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Regarding: Draconis Empire

The Draconis Empire isn't an empire in the truest sense. It's merely a name, such the "Foreign Legion" and the like. It's a name that best describes the colonies that have banded together using the Draconis System as their capital and center of commerce.

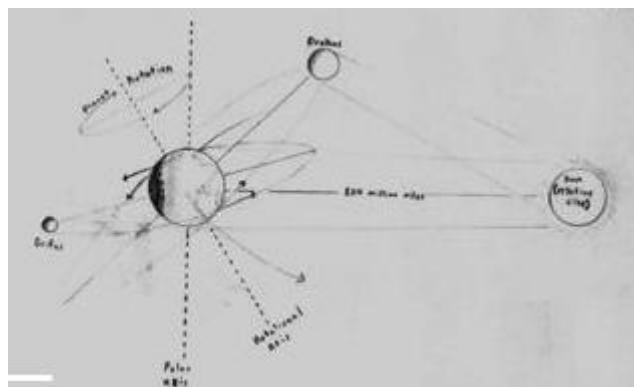
Most of the colonies that make up the empire (including the original Draconis colony) originally left Earth around 2010 to escape its "Over Governing" and "Bungled Resources". It was believed that the existing governments at the time had too much power. No one truly knew if his or her votes or decisions made a difference. The rumors of money and power ran wild throughout every major country. So many people found a means of leaving and establishing new worlds.

The means that I speak of was a new method of propulsion called Slipstreaming. A Slipstream Drive could easily allow a ship to journey between habitable systems within weeks, and newer technologies developed within the colonies in the past 20 years have reduced that time to days.

The mass exodus from Earth began 70 years ago and only lasted a about a decade. Many governments tried to justify laws to keep people from abandoning Earth, ranging from airspace violations to licensing restrictions, but many people took comfort in the knowledge that it was hard to prosecute someone once they left the planet and had no intention of returning.

Most of the original colonies were only about 20 people or so on average. It was hard to scrounge parts for a ship bigger than that on Earth at the time. The largest established colony ever was Draconis. About 3 ships journeyed there in the beginning of the mass exodus and one actually braved a return to Earth to recover family and friends that were originally left behind. This increased the colony's population to 93 souls, a collection of Caucasians, African Americans, and one Mexican. The religions ranged from Atheist to Christianity, and Agnostic to Wicca, yet everyone grouped together to form a new town and government.

Only 3% of the population died within the first few decades because of disease or disaster, and population growth easily counteracted that percentage. Technology flourished, more people came from Earth over time, and within 50 years Draconis grew to a population of 1,000 people with three major cities and an orbiting space dock. The Draconis Colony also has a modest fleet of 5 battleships and 10 cargo ships along with a multitude of personal craft and equipment.



(Draconis Orbital Path and Moons)

10 years ago other colonies began banding with Draconis for representation in the trading market and defense from other colonies, alien invasion, or even Earth. Since then certain Earth governments have expressed an interest in expanding to other planets. Russia has since attempted to conquer a small colony in the Vega system and failed, but the damage was done and the Vega colony has been struggling to recover its commerce and defenses in the 3 years since the attack. They still trade with Earth, but have boycotted any Trading with the Country of Russia. The Draconis Empire has been assisting them in rebuilding even though they are not members of the empire.

Earth is pretty much the same as it was around the time of the Mass Exodus. Most countries still quarrel and oil is still the most common fuel on the planet itself. The moon is now occupied as is Mars although the population is extremely small. The Russians, Chinese, Japanese, and United States are the only space faring countries, and they make every attempt to keep knowledge of the other colonies and alien civilizations from the general public.

In the 70 years since the Mass Exodus most colonies have progressed technologically farther and faster than Earth. Without certain laws and governments slowing them down and with new problems arising that Earth would never encounter the colonies created medicines, weapons, and propulsion faster and better.

In the 10 years since the establishment of the Draconis Empire, 12 colonies have banded and over 30 alien civilizations have been discovered, 28 of which are space fairing and 10 of which have refused to ally themselves with humans. 6 alien civilizations have even declared war with humans for one reason or another, some of which have superior technology. Yet the colonies endure. The Draconis Empire keeps the knowledge of Earth a secret from most civilizations and vice versa. Earth has discovered a few friendly species, but the Empire believes that they're ill equipped to deal with any of the advanced aliens that have been discovered to date. The colonies also doubt that Earth would be a good example of human kind to other species.