

# Chapter XVI: The Determining Factor

*Guardian Mars had somehow been encapsulated inside the same shell structure as Guardian Moon, but “how”? was the question.*

**Guardian Sun:** Nobody knows how to do this. Nobody but Solar Guardians even have the access to the knowledge of how to do this.

**Sam:** The integrity seems firm, I wonder how recent this was.

**Guardian Sun:** There’s no way to tell. Gosh, there’s not even a trace of a fight around here.

**Alex:** ...Do you think that this happened to all of the rest of them?

**Guardian Sun:** I could imagine that that would be the case.

**Steve:** So it wasn’t us, it wasn’t Guardian Moon, it wasn’t anyone from outside the dimension...

**Guardian Sun:** Steve, there’s only 2 explanations, it was either me, or they all went rouge.

**Sam:** Well one of those is wrong, and the other doesn’t seem realistic.

**Alex:** Is there really no other explanation?

**Guardian Sun:** No, there’s nothing.

**Steve:** What about Nibiru? He IS a Solar Guardian, right?

**Guardian Sun:** Well he couldn’t be here is the thing.

**Sam:** Why not?

**Guardian Sun:** Well...

**Alex:** He could be here.

**Guardian Sun:** I suppose he could’ve taken a sneaky approach.

**Alex:** Alright, we’re going to find him right now, where’s his planet?

**Guardian Sun:** You can't single-handedly defeat Nibiru, it takes the most insane preparation and skill.

**Steve:** Who said anything about defeating him, for gosh sake we just want to find him.

**Guardian Sun:** Nibiru sits at the very edge of the Solar system at 42 AU on the negative z-axis, and about 13.4 AU on the positive x-axis. He'll know you're there immediately so you better have a good story explaining you're just a nomad selling rocket fuel. ... It's been successful twice before.

*...Guardian Sun stayed behind to further examine what had happened to Guardian Mars, But Alex, Steve, and Sam ventured further to find out what Nibiru was up to IF he was even there, and hopefully they could find the final step to achieve the Theory of Everything and wake up.*

**Alex:** Alright go ahead and re-enable acceleration, we don't want to make a freaky entrance.

**Sam:** I wonder how big the planet is.

*Speeding by Pluto, they found the treacherous planet Nibiru lying right against the larger asteroid belt that circumscribes the edge of the Solar system.*

**Steve:** That must be it.

*Some sort of arsenal began to fire upon them, they slowed down to approximately half the speed of light and began to fly to the more mountainous part of the planet.*

**Alex:** This planet is so incredibly small, it might be hard to take him by surprise.

**Sam:** Well Guardian Sun told us about the all-powerful, planetary-system-destroying laser that is Nibiru's main source of strength. Maybe we should find out what that is and WHERE it is.

*They landed in a small cavern in the confined mountainous location, they knew they would have to find a way to examine the planet amid the toxic fumes in the air.*

**Alex:** The ship is too big to bring out into the open, and the air here is definitely not clean n' green. How are we going to get closer to Nibiru?

**Steve:** Are there any suits?

*They opened a closet with 4 astronaut suits, which wouldn't help because the air could easily direct heat into the suit and burn it. At least the first 3.*

**Sam:** The climate is way too hot to risk this, I think we need a new approach.

**Alex:** Wait hold on, why does this one have a golden belt buckle?

**Steve:** All the better reason to not use that one. The idea is to NOT be seen.

**Sam:** Wait. Hold on a second, I'll be right back.

*Sam disengaged the Impossible Element, making sure to handle it carefully, even though he couldn't feel it, he knew he was holding something... he brought it up to the suit.*

**Alex:** Ohhh. Of course.

**Sam:** Guardian Sun said it didn't have a definite volume, so it might just... yes!

**Steve:** The Impossible Astrosuit.

**Sam:** Now who wants to put it on?

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**Alex:** I think YOU do.

**Sam:** You're right I do.

*Back on the ground, fires raged inside of a small city, complete chaos and destruction filled the streets, people running, cars crashing, and a bloody massacre at the North end. Standing in the town center...*

**Herobrine:** \*Groan/laugh\*

*Herobrine lifted an entire car and threw it at the town center tree, setting it ablaze. The buildings began to collapse, and the entirety of the city was either chased away... or slaughtered.*

**Herobrine:** Gahd! This better satisfy you until the morning.

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**Alex:** Yeah, that's... excellent.

**Sam:** Well if I just-

*Size perfect.*

**Steve:** Yeah much better.

**Sam:** Okay, let's go with, Temperature Resistance- on. And let's reconfigure the input gas to be oxygen. Awesome, now temperature means nothing to me or the suit, and I'll convert any gas in the air to oxygen.

**Alex:** This is quite an impressive upgrade in technology, this is the kind of stuff people need to create but... oddly don't consider it practical.

**Steve:** Of course it's practical, we've got it right here.

**Sam:** Okay, how do I toggle invisibility?

*There.*

**Sam:** Got it.

**Alex:** Alright, now be very, VERY sneaky.

**Sam:** Right, I'll make loud noises and draw lots of attention to myself, then I'll find the laser.

**Steve:** Sounds like a plan.

*Sam approached the flatter region of Nibiru, and located a large tower, and someone standing near it.*

**Sam:** That's got to be the laser. Dang that thing looks powerful. ...Oh my gosh, I think that's Nibiru. Okay I need to watch my footsteps. Don't misstep, don't misstep.

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**Steve:** How do you think he's doing?

**Alex:** Um...

*\*Alternate image of lava erupting from the ground all around Sam.\**

**Alex:** Probably just fine.

**Steve:** ...You're being a mother and imagining the worst aren't you.

**Alex:** ...Maybe we should at least cause some sort of diversion.

**Steve:** Alex, worst case scenario: he stubbed his toe. Alright. Be patient.

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**Sam:** Good God this is ridiculous. I wonder if there's a radio on here.

*\*Static\**

**Steve:** Hello?

**Sam:** Hey, I found the laser.

**Alex:** Sam! You found it? What does it look like?

**Steve:** It's a giant tower with a massive beam up top, I think it's pointed directly at the Sun.

**Steve:** Do you see anyone?

**Sam:** I can see Nibiru.

**Alex:** THE Nibiru?

**Sam:** No, Nibiru the biologist. He's on high alert, there's no way we can sneak up on him.

**Steve:** Alright, come on back, and here's what I say we do, we charge the tower and try to destroy it, if we don't we'll go for round 2, but if it's still not enough, we get out of there. We report to Guardian Sun.

**Sam:** Alright got it, and also you could've just said come back and we could have this conversation at the ship so I wouldn't have to continue resting on top of jagged rocks.

**Steve:** Yet, YOU continue to waste time talking.

**Sam:** Alright look, I'm coming back right now, and please don't respond.

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**Alex:** Good work.

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**Sam:** Alright, this is gonna be difficult, so... antimatter shield- charge. And... Plasma cannon-charge.

**Alex:** This is a bad idea.

**Steve:** Come on, 1 or 2 hits and then we're out of here.

**Alex:** He's gonna come after us.

**Steve:** Maybe, but whoever makes the earlier stand will always win the war.

**Alex:** ...Where did you hear that?

**Steve:** From those Declaration of Independence guys, they defeated the... Atlantic people and became 13 free kingdoms.

**Sam:** Ah yeah. So inspirational.

*Rumble...*

**Sam:** 4 degrees counter clockwise. Alright. Now angle down about 12 and half degrees.

**Steve:** ...I have no clue how to measure that, so just keep saying “up”, “down”, “right”, or “left” repeatedly either until we’re perfectly lined up or until I get seriously annoyed and frustrated.

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**Sam:** Down, down, down, down. Alright.

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**Steve:** Guns are prep’d, acceleration enabled, here we go.

**Alex:** Are you sure that an antimatter shield is a good idea inside the atmosphere of a planet.

**Sam:** Well the button is very tempting.

**Steve:** ...That is a good point, opposites do explode.

**Alex:** We can enable it if he starts chasing us, but otherwise... wait, he definitely uses a non-antimatter based arsenal?

**Steve:** Oh my god, that’s nothing more than a self-destruct button! Break that button for god’s sake!

**Sam:** Alright enough configuration. If we don’t blast this thing to year 1 and back right now then we’re gonna lose this fight, so dang it ramp up that engine right now!

**Alex:** ...Anything else big mouth?

**Sam:** Sorry... “Are we there yet?”

*Whoosh! With plasma like this, it seemed realistic to destroy the tower... hopefully.*

**Nibiru:** \*Groaning laugh\*

**Steve:** Clear!!

*PEW PEW PEW*

**Alex:** I don’t think it worked!



**Alex:** NO! Steve! It's gonna be one more, then another one more, then another TWO more! It's not going to be enough! He's going to catch us.

**Sam:** Hold on, we can go in again. Let's try the Polonium Shockwave!

*Sam could be onto something, if the polonium shockwave was enough to severely nauseate Nibiru, they could get at least one more hit in. Polonium is a very toxic element, but is it enough for a Solar Guardian?*

**Alex:** Nibiru is literally holding a nuclear missile! Let's go!

**Steve:** Give Sam a second! Can you find it?

**Sam:** You've gotta get a bit closer.

*A metal rod rose up from the hood of the ship.*

**Steve:** We're getting close!

**Sam:** Alright! Start firing!!

*PEW PEW PEW*

**Nibiru:** Big mistake.

*He launched the missile.*