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Cybrid forces in South America and Africa are crushed. Caanon leaves enough men to contain the remaining Cybrids in Antarctica, and turns the majority of his forces to the remaining Cybrids in North America. Their destruction leads him to declare humanity's victory in the Starsiege. Missions to Venus and Mars make for solemn homecomings, as colonists begin to rebuild their homes. Recognizing the need to maintain order, Caanon reinstates the Imperial Police. Their first serious trial comes when they are called upon to suppress food riots in Hong Kong and New Rotterdam.

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The final Cybrids on Earth are destroyed on the plains of Antarctica. Liberation fever, which began to sweep through humanity years before, takes full hold. Birthrates increase exponentially. Caanon orders the construction of a new orbital shipyard, which he names "Phoenix Station." Departing from the defensive position of Emperor Petresun, Caanon orders the construction of an armada with the single purpose of finding the remaining Cybrids lurking at the fringes of the solar system, and destroying them.

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Cooperation between Earth and her colonies is stronger than it has ever been. On Earth, Liberation fever subsides as record birthrates include record numbers of severe birth defects. The high demand for illegal drugs on the black market serves as a poignant counterpoint to the dramatic attendance at religious gatherings.

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The Imperial Navy detects the use of XGE drives in Cybrid space, beyond Titan. Fearing invasion, Caanon puts the navy on high alert and begins fast drafting of able bodied soldiers. When the threat turns out to be a false alarm, relief and resentment races through humanity. Protestors become vocal, and events over the ensuing year bring distance between Mars and Earth. Martian colonists recall the years of oppression under Emperor Petresun.

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An uneasy peace is struck between Earth and the colonies on Mars and Venus. Martian Parliament severs ties between the Martian military and the TDF. Venus votes to join Mars in the construction of a "Free Colonial Shipyard." At Phoenix Station, construction for the pursuit armada continues.

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The imperial task force Ravenous Shield and Free Colonial Forces' First Expeditionary Unit are completed. The complete Artemis Pursuit Armada boasts the Blood Eagle, Fireborn, and Adamant Storm orders of imperial knights; the First Imperial Starborne division; the Oberwind Irregulars; the First Colonial Armored Division, including the Third Colonial Rangers and the Tharsis Dragoons; and dozens of newly minted warships.

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Emperor Caanon delivers an historic address marking the launch of the Artemis Pursuit Armada. The speech is capped by his dramatic declaration that "the Chase is on! Not some mean spectacle for renown or glory, but THE Chase, the great effort of our generation that will at last put an end to abomination, and purchase our freedom from fear."