

Background

The Arxibus system is so named due to its shrine world where the relics of Colbii are kept. Arxibus Colbii herself was a local Imperial soldier who past away centuries ago and is immortalised by the local ecclesiarchy. The current local Ecclesiarch, Bishop Balisario, although he is not Imperial commander of any planet in the system. He has great connections on Terra, and being a great orator is de facto leader.

Complications arose when a small fleet of Xenos life forms appeared on the Agri-world Colbii tertius. A rag-tag fleet of vessels of various types began to settle in uninhabited regions and a delegation asked for an audience with the Bishop. A nominal tactical assessment was undertaken by Belissario where they were considered no threat – therefore he had the delegation executed and a crusade declared. In no real shape to fight a war, the Xenos fleet retreated to the asteroid field and some escaped into the wilds.

A Solblade appeared in the system lead by Captain Kurt Longsword of the Iron Knights chapter. Their orders were to prepare against the incoming Tyranid invasion. This came as a surprise to all as no communications have been received from Terra, probably due to the interference in astrotelepathy caused by the Citrix Maledictum. Although nominally compliant, Bishop Belissario was reluctant to give up complete power and asked his own choir of astropaths for confirmation before ceding complete command to Kurt.

“Until we have confirmation from Terra I cannot sanction such an action, however we welcome your reinforcement and will co-operate against the present threat.”

A point of contention was the crusade against the Xenos, the Iron Knights saw this a waste of resources and wished to gain intelligence about the Tyranid threat. The Bishop politely and eloquently refused the request. Discussions grew heated and threats to have the Bishop declared apostate were met with threats of excommunication of the Solblade master, which was a moot point as neither faction could reach the Throne World and no Tyranid had been seen in the sector.

“May we remind you of your own order's Litanies of Hatred against such abominations.”

Imperial forces had already begun amalgamation as is standard procedure, though the process was soon halted. Due to the breakdown in communications and in some cases a strict adherence to the chain of command skirmishes broke out between Imperial forces. Conflicting orders were issued to many forces. Units told to move against the arriving Xenos were also told to hold and reinforce. Meanwhile, a Space Hulk appeared in system, launching a number of landing craft but went unnoticed due to the political infighting.

“Squad! We have been ordered ninefold to both reinforce and leave this command post. The voxcomm is clearly possessed. Corporal, attach a melta bomb and detonate.”

The deadlock was broken when an uprising was reported on the industrial world of Colbii secundus. Knowing that it was too late to recall the Ecclesiarchal forces, and that direct action was required. The Solblade moved against the rebellion, and it was soon discovered that a genestealer cult was behind the insurrection. This was all the proof the Iron Knights needed in order to take control of the system, or so they thought. Messages were sent via the Sol Blades astropaths to Terra but there was no confirmation of receipt. Finally, the Tyranids arrived.

Factions

Imperium Ecumenical
Imperial Faction based around the veneration of the God-Emperor

Imperium Solblade
Imperial Faction sent from Terra to reinforce against the Tyranids.

Star-walking Beasts of Unparalleled Savagery
Orks, Chaos, Dark Eldar,

Tyranids
Genestealer Cult, Tyranids

Fleet of Unaligned Worlds
Eldar, Tau, League of Votaan

War zones

Colbii Prime Shrine World of Arkisus Colbii, contains the relics of Colbii

Industrial World of Colbii secundus , primary exporter of munitions and the blessed sacred lubricants “Oil of St. Nuala”.

Colbii tertius Agri-world, has partially regressed to a medieval state in more remote areas.

Space Hulk - the Wrath of Discontent. Mainly a Desolater Class Cruiser with orkish and unknown xenos modifications.

Dramatis Personae

Kurt Longsword – Space Marine Captain Iron Knights Chapter
Bishop Belissario – Keeper of the relics of Colbii and de facto leader
Markus Tertias Barrage - Imperial Commander of Colbii Secundus
Venerable Donal – Imperial Commander of Colbii Tertius

L'daein – Eldar Corsair de facto leader of the Fleet of Unaligned Worlds

Lord Therun Shek – Night Lords Warlord

Commassar Auric Auculous West – Imperium Solblade