

Structure of Utopia

After a year of basic training, things changed for Carter and the recruits. They were no longer beginners and learned advanced things. This included an introduction to the social structure of Utopia Beta.

From this week on there was a clear change. The previous training, marches, and subjects were to a large extent completely deleted. But there were more demanding substitutions. The first thing they noticed was the content of Commander Annie Dalton's lessons.

She stood as usual at the bottom of the step-like semicircular work tables where the recruits were sitting. »Congratulations! You've survived your first year and are now in the second half. You will quickly notice the difference. Here with me, we are now tackling some somewhat different topics than the species. You are part of the military of Utopia, so you should understand how Utopia works.«

She called up various demonstrative holograms as she was talking.

»As you know, colony founder Henderson built everything here. Since the colonists' departure from Earth took place quickly and with great pressure, and since no communication with Earth was possible afterward, there were hardly any guidelines for the people. Henderson founded the colony with the help of the greatest leaders within the Colonist Council. Each of these leaders, in turn, formed a government arm that belonged to his area. Medicine, agriculture, research, military, and so on. But to get the goods and materials needed to build the country, companies had to be formed to produce them. However, hardly anyone wanted this at that time, since the regulations of Earth left most

companies little room for action. Out of this necessity, Henderson decided to undermine the laws of Earth to support the companies. After his death, however, a greedy economic mogul came to power and prevented the old regulations from coming into force again. He formed the enterprise-driven government we have today and made it politically virtually impossible to change this form of government. And so, from the beginning, the two-tier society we know today developed. There are some advantages, but also some disadvantages. When contact was made with Earth, the distance was used as an argument to block the government's attempts to influence it. They had to accept the developments over here. Due to the unlimited possibilities of the corporations here, we have left Earth far behind in terms of technology and knowledge.«

»Are there dissenting voices on the current political situation?«, asked Leena.

Annie nodded: »But of course. The working class is the largest group of the opposition in terms of numbers, and there are also some powerful economic figures who speak out in committees against the exploitation of other people. Unfortunately, this figure is far from sufficient to bring about lasting change. Especially because of Syntech, politicians are vehemently opposed to change. Synthium is seen as the key to our future and prosperity. Military superiority, independence from the Initiative and a pile of money are expected if the raw material can be used effectively.«

Annie talked for a while about the political situation and then told them that they would discuss important economic fundamentals in the next few hours in order to learn to understand the events on Utopia.

The second year already promised to be potentially more strenuous

than the last. But with a sideways glance at Kelly, Carter's mountain seemed less steep.

Even then, Carter recognized the injustice of a government based on capitalism. At that time, however, he had no opportunity to take action against it.