

2025.

The Lost Valley.

EXTINCTION-LEVEL EVENT IN PROGRESS.



SYSTEMS FAILING. IMPACT SHIELDING REDUCED TO 16% EFFICIENCY. LIFE SUPPORT FAILURE. GUIDANCE FAILURE.

MAGNUS, YOUR DEATH IS IMMINENT.

NOT TODAY, YOU METAL SON OF A BITCH--

--NOT TODAY!



THIS IS WHAT MAGNUS ALWAYS SAID TO US:

NO MATTER HOW BAD THINGS GET, NO MATTER HOW OVERWHELMING THE OPPOSITION...

THE FUTURE CAN BE CHANGED!



...NO MATTER HOW IMPOSSIBLE YOUR ODDS...

...THERE'S ALWAYS A WAY TO SNATCH VICTORY FROM THE ENEMY. YOU JUST NEED THREE THINGS:



I'LL SHOW YOU.

RIGHT NOW.

THE VISION TO SEE IT.

THE WILL TO TAKE IT.

THE HEART TO PAY THE PRICE.

2025.

Oslo.

IN THE FIRST DAYS OF THE MOONFALL, THE PEOPLE IN THE ENDGAME SHELTERS RIOTED AGAINST THE FORCE THAT IMPRISONED THEM. THE WORLD OUTSIDE DIED, AND THEY FAILED TO JOIN IT.

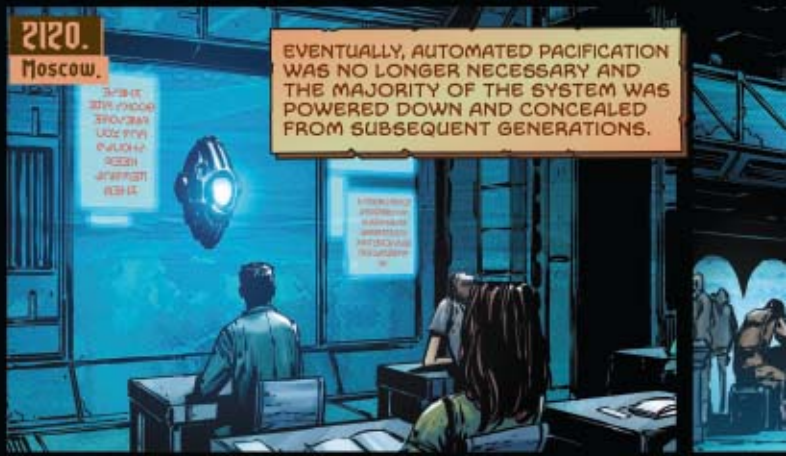
DISPASSIONATE MACHINES PLAYED RECORDED MESSAGES, EXPLAINING THAT THEY WERE BEING PROTECTED FROM CATAclySM.



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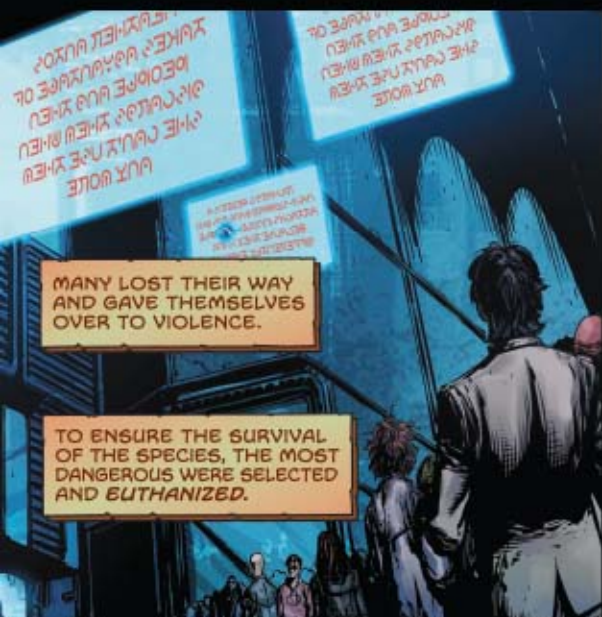
EVENUALLY, AUTOMATED PACIFICATION WAS NO LONGER NECESSARY AND THE MAJORITY OF THE SYSTEM WAS POWERED DOWN AND CONCEALED FROM SUBSEQUENT GENERATIONS.



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Tokyo.





MANY LOST THEIR WAY AND GAVE THEMSELVES OVER TO VIOLENCE.

TO ENSURE THE SURVIVAL OF THE SPECIES, THE MOST DANGEROUS WERE SELECTED AND EUTHANIZED.



THE LAST OPERATIONAL UNITS WERE TASKED WITH LIFE SUPPORT AND EDUCATION.



A TRIBAL SYSTEM EMERGED UNDER DIRECTED GUIDANCE, AND THE LEADERS OF EACH TRIBE WERE PRIVILEGED WITH SECRET KNOWLEDGE IMPLANTED BY MAGNUS' MACHINES.

THE LOCKS ON EACH SHELTER RELEASED, AND THE TRIBES EMERGED INTO THEIR NEW WORLD, TAKING THE ENDDGAME PROTOCOL INTO THEIR OWN HANDS.



2400.
Pa'ri.

THE TRADITIONS OF THE CHIEFS BOUND THEM TO CHOOSE CHAMPIONS FOR EACH GENERATION AND CREATE STORIES OF GREAT HEROISM TO ENCOURAGE THEM.



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H'Yark.

IT WAS ALL PART OF A PLAN.

SET IN PLACE BY A MAN OF VISION...

...TO BE CARRIED OUT BY
CHAMPIONS OF WILL.

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SAMSON.

YOU NEED
TO REST. YOU'RE
TOO BADLY HURT.
DO YOU
UNDERSTAND?

IF YOU
KEEP THIS UP,
YOU'RE GOING
TO DIE.

ONE
MORE KEY. WE
HAVE TO CLIMB
HERE.

I WILL
REST WHEN
IT'S DONE.

50,000 years ago.

DISASSEMBLE
SUIT COMPONENTS
AND FORM A HEAT-
SHIELDED SIPHON SPIKE
AND TEMPORAL
FORK.

AVAILABLE
COMPONENTS ARE
INSUFFICIENT.

CANNIBALIZE
WHAT'S LEFT OF
MY SUIT. ALL
SYSTEMS.

I WON'T
BE FLYING
ANYMORE.

WE'RE
ALMOST
OUT OF
TIME.

HEH. FUNNY,
THAT. A TIME
TRAVELER RUNNING
OUT OF TIME. BUT
IT'S NOT ME, I
GUESS...