

**Emmanuel's Sides:**

**The General and Emmanuel:**

INT. DULCE UNDERGROUND BASE - LABORATORY

SUPER: "Underground military base, Dulce, New Mexico"

General Karydis stands looking over the middle of a very large, humanoid TORSO. We do not see the full creature, but the pale-green, muscular arm closest to us has a BRAIDED METAL BAND wrapped around its upper biceps.

EMMANUEL (O.S.)  
You wanted to see me General?

The general turns to see his guest.

GENERAL KARYDIS  
Yes Emmanuel I did. Please come.

Pointing toward us, the general draws Emmanuel's attention to something just above our heads.

GENERAL KARYDIS (CONT'D)  
Do you know what that is?

Emmanuel strokes his hand across the braided band on the giant creature's upper arm before answering. After a moment, he looks up at the object the general was pointing at.

EMMANUEL  
Of course. The Pleiades.

A LARGE VIDEO SCREEN hanging on the far wall depicts a CHART showing the cluster of seven bright stars.

GENERAL KARYDIS (O.S.)  
What can you tell me about them?

Emmanuel cocks his head slightly as he answers in an almost robotic-like fashion.

EMMANUEL  
To the scientist, Messier object forty-five is an open star cluster located in the constellation of Taurus. They're also known as the seven sisters. Africans called them the seven goddesses. The Japanese refer to them as Subaru. In China, they are the seven maidens.

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EMMANUEL (CONT'D)

They are the seven beneficent  
spirits of the Hindu Vedas. Greek  
temples and Egyptian pyramids  
were aligned to them...

GENERAL KARYDIS

Ah! But do you know why?

EMMANUEL

Because... they are very  
powerful.

GENERAL KARYDIS

Yes!

(studying the young man)  
Now the question is, are you able  
to bind their influence?

Emmanuel looks at the BANDS wrapped around the giant's arms.  
After a long moment, he looks at the general.

EMMANUEL

(very confidently)  
I am.

Emmanuel reaches into his pocket, then tosses a KLERKSDORP  
SPHERE up in the air. As it lands in the general's hand, the  
young man turns and exits. His parting words echo off the  
walls of the hallway.

EMMANUEL (CONT'D)

But will you be prepared when  
Iapetus turns?

The general watches Emmanuel leave, turns one more time to  
look at the Pleiades chart.