

TERRA MINOR

Terra Major, also known as Skotoma is a planet whose orbit coincides exactly with Earth's blind spot. The two planets are actually twins, born in the same cosmic instant. Terra Major is thus called as its inhabitants have received the gift of wisdom, whereas intelligence is what befell Earth, commonly referred to as Terra Minor. Located in an obscuration of Terra Minor's visual field, Skotoma cannot be seen nor detected from there and has therefore always been invisible to earthlings.

Sensing that there must have been a good reason as to why creation placed them out of Earth's visual reach, the Skotomatas have always avoided any contact with their sister planet and have happily stayed out of sight. All their trade routes orbiting within the blind spot, they have been able to communicate with the rest of the universe without being discovered by Earth's dwellers.

For the Skotomatas, the awareness that the good of one is the good of all prevails and everyone enjoys complete freedom. Not being restricted in any way, they experience very different feelings than their fellows on Earth and negative emotions such as fear, envy or anger are largely unknown to them. Whatever one does is thus always with good intention and it naturally blends in with the rest of the community, which receives it with openness and trust. Full-blown individuals are what make the overall group and Skotoma is a peaceful and friendly place that has no need for collective organizations or laws and regulations. Things take care of themselves around the common sense of oneness. A sort of two-way oneness where all equals one and vice versa and there's really no need to take it any further.

Unfortunately, Earth's advancement in understanding and technology could soon enable its astrophysicists to uncover the visual anomaly and for the first time on Skotoma, there was a sense of unease. Could the benefit of Earth be the benefit of all? This, they doubted very much... Given the recent information they had from their twin planet, it seemed unlikely that the Skotomatas concept of unity and peace would be appreciated or even respected.

The Acoustic Funambulist was on his way to Terra Minor where he had been invited to his friend Om's 146th birthday and had just made a last minute pit stop on Skotoma, landing in the small capital village of Tún, by the suspended Hangode river. There and out of curiosity, he followed the villagers to an open forum where they were now discussing the issue at hand.

- "That they would find a habitable planet around the corner doesn't forebode well at all." deplored an elderly man. "They're a very troubling kind, fighting each other all the time and seem to have a fixation about invasion and colonization, forcing their ill will on others. We can't expect anything good coming from them." he added with a worried look.