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aM-Sphere



Illustrated Version

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Date today: March 30. 2170, earth time. Earth, a planet I have never been to. I, Chris Brunner, was born on xj-262. Today it is known as "Gobeithio" (Welsh for hope). Why Welsh? Because Alexander Rees (a Welshman working on Mars as an astronomer) had discovered the solar system in which the planet was found. First he discovered a sun-like star and simply called it "Solaris". Once it was possible to make the travel to the solar system, a group of astronauts and scientists made the trip. Their mission was to explore the solar system and its planets. Among them was xj-262. The group decided to land on it because of its size similar to Earth (most of the other planets are quite small). They quickly discovered some moss-like vegetation and started to drill. They found what they were hoping for: water!

A few decades later, new developments in technologies had made it possible for the first people to move and live on Gobeithio. Soon there began a real exodus from Earth. For over two decades people have been moving here.

Yet, we still count the time according to Earth's calendar. I guess, it's because over three-quarters of the human race is still living there...

March 31.

Tomorrow at last will be the day, when I will be able to fly through the bridge* to my parents home planet!

There, I'll visit the "CERN" (by Geneva, Switzerland) where basic discoveries of the aM-Sphere** (which will bring me there) had been made. A group of scientists together, with electro-mechanical engineers, found a way to use the electro-magnetic impulse in the atom to speed up travel through space.

Finally I would be able to walk around even barefooted if I wanted to and unlike on Gobeithio where we needed to wear those heavy shoes (the planets attraction isn't as strong as the one on Earth) except for when we were in our pressurized homes.

Back to The CERN. Twenty-three years after the above mentioned discovery, Kei Yoshikori, a Japanese mechanical aero-scientist, found a way to use it. After gathering enough funds he, together with the help of a few friends, then constructed the prototype of the aM-Sphere. My dad had been among those friends. They had met at the WWF (world web forum) in Zürich. Quickly they became friends. They stayed in contact with each other. When Kei asked my dad to help him with his project, my dad was so excited about the project, that he quit his job at the CERN as a research-scientist and went to help Kei who then lived in the Silicon-Valley. That is also where my dad had met my mom.

* The bridge consists of impulse rings (rings which are essential in space for the impulse necessary to get through