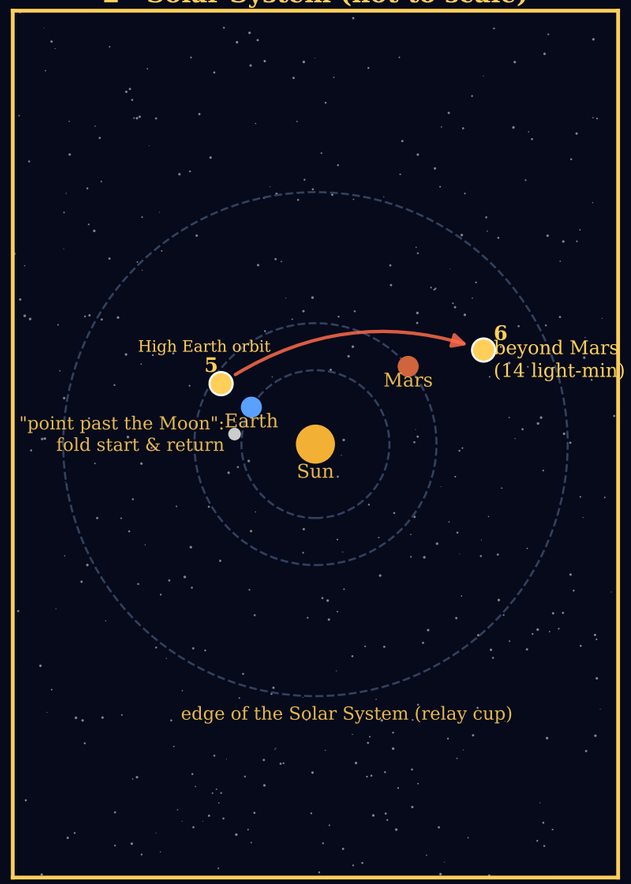
Mindship Dawn: Ladybug's Journey

Book Six · Mark & Anita aboard Ladybug, 2035–2075 · stops in story order · panels 2–4 not to scale

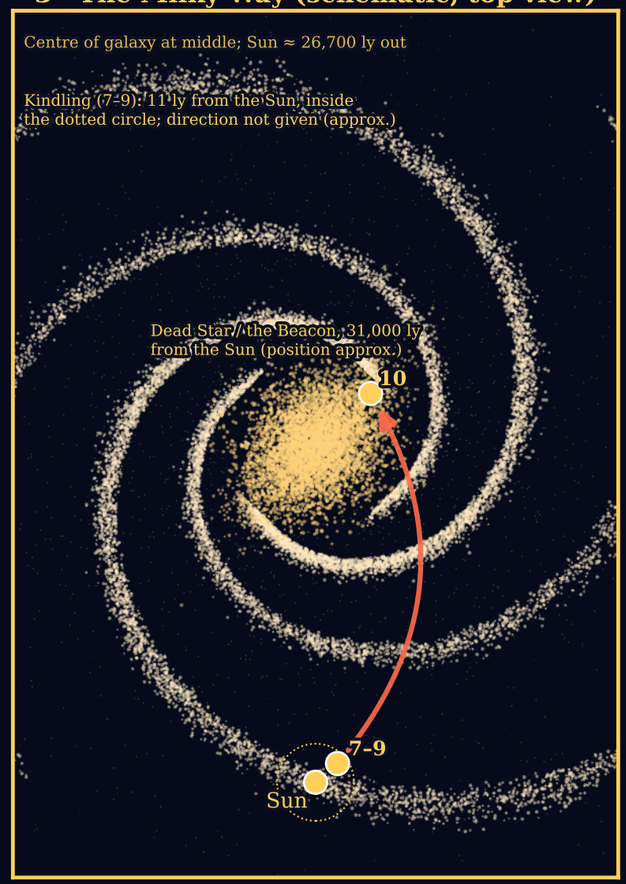
1 · Earth: home base



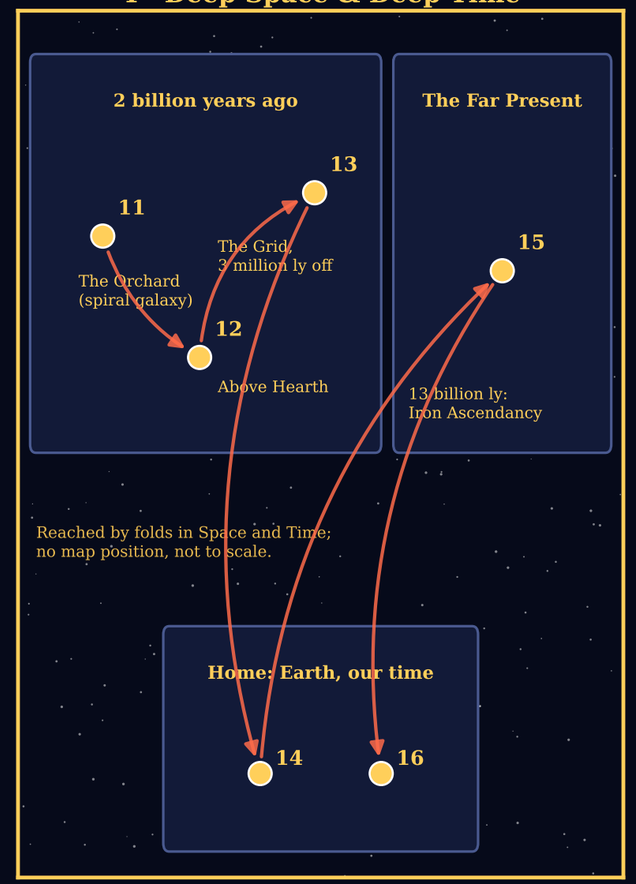
2 · Solar System (not to scale)



3 · The Milky Way (schematic, top view)



4 · Deep Space & Deep Time



1. Mobile Bay, Ala. & Evansville, Ind. (Mar 2035) — The news on the porch; the family clock work begins
2. Brookley Field, Mobile & Roi-Namur, Kwajalein (2035–39) — TymeX clocks go up; work on Roi
3. Brookley Field, Mobile (Oct 2049) — Kappa wakes: the ring of twelve clocks
4. Cape Canaveral, Fla. (Nov 2050) — Ladybug launched, "not over anyone's house"
5. High Earth orbit (Nov 2050) — First fold: two minds, one fold
6. Beyond the orbit of Mars (Nov–Dec 2050) — 14 light-minutes in 31 seconds; sabotaged, near-empty reserve
7. Kindling, 11 ly from the Sun (Jun–Jul 2052) — Fold from past the Moon; drinking from a young star
8. Kindling (Jul–Oct 2052) — The first rung: the first cup
9. Kindling (Mar–Jun 2053) — The silent beacon
10. Dead Star / the Beacon, 31,000 ly (approx.) (Jun–Jul 2053) — Back 30,610 years; then home past the Moon
11. The Orchard galaxy, 2 billion years ago (May 2056) — Seeds; cups at a young cluster
12. Above Hearth (Sep–Oct 2056) — The thing from the sky; gametes of the gods
13. The Grid (3 million ly) (Oct 2056) — Reckoning Dominion; the Ledger of Ages
14. Home to Earth (Nov 2056) — "Came home… in their sky"
15. The Far Present, 13 billion ly (Jun–Jul 2057) — Warships at the fold; Iron Ascendancy; edge of the beginning
16. Point Clear, Mobile Bay (Aug 21, 2057) — Larry sees Ladybug shimmering by the Moon

After the voyages (crew on Earth): 17. Washington, D.C. (Oct 14, 2057) — the Senate hearing. 18. Point Clear (Jun 9, 2058) — Mindship Dawning; NeitaBug nearly ready. 19. Roi-Namur seawall (Mar 2075) — epilogue.

Notes: Kindling and the Beacon are not real catalogued stars (the book gives only distances), so their directions are approximate. The Orchard, Hearth, the Grid and the Far Present are reached by folds in Space and Time and have no real-sky position; they are shown as boxes. Panels 2–4 are not to scale.