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### The Legend of Earth

Extract from 'Old Legends', 2500 AE:

There was once a planet called Earth. Born from stardust and surrounded by the gods. Once Home to life and culture it is now famed for its lost beauty and knowledge; vanished into legend. Many follow the tale to try and discover the remains of 'Eden' (as it was called by the Precursors) believing there is hidden meaning or clues in the myth.

Apollo, the king of the gods, had an eternal ambition to defeat the shadows and reclaim the universe for the light; since the dawn of time his great plans had been thwarted by the darkness. Yet he needed help (but also entertainment) to advance his will. So it was decided that a planet called Eden should be created as a home for his disciples. Pluto (the god of ground above and below) called forth the rocks and forged them. Through the crucible Apollo and Moon blessed his work with Day (and joy) and Night (and respite). Soon Neptune provided water and so came the echoing depths of the sea's, from this Uranus gave life in all forms, and Saturn gave the seasons. Mercury (the god of order) and Mars (the god of war) created balance and therefore peace. Meanwhile, Venus gave all their work beauty and taught the first humans the ways of the gods.

Soon Man became the child of the divines. Civilisations dedicated to the deities arose under many names and leader, progress was made. Peace was rare through the tricks of the dark and his powers meaning great lands were crushed by the cults of the void bringing an age of darkness upon Eden. Time wove an intricate balance between the gods and their enemies but eventually the light succeeded. Peace flourished and with it came great technological advancements meaning every problem could be solved. But the gods were forgotten, and their enemies to.

The humans grew in power free from the divine's direction until they knew enough to rival the gods themselves. Before long, through their foolishness and greed, their planet failed them and so the void called out and spread lies of hope in the abyss. Believing they did not need the gods help to solve their quandaries they sailed across the stars in their ships. But too far they travelled, away from the planet that could save them and out of the divines reach and into the demons. The mighty void (going by the name of Sagittarius) grasped their ships and dragged them to the bottomless depths of eternity. For ever Earth and its beauty were lost from the minds of men.