

Around 33,500 BC, from the moon of a giant planet orbiting a star in the constellation Orion, a technological civilization acquired the ability to explore the immensity that surrounds it.

Ships are slow and take decades to reach their nearest, barely evolved neighbors. One of the neighboring peoples is also on the path to progress. By joining forces, they discover how to travel by locally switching the mass and space dimensions. Decades of travel turn into years, then months.

Around 32,000 BC, they managed to reach Earth and explore it, just in time to witness the emergence of Sapiens and the disappearance of the Neanderthals. But your planet doesn't really interest them yet.

For twelve millennia, the inhabitants of Orion prospered and continued their slow expansion while wasting energy and resources that they believed to be inexhaustible. They plunder their home planet, then their sun. Their exhausted world no longer suits them. Their race is gradually declining.

Attempts are made to restore their failing ecosystem by bringing back food resources from other distant worlds. But the molecular combinations of proteins, which are too different, prove unsuitable to sustain their very specific organisms. They must adapt, creating their own food by synthesizing proteins.

The only transposable resources are water and humus. But this last resource is rare and difficult to extract. The backward neighboring peoples are put under the yoke to extract it from their muddy swamps.

They also attempt to establish themselves on other worlds, with rudimentary life forms, by transforming ecosystems as they wish. But the attempts all fail, one after the other, and irremediably destroy the most fragile ecosystems. The only successes are obtained on virgin worlds, but on which water and humus must also be brought to make them viable.

After much effort, the struggle for the survival of their home planet finally succeeds in restoring a self-sustaining ecosystem, but the sun is also fading, with no possibility of solving this problem. The inhabitants, concentrated in overpopulated hives, decide to emigrate to already inhabited worlds.