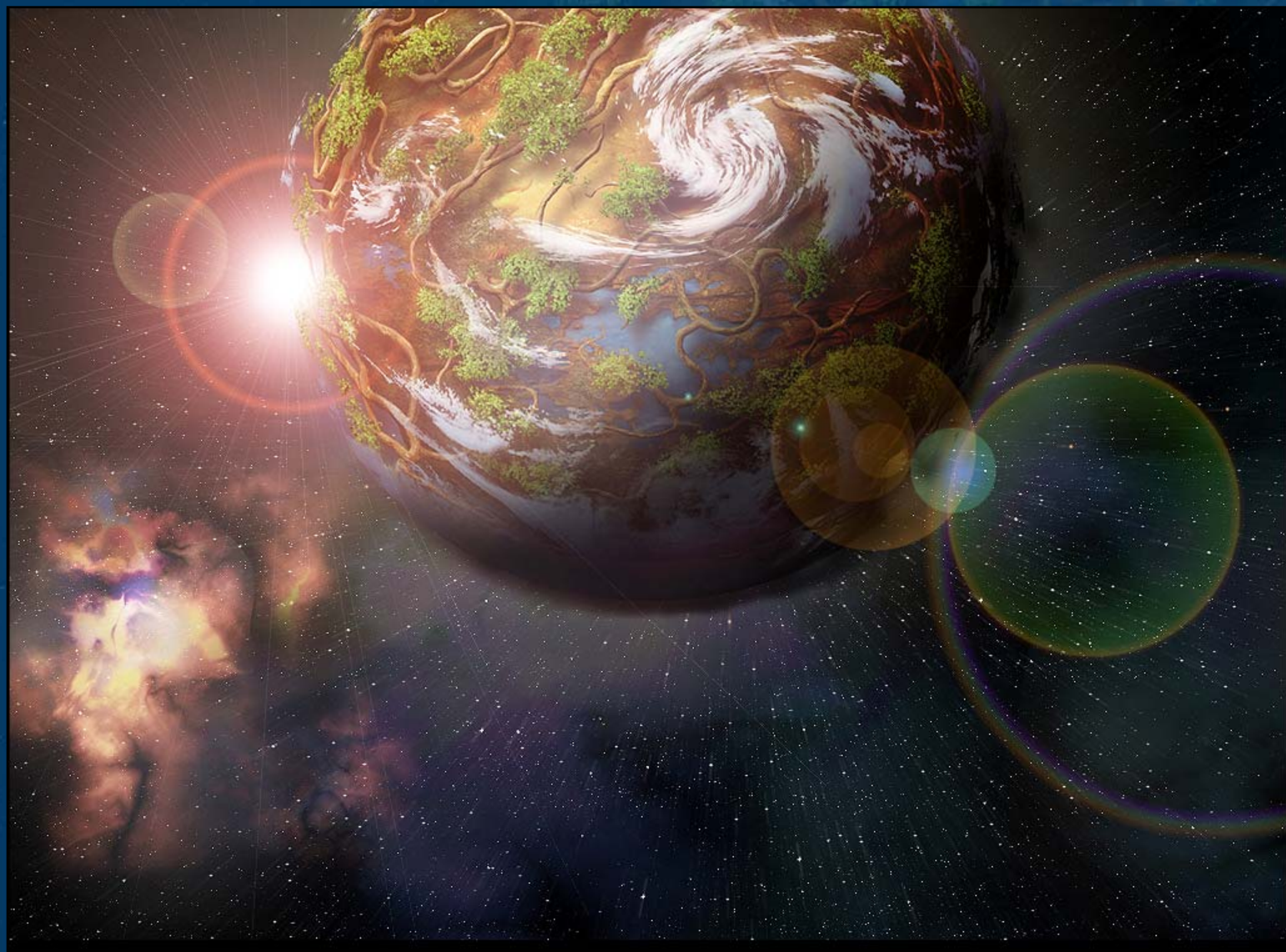




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“In a small corner of the universe, an extraordinarily unique planet existed. It was not a mineral planet, it was organic and it kept on growing, layer after layer. It was growing like a titanic plant basking in the sun light, swallowing more space everyday. Atys was her name. She was the green planet.”





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Atys was offering a fantastic variety of surprising ecosystems organized among three main layers. The surface of Atys had immense continents emerging from oceans of mist. The revealed landscape never was the same, and like islands of old volcanos, surrounded by coral reeves, the continents were showing incredible colors that kept changing according to the seasons. Below the Crust, another world was spreading deep, towards the center of the planet. Dropping a hundred kilometers down, at the edges of the continents, immense canyons lost themselves in billions of strange caves. The Prime Roots. Atys's growth had piled up an infinite number of planetary roots. Intricately tied up, with the mathematical grace that Nature only knows. Some caves were reasonably small, but others were as wide as a continent. And away from the sun light, each cave was hosting a different type of environment. But, the planet kept growing, and high in the sky, above the Crust, like a tree extending its branches towards the sun, Atys was expending her young Canopees, reaching far out through the sky. In an immense network, the Canopees - up to several kilometers wide, and thousands long - were conquering the vertical space above the planet, some even reaching the frontier of space. And there too, Atys supported life superbly.





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“Four civilizations lived on Atys : the Fyros, the Matis, the Trykers and the Zorais. They were the Homins, and had lived on Atys for ever. Each civilization had its preferred environment, and they all had their own history and culture.”



The Matis favored the forests of Atys where they had established their Kingdom. Proud and elegant, the Matis were restless imperialists. They had conquered an ever expanding Kingdom, and were very talented when it came to the games of politics. Over time, they even had built a very strong relationship with the Karavan.

Nobody knew what really was the nature of their relationship with Karavan. Nobody knew who the Karavan really were. They were Jena's loyal servants. Jena was their goddess, and Atys belonged to her. One day, she would come back to reveal the true nature of Atys. In the meantime, she

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had left the Karavan on the planet to look after it, and make sure that the Homins would remain loyal to her. Nobody knew if they were from Atys or not. They wouldn't say, and nobody asked too many questions to this powerfull organization. They used weird technologies that could kill you, or resurect you. They had always been here as far as anyone could remember, and offered a great deal of serious advantages in exchange for "services".



The excentric and restless Trykers lived in the lakelands. They enjoyed life, and shared a great passion for adventures. They were smaller than the other homins, and did have a reputation of theaves. But they were good lads in the end. Surprisingly, they were good friends with the Fyros, and had made a deal of mutual assistance. Protection for water.

The great Fyros people had settled down in the rough deserts of the Atys. In such a hard environment, nobody dared to challenge them, not even the Matis. Over time, the Fyros had built a respected if not feared Empire, and they were looking for the Truth that lies behind the existance of Atys.

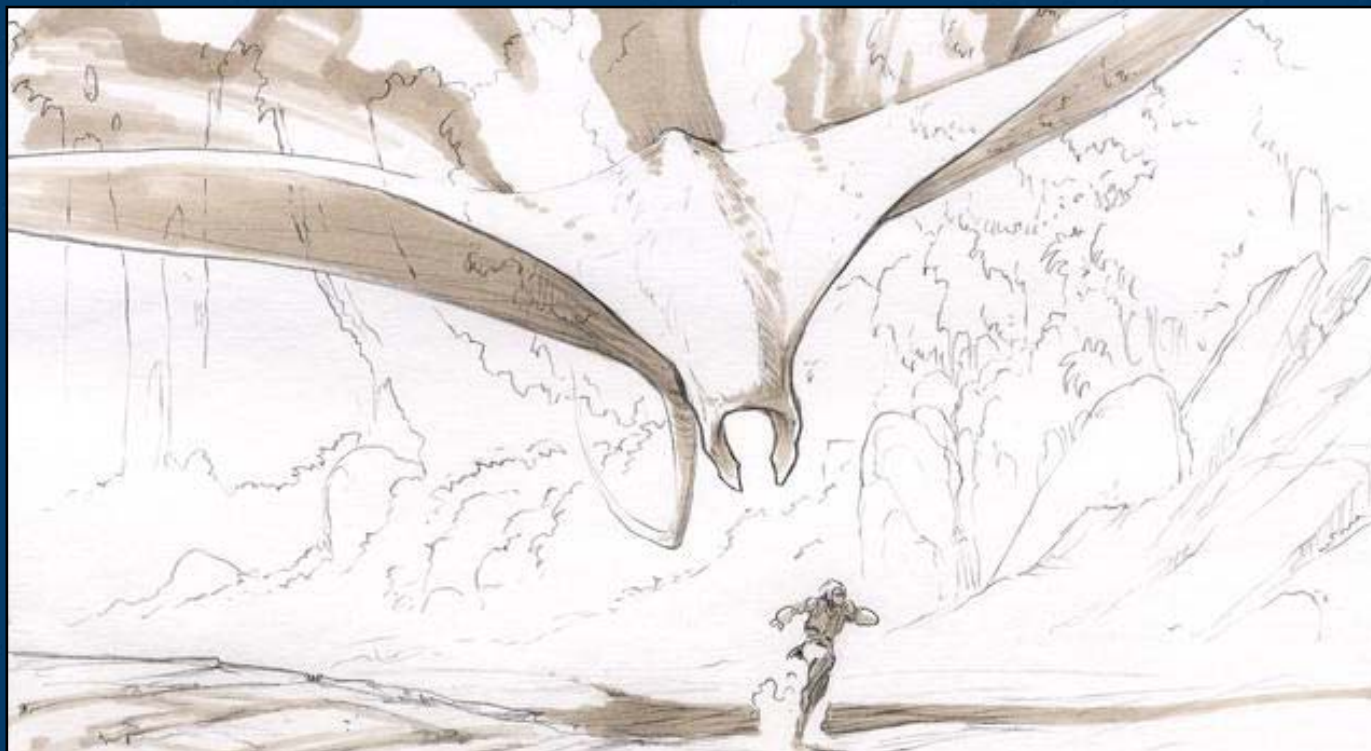




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The mysterious Zorais were very tall and their skin was blue. Their faces were covered by an organic mask. They lived in the jungles, away from the other civilizations. They had gone there to answer a calling from the planet, they said, and became friends with the magic Kami creatures.

The Kami creatures were incredible. Very powerful, and yet very childish at times. They were magic creatures, and could take many forms. From the smallest to the biggest. Nobody could tell for sure if they were good or evil - except for the Karavan who hated them. But there seemed to be a real connection between them and the planet. Some said that they were the spirits of Atys. The Kami seemed to like the Homins very much, and were extremely curious. They sometimes followed you for days, and suddenly vanished with a rain of colourful laughs that could put you to sleep for several days. They also could send you surprising dreams. They were like children from a different dimension. Maybe this is why they first appeared to the Trykers who do behave like kids.





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“ Many crisis punctuated the homin relationships, but they kept growing bigger and stronger. Until the Kitins came, and ravaged each civilization, one after the other.”

The Kitins were huge insects, and lived in the Prime Roots. One day, they followed a group of Fyros explorers, and came out of the depths of Atys. And the Great Swarming began. The Kitins were taking over the Crust.

Most homins died in epic battles, trying to protect their kind. But the Kitins kept coming in greater numbers. They were too many, and the homin civilizations fell. Their great cities were burned, families massacred, and most of their precious knowledge was lost. Few homins managed to escape this insectoid apocalypse. And those who did escape had nowhere to go but into the wilderness of Atys which doesn't show a lot of mercy either. There, they regrouped in small clans and survived for three generations.





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“Until one day, when bold and unexpected homin travellers began to be seen here and there, looking for the small homin communities. They were travelling everywhere on Atys to find the lost homins. Taking the greatest risks to travel through the planet’s wilderness and deliver their message : the homin civilizations were being rebuilt !”

So it began. Each homin community sent their young ones to meet their kind, and help rebuild their civilizations. And everyday, more homin refugees have been reaching the first outpost of their new civilization . Everyone is welcome, and there is much to do. Guilds are needed, and the homins expected to progress in their skills and talents if they intend to do more than just surviving on Atys. Some Kitins are still around, and regular invasions still occur. The mysterious Goo also has grow more present and more dangerous contaminating more creatures.

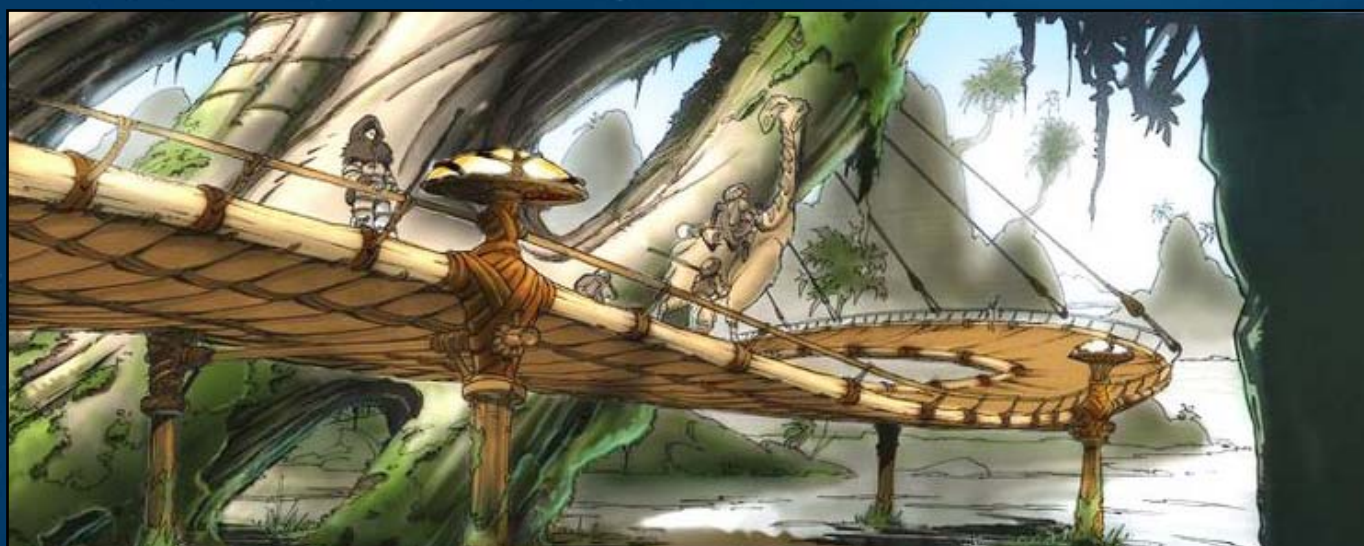
The last fifty years have already been rich in events of all sorts among the four civilizations. For now, the inter-racial relations are calm. But future events could very well change that. There are always different opinions regarding the best way to rebuild a civilization, and the increasing tensions between the Kami and the Karavan are not making things easier too.





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What is the origin of the Homins ? Nobody ever found any proof of their evolution on Atys. Did Jena really created the Homins as the Karavan says ? Doubt is growing in the Homins heart. Who are the Karavan ? Why are they hiding behind their strange suits ? Why do they hate the Kami so much ? Does Jena really exist ? And what is the essence of the relationship behind the Kami and Atys ? What is Atys ?



“Behind the secrets of Atys, lies the fate of the Homins. As many secrets protecting the keys to unlock the destiny of Atys. While they are rebuilding their civilizations, the Homins will soon have to investigate these mysteries if they want to understand the true nature of Atys. But time is already running short. The destiny of Atys in about to shift. Someone, or something is already looking in the direction of the green planet, looking for the Ryzom.”

