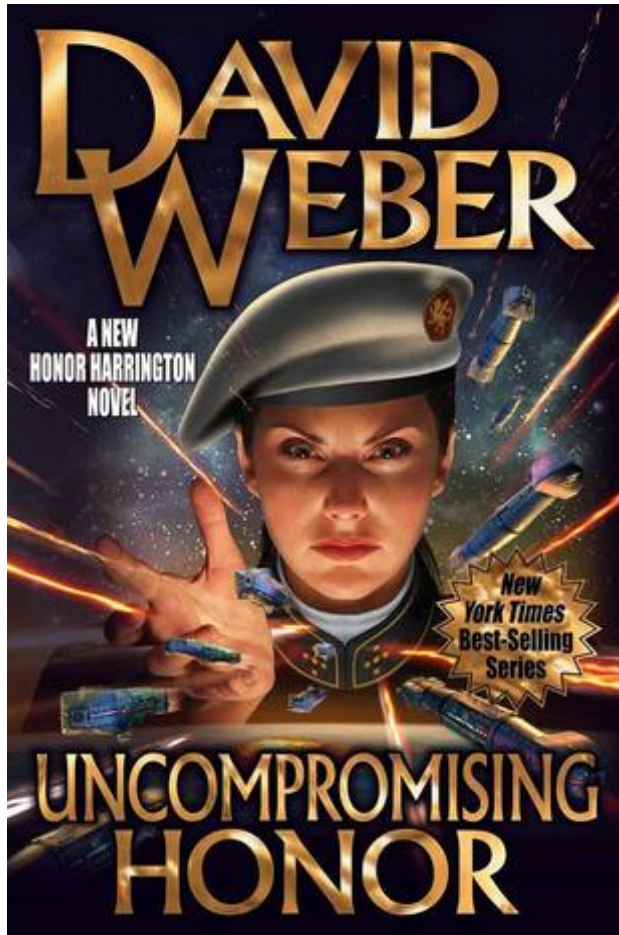


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TEACHER'S GUIDE TO *UNCOMPROMISING HONOR*



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RECOMMENDED READING LEVELS: *Uncompromising Honor* is appropriate for a young adult to adult audience. Classroom use of the book is most suitable for upper middle school to high school students.

BACKGROUND: Published by Baen Books in 2018, *Uncompromising Honor* is the 14th main-series Honorverse novel, covering a timeframe from July 1922 Post Diaspora to March 1923 Post Diaspora.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ON THE AUTHOR: David Weber is an American science fiction and fantasy author and the creator of the Honorverse. Weber's writing is heavily influenced by his interest in military history, particularly naval. Weber is also interested in presenting an alternative vision of the role of women in the military and he explores the challenges women currently and could later face in military and politics. He lives in Greenville, South Carolina with his wife, children, and pets.

(from http://honorverse.wikia.com/wiki/David_Weber)

PLOT SUMMARY:

HONOR'S FINISHING WHAT SHE STARTED

The Solarian League's navy counts its superdreadnoughts by the thousands. Not even its own government knows how enormous its economy truly is. And for hundreds of years, the League has borne the banner of human civilization, been the ideal to which humanity aspires in its diaspora across the galaxy.

But the bureaucrats known as the "Mandarins," who rule today's League, are not the men and women who founded it so long ago. They are corrupt, venal, accountable to no one . . . and they've decided the upstart Star Kingdom of Manticore must be destroyed.

Honor Harrington has worn the Star Kingdom's uniform for half a century and served her monarch and her people well. In the course of those years, the woman the newsies call the Salamander has grown from a tactically brilliant but politically naïve junior officer, to supreme fleet command and a seat on the highest military and political councils of the Grand Alliance. Very few people know war the way Honor Harrington does. Very few have lost as many men and women, as many friends, as much family, as she has. Yet despite that, hers has been a voice

of caution. She knows the Mandarins and the Solarian League Navy are growing increasingly desperate as the truth of their technological inferiority sinks home, but she also knows the sheer size of the League. And she knows how its citizens will react if the Grand Alliance takes the war to the League, attacks its star systems, destroys its infrastructure . . . kills its civilians. Today's victory, bought on those terms, can only guarantee a future war of revenge against a resurgent Solarian League and its navy.

Honor knows the Grand Alliance must find a victory that doesn't require incursions deep into Solarian space, doesn't leave a legacy of bottomless hatred, and the strategy she supports has been working.

The League is sliding towards inglorious defeat as it steadily loses ground in the Protectorates and the Verge. As its central government teeters towards bankruptcy and even some of its core systems opt to secede in the face of the Mandarins' corruption, the Solarian Navy finally realizes it cannot face an Alliance battle fleet and win.

But the Mandarins have embraced a desperate new strategy, and in pursuit of that strategy, the SLN has committed atrocities such as the galaxy has not known in a thousand years. The League has violated its own Eridani Edict against mass civilian casualties, violated the Deneb Accords prohibition on war crimes.

And the Mandarins have finally killed too many of the people Honor Harrington loves. Hers is the voice of caution and compromise no longer, and the galaxy is about to see something it has never imagined.

The Salamander is coming for the Solarian League, and Hell is coming in her wake.

(from <http://honorverse.wikia.com>)

MAJOR AND NOTEWORTHY CHARACTERS:

LADY DAME HONOR STEPHANIE ALEXANDER-HARRINGTON is a citizen of the Star Empire of Manticore and the Protectorate of Grayson. She is an officer in both the Royal Manticoran Navy and the Grayson Space Navy.

NIMITZ is Honor's treecat with whom she is bonded.

HAMISH ALEXANDER-HARRINGTON, EARL WHITE HAVEN, FIRST LORD OF ADMIRALTY, is a Manticoran citizen and officer in the RMN. He is husband to Honor Alexander.

EMILY ALEXANDER, COUNTESS WHITE HAVEN, is the senior wife of Hamish Alexander and Honor Harrington. She perishes after hearing false news of Hamish's death in the Beowulf Strike.

ALLISON CHOI HARRINGTON is Honor Harrington's mother.

ALFRED HARRINGTON is Honor's father and an RMN officer and surgeon.

ELIZABETH ADRIENNE SAMANTHA ANNETTE WINTON is Queen and Empress of Manticore.

SPENCER HAWKE is a Grayson major and Honor's senior armsman.

PHILIP CLAYTON is a Grayson Space Navy captain.

MASSIMO FILARETA is an officer in the Solarian League Navy's Battle Fleet.

ANTON ZILWIKI is a Manticoran citizen and a captain in the RMN's construction and intelligence departments.

SANDRA CRANDALL is a Solarian citizen and an officer in the SLN's Battle Fleet.

SHANNON FORAKER is a Havenite citizen and a vice admiral in the Havenite Navy.

SONJA HEMPHILL is Baroness of Low Delhi and an RMN admiral.

VINCENT CAPRIOTTI is an SLN admiral and commander of the HMS *Québec*. He leads Solarian Task Force 783.

LYANG-TAU RUTGERS is rear admiral and operation's officer of Solarian Task Force 783.

ANGELICA HELLAND is a Solarian vice-admiral and chief of staff of Task Force 783.

SIMEON GADDIS is a Solarian brigadier and leads the "Outcast" group of the Criminal Investigation Division in Old Chicago.

DAUD AL-FANUDAHI is an officer of the SLN's Battle Fleet and head of the Ghost Hunter group in the Solarian Criminal Investigation Division in Old Chicago.

WENG ZHING-HWAN is an officer in the SLN's Battle Fleet and Ghost Hunter in the Solarian Criminal Investigation Division in Old Chicago.

BRYCE TARKOVSKY is an officer in the Solarian League Marine Corps and a Ghost Hunter in the Criminal Investigation Division in Old Chicago.

LUPE BLANTON is a Ghost Hunter in the Solarian Criminal Investigation Division in Old Chicago.

NATSUKO OKIKU is an SLN lieutenant and a member of the Criminal Investigation Division in Old Chicago.

RAJMUND NYHUS is an agent of the Mesan Alignment and head of the Solarian League's Office of Frontier Security section tasked with citing internal threats to OFS security operations.

BILL KNIGHT is commander of the SLNS *Leonhard Euler*.

ELIJAH DIMAS is Commander Bill Knight's midshipman.

PATRICIA GIVENS is an RMN admiral who commands the Office of Naval Intelligence. She perishes in the Beowulf Strike.

TERRY LASSALINE is Admiral Patricia Givens' chief of staff, RMN. She perishes in the Beowulf Strike.

MIRIAM JAHNKE is the president of the Cachalot System.

INNOKENTIY KOLOKOLTSOV is the Solarian League's Permanent Senior Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs.

THE HONORABLE MADHURA YANG-O'GRADY is Innokentiy Kolokoltsov's personal representative.

MALACHAI ABRUZZI is the Solarian Permanent Senior Undersecretary of Information.

NATHAN MACARTNEY is the Solarian Permanent Senior Undersecretary of the Interior.

ADÃO UKHTOMSKOY is the commanding officer of the Solarian League's Frontier Security Intelligence Branch and Nathan MacArtney's senior spook.

OMOSUPE QUARTERMAIN is the Solarian Permanent Undersecretary of Commerce.

AGATHA WODOSLAWSKI is the Solarian Permanent Senior Undersecretary of the Treasury.

WINSTON KINGSFORD is a Solarian fleet admiral. He reports directly to Solarian undersecretaries.

WILLIS JENNINGS is a Solarian officer and Admiral Kingsford's chief of staff.

SIR MARTIN LESSEM is an RMN commodore of Cruiser Squadron 912 and married to Sara Kate Lessem, Honor's old friend.

THOMAS WOZNIAK is an RMN commander and Martin Lessem's operations officer.

LESTER THÚRI is Cruiser Squadron 912's chief of staff.

JANE ISOTALO is an SLN admiral and CO of Task Force 1027.

BARTHILU ROSIAK is an SLN rear admiral in TF 1027.

KIMMO RAMAALAS is an SLN rear admiral in TF 1027.

HELMUT SANTINI is an SLN vice admiral.

DANIEL DETWEILER is a Mesan citizen and the Mesan Alignment's director of nongenetic research.

BENJAMIN DETWEILER is a Mesan citizen and member of the Strategy Committee in the Mesan Alignment.

COLLIN DETWEILER is a Mesan citizen and the Mesan Alignment's director of intelligence operations.

HAJDU GYÔZÔ is an SLN vice admiral leading TF 1030.

ADAM VANGELIS is the president of the Hypatia System.

JIM CLARKE is RMN captain of the HMS *Phantom*.

JASON KINDRICK is an RMN commander and Jim Clarke's staff astrogator.

MEGAN PETERSEN is an RMN commander in charge of the HMS *Arngrim*.

SANDRA HASKELL is an SLN commander and chief of staff of Battle Cruiser Squadron 4012.

MARTIN GOGUNOV is an SLN rear admiral and commanding officer of BatCruRon 4012.

THOMAS YOUNTZ is SLN rear admiral of BatCruRon 4012.

DAMIEN HARAHAAP, aka Firebrand, is a Solarian-born Mesan agent and mercenary who shifts allegiances to the Grand Alliance.

INDIANA GRAHAM is the head of the Seraphim Independence Movement with a history of contact with Damien Harahap.

THOMAS THEISMAN is a Havenite officer, Grand Fleet's second in command, and an influential politician.

CHYANG BENTON-RAMIREZ is Beowulf System chairman.

JACQUES BENTON-RAMIREZ Y CHOU is the Beowulf System's vice chairman. He is also Honor Harrington's maternal uncle. He is eventually named Beowulf's Director of Defense.

GABRIEL CADDELL-MARKHAM is Beowulf's director of defense. He perishes in the Beowulf Strike.

CASWELL GWEON is a Solarian rear admiral and CEO of Economic Analysis. He is a Mesan agent.

COREY MCAVOY is a Beowulf admiral and officer of the Beowulf System Defense Force.

THOMAS CAPARELLI is a Manticoran admiral. He perishes in the Beowulf Strike.

MARIDORS HAECKLE is a Solarian admiral overseeing Naval Station Ganymede.

CONTIGUOUS PROJECTS:

- *Theme/Motif Tracker*

1. Discuss with your students the concept of theme and motif in literature. Explain that themes and motifs are like threads that bind together the cloths of narratives by

creating multiple layers of meaning, all the while creating a purpose for the text. Distinguish the terms by explaining that while themes are ideas or messages, motifs are often in the form of “things” and situations out of which themes may arise. Consider using definitions of these concepts from

- <http://www.oxfordreference.com>
- <http://literary-devices.com>
- <http://tvtropes.org/pmwiki/pmwiki.php/Main/Motifs>

To help clarify the concept of motif, consider providing examples of common motifs in films, which may be found at...

- <http://hitchcock.umwblogs.org/category/hitchcock-motifs/>
 - <http://www.vox.com/2015/11/23/9780818/pixar-chart-movies-toy-story-anniversary>
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Motifs_in_the_James_Bond_film_series
2. Ask students to think of some of their favorite movies, television shows, books, poems, graphic novels, or comics, and guide them in discussing recurrent themes and motifs that exist in their examples.
 3. Display a variety of graphic organizers that may be used for tracking themes and motifs found in *Uncompromising Honor*. A database of graphic organizers may be found at <https://www.teachervision.com/graphic-organizers/printable/6293.html>.
 4. Use chart paper to create large wall posters with the headers “Theme Tracker” and “Motif Tracker”. Advise students that the class will track themes and motifs throughout the novel as it is discussed in class. Also instruct students to keep their own personalized trackers and to use at least one graphic organizer of their choice to help organize their findings. Encourage students to continually draw connections to other works of art, literature, or media.

- *Deep Character Analysis and Real-World Connections*

At any point during reading, students may...

- write a news article regarding a major event from *Uncompromising Honor*, such as a battle, meeting, or crucial conversation. Articles should emulate the style and format of traditional news writing and may include imagery.
- discover a real-world current event via a news article or editorial that contains deep connections to an event from *Uncompromising Honor* and create a multi-media presentation that outlines the connections.
- create a news article or an additional fictional scene of an imagined event concerning one or more characters from *Uncompromising Honor*. Information pertaining to the character(s) and event(s) must be based upon their representation in the novel.
- choose a character and discover a current event article that they believe would resonate strongly with the character, and justify their findings in a presentation.

- write an obituary for a character that is deceased.
- film or script an interview with a chosen character including questions and answers based upon relevant knowledge of the text.
- create a multimedia presentation on a real-world historical individual who shares many professional and characterological similarities with a character in *Uncompromising Honor*.

SUGGESTED INTRODUCTORY ACTIVITY: CONSIDERING DIASPORA

1. Generate a discussion by asking your students to consider reasons why their family might decide to move to another place in their city, state, country, or overseas. Capture responses that imagine both positive and negative catalysts for such a move.
2. Instruct your students to read the following article on the concept of diaspora in small groups. Encourage groups to share reading and assign a note-taker:
 - <https://www.migrationpolicy.org/article/political-importance-diasporas>
3. Assign student groups to discuss their own ethnic and religious backgrounds, as well as their nationalities. Instruct students to eventually choose one particular group represented and consider this group's experience in the context of modern-day America.
4. Ask your students to imagine a scenario in which this group may have to undergo its own diaspora beyond the confines of the U.S. Set goals for your students to imagine and illustrate:
 - The societal conditions that influenced their chosen group (economic, social, religious, etc.)
 - Where in the world their chosen group disperses and why
 - What experience their chosen group encounters once it reaches new lands in which to settle and attempts to assimilate
5. Create an expectation that groups' imagined diasporas be as rooted in the real-world as possible, and to base their speculations on actual historical and current events.

Exhibiting work: Aim to provide students myriad ways in which to illustrate their speculations, allowing for multimedia presentations.

GUIDE TO July 1922 Post Diaspora

❖ **Unicorn Belt | Manticore B | Star Empire of Manticore**

Prepare to read...

- Familiarize yourself with the following vocabulary:
 - leviathan
 - outclass
 - titan
 - pygmies
 - bellow
 - vista
 - tranche

- Focus questions/initiating activities: Review with students Captain Clayton's complicated feelings surrounding starships, drawing attention to his childhood wonder about them against his engagement with them during war. Encourage a discussion in which students consider things in their own world which can be both wonderful and terrible in terms of how they are utilized by human beings. Students may use a T-chart to divide positive and negative aspects about their chosen subjects.

Summary:

- Captain Philip Clayton, accompanied by copilot Lieutenant Kalet, considers his recent victory in a battle against the Solarian League Navy as his ship travels through a field of destroyed Solarian warships at Manticore-B's Unicorn Belt, which is scoured by reclamation crews. Clayton thinks of first seeing starships in his childhood and remembers previous battles he has fought.

Quiz/Reading Comprehension Questions:

1. What rhetorical device(s) is the author using in the following sentences?

The shuttle drifted through starlight and emptiness, a minnow threading through a pod of dead leviathans.

He sat in the pilot's couch, his copilot silent beside him, gazing out through the cockpit's armorplast at a Sargasso Sea of starships.

- a. simile

- b. personification
 - c. metaphor
 - d. a and b
 - e. b and c
2. What adjective DOES NOT describe Captain Clayton’s state of mind as he observes the field of destroyed Solarian warships?
 - a. empathetic
 - b. ambivalent
 - c. exuberant
 - d. reserved
 - e. contemplative
 3. List 2-3 reasons that Captain Clayton regrets destroying Solarian battleships.
 4. How does the author indicate to the reader that Captain Clayton’s upbringing was unconventional to that of present Western society?
 5. How does Lieutenant Kalet justify the Grayson Space Navy’s slaughter of the Solarian enemy?

Answers:

1. e
2. c
3. Clayton appreciates the construction and engineering that goes into the “inner magic” of starships; Clayton was inspired as a child by the sight of starships; in his childhood, starships represented for Clayton a chance to escape the bounds of a “poisoned” earth.
4. The author refers to Captain Clayton’s “moms” and “all of his mothers.”
5. Kalet argues that the Solarians attacked the GSN without declaring war first.

Critical Thinking/Short Essay Questions:

1. Captain Clayton thinks that the Grayson Space Navy’s victory over the Solarian fleet was an “act of murder, not war,” due to the Solarian fleet having been “outclassed” by that of the GSN. Do you agree with Clayton’s logic? Why or why not? Keeping in mind that the

Solarians are an enemy force from the perspective of the GSN, what major variables do you think should separate what we consider to be an act of war and an act of murder?

2. Many science fiction narratives consider the reality of humans having to migrate away from Earth due to unfit living standards caused by social and political unrest, but also environmental catastrophe. In this narrative, Clayton remembers his planet encumbered by poisoned air. Consider the current state of Earth in context of human- and environment-related turmoil. What may be the reasons that humanity feels forced to “flee” planet Earth and settle elsewhere in the universe?

❖ **HMS *Imperator* | Manticore A | Star Empire of Manticore**

Prepare to read...

- Familiarize yourself with the following vocabulary:
 - luxuriate
 - reclamation
 - voracious
 - redoubtable

- Focus question/initiating activity: Review with students that the Grand Alliance is impressed by certain aspects of Solarian weapons technology despite its technology being overall inferior to that of the Alliance. Encourage students to engage in a discussion around the question: “What can be learned from our enemies?”

Summary:

- Upon the HMS *Imperator*, Fleet Admiral Lady Dame Honor Alexander-Harrington showers and considers a black eye incurred from sparring. Accompanied by her treecat Nimitz, Honor reviews personnel reports.
- Commander Angela Clayton delivers to Honor a report from Captain Clayton on his battlefield reclamation assignment, which includes a compliment to aspects of Solarian weaponry. Honor considers how such technology may contribute to weapons development taking place within the Bolthole program, while also ensuring Clayton of

Bolthole's protection by Admiral Hemphill.

Quiz/Reading Comprehension Questions:

1. Why does the Star Empire not want to harbor the defeated Solarians' starships as potential bargaining chips?
2. Why is the Star Empire eager to salvage remains of Solarian ships?
3. Naming weapons platforms after the fictional characters Mycroft and Moriarty from the Sherlock Holmes stories is an example of employing what rhetorical device?
 - a. metaphor
 - b. personification
 - c. allusion
 - d. irony
 - e. metonymy
4. How does Honor argue that Solarian graser weaponry can be reengineered to improve minefield technology?
5. Why does the Grand Alliance want to keep knowledge of the location of Bolthole secret?

Answers:

1. The Solarian ships have been constructed with obsolete technology highly vulnerable against missile attacks.
2. Ship parts are desired for reuse since the Star Empire's orbital industry had recently incurred much destruction from the Yawata Strike.
3. c
4. Honor thinks that these mines can be placed strategically in wormhole termini and fed power remotely in order to discharge several blasts before having to recharge.
5. Since the Yawata Strike, Bolthole has become the central shipbuilding facility of the Alliance and the site of Admiral Foraker's weapons R&D.

Critical Thinking/Short Essay Questions:

1. The author takes time to describe Honor’s waist-length hair which she unbraids, lets fall, and in which she “luxuriates” in its softness as she brushes it into a “shimmering” state. What might Honor’s hair, as well as her feelings about her hair, indicate about her character?

❖ **SLNS *Québec* | Dzung System | Solarian League**

Prepare to read...

- Familiarize yourself with the following vocabulary:
 - o diametrically
 - o synopsis
 - o pithy
 - o contrarian
 - o fractious
 - o manifest (n.)
 - o nominally

- Focus questions/initiating activities: Review with your students that the Solarian League is at a major disadvantage with Manticore in terms of weapons technology. Encourage a discussion on the topic of competition and innovation, asking students what might be the benefits of not only being at a disadvantage against an opponent, but being aware of it. Challenge students to examine personal examples of when being at a disadvantage promoted growth.

Summary:

- Aboard the SLNS *Québec*, Solarian League captain Gabriella Timberlake and Admiral Vincent Capriotti of Task Force 783 consider the next course of action against the Alliance, which includes attacking a Manticoran trade partner, following the gross defeat of Solarian officer Filareta’s Eleventh Fleet due to superior Manticoran weaponry.

Quiz/Reading Comprehension Questions:

1. When Admiral Capriotti says that Manticoran missile pod systems might “ruin our whole day,” what rhetorical device is he using?

- a. understatement
 - b. overstatement
 - c. metaphor
 - d. analogy
 - e. hyperbole
2. What is a major discrepancy between the Manticoran reports and “off the record” Solarian reports about the defeat of Filareta’s Eleventh Fleet by Manticoran forces?
 3. What is Admiral Lyang-tau Rutgers’ concern about Solarian Battle Fleet’s training strategies?
 4. According to Admiral Capriotti, what are two benefits to the strategy of attacking peripheral star systems of independent star nations with which Manticore engages in trade?
 5. Why does Captain Timberlake think Cachalot might be a good option for attack as a Manticoran trading partner?

Answers:

1. a
2. While Manticore claims that the Eleventh Fleet opened fire after being summoned to surrender, Solarian accounts claim that the Fleet was attacked after having accepted terms of surrender.
3. Admiral Rutgers believes that Battle Fleet should be creating battle simulations which offer opponents with capabilities better than those that have ever been faced by Solarian forces.
4. Such attacks might lead Manticore to weaken their forces by dispersing them to various trade partners for the sake of commerce and infrastructure protection, allowing the Solarian weapons industry additional time to build better missile technology. Also, such attacks might discourage other nations from joining Manticoran forces.
5. It might be assumed that Cachalot is more heavily defended than it actually is due to its proximity to Beowulf.

- ❖ **GSNS *Protector Oliver I* | Manticore Binary System | Star Empire of Manticore**
- ❖ **Hillary Indrakashi Enkateshwara Tower | City of Old Chicago | Sol System | Solarian League**

❖ **Office of Frontier Security HQ | Interior Department Tower | City of Old Chicago | Sol System | Solarian League**

Prepare to read...

- Familiarize yourself with the following vocabulary:
 - prolong
 - despot
 - secular
 - sacristy
 - uppity
 - puckish
 - mole
 - spooks
 - apropos
 - contraindicated
 - biometrically
 - vindictive
 - rapaciousness
 - restiveness

- Focus questions/initiating activities: Engage your students in a discussion based on the following questions:
 - What is the role of compromise when two very different groups of people are forced to come together for a common cause?
 - When in your life have you or a group you were in had to make compromises to form a successful partnership or team?
 - When you made this compromise, what did you have to “give up” as well as learn to tolerate?

Summary:

- At a state dinner held to wish Grayson Protector Benjamin Mayhew an official farewell, Honor discusses with Manticoran and Grayson fellows the process of integrating Beowulf into the Grand Alliance, as well as Grayson’s cultural adjustment to Manticore’s secular and gender-equal society and the adjustment of Grayson dependents accompanying GSN members.

- Solarian lieutenant colonel Weng Zhing-hwan and Captain Daud al-Fanudahi discuss the uncertain accuracy of a search algorithm tasked with pinpointing moles within the Solarian forces, as well as the possibility of moles existing within Simeon Gaddis' "Outcast" team within the Criminal Investigation Division. The pair questions how long to wait before detaining potential suspects.
- In Old Chicago's Office of Frontier Security HQ, Intelligence Branch CO Adão Ukhtomskoy is visited by Mesan Alignment agent Rajmund Nyhus, who shares reports of the Hypatia star system's secession from the Solarian League and political association with Beowulf, as well as Mayan Sector governor Oravil Barregos' meetings with Manticoran representatives.

Quiz/Reading Comprehension Questions:

1. Despite Grayson's joining the Grand Alliance in the form of Task Force Three, as well as Honor's longstanding interaction with Grayson, how does Grayson culture remain different from Manticoran culture?
 - a. Grayson is a pleasure-seeking, hedonistic society.
 - b. Grayson never made concessions to Manticore in regards to the societal status of Manticoran females.
 - c. Grayson remains a highly religious and theocratic society.
 - d. Grayson normally avoids involvement in war at all costs.
2. What is Simeon Gaddis' "Outcast" team searching for?
3. What are three ways that the Maya Sector of the Solarian League prepared for a stable clienthood with the Office of Frontier Security?
4. Why is Nyhus confident in his two reports that Mayan Sector governor Oravil Barregos has been talking with Manticore representatives?

Answers:

1. c
2. The team is searching for moles within the Criminal Investigation Division.
3. They have sought investment from Solarian transstellar corporations while also putting in place local protections and controls for how the corporations make profits; they have

given gifts to Solarian League bureaucrats; they have negotiated retaining local self-government.

4. The sources of Nyhus' two reports are unaware of each other's findings.

- ❖ **SLNS *Québec* | Dzung System | Solarian League**
- ❖ **SLNS *Leonhard Euler* | Unicorn Belt | Manticore B | Star Empire of Manticore**
- ❖ **HMS *Imperator* | Manticore A | Star Empire of Manticore**
- ❖ **Office of the Second Space Lord | Admiralty House | City of Landing | Manticore | Star Empire of Manticore**

Prepare to read...

- Familiarize yourself with the following vocabulary:
 - o plebiscite
 - o skeptic
 - o picket
 - o imperialist
 - o unconscionable
 - o grimace
 - o consort
 - o complement
 - o self-effacing
 - o innuendo
 - o trepidation
 - o disembodied

- **Suggested Activities/Inquiry-Based Exploration:** Review with students Solarian Admiral Capriotti's reluctance to cause unnecessary civilian deaths on the side of the Alliance. Ask students to consider if nations could ever achieve "casualty free" goals in wartime. Consider having students research advancements in military weaponry whose aim is precision and minimizing "collateral damage," as well as developments in global laws related to warfare. Students may also be interested in researching statistics surrounding civilian deaths in modern warfare spanning the Civil War to the present. Relevant information may be found at:
 - o <https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2016/03/the-obama-administrations-drone-strike-dissembling/473541/>

- o <https://www.brookings.edu/articles/why-drones-work-the-case-for-washingtons-weapon-of-choice/>
- o <https://www.statisticbrain.com/u-s-war-death-statistics/>
- o <https://www.diakonia.se/en/ihl/the-law/international-humanitarian-law-1/introduction-to-ihl/principles-of-international-law/>

Summary:

- SLN Admiral Capriotti expresses his concern to fellow officers of the possibility of Manticore setting up a naval base at Cachalot, which contends with his desire to minimize civilian deaths during Solarian strikes on industrial sectors of Manticoran trading partners, such as the planned Buccaneer Strike.
- Aboard the SLNS *Leonhard Euler*, Midshipman Elijah Dimas informs Commander Bill Knight that he has discovered private communications between related com officers on their own ship and a Solarian vessel moments before Admiral Filareta's attack in the Second Battle of Manticore. Honor informs her husband, Hamish Alexander-Harrington, of Dimas' findings, which indicate that Admiral Filareta made an attempt to surrender at the Second Battle before his missiles were deployed by crew members manipulated by nanotechnology.

Quiz/Reading Comprehension Questions:

1. How does Admiral Capriotti argue for attacking infrastructure in the Snapper Belt?
2. What improvement has been made in Solarian missile technology as is evident in the Cataphract missile?
 - a. The missile has a widened blast radius.
 - b. The missile can now travel at accelerated speeds.
 - c. The missile is equipped to go undetected by shields against enemy radar.
 - d. The missile can now perform terminal maneuvers at the end of its run during a second stage.
 - e. The missile can be partially recycled as it delivers a payload and returns its shaft.
3. What data are Midshipman Dimas' "standalones" scouring, and what is the purpose of their search?
4. What do Midshipman Dimas' findings suggest?

Answers:

1. Capriotti thinks that he can avoid inflicting the civilian “slaughter” of the Yawata Strike since the civilians in the Snapper Belt are better equipped with escape craft which could be utilized after being given warning of an attack.
2. d
3. They are searching for important information contained within interhuman communication a couple of hours before the Solarian surrender during the Second Battle of Manticore which might reveal why Admiral Filareta instigated a hopeless attack.
4. Dimas’ findings reveal that Admiral Filareta’s intention to surrender at the Second Battle of Manticore was foiled when his missiles were unexpectedly launched.

Critical Thinking/Short Essay Questions:

1. What extended metaphor does the author create to describe the relationship between Commander Bill Knight and his midshipman Elijah Dimas? How does this add meaning to their relationship?

❖ *Forge One* | Refuge System

❖ The Golden Olive Restaurant | City of Old Chicago | Sol System | Solarian League

Prepare to read...

- Familiarize yourself with the following vocabulary:
 - o yeoman
 - o punctilio
 - o impartiality
 - o speculation
 - o claimant
 - o inveigle

Summary:

- After touring space station Forge One, which orbits planet Sanctuary, RMN Admiral Sonja Hemphill and HN Admiral Shannon Foraker discuss the progress of the Bolthole project in light of Solarian weapons development, and they further consider the true formidability of the Solarian forces.
- Solarian lieutenant colonel Weng Zhing-hwan and CID's Lupe Blanton question the legitimacy of agent Nyhus' reports concerning Mayan Sector governor Barregos' communications with Manticore. Weng considers Barregos' entering into a defensive agreement of planet Torch, as well as his openness to alliances unfavorable to the Solarian League in light of his aligning the Mayan Sector with the Erewhon system. Weng and Blanton decide to send a CID representative to Mayan planet Smoking Frog to investigate Barregos' dealings.

Quiz/Reading Comprehension Questions:

1. Why have Sphinx's treecat population decided to assist the Star Empire and its planets in eradicating its enemies?
2. Admiral Hemphill: _____ : : Admiral Foraker: _____
 - a. self-control, conscientiousness
 - b. restraint, self-consciousness
 - c. anger, awkwardness
 - d. disloyalty, disrespectfulness
3. Manticoran weapon development: _____ : : Havenite weapon development: _____
 - a. advanced, robust
 - b. disadvantaged, advantaged
 - c. unstable, stable
 - d. unethical, scrupulous
4. What are 2-3 reasons that Admiral Hemphill is worried about the Solarian League?
5. Why did the Solarian League want to avoid getting entangled with the Manticoran- and Havenite-supported citizen uprising of genetic slaves on planet Torch, which the Mesans wanted to reclaim?
6. Why might governor Barregos have aligned the Maya Sector with the Republic of Erewhon?

Answers:

1. An entire treecat clan had been massacred by Solarian forces in the Yawata Strike.
2. c
3. a
4. Hemphill acknowledges that the Solarian League may be a formidable threat due to their first-rate education system, strong applied technology, and widely dispersed manufacturing infrastructure.
5. Torch was part of the Congo System, which had never been claimed by the League, so its original Mesan claimants had no recourse to reclaim the planet. Also, the majority of Torch's population were victims of genetic slavery, of which many Solarians disapproved.
6. Having friendly ties with Erewhon might put the Mayan Sector in a more favorable position to exploit a gap in power that could emerge if hostilities between Manticore and Haven should resurface.

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❖ **SLNS *Québec* | Cachalot System**

❖ **Hillary Indrakashi Enkateshwara Tower | City of Old Chicago | Sol System | Solarian League**

Prepare to read...

- Familiarize yourself with the following vocabulary:
 - o cordial
 - o scrupulously
 - o tenuous
 - o implacable
 - o en masse
 - o psychosomatic
 - o decrypted
 - o expeditiously
 - o bird dogging
 - o quandary

- Focus questions/initiating activity: Post the epithet “The Reluctant Admiral” on your board or screen. Review with your students Admiral Capriotti’s reluctance to carry out a Buccaneer Strike at Cachalot. Ask students to consider where they believe a military officer should draw the line in terms of what commands he/she should and should not follow and allow students to discuss answers provided. Encourage students to draw on awareness of recent or historical events in which military officers might have been faced with committing ethically dubious tasks. Then, direct students to read the following article individually or in small groups in order to build knowledge around the topic of the legality of obeying orders in a military context: <https://warontherocks.com/2017/07/when-can-a-soldier-disobey-an-order/>. Allow students to reflect upon their reading in an additional open discussion.

Summary:

- Before proceeding with a nuclear strike on the orbital infrastructure of the Cachalot system’s planet Orca, Admiral Capriotti provides Cachalot president Miriam Jahnke an escape window for citizens after informing her of the strike and demanding surrender of her armed units.
- Accompanied by SLN officer al-Fanudahi, SLN lieutenant Natsuko Okiku and CID “Outcast” Bryce Tarkovsky discuss findings in their investigation of corruption within the Solarian Gendarmerie. Al-Fanudahi highlights recently increased encounters between financial advisor Shafiq Bolton and Alliance operatives concurrent with a previous uptick in hostilities between Haven and Manticore. Possible ways to confirm presumptions of Bolton’s corruption are discussed.

Quiz/Reading Comprehension Questions:

1. Why is Admiral Capriotti convinced that, despite his reluctance, he will be forced to carry out the Buccaneer operation?
2. How does Admiral Capriotti argue to President Jahnke that the Cachalot system has not remained neutral in the war between the Grand Alliance and the Solarian League?
3. Which noun does NOT describe President Jahnke’s reaction to Admiral Capriotti’s evacuation request?
 - a. indignation
 - b. incredulity
 - c. dissension

- d. acquiescence
 - e. aversion
4. Why are Cachalotian habitats considered safer from falling debris from industrial platform disasters?
 5. How does Admiral Capriotti utilize his battleships' impeller wedges during the nuclear strike against Orca's orbital infrastructure?
 6. What are two reasons that Lieutenant Okiku refers to Marine Tarkovsky as a "Ghost Hunter"?
 7. What three strategies do the Outcasts consider for determining if Shafiq Bolton has been working with the "Other Guys," and what reasons lead the Outcasts from one strategy to the next?

Answers:

1. Capriotti realizes that Manticore drones are able to outwit even the most advanced stealth technology known.
2. Capriotti argues that by transferring nearly all of its trade to Manticore and other star nations who have declared war against the League, Cachalot has in a sense chosen sides.
3. d
4. The Cachalotians originally opted for the climate-controlled habitats against Orca's harsh tropical environment before much of the industrial sector had been built.
5. The impeller wedges are positioned to intercept debris not vaporized by the nuclear strike in order to minimize planetary fallout.
6. Okiku acknowledges that the corruption Tarkovsky hunts down is so ubiquitous that finding sources of corruption is like "chasing ghosts." Okiku further comments on the difficulty of Tarkovsky's convincing others of his findings once a "ghost" has been tracked down.
7. Okiku first considers feeding a possible co-conspirator of Bolton information they'd find relevant to see if the suspect reports back to Bolton, thus confirming a link. Realizing that this strategy would be too time-consuming, Okiku suggests detaining Bolton and interrogating her. After admitting complexities in whether or not to release Bolton if it's discovered she is innocent, Okiku then suggests threatening suspects into compliance.

Critical Thinking/Short Essay Questions:

1. An allusion to the myth of Sisyphus emerges for a second time in the text when SLN Marine Tarkovsky comments that pinpointing sources of corruption “would make Sisyphus weep.” Considering that authors intentionally build structures of meaning with recurring ideas and imagery, explain how the concept of futility and/or interminable labor, as represented by the aforementioned myth, has emerged throughout the text in your reading thus far. What “greater themes” could the author be drawing attention to when considering the plot, scale, and setting of the novel?

- ❖ **Harrington House | City of Landing | Planet of Manticore | Manticore Binary System**
- ❖ **George Benton Tower | City of Old Chicago | Old Earth | Sol System**

Prepare to read...

- Familiarize yourself with the following vocabulary:
 - diminutive
 - acuity
 - emphatic
 - augmented
 - anachronism
 - judicious
 - august
 - acerbity
 - fiscal
 - faux pas
 - incredulous
 - desultory
 - indissoluble

- **Suggested Activities/Inquiry-Based Exploration:** Review with students the problem Solarian undersecretaries face with the leaking of a short portion of a private conversation. Engage students in a debate over the question: *Should a single tweet determine our destinies?* Ask students to consider how social media has “rewired” our understanding and approach to how common citizens and leaders disseminate information and express thoughts? Have students perform research to analyze the actions and consequences of people such as...
 - U.S. President Donald Trump
 - Other highly visible political leaders or activists

- o Justine Sacco
 - o Adria Richards
- Focus question/initiating activities: Post the following question on your board or screen: *Can citizens be trusted?* Draw students' attention to references to referendums in Beowulf and Hypatia held for the sake of voting on secession from the Solarian League. Review the purpose of referendums and consider briefly analyzing England's referendum on the matter of leaving or staying within the European Union. Encourage a discussion on the question of whether or not significant national policy decisions should be influenced by citizen vote, or strictly by "experts."

Summary:

- Honor is visited for dinner at the Harrington House by her pregnant mother Allison and father Alfred, who is using the occasion to announce his return to the Royal Manticoran Navy. Honor is also reintroduced to old friend RMN captain and nurse Sara Kate Lessem.
- Solarian undersecretaries discuss tightening communication channels solely to Benton Tower in light of discussion between two of them involving considering placing intervention battalions into the Hypatia system to form a coup against its president being leaked to the general public. Permanent Senior Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs Innokentiy Kolokoltsov privately considers taking aggressive actions against Hypatia.

Quiz/Reading Comprehension Questions:

1. What inner conflict does Allison Harrington face in becoming pregnant with another child?
2. The author uses simile in the following sentence by saying that Honor and her mother's bodyguards are like "escorting destroyers." Analyze the sentence more deeply to explain how the author actually creates an extended metaphor and explain how this is done.

Their bodyguards fell in astern, like escorting destroyers.

3. How does Captain Lessem's position in the military afford her a broader view of the impact of war?
4. What are 2-3 reasons that losing the Hypatia system to the Alliance would be such a significant disadvantage to the Solarian League despite its small size?

5. What worries Undersecretary Kolokoltsov about turning Benton Tower into a “fortress” of secure communication by compiling all of the undersecretaries’ offices within it?
6. What is ironic about the name of Benton Tower?
 - a. The tower is named after George Benton, who contributed to the creation of the Solarian League but switched his allegiance to Manticore before dying.
 - b. The tower is named after George Benton, who contributed to the creation of the Solarian League but led a morally reprehensible private life.
 - c. The tower is named after George Benton, who helped found the Solarian League, but whose descendants migrated to the Beowulf system, now an enemy of the League.
 - d. The tower is named after George Benton, who helped found the Solarian League, but whose descendants migrated to the Hypatia system, which is now considering seceding from the League.

Answers:

1. Allison is conflicted over whether she is reaffirming the lives of her children that have been lost, or merely replacing them.
2. The author creates an image of two battleships drawing into proximity with two other battleships in order to protect them against external attack. He uses the word “astern” to emphasize ship imagery, while also using the phrase “fell in” to illustrate the movements of military vessels maneuvering into position.
3. Lessem encounters the suffering and treats the injuries of Manticoran and Solarian soldiers alike.
4. Hypatia was a founding member of the Solarian League in close proximity to a Manticoran wormhole junction, thus providing the possibility of expanding the Alliance’s reach to the heart of the League if Hypatia were to side with the Alliance. Furthermore, a successful Hypatian secession might justify the secession’s validity in the court of public opinion on the heels of Beowulf’s secession.
5. Kolokoltsov worries that the undersecretaries could fall prey to a “fortress mentality” which drives them to “disconnect” from and thereby lose concern about the events of the galaxy beyond them.
6. c

Critical Thinking/Short Essay Questions:

1. Even while Honor Harrington is an adult woman, her mother Allison has “frozen” her aging process with biological implants that allow her to remain in a thirty-year-old state, and at

this point in the Honorverse narrative Allison is pregnant with another child. If human technology one day affords women to “freeze” the aging process, how do you believe this will affect their lives, the societies in which they live, and the world overall? Would women be more or less encouraged to have and continue to have children? Do you think such biological innovation would have a significant impact on the family structure? Might such technology be prey to severe pushback? Support your answers with thorough reasoning.

2. The uncle responsible for introducing Honor Harrington to Sara Kate Lessem was known for his establishing a “Society for Creative Anachronisms”, Sara Kate herself being interested in the anachronism of ballroom dancing. Though dance is an intrinsically human proclivity across time periods, the author suggests that ballroom dancing is a specifically obsolete art form. Think of one anachronistic object or activity in your own time period and defend its continued relevance to this day. What merits does your chosen anachronism maintain even outside of the time period in which it was most relevant, useful, or meaningful? What might be the everlasting merits of anachronisms in general?

❖ **HMS *Clas Fleming* | Prime Terminus | Prime-Ajay Hyper Bridge**

Prepare to read...

- Familiarize yourself with the following vocabulary:
 - cosmopolitan
 - unprepossessing
 - ossification
 - obsolescent
 - chauvinistic
 - vociferous
 - unpalatable
 - rudimentary
 - nominally
 - sardonically
 - consternation
 - negligible
 - laggard
 - phlegmatic
 - limpeted
 - vituperation

- Focus questions/initiating activities: Remind students that the battle featured in this section exhibits opposing forces gauging each other's capabilities and predicting each other's motivations and strategies in real time. Engage students in a discussion where they explore other competitive activities in the real world, outside of traditional warfare, in which opposing entities must constantly try to predict and outwit each other's actions.

Summary:

- Accompanied by a cruiser squadron on the way to the Manticore system to guard the seizure of the Prime Terminus, RMN Commodore Sir Martin Lessem reviews a message from wife Sara Kate before being informed of the arrival of Solarian admiral Jane Isotalo's Task Force 1027 at the wormhole. Lessem orders his squadron to evacuate Manticoran military from the terminus to the Ajay System before Isotalo's task force launches thousands of impeller-modified missiles toward Lessem's heavy cruisers, against which Lessem launches counter-missiles, penetration aides, and decoys. Realizing the improbability of escape through hyper speed in a limited timeframe, Lessem instead orders his entire squadron to "roll ship" and face his ships' impeller wedges against the Solarian forces, surprising Isotalo. Despite taking some hits against a well-fortified bow-wall in his battleship's wedge throat, Lessem's point defense destroys most incoming missiles breaching his ship's impeller wedge and takes on minimal task force casualties.
- Predicting that Isotalo's force is closing distance in order to enter his hyper generator cycle and impose a new missile assault, Lessem sends away a supply vessel and destroyers accompanying it before launching new missiles at Isotalo, which miss their target when Isotalo herself sends away most of her fleet in a hyper micro-jump. Several of Isotalo's ships reentering normal space within Lessem's hyper generator cycle launch missiles at Lessem's squadron, which Lessem then sends away in total through hyper, leaving Isotalo's task force directly at the Prime Terminus. Assuming that Lessem's task force will warn fellow forces to retreat from Ajay, Isotalo takes her squadron through the terminus to Ajay and orders in a division to hold the terminus against Manticoran forces returning from seizing the Agueda-Stine bridge, while her squadron executes Operation Buccaneer and continues to withdraw homeward.

Quiz/Reading Comprehension Questions:

1. Why does Captain Sara Kate Lessem believe that Solarians are "unsophisticated" and not cosmopolitan?

2. What are two reasons that engaging in battles outside of the hyper-limit is “virtually unheard of”?
3. Why is the Prime Terminus considered only “nominally” independent?
4. What is ironic about Ajay System President Adelaide Tyson’s protests against the Manticoran seizure of her system’s warp termini?
5. Why have penalties against the Solarian military supplier Technodyne “evaporated”?
6. Despite the Solarian Navy’s recent improvement in missile technology, what remains a major technological handicap regarding the topic of distance, and what is the effect of this handicap?
7. How do Manticoran “Dazzlers” aide counter-missiles?
8. In the estimation of Operation Officer Thomas Wozniak, why is a missile that reacquires a target after having previously lost lock a particularly high threat?
9. What does SNL Captain Raghavendra argue might be the cost of generating a bow-wall around a ship’s wedge area?
 - a. The ship’s missile sensors are scrambled by an energy field created in the generation of the bow-wall.
 - b. The bow-wall repels missiles which shift course against the other ships of Lessem’s squadron.
 - c. The ship cannot accelerate during the generation of a bow-wall due to the amount of power used in the process.
 - d. Lessem’s force could only briefly use sensors to detect Solarian missiles in ship-staggered sequences due to the time it takes to activate the bow-wall generators.
 - e. a and c
 - f. a and d
10. Why is a ship vulnerable when emerging from a wormhole?

Answers:

1. Lessem argues that the Solarians live in a “bubble” and only study the people and events beyond the League’s border, rather than travel and interact with other civilizations beyond it.

2. There rarely are sites of valuable resources, such as asteroid belts, or system infrastructure to exploit or utilize outside the hyper-limit. Also, any starship outside the hyper-limit could achieve hyper speeds at any time, thus affording easy escape by weaker sides in confrontations.
3. The Prime Terminus calls itself independent but has not actually fortified itself with military defense, rather relying on protection from the Solarian League.
4. Tyson wants to maintain a friendly trade relationship between the Ajay System and the Grand Alliance but, being technically aligned with the Solarian League, needs to project solidarity with the League in case it is victorious over the Alliance.
5. In the urgency of maintaining defensive parity with Manticoran forces, the transstellar promptly developed improved missiles for the Solarian forces.
6. Solarian missiles can only accept shipboard telemetry up to 36,000,000 kilometers in distance, after which they must rely on less accurate internal AI to seek targets.
7. Dazzlers jam incoming missiles with electromagnetic and gravitic interference which forces them to lose lock on their targets.
8. Lessem's counter-missiles originally ignored enemy missiles that had lost lock. Consequently, by the time that an enemy missile reacquires its target, there is less likelihood that there will be a counter-missile available to target it.
9. c
10. A starship transits through a wormhole via sails, not an impeller drive, and thus emerges from the wormhole for many seconds without the protection of an impeller wedge or sidewalls.

Prepare to read...

- Familiarize yourself with the following vocabulary:
 - o quiescent
 - o occlude
 - o fulminating
 - o prudent
 - o elation
 - o unmitigated

Summary:

- At the Ajay Terminus of the Prime-Ajay hyper bridge, small Alliance ships and LACs enact devastating missile assaults against several arriving Solarian battlecruisers who

don't expect that smaller, undetectable Manticoran ships would be equipped with substantial weaponry.

- At the Prime Terminus of the Prime-Ajay hyper bridge, SLN admiral Helmut Santini decides to wait a T-day before sending correspondence to Admiral Kingsford concerning the lack of sign of Isotalo and her forces, but Lessem sends away the *Clas Fleming* and his consorts into hyper while his LACs breach the energy envelope of Santini's forces and devastate it in its majority.

Quiz/Reading Comprehension Questions:

1. What is Commander Patricia Richtmann's miscalculation concerning the types of Manticoran ships to beware of arriving at the Ajay Terminus?
2. When Admiral Santini comments "...it's not like anything's going to sneak up on us here on this side of the terminus, is it?" the author could be implementing what narrative device?
 - a. paradox
 - b. foreshadowing
 - c. parallelism
 - d. irony
 - e. flashback
3. Explain the meaning behind the name "Descabello" for the battle strategy which Commodore Lessem employs.

Answers:

1. Richtmann's crew had only searched for signs of Manticoran warships, assuming that any kind of smaller ship, likely a system-defense or patrol vessel, was not equipped to effect notable damage against a ship of war.
2. b
3. "Descabello" refers to a "second, spine-cutting deathblow" which a bullfighter enacts against a bull.

Critical Thinking/Short Essay Questions:

1. Commodore Lessem is able to defeat Solarian forces at the Prime-Ajay hyper bridge by using smaller, undetectable ships to enact devastating surprise missile attacks. Think about another

story or real-world event in which preconceptions about size were the cause of someone's, something's, or some group's downfall. Compare and contrast your example with Lessem's strategy against Isotalo's and Santini's forces.

2. Explore the theme of *doubt* which arises in the novel so far. You may focus on a single character or a group of characters. Explain how the notion of *doubt* contributes meaning to the novel as a whole thus far.

- ❖ **Office of the Director of Research | Gregor Mendel Tower | City of Leonard | Darius System**
- ❖ **Tarducci Tower | City of Approdo | Genovese System**
- ❖ **HMS *Phantom* | Task Group 110 | Beowulf System**
- ❖ **Harrington House | Jason Bay | City of Landing | Manticore Binary System**

Prepare to read...

- Familiarize yourself with the following vocabulary:
 - o intuitive
 - o echelons
 - o synergistic
 - o plebiscite
 - o irate
 - o acuity
 - o Byzantine
 - o proprietary
 - o pontifical
 - o salacious
 - o ineffable
 - o cogently
 - o pragmatic
 - o politik

- **Suggested Activities/Inquiry-Based Exploration:** Project or write the following question: *What is the cost of neutrality?* Review with students that the Andermani Empire is maintaining a neutral position in the war between the Solarian League and the Grand Alliance. Divide students into small groups and, as a class, refer to the resource <https://www.worldatlas.com/articles/countries-who-remained-neutral-in-world-war->

[ii.html](#) to objectively review nations that remained neutral during World War II. Allow each group to choose a different neutral power and assign groups to research the overall experience of their chosen nation during and after the war. Create an expectation that groups create a “neutral,” unbiased presentation which illustrates the pros and cons of their nation remaining neutral.

Summary:

- Mesan Alignment member Daniel Detweiler meets with the Mesan Alignment’s director of operations to discuss countering the Manticoran Mycroft weapons system.
- Genovese vice admiral Hadju Gyôzô and commissioner Hirokichi Floyd discuss shifting an operation target to particular Manticoran allies, while anticipating the results of Operation Buccaneer.
- RMN rear admiral Jan Kotouč briefs his crew on orders to retreat from the Beowulf system and head for the Hypatia in anticipation of the Solarian response to Hypatia’s likely secession from the League.
- Honor and Hamish Alexander spend romantic time together and discuss the aftermath of and possibilities of retaliation against the Solarian strike against Cachalot, including encouraging the Andermani Empire to establish neutrality patrols in the Talbott Cluster and among Andermani trading partners to dissuade Solarian interference there.

Quiz/Reading Comprehension Questions:

1. What are two benefits of using AI for secretarial purposes when considering the characteristics of both Daniel Detweiler and his brother Collin?
2. Why is an RMN task group heading to Hypatia?
3. In Honor’s estimation, why has Manticore been able to rebuild so efficiently after the Yawata Strike? List two or more reasons.
4. In Solarian admiral Capriotti’s attack on Cachalot, what did he do in addition to striking orbital infrastructure and civilian habitats?
5. Why does Honor argue that the Solarian attack upon Cachalot is more of a psychological strategy than a military one?

6. Provide two or more reasons why a Manticoran response against the League for its strike on Cachalot is such a complicated matter.
7. From the perspective of Manticore, what would NOT be a benefit of the Andermani Empire establishing “neutrality patrols” around itself and its trading partners?
 - a. It is unclear whether the Andermani Empire would ultimately choose the side of the Solarian League or Manticore.
 - b. The Solarian League would know that any attack upon the neutral empire would bring the empire fully into the Alliance.
 - c. The Andermani Empire would build imperialistic influence over all the nations it patrolled.
 - d. The possible appearance that the Andermani Empire is assisting Manticore in its setting up of the patrols might be interpreted in itself as a declaration of war.
 - e. a and d
 - f. c and d

Answers:

1. AI may be helpful for people who are not good with human interrelationships, such as Daniel. Also, Collin believes that AI might be preferable for people who need to keep secrets, since sensitive information previously shared with an AI may be fully erased later.
2. The task group will defend Hypatia against a potential Solarian attack against Hypatia in response to Hypatia’s voting to secede from the League and join the Alliance.
3. Manticore was able to receive assistance from Haven and Beowulf; Manticore’s merchant marine was well dispersed during the strike; civilian industries on Grayson were not greatly affected by the strike and could be redirected to help rebuild a naval shipyard; Grayson’s Church of Humanity Unchained was able to gather additional support from other star nations; the Exchequer guaranteed loans to Manticore based on the economic security built into the Wormhole Junction; there is a glut of workers available due to the casualties of skilled technicians in the strike.
4. Admiral Capriotti seized ships and small crafts and either took them with him or destroyed them.
5. Honor argues that the League is attempting to terrify nations that might support the Alliance.
6. Manticore cannot predict which of its many other trading partners will undergo a similar attack; any retaliation against the League will be played against Manticore by League news outlets; there is evidence that the Solarian public did not wholly favor the strike on Cachalot; it may not go over well with public opinion of other Manticore trading partners if Manticore does not attempt retaliation.

6. a

Critical Thinking/Short Essay Questions:

1. Honor is described as having a “monster” within her that is chained by a compassion and moral code that consequently gives the monster a “use.” Explore the concept of “monsters within us.” Consider questions such as...
 - Are all people afflicted with internal “monsters” or are they born out of experience?
 - Is having a “monster” essential to the human experience?
 - Do you yourself have a “monster,” and, if so, how has it contributed to your experiences in life so far?
 - Have people’s “monsters” contributed to determining the course of human history?

2. Is the *guerre de course*, or “commerce raiding,” strategy a more humane military approach to warfare than direct encounters between human soldiers? Why or why not?

- ❖ **Solarian Gendarmerie Headquarters | City of Vivliothékē | Hypatia System**
- ❖ **Proedriké Katoikía | City of Vivliothékē | Hypatia System**
- ❖ **SLNS *Camperdown* | Task Force 1030 | Solarian League Navy**
- ❖ **HMS *Phantom* | Alexandria Belt | Hypatia System**
- ❖ **SLNS *Camperdown* and Proedriké Katoikía com center | Hypatia System**

Prepare to read...

- Familiarize yourself with the following vocabulary:
 - o troglodyte
 - o expeditious
 - o lese majeste
 - o admonition
 - o restiveness
 - o inane
 - o renounce
 - o archaism
 - o arcane
 - o jurisprudence
 - o contravene

- o kleptocratic
 - o judicious
 - o sanctimonious
- **Suggested Activities/Inquiry-Based Exploration:** Review with students the argument between Solarian foreign affairs representative Yang-O’Grady and Hypatian president Vangelis over the validity of a secession clause in the Solarian constitution, Yang-O’Grady arguing that the clause has essentially dissolved due to disuse, Vangelis arguing for its fixed legality. Take a vote in class to focus on a single constitutional clause or amendment whose continued validity is currently controversial. Organize a debate around this controversy, splitting your class in half. Consider prompting students with the following question: *Does a constitutional clause lose its validity through time due to the evolving nature of a society’s culture or impact of scientific innovation?* Refer to the following resource for inquiry: <https://www.vanityfair.com/news/2010/08/slide-show-the-top-27-most-debated-constitutional-amendments>.

Summary:

- Hypatian CID head Ingrid Latimer and her superior Lawrence Kourniakis speculate over the hacking of the Hypatian attorney general’s files while questioning his ultimate goal regarding the upcoming referendum concerning secession from the Solarian League. Kourniakis questions his own loyalty to the League.
- Hypatia President Adam Vangelis expresses his concerns to Rear Admiral Kotouč regarding opposition amongst some fellows and transstellars to the secession referendum, for which final votes are still being tallied. Vangelis explains to Kotouč that his force’s arrival in Hypatia is to be kept secret until the referendum is concluded.
- Input on the plans for the Buccaneer Operation is requested of Undersecretary Kolokoltsov’s personal representative Madhura Yang-O’Grady by SLN admiral Hadju Gyôzô’s task force. Yang O’Grady fails to convince Vangelis of the invalidity of the Solarian constitution’s secession clause, informing him of the consequent employment of Operation Buccaneer on Hypatia after a delay for evacuation.
- Accompanied by a squadron, RMN’s HMS *Phantom* spots Solarian forces approaching the Hypatian system and moves farther out to avoid detection.

Quiz/Reading Comprehension Questions:

1. What is NOT a reason that Lawrence Kourniakis wavers in his loyalty to the Solarian League?
 - a. He witnessed corrupt deals struck between Solarian transstellars and local OFS commissioners.
 - b. He remains unsure of the likelihood of the League's victory against the Alliance.
 - c. He is too familiar with Beowulfers to accept the League's demonization of them.
 - d. He experienced doubt after witnessing a convincing denunciation of the Mandarins by a member of the Hypatian Legislative Assembly.
 - e. He disliked how the League props up despots and dictators for economic gain.

2. What adjective does NOT describe Madhura Yang-O'Grady's assignment by the Solarian League's Foreign Affairs department to renounce the results of the Hypatian referendum if secession is voted for?
 - a. efficacious
 - b. vain
 - c. futile
 - d. ineffectual
 - e. impracticable

3. Which word best describes the foundation of Hypatia president Vangelis' argument to Yang-O'Grady about the validity of the Solarian constitution's secession clause?
 - a. fallacious
 - b. ethical
 - c. emotional
 - d. legal
 - e. philosophical

4. Explain President Vangelis' "dead letter" argument regarding the Solarian League's attempt to invalidate its constitution's secession clause.

Answers:

1. b
2. a
3. d

4. Vangelis argues that the secession clause would never have had any relevance from its inception if an administration could at any time concoct an argument to prevent or consequentially delay its execution.

Critical Thinking/Short Essay Questions:

1. Do you agree that mixing politics and military policy is never a good idea, as Admiral Hadju Gyôzô feels about the Hypatian referendum? How much influence do you believe the general public should have in regard to their own government's policies, foreign and domestic? Do you believe that the "hard work" should be left to experts? Support your reasoning.

- ❖ **Gregatsoulis Park | City of Vivliothékē | Hypatia System**
- ❖ **SLNS *Camperdown* | Hypatia Planetary Orbit | Hypatia System**
- ❖ **HMS *Phantom* | Alexandria Belt | Hypatia System**
- ❖ **Proedriké Katoikía | Hypatia System**
- ❖ **SLNS *Camperdown* | Hypatia System (recurring)**
- ❖ **Prásino Phúllo Habitat and Hypatia System Patrol Shuttle *Asteria* | Hypatia System**
- ❖ **Prásino Phúllo Habitat | Hypatia Planetary Orbit | Hypatia System**
- ❖ **HMS *Angrim* and HMS *Cinqueda* | Hypatia System**
- ❖ **SLNS *Troubadour* | Hypatia System**
- ❖ **HMS *Phantom* | Hypatia System**
- ❖ **HMS *Arngrim* | Hypatia System**
- ❖ **HMS *Phantom* and SLNS *Camperdown* | Hypatia System**

Prepare to read...

- Familiarize yourself with the following vocabulary:
 - o plaintive
 - o specious
 - o draconian
 - o precis
 - o sophistry
 - o acuity
 - o infallibly
 - o parsimonious
 - o wanton
 - o surreptitious

- o phalanx
 - o winnowed
- **Suggested Activities/Inquiry-Based Exploration:** Ask your students to consider the logistics of a mass evacuation from their own city with a goal of determining the most rational and effective approach. Encourage a brief discussion on the logistics of such an evacuation, focusing on major challenges. Then, divide students into small groups and ask them to prepare a “blueprint” for evacuation from their own school. Ask them to consider:
- o areas in the school that may pose problems
 - o the logistics of timing and grouping evacuees
 - o concerns regarding student and teacher behavior
 - o delegation of duties
 - o whether student/teacher demographics should influence order of evacuation

Summary:

- Uncertain of a Manticoran presence already at the Hypatia System, Yang-O’Grady orders Admiral Gyôzô to execute Operation Buccaneer, allowing President Vangelis a short time window for evacuation. Vangelis and his cabinet decide against a suspension of the referendum, while speculating that Admiral Kotouč’s presence in the Hypatia system had been leaked to the League. Hypatian residents begin to be chaotically evacuated by Hypatia System Patrol from orbital habitats to planetary surface.
- Suspecting a widened time frame for the arrival of Manticoran forces, Yang-O’Grady suggests to Admiral Gyôzô extending Hypatia’s evacuation deadline, in response to which Gyôzô grants twelve hours.
- As Solarian crews mentally prepare to execute Buccaneer, Admiral Gyôzô is informed of the devastation of several of his ships by drone missile strikes sent by Admiral Kotouč’s undetected force that had crept into firing range from within the Hypatian system itself.
- Gyôzô spots Kotouč’s ships and employs a massive counter-missile launch that is nonetheless thwarted by interference created by an unsuspected Manticoran EW platform protecting a tightly packed missile salvo which devastates dozens of Solarian battlecruisers.
- From a distant observant position RMN destroyer *Arngrim* commander Megan Petersen observes successful impacts by Solarian missiles against Kotouč’s *Phantom* and other consorts. Aboard a wrecked *Phantom*, Kotouč is assisted by Commander Ilkova to a life pod before both their ship and the Solarian *Camperdown* are destroyed.

Quiz/Reading Comprehension Questions:

1. Why can't Hypatia president Vangelis openly request Manticoran naval assistance before the Hypatia secession referendum's concluded?
2. What is ironic concerning the Hypatian efforts at evacuating orbital residential habitats?
3. What persuades Yang-O'Grady to request that Admiral Gyôzô extend Hypatia's evacuation deadline?
4. What is the purpose of the Eridani Edict in the Solarian constitution?
5. What is the strategy behind Admiral Kotouč's force launching a tightly packed salvo of missiles at Admiral Gyôzô's force?
6. What Solarian war crimes is RMN commander Megan Petersen intent on recording from the safety of *Arngrim*?

Answers:

1. To request assistance from Manticore before the secession referendum is concluded would be interpreted by the Solarian League as an act of treason.
2. The evacuation process is so chaotic and rushed that many civilians have died merely through accidents.
3. Yang O'Grady assumes that the desperation with which Hypatians are attempting evacuation suggests that any Manticoran assistance is farther away than originally thought.
4. The Eridani Edict requires military commanders to take every possible action to limit collateral damage and prevent any avoidable civilian deaths in warfare.
5. Tightly packing a missile salvo leaves little clearance between the impeller wedges of individual missiles, decreasing the salvo's vulnerability against a counter-missile strike.
6. Petersen records Solarian forces continuing missile strikes against wrecked Manticoran ships evacuating their crews, which is a direct violation of the Deneb Accords.

Critical Thinking/Short Essay Questions:

1. Explore the theme of *sacrifice* in context of Operation Buccaneer. Compare and contrast the meaning of the notion from the perspectives of both the Solarian League and the Alliance.
2. Before the execution of Operation Buccaneer, the reader is exposed to much ambivalence among Solarian crews toward the massive collateral damage that the operation will entail. Do you believe that in military affairs “an order is an order,” or do you think that some military orders, despite from where they originate, should not be followed, even if it means committing what would be considered treason? Support your stance with thorough reasoning and, if possible, real-world observations.
3. Explore how Weber uses personification through diction and imagery to describe the destruction of Solarian battlecruisers *Enterprise*, *Marengo*, *Edinorg*, *Ontario*, and *Re Umberto*. Provide direct textual evidence in your analysis.

- ❖ **SLNS *Lepanto* | Hypatia System (recurring)**
- ❖ **HMS *Arngrim* | Hypatia System (recurring)**
- ❖ **SLNS *Yashima* | Hypatia System**
- ❖ **SLNS *Lepanto* and SLNS *Yashima* | Hypatia System (recurring)**
- ❖ **HSP Shuttle *Asteria* | Hypatia System**

Prepare to read...

- Familiarize yourself with the following vocabulary:
 - portended
 - paucity
 - paragon

Summary:

- Against protest by SLNS commodore Sarah Haskell, Rear Admiral Martin Gogunov refuses to extend Hypatian evacuation time and orders to proceed with Operation Buccaneer, as well as to strike Manticoran escape pods.
- From *Arngrim* Commander Petersen sends salvos with second-stage capabilities against Gogunov’s forces, while also targeting incoming Solarian reconnaissance drones. Petersen’s salvo devastates Gogunov’s *Lepanto*, and Commodore Haskell continues to refuse a skinsuit-muted Gogunov’s orders to launch the Buccaneer strike, instead

delegating command to SLNS rear admiral Thomas Yountz on the SLNS *Yashima*. Petersen offers Yountz an opportunity to retreat from the Hypatia system as Hypatian shuttles contribute to rescuing Manticoran life-pod escapees, including a wounded Admiral Kotouč.

Quiz/Reading Comprehension Questions:

1. Provide 2-3 arguments provided by SLNS captain Turner for refusing to carry out Operation Buccaneer.
2. What rhetorical device is the author using in the following sentence?

It was one pitiless, pulverizing instant ripped from the heart of eternity and burned indelibly into the blood, bone, and brain of anyone who managed to survive it.

- a. alliteration
 - b. assonance
 - c. metaphor
 - d. simile
 - e. parallelism
3. What is the true cause of Rear Admiral Yountz's anger?
 - a. Yountz is angry that Commander Petersen appears to have had the ability to communicate with Hypatian president Vangelis.
 - b. Yountz is frustrated with having been assigned command by Commander Haskell.
 - c. Yountz is self-consciously aware of the Solarian League's history of war violations.
 - d. Yountz is offended by being spoken to by Commander Petersen, a female, in such an authoritative manner.

Answers:

1. Captain Turner argues that military law does not supersede the constitutional law of the Eridani Edict; that the Articles of War give him the right to refuse illegal orders; that twenty percent of the un-evacuated Hypatian population voted against secession; that Hypatian ships should be first used to help search-and-rescue efforts for wrecked Solarian ships.
2. a
3. c

- ❖ **Governor's Residence | City of Shuttlesport | Smoking Frog | Maya System**
- ❖ **Bassingford Medical Center and Mount Royal Palace | City of Landing | Manticore Binary System | Star Empire of Manticore**
- ❖ **Hillary Indrakashi Enkateshwara Tower | City of Old Chicago | Solarian League**

Prepare to read...

- Familiarize yourself with the following vocabulary:
 - o skullduggery
 - o temerity
 - o non-sequitur
 - o stopgap
 - o revanchism
 - o oxymoron
 - o fiat
 - o malfeasance
 - o venality
 - o apparatchik
 - o hegemony

Summary:

- Accompanied by SLNS senior officer Luis Rozsak, Mayan Sector Governor Oravil Barregos holds a meeting to arrest two Mesan agents posing as Manticoran diplomatic corps, who are nonetheless suicided in tandem by the work of Solarian nanotech, while their transport crew also self-destructs.
- Commander Petersen is visited in a Manticore hospital by Honor to receive gratitude.
- Honor speaks with the queen of Manticore about the vulnerability of additional Manticoran trade partners who are under the threat of the Solarian Buccaneer tactic, suggesting in the meantime enhancing communications technology on missile systems.
- Daud al-Fanudahi and fellow Outcasts consider presenting a Solarian attorney general evidence of corruption surrounding financial advisor Shafiq Bolton, while also speculating over the possibility of the Mesan Alignment's involvement.
- Rajmund Nyhus reports to Adão Ukhtomskoy of Mayan Sector governor Barregos' partnering with Manticore to build warships, as well as the possibility of Manticore sharing ship technology with the Erewhon system.

Quiz/Reading Comprehension Questions:

1. What worries Mayan governor Barregos about the way Solarian spies died after he ordered their arrest?
2. Explain the meaning behind the term for the Solarian war tactic “Parthian Shot” and what it indicates about the Solarian forces.
3. What are 2-3 reasons that Honor wants to avoid dispersing the Manticoran Grand Fleet in order to protect other trade partners vulnerable against the Solarian Buccaneer strategy?

Answers:

1. The spies appeared to have calmly accepted suicide in the face of their capture, suggesting a troublesome zealotry in their investment against the Grand Alliance.
2. The term “Parthian Shot” refers to an old horse archer tactic in which riders turn in the saddle and fire arrows at their pursuers while fleeing at full gallop. Solarian forces have adopted this term to describe the “launch and leave” tactic to be employed, without concern for civilians, in the face of serious opposition.
3. Honor wants to maintain a concentrated striking force, as well as maintain a “psychological dominance” over the Solarian League by giving the impression that the Alliance does not need to put up additional defenses against potential future Buccaneer attacks. Honor is also confident in an idea by Admiral Foraker and Hemphill to enhance ship-to-missile communications.

Critical Thinking/Short Essay Questions:

1. Honor reminds Commander Petersen that “Battles aren’t always — or even usually — won by killing everybody on the other side. They’re won inside the other side’s brains and wills.” Make sense of this statement by drawing on an example from your own experience or real-world observations. Where else might this wisdom apply outside of the domain of warfare?

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❖ HMS *Tristram* | In Hyper-Space

- ❖ **Mount Royal Palace | City of Landing | Manticore Binary System**
- ❖ **Dempsey's Bar | Sunrise Tower | City of Landing | Manticore Binary System**
- ❖ **City of Landing | Manticore Binary System | Star Empire of Manticore**

Prepare to read...

- Familiarize yourself with the following vocabulary:
 - agent provocateur
 - whimsical
 - foment
 - chagrined
 - rapacious
 - dubious
 - esoteric
 - rube
 - apoplexy
 - aficionado
 - banal
 - proviso
 - intrinsic

Summary:

- Mesan Alignment agent Damien Harahap, accompanied by Seraphim Independence Movement head Indiana Graham, is transported by Manticoran guards to be received for interrogation by Honor, who learns that Harahap was coerced into acting as an agent of Mesa but may also be motivated by an opportunity to enact revenge on a transstellar CEO. Open to the possibilities that Harahap is a spy for the Mesan Alignment or is being exploited for its aims, Honor decides to persuade Harahap to work for Manticore in an effort to penetrate the Alignment.
- Indiana Graham has dinner with GSN officer Abigail Hearn at Dempsey's Bar, which reminds her of her experience in the Yawata Strike.
- Harahap is further interrogated for insight on the Mesan Alignment's director of intelligence operations Collin Detweiler, who Harahap suggests is actually the Alignment's Minister of Intelligence. Harahap is paired with a treecat for protection as well as to gauge his intentions, which results in quelling Honor's doubts over Harahap's aims when the treecat immediately adopts him.

Quiz/Reading Comprehension Questions:

1. What word does NOT describe how the crew of HMS *Tristram* feel about Damien Harahap?
 - a. ambivalent
 - b. vacillating
 - c. irresolute
 - d. empathetic
 - e. unwavering
2. What advantage does Honor have in interrogating Damien Harahap?
3. Why does Mesan Alignment agent Damien Harahap nurture such bitter feelings for the Office of Frontier Security?
4. What revelation about Damien Harahap's capture by Manticoran forces leads Honor to believe that Harahap is a spy?
5. Why does Admiral Givens worry about treecats' ability to detect deception among humans?

Answers:

1. e
2. Honor shares a special connection with treecats in that she may "taste" the mind-glow of fellow humans and is especially receptive to whether or not people are speaking in truth.
3. The OFS allowed the transstellar StratoCorp authority over Harahap's homeworld Startman, leading to an influx of slave trading due to StratoCorp's relationship with the genetic engineering transstellar Manpower, Inc.
4. Harahap did not die by a nanotech-induced suicide that Mesan agents are normally fated to if captured.
5. Givens questions how well treecats can detect the myriad forms of deception that humans are capable of, since treecats themselves are telepaths incapable of lying to one another.

Critical Thinking/Short Essay Questions:

1. Honor informs her crew of the history of a slave trade perpetuated by the transstellar Manpower, which once collected slaves from Damien Harahap's homeworld Startman. Do

you believe that Weber’s perception of an ultra-futuristic civilization in which some factions within it still employ the barbaric practice of enslavement is realistic? Do you believe that a civilization will inevitably bring its cruelest customs along with it into the future inevitably? Justify your response with thorough reasoning.

2. Consider the “gulf” that lies between Indiana Graham and Abigail Hearn in terms social class. Then, think about the array of characters so far introduced in *Uncompromising Honor*, and review how Weber has thus far portrayed social class in the narrative. Answer one of the following two questions and support your conclusion with thorough reasoning:
 - a. What role does social class play in the *Uncompromising Honor* so far? How does the representation of class add meaning to the story?
 - b. In the context of the novel itself, do you believe that “mixing” social classes, both romantically and professionally, would have more of a positive or negative impact on Weber’s societies as a whole?

3. Use the Honorverse website to review the purpose of treecat memory-songs. Who are today’s memory-singers in your world? What method(s) do they use to “archive” culture and history?

- ❖ **George Benton Tower | City of Old Chicago | Old Earth | Sol System (recurring)**
- ❖ **Office of the Director of Naval Operations | Gregor Mendel Tower | City of Leonard | Darius System**
- ❖ **The Golden Olive Restaurant | City of Old Chicago | Sol System | Solarian League**

Prepare to read...

- Familiarize yourself with the following vocabulary:
 - o bailiwick
 - o reticent
 - o glib
 - o stringer
 - o purser
 - o per capita
 - o realpolitik
 - o duplicity
 - o salved
 - o abdication
 - o restive

- Focus questions/initiating activities: Call attention to Solarian undersecretary Abruzzi's claim that "the general public has the attention span of a gnat" in his argument for creating false news around the mass-casualty strike on the planet Mobius. Ask your students to consider their own experience in the new age of "fake news." Encourage a discussion initiated with students' recollections of recent and previous accusations of "fake" or unreliable news having arisen in the public sphere. Ask students to consider:
 - how the media does or does not contribute to the problem of unreliable reporting of facts surrounding people and events
 - when the government might have a vested interest in "spinning" facts to support its aims and claims
 - the problem of feeling confident in the veracity of any news report in an era when the media is constantly attacked for bias and manipulation

Summary:

- Solarian undersecretaries consider how to handle public backlash in the wake of a leak of an insurrection on the planet Mobius aided by Manticoran forces and leading to the Solarian Navy's killing of the remaining planetary government during a mass-casualty strike. The undersecretaries agree to create a narrative that the Mobius insurrection was the work of Manticore.
- Detweiler brothers of the Mesan Alignment discuss shipping "Silver Bullet" torpedoes, the result of updated missile technology, to Beowulf with the goal of devastating Manticoran Mycroft platforms.
- Outcasts Weng Zhing-hwan and Lupe Blanton express doubt over the possibility that the Mobian insurrectionists were in communication with Manticore.
- SLN admiral Winston Kingsford discusses with Solarian undersecretaries the results of the Mobian insurrection and the task of publicly justifying the Buccaneer operations in light of Admiral Gogunov's actions at Hypatia. The group decides against employing a Phase Two portion of Buccaneer, but Kingsford fails to persuade the undersecretaries to cancel a ready stance for a Buccaneer operation at Beowulf.

Quiz/Reading Comprehension Questions:

1. What does Undersecretary Abruzzi suggest doing in order to foster doubt in the public mind about Solarian brigadier Yucel's recorded threat to employ a mass-casualty strike on planet Mobius?

2. What is the main challenge regarding the Mesan Alignment's "Silver Bullet" torpedo in production?
 - a. its range
 - b. its destructive power
 - c. its physical size
 - d. its stage capability
 - e. its detectability
3. What does Benjamin Detweiler argue should be done to enrage Solarians into maintaining opposition to the Grand Alliance?
4. According to Daniel Detweiler, what benefit would there be to the Grand Alliance and the Solarian League being locked into an ongoing war with one another?
5. How does Undersecretary MacArtney suggest justifying the short evacuation window afforded Hypatia?
6. Why does Admiral Kingsford believe he has committed "moral cowardice"?
7. What is Admiral Kingsford's argument for delaying Phase Two of Buccaneer?

Answers:

1. Abruzzi suggests creating a faked recording of Yucel agreeing to surrender to Manticoran forces, then admitting that the recording had been faked to argue the ease with which any recording can be created.
2. c
3. Benjamin argues that the Solarian League should attack the Alliance in such a way as to provoke "counter-atrocities" by Manticore against the League, thus invoking a desire for revenge on behalf of the Solarian people.
4. Daniel reasons that while the Alliance and the Solarian League remain engaged in war amongst the Core Worlds, the Mesan Alignment may take control of Fringe and Verge territories.
5. MacArtney suggests humanizing Admiral Gogunov by using communications between him and Admiral Yountz to exhibit Gogunov's fury over the Hypatians having allowed Manticorans to employ a surprise attack against his forces. MacArtney also points out the fact that Gogunov did not ultimately attack Hypatian infrastructure.

6. Kingsford acknowledges that instead of openly voicing his opposition to the Solarian Parthian strategy of taking mass enemy casualties during infrastructure strikes, he counted on his subordinates' willingness to disobey their orders.
7. Delaying Buccaneer would allow Kingsford to reorganize deployment from the Protectorate systems, allow time to acquire information on weapons development by the Grand Alliance, and gauge and handle public opinion regarding Phase One operations of Buccaneer.

Critical Thinking/Short Essay Questions:

1. Admiral Kingsford corrects Undersecretary Abruzzi's remembrance of the adage "It is better to be feared than loved." Which character or groups does this adage relate most strongly to in your reading of *Uncompromising Honor* thus far? Do you believe that such a belief can work in this character's or group's benefit? Or, do you believe that such a belief will ultimately lead to negative consequences? Attempt to support your conclusion with both text-based and real-world observations.

- ❖ **SNS Maya Sector Bureau | City of Shuttlesport | Smoking Frog System | Maya Sector**
- ❖ **Admiralty House and Harrington House | City of Landing | Manticore Binary System**
- ❖ **Naval Station Ganymede | Ganymede Orbit | Sol System | Solarian League**
- ❖ **Board of Directors Room | Executive Building | City of Columbia | Beowulf System**
- ❖ **George Benton Tower | City of Old Chicago | Old Earth | Sol System**

Prepare to read...

- Familiarize yourself with the following vocabulary:
 - o apparatchik
 - o muckraker
 - o avocation
 - o insidious
 - o carte blanche
 - o draconian
 - o clandestine
 - o kleptocracy
 - o peonage
 - o inimical
 - o facetious
 - o anomalous

- o prospectus
- o vis-à-vis
- o sanctimonious

Summary:

- Maya Sector governor Oravil Barregos holds a news conference in which he announces his decision to secede from the Solarian League after gathering knowledge from Admiral Givens of a false-flag operation aimed at creating the illusion that Manticore fomented rebellions among Protectorates within the League, including Maya, to passively invoke chaos and weaken the League. Barregos also explains that he has invited delegations from throughout the sector to Maya to decide on ratification of the secession.
- Honor attends a meeting and later dinner with admirals and joint chiefs of staff to discuss the cause of an apparent pause in Buccaneer strikes and the state of Solarian weapons development in anticipation of the upcoming Beowulf plebiscite.
- At Naval Station Ganymede Solarian admiral Kingsford is updated on improvements to Solarian missile systems and observes a live demonstration of the “Hasta” system.
- Beowulf System chairman Chyang Benton-Ramirez and fellow Beowulfan representatives review a broad vote for secession from the Solarian League and debate the need for military assistance from the Alliance beside the presence of Mycroft defense systems.
- Solarian undersecretary Kolokoltsov is briefed on analyses suggesting Manticoran involvement in rebellions amongst Protectorates, himself considering the plausibility of Manticoran imperialist objectives. Kolokoltsov receives a message from Admiral Kingsford expressing the promise of the new Hasta missile system witnessed at Ganymede.

Quiz/Reading Comprehension Questions:

1. What adjective does NOT describe Maya Sector governor Oravil Barregos’ consideration of secession from the Solarian League?
 - a. conscientious
 - b. wary
 - c. meticulous
 - d. impetuous
 - e. vigilant

2. What is NOT a reason considered by Honor and fellow joint chiefs of staff for the sudden pause in Solarian Buccaneer strikes?
 - a. to allow the Grand Alliance time to redeploy in order to disturb Alliance military strategy
 - b. to provide other potential targets the opportunity to reconsider their political decisions
 - c. to rebuild ammunition after exhausting an initial loadout
 - d. to allow time to gauge reaction against the strikes from the Solarian electorate
 - e. none of the above

3. Why has the Solarian Navy assigned Ganymede as its primary base for construction and interstellar deployment?

4. Undersecretary Kolokoltsov's application of the phrase "artificially induced unhappiness" to describe the fomentation of rebellions amongst Protectorates is an example of:
 - a. metaphor
 - b. overstatement
 - c. euphemism
 - d. assonance
 - e. parallelism

5. What extended metaphor does Undersecretary Kolokoltsov use to imagine the downfall of the Solarian government?
 - a. a shipwreck
 - b. a collapsing star
 - c. an exploding star
 - d. a decaying planet
 - e. an exploding ship

6. In Undersecretary Kolokoltsov's estimation, why can the Solarian government not generate new revenue streams to help fund its war against the Grand Alliance?

Answers:

1. d
2. e

3. Jupiter is the SLN's primary source of reactor fuel which can be used to power its asteroid refineries and fabrication center; Ganymede contains a great wealth of liquid water which can be used to supply oxygen and hydrogen; Technodyne, a heavy exploiter of Ganymede's natural resources, employs many engineers on its Ganymede I platform.
4. c
5. a
6. The Solarian government is limited by Article I of the Solarian Constitution, which prohibits enacting any form of direct or indirect taxation unrelated to the cause of interstellar commerce.

Critical Thinking Questions:

1. Review Maya Sector governor Oravil Barregos' announcement of his intention to secede the Maya Sector from Solarian League. Write a short essay analyzing how Barregos appeals to his audience in order to defend his position. Consider referring directly to specific rhetorical devices as well as the persuasive strategies.
2. Solarian admiral Winston Kingsford considers the eventual dissipation of Jupiter's Great Red Spot, despite its amazing size and longevity. Consider and explain how this observation of Jupiter's climatological phenomenon may contribute to a metaphorical understanding of the narrative as a whole. How does Kingsford's observation add a deeper sense of meaning to the narrative?

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- ❖ **HMS *Imperator* | Manticore Binary System**
- ❖ **CNO's Office | Admiralty Building and George Benton Tower | City of Old Chicago | Sol System**

Prepare to read...

- Familiarize yourself with the following vocabulary:
 - contrition
 - consummate
 - modus operandi
 - riposte

- o hobnobbed

Summary:

- At a dinner Honor introduces Damien Harahap to fellow officers, and Manticoran officer Anton Zilwiki inquires Harahap's knowledge of Mesan relations with the Solarian League.
- Admiral Kingsford delivers to Undersecretary Kolokoltsov intelligence from Solarian rear admiral Caswell Gweon that the Alliance's current missile cache is low and that missile production is delayed by three to four months, but might be supplemented by Beowulf. Kingsford also intimates a strengthening relationship between Maya and Erewhon.

Quiz/Reading Comprehension Questions:

1. What does Damien Harahap's recently formed bond with treecat Clean Killer allow him to realize about himself?
2. How does treecat Clean Killer rationalize why human beings are so "complex"?
3. In light of intelligence from Admiral Gweon, what does Undersecretary Kolokoltsov claim could be a core reason behind the Alliance's bond with Beowulf?

Answers:

1. Harahap realizes how lonely he has been.
2. Clean Killer thinks that because humans are "mind-blind" and cannot read one another's thoughts, they become "shut up" in their own worlds of thoughts and ideas that would never occur to a treecat.
3. Kolokoltsov surmises that the Alliance wants to exploit Beowulf for its missile production, in light of the fact that the Alliance itself may be short on ammunition.

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❖ **HMS *Imperator* | Manticore Binary System | Star Empire of Manticore**

- ❖ **Admiralty Building | City of Old Chicago | Sol System**
- ❖ **Presidential Palace and Belinda's Bar | City of Landing | Meroa System**
- ❖ **Hillary Indrakashi Enkateshwara Tower | City of Old Chicago | Sol System | Solarian League**
- ❖ **HMS *Imperator* | Trevor's Star Terminus | Trevor's Star System | Star Empire of Manticore**

Prepare to read...

- Familiarize yourself with the following vocabulary:
 - intransigence
 - eviscerated
 - capering
 - elation
 - chagrined
 - implacable
 - pugnacious
 - legate
 - à la
 - veracity

- **Suggested Activities/Inquiry-Based Exploration:** Review with your students Honor's assessment as to how treecats communicate with each other through sharing concepts directly instead of using language to reference them, thus avoiding conversational ambiguity that occurs between humans. Allow them to debate the extent to which language confuses the original meaning of concepts that we want to express. Then, have students review the following articles to analyze German words formulated to express complex emotions.
 - https://www.buzzfeed.com/germanyinusa/16-german-words-that-perfectly-describe-how-you-fe-fr91?utm_term=.nfLEDyxK1#.mc8ZOPMya
 - <https://www.popsoci.com/science/article/2013-01/emotions-which-there-are-no-english-words-infographic>

Assign students or student groups to create a single English word that describes a very complex emotion. Consider reviewing the basic mechanics of how roots, prefixes and suffixes work together to create compound meaning.

Summary:

- At a firing range where Honor instructs Nimitz to shoot a size-modified pulser gun, she and Officer Zilwiki speculate over the ability of the Mesan Alignment to obscure themselves, as well as over the mysterious process of treecat intercommunication.
- Admiral Kingsford meets with fellow officers for an intelligence briefing.
- Meroa System president Adenauer Kellog reacts to news of a resistance movement on his planet in light of the recent Mayan secession from the Solarian League. Meroan Resistance Movement founder Gottfried McAnally considers Governor Barregos' implication of the Mesan Alignment in the fomenting of Protectorate-centered rebellions, including his own. The RMN announces that it will continue to support nations coerced into rebellion by outside forces, including Meroa.
- Outcasts speculate over the motivations behind RMN admiral Givens' sharing intel with Mayan sector Governor Barregos, as well as consider the possibility that the Solarian government is planning a strike against Beowulf.
- Honor informs officer Zilwiki of the Alignment's engaging in nuclear strikes on Mesa and one of its orbiting habitats to create the impression that Manticoran forces attacked the planet after it had surrendered to the Tenth Fleet. Zilwiki is ordered to persuade Havenite admiral L'anglais of the Mesan Alignment's actions.

Quiz/Reading Comprehension Questions:

1. With what element do Honor and Nimitz exchange information between their minds?
 - a. sounds
 - b. strong emotions
 - c. a sense of vibrations
 - d. images
 - e. they cannot share information with their minds
2. How does Honor modify Nimitz's pulser gun to help him more accurately shoot?
3. What effect does Honor speculate a stun gun would have on a Mesan equipped with suicide nanotech?
4. Explain the Royal Manticoran Navy's updated policy concerning rebellions within star nations of Protectorates.

5. What is one major reason that the Outcasts believe that Governor Barregos is being sincere about his report of a false flag operation that attempted to paint the Manticorans as rebellion instigators?
6. What convinces Honor of Officer Zilwiki's being able to persuade Havenite admiral L'anglais of the Mesan Alignment's involvement in nuclear strikes against Mesa?

Answers:

1. d
2. Honor modifies the gun size and also equips the gun with a laser sight.
3. Honor wonders if stunning a Mesan agent unconscious would "shut down" their implanted nanotech, rendering it ineffective.
4. The RMN claims that while it has no intention of sparking or aiding violent rebellions in Protectorate nations, it will provide support to such nations that have been coerced by outside forces into violent rebellion with false promises of Manticoran support.
5. Governor Barregos made available for analysis files documenting his communications with Manticoran plants as well as a Manticoran admiral.
6. Honor believes that L'anglais' trust in Zilwiki will be secured by her recently acquired treecat Sun Catcher, who will help to confirm the veracity of Zilwiki's intelligence.

- ❖ **HMS *Artemis* | Mesa planetary orbit | Mesa System**
- ❖ **Gregor Mendel Tower | City of Leonard | Darius System**
- ❖ **George Benton Tower | City of Old Chicago | Old Terra | Sol System**
- ❖ **Chez Raimond | City of Old Chicago | Sol System | Solarian League**

Prepare to read...

- Familiarize yourself with the following vocabulary:
 - o benighted
 - o rueful
 - o paragons
 - o insolvent
 - o impish

Summary:

- RMN officer Countess Gold Peak expresses concerns to fellow Manticoran and Havenite officers about the security of ground forces on Mesa and orders protection of surviving Mesan civilians. Gold Peak's chief of staff Cynthia Lecter provides evidence for the nuclear strikes on Mesa being transmitted from a central point, and the group discusses the problem of disproving the appearance that Manticore is to blame. Lecter continues to explain the problem of identified Alignment members who credibly claim no knowledge of Alignment operations hostile to the Grand Alliance.
- Lamenting the death of their parents in Operation Houdini, the Detweiler brothers discuss how to manipulate Solarian opinion concerning the nuclear strike on Mesa.
- Solarian undersecretaries receive news of the nuclear strike on Mesa, believing the origin to be the Alliance, and they conceive of a tactic to convince the Solarian government to permit federal taxation.
- Solarian rear admiral Gweon is briefed by his fiancée on the nuclear strike on Mesa.

Quiz/Reading Comprehension Questions:

1. What detail concerning the timing of the Alignment's nuclear strikes against Mesa works to falsely implicate the Manticoran Tenth Fleet as the agent of the strikes?
2. According to Chief of Staff Lecter, why are most members of the Mesan Alignment angry with the Grand Alliance?
3. What does Benjamin Detweiler particularly lament about Honor Harrington?
4. How does Undersecretary Kolokoltsov propose new funds are raised for a bankrupt Solarian League?

Answers:

1. The strikes were timed inside too brief a window for presumed terrorists to successfully work within.
2. Most Alignment members feel wrongfully vilified in their being blamed for atrocities such as the Yawata Strike, and they also feel that their beliefs concerning positive genetic engineering have been distorted due to Manpower's Mesa-based involvement in genetic slavery.
3. Benjamin regrets that the Detweiler family had been unable to incorporate the Harrington genome into their "superior" Alpha genetic line.

4. In light of what appears to be Manticoran violations of the Eridani Edict at Mesa, Kolokoltsov suggests that the Solarian government amends its constitution without right to veto, to allow for direct taxation.

- ❖ **Mount Royal Palace | City of Landing | Manticore Binary System | Star Empire of Manticore**
- ❖ **Hillary Indrakashi Enkateshwara Tower | City of Old Chicago | Sol System | Solarian League**
- ❖ **George Benton Tower | City of Old Chicago | Sol System**
- ❖ **HMS *Tristram* and HMS *Artemis* | Tenth Fleet | Mesa System**

Prepare to read...

- Familiarize yourself with the following vocabulary:
 - obtrusively
 - providence
 - unmitigated
 - anathema
 - agnostic
 - temporize
 - effervescent
 - abashed

Summary:

- Honor discusses with Admiral Givens, Queen Elizabeth and others the possibility of new revanchist enemies formed in the fallout of the seemingly Manticore-based nuclear strikes on Mesa. Honor forecasts the immediate threat of a newly funded League by the implementation of direct taxation and announces a plan to send Damien Harahap and Officer Zilwiki to Mesa to investigate the true Mesan Alignment.
- Outcasts discuss Solarian admiral Gweon's possible association with the Alignment considering his fiancée's interactions with financial advisor Shafiq Bolton, who is suspected of having recently received new instructions from forces antagonistic to the Star Empire and the Solarian League, but questionably the Alignment. The Outcasts consider the unlikelihood of Manticore being behind the nuclear strikes against Mesa.
- Admiral Kingsford confirms information briefed by Admiral Gweon concerning Manticoran Mycroft defense systems soon coming online at Beowulf, and he

recommends enacting a strike against Beowulfan missile production facilities before the defense system's installment. Undersecretary Kolokoltsov worries over the formation of a cluster of independent star systems in the Verge area beyond the Solarian League's borders.

- A Manticoran Tenth Fleet battlecruiser guards the Visigoth Terminus with Havenite support. Officer Zilwiki briefs Countess Gold Peak on his, Harahap's, and Indy Graham's investigation on Mesa, and Harahap explains his motivations for investigating the Mesan Alignment.

Quiz/Reading Comprehension Questions:

1. Regarding Damien Harahap's nickname of "Plays with Fire," how are the treecats limited in terms of human language?
2. Explain the difficulty that Ghost Hunter Tarkovsky highlights in Manticore maintaining that it had not enacted nuclear strikes against Mesa.
3. Natsuko Okiku doubts that the Mesan Alignment was the agent of the nuclear strikes on Mesa because:
 - a. The Alignment would not want to destroy so much potentially exploitable infrastructure on their own planet.
 - b. The Alignment would not have knowingly murdered many of their own friends and family members.
 - c. The Alignment would have known that few people would believe that the Star Empire had been behind the attacks.
 - d. The Alignment would want to avoid any Eridani violations following the controversy over the Solarian League's actions at Hypatia.
4. Why is there a high probability of hitting unintended targets while using the new missile system Hasta?
5. Provide 2-3 examples of Damien Harahap's motivations for investigating the Mesan Alignment.

Answers:

1. The treecats cannot conceive of what is humorous about Harahap's nickname as they are apparently unable to interpret connotative meanings in human expressions.
2. Manticoran forces are caught in a catch-22 because while they may claim that a nuclear strike would have been unnecessary to carry out to destroy targets on Mesa, others could argue that Manticore employed a nuclear strike with the plan of making that very argument to deceptively vindicate itself.
3. b
4. The Hasta defense system is not controlled by humans and can therefore not be adjusted to abort an attack if necessary.
5. Harahap feels that he owes Indiana Graham for betraying him and his family and friends; Harahap has a newfound understanding of the pain treecats endured at the loss of their own family members in the Yawata Strike; Harahap feels as though he has been given a "home" amongst the alliance, which he feels he hasn't had since leaving his home planet.

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- ❖ **Solarian Merchantship *Star Galleon* | Beowulf System**
- ❖ **Admiralty Building | City of Old Chicago | Sol System | Solarian League**
- ❖ **Silver Bullet Q-12 | Beowulf System**
- ❖ **Storage Room 212-05-632 | Bramlett Tower | City of Old Chicago**
- ❖ **Hillary Indrakashi Enkateshwara Tower | City of Old Chicago | Sol System | Solarian League**

Prepare to read...

- Familiarize yourself with the following vocabulary:
 - o endemic
 - o omni-
 - o pervasiveness
 - o quixotic
 - o goaded
 - o accredited
 - o truncated

- Focus questions/initiating activities: Review with students Lieutenant Laughton's death by Mesan nanotech when his connections with Shafiq Bolton are investigated. After

acknowledging that it is still unclear if Mesan agents have voluntarily elected themselves to be equipped with such nanotech, ask students to remind the class of recent and historical real-world examples of people either willing to or manipulated into dying to ensure that a greater goal is met. Ask students to consider if such a movement could ever be ultimately successful.

Summary:

- A merchantship arrives at Beowulf to return Beowulfan property seized by the Warner government before the planet's secession.
- Admiral Kingsford is informed of two task forces assigned to Solarian admiral Capriotti to carry out Operation Fabius, and he is also updated on the production of Hasta missiles.
- Drone "Silver Bullet Q-12" delivers Mycroft platforms to Beowulf.
- Ghost Hunter Tarkovsky interrogates a Solarian colonel as to his sending communications suggesting Manticore's involvement in false-flag operations amongst the Protectorates. The colonel admits to working for Kalokainos Shipping, which desires retaliation against Manticore for seizing control of commerce in the Talbott Quadrant. The colonel then undergoes nanotech suicide after Tarkovsky inquires of his communications with Shafiq Bolton.
- Accompanied by fellow Outcasts and Lieutenant Okiku, Tarkovsky justifies his interrogation of Colonel Laughton to Outcast leader Simeon Gaddis in light of nanotech being found on the colonel's body, suggesting a Mesan enemy presence in Old Chicago.

Quiz/Reading Comprehension Questions:

1. How is the delivery of the Mycroft platforms by drone to Beowulf concealed?
2. What is the benefit of delivering the Mycroft platforms to Beowulf with an unmanned drone functioning through artificial intelligence?
3. Colonel Tim Laughton's attitude toward Old Chicago politics CANNOT be described as:
 - a. cynical
 - b. pessimistic
 - c. skeptical
 - d. impractical
 - e. jaded

4. What ultimate goal does Daud al-Fanudahi predict the Grand Alliance wants to realize by engaging in a “waiting game” with the Solarian League?

Answers:

1. The drone is distantly accompanied by Ghost Rider platforms and sensor buoys whose faster-than-light transmissions obscure the Mycroft platforms outside the platforms’ sphere.
2. The drone is on a “suicide mission” as it would likely be destroyed following the initiation of the Mycroft defense systems. Also, the drone must perform the mundane task of continually listening for enemy signals.
3. d
4. Al-Fanudahi believes that the Alliance wants to allow time for the Solarian League to dissolve into a group of smaller states.

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- ❖ **White Haven | Planet Manticore | Manticore Binary System | Star Empire of Manticore**
- ❖ **SLNS *Québec* | Task Force 790 | Solarian League Navy**
- ❖ **Private Yacht *Anachronism* | Beowulf System (recurring)**
- ❖ **HMS *Fafnir* | Task Force Thirty-One | Third Fleet | Beowulf Terminus**
- ❖ **System Defense HQ | City of Columbia | Beowulf | Beowulf System (recurring)**
- ❖ **Silver Bullet Q-12 | Beowulf System**
- ❖ **Industrial Annex No. 6 | Beowulf Alpha | Beowulf System**
- ❖ **Planetary Director’s Office | City of Columbia | Beowulf (recurring)**
- ❖ **SLNS *Québec* | Task Force 790 | Beowulf System**
- ❖ **Beowulf System | 19,913,317 Kilometers from Beowulf Orbit**
- ❖ **Ivaldi Orbital Works No. 1 | Beowulf System**
- ❖ **Access Boom | Industrial Annex No. 6 | Beowulf Alpha | Beowulf System (recurring)**
- ❖ **Cargo Container H&L 1007-9-463(h) | Freight Hub No. 7 | Bay 16-Beta | Beowulf Gamma | Beowulf System**
- ❖ **Cargo Container H&L 1007-9-464(h) | Freight Hub No. 19 | Bay 8-Delta | Beowulf Beta | Beowulf System**

Prepare to read...

- Familiarize yourself with the following vocabulary:
 - surfeit
 - xenophobic
 - ostentatious
 - dilettante
 - frivolous
 - yeoman
 - Escher-like
 - redoubtable
 - acerbically
 - shoal
 - maledictions
 - mordantly
 - promulgated
 - ineffably

Summary:

- While eating dinner with husband Hamish, senior wife Emily and their children, Honor notices a sensitivity growing between Raoul and the family treecats. Hamish worries over how to address the Mesan Atrocity at a conference at the Beowulf Alpha habitat in light of accusations against Manticore, while also informing Honor that her Task Force 2 will be performing military exercises in Trevor's Star.
- Solarian admiral Capriotti and his task force head toward Beowulf equipped with the new Hasta missile system to employ in Operation Fabius. Capriotti expresses an intention to conceal Hasta's launch with recon platforms.
- Aboard Beowulf System vice chairman Jacques Benton-Ramirez y Chou's yacht *Anachronism*, Hamish wonders at the yacht's lavish décor against its robust defense capabilities as it returns to Beowulf Alpha, following an excursion to meet Jacques' wife Jennifer Chou.
- Commanding Third Fleet as well as a Manticoran task force guarding the Beowulf Terminus, Havenite admiral Alice Truman ensures admirals leading the Beowulf Defense System of the utility of their otherwise obsolete ships. Truman is then informed of incoming Solarian forces heading for planet Cassandra at the Beowulf System's opposite end and, suspecting that the forces intend to strike Cassandra's shipping yards, orders a hyper jump to intercept the forces when they attempt to escape the system and also considers attempting a distant missile strike.
- *Anachronism's* crew are alerted of incoming Solarian forces and speculate as to the force's awareness of the Mycroft defense platform recently placed within the Beowulf

System as well as to the logistics of how the forces will strike, and the yacht is diverted to a service lock on a Beowulf Alpha engineering boom.

- With detection of Solarian recon drones, Beowulf admiral Corey McAvoy confirms that a Ghost Rider platform is activated, that the Mycroft system has begun uploading, and that Cassandra Defense in the form of impeller-activated merchantships is readied. From Alpha, Beowulf director of defense Gabriel Caddell-Markham gives McAvoy authority to launch Mycroft at his discretion.
- The Mesan Silver Bullet drone system attacks Mycroft platforms, surprising both Manticore and Solarian forces. Solarian admiral Capriotti, suspecting the Alignment's presence, preemptively initiates his ship's escape program while his task force's missile launch continues staging the Hasta system.
- Joining RMN admiral Thomas Caparelli at Beowulf Alpha, Benton-Ramirez y Chou and Hamish are informed of Mycroft's destruction and suspect Mesa. Hamish suggests to McAvoy and Markham the possibility that Solarian forces actually intend to attack Beowulf. Beowulf system chairman Benton-Ramirez considers the futility of attempting an evacuation in a short time window.
- Informed of a massive missile launch in direction of his task force originating from outside the Beowulf System and assuming a Manticoran origin, Admiral Capriotti executes an escape strategy, confusing Beowulf System Defense HQ. Realizing the Solarian diversion strategy at Cassandra as missiles unsuspectedly approach Beowulf habitat Ivaldi, Admiral McAvoy orders Beowulf System Defense ships to bring up their impeller wedges and roll ship against incoming Hasta missiles, most of which lose target or are destroyed. Admiral Capriotti's task force takes on much destruction from McAvoy's missiles
- From a Beowulf Alpha access boom, Jacques Benton-Ramirez y Chou and Hamish observe the destruction upon Admiral Capriotti's task force by McAvoy's missiles.
- On habitat Beowulf Gamma, a Solarian agent for Mesa transmits a command to a cargo container which sets off a nuclear bomb inside it, obliterating the habitat and its millions of civilians. On Beowulf, Admiral Givens suggests to Chairman Benton-Ramirez that the bomb was coordinated by the Alignment with the attack on Ivaldi to provide them deniability.
- Beowulf Beta and its millions of civilians are destroyed by another nuclear bomb covertly hidden in a cargo container, and Beowulf System Defense HQ infers that another explosion is planned for Beowulf Alpha.

Quiz/Reading Comprehension Questions:

1. In the perspective of Solarian admiral Capriotti and his immediate crew, what is the primary immediate disadvantage of using the new Hasta missile system?

- a. Hasta's stealth capabilities have not been proven to be totally dependable.
 - b. Hasta has not been given a chance to perform against a "live" target in combat.
 - c. The Alliance has become aware of Hasta and how it basically functions.
 - d. Hasta has not been tested at all.
 - e. None of the above
2. What element is most important to Admiral Capriotti concerning his Task Force's performance in Operation Fabius?
- a. destruction
 - b. stealth
 - c. speed
 - d. endurance
 - e. deception
3. The yacht *Anachronism* CANNOT be described as:
- a. austere
 - b. embellished
 - c. lavish
 - d. garish
 - e. ornate
4. *Hephaestus*: _____ : : Beowulf Alpha : _____
- a. systematized, chaotic
 - b. ad hoc, utilitarian
 - c. conscientious, arbitrary
 - d. severe, elaborate
 - e. robust, exposed
5. What are 2-3 reasons that Benton-Ramirez y Chou and Hamish predict that the Solarian forces heading toward Cassandra will delay a missile launch against the planet as long as possible?
6. What diversion tactic is integral to Operation Fabius?
7. What reasons does Admiral Givens' chief of staff Terry Lassaline give to argue that the Solarian League is not behind the nuclear bomb at Beowulf Gamma?

Answers:

1. b
2. c
3. a
4. b
5. A delay would allow the Solarians to give their missiles detailed emissions signatures on their targets by use of drones; a delay would afford the Solarians a more accurate launch at closer proximity; a delay would provide Cassandra a longer evacuation window and help prevent an Eridani violation.
6. Operation Fabius diverted Manticore into believing that Solarian forces would attack shipping yards on planet Cassandra, when in fact the forces ultimately engaged an attack on Beowulf, where Manticore defense had not been sufficiently placed.
7. Lassaline argues that if the Solarians wanted to explode a nuclear bomb, they would not have committed so many ships to an open attack resulting in heavy losses. She also argues that the League would never have committed such a significant Eridani violation after exploiting the Mesa Atrocity to tarnish Manticore's image.

Critical Thinking/Short Essay Questions:

1. While having dinner with her family, Honor scolds husband Hamish over the feeding of their child by claiming that “bargaining creates a future position of weakness,” to which Hamish replies “...sometimes a canny tactician settles for a partial victory rather than reinforcing failure.” Analyze the importance of these expressions in the context of the novel thus far. What issues might the author be sneaking into the reader's mind in the guise of a relaxed dinner conversation? What events might the author be foreshadowing?
2. At this point in the narrative, a Mesan drone system surprises both Manticoran and Solarian forces alike. Predict how the Mesan Alignment's interference in battles between the Alliance and the League will impact the warring duo's relationship. Do you think the Alignment's involvement will work to draw the Alliance and League closer together, or continue to fortify their animosity against each other?

❖ **White Haven | Manticore | Manticore Binary System | Star Empire of Manticore**

❖ **Mount Royal Palace | City of Landing | Manticore | Manticore Binary System | Star Empire of Manticore**

- ❖ **Harrington House | City of Landing | Planet of Manticore | Manticore Binary System**
- ❖ **HMS *Imperator* | In Hyper-Space**
- ❖ **BSDS *Hawthorne* | Beowulf Planetary Orbit | Beowulf System**
- ❖ **George Benton Tower | City of Old Chicago | Old Earth | Sol System**
- ❖ **HMS *Duke of Cromarty* | In Hyper-Space**
- ❖ **CNO's Office | Admiralty Building | City of Old Chicago | Old Earth | Sol System**

Prepare to read...

- Familiarize yourself with the following vocabulary:
 - o agate
 - o caricature
 - o innocuous
 - o contrite
 - o anomaly
 - o Pyrrhic victory

Summary:

- Emily Alexander-Harrington is visited at White Haven by Honor, who informs Emily of Hamish's death in the Beowulf Strike, and Emily dies with grief. Empress Elizabeth is briefed on the strike, about which military and government officials argue over the possibility of coordination between the Solarian League and the Mesan Alignment. Honor expresses a desire to take immediate action.
- Honors bids farewell to her mother and children before boarding her *Imperator*, where she sends the Grand Fleet an order of battle.
- After being informed by his wife of the death of many of their daughter's friends in the Beowulf Strike, Beowulf search-and-rescue crew captain John Neitz is informed of a live beacon signaling from wreckage in Beowulf orbit.
- Admiral Kingsford reports of the overall failure of Operation Fabius to Solarian undersecretaries, who speculate as to a Manticoran reaction as well as to the meaning of data anomalies recorded during Operation Fabius suggesting the presence of unexpected weapons systems. Undersecretary Kolokoltsov anticipates the results of a vote on the Solarian taxation amendment.
- Manticoran officers hastily relocate Empress Elizabeth's yacht from Beowulf to the Sol System.

- Before falling dead from Mesan nanotech, Solarian rear admiral Gweon is summoned to Admiral Kingsford's office, where he is arrested by Outcast Gaddis and SLN lieutenant Okiku and informed of the apprehension of Rajmund Nyhus and Shafiq Bolton. Gaddis suggests to Kingsford that a body of individuals be cleared of certainty of Mesan influence with an ultimate goal of widely broadcasting evidence of the Alignment's existence to prevent further escalations with Manticore.

Quiz/Reading Comprehension Questions:

1. How is the concept of caution relevant to the Grand Alliance following the Beowulf Strike?
2. To what task is Beowulf captain John Neitz's search-and-rescue crew assigned?
3. Despite the Hasta missiles' failure to destroy many of its targets in Operation Fabius, how does Undersecretary McArtney argue that the weapon "performed as advertised"?

Answers:

1. The Alliance is unsure whether or not the Beowulf Strike was committed to goad the Alliance into overreacting against the Solarian League.
2. Neitz's rescue crew is assigned to investigate planet-orbiting debris left over from the Beowulf Strike with the goal of finding live bodies.
3. McArtney points out that the Hasta missiles performed successfully as they were not detectable by Manticore until their final stages went active.

Critical Thinking/Short Essay Questions:

1. Honor is described as having an inescapable "ability to feel what others felt" as a result of her evolved receptivity to mind-glow. Think of someone in your life, including yourself, if applicable, who seems to share this heightened openness to the emotions of others. Decide whether or not being a highly empathetic person provides more of an advantage or disadvantage in the world. Justify your conclusion thoroughly.

❖ **Sol System | Solarian League**

❖ **Naval Station Ganymede | Sol System | Solarian League**

❖ **HMS *Imperator* | Sol System (recurring)**

- ❖ **Central Command | NSG Able-One | Naval Station Ganymede | Sol System | Solarian League (recurring)**
- ❖ **Central Command Center | Admiralty Building | City of Old Chicago | Old Earth | Sol System**
- ❖ **George Benton Tower | City of Old Chicago | Old Earth | Sol System**

Prepare to read...

- Familiarize yourself with the following vocabulary:
 - visceral
 - ravening
 - scrupulous
 - fidelity

- Focus questions/initiating activities: Review with students how Honor is “possessed” as if by a demon of wrath after receiving news about her husband’s death. Engage students in a discussion in which they reevaluate the character of Honor in context of her personality shift following the news. Pose the following questions: *How does Honor’s reaction to news of the death of Hamish expand your understanding of her as a character? How does Honor’s change in personality affect how you feel about her as a reader?*

Summary:

- Immediately upon entering Sol space with a large accompanying force, Honor orders the destruction of Solarian heavy cruisers, which promptly communicate surrender by disactivating their ships’ wedges, and Honor diverts her missiles. Honor accepts the surrender of Solarian Admiral Haeckle’s squad under the condition that its databases are not destroyed.
- Honor assesses the Solarian presence at Ganymede, whose stationed unit assumes a hostile Manticoran presence. Ganymede prepares ships for engagement, but Honor launches a communications platform. Assuming an attack, Admiral Haeckle fires Ganymede’s entire cache of Cataphracts, aware of the large lead had by the Manticoran missiles.
- Admiral Kingsford speculates as to how soon the Mesan Alignment will become aware of the enlarging death toll of its agents, and he and his chief of staff wonder as to the extent of Manticore’s reprisal for the Beowulf Strike.

- Admiral Haeckle launches counter missiles against incoming Manticoran missiles, which, to Haeckle's astonishment, focus mostly upon a majority of superdreadnoughts in reserve. Haeckle aborts his attack despite the progress of his counter missiles. Honor micro-jumps her force in proximity to Jupiter's hyper-limit and opens dialogue with Haeckle with a multi-pronged surrender order, which Haeckle accepts. Ganymede's surrender is reported to Solarian undersecretaries, who worry over Honor's proximity to Old Earth.

Quiz/Reading Comprehension Questions:

1. What observation leads Admiral Haeckle to infer that Honor's force is more interested in establishing communications than engaging in an attack on his force at Ganymede?
2. How does Admiral Kingsford confirm that his chief of staff Willis Jennings is not a Mesan agent?
3. What is Honor's intention in obliterating the majority of superdreadnoughts in reserve at Naval Station Ganymede?
4. What are Honor's five surrender conditions to Admiral Haeckle?

Answers:

1. Admiral Haeckle observes that Honor's ships have parked twice the distance of the most up-to-date Cataphract missile's maximum powered range.
2. Kingsford accuses Jennings of treason, which would activate suicidal nanotech in Jennings if he actually was a Mesan agent.
3. Honor wants to send the message that her force could have just as easily killed all of Admiral Haeckle's active ships.
4. Honor orders that Haeckle's forces evacuate from all its active warships preceding the ships' destruction; that Haeckle's forces are boarded by Honor's Marines without resistance; that Haeckle transfers over control of his platforms' systems; that Haeckle surrenders to Honor control of all computers and computer files in his possession; and that the Solarian Development Command and Technodyne Industries surrender all weapons prototypes and systems under development.

❖ HMS *Imperator* | Sol System (recurring)

- ❖ **Central Command Center | Admiralty Building | City of Old Chicago | Old Earth | Sol System**
- ❖ **George Benton Tower | City of Old Chicago | Old Earth | Sol System (recurring)**

Prepare to read...

- Familiarize yourself with the following vocabulary:
 - o geosynchronous orbit
 - o dissolution
 - o spall
 - o fiefdom
 - o enshrines
 - o venal
 - o oligarchy

Summary:

- Honor tangles with her desire for vengeance against the Solarian League and her duty to the Grand Alliance.
- Admiral Kingsford and his chief of staff monitor the slow approach of Honor's formation to Old Earth, and are surprised to receive communication from her from a platform unknowingly placed in Earth's orbit. Honor orders Kingsford to stand down his fleet, destroy his warships and missile pods, and evacuate deep-space infrastructure against the threat of a massive industrial strike on Old Earth as well on Kingsford's forces.
- Kingsford reports to Solarian undersecretaries his acceptance to Honor's terms while Old Earth civilians still cautiously evacuate to orbital habitats. While remaining Solarian warships are destroyed, Honor sets a two-hour deadline for her industrial complex attack under the name of Operation Nemesis.
- Honor is informed of the arrival of the Empress's yacht, which delivers Hamish Alexander and his treecat Samantha. Hamish explains how he, Jacques, and Samantha survived by means of evac suits.
- Operation Nemesis is executed, resulting in the destruction of Old Earth's industrial zone. Honor utilizes orbital communications platforms to interrupt news outlets in order to deliver an address to Old Earth outlining the events leading up to Operation Nemesis, highlighting her attempt to minimize Solarian casualties, and condemning Solarian rulers for enabling the Mesan Alignment. Honor then presents demands of the Grand Alliance, including the arrest of Solarian rulers, the withdrawal of the Solarian Navy from areas

beyond member systems, and a rewriting of the Solarian constitution to include an assurance of freedom of secession.

- Solarian undersecretaries are placed under arrest by Simeon Gaddis, accompanied by Colonel Okiku and Outcast Tarkovsky, under authorization by Admiral Kingsford.

Quiz/Reading Comprehension Questions:

1. What does Honor demand to be included in a revision of the Solarian constitution?
2. What does Honor pledge to the Solarian League will be the consequence of not agreeing to her terms?

Answers:

1. Honors demands that the constitution guarantee freedom of secession among Solarian member states; dissolve all Protectorates and return to them all original property; disband the Office of Frontier Security; and create a process and procedure for vote-supported secession.
2. Honor pledges that the Grand Alliance will continue to destroy the industrial sectors of other star nations within the Solarian League.

Critical Thinking/Short Essay Questions:

1. Review Honor's broadcast to Old Earth following Operation Nemesis. Write a short essay analyzing how Honor defends her actions with appeals and reasoning. Consider referring directly to specific rhetorical devices as well as the persuasive strategies of logos, ethos, and pathos.
2. Do you think that carrying out Operation Nemesis was necessary in order to convince the Solarian League to agree to Honor's terms? Could Honor have also been successful in persuading the League without striking the industrial sector of Old Earth? Support your conclusion with text-based evidence.

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- ❖ **King Michael's Tower | Mount Royal Palace | City of Landing | Manticore Binary System | Star Empire of Manticore**

Prepare to read...

- Familiarize yourself with the following vocabulary:
 - ignominious
 - warlordism
 - emulate
 - erstwhile
 - retrench
 - chauvinistic

- Focus activity/initiating question: Review with students that many Manticoran politicians argue that Manticore has a “moral responsibility” to ensure that ex-Protectorate nations remain stable following the extraction of the OFS. Ask students to consider how this very dilemma is reflected in the real world. Students may provide examples such as the American military’s involvement in the Middle East, including Iraq or Syria. Guide a discussion in which students debate the extent to which Manticore should involve itself in the welfare of Protectorate nations, and encourage students to use real-world observations to support their stances.

Summary:

- While Manticore awaits the arrival of all delegates appointed to attend the Solarian Constitutional Convention, Honor considers the problem of Office of Foreign Security officials colliding with Protectorate nations from which they were in the process of disbanding.
- Honor reports to her family, Empress Elizabeth, and consorts of receiving a letter from Officer Theisman of Grand Fleet that suggests making the Grand Alliance permanent, in response to which Elizabeth expresses a plan formed with the Havenite president to offer reciprocal citizenship to Manticorans and Havenites. Honor and Elizabeth agree to retain a strong military relationship between the two nations in light of the ongoing presence of the Alignment. Honor expresses her intention of leaving active duty in order to spend time with her family and birth a child from late-wife Emily’s zygote.
- Empress Elizabeth wards off concern from the Manticoran prime minister of Honor’s leaving active duty and ensures him a candidate for First Space Lord will soon be decided. Elizabeth later ensures her consort, however, that she will once again retain the services of Honor when they are most needed.

Quiz/Reading Comprehension Questions:

1. Why had Honor demanded the Office of Frontier Security's total disbandment from Protectorate nations?
2. What are two reasons that Honor is wary of the Grand Alliance replacing the Office of Frontier Security in light of the Protectorate nations?
3. Besides Honor's reference to political and religious fanaticism, what characteristic does Empress Elizabeth express as being especially harmful for a nation to harbor?
 - a. complacency
 - b. incorrigibility
 - c. decadence
 - d. insatiability
 - e. implacability
4. To Empress Elizabeth, why is the technology of prolong relevant in regards to the relationship between Manticore and Haven?

Answers:

1. Honor fears that without a strict expectation of total disbandment, the OFS would have kept a grasp on the Protectorates, claiming that it was in the process of "winding down."
2. Honor fears that there is a danger of the Grand Alliance turning into the OFS in having its original intentions for the Protectorates corrode through gradual corruption. She also believes that upstart nations have to "learn to walk" by building independence and maturity, just as the Star Empire of Manticore had done.
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4. Elizabeth worries that memories retained by prolonged Manticorans and Havenites of previous tensions between their nations might create friction if the Grand Alliance were to make itself permanent.

Critical Thinking/Short Essay Questions:

1. Empress Elizabeth frets over term-limit restrictions among the Havenites, influenced by “prolong thinking”. Imagine that prolong technology becomes a reality in the real world and the lives of human beings, especially politicians, have been significantly extended. Do you believe that such technology justifies strengthening term-limit restrictions, including those of major leadership positions? Or, do you believe that extending lifespans should not have an impact on term limits? Support your view with thorough reasoning.

SUMMATIVE PROJECTS FOR *UNCOMPROMISING HONOR*

- *Science connection*: Assign students to research a science-oriented topic existing within *Uncompromising Honor* and produce a multimedia presentation with which to educate fellow classmates and provoke discussion. Narrative-relevant topics may include:
 - Genetic and/or biological enhancement or regeneration
 - Theoretical physics concerning faster-than-light or near-light-speed travel
 - Theoretical physics concerning wormholes
 - Recent innovations in smart weaponry
 - Discoveries in animal intelligence including new perspectives on human-animal communication
 - Artificial intelligence
 - Advanced weather satellite technology
 - Human cyborgs, cybernetics
- *The Woman-in-the-Street: Analyzing the Role of Females in Uncompromising Honor*: Review how women are portrayed in *Uncompromising Honor* and create a multimedia presentation which thoroughly analyzes David Weber’s presentation of women in his distant future. Consider the following:
 - Is Weber’s portrayal of women in general fair or accurate based on your own observations of the real-world?
 - Is Weber’s portrayal of how women perceive themselves and behave amongst men fair or accurate when considering the current trajectory of women in the private and public sphere in both Western and other cultures?
 - Are there engrained attitudes or beliefs about how women are influenced biologically and emotionally that seem to remain fixed even in Weber’s hyper-futuristic world?
 - Do women as Weber imagines them in the distant future experience a wholly different or overall similar experience as they do in the current world?
 - Are there specific scenes in the novel featuring women in which you would have made different literary choices?

- *War Crimes Investigation*: Play the following clip from the film *Valerian*: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=29gFzcPvL0U>, ensuring that students understand the clip shows a planet's civilians incurring collateral damage from a space war occurring in their planet's orbit. Then, post the following question: *Is ethical warfare possible at all?* Advise students to withhold answers and review as a class the various military events in *Uncompromising Honor* in which the subject of ethical warfare becomes relevant, including the Yawata, Hypatia, and Beowulf Strikes. Ask students to consider events in recent real-world history that share similarities to these events. Organize your class into small groups and instruct them to use the following resources to research incidents of current and historical war crimes. A brief overview on the concept of war crimes can be found at http://www.bbc.co.uk/ethics/war/overview/crimes_1.shtml. A comprehensive list of specific war crime incidents can be found at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_war_crimes. Allow your students sufficient time to analyze this list and work with their groups to decide on one war crime incident to research. Create an expectation that student groups should:
 - create a multimedia presentation concisely detailing their war crime event, ensuring students understand that they are careful not to include images or language that may be deemed offensive to other class members
 - analyze the long-term effects of the specific war crime on the society in which it occurred
 - include in their presentation a section in which their war crime is compared and contrasted with one or more events in *Uncompromising Honor*
 - imagine and lay out how the perpetrators of the war crime could have potentially avoided committing such an act

- *Inquiry into Missile and Rocket Technology*: The plot of *Uncompromising Honor* is heavily dependent on the varying states of missile development among the Star Empire of Manticore, the Solarian League, and the Mesan Alignment. Review how missiles are described in the novel, including their strengths and limitations among systems being used by opposing forces. Then, research real-world missile technology, including historical to present innovations, as well as systems currently in development. Create a multimedia presentation which compares and contrasts missile and rocket technology between Weber's novel and real-world innovations. Include in your presentation an analysis of where missile and rocket technology appears to be heading, and to what uses such technology will likely be applied.
 - An article on the hypersonic glide vehicle may be found at <https://thediplomat.com/2017/12/introducing-the-df-17-chinas-newly-tested-ballistic-missile-armed-with-a-hypersonic-glide-vehicle/>
 - Articles on SpaceX innovations may be found at <https://www.fastcompany.com/company/spacex>

- An article on American missile defense systems may be found at <http://www.businessinsider.com/top-missile-defense-systems-2016-8>
- Articles on NASA's Space Launch System may be found at <https://www.space.com/topics/latest-news-nasa-space-launch-system>