

## **Second Sight Series Prologue**

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After the Berlin Wall fell, that wasn't the end of the cold war. The west had won, but after losing their eastern turf the Russians decided to invade farther south in a last ditch attempt at keeping the oil resources had been depleted and they needed new colonies to supply their bloodlust.

Resources were abundant in the Middle East and China. Due to political upheaval in both territories caused by the US, Russia took over those regions in a bloody war that started in 1991 and finally concluded in 2019.

The Russians were successful and now the former Soviets had taken over all of China, and all of the middle east except for Israel and Egypt. Those territories were occupied by a South African group known as, The Fallen who had been playing both sides of the war for years.

The Russians saw no strategic reason to expand further west. It would have strained their already tired soldiers so they ended their campaign. The new superstate was called Ramoth.

In 2020 a coup d'etat broke out after a heavily debated election. The radical socialists who were sent by Ramothian sympathizers raided the capitol building and killed the president along with his staff.

It was a dark day for the USA, but it was going to happen eventually. Once it did, Ramoth took notice. It

saw an open opportunity to try and take over the country but the dictator that took over immediately quelled the idea.

Ramoth tried to invade through the southern and northern countries previously known as Canada and Mexico. The invasion failed as President Ori annexed both countries anticipating such an invasion would come.

They both fell without much incident. A few rebel groups popped up over the next decade, but those were quickly smothered. After all the dust settled the President renamed USA to Oryx after himself.

The proxy wars in Canada and Mexico against Ramothian forces sparked a new cold war after their defeat. What they didn't anticipate was their armies, while numerous, did not have the pure scorched earth approach like President Ori had. The distance between the two nations caused Oryx to stage massive blockades along the Bering Strait that choked their ability to continue feeding resources into North America.

The Fallen under their new ruthless leader, Merrick, also made moves around the world, annexing an old decommissioned base in Oryx known as Solenack along the coast. He made a few concessions to President Ori and other politicians but was ultimately allowed to keep Solenack under his control.

Next, he used the wealth of gold, silver, diamonds, and oil mined and drilled from their African and middle eastern fronts to persuade Ramoth into allowing his army to establish bases all over the nation under the guise of protection.

A small naval fleet of Fallen ships soon sat 20 miles off the coast of Ramoth to help protect against invasions, but it was clear to everyone Merrick was playing both sides.

The only point of contention in today's climate was Luma, the small island country that had remained neutral in all the wars for centuries. Due to this, Oryx helped in protecting them, as Luma was a strategic staging ground for naval warfare, and losing Luma could be the difference between winning and losing the next war.

The biggest point of contention between Ramoth and Oryx at this point were their local cults. Due to the fact that the USSR's old guard banned religion, an underground insurgency started to boil over. The cult known as the Ravelim. They followed a god of chaos called Ravel whose main focus was to bring pure chaos to the world.