

SUCCESSION

Mission Introduction

A crisis is unfolding! The King of the planet Megara has died, and no successor has been chosen. The entire world is in political uproar. Many factions now vie for the throne, and unless a new King is chosen soon the planet will break out into civil war.

By tradition, the Oracle of Delphi—one of Megara's most sacred spiritual leaders—is responsible for appointing the new King. Thousands of years ago Megara was chaotic, uncontrolled, and plagued with war as people fought against each other for power. Hoping to save the people from their own greed, the Oracle of Delphi appointed a King for the entire world, and peace was restored. Ever since that time, when one King dies the Oracle of Delphi appoints a new one from among Megara's five Noble Houses.

This tradition has preserved peace on Megara for thousands of years. But this time, things are different. A large group of commoners known as the Plebians are demanding that one of their own be named King. They claim that the current system is a flawed, outdated, and superstitious way to choose a King. The five Noble Houses naturally resist this movement, and tensions are on the rise. It's only a matter of time until the conflict erupts into civil war.

To make matters worse, the current Oracle, a young girl, has not been able to take any action. At the time of the King's death she was receiving training at a monastery on a distant world. When she heard of the King's death she immediately began returning home to Megara, but she never arrived! Her ship's signal was last detected taking a shortcut through the Rogue System—a notorious hideout of the Orion Pirates.

Fearing the worst, the Priests and Priestesses of Delphi have called upon the Infinity Knights—the renowned protectors and peace and justice throughout the universe—to find the missing Oracle and return her safely back to Megara. Only then will she be able to resolve the conflict, appoint a new King, and restore peace.

Your mission is to travel to the Rogue System, locate the missing Oracle, and return her safely back to Megara. The only clue we have is that her vessel had a nuclear reactor powered by Uranium. Your ship's sensors may be able to detect Uranium Isotopes leading you to her.

But that's not all. One of the more militant Houses on Megara—the House of Ares—has dispatched a rescue team of its own. They will also be searching for the Oracle, and if they find her first they will force her to appoint one of their own House to be the new King. You must not allow this to happen! You must reach the Oracle first to ensure that she appoints the new King without interference.

And last but certainly not least, beware of the Orion Pirates! Intelligence about the Rogue System is spotty at best, but according to rumor it is infested with Orion Pirates, and they are notoriously ruthless!