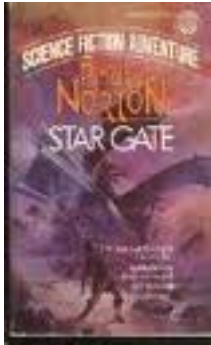


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## Description

When Kincar s'Rud, of mixed Gorthian and Star Lord blood, followed the Star Lords through the shimmering gate that led to alternate universes, he found himself on a Gorth entirely different from the world he had known.

At first the Gorthians appeared to be the same, but his former friends turned out to be his enemies. For they were the people his friends *might have been*, had they made different choices at crucial moments in their lives.

And soon Kincar and his real allies would have to confront their own evil, might-have-been selves...

## Insightful reviews

Charles: A good one. I don't know if the much later movie of this name was based on Norton's work in this book. Could be.

Gary: This was probably the first novel I ever willingly read on my own. A sophomore in high school, and not much of a reader, I consumed this book as well as another by the same author in rapid succession. Although I didn't know it at the time, Andre Norton was the pen name of Alice Mary Norton ( <http://www.andre-norton.org/anorton/a...> ), who wrote more than 130 novels during her lifetime.

Libromaniac: James Spader was only like, what, 19 when this book was published? Just kidding. An early source of the Stargate meme and MacGyver is nowhere to be found.

Edward McKeown: Stargate by means of Andre Norton (1958) Long ahead of somebody has the belief for SG1 and Stargate series, a author used the name and notion of gates via time and space. Andre Norton (1912-2005) is a author whose paintings could be greater recognized via a brand new iteration of readers. She wrote over two hundred works of technology fiction and delusion from the forties to the tip of the century, usually mixing the 2 in a special way. you could ask yourself what a author of that point must say to twenty first century viewers yet Norton can succeed in throughout generations, as there's a undying caliber to her writing. This timelessness arises out of very easy themes. Andre Norton's protagonists are frequently younger people, alienated or deprived on a few uncomplicated point from the society that they're in, trying to find belonging and which means of their worlds, residing usually at the fringe of poverty or disaster. Stargate was once a gate for me in a private method because it used to be the 1st ebook of technology fiction that I ever learn and commenced my lifestyles lengthy love affair with the genre. as with all different old flame i could now not be absolutely goal approximately it. In Stargate we meet a tender alien, Kincar s'Rud at the global of Gorth. Kincar is small humanoid, inheritor to an remoted mountain fortress. His existence is that of a medieval warrior, looking and bearing a sword in his guardian's service. He has consistently recognized that he's someway except his fellow Gorthians. This lonely life has drawn him to his closest friends, a mord (fearsome mix of a hawk and a lizard) named Vorken and his larng a six legged,

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horse-like creature. His global is in turmoil. 5 centuries in the past Terrans landed of their nice ships. whereas it was once they (called the celebrity Lords via the Gorthrians) who raised the local humans from primitive savages, they've got started to gain that the local tradition won't ever improve because it should still whereas the famous person Lords remain. they're chickening out of their ships to release off in wish of discovering an uninhabited world. Kincar learns to his shock that he's a half-breed baby of a celeb Lord and a Gorthian woman. He has no position on Gorth and needs to depart with the others of his kind. stuck at the border among cultures and species he's actually a guy and not using a international and is became out of his uncle's keep. he's torn among a fascination with the star-faring Terrans and the powers local to his personal world. As a parting legacy from his uncle, Kincar bears a talisman of that Gorthian power, referred to as a Tie, it's an amulet from the prehistory of his species and in that abnormal mixture of delusion and SF that Norton practiced, it possesses actual power. even if this strength is solely of magic or of a few previous expertise from one other race misplaced in time, we don't learn. Andre Norton's loosely shared story-galaxy used to be domestic to nice and mysterious extraterrestrial beings known as the Forerunners, now vanished from the spaceways yet whose implements occasionally live on within the misplaced corners of the universe. That heritage is absent from this tale however the Tie is actual and it really is antithetical to the powers of the superstar Lords. But this kind of determination isn't unanimous and factions holiday into open warfare because the celebrity Lords release into space. energy abhors a vacuum and the Gorthians are drawn in as a insurgent faction of big name Lords search to keep strength on Gorth. there's a moment team that Kincar falls in with, who've a special objective. those superstar Lords have grown to like Gorth and its world, following local methods and religions. They comprehend the necessity to go away their current Gorth to strengthen in its personal way. This workforce of celebrity Lords and different "halfings" like Kincar will search one other Gorth in an alternative size within the multiverse the place clever existence didn't develop. Pursued by means of enemies, Kincar's little band fights their approach to an install within the waste lands. A determined keeping motion buys time whereas the gate among dimensions is prepared. The struggle is carried even to the outlet of the Stargate and the evil Starlord Herk dies lower than beamfire as Kincar's celebration flees. But the haste in their departure and firefight on the gate disrupt the interdimensional transit. they come in a Gorth very assorted from their very own yet now not uninhabited. probably it's a karmic call for of the universe yet their new house is one the place a local tradition had arisen to larger heights than on Kincar's start international yet fell to a better intensity whilst the superstar lords of this universe attacked, enslaving the Gorthians and constructing a helot state. Kincar's allies are dismayed to discover diverse models of themselves because the warlords and oppressors and fast are drawn right into a rebellion. Given energy by way of the Tie Kincar befriends the locals and penetrates the megastar Lord fortress, to stand his enemies in a try of will and power. The Pros: Kincar sS'Rud is us as a teenager, suffering to slot in, doubtful of himself and his world. he's alone, hoping for friendship and reputation yet afraid to aim for it. His struggles are the outward point of our personal at his age. steadily via trust (in his historical past during the Tie) and through braveness he strikes from a swept-up refugee to a pacesetter one of the travelers. Andre Norton's specific magic is to carry us to a universe of real threat and fight within the corporation of people that we might face that chance and fight with. In small and unforeseen moments which are my favourite a part of her writing she exhibits how even within the threat and the darkish there are moments of beauty, possibly made extra so by means of that contrast. The Cons: Andre Norton wrote for a tender grownup audience, even though she

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didn't achieve this in a condescending manner. The characters face death. this isn't Hogwarts. Kincar's ordeal within the area of the evil Starlords is harrowing and will have taken position in a focus camp. Norton is usually circumspect approximately sex, and it really is mostly absent from this book. usually in her work, intercourse is romantic, summary and dealt with off-stage. So while you're trying to find a ebook with a hot-blooded alien bounty hunter reminiscing approximately her final 3 method with a bargirl and a shapeshifter you could move on Norton. She tends to hold an "er" on any little bit of machinery: blaster, flitter, reader etc. this may get a bit tense at times. Kincar being a primitive has no thought how any of this works and as a naïve narrator can't clarify any of it to us. CJ Cherryh used a similar equipment in Jewel of Ivrel with Morgaine and Vanye. To Vanye, the local swordsman, Morgaine is a witch, her sword magical, the gates she passes through, are demonic. yet Morgaine is a scientist, she companies a laser, the gates are mechanical transports via time and area and the sword possesses a gate establishing in its tip. fable or SF? it can be an issue of whose eyes you notice it through. In concerning the purely passage the place i discovered my suspension of disbelief, waning, Kincar and different natives take over the fix of a downed flitter from famous person Lords Dillan and Bard. whereas i believe American airways may possibly do whatever similar, the assumption of a few medieval swordsmen making upkeep to a 737 is simply a piece much. In sum, Stargate is a legitimate experience novel with a tender guy you'll believe for and maybe recognize. By Edward McKeown

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