

Prodigal Chapter 3 (part 1)

Synopsis

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The descendents of interstellar colonists return to clash with Earth, and our hero, a colonist, rebels.

Three key characters:

- Sangh Fharha: Exoanthropologist and diplomat representing Prezghod, a planet colonized almost two millenia ago by an expedition from Earth.
- Willem Limhoon, his commander, the captain and confessor (“vhatta”) of light destroyer HHS *Cross*, a starship in the Prezghod Navy.
- XC, a robotic woman, representing Earth and its government. (Her name is pronounced “sheess-ceh”; the best approximation the Prezghodlings can manage is “Šheessay.”)

Chapter-by-chapter synopsis, one sentence per chapter:

1. “Flight (part 1)”: Four days later, Sangh and Šheessay must flee to the North in a small airplane, because Limhoon has landed by the Presidential Palace and seized control of the government of *Terra*.

Chapter-by-chapter synopsis, one paragraph per chapter:

1. “Flight (part 1)”: Four days later (Tuesday), Sangh and Šheessay are running from Vhatta Limhoon, after he lands in the plaza in front of the Palace, in a reckless attempt to “decapitate” the government of what he hopes is a defenseless Ertĥ. Their plan is to hide out in Goa (India), in the Northern-hemisphere wilderness where Sangh will not be recognized. Sang’s colleague (and nemesis) Bewinda Wharbut gets the drop on them, but they overcome her and take her prisoner. They leave her in charge of compatriots in the Presidential Palace, but Bewinda escapes to warn Limhoon that Sang and Sheessay are making a run for Goa. Finding that the kicker to India is crawling with government agents, Šheessay decides to commandeer a plane and fly to North America under the radar.

[This is a “speculative” synopsis; it does not describe the first half of chapter 3 as published on the web site. It’s my sketch of how I’m planning to rewrite it as soon as my teaching obligations are over. The second part of chapter 3, a flashback, is independent of that plan.]