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The stars had whispered of worlds to tame as Ava awoke from her dreams. Secrets her home once held now faded into ash and crumbled into ruins. A place of duty she saw too late, its memory a shard of glass, Through which she glimpsed how faith and trust could at last come to pass

The engines hummed their endless song,

As through the void her journey long.

Each day like the last that the purpose now lost,

As hours stretch to years, still she is tossed.



The colonists eagerly followed her claim, Not guessing their lives now just fuel for the flame.



Terra Nova would stand as monument to her sight and daring possess,

An orb to proclaim her genius, cunning and success.

Materials to shape not homes but symbols of beliefs,
That saw her powers as a leader could the world now relieve.



Glorious spires she raised, arches that pierced the sky, A futuristic city of wonders, her vision now nigh complete. Each tower a hymn to progress and the march of time, No thought for the souls who would make this space their home.





Attributes now turned against the hated intruders,

Its anger unleashed in fury and unmeasured.



Each fault now a challenge to conquer and control,

Obstacles to surge past, limits best left to enthralled tales she'd extol.

The planet struck with forces none could now withstand,

Mortality followed each misstep, by each hand.

Names and lives she pledged now lay under suns not Earth,
Their graves monuments to pride gone to dust and dearth.
Hubris claimed its own, punished by truth at last,
that to and fro her recklessness and poor judgment wandered vast.

She stood amid the ruins, crumbled stones and dust.

Memories haunted like ghosts, anguish permanent as must.

Regret filled with sorrow, not for pride now lost, but cherished hopes in ruins, and at too dear a cost.



