



The Zephirax Saga



For Vincent, Aahil, Max, James, Mason, Erick, Trudy, Evan, Ben, and Joe.



The Invasion of Zula

300 BIZ - 1 AIZ

Long, long ago, there was a world known as Caelum. It was a dangerous world, and only one continent was safe: Zandon. 300 years before the events of this legend, two small farming villages were formed. They were the villages of Spanlos and Zula. They became powerful allies... That is until Spanlos grew corrupt, greedy for power. They started conquering other villages and cities left, right and center. It started with the land of Xarles, then Iria, then the great city of Ular. It culminated when they attempted to conquer their ally, Zula. They called for help from the Elves, the Gnomes, and the Dwarves. No one came.

Enter Vinny. He was a great adventurer, with dark, short-cut hair and a blueish purple mage robe. He was good friends with Maximus, a human barbarian. They were traveling to Vinny's home in the great forest, when they were attacked by a dragonborn wizard with golden hair and a blue robe. His name was James. He incased Maximus in permafrost ice and cast a fire bolt on Vinny! He nimbly dodged and countered another fire bolt! The fighting was broken up by two, floating, nine eyed, Zombie beholders coming to kill them! Vinny and James cast countless spells, but nothing worked! James even unfroze Maximus so he could throw a battle axe at the Beholders! The axe chopped one in half, but the other bit Maximus's ear!

Then, a mysterious beggar came to them. His name was Aahil. He had such high-quality equipment that it made them a bit suspicious. He spoke to the zombies in a language that James recognized as Underdark. The zombie calmed down and flew away. "I am Aahil, a skilled rogue and monster-tamer," he introduced.

Vinny and James introduced themselves as well. They sent Maximus to the Elves to heal his injuries. Afterwards, they made their way to Vinny's treehouse, only a few miles away. However, when they arrived, it was burning, and the tree had fallen on another man. Goblins, Orcs and Ogres had ransacked the place, destroying all in their path! Behind the ruin, they saw a man with dark hair and a green cape, named Sora, distraught over the death of his friend named 'The Rizzler.' He said "The Spanlos Empire is destroying the land! Soon enough, Zula will be next! WAIT!! IS THA—" Before he could finish, an arrow from a goblin, who quickly ran off, slew him.

"We should head to Zula," Vinny said.

So, they crossed the Great Bridge, into Zula. The trip was so grueling that they didn't even notice that Aahil was gone! Nonetheless, they entered Zula, only to find it burning. It had been attacked by the Spanlos Empire. So, what do you do when you find a village under attack? Help them, that's what! So, they grabbed some weapons and charged! They did well, but King Rosner was slain in the battle. He had no heir, so Zula fell, and Vinny and James were captured. Luckily, Aahil snuck them out of their cage and promptly disappeared.

Who is Aahil, and where does he keep going, they wondered. They decided to attack Spanlos. So, they went the other way from Zula, down the Great Bridge, to the heart of Spanlos: Spanlos City.

However, while crossing the bridge they found Amphibious Sharks and Giant Frogs! Luckily, James is good friends with frogs, so they introduced the sharks to him, and they all became friends.

But a spider came down, captured Vinny, and forced him to marry the Spider queen. He responded as you'd expect: he burned the spider's nest down during the wedding and escaped that nightmare fuel! He got back to James, to see that Maximus's healing process was successful, and he had his intact head back! They also had an army of sharks and frogs. They stormed the city, setting buildings ablaze as they went! Eventually, they made their way to the King's castle. Aahil was standing out front, decked out with Mithril armor and a magic dagger! There were zombies behind him. He told the party to follow him, which they reluctantly agreed. They entered the castle to find it overrun by powerful creatures. They came to the throne room, with the crown, but no King in sight. There was a beholder inside of a cage nearby. Then, it all clicked! The beggar, Aahil: just a disguise! Aahil pulled out his dagger and lunged at James, slashing his chest open! Then, he reanimated everyone's corpses in the graveyard!

Then he formally confirmed, "I am King Aahil VII of Spanlos, and you have fallen right into my trap!"

He sent Maximus 10,000 years into the future, in another plane of existence, and commanded his army of living, undead, and animal soldiers upon Vinny. Vinny tried to burn them alive, but Aahil saw his powerful fire bolts and gave his army fire resistant armor. Vinny finally remembered the beholder, locked up in the cage. He dodged attack after attack, before grabbing the cage and casting an unlock spell! Aahil, in fear, dropped a bag of large coins. The cage swung open, and the beholder used its death and disintegration eye rays on its captors and his army. The sharks feasted on his flesh while the frogs helped poison the army. Vinny tried to run away, but the beholder, being narcissistic monsters, believing anyone but themselves a monster, deserving of death, killed him before he could escape.

But there shall be consequences.



The Tyrant's Game

4 AIZ

Once upon a time, a sneaky Gnome named Bub tried to steal some food from a Tiefling named Fear, but he miserably failed! He had to explain himself to fear. He was a cowardly wizard, who was being trained to use technology in his Gnome village, when a Death Tyrant killed his master! And that very Tyrant was coming to Fear's Elven village of Lentia! "We have to escape! They're going to kill us all!" Bub exclaimed.

"No," Fear calmly said, "We must defend my home, like you were too cowardly to do for yourself."

Bub didn't really care. He was a chicken. So, Bub ran to the Gnome village of Mini-Vincent, with Fear reluctantly following. When they arrived, they saw that the village was overrun by Zombies! They killed a few and got an AK-47 and a map of the world. They were forced to run back to Lentia, where they saw a flower demon who was trying to murder them! They ran, but the flower sent a green dragon after them. They got a spellbook and ran to Spanlos, where, for once, Bub didn't chicken out, and he killed both the flower demon and dragon with his AK-47. The only thing that survived the attack was an enchanted multiaxe.

They walked to the Dwarven Mountains. "Huh, never expected the *Dwarven* Kingdom of Wallace to be dwarfless..." Bub said.

"Yeah, this is getting suspicious." Fear said.

They entered a nearby cave, killed some zombies, and found the Death Tyrant. He killed Bub with a Death Ray and turned him into a servant, but Fear fought on. He survived Death Ray after Disintegration Ray, but still, he fought on. He needed to avenge his friends. He picked up a weak stick, for it was the only thing he could find (his AK-47 was out of shells); he ran up and smacked the Tyrant's eye. He killed the Death Tyrant immediately. A huge flash of light brought those who died from its wrath back to life, not as the undead, but as the living. A resurrected Bub saw Fear, the terrifying Tiefling, had become a majestic elf. Thus ends the Tyrant's rain.



The Great Coins of Aahil

15 AIZ

Long ago, there were two prisoners in the rebuilt Kingdom of Wallace. Evan, a mute human fighter, and Trudy, the negotiator. They had no memory of who they were, however. Meanwhile, the Dwarven King, Wallucard IV, needed to escape from Lord Catticus. Their cell was the escape route. So, he opened a secret escape route through their cell with the press of a stone brick. Trudy asked the King, “Who are you and what are you doing”

He responded with “I am your king, Wallucard IV. I have come to escape from a feline-turned-monster! Lord Catticus is preparing for regicide!”

They continued down the caverns, but it was filled with the feline’s servants! After Evan and Trudy killed some of them, King Wallucard gave them a quest. A very important quest. They needed to retrieve the great coins. They were what Catticus was after. Four give great leaders near immortality, so long as they had at least one supporter. One coin for the Master, one for the Hero, and one, the greatest of all coins, for the greatest villain of their time. They were left behind by King Aahil in ages long past.

They set off to the gnome village of Mini-Vincent. They had to fight a giant zombie, and they won by knocking it off a cliff! President JavaScript III gave them the coin and sent an envoy to the elves, the only one trusted by the gnomes. After arriving at Lentia, an advisor to Elven-King, King Gelarius II, told them if they wanted the coin, they could get it. That is, if they took it back from the thief who stole it. The elves had no use for immortality, as they were already immortal.

They went to the caverns under Beholder Rock and found the thief. He had hordes of treasure, including the Master Coin, the Hero Coin, and one of the Immortality coins! It was a short duel, as after one hit, he surrendered and gave 1/3 of his treasure to them in exchange for his life. When they left, they saw a messenger. He intercepted a letter from Lord Catticus. It read, “Our army is ready. We have the Greatest Coin. The King is dead. - General Gias.”

They ran back, but it was too late. The power of the coins combined wasn’t enough to beat the holder of the Greatest Coin. Catticus killed Evan with one huge bang from the Greatest Coin. However, Trudy had experience with how to handle animals. Since cats are afraid of water, perhaps she could pour some water on him. She poured out her entire water rations on the kitten. It was very effective! In fact, it was so effective that Lord Catticus melted at the spot!

Trudy grabbed all the coins and merged them together into the God coin. But the power of these coins is something no one should ever tamper with...



The Beholder Crisis

27-134 AIZ

The Year was 27 AIZ. The beholder who killed Vinny, the “Master Beholder,” has had many, many decedents. Years go by, villages are destroyed, but the beholders keep going. That is, until four heroes come. Zasha the Tiefling paladin, Wallard the Elf Bard, Twinkle PoPoPo the Orc Barbarian, and Dave the Human Ranger. They successfully hunted down all Beholders, but the original, now named the ‘Master Beholder’ still lived! Luckily, the God of Light, Galeem, gave them a legendary artifact called “The Stone Rod.” It allowed them to encase the Master Beholder in Stone. However, two of them, Twinkle PoPoPo and Dave had died. It seemed dire, when Wallard played a lullaby, putting it to sleep. Zasha dealt the final blow and encased it in stone! It became known as “Beholder Rock”

106 years later, a man named CJP heard a knock on the door. It was the famous hero, Zasha! “Please, an evil spellcaster named Wallard has been summoning dead Beholders to kill all of Zandon! You must save us!” She begged.

CJP gladly obliged, since she was his childhood hero. They ran to beholder rock, only to see Wallard had gotten there first! “Ah, yes. The fake hero who ‘singlehandedly’ killed the Master Beholder, Zasha” He said “Well, I believe it’s time I and your fallen comrades some recognition.’

He conjured up a spell and released the beholder. It immediately bit his head off. Zasha told CJP to kill the beholder. Then, a death ray from the beholder killed her. CJP ran and ran and ran until a goblin arrow hit him. He hid in the fields until the beholder found him. As anyone would do in that situation, he ran! He had heard of the Legend of the Stone Rod, so he started searching for it. He went to Spanlos to fight off a Barbarian named Sigwulf and a Mage named Ara. Afterwards, they found Zula under attack by beholders! Sigwulf tragically died trying to save citizens. They got the help of a Druid, Eddy, and stole the Stone Rod from a red dragon. They also saved said dragon from a mind flayer!

With the dragon safe, they could get to the Master Beholder's lair. They journeyed and found the beholder snacking on some poor goats. They had one chance. They crept up, but the beholder spotted them and used a disintegration ray on his friends! CJP threw 5 tridents, but it was no use. He HAD to use the Stone Rod. So, he used it. But there was only one charge left...

BOOM!!

Both CJP and the Master Beholder were dead.



The Return of Aahil

150-3100 AIZ

There have been many cults over the years, dedicated to resurrecting their king, Aahil. None of them succeeded. None but one. The Xarhil cult, founded in 32 AIZ, has been plotting and scheming to resurrect King Aahil. In 100 AIZ, they launched an attack on Zula. They were nearly successful, killing Queen Theadora XVI; however, two men had killed many of their soldiers.

Breen Lightfoot and Aroua were traveling to the village of Zula for trade. However, the "guards" (Xarhil spies) tried to murder them. They killed off a few men before fleeing Zula during the attack. Whilst running away, they stumbled upon Spanlos. Aroua knew a bit about Spanlosian history. Knowing about Spanlos's attacks on the world, he transformed into a dragon and burned the place to the ground.

Meanwhile, the Xarhilians succeeded in resurrecting Aahil as a Litch. He fought Aroua and Breen, but barely. He let them kill him to learn their tricks! Eventually, they made their way back to Zula after running from a Mind Flayer. They convinced the five-year-old King Darius III to give them positions of power as officials in return for a large supply of candy. For the next six years, they improved the village. They fireproofed the walls, built great temples to Ra, and made greater education.

After six years, they went out to conquer the Great Bridge. They tore through armies with their pet "tricyclops" (triceratops). While they were gone, King Darius III was assassinated by Aahil. When they heard the news, they both ran over to Zula. A large battle was taking place. They both tried to kill Aahil, but he sent them 3,000 years in the future. They killed the last beholder and used its eyes to return and kill Aahil. They killed him and destroyed his phylactery. However, they freed Darkhon in the process. He summoned greatworms to ravage all of his new continent, Omnia, for the next 2,400 years!



The Rise and Fall of the Great Draconian Empires

2000-3194 AIZ

In 2000 AIZ, dragon-kind was constantly under threat from greatworms. By 2500 AIZ, there were many, many new advancements in technology, from lazer guns to fast travel machines with death rays on the bottom. That, along with the help of Tiamat and Bahamut allowed dragons, led by Zaahrixar and Naahirax, to drive the greatworms off the newly merged Omnia, made up of all older continents. Afterwards, the dragons spilt into two empires: The Chromatic Empire (blessed by Tiamat and ruled by Zaahrixar) and the Metalic Empire (blessed by Bahamut and led by Naahirax). They stood for Millennia.

That is until one shapeshifting red dragon, named Aroura (yes, that Aroura), murdered Benerax, the emperor of the metalic dragons. Chaos arose, and the Metalic Empire fell into anarchy. The good metalic dragons were enslaved and bent to Tiamat's will. Then, Galeem came down to the metalic dragons for the first time in history. He gave the heir to the Metalic throne, Rahainax, one wish. These were his last words:

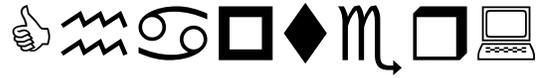
“The end shall come,
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Through time and space.

But Hope shall return.
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Will rebuild Caelum.

Pain will not last,
And the Zephirax,
Through blade and staff,
Shall bring peace to,

Caelum.”

Thus, Caelum splintered across time and space.



The Zephirax Reborn

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Two heroes from the Forgotten Realms of old, Vinny and Maximus, found an old, crumbling dungeon. As skilled dungeoneers, they decided to enter. *Why not?* It was decided. They crawled down into deep crevices, into a deep blue crypt. The first floor had many dragon statues and a spiral staircase leading down. They went down the staircase, only to find there were vampires in the room... They ran through the door into an empty room. The vampires didn't seem to follow them. The only exit door closed behind them. Luckily, Maximus had a pocketable Gunpowder Cannon. He destroyed the wall and found a treasure vault. Vinny got a golden dragon staff to cast spells with, and Maximus got a new golden sword, with two dragons on each side of the hilt. They also spotted a Dragonborn Wizard. He seemed intrigued by them.

The two dungeoneers asked who he was and why he was down here. He replied with a prophecy, the only thing he seemed to know.

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He refused to say more, but based on his gear, they deemed him experienced enough to join. “Would you like to join us?” Maximus asked.

He nodded his head and pointed to a mysterious door that had opened.

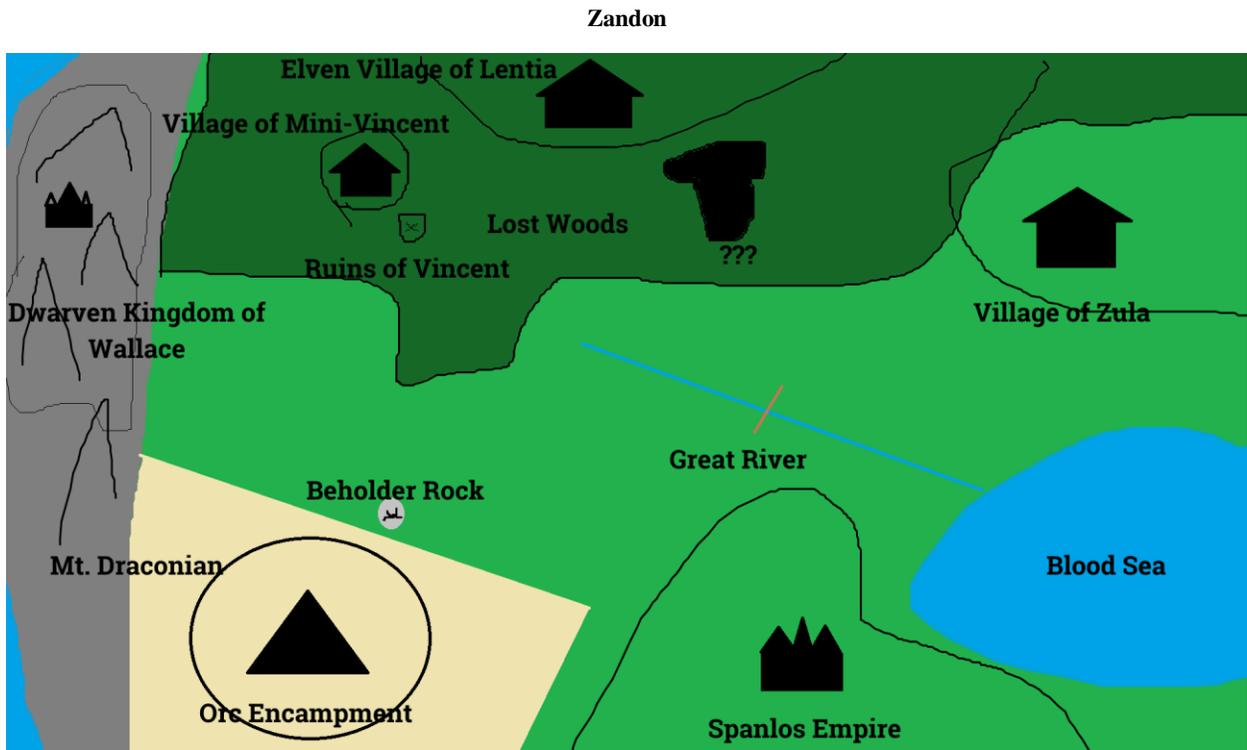
They entered it and found a large pig beast. It chopped off Maximus’s arm with its two large blades and broke Vinny’s staff, shattering it into countless pieces, each containing magical properties. ‘Mr. Prophecy,’ as they called him, shouted out “Eastmost Eyeball is key.” The beast clearly didn’t like that, and bit Mr. Prophecy’s head off. Maximus ran up, grabbed its disgusting, slimy left eye, and tossed it to Vinny, who burned it with a small flame spell. The group had successfully slain the pig-beast. It dropped four triangles and a scroll, containing everything in Caelumian history. That was when they learned that “Mr. Prophecy” was a hero in his own right, named “James.” They grabbed the triangles of power and wisdom. It turned Vinny immortal, incapable of aging. Maximus could now turn into the pig-beast himself. They merged the triangles together, and the world told of in the scroll was reborn. THAT was when they remembered who they were. They were the Heroes of Zula, the Zephirax, and the Original Heroes of Zandon. They called the reborn world

“Caelum.”

The Appendices



Notable Locations



Zandon is the home of most of the stories included here. Omnia's shape, size, and layout are unknown. All we know is that the territory of Metallic and Chromatic empires is split down the middle of Omnia. This map was made by the cartographer "Bobert Bobethy Bob XI" of the Spanlos Empire, C. 54 AIZ. Some notable Zandonian locations include:

Village of Zula

Zula was once a small farming village, until Spanlos attacked them. After the war, they took most of Spanlos's land, including Iria and Xarles. They are governed by a council of aristocrats whose families helped in the war, with a king or queen to help the council. According to legend, they were founded by a human wizard named Vincent I. His relation to the Zephirax, Vinny, is unknown.



Flag of Zula

The Spanlos Empire

The Spanlos Empire, according to legend, was founded by a man named Max I. Like Zula, his relation to the Zephirax, Maximus, is unknown. It was allies with Zula from the start, until Aahil killed the previous king and took the throne. By the time this map was made, Zula had fully merged with Ular and parts of Xarles.



Flag of Spanlos (right), Flag of Aahilain Spanlos (left)

The Elven Village of Lentia

Lentia was founded by elves shortly after the creation of the world. It was the first settlement ever founded. Its founder is unknown.



Flag of Lentia

The Gnome Village of Mini-Vincent (later known as HTML)

Little is known about Mini-Vincent/HTML, as the Gnomes are very secretive. We do, however, know that they invented computers, and the descendants of this village's inhabitants invented the weapons used by the Dragons in their war with the Greatworms.



Flag of HTML/Mini-Vincent

Dwarven Kingdom of Wallace

The first dwarves were slaves to the elves. A slave revolt, led by General Wallace, freed all of these slaves. His son, Wallumius, founded the Kingdom of Wallace in his father's honor. Around 42 BIZ, what is now Mount Draconian was attacked and conquered by a Draconic entity. That dragon, known now as Dowuthvah, was the first dragon in Caelum.



Flag of Wallace

Vincent

Not much is known about the city of Vincent. It is believed to have been named after Vincent I, after he saved the first gnomes from captivity. It is believed that Mini-Vincent was built as a colony for Vincent, before the city fell. Ironically, Mini-Vincent at its peak was bigger than Vincent.

Orc Encampment

The home of the Orcs, its location changes frequently, but rarely goes beyond the Scolding Desert. Not much is known about it.

Beholder Rock

A stone monument containing the Master Beholder. The only way to break it open is via a spell, which died with Wallard the Elf Bard.



Groups of Interest

The Zephirax

The Zephirax is a trio of heroes comprising Vinny, James, and Maximus. The word “Zephirax,” is a Draconic word, meaning “three survivors.” Vinny was once a great hero of another realm, mainly known for his three-year survival in the wilderness. Maximus was a slave who also survived three years in the Wilderness. Their memoirs were mysteriously wiped after the fact. Sora and the Rizzler were two other survivors of that event who retained their memories.

The Eye Slayers

The Eye Slayers were two groups of heroes devoted to ending the Beholder Crisis. The original group was made up of Zasha the Tiefling paladin, Wallard the Elf Bard, Twinkle PoPoPo the Orc Barbarian, and Dave the Human Ranger. They slew all but a few beholders. They finally killed their last target, the Master Beholder, by incasing it in stone using the Stone Rod. Zasha took all of the credit, fame and glory after her friends, Twinkle PoPoPo and Dave died in battle. But Wallard was still alive. He brought back the Master Beholder 106 years later, when CJP, Ara, Sigwulf, and Eddy formed the next group of Eye Slayers and encased

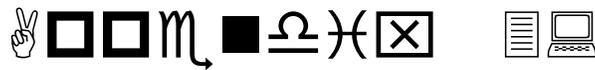
it again. The Eye Slayers remained an order of Beholder hunters until the Beholder's extinction, near the end of the Metallic empire.



The Stone Rod

The Beholders

The Beholders were a species of narcissistic monsters. The Death Tyrant was once a beholder, for if a necromancer turns a beholder corpse undead, they become a Death Tyrant. Their numbers multiplied exponentially after Aahil's pet beholder, the Master Beholder, was released by Vinny. They were driven to near extinction by the eye slayers, and Aroura and Breen Lightfoot slew the last one in all of Omnia/Caelum during their time travelling.



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