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mythological and archetypal themes to tell a story
every bit as sentimental as it is exciting. In this special
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incredible story, up to and including the birth of the
Space Battleship Yamato, a symbol of life renewed on
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In the winter of 2041, the Gamilon Empire attacked
planet Earth. This was no mere act of war; this marked
the end of Humanity's childhood and the beginning
of its adolescence as a species. Today, as we stand on
the threshold of our adulthood, it behooves us to glance
over our shoulder and remember what might have been.
The photographs collected here are a glimpse into that
world of so long ago, when the world was young and the
future very much an open question.
AFRO STATES
Part of the main Zaifo—Cape Town Tunnel, United African State

ORBITAL SHIPYARD
The destroyer YUKIKAZE in her original grey and silver color scheme, undergoing final assembly over Bogota, Colombia.

CIVILIAN AID CENTER
Great Island, Japan

PLANET BOMB
Only known civilians photo of a Ganlion Planet Bomb over midwest United States

ORPHANED
Great Island, Japan
2191 SORTIE
Departure of EDF Fleet under Captain Abraham Avatar.
Yokosuka, Japan, 5 April 2191

2193 GOODBYE, SUNSHINE
As the surface of the Earth became increasingly saturated with radiation, emigration to the underground cities was widespread. Hardest hit were the children with their natural affinity for sunlight.

2193 MEMORIBILIA

MOTHER EARTH wants YOU
TO JOIN THE U.N. S.D.F NEAREST RECRUITING OFFICE

Denton Rev.
Gamilon 'plagiarism' UNT campus; fleeing burn

Mt. Fuji eruption caused by Gamilon Planet Bomb, 9 August 2192
**2195 TRIAGE**

As the war ground on, Gamelon radiation weapons created a health crisis. Patients exposed to 300 tons or more were often denied all medical care, except pain medication, and sent home to die.

**2197 HULL**

Satellite photo of Yamato superstructure. March 2197.

**2197 MOVING DAY**

The final consolidation of the surviving world population began in the summer of 2197. The move to the Underground Cities was especially difficult for children.

**2197 NOSE ART**

Many destroyers sported original "nose art" created by their crews. This was EDS Buren (M-217212), also known as "Batta Up!" at Great Island Yards, November 2197.
2199 PARADE
Star Force Farewell Parade, Megaloplis, 5 October 2199

2199 MARCH INTO DESTINY
Captain Avatar boards Yamato, 5 October 2199

EARTH DEFENSE FORCES, CIRCA 2199 A.D.

SPACE BATTLESHIP TYPE M-2174-1

Battleship 225 served as Captain Avatar's flagship in the battle of Pluto, the last battle in space between the Earth fleet and the Galaxion fleet.

SPACE DESTROYER TYPE M-2188-1
Destroyer Tachikaze/Paladin was under the command of Alex Wildstar in support of Captain Avatar at Pluto.

TYPE 100 RECON PLANE

MARS OBSERVATION POST
staffed by EDF cadets Derek Wildstar and Mark Venture

ISCANDARIAN SPACECRAFT

This vessel was piloted by Astra, sister to Queen Starsha of Iscandor, who delivered the message capsule to Earth, crashing en route on Mars.
EARTH TECHNOLOGY CIRCA 2199AD

In this time, transportation between sectors of underground cities consists mainly of antigravity vehicles. Roads have been largely replaced by pneumatic tubes and elevators.

TYPICAL TRANSPORT VEHICLES

Two-seat air car

Airbus

Astro bike

Four-seat air car

EDF PERSONNEL

Pneumatic elevator

Alex Wildstar

EDF Commander Charles Singleton

Captain Abraham Avatar

Cadet Derek Wildstar in EDF pressure suit

Underground City near Okinawa, Japan

Central Hospital

Covert R&D center, beneath rebuilt Yamato hull
EDS YAMATO M-21991
"
ARGO"

DATA

VESSEL TYPE: SPACE BATTLESHIP

Height: 77 m
Length overall: 265.8 m
Beam: 21.8 m
Mass: 67,000 t
Crew complement: 114

Ordnance:
3-3-barrel heavy shock cannons
2-2-barrel standard shock cannons
28-2-barrel pulse laser turrets
6-3-barrel pulse laser turrets
6-6-barrel pulse laser turrets
1 focused energizing wave motion cannon
6 bow torpedo launchers
4 stern torpedo launchers
8 stern VLS missile launchers
16 stern missile launchers
3 proton launchers
3 proton launchers
2 flash-vapor rocket launchers

Auxiliary craft (full load): 55

Born from the wreck of the World War II Japanese battleship, space battleship Yamato (nicknamed "Argo") now fights for all of Earth. The home of the Star Force, Yamato serves as a symbol of mankind's hopes and dreams.
August 3, 1999
I cannot bear to see what has become of Earth.

Once green and growing with blue lakes and silver streams, great rivers and mighty seas. Now all gone. Only burning desert left. Radiation everywhere.

Seeing it from space only worsens our spirits as we return from the battle at Pluto. Likely to be our last meeting with the Earthlings as anything close to their equal.

Captain, retract our laser ship explorer!

Tell me, how many ships do we have left now?

Only one missile ship other than this flagship, sir.

Which one?

Number 17—Wildestar's ship.

I see.

This is awkward. We're going home.
CAPTAIN, ARE WE RETREATING?

WE'VE DONE ALL WE CAN. THERE WILL BE OTHER BATTLES TO FIGHT.

SURE, CAPTAIN. I'LL STAY UP HERE. YOU'RE UNPROTECTED. SEE YOU LATER.

IT'S JUST A SIMPLE MATTER OF MATHEMATICS, SIR. THERE ARE 470 MEN IN YOUR FLAGSHIP. THERE ARE 50 IN OUR SHIP. YOU'LL GET BACK WE'LL SEE TO IT!

WILDSTAR! WILDSTAR!

CAPTAIN, WILDSTAR ISN'T FOLLOWING US!

CAN'T TALK NOW, CAPTAIN. THERE'S A BUNCH OF DEATHS COMING AT US. DON'T WORRY. I'LL GET EM' AWAY FROM THE FLAGSHIP AND I'LL SEE YOU ON EARTH!

GOOD LUCK, ALEX WILDSTAR...

September 10, 3199

Falls twisted an unexpected knife today.

CAPTAIN, I'M DEBREK WILDSTAR.

THEN, YOU'RE...

ALEX'S YOUNGER BROTHER.

YES, I SEE HE WAS BRAVE. HE STAYED BEHIND TO FIGHT A DELAYING ACTION. IF HE HADN'T HELPED THE EARTH BACK, WE WOULDN'T HAVE MADE IT BACK TO EARTH.

YOU LEFT HIM BENEATH!

THEY CHOSE TO STAY.

ALEX WAS IN YOUR COMMAND, CAPTAIN! YOU COULD HAVE ORDERED HIM BACK!

I AM TRULY SORRY, WILDSTAR.

I HEARD CAPTAIN AVATAR WAS BADLY WOUNDED ON PLUTO.

AT LEAST HE GOT BACK WOUNDED OR NOT, BUT ALEX...
The message cylinder recovered by cadets Wildstar and Venture at the Mars Station cannot provide a word of any dream or hope it could have had.

I am Starsha of Planet Iscandar.

When and if my sister, Astria, arrives safely with this message to Planet Earth, come to Iscandar. You have only one year left before the total extinction of all life on Earth.

I have sent you plans for a wave motion engine so you can make the long journey to Iscandar. When you get here, we will give you the Cosmos male. This will remove the radioactivity from Earth, and it is the only thing that can save you.

I wish we could get the Cosmos male to yourselves, but we cannot.

Follow the plans to the wave motion engine. We are located 16,000 light years beyond your galactic system. You must reach Iscandar in time to save Earth.

I am Starsha of Planet Iscandar.

September 13, 2149

In the Eastern Desert, revealed by the hands of the Guardians' own Planet Drema, stands the rusted hulk of the ancient battling Yamato.

The Yamato

Wildstar and Venture... I request that you two be assigned to me because of your excellent records as cadets. For this mission, I will need people of exceptional ability and character. I believe you two qualify.

Wildstar! We need many dedicated people. Young men and women who are educated and disciplined.

They will be Earth's finest citizens. People who can take a challenge and are willing to make great sacrifices.

They are taking on the mission of saving the Earth. We will be called the Star Force!

I know I'm asking a lot of you and the others. It will not be an easy task.

The Star Force! At last, we'll really be strong enough to meet the Guardians in space and defeat them.

My mind has become so focused on the larger question of Earth's destiny, the notion of defeating the Guardians disturbs my thinking. That young Wildstar could so readily declare such a priority makes me wonder if an older crew shouldn't be sought.
I was grateful to know that others could tell Wildstar the things he would never hear from me. I was also grateful that such words were not limited to people he knew.

"Orion, there's something I'd like to ask you."

"I understand that you've been Captain Avatar's Chief Engineer for a long time."

"That's right."

"After all that time, you must know what kind of a man he is."

"Wildstar, come on. We have to get back up to the bridge."

"My brother was with Captain Avatar in the battle of Pluto! He never came back!"

"Hmmm... I see, you're Alex Wildstar's brother."

"You're not the only one to lose someone you care for. This is a cruel war. Many families are destroyed. Captain Avatar lost his only son in that same battle at Pluto."

"He's a fine leader. He knows what must be done, and even if he has to pay a price, he does it."

No. I don't blame you, Alex Wildstar. I don't blame you for taking my son with you.

Listening, if you feel that way, why didn't you join the Star Force?"

"Sure, he wins a lot. But look at the cost to his people."

"Sure, he wins a lot. But look at the cost to his people."

"The cost is too high."

"You're right."

"I'm sorry, Wildstar. I know you miss your brother. You must see you off. Are you blaming Captain Avatar because Alex didn't come back?"

"And he doesn't blame others, either. It just goes on."

"Could you do the same?"

"No, I don't blame you, Alex Wildstar. I don't blame you for taking my son with you."

An intimate reminder of how difficult the days ahead may be between us. But we cannot fail in our mission. Earth has only one year left.

Jorda... mother... father... don't worry. We'll make it back. I'm sure of it.

What makes you think of it? We were just keeping ourselves if we expect to get back.

Hey, well, probably get stuck way out in space and won't be able to get back.

What makes you think Captain Avatar's such a great man?

Sure, he wins a lot, but look at the cost to his people.

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October 16, 1979

Our baptism of fire! Today, the Caimillos finally realized our intention and moved to stop us with the deadliest weapon we've yet encountered.

Against it, our ship— which we now call the AFGO— proved more than adequate.

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