Vance and his forces were overwhelmed by the sheer number of troops and the superior technology of the empire. The battle raged on for hours, with neither side gaining a clear advantage. In the end, the Empire emerged victorious, and Vance and his forces were forced to retreat. The cost of the battle was high, with many casualties on both sides. For years afterwards, the region remained in turmoil, with factions vying for power and influence. The Empire maintained its grip on the region, but the damage had been done. The cost of the battle left a lasting impact on the people and the landscape, and it served as a reminder of the dangers and the sacrifices that come with war.