



If you like your space-opera style combat, you'll appreciate this volume of *Banner of the Stars*, even if the lead-up to the main event takes a lot longer than expected. But remember that war has a human side too, and that's not forgotten about here either...

6 - Remembrance Dinner

To mark what would have been her brother's birthday, Atosuryua invites Jinto and Lafiel to a remembrance dinner. By Abh tradition, the dead should be remembered, and Lafiel and Jinto are the only others she can remember him with - despite Lafiel being the one responsible for his death in the first place. Jinto would quite like to find a way to avoid a potentially awkward situation, but Lafiel's aware of the customs around the event and insists they attend. Meanwhile, the Bebaus brothers prepare to lead the defence of Aptic...



7 - Escape in the Dark

Lafiel and her crew are now seeing more and more action - this time, it's a reconnaissance mission to Wimpel Gate that has gone awry, leaving the Basroil at the forefront of an attack on an enemy fleet. The Abh fleet is victorious in this engagement, but a series of stray mines left floating in the debris of the battle leaves the Basroil seriously damaged. With several major systems out of action, the ship is left stranded in plane space, with an enemy fleet worryingly nearby. Meanwhile, Operation Phantom Flame has reached a key point, as the Labule commanders must decide what to do about the United Mankind counter-attack that they know is coming...



8 - The Eve of the Decisive Battle

With United Mankind forces clearly heading for Aptic, the Abh forces there are gearing up to mount their defence, with the success of Operation Phantom Flame hanging in the balance - it's a battle they can't afford to lose. The worry is that the approaching fleet is so large that the small attack vessels, like the Basroil, that form the backbone of the Abh fleet at Aptic may not be good enough to hold back the attack. Fortunately, the Bebaus brothers have a plan - but it's not without risk. Meanwhile there's time for the Basroil crew to enjoy some downtime before the battle begins...

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