

## **JOSHUA'S PASSION**

Joshua Klopfer was a Stavrosian engineer. He was schooled in the Stavrosian science by his father Adam along with other elders in his home village. As a young man, Joshua was sent to school in London and then finished school in New York. His degree was in aeronautics. With the help of other Stavrosians, he was able to get a job on a NASA project center in 1979 with Marshall Space Flight Center's design team. He had to interface with Goddard space flight center as they had overall control of the mission.

His applied engineering helped on the Hubble scope when he found that the scope had to have a constant 15-degree heat to stable it in orbit. That, in itself, was a great contribution to the program. Joshua stayed with the project until he had a disagreement about mission goals. It was becoming a hardship on the team. Joshua's project manager, Mr. Welch, was getting concerned over Joshua's motives about the project.

Welch had noticed that Joshua was taking notes home every night. He feared that Joshua maybe was using them for something nefarious. Joshua was in constant contact with his father. It was their plan to use this technology to one day craft a new type of scope that would go further into deep space, send images back, and maybe getting a glimpse of the plant Stavros.

Joshua and Adam Klopfer had arranged for information to be sent and stored by the S.G.L. in hopes that it may one day be used to find and make contact with the home world of Stavros. Welch told his supervisor of his concerns. A three-man team was sent to watch Joshua. Once he was aware he was being watched, Joshua went into hiding.

Welch reported that Joshua had not returned to work. Joshua was not answering his phone. A visit to his house found no one home. A few men were assigned as a security search team and were sent to find Joshua. By then Joshua made his way to Pittsburgh, P.A. and he met with one of the Stavrosian Guard just outside of town in Monroeville. Joshua was taken to Queens, New York and held in a safe house for six months until the S.G. could secure a flight out of LaGuardia Airport.

Welch's team came close to finding Joshua once at the hospital in Elmhurst where he was treated for exhaustion. The team came to the hospital one day after Joshua had left the country. Adam met Joshua at the Skopje international airport. The two men stayed with a Stavrosian family for three months before going home to Greece.

When Joshua arrived at his boyhood village, he was tired and sickly looking. He moved into his father's house for rest. Joshua never went back to NASA. He spent the next ten years trying to find a way to engineer his own deep space scope.

His father said of him that, Joshua was driven with a passion to contact the planet Stavros. It was no longer a mission of science-based research. Joshua had become obsessed with the idea of making contact. His fever pitched style of work eventually drove him mad. He was hospitalized with schizophrenia. Joshua lived for nine more years before he died. He suffered mental illness and lung cancer. He was an amazing engineer. It was just too hard to hang on to his own reality.

He may have lost his place in history. He will serve as the example of ambition turned obsession. Passion for any project is well-founded. Obsession is the path to madness. He wanted it so much that it took over. Many Stavrosians have worked for NASA. There are some on site today. No one knows who they are. They can work in peace.

For as long as man reaches for the cosmos, there will be a Stavrosian trying to help them get there.

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