his time with his family, but they were often parted. He knew how to feel the suffering of others and always came to help. The Aces were taught to use the blue light from the tower, which created "The View", and every night until late, they looked after the weakly protected worlds.

## Chapter Two. Bred.

The gray-haired elder walked quickly along the street. He wore long ornamented clothes. In his hand he held a staff. The Sun began to rise. It was the special day. Bred remembered his past life. It was on Midgard Earth in the Four-Sleeves Galaxy. It's difficult to call Bred an old man because he was just as handsome as in his past life. Only his long hair was silver. Passing through a few quiet streets he approached a magnificent mid-sized building. Not stopping he went inside. He was met by Arch.

"Happy birthday Bred!" - said Arch, hugging his friend, - "What do you think?"

"We were very fortunate that we found Midgard. For too long dark forces hid it from us in the parallel universe. I managed to establish contact with a local man. He told me that Chernobog seized power on the planet. Everywhere dark forces reign. The forces of light are almost gone. Tomorrow night I, with Jar and his team, will try to look at Midgard with the help of "The View"."

"You can try but you will probably fail. We must wait for the gravitational wave and hold it in our Universe. The artificial planet is in the fourth sleeve of our Galaxy. The Acwans live there. They know how to hold the worlds together better than anyone else."

"I definitely need to meet with them," - said Bred.

"I think I can help you with this. In a week we can send them a cargo ship. Take Al's family with you. They will be very happy. Their daughter has never flown before. What did you remember about your past life, if it's not a secret?"

"Nothing special. Running around Midgard waving swords and axes. This was the best way to stop the space war. It was necessary to leave someone there to maintain peace".

"It's sad. Come to Jar's Hill tomorrow. He will be glad to see you".

"So, let's do it. Good luck to you," - replied Bred. "See you!"

Bred left the building. The Sun shone brightly on the street. He spent most of his time on the artificial satellite, where the fleet of spaceships was based. There they controlled the whole system and also interacted with the other bases. The basic instructions were received from the Council. The streets began to come to life, but Bred needed to sleep. He fell asleep quickly.

# Chapter Three. The fourth sleeve.

Jar sat quietly and looked at the stars.

"Al will be not here today," - said Iza.

"But Bred will come," - replied Jar.

"Here I am!" - Bred said, with a smile.

"Let's start," - Iza declared with a serious expression.

The fire on "The View" turned into a ball and The Four-Sleeves Galaxy appeared. The team tried to focus on one point but nothing worked. The whole Galaxy was like a mirage. For several hours the lion frowned, but it did not help.

"We,re going to Acwans soon. Al, Any and Ako are coming with me," - concluded Bred.

"It's good," - the lion approached Bred and bit the staff lightly. Above the head of the staff a white light appeared for a moment, - "Here's my contact."

"And what is in there?" - Iza inquired curiously.

"The same as here, only Mara (the dark forces) spoil everything. There are a lot of your different breeds. I spent my past life there. When our company appeared, everything was fine. But then the enemies came and sowed their seeds. People were playing with fire. Some flew away, but some went mad. They started eating animals, so Mara appeared. I said to Arch that I spoke with a local man. He said they produced a lot of poisons and poisoned everything around. It brought horror to the planet. It's good that they didn't forget how to give birth. Because of this they are still surviving. Apparently the enemies decided to take everything into their own hands. They have hidden their galaxy in the parallel universe."

"It's bad that the enemies learned to use gravitational waves. So they will add to our troubles," - said Jar, hanging his head and squeezing his nose.

There was silence. A sound was heard from grasshoppers. The team went down the road to the city.

# Chapter Four. Departure.

The small spaceship was standing in the clearing. Bred, Al and Ani didn't hurry to go to it. Ako ran ahead, bouncing. Everyone boarded. The spaceship took off smoothly and went into space. The mother ship came closer and closer. The small spaceship entered it. Ani and Ako went to their cabin. Bred and Al went to the control center.

"It's very strange," - said the pilot, - "on the other side of the planet there's a fleet unidentified spaceships."

A mirror portal opened, and the ship slowly began to enter it. Rockets hit the satellite and there were explosive flashes. Space War began.

### Chapter Five. The Acwans.

A giant mirror appeared. There was a huge cargo ship with Bred and Al's family on board. Bred was sitting in an arm-chair with his blue eyes open. He communicated telepathically with Arch. Al left the central control room and joined his family. He felt that bad things would happen. Bred stood up and went to the pilots.

"Enemies attacked our planet! The main blow was taken by the satellite, it is not damaged. Now our fleet is driving away their spaceships."

Everyone was deep in thought. The Acwan's space station approached smoothly. Another giant mirror opened and a dozen spaceships began to enter it. The commander of the spaceship explained that the Acwans were sent help to their planet when they received the report of the attack. The ship smoothly docked. Al communicated telepathically with Jar. All this trouble had a bad effect on Ako. Ani decided stay with her on the ship. Bred did not mind. They headed for the gateway to the space station. At the entrance they met several people.

"Hello! My name is Ras! We share your concern about what is happening. Let's go."

Everyone went along the spacious corridor to the inside of the station. It was not crowded. All around there were beautiful plants. After passing several forks they all entered the spacious hall with armchairs and long tables.

"Sit down, friends," - said Ras, - "it is a very serious matter. We spotted a gravitational wave, and tracing its path, found a galaxy, which was previously not in our area. Then we received you report of the attack. Everything points to the fact that this is not a coincidence. Our spaceships will study the passage of the

enemy fleet and we will know exactly where it came from. One thing I can say for sure is your planet is safe now. We have just finished assessing the damage from the attack. We are stronger than the enemy. Apparently the enemy could not penetrate our buildings and make and accurate assessment of our forces".

The door opened and Ani and Ako entered.

"We are better. If you do not mind, we will join you," - said Ani.

"We will be glad," - replied Ras.

The cats quietly approached Al and sat next to him. Al licked Ani.

"I suggest that everyone have a good rest. Soon there will be more information about the battle," - continued Ras, - "also Bred, as for Midgard, we can't now unite their world. Unexpected misfortune hinders us. We'll postpone".

"I understand," - Brad said.

Everyone went to sleep.

Al awoke first. Ani slept calmly, laying her head on his paw. Al kissed her. Ani opened her eyes then fell sleep again. Al rested his head down and began to remember their first meeting. This happened within the walls of Acgard, on his native planet. They were kittens. Their perents brought them to the city to help the Aces establish contact with their worlds. Their group lived in the school where they were taught. They will never again be predators. The Aces created vegetarian food for them. It could be found in plenty of the gardens of Acgard and nearby. On one clear day, the kittens played in one of the gardens. Al tried to catch his comrade, but he dodged and somersaulted, and when he dropped down, he noticed that a little lioness was looking at him. Al sat down and looked at her.

"Ani," - said the lioness.

"Al," - said Al.

They didn't have time to say anything more to each other.

Arch entered the garden and called all the kittens for classes. Since then, Al thought about Ani all the time, and when they grew up they made a union for life.

Ani opened her eyes and licked Al. Al smiled.

"Let's go?" - she asked.

"Let's go!" - answered Al.

At the exit form the cabin they were met by Ako, who gently kissed Ani and Al. At the entrance they met Bred in the hall. Everyone went in and settled at the table.

"Our forecasts have been confirmed," - Ras began, - "the enemies emerged from this new galaxy. Their fleet was driven away from your planet but they divided and threatened poorly protected worlds. Our spaceships have new spatial blockers, which will not allow the enemy to teleport, but if they disperse, they can slip through. Now the Council has notified all the worlds and the additional fleet is already in the first sleeve. At the moment this is all the information we have available".

Bred and the cats returned to the cargo ship.

"We cannot teleport to the combat area, it is necessary to wait," - declared the first pilot.

"You can fly to the cats' galaxy. Ako will be interested," - suggested Bred.

Al's eyes became like a silver fire. In a moment they returned to their usual form.

"We were invited to the planet Puma," - Al said.

"Prepare for departure!" - said Bred.

The ship started.

# Chapter Six. The planet of Pumas'.

The ship left the spatial gate and arrived near a green planet. The landing module smoothly separated and entered the atmosphere by cutting through the air, and in a few moments landed on the coast. After leaving the ship, the guests saw a group of black cats who followed them closely. Ani came forward and purred. One of the pumas said "Meow!". Bred arranged a small device between the cats, over which a hologram opened. On it unfolded a cosmic battle. Pumas clamped their ears to hide from what was happening. Ako watched her distant relatives with fascination. Then the pumas muttered together and invited everyone to the village, which was located in the jungle. There were a lot of caves among the roots of the trees. Everywhere kittens frolicked.

It was already evening and everyone began to go to sleep. Bred neatly built a fire and sat down with Al. Their thoughts joined together, and from the flames of the fire a map of the starry sky formed. They could see their native planet with the satellite covered in craters, and several spaceships in orbit. They spent the night together like this.

A new day dawned. Ani awoke early and went to Al. Slowly the whole village awoke.

"Good morning!" - said Ani, - "Ako will still be sleeping. She needs strength."

"I'll contact Jar and Iza," - said Bred. He held the staff in a vertical position and touched the place where Jar had bitten it. From the crystal on the staff a hologram of the lion and panther appeared.

"You are on an assignment," - Jar began, - "I accidentally

contacted a distant cousin, from the Cats' Galaxy. We talked with him for a long time and decided that he would move to Acgard. But he didn't know how to determine the positions of the planets. Ask the pumas for help. They will find him."

"Ok Jar, we will do so." - Bred said.

Pumas of the whole village and from nearby came on duty. They observed the night sky. They tried to catch the signal of the lost lion. In a week's time they succeeded in figuring out his position with the help of Bred and Al. He was not very far away. They sent a cargo ship to collect him. Ako kept in touch with him and they became friends. There was only a small age difference and they liked each other. The cargo ship returned and the lion landed on The Planet Puma. Ako and the lion decided to make a union for life. They decided to stay on The Planet Puma and not return to Acgard. Ako wanted to build a village like Acgard and call it Catsgard. So they united The Cat's Galaxy with Nine-Sleeves Galaxy. Bred, Ani and Al returned to Acgard and oftern visited Catsgard. Bred and Iza also flew there. Everyone really liked the new turn of events, and forgot about the Asa. All mutants managed to return to human form. Some of them stayed where they were, and some returned home. About the enemy, no one remembered any more.