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repeat the tragedy
of Earth.*

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CHAOS IN GAIAN COUNCIL

The Gaian Council was shocked by the sudden resignation of its Chair Lord Obsrian. His terse statement, read by a morose Vice Chair Hydros, cited 'personal reasons' for his abrupt departure. Available sources within the Gaian Council report that the meeting immediately descended into disorder as Council members expressed their dismay and profound regret at the departure of its universally esteemed leader.

Lord Obsrian was appointed by Lady Deirdre Skye to be the Chair of the Gaian Council shortly after the Unity disaster. His leadership in the early years of the Gaian Republic was instrumental formulating the emerging Gaian leadership by identifying new Council members, and inspiring those already present on the Council. Many remaining Council members cite his unflagging enthusiasm for invigorating the Gaian people at a time when the trials of starting a people on a hostile alien world were all but overwhelming, and for his personal efforts with individual Council members and citizens that inspired them to contribute their strengths and learn from others to amend their weaknesses.

The normally reclusive Lady Deirdre Skye appeared in Council shortly after the announcement. She personally asked the remaining Council members to take Lord Obsrian as an example of all that is best in the Gaian people, and try to live up to his standard. She stated that she had spoken to Lord Obsrian and that his decision, while not irreversible, was effective immediately. Lady Skye did convince him to stay on during the transition to assist the new temporary Chair of the Council Lord Hydros in his efforts to reformulate the Council, and hold it in safe keeping until such time as Lord Obsrian elects to return or a new Chair is selected by Lady Skye.

The remainder of the Council meeting was officiated by Lady Skye. Current Council members gave spontaneous testimonials of the ways Lord Obsrian had helped and guided them, and how they had been inspired by his example. The news of Lord Obsrian's departure spread quickly in the small Gaian community, and soon citizens ventured into the Council chamber to offer their remembrances. Ms. Hong Hu, in particular, offered a moving tale of how Lord Obsrian interceded on her family's behalf to ensure her small child had a pressure tent shortly after landing. She found out much later that he had given up his own place and had slept outside in those early and trying days. He had never asked for so much as a 'thank you', she said as she fought back tears. More citizens followed, and the modest Council chamber was quiet as one person after another offered the now departed Lord Obsrian their profound thanks, and good wishes. True to form, Lady Skye, who insisted on being called Dee by all in attendance, offered a touch of sympathy or a hug in condolence to those she sensed needed it. Few turned down her heart-felt gesture.

After six hours Lady Skye called an end to the Council meeting. Council members and citizens broke up into small groups to continue their reminiscence. Others speculated on the real reasons for Lord Obsrian's departure. He was well liked and admired by all on the Council, and had the explicit trust of Lady Deirdre Skye herself.

The true reason for his resignation is an enigma.