

Traveller: Into the Dark

Episode 1 (001-1105)

Prior History

Lysen/Spinward Marches (1307-B592655-A)

321-1096 (eight years ago)

Victor Grayson you have been transferred to detached duty service and hereby ordered to report to Sir Bartholomew Godwind, Lieutenant, Imperial Navy. There you will render assistance to Sir Godwin head of the XR project.

Library Data, XR Project

An ongoing research and development program by the Imperial Navy to develop and build deep space calibration points to allow for the coordinated jumps by fleets while making a deep space jump.

Lysen/Spinward Marches (1307-B592655-A)

089-1097 (seven years ago)

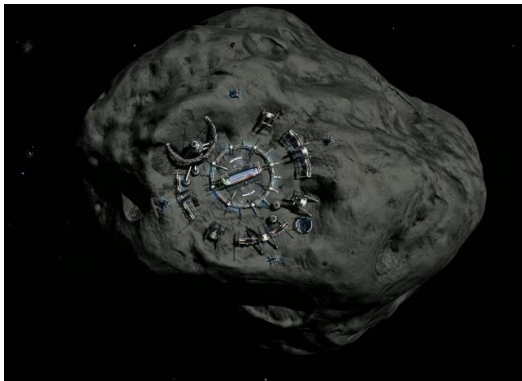
A team lead by Victor Grayson will jump to Point XR-1408 and begin a gravimetric survey to locate a mass of 100 tons or larger for the purpose of establishing a reference for the calibration point. William Quin will serve onboard as consultant due to his expertise in asteroid prospecting. Karl will be in charge of providing support for the survey team.

XR-1408/Spinward Marches (1408-???????)

142-1097 (seven years ago)

William Quin's Log

We been here 43 days when my scans picked up the anomaly. It was an artificial structure embedded in a 1,200 ton asteroid detected in grid Tau-9. The team leader Victor Grayson, William Quin, myself, and a team of specialists went to investigate. The structure is Ancient in origin dating from 300,000 years ago. It lack power but appears to be relatively intact with numerous artifacts within.



Lysen/Spinward Marches (1307-B592655-A)

180-1097 (seven years ago)

Report of Doctor Mark Colombo, Imperial Baron and Director of The Spinward Institute to Sir Bartholomew Godwind

First I must apologize for my irritation at being summoned from the Augmentation conference on Jewell. You were right that Anomaly 1408 is the find of the century. I can confirm that it appears to be a medical facility of the Ancients. My initial assessment that it appears to be focused on life extension techniques including mind transference. As you know my own work is in augmentation for people who lost neural function due to trauma disease, or stroke. I can say the equipment here is millennia ahead of anything known to the Imperium. After the preliminary survey is done in three days. I will put together a proposal for a long term study of the site.

Lysen/Spinward Marches (1307-B592655-A)

190-1097 (seven years ago)

Authorization is given for the return of the expedition from Point XR-1408. Thirty days leave is granted to all personnel upon return to Lysen starting on 200-1097. After which preparation for Expedition 3 will begin.

Lysen/Spinward Marches (1307-B592655-A)

212-1097 (seven years ago)

To all personnel, Project XR-1408 is hereby terminated. Please report to Administration for reassignment. You are reminded that your time on this project is covered by the Imperial Official Secrets Edict. Per section 12, your time in the project will be marked as Outstanding Service (Secret) in your records. Unless given an Imperial Waiver you are not to discuss anything you have seen or done. *Signed Admiral Lord Santanocheev - 1097*

Chronor/Spinward Marches (0304-A6369A5-D)**300-1104**

The Honorable Shiapra the Tlogl Minister of Trade has announced that all trade franchises are revoked for Imperial Corporations. Minister Shiapra issued this statement.

I have been directed by the Cronor Council to revoke all trade franchises in light of continuing aggression by the Third Imperium. Any imperial trading will be handled on a ship by ship basis with each expedition subject to individual permits. All applications will be handled through the Trade Office at the Zhodani Embassy on Jewell/Jewell. This will remain in effect until such time negotiations with the Third Imperium succeed in limiting the build up of military along our peaceful border.

Jewell/Spinward Marches (1106-A777999-C)**336-1104**

Alexander Davon of the Imperial Ministry of Trade on Jewell has issued the following advisory.

Thirty days ago the Zhodani Consulate has revoked all trade franchises held by Imperial Corporations. All Trade Expeditions are to be individually permitted before being permitted into the Zhodani Consulate. Note that our office has been notified that this decree doesn't change the Free Trade Zone on Esalin, a world under the joint administration of the Third Imperium and the Zhodani Consulate.

In addition this office has been made aware that the only permits granted are to ships under 1,000 tons that are independently operated. All applications are to be made at the Zhodani Embassy at their Office of Trade.

Regina/Spinward Marches (1910-A788899-C)**343-1104**

Oberlindes Lines has announced Segei hault-Oberlindes, son and heir to Marc hault-Oberlindes, he will be travelling to the Republic of Jingarlu, one of several nations on the independent world of Ruie (1809-C776977-7). There is expected to meet with the Jingarlu Commerce Council in talks to grants Oberlindes Lines landing rights. Upon the announcement the price of shares in Far Horizons LIC fell by 1¼. The Office of Duke Norris of Regina had no comment when asked was this the beginning of the process of admitting Ruie into the Imperium.

Dentus/Spinward Marches (2201-C979500-A)**352-1104**

Five Type S Scout scrambled from the base on Dentus after contact was made with an unidentified starship of unknown design. The ship immediately jumped with only basic data collected by the scout. Its energy signature matched sightings made at Heya (2402-B687745-5) in 1103, and Kinorb (2202-A66369-8) in 1104. Ershui Saghan was able to confirm that it was not Zhodani or Vargr and is unique in its design. They are able to released the following image, captured before it jumped.

