

# B.1 Artefact



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Difficulty: Hard

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Being an intergalactic detective isn't all that it's cracked up to be. For a start, there's no fresh coffee when you are travelling, light years from home, aboard your spacecraft. Then there's the tedium of watching re-runs of "I Love Lucy" that you keep intercepting as you break the lightspeed barrier, not to mention sitting through endless replays of the Ashes, when everyone knows perfectly well England will never win. But every once in a while, you take on a case so intriguing it makes the parsecs just fly by.

The curator of Mars University Museum sought your help concerning an unusual artwork, and transmitted to you some holograms of a large gold cross. Despite the ornate base and intricate inlaid lettering, its overall geometry is rather angular and bland. "This object was found floating in space. We don't know much about it. Its style cannot be matched to anything in the rest of our collection. We've tried to determine who owned it but without success."

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