

## Zetetic Revisited

### New plot:

- In the present, the Zetetic are a species that exists almost purely on lies.
- The average individual is force fed information about the universe and their own society.
  - o Their own society claims to have explored many corners of the universe and that they are continuing to bring back knowledge from different regions of the universe. That their species is at the height of knowledge and discovery.
    - Made up stories about the inhabitants of other worlds.
    - False discoveries about the physics and laws of the universe.
  - o They are also force fed the idea that knowledge is being gained in certain areas on their own planet by their scientists and the research they are conducting.
    - Science divisions are not actually discovering anything new.
    - The science divisions just work on different ways to make themselves look better.
  - o They are fed the idea that they are bred into their exo skeletons.
- There is an elite empirical group that leads the planet.
  - o This group has access to the knowledge that is withheld from the rest of society.
    - This knowledge is revealed to be not much more than what the rest of society already knows.
  - o The Emperor is a singular figure that is so mysterious to the rest of society that the Emperor is regarded as a god.
    - The Emperor has false writings written about their great triumphs and glory to keep themselves in power.

### Planet description.

- Encasing the planet is a dome structure that was made to protect the inhabitants of the planet.
  - o This structure is now regarded as a miracle from the Emperor since the dome itself was built many generations ago and the lies of the Emperor have made it so no one knows the truth about who built the dome and why it was built.
    - The Emperor knows why the dome was built. (Perhaps the Emperor was apart of the generation that constructed the dome. One of the few survivors of the dome)
      - Dome could have been constructed to protect civilization from an extinction event.

- The surviving members of the generation that constructed the dome were forced to submit to the Emperor and now serve as the Emperors council. Those who did not submit were killed.

## The Zetetic people

- They are told that they are bred into their exo skeleton bodies.
  - o The Zetetic people are actually a pod shaped being with wire thin tentacles that grow to integrate with the exo skeleton upon the pod being placed inside an exo skeleton.
  - o The Zetetic people are made to believe that colored light will negatively affect them so all the light in non-empirical spaces is filtered out to only produce white and gray light.
    - This will not actually kill them. This is a lie that has been fabricated by the Emperor.
    - The Emperor's throne room is bathed in color rich light shining in from non-filtered windows in the dome.
    - This civilization also does not need oxygen.
    - Each Zetetics' pod/brain flashes different colors depending on what area of their pod/brain they are using. This is seen as their brain flashing white from an external perspective as the glass that covers their pod/brain is tinted just like all the other glass.
- Glorious Ritual
  - o Empires killing process is removing the glass as the pod is then extracted and inserted into a machine that creates a new life from a previous Zetetic that has been deemed no longer useful. This subsequently lights up the room with rainbow colored light.
    - This ritual is highly regarded throughout this society. Each Zetetic dreams of the day that they are deemed to "be cleansed/purified" (become obsolete, but they don't know that)
- Emperors Appearance/motives
  - o The Emperors exo skeleton is covered in elaborately decorated cloth. On the surface this can be seen as a way to promote his opulence and excellence as he could be declared "too extravagant for anyone to gaze upon him." The reality is that the emperor after managing the civilization under the dome for a long amount of time has become obsessed with power and extending his own life far beyond the natural limit of his species. His "pod" has grown grotesquely large and broken through the dome that houses it. Tentacles sprouting from his pod and swelling/enveloping over his exo skeleton creating a monstrous appearance if not for his robes to cover it up.

- The Glorious Ritual is a process for creating new life from Zetetic that have been deemed no longer useful but it is also a process in which the Emperor can extract a fraction of the life force from the biological material before it is repurposed into a new Zetetic. This removal of biological material/life force results in a weaker Zetetic being created.
  
- Species before technological explosion:
  - The original form of the zetetic is the pod like structure that can still be seen in their glass domes in the present. The only difference was that this pod was larger than it currently is now.
  - This pod is a plant like organism that feeds off light creating energy through capturing the suns energy and turning it into a glucose like substance.
  - Originally this species formed great forests on their home world.
    - This forest was not dense like forests on Earth. Instead over time this species traveled underground as roots. The pods would sprout from these roots in designated areas that were deemed to be beneficial to the hive-plant structure.
    - The dense aspect of this forest lies underground as over time this species would grow to have roots underneath almost the entirety of its home world with dense clusters of tree-like structures (or mini earth like forests) breaching the surface in order to absorb light and convert it into nutrients.
    - Slowly these pods grew smaller and became more condensed. This development could happen as the hive organism had absorbed an abundant amount of energy which allowed for high energy evolution to take place.
      - This is the birthplace of this organism sentience. The original initiative to revise its current evolution to make it more effective at surviving.
    - Over time this organism grew to be denser with its roots becoming more malleable, stronger and more tentacle like. Mobility became the next concern of this species as its core desire became the quest for knowledge. This began the true Zetetic stage where the quest for all knowledge in the universe became the primary objective.
    - Through the strength of their tentacles the Zetetic broke down stone creating a crude solution to their mobility problem. Placing their pods into broken down stone “bodies” and using the tentacles to fill out the hollow stone limbs proved for an effective way that the Zetetic could move around on the surface while also offering some protection against the environment/other inhabitants on the planet.
    - The development of their “bodies” turned into the development of exo skeletons which eventually began to offer more functions than just protection and mobility. Life sustaining functions, efficiency functions and

synergy functions were added to turn the exo skeletons from stone shells to an extension of their physical being.

- o Eventually the exo skeleton would evolve into something that the pod organism could no longer survive without as the species had been inhabiting these skeletons for so long that they evolved to be unable to exist without them.
- o Their home world has now been drained of nearly all the life energy it once had and now only the Zetetic Empire remains. Through their quest to gather knowledge over millennia they made mistakes which resulted in their current planets condition.