



MINISTRY OF SPACE
D R I B I A N D O M A I N S

Coda 5D: Dribian Victory

20 Years Later

Location:

Conference Room C-1; Ministry of Space; Onder, Dribia

After a thorough investigation following your arrests, you were ultimately not charged: major political pressure from Dribia made it politically impossible for Emeran charges against you to stick. Indeed, citing the military importance of advances made by Blue Phoenix and other Emerans, and as a result of several embarrassingly public scandals by Emeran political opponents, Emera was quickly made a “voluntary” partner in Dribia’s growing conflict with Tursa. With the support of its Emeran and other allies, Dribia declared war against Tursa, and would make rapid gains against its historic foe.

And it was in the euphoric aftermath of victory, and perhaps somewhat oddly to those with a keen eye towards such matters, Emera became junior partner in a “perpetual” Alliance with Dribia, gaining promises of favored status, such as lower tariffs and other economic subsidies, to Dribia’s Emeran citizens.

Somehow, you have lived through these years relatively unscathed; nearly twenty years since your ill-fated launch, when you were known as Blue Phoenix.

A reporter from *The Sillbury Guardian* has asked to meet you near your assigned offices in Onder. There's no question why the *Guardian* wants a talk with you - it's been all over the news. And the launch you have helped organize will happen soon: Jordan Morris, an Emeran citizen, will land on Bery as part of the Dribian - or, rather, the Allied - space program. All of Emera is ecstatic.

The reporters who have come are smiling and polite. Under the gaze of the cameras and recording devices, the first asks a question.