

# Robots of Dawn™

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Dear Jesse and Ben,

I'm off to Aurora in search of Dr. Fastolfe's murderer. I am sorry I didn't get a chance to hug you goodbye. But, you know how these matters are - one never knows from day to day what tomorrow will bring.

I will do my best to solve the case and bring honor to our name, but I expect this to be a strange and extremely difficult adventure.

I will miss you terribly. Watch for news about me on the hyperwave screen. I hope that I will return to you safely and soon.

In haste, your husband and father,

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P.S. One positive note - I'll be seeing my old friend R. Daniel, so at least I will be familiar with someone on Aurora.

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## ELIJAH BAILEY/FASTOLFE CASE

### SUMMARY

Aurora is a fascinating planet to visit and a difficult, circuitous planet on which to conduct a criminal investigation. However, armed with the correct questions, the right amount of patience, and earthly belief in your powers, nothing is impossible.

Speaking in a clear, well-researched manner is highly advisable at all times. Be courteous, use diplomacy and don't forget that our future relationship with intergalactic worlds depends on the outcome of this case.

### GETTING STARTED

To travel to Aurora, turn **ON** the computer and turn **ON** the disk drive. Make sure all cartridges are removed from the computer. Insert the game disk in the drive. Type **LOAD """,B** and press the **RETURN** key. When the program has finished loading, type **RUN** and press the **RETURN** key. An introductory screen will appear and you are ready to begin Robots of Dawn.

### MOVING AROUND

You can move around a suspect's house by typing **N** (north), **E** (east), **S** (south), **W** (west), **NE** (northeast), **SE** (southeast), **NW** (northwest) or **SW** (southwest) to head in a given direction. If you can't go in one direction, try another. You can also go **UP**, **DOWN**, or **OUT**. But be careful not to spend too much time Outside without acclimating yourself.

### THE DAILY NEWS

To stay abreast of the latest news on Aurora, type **USE SCREEN** and a hyperwave screen will give you a summary of the day's happenings. The show changes every hour and a newscast comes on during the first five minutes of every hour. Don't be surprised if information about your visit and the progress of your investigation appears on the news!

### AURORAN VOCABULARY

Aurorans use many of the same words that we use on Earth, but words aren't always as important as people's reactions. Pay close attention to how suspects react to your questioning. You can also ask R. Daneel, after you find him, to recall anything that anyone said while he was present. To do this, type **DANEEL, REPLAY** followed by the question you want replayed. If you get stuck, here are some verbs to get you back into action:

**ENTER, EXAMINE, INVENTORY, LOOK, GET, USE, SHOW**

Here are some examples of commands:

**SHOW DANEEL THE BOOKFILM**  
**WAIT 25 MINUTES**  
**GLADIA, DID YOU HAVE A MOTIVE**  
**READ THE TIME STRIP**  
**HELP**

To aid you in questioning a suspect, pronouns can be used as follows:

**IT** always refers to the last object named in a room.  
**YOU** always refers to the last person you addressed.  
**HE/SHE/HIM/HER** always refers to the last person you asked about.

Examples:

**GLADIA, DID YOU HAVE THE MEANS?**

No, Elijah, I did not.

**DID AMADIRO?**

No, he did not.

**TELL ME ABOUT HIM**

Amadiro is...

**GET THE LIGHT-FORM**

Taken.

**TELL ME ABOUT IT**

The light-form is...

### SAVING A GAME

Should you wish to continue an investigation at a later date, type **SAVE** to save the game to a disk. When you're ready to resume a case, type **RESTORE**.

### CLOSING THE CASE

There are several ways of ending the game. You can die, you can be thrown off the planet, you can quit (by typing **QUIT**) or you can solve the case. To solve the murder, present your evidence to the Chairman—you'll need to demonstrate motive, means and opportunity. Don't waste time worrying about how to find the Chairman... he'll find you, probably long before you are ready to see him. When you have closed one case, try another. Chances are it will be equally as intriguing and possibly even a little different.

**AURIOLUS, Vincent** (2866–2941), first president of the Third Republic of Solaria (2908–2912). An active Humanist, he was Minister of Exploration during the regime of Jean Baptiste Boulanger. He opposed the Loyalist revolution of 2903, and in 2904 escaped to Aurora where he organized the successful counter-revolution of 2908.

**AURORA**, or New Earth, settled by Earthpeople in the early days of interstellar travel. Located 5.7 light years from Earth, Aurora was the first extrasolar planet to be colonized. Originally named New Earth, the planet was renamed Aurora after the Roman goddess of the dawn and is known as the World of the Dawn. The Auroran sun is referred to as "Tau Ceti" and its rays are faintly orange in color. The Auroran day is 10 hours long, one hour contains 100 minutes and one minute contains 100 seconds. Among the Spacer worlds, Aurora is considered a "tame" planet, with generally calm atmospheric conditions. The atmosphere is free of all bacteria and other infection-causing agents. Natural disasters such as rockslides, earthquakes, avalanches and blizzards can occur, but are infrequent. Thunderstorms are more common, bringing strong winds, bright flames streaking across the sky and torrential rains.

The total population of Aurora is 200,000,000 and has remained stable for three centuries. The metropolis of Eos, the largest city on the planet, has a population of 20,000 humans and 100,000 robots. On the planet as a whole, there are approximately 50 robots to every human. Their duties include mining, factory work, servantry and other areas of domestication. Auroran society is peaceful and well-ordered, and social classes are non-existent. Aurora has two major political parties, the Humanists and the Globalists. Humanists believe all planets should participate in space exploration, while Globalists want exploration to be an exclusive right of Aurorans. The planet's governing body is the World Legislature.

Because Aurorans are protected by robots, Aurora has virtually no crime. Robots are governed by the Three Laws of Robotics:

- 1) A robot may not injure a human being or, through inaction, allow a human being to come to harm.
- 2) A robot must obey the orders given it by human beings, except where such orders would conflict with the first law.
- 3) A robot must protect its own existence, as long as such protection does not conflict with the first or second law.

Excerpt from the *Auroran Almanac*:

"the first fruit of interstellar travel,  
the first dawn of an immense new era."

**AURORA**, a dazzling display of lights seen at night near the Earth's geomagnetic poles. The *aurora borealis*, or northern lights, can be seen in Alaska, Canada, Norway, Sweden and Finland. The *aurora australis*, or southern lights, can be seen in Antarctic regions. Auroras occur when charged particles from the sun, accelerated by the Earth's magnetic field, collide with air molecules in the upper atmosphere. Unusually intense auroras can occur during periods of high solar activity. Similar displays occur on almost all of the colonized Spacer worlds.



**Name:** *R. Daneel Olivaw*

**Occupation:** *A humaniform positronic robot created by Dr. Fastolfe. The only humaniform robot on any world. Regarded as a triumph throughout the field of robotics. R. Daneel has worked with you on past investigations.*

**Physical description:** *Humane face, voice and gestures. Faultlessly human in appearance. Vast and extremely quick memory.*

**Personality traits:** *Dependable, loyal, truth-seeking. Able to express superficial emotion.*

**Political profile:** *N/A*

**Miscellaneous:** *A friend of yours. Bound to the Three Laws of Robotics, but could he be re-programmed by the Globalists?*

*Partner or  
no partner  
he's still under  
suspicion*



**Name:** Gladia Solaria

**Occupation:** Artist and designer of robot clothing.

**Physical description:** Facial features surprisingly similar to those of Dr. Vasilias, but softer. Rumored to be approximately 35 years of age.

**Personality traits:** Open and responsible, but occasionally short-tempered.

**Political profile:** Considered a proponent of "open door" space exploration, although she doesn't actively campaign.

**Miscellaneous:** Gladia was a close friend of Dr. Fastolfe, a surrogate daughter. His murder is the second time she has experienced personal tragedy. Gladia was accused of the murder of her husband. You cleared her of that charge. Your relationship as friends was dramatized in the recent hyperwave drama.

Be careful here,  
Baley, learn to  
trust her only  
after the facts...  
↑



**Name:** *Dr. Vasilia Aliena*

**Occupation:** *Noted roboticist*

**Physical description:** *Hair always in tight, blonde curls. Tough exterior, considered quite beautiful by most Aurorans.*

**Personality traits:** *Vasilia is the biological daughter of Dr. Fastolfe, but they were never very close. She does not speak kindly of him. Vasilia is analytically brilliant, a person of immense talent, but her acquaintances view her as vengeful and morose.*

**Political profile:** *A Globalist and believer in "Enlightened Self-Interest." A member of the R.I.A. (Robotics Institute of Aurora).*

**Miscellaneous:** *Her feelings about her father's death are unclear at this time.*

*Handle her with kid gloves!*



**Name:** Santirix Gremionis

**Occupation:** Hair stylist and clothing designer.

**Physical description:** Age 33–35, fair skin, light hair. Has a moustache.

**Personality traits:** Gremionis is naive, a romanticist prone to possessive jealousies. Most often you will find him friendly, but he is more emotional than most Aurorans and his behavior can be both passionate and explosive.

**Political profile:** Gremionis lives at the Robotics Institute but is apolitical.

**Miscellaneous:** Frequently found in the company of women, Gremionis is a rejected suitor of Gladia.

Who  
or what  
does he really  
want?



**Name:** *Dr. Kelden Amadiro*

**Occupation:** *Master roboticist, founder and director of the Robotics Institute.*

**Physical description:** *Broad, heavyset. Bulbous nose and dark, curly hair. Swarthy complexion.*

**Personality traits:** *Amadiro appears jovial and outgoing. Do not be fooled. Inside, he is cold and autocratic, an individualist who seeks to use the name of Aurora to fulfill personal ambitions.*

**Political profile:** *One of the most ardent Globalists. Driven by the desire to launch humaniform robots into space. Amadiro is anti-Earth, an arch enemy of Fastolfe and other space liberalists.*

**Miscellaneous:** *Our consensus is that Amadiro's intellect was never a match for Fastolfe's brilliance—a fact Amadiro knows all too well, and has had a hard time living with.*

*Remember—  
all he needs was  
Fastolfe's formula  
to*

*design  
robots to settle new  
world's & control  
space  
exploration!*



**Name:** Rutilan Horder, *Mr. Chairman*

**Occupation:** Chairman of the World Legislature

**Physical description:** 331 years of age. Short, thickset, massive chest and shoulders. Has sparse white hair, bushy eyebrows and a deep, decisive voice.

*-always refer to him as Mr. Chairman*

**Personality traits:** As the most powerful man on the planet, the Chairman commands respect. He is objective and fair-minded, willing to listen with interest to the most extraneous of details in a case such as this; however, his patience has a limit.

**Political profile:** Regard him as a humanist—if that is the most well-received philosophy of the moment.

**Miscellaneous:** Once you feel that you have identified the murderer, you will appear before the Chairman to present your case. The final authority in this matter rests with him.

4 July, 22.75



OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

To: Elijah Baley, C-7  
From: Commissioner Wilson Roth

# URGENT

News has just come over the hyperwave relay that Dr. Han Fastolfe has been murdered on the planet Aurora. Although the Department prefers otherwise, you are being assigned to the case—it seems the Aurorans have requested the services of “Earth’s most famous detective”.

Yes, it will be very difficult for you to live up to that oversized reputation of yours, Baley, now that your deeds have been glorified in a hyperwave drama. Your life story is known throughout the planets ... everyone has heard of the great “Lije” Baley. But perhaps the outcome of this case will change their minds. Perhaps you and your reputation will finally be cut down to size.

You see, the Aurorans think Dr. Fastolfe’s murder is unsolvable. That is why they have sent for you. Now the facts. Fastolfe, as you know, was the inventor of the positronic humaniform robot, the most revolutionary design ever to emerge in the field of robotics. The doctor was also an outspoken politician who advocated “open door” space exploration, an unpopular philosophy on Aurora. He earned other enemies with his sympathy for Earth, because anti-Earth sentiment is very strong in the Auroran population.

Fastolfe was a controversial man—a Humanist in the midst of a robot-dominated society. Those who were his friends will staunchly defend him; but be forewarned, many of his colleagues long to get their hands on his formula ... with his secret humaniform equation unveiled, Globalists could send thousands of robots into space to conquer new lands in the name of Aurora.

This assignment is fraught with difficulties, and the fact that you are an alien, an Earther, will make your task all but impossible. You must ask many questions, but there are those who would prefer not to answer. You are instructed to exercise diplomacy at all times. If you do not tread carefully, you will jeopardize the future relationship between our planet and all Spacer worlds.

Finally, your assignment to this case is unofficial. Should you fail, it will be Elijah Baley’s failure, not a failure of the Earth ... and I anticipate that you will fail. You are expected at the spaceport within the hour. I hope you will not disappoint me, Baley.

Signed,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wilson Roth".

Wilson Roth

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## AURORAN ROBOTIST MURDERED

By Perseid Frumple  
UNIVERSE TODAY

EOS—Auroran officials stunned the Spacer worlds today with the announcement that foul play is suspected in the death of noted scientist Dr. Han Fastolfe.

Fastolfe's body was found last night on the grounds of his Auroran estate, and a prepared statement released this morning gave only sketchy details of the circumstances surrounding the scholar's death.

A spokesman for the World Legislature contacted by UNIVERSE TODAY disclosed that an investigation is underway, and a confidential source close to Legislature Chairman Rutlan Horder confirmed reports that famed detective Elijah Baley is being sent to Aurora.

Baley was not available for comment.

Fastolfe, best known for inventing the positronic humanoid robot, or "artificial human", was an outspoken member of the Legislature, Aurora's governing body. A prominent figure in the Hu-

manist party, the scientist-politician was frequently surrounded by controversy as a result of his anti-Globalist views. In a recent speech on the floor of the Legislature, Fastolfe remarked, "It saddens me that the Globalist party is the largest political movement on Aurora, because its leaders so often ignore the best interests of the human race."

Fastolfe's humanoid robots, identical to humans in appearance, are widely-regarded as the century's most significant advance in the field of robotics. During the years since the invention was made public, Fastolfe's work has been shrouded in secrecy. The robotist was 173 years old at the time of his death.

"This news is extremely tragic. Han still had half of his life ahead of him—his work might have led to incredible advances," stated a colleague.

Fastolfe is survived by two daughters, Lumen and Vasilia. Vasilia is a member of the Robotics Institute of Aurora.

## USA—Balanced Budget? Yes!!

Special to  
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WASHINGTON—After almost 2000 years of trying, the United States has presented a balanced budget to the Finance Committee of the Global Senate.

In a ceremony at the White House Space Garden yesterday, President Ron E. Reagan, a distant relative of famous 20th century actor-cowboy-politician Ronald Reagan, presented the budget to Finance Committee chairman Argus Beetlebottom.

"This achievement marks the beginning of a new age of fiscal responsibility. No longer will our country increase its debt to itself. No longer will we have to pass that burden of debt along to our descendents," the President said in a prepared statement read to the White House press corps.

Reagan closed his remarks by saying, "It gives me a profound feeling of satisfaction to complete the work begun by my ancestor. I feel as if he were standing next to me today, reaching across the years to give us this cherished gift of economic stability."

Centuries ago, Reagan's forebear campaigned for reelection with the promise that he would launch a program to balance the federal budget.

## Pan-Galactic Gold for Soccer Team

ATHENS—In the first major upset of this year's Pan-Galactic Games, Team USA won the gold medal in men's space soccer yesterday by defeating the heavily-favored Andorans, 2-1.

Craig Crandall scored the winning goal with his patented upside-down head shot early in the second period, and the

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WILL MEET YOU AT FASTOLFE'S QUARTERS AT SIXTEEN HOURS STOP▶

DO NOT FEAR STOP HAVE TAKEN EVERY EFFORT TO MINIMIZE▶

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*Wilson Roth*

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