

# Chapter 4 – The Fight at HLOFPAH

HLOFPAH (ha-lo-par) - Headquarters of Lows Foundation for Peace and Humanity

They took a subway train and returned to the parking place where their huge truck and two other men stayed. They rested for a while and then drove to the place where they were supposed to meet Little Guy. Little Guy appointed the date and time of penetration and emphasized that they were not negotiable. This night happened to be the time when the comet 'Dark Stone' was closest to the solar system. Andy felt that the particular timing could mean a subtle web of links between Young Guy and the accident-killed scientist.

They soon arrived at an energy station in another remote suburban of Washington, DC. Little Guy and a lady were already waiting there for them. Young Little introduced her partner as Sue and said she was bearing special cosmetics for convenience to travel to this country. Even with disguising make-up, Andy instantly grasped that Sue was a young and nice-looking girl. Her voice was especially charming.

Since the use of internal combustion engine in cars and trucks, the basic technology used in the everyday transport machine had not been changed. Every part of the automobile had been revived and yet the basic power source was still gasoline and the engine was still an internal combustion machine. Gasoline came from crude oil and it was for the control of mining of crude oil that many regional battles were fought. Many historians believed that all those anti-terrorism wars that the US launched was indeed rooted to the control of production of crude oil for the energy hungry US.

Only until the end of the last century, automobile industry started to work on alternate source of energy in cars and trucks. Hybrid cars, with both a combustion engine and battery operated motor, were introduced by two Japanese manufacturers into the market a short while after the two thousands millennium. It happened to be the right timing as gasoline had never been so expensive in those days. The Japanese vision in product development was so smart that they heavily beat the American automobile industry. GM and Ford had to initiate a series of downsizing in order to survive. At that time, both the Japanese and American automakers were developing hydrogen fuel cell cars, but the marketing of these cars was greatly beaten by the biological technology of Lows Corporation.

Jump-started by biological and genetic technology, Lows Corporation put the energy business as their next move. Soon the genetic scientists of Lows

Corporation succeeded to improve the genetic make up of cane sugar and it could produce more sugar, was less ruined by plant virus and required less water to grow. The Brazilian government was the joint venture partner of this project and the new species was grown in isolated experimental grounds. In almost the same time frame, a new biological enzyme that fermented sugar into ethanol was successfully synthesized and could convert sugar into industrial alcohol quickly and economically. The price of ethanol soon dropped much below that of general grade gasoline. Brazil had already used ethanol in cars for a long while and this pushed the market further. Several years later, it was mandated by Brazilian government to use ethanol cars in order to cut down serious air pollution and the reliance on import fuel. Neighboring countries followed the practice and very soon Brazil became rich for their export business of ethanol. Development did not cease and several years later, the sugar producing genes was placed into ordinary plants local to many regions and 'cane sugar' could be harvested in places other than the tropical. As a result, the hydrogen fuel cell high tech autos had never got a chance to become realized. In those days, an energy station stored ethanol and not gasoline. Energy stations also collected a carbon dioxide scrubber from automobiles that filter out a major portion of the engine emission. The device was jointly invented by Lows Corporation and another big engineering company. Carbon dioxide, though very benign to human health, caused global warming and climate change.

After midnight, a vane faking a repair unit of the local power company left Andy's big truck and drove towards HLOFPAH not far away. Andy's unit had hacked into power network and created a small scale of power failure in the power grid serving the block of HLOFPAH. In the same time, they blocked the automatic power failure report sent to the power company and created another message to go back to the computer of HLOFPAH detailing a repair operation identity. Therefore, the 'visit' to HLOFPAH looked very official.

They passed through a few districts and they could see a lot of young people lingering around in the street and curbside shops. There were worries in these days about a very weird behavior of teenagers that they only dwell after sun set. They were given the name 'the Vampire Generation'.

HLOFPAH was in a district that was originally a scum area populated with poor people and with high crime rate. LOFPAH bought the whole area with a good price, but promised a redevelopment of the whole district. The most attractive incentive was that the original owner, no matter residential or commercial, could choose to move back by only paying the market value of their property when they sold it to LOFPAH. LOFPAH brought a lot of investment into the new district and started to build several 'Hearted Communities' around the HLOFPAH. The campaign was 'work to help yourself and volunteer to help others'. Currently, the local city government of the 'Hearted Communities' were enforcing midnight curfew for all people under 20, trying to counter fight the 'Vampire Movement'. All shops and restaurants volunteered to close before 11 pm.

Despite that many districts and cities were trying their best to remove teenagers from the streets after midnight, the apparently pathogenic behavior

had already spread widely and there was no way to revert it. One hundred and ten years later, two kinds of people who lived their lives in two different segments of the day found no way to accommodate and compromise. The world was again set into chaos of wars for many years. Eventually, the 'Vampire Generation' won the war and they forced to eliminate all activities under day night. Since then, the world was turned into a piece of dead land under the sun and only a trace of rebellion was working under the bright light and trying to discover the cause for the sickness and to reverse the change that they believed to root to some pathogens. This was another story.

Now, Andy's vehicle had left the noisy and messy districts and entered the 'Hearted Communities' where they found the streets quiet and peaceful, as they should be after an ordinary midnight. Not far away, they saw the tall tower of the HLOFPAH.

They arrived at the main gate of HLOFPAH, but had found nobody there. There should be two to three gatekeepers. HLOFPAH was not only home to the Foundation, but also the offices of many international charities and aid agencies. Security was used to be very tight. Andy found it unusual and immediately had a sense of caution. Fanies then punched the authorization info to the gate computer and the gate opened.

A short while after, they were at the main entrance of the tower. They parked the car and were ready to walk up the stony steps to the main door. Little Guy asked Andy to approve Sue to drive the vane and replaced Vincent, who could then concentrate on the monitoring of the area and starting the weapon system of the vane, just in case. Sue was described as extraordinary in driving any kind of vehicle including a space shuttle. Little Guy then lead the group up towards the main door.

When they were in front of the big and wide main door, again there was no reception service. There should be a security team inside. Fanies looked at Andy and was very alert. Andy nodded once and did not want to go back. Anson stepped forward to the computer portal and entered the repair service authorization code. The door lock clicked once and was unlocked.

Little Guy stepped forward and gently placed his left hand onto the door handle, the door was gradually opened though he didn't seem to have pushed. They entered and walked through the second door of the main entrance and there was the most famous vestibule (lobby) in the world. There was no security there and Andy noticed that Little Guy had lost his countenance for a very short moment. It was unusual for a person with telepathy to show being disturbed by unsure circumstance.

Like the architecture of most buildings of Lows Corporation, this vestibule was heart-shaped and the apex was the main door. The other end opened to a corridor to reach the elevators and other service facilities. As biological science was the root business of Lows Corporation, Lows ordered to carve the whole human genome on the marble floor, including those genetic sequences without known functions. It was a piece of great scientific art. However, compared to the sculptural arts on the walls and the ceiling, the floor was merely nothing. Lows called together the most famous religious artists of the world to make up murals

telling the early history of every religion and putting down their major manuscripts in their ancient language.

Lows did that for a very meaningful reason. After the two thousands millennium, the whole world was gradually pushed into an inferno of religious conflict. Many regional wars could root to the stubborn upholding of primitive religious belief and practices. As LOFPAH was primarily established to promote peace and humanity, Lows would like to see all religions to be represented together, symbolizing harmonic co-existence.

Everyday, numerous visitors lined up to see this scenic spot and were only allowed a few minutes to glance at this piece of great humanistic art. To better preserve the artwork, photography was not allowed. Now, Andy and his team could likely watch it as freely as possible. Yet, they had no time because Little Guy once said that the protection from the 'telepathic force' could not last very long.

They quickly moved to the back of the magnificent hall and boarded a service elevator with a pass code. Young Guy slowly pressed the button for the lowest level where he believed to be housing an entrance to the secret core of the building. Fanies was beside Little Guy and she was careful enough to find that Little Guy had pressed the button in a special way. The elevator started very quietly and with almost no detectable motion, but the computer addressed that they were going down and finally rang to have reached the level and stopped. A door opened, but it was on the other side of the service elevator and not the one they stepped in. When they turned around and looked at the outside, everyone was baffled because what they found was exactly like that outside where they came in. Assuming that the elevator had in fact not moved, it should be the first door to open to outside and not this one. Andy looked at Little Guy with a special facial expression seemingly indicating that was the trick of the 'annoying telepathic force' and it was still here.

'This is the telepathic power!' Andy exclaimed, though in a calm tone. He had previous experience with this kind of unexplained encountering.

'It is impossible, as the 'Dark Stone' is in such proximity to the earth, all kinds of telepathy were in jeopardy and could not work.' Little Guy answered immediately, but on his face there was confusion.

'The comet discovered by Dr. Timothy Kim!' Fanies cried. She remembered the news very well.

'You mean, your telepathic power wouldn't work either?' Andy questioned. Little Guy once said he would use his telepathy to protect the team.

With an apologetic gesture, Little Guy nodded his head.

While Little Guy was hesitated to say anything more, Fanies suggested that they might have to return to the first floor and try again. Little Guy and Andy had no objection and the door closed again and the elevator moved. Instantly, the elevator stopped and this time the first door opened. Outside was the same place where they came from. Fanies was about to press again the button for the lowest level. Suddenly, all electronic communication between Andy and the fake repair vane outside broke down and they heard a series of big rumbles that were so intense that they felt the whole building quaked. Next moment, Andy was

already outside the elevator rushing back to the front to help.

Sue was with Vincent in the vane. Vincent was the youngest guy in Andy's unit and Andy took him as his little brother since Vincent was assigned to his command. Vincent's specialty was small weaponry. He was very fond of Sue because she had a sense of mystique and tenderness.

While they were talking nicely, Sue suddenly raised her voice to have Vincent look at the monitors for any special signal. Almost instantly, she had started up the vane and speeded up to the limit. Vincent fearfully saw nothing on the monitors anymore and at the same time he heard rumbling explosions behind him and felt the heat. Through the windshield in the front, he could see bluish fireballs suddenly appearing here and there and exploding into inferno flames. While everywhere was apparently turning red heat, the bluish fireballs emitted chilling shines that caused a horrifying feeling.

Sue drove the car as it was part of her limbs and evaded from the attacks. Being a weapon expert, Vincent knew that they could not just dodge any longer. In a few seconds later, Sue told Vincent that her telepathic power was reducing as the comet 'Dark Stone' was approaching Earth and she would not be able to get away from all the fireballs. One hit and they would be finished. She decided to drive the vane up to the main entrance and dashed into the building because she found that the building was being protected by a force field. What she discovered was that the attack was not mainly targeting them. Most of the fireballs hit the building, but was neutralized by a strange and powerful force field. Sue gambled that the force field was only active with destructive weapons, but not ordinary and mechanical penetrations.

Sue powered up the specially built vane to its maximum capacity and when it was again close to the main entrance, she suddenly turned and the car howled shrilly and bumped up onto the stony steps. With her remaining telepathic power, she opened the giant solid main door at the last moment, but had to use the impact to break open the second door that was only made of ordinary glass.

Sue stopped the car in a blink once inside the hall, but still almost hit Andy who was rushing towards the front door from the back.

Vincent jumped out of the vane with a handful of weapons and quickly distributed them to everyone. 'We were attacked by fires from the deepest hell!' He yelled loudly while punching a hand held keyboard that likely was a controller for the fake vane.

They looked at outside through the broken door and found bluish fireballs trying to concentrate to hit the breach. It was like a monster knocking your door and you could see its ugly face.

Anson was especially shocked in some way and he leaned himself to the front to watch and he said to himself, 'Oh, it was finally done. What made it possible?' Nobody noticed what he muttered as horror had flooded everyone's mind.

The attack from outside and the defensive field produced striking screaming and horrifying colors. Andy also found that the hits were growing more coordinated and timed and understood that the force field could not hold indefinitely. It was obvious that they had no way to leave through the front gate.

He decided to turn to the back and tried to seek the way to the basement where it was supposed to link to the core of the building. If the core was keeping the secret of LOFPAH, it should have even stronger protection and could be a safe haven.

They dashed to the service elevator and went down again. This time it was no quiet at all as the dense hitting at the building was shocking everything. The building appeared to be likely dismantled in any moment. Very quickly, they reached the basement level and a door opened, but it was not the same setting when Andy first came down. Outside was a long channel with flashing red lights and a computer voice signaled an evacuation direction as a self-destruction sequence of the whole building had been initiated.

They were allowed no time to think, but had to run quickly towards the other end. Safety doors closed intermittently as they hastened forward. After running several hundred meters, they were instructed to take a special carriage and a minute or two later, they were out of the building and under the sky again. The carriage then retreated into the ground again. The exit was a fake gravestone in a cemetery. They looked at one another and were really confused.

# Chapter 5 – An Ancient Secret

Andy checked the global positioning system and found that they were now a few miles from HLOFPAH. The carriage was fast.

Andy looked at Little Guy and sought for some answer. Little Guy glanced at Sue who nodded her head and then took out a big piece of special paper towel to wipe out her cosmetics. Sue introduced herself as Suling Kim, the daughter of Dr. Timothy Kim and she said Little Guy was her elder brother.

“Little Guy was born before my parent’s marriage and his birth kept as a secret as the first kid of the family. He had to be sent away to learn telepathy. While nobody knows him, I was quite a public person. So I need a fake identity.” Sue explained.

Sue asked everyone to rest on the lawn and she lay down and looked at the cloudy and dark sky. She found no stars at the moment, but they were numerous. Sue asked them to be open-minded, or otherwise they would not believe what she was going to tell them.

“Our universe was a material one, but our ancestors told their descendants generation by generation that there was another universe which was immaterial. There was inhabited by beings not made up of matter. Not only these beings were not made up of matter, there were no individuals like us in that universe. As the life form was in congregations, it meant no deadly struggle and fight to sustain individual persistence. However, there were still different thoughts, perhaps.”

“Harmony and peace went on for an indefinite length of time, but gradually there was a dispute for some unknown reason and the dispute finally turned into a war growing bigger everyday. One of the aggregates watched that a destructive war was inevitable and therefore acted to split ‘one part’ of it to carry out a special mission for the clan. This ‘One-Part’ brought all the knowledge of the aggregate with him and broke into the material universe and arrived at our earth. He had a plan to do to store the knowledge of the non-material world on earth. Our ancestors called the knowledge the ‘Real Truth’”

“Penetrating into the non-material universe without a natural carrier was difficult and dangerous, taking away tremendous amount of energy from One-Part. After finishing up all the engineering work to store the “Real Truth” safely on earth, One-Part was too weak and could not return to his home world. He was also too feeble to retain his own life form on earth and had to sustain his existence in the body of creatures found on earth and took the time to rest and gather the energy needed for his recovery. However, material life was very limited by its life span and was vulnerable to every kind of attack from the

biological and natural world.” Sue stopped for a while to allow the listener to take a break and digest.’

“So, you guys are looking for the “Real Truth?” Andy asked a direct question.

“Not exactly, however, we could talk about it later.” Little guy answered for his sister.

“How exactly ‘One Part’ was going to get back all his power? I bet the way ‘One Part’ used had to do something with telepathic power you guys are practicing.” Vincent asked and took a guess.

Sue awarded Vincent with a smile for his good understanding. She then continued.

“One-Part had no choice, but to use cycles of reincarnation to recuperate his losses. This kind of technique was not well known to the world until the Tibetan lama made it obvious to his people’

“Millions of years passed and it was about two thousands five hundred years ago, One-Part had almost regained all his power and was ready for his final reincarnation into his original immaterial life form. On the contrary, human was still very primitive. The colossal power of One-Part could make him a super god on earth and even ruled the whole galaxy, yet he chose to live in the most humble and impoverished way to show the insignificance of material possession. He had numerous followers and a new religion was then started.”

“One-Part was Buddha! He was Sakyamuni Buddha! You are talking about Buddhism!” Vincent cried, thought everyone was now quite able to grasp the point. Sue again glanced at Vincent for a moment and gave him an approving smile.”

“Our great ancestor was a very humble follower of One-Part notwithstanding his capable wisdom. He looked so ordinary and no seniors in the Buddhist organization even knew his name. One-Part summoned our ancestor and told him everything and pleaded for his offering to take part in the defense of ‘Real Truth’. A secret operation was then launched.”

“Why only one follower was told?” Andy was curious.

Little Guy regrettably sighed, “Humans have many negative behaviors. Even after the teaching of the Buddha, you wouldn’t believe that there was no power struggle amongst the high rank followers in the primitive Buddhist organization. Sharing such an astounding secret and the many extraordinary ways to accumulate telepathic strength with them wouldn’t be wise and likely caused bad troubles.”

“What was exactly the given order?” The crowd almost asked the same question.

“Only our great grand ancestor would know the exact details. We were told that he would only passed the secret to the next grand master and so on. However, One-Part instructed that part of the secrecy could be made known to the world when the right time came. This meant the time when we were attacked. A time would come when humans were subjected to disastrous killing and the secrecy would help. But, we are not wise enough to see how!”

“You mean the attack tonight?” When Andy mentioned about the attack



they just had, everyone was scary of those terrible weapons. It was not merely the power. It is also their horrifying effect.

“It wasn’t. The attack referred to the one that our tribe had faced about one hundred years ago.” Little guy corrected.

Sue picked up with the rest of the story and said, “In the meantime, One-Part could have some intermittent communication with the immaterial universe and with his aggregate. He learnt that the war was pacified in his home world. However, he was told that the secret mission of hiding the superior knowledge of the immaterial world was leaked out and another major aggregate, known as “Nothingness”, was determined to go to this physical world to ‘take back’ the concealed knowledge from the immaterial world, that our tribal clam now called the “Real Truth”. A messenger was sent. After making an accurate calculation, One-Part found out the exact time of the arrival of the messenger and he then summoned our ancestor and told him everything.”

“Why didn’t One-Part’ stay longer to deal with what he had stirred up, and he left the fight to a group of humans who were no match to his opponent strictly coming for his possession?” Anson, now a pious Catholic, suddenly said with apparent resentment.

“I guess nobody could answer the good question. One-Part still had a physical body in that time and had to go for the last reincarnation in order to regain his absolute spiritual entity. It might also be he had been too long away from home and would like to go back as soon as possible.” Sue said.

“The important part of the legend is that ‘One-Part’ didn’t bring with him the ‘Real Truth’ and went back. If he took away everything, the other aggregates in his home world wouldn’t have to come to this universe and attacked your tribe a hundred years ago for that. I also bet that you guys had no ideas what is really the ‘Real Truth’ and you merely know nothing about the place hiding it.’ Andy paused only a short moment and said, “According to what you have asked us to help tonight, you are associating LOFPAH with ‘Real Truth’. You think the ‘Real Truth’ was now in HLOFPAH. I guess it isn’t that simple.” Andy elaborated.

“You are right. We aren’t searching the ‘Real Truth’ in LOFPAH. We are looking for something else. Let me continue with the attack first.”

“That was an earthshaking fight!” Vincent exclaimed.

“You couldn’t really ‘see’ a pure telepathic fight with ordinary senses. The battle was in fact a planned ambush for the ‘Messenger’ and we used all our men and women against only one intruder. But, even with our defense laid down on an advantageous topography, we were still unmatched for the ‘Messenger and lost the battle. Years later, when we did retrospect we rounded up with some possible keys to our quick defeat. We once believed that the passing on of the instruction by only words from one generation to generation caused a loss of accuracy and details and so its effectiveness. And, we missed the most important information to defeat the enemy. But now we pretty much agreed with the cause being within ourselves. For more than two thousand years, our world has been evolving quickly in the material side of our living. We call it science and technology. But the collective human mind pretty much stayed the same, and our spiritual civilization was falling behind relative to our knowledge of the physical

world. In a living world with day by day increase of dependence on material, the study of telepathy was harder and harder. Our clan lived in very wild areas, but we were not totally isolated. Material life from outside and our own desire were beating our telepathic learning every moment. Our clan really had only a few people who could expand their power by means of reincarnation. We therefore didn't get sufficient power to defend, and we lost a 'token' passed down to us by One-Part."

"A token? What is it? Isn't supposed to relate to the 'Real Truth' you are talking about?" Andy asked.

"We aren't sure about the relationship. The token was itself some kind of sutra written on something. The sutra gave instruction to learn our telepathy. One-Part told us to dispatch the sutra back to the Buddhist community when we were very fluent with it, but keep the token. "

"After One-Part revealed his real identify and his plead for assistance, our great ancestor left the Buddhist organization the next day for the farthest west side of the continent. It was roughly what we know as Afghanistan now. In a desolate and wild mountainous area, he married and accepted students to build up a tribal community to preserve the most powerful teachings of One-Part and to prepare for the defense against the 'Nothingness Messenger' from the immaterial world. Our ancestor really committed a great sacrifice for doing that. You perhaps know, all the Buddhist teachings was to ask people to give up material kind of life style, to eliminate desire and give out possession to the needed. Having a wife and kids and establishing a small tribe was obviously not the right direction to enlightenment. Our great ancestor had the unusual wisdom of seeing all those human limitation and could ascent to another level of existence just in one generation. The commitment to One-Part's special request was a heavy burden and would delay his ascent. " Sue sighed.

After a short pause, Sue continued. "As I have said no one really knew exactly the original instruction. But the legend was that after two thousand five hundred and forty one years after the 'ascend' of One-Part, a powerful entity from the other world would come to take the token away. We had to defend it if we would choose to keep it. We then needed to expand our collective telepathic power by various means including reincarnation. Several hundred years later, our clan was pretty much set up and the grand master of tribe did exactly what One-Part had instructed. He passed back all the sutra to the Indian Buddhism. Unfortunately, Buddhism in India deteriorated after the tenth century and eventually all the powerful sutra were totally lost despite that they were kept safely on the token passed down to us generation by generation. A few hundred years ago, we moved to a mountain terrain in the southwest China and settled down there to prepare the battle. But, we were disastrously defeated and the token lost. Before that time, nobody knew anything about the 'Real Truth'. In the following hundred of years after the battle, many young tribal members sworn to retake the token and traveled everywhere to look for clues. Ten years ago, it was discovered that the carving in HLOFPAH had segments of sutra resembled to those written on the lost 'Token' and so we suspected a relationship between Lows and the Messenger who took away the token from us. We had many 'visits'

into HLOFPAH, but only found it heavily protected by a very powerful telepathy. Tonight, the 'Dark Stone' was close to the solar system, and according to the record of the secret sutra passed to us from our ancestor, 'Dark Stone' was not really a natural star or comet. It was a carrier between the different dimensions of the universe. Its movement depended on the capture of every kind of energy, telepathy included. Therefore, its approach could reduce all sources of telepathy and it was sure the best time to break into the HLOFPAH. We need you guys because you could very well protect us while we too would lose our telepathic strength for an hour or so. Anyway, we really didn't expect to meet an enemy so powerful and horrible. Lastly, please pardon us for not telling the truth in advance. It was because nobody would really believe it and we couldn't just get any help from you. Even seeing all that happened tonight, you guys might still be confused and couldn't believe all these."

Sue finally stood up to say goodbye and thank for the hospitality from Andy. She had her last words, "The coming of 'Dark Stone' is not a good sign because it might mean other 'Messengers' from the immaterial dimension might just be coming. Those Messengers have no special hostility towards humans, but the present human technology is capable to detect their energy signature and human's usual discriminative character could lead to a challenge. This is very unwise, but the Chinese is doing it anyway notwithstanding the sincere advice from my father. The US takes the same attitude. Being a kind of special servicemen in crisis time, your guys' call is close. Lastly, what can I do for you? Or any questions I can answer?"

Before Sue left, Vincent asked her a very interesting question, "Sue, you are so young and beautiful. You wouldn't be a reincarnation lady of very old age?" Sue didn't answer him, but just chuckled and a smile bloomed in her face. Vincent would never forget this face.

Andy did not leave the cemetery right the way, but tried to seek for remarks from his team. For a very long time, Andy was Fanie's only focus and she didn't really care for the rest of the world. Vincent was obviously on Sue's side and he liked the girl very much. Anson was a pious Catholic and it was not that easy for him to believe those myths, but he appeared to be anxious of something. He looked hesitated to say something and Andy noticed that and kept in mind that he would ask him when they were alone.

