

# Acontecimento

The discovery of Acontecimento is arguably the moment in which PanOceania truly ascended to its role as the Hyperpower. While the rest of humanity squabbled over the resources of the solar system, a new order of interstellar hegemony had emerged and PanOceania – having now discovered and laid claim to the first two habitable exoplanets – reigned supreme.

The name of the planet – which can be loosely translated as “the Great Happening” – signified the importance of the event. And the planet itself is a fountain of wealth which continues to fuel PanOceania’s dominance in the Human Sphere.

## ***Planetary Statistics***

**LAYOUT:** Include Acontecimento’s symbol

**Distance From Sun:** 0.95 AU

**Orbital Revolution:** 299 days

**Rotation:** 24.5 hours

**Diameter:** 1.14 R $\oplus$

**Surface Gravity:** 0.9g

**Type of Government:** Lobby Democracy

**Head of Government:** Prime Minister

**Capital:** Cidade BomJesus

**Population of Planet:** 3.9 billion

**Off-Planet System Population:** 0.3 billion

**Primary Languages:** Portugese, Hindi, Punjabi, Spanish

**Anthem:** *Os Gloriosos Pilares do Céu* (The Glorious Pillars of the Sky)

**Principle Industries:** Agriculture, Mining, Zero-G Construction

## ***Climate and Geography***

Larger in diameter than Earth, Acontecimento is nevertheless lower in density. The combination results in a slightly lower surface gravity, which is responsible for the proverbial “Acontecimento step” (synonymous with light-heartedness and relaxation).

Looking out over the vast grass-prairies and gently-swelling hills that fill the planet, it can be hard to believe that these vistas only exist because the surface of Acontecimento is so horrifically fractured. Even the larger “continents” of Aryavarta, Camões, and BomJesus are, in fact, made up from hundreds of tectonic plates. However, possibly due to their (relatively) low mass, these plates primarily form transform boundaries (they grind *past* each other). The result is a patchwork of low, sweeping areas divided by hills, but with very few mountains. And frequent earthquakes.

The multitude of tectonic plates also means that the islands of the planet's famous archipelagos often have incredibly deep ocean rifts between them. In Magalhães, however, they have the opposite effect: Here a half dozen continental plates are all pounding directly into each other, creating a tangled jumble of mountains in an orogenic orgy capped by Almofrei Mountain, a giant shield volcano which thrusts up from the geological confusion to dizzying heights.

The climate of the planet is surprisingly mild. The southern hemisphere enjoys a full seasonal cycle, but the northern hemisphere stays warm year round and rarely sees snow. The northernmost archipelagos see either blisteringly hot (in the case of Sahibzadas) or swelteringly moist (in Faleiro) summers, but most of Acontecimento exists in a perpetually temperate growing season.

### **Flora & Fauna**

When the first colonists arrived on Acontecimento they naturally turned to local materials for their early construction projects. They harvested wood from the majestic, old-growth forests of the planet... and were deeply confused when their houses fell apart.

It turned out that Acontecimento grasses had evolved to rapidly break down the lignins in wood. This had given them an indomitable edge in the biological arms race, allowing them to proliferate across most of the planet's surface. And where the grasses went, their rapid lifecycle left behind incredibly fertile soil.

The deep oceans of Acontecimento are filled with prodigious megafauna (and the deeper you go, the larger they seem to get). On the surface, however, smaller creatures dominate, most of them similar to Earth's insects.

Small size, however, does not guarantee harmonious coexistence. For example, the infamous caskudas are similar to cockroaches, but much worse. They're big, can fly, have a very resistant shell, reproduce at seemingly impossible rates, are immune to almost any legal insecticide, and enjoy crawling into beds and clothing. They are absolutely hateful, foul, and disgusting nightmares.

### **Forest Reserves**

A million years ago, it's likely that the entire surface of Acontecimento was covered by huge forests of seemingly eternal trees. Then the grasses came and claimed the land. The only places where the trees survive are the old-growth forests with thick canopies which keep the land below in perpetual shade. Anywhere the grasses can get a foothold however (in the wake of a forest fire, for example), they rush in and eat away at the surrounding trees like an incorrigible cancer.

When the early settlers on Acontecimento realized the incredibly precarious balance of the planet's forests, they quickly stopped harvesting the wood and established forest reserves to protect the endangered ecosystem.

## Economy

Aconteccans take great pride in being the *aparato* of PanOceania. (A particularly popular knick-knack design depicts an Acontecimento globe that's stylized to look like a TAG engine.) Year-round farming allows them to serve as a massive food reserve for the hyperpower, raw mineral wealth flows out of the mines of Magalhães, and extensive nanoassembler facilities churn out manufactured goods.

Every day, hundreds of millions of tons of industrial and consumer goods circulate through the planetary networks of Acontecimento, flow up the manifold orbital elevators, through the astroports, and out into the distant reaches of the Sphere. In return, the wealth of PanOceania flows back to Acontecimento, creating a middle class paradise.

Over the last three decades, following the Canto Initiative first proposed by Prime Minister Vitor Canto, Acontecimento has been reinvesting its industrial profits into other sectors of the economy. A boom in tourism has followed, and the rest of the Sphere's perception of the planet is slowly shifting from that of endless farmlands to a place of exotic opportunities.

## Demographics & Culture

The first settlement waves destined for Acontecimento came from Brazil, India, and Chile. The two farthest ends of the sprawling PanOceanian alliance were thus thrust together, side by side, on a new world. Some predicted disaster, but the truth is that, for the most part, the result has been a unique and vibrant cultural gestalt.

Numerous traditions of a purely local character have also sprung up. For example, there's the 300<sup>th</sup> Festival, the planet-wide *carnaval* celebrated once per decade on the 300<sup>th</sup> day of the Aconteccan calendar's leap year. Similarly, due to a planetary rotation only slightly longer than Earth's, the locals have kept the standard twenty-four clock, electing only to add "free midnight" – an extra half hour every night characterized by everything from studious meditation to liberalization of social mores, depending on your cultural predilections. (Tourists just enjoy getting a little extra sleep "off the clock" each night.)

Aconteccan architecture is of plastic and metal, a legacy of the early colonists not being able to use wood. (Wood on Acontecimento, protected through bio-resistant sealants, either signifies a very old building dating back to the earliest colonial days, or the great wealth necessary to import it.) The cities, in general, are not as shiny as their Neoterran counterparts, but they reflect the remarkable equality of wealth on the planet with the universal and virtually unmatched prosperity found throughout them. (Although even there this is somewhat tarnished by the small circle of Atek slums which surround many of them.)

## ARYAVARTA

Named after the ancient kingdom which once ruled over Pakistan, northern India, and parts of Bengal on Earth, Aryavarta was the primary destination for the colonial mass transports from India. Originally, the colonies on the continent reflected the ancient divides between the Hindu and Sikh faiths, but those distinctions collapsed in the wake of the catastrophes which struck the Adarsana region, sending Hindu refugees fleeing into the Sikh-dominated Khalsa region.

## Adarsana

There are many who believe Adarsana to be a cursed land and “Ardasanan luck” is proverbial throughout PanOceania for the ill-fortuned.

First, there was the discovery that the grasses in Adarsana are uniquely hostile to terrestrial biomes. The interactions between Adarsanan grasses and the Earth-born crops effectively poisoned the soil for both species. Vast desertification was the result, creating dust storms that swept out into the Bandeirantes Ocean for years.

Second, a massive earthquake wiped out the neophyte city of Punta Al Sur, causing the partially constructed base of the Al Sur orbital elevator to collapse. Aftershocks and additional earthquakes, more frequent here than elsewhere on the already quake-prone planet, wiped out smaller cities up and down the coast.

The Adarsana region was effectively abandoned, its colonists largely evacuated to other settlements around the globe. A few ecological scientists worked to contain the borders of the new Adarsana Desert, but otherwise the region lay fallow.

Recently, however, there is renewed activity in the form of the Demeter Empresa, an effort by ALEPH to bring fully automated farming to Acontecimento.

ALEPH has previously experimented with smaller automated farms scattered around the planet, but its efforts to expand those concerns are largely stymied by the entrenched interests of the clan farms and CFZ corporations. In the blighted wastes of Adarsana, however, only fringe ecoterrorist groups could possibly object to the AI seeking to breathe fresh life into the land.

### ***Continental Farming Zones***

While there are still a number of clan farms on Acontecimento dating back to the earliest days of colonization, the majority of farming on the planet happens at an almost incomprehensible scale in the continental farming zones. These far-flung oceans of grain, fruit, and cattle constitute almost the entirety of Khalsa, eastern Camões, the Orujo-La Guardia corridor, the area around Zacuto, and, most recently, the Vishwa Archipelago (which has just undergone its third expansion phase).

Ironically, the high-tech process of farming and herding in the CFZs is an intensely urban process: Remote units stationed in the zones are monitored and controlled by workers in the city centers.

One might also think of farming as a sedate profession, but on Acontecimento it frequently proves to be anything but. Radical Camôen farmers keep trying to violate the Selva Preta Reserve so that the grasses will open up fresh farmland, ecoterrorists bomb targets in Bharata and Cidade BomJesus to protest the gradual expansion of the Vishwa Farming Zone, and there are constant claim skirmishes among clan farmers in Orujo and La Guardia where their zones have become conjoined. Meanwhile, the entire system may be on the edge of revolutionary collapse if ALEPH's experiments in Adarsana bear fruit.

## **Khalsa**

In a region named for the five beloved-ones who stand at the pinnacle of Sikhism, cities named for Sikh poets and gurus are now home to a true melding of Sikh and Hindi cultural traditions. Their communities are thoroughly intermixed (a legacy from the days of *khulā daravāzā*, the “open door” which saw Sikh households open their homes to Adarsana refugees), and although their religious beliefs remain distinct, their cuisines, holidays, dances, and even language (in the form of Khalsan creole) are forming a rich and exciting melting pot.

Khalsa was also the test bed for the first continental farm zone on Acontecimento. Over the course of five expansion phases, the Khalsa CFZ has grown to include virtually the entire region.

## **Bhai Gurdas**

The largest city in Khalsa, Bhai Gurdas sprawls out in chaotic tendrils that claw their way through twisting hills. Large portions of the city were built rapidly nearly a century ago to help absorb the impact of Adarsana refugees. Unfortunately, a lot of that infrastructure is beginning to fail and the regional government is struggling to find ways to repair it.

**Gatka Schools:** Bhai Gurdas' *akhara* – training halls for the traditional martial arts of northern India reputedly created by the god Shiva – became the epicenter of the Sikh-Hindi cultural collision. Displaced youth were left roaming the streets of the city, and the *akhara* – in the spirit of *khulā daravāzā* – opened their doors to them, creating a social bridge between Sikh and Hindi youth.

## **Gatka TAG Fighting**

Given the prevalence of gatka fighting throughout the Khalsa region, it was perhaps unsurprising when two CFZ operators decided to fight a match with their harvesting remotes. The popularity of these illegal *khēta* matches rapidly grew, eventually resulting in some *akharas* purchasing dedicating fighting remotes. Recently, the fledgling sport has received another upgrade with military TAG matches being scheduled for increasingly significant Maya audiences.

## **Bhai Murdana**

The coastal city of Bhai Murdana is famous for the scent of its saptasarni trees. The eternally temperate climate of Acontecimento wreaks havoc with the biological clocks of the saptasarni, causing the trees to almost continuously blossom throughout the city. Come dusk, the heady lime-like scent of the white blossom bulbs fills Bhai Murdana's streets.

## **Plaska Prasravana**

Plaska Prasravana is a new resort town built around arguably the most impressive geyser field in the Human Sphere. The volatile tectonic activity in the region means that at least one section of the field, which forms the uncusomary headwaters of the Sarasvab River, is almost always erupting. However, an irregular Quiescence is known to occur, during which the geysers die down and countless small springs suddenly burble to life.

The owners of at least some of the resorts have been receiving threats from ecoterrorist groups upset that the Prasravana geysers are being threatened by the tourist activity. Recent plans to build an overlook resort at the majestic Prasravana Falls have only increased tensions.

## **San Fernando de Dagopan**

Established by Filipino and Malayan immigrants, San Fernando de Dagopan is culturally isolated from the rest of the Khalsa region. It's also an enclave of strongly traditional clan farmers holding out against the CFZ expansions.

## **Great Arboreal Reserve**

The Great Arboreal Reserve is the largest nature preserve in the Human Sphere. Ancient Acontecimento low-growth jungle is uniquely preserved in the northern and central reaches of the reserve by an outer-ring of canopy-blocking trees.

**Forest Rangers Service:** Members of the Forest Rangers Service are charged with protecting, monitoring, and studying the forest reserves across Acontecimento. The Great Arboreal Rangers are the most talented and dedicated members of the service, often journeying to the center of the continent-sized reserve and essentially living within the forest for months or even years at a time.

**Escape and Survival Tactics Training Center:** At a classified location somewhere deep within the Great Arboreal Reserve, the PanOceanian Military Complex maintains an instruction facility designed to prepare troops for the brutal jungles of Paradiso. It includes TAG facilities and is also used by ALEPH to train Special Situations Section operatives.

## **Peshawit**

A stunningly beautiful community nestled onto the coastal edge of the Great Arboreal Reserve. The recent surge in pensioners retiring to Peshawit from across

PanOceania has created controversy. Environmentalists are concerned about the impact expanding the city will have on the integrity of the forest's shield wall.

## **Vanga**

The Vanga region, made up of a multitude of unstable tectonic plates slowly drifting apart, is a crazed mishmash of freshwater rivers and narrow saltwater rift canals. The resulting tangle of swamplands is shocked with broken biomes in a state of constant, violent competition with each other. Navigation through the interior of the region is made particularly difficult by the thick, seemingly endless tumbles of Vangan swamp bramble. (The bramble cascades appear to be the result of trees which have countered the Acontecimento grasses by evolving an alternative organic polymer that lacks the rigidity of lignin.)

## **Bhai Khalla**

The small city of Bhai Khalla is home to the newest orbital elevator on Acontecimento. There has been some difficulty getting the supporting transportation infrastructure up and running, but the number of ferries crossing from Khalsa increases daily.

## **Galvão**

Galvão was the first native-born Brazilian saint, reputedly capable of telepathy, premonition, levitation, and being in two places at the same time. It seems appropriate, therefore, that it is one of the few places off Concilium that Bureau Toth allows ALEPH to station its Special Situations Section operatives. SSS Nagas from Galvão train in the Vanga swamps and the jungles of the Great Arboreal Reserve in preparation for deployment on Paradiso.

Galvão's economy is based around the 50 kilometre cargo railgun which is used to shoot bulk cargo (mostly raw material from the Magalhães mines) into orbit.

## **BOMJESUS**

BomJesus is the crossroads of Acontecimento and, as its name (which means literally "Good Jesus" in Portuguese) suggests, one of the greatest population centers for the Christian Church in the Human Sphere.

## **Cidade BomJesus**

Cidade BomJesus is the capital and administrative center of Acontecimento. Built in an area of relative geologic stability, the city is one of the only places on the planet which can enjoy the luxury of a skyscraper. The city center is, in fact filled with them. But towering above even those glittering skyscrapers, the skyline is marked by the startling, obtuse angle of the orbital arch skewing into the crystal blue skies above.

The great sprawl of bronze-edged domes around the city center are filled with a number of nanofactories, fueling the powerful consumer industry that drives the city's robust economy.

### ***The Orbital Arch***

Forty years ago, environmental activists shut down plans for a proposed orbital elevator along the equator between Cidade BomJesus and Tiradentes. This elevator would have substantially improved the orbital export of goods from the eastern half of the continent and removed pressure from a transportation system already taxed by the growing success of the La Guardia-Orujo CFZ.

Rather than abandon this essential infrastructure, the planetary parliament instead approved the radical measure of building an orbital arch: A single tether, looped through the Elcano Station in orbit, connecting Cidade BomJesus and Tiradentes.

### **Orujo**

The motto of Orujo is, "A port of all kinds." Goods enter the city through Orujo Naval Port, the three Triangle Airports (built apart from each other in order to lessen air traffic control conflicts), and along the La Guardia-Orujo train line. Then they flow up the Ipanema Orbital Elevator, which is exclusively used for industrial sector shipments, or fly out of the Asturias Astroport (for goods that can't wait for the slow elevator ascent).

Orujo is also home to the headquarters of the Compass Transportation hypercorp, the largest shipping and courier company in the Human Sphere. Of more local interest is 'Teci Liquors, which brews a wide variety of spirits but is best known for the *augardente* (firewater) they manage to concoct from certain strains of Acontecimento grasses.

Orujo Minor is, technically, a separate community consisting of several dozen large factory complexes clustered around the south side of the Ipanema elevator. Most of these factories, subject to their own law, service the booming space industry.

### **Puerto La Guardia**

Puerto La Guardia hosts Acontecimento's main orbital elevator, dedicated to passengers, food products, and varied merchandise transport. The city is ringed by a huge Atek slum, largely made up from the descendants of displaced Adarsanans.

### **Tiradentes**

Until recently, Tiradentes was a relatively minor settlement mainly known for being the planetary headquarters of the Acontecimento Military Police. Now it's enjoying a prolonged economy boom, receiving the wealth of Vishwa's expanding CFZ through its ports on the one hand and the benefits of hosting the orbital arch on the other.



## **Zacuto**

Zacuto is where the first colonial ships landed on Acontecimento. Named for the Portugese Royal Astronomer Abraham Zacuto, a Jew who fled from Spain when the Jews were expelled and later created astronomical charts that helped unlock the Age of Discovery, Zacuto is a sleepy, conservative town that serves as the hub of the Zacuto Continental Farming Zone.

## **CAMÕES**

Camões can be roughly divided into two halves: The western side of the archipelago is the second largest forest reserve on the planet. The eastern side is one of the most successful continental farming zones.

Camões is named after the greatest poet of the Portugese language, Luís Vaz de Camões, who is most famous for his *Os Lusíadas*, a fantastical interpretation of the Portugese voyagers of discovery in the 15th and 16th centuries. The locals take great pride in this tradition: Many children in the area are named after characters from the poem, the local Maya-sphere is filled with contests of poetry and literature, and there is even a week-long holographic theatrical festival on an island in the Rondon Sea which re-enacts the entirety of the *Os Lusíadas*.

## **Punta Norte**

The architecture in the small city of Punta Norte is largely unique on Acontecimento by virtue of being almost entirely of stone drawn from the multitude of local quarries. The rare, multihued stones of Punta Norte are cherished throughout the Human Sphere as a luxury building supply.

**Punta Norte Defense Research Centre:** A top secret facility which developed weapons during the Neocolonial Wars, but which is now primarily dedicated to developing infowar tech. Its security systems are managed by a sophisticated slave AI.

## **Selva Preta**

Selva Preta is an idyllic settlement in the heart of the Selva Preta Reserve (from which the city takes its name). The homes and businesses here are carefully integrated into the forest itself, creating startling beauty beneath and between the towering boughs. Recently there has been a great deal of culture clash between the research scientists who founded the city and the retirement communities that are selling the beautiful scenery.

## **Sierpes Island**

The entirety of Sierpes Island was granted by the PanOceanian government to the Christian Church to serve as their planetary see on Acontecimento. The actual population of the island today is actually quite diverse, representing a number of

different faiths, but everyone living on the island is technically renting their property from the Church itself.

**San Juan de Sierpes:** The center of religious faith on Acontecimento. The Archbishop's Palace, built from orange and gold Punta Norte stone, towers several stories over the rest of the town. (The Palace itself, called by some Silveira's Folly, was badly damaged by a quake ten years ago. Repairs are still ongoing.)

**Monastery of Saint Paul of Sierpes:** The entire northern half of Sierpes Island was granted to the Order of Montesa upon its founding. The Monastery of Saint Paul of Sierpes has expanded into a fortress of cutting edge military technology, servicing the Order's TAGs.

## MAGALHÃES

The titanic peak of Almoire Mountain, thrusting its way almost out of the atmosphere, immediately arrests the eye as one approaches Acontecimento's orbit. The first surveyors were no exception, and they named the continent it topped in honor of the great explorer Fernão de Magalhães (Ferdinand Magellan).

Magalhães is blessed with immense and varied mineral wealth. Over the past century, it has become infested with mines feeding the great commercial engines of the hyperpower.

### Portobelo

Portobelo was the first major port on the continent, but its economy faltered when superior facilities were built at Riomeio. It has reinvented itself, however, as a mecca of interplanetary tourism: A perfect climate. Beautiful *garotas*. Snow white beaches. Hot springs. Regional ski resorts. Portobelo brands itself as the ultimate destination for both luxury and relaxation.

### Riomeio

More than a thousand cargo barges are floated down the artificially widened Zebro River each day, trans-loaded at the Port of Riomeio, and then shipped to Puerto La Guardia, Tiradentes, and Galvão where their loads will either be transformed by BomJesus industry or hurled into space for PanOceanian consumption.

## VISHWA

The proverbial "thousand isles" of Vishwa is home to a wide variety of iconoclastic communities. This has created a significant culture shock in the fifteen years since the planetary government designated the archipelago as the site of the newest continental farming zone.

The isolated nature of the islands has created (and preserved) a number of unique biomes, although human interference puts many of these biomes at risk.

### **Bharata**

Bharata is the seat of the Vishwa regional government, and easily the largest city in the archipelago (although it pales in comparison to the metropoli of BomJesus).

Bharatavarsha Island as a whole is best known for its saber-toothed bears. These alpha predators, an atavistic remnant of a previous evolutionary era on Acontecimento, are slightly smaller than the bears of Earth for which they're named, but possess paired sets of vicious tusks to either side of their face.

### **Dushyanta**

The recent third expansion of the Vishwa CFZ has pushed it onto the island of Dushyanta. This is more than a simple expansion, however. In addition claiming cropland on Dushyanta, the CFZ is also experimenting with radically expanding the island's aquafarming using automated CFZ techniques. Critics claim that the techniques are disruptive to native biomes, but the project is enjoying high yields and high quality. The price of its exotic stocks are plummeting across the planet.

### **Shakuntala**

Despite its size, the island of Shakuntala has no proper system of roads. (Individual communities have them, of course, but the grids aren't connected.) Transport between settlements here requires aeropters or cross-country vehicles.

The Apsara Aquatic Research Center in Shakuntala is testing the viability of using specially modified aquatic lhosts (which they are also calling Apsaras after the female water spirits of Hindu mythology) to explore the depths of the Bandeirantes Ocean.

## **MINOR ARCHIPELAGOS**

### **Faleiro**

Most of the major islands of the Faleiro have been turned into gaming preserves. Cloning facilities using fast-growth techniques keep the islands constantly stocked with species from Earth and tourists pay large fees to come here and hunt them down. The Faleiro Gaming Authority is exploring the viability of extending their programs to include non-terrestrial animals from across the Human Sphere, possibly beginning with Vishwan saber-toothed bears.

### **Sahibzadas**

The Sahibzadas is perhaps known for being home to the Golden Temple of Acontecimento. When the era of interplanetary colonization began, the Sikh decided to carry their faith to the stars by building replicas of the Harmandir

Sahib, their holiest temple, on each of the planets they settled. The startlingly beautiful temple here on Acontecimento, in keeping with Sikh beliefs, is open to those of all faiths and has become a major tourist attraction.

### **Terra de Gelo**

Literally the “Land of Ice”, Terra de Gelo is formed from an overlapping quilt of ice shelves overlaying a frozen archipelago. The area can be incredibly treacherous during the summer months because the melt patterns in the channels (which the local researchers refer to as the *invisível*) are irregular and unpredictable.

### **Vasco de Gama**

The de Gama settlers have deliberately eschewed an urban lifestyle, opting instead to spread out through large estates and small villages. Techno-hermits take the lifestyle even further, choosing to live in complete physical isolation (while still being intimately and expansively linked to human civilization through Maya).

The largest island in the archipelago was deliberately subjected to a controlled burn during the early days of the colony. The native Aconteccan biome was completely seared away and has been replaced with fauna and flora native to Earth.

## **ACONTECIMENTO SYSTEM**

The Acontecimento system is a strange one, often made all the more confusing for newcomers because the Planetary Naming Commission collapsed due to an arcane political impasse (leaving all the planets of the system merely numbered). Due to the odd orbits of the system’s few planets, astrophysicists hypothesize that some catastrophic disruption may have afflicted the system at some point in its distant past.

### **Orbitals**

The skies above Acontecimento are filled with astroports, shipyards, and zero-g construction facilities. Most of PanOceania’s navy was built here and the bulk of its low gravity Teseum foundries are also found here.

These orbital expanses are studded by the elevators which link them to the world below. The upper stations of the Orujo, Puerto La Guardia, and Bhai Khalla elevators are named Victoria, Trinidad, and Concepción (after three of Magellan’s ships). The orbital arch between Cidade BomJesus and Tiradentes passes through Elcano Station (named after the man who completed the first circumnavigation of the Earth after Magellan’s death).

## Other Stations

**Orbital Fortresses:** The Order of Santiago, charged with defending both the inner and outer border of Acontecimento, has a number of small orbital fortresses spread throughout the system (including one in orbit around each of the system's planets).

**Gas Mining Platforms:** Acontecimento-3 is used as a major source of cheap hydrogen and other gases. The Nomads also maintain an Orbital Commercial Delegation around the planet.

**Lusiads:** The Lusiads, named after the Sons of Lusus from Camões' *Os Lusíadas*, are PanOceania's outer orbitals in the system, primarily stationed to guard the wormholes.

### ***Acontecimento System***

#### **STAR**

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#### **PLANETS**

**Acontecimento-1 (0.20 AU):** Gas Giant – Hot Jovian (exotic “hot ice” surface)

**Acontecimento-4 (0.8 AU):** Mesoplanet (rapid eccentric orbit; planet was beyond Acontecimento-3 when the system was discovered, but is now inside Acontecimento's orbit)

**Acontecimento (0.95 AU)**

**Acontecimento-3 (7 AU):** Gas Giant – Class I (Ammonia Clouds)

**Acontecimento-5 (14 AU):** Ice Giant

#### **CIRCULAR ROUTES**

C2 to Earth/Varuna

C5 to Neoterra/Shentang-Yutang

C6 to Bourak/Varuna

C7 to Shentang-Yutang/Varuna