

Approximately 50,000 years ago.

The Lost Valley.

THERE IS NO  
STORM THAT STRIKES  
WITHOUT WARNING.

2025.

Oslo.

BUT THERE ARE  
WARNINGS THAT  
GO UNHEEDED.

SMALL SHIFTS IN THE DIRECTION  
OF THE WIND, SMALL CHANGES IN  
TEMPERATURE OR PRESSURE.

2025.

The Moon.


DEADLY FORCES  
GROW FROM  
BENIGN ONES.

Approximately 500 years from now.

The bay of SA'SFO.


HOW CAN WE KNOW?  
HOW CAN WE MARK THE  
BREEZE THAT WILL GROW  
INTO A CYCLONE?




A group of indigenous people, including men, women, and children, are walking along a dirt path in a forest. The scene is set in a lush, green environment with tall trees and dense foliage. The lighting is warm, suggesting a sunset or sunrise.

OUR WORLD--NOT JUST NOW, NOT JUST HERE--BUT AT EVERY POINT IN HUMAN HISTORY, IS FACING A DEADLY STORM.


THE SMALL SHIFTS THAT BROUGHT US TO THIS POINT WERE IMPOSSIBLE TO READ.

A hooded figure, possibly a scientist or a person of power, is standing in the center of the frame. They are surrounded by several large, mechanical, metallic arms that appear to be holding or supporting them. The background is a bright, solid blue color.

WE FELT LIKE THE CHANGES WERE BENEFICIAL, JUST GENTLE BREEZES.

A red, humanoid figure is standing in the center of the frame. They are surrounded by a thick, pink, cloud-like substance that fills the background. The figure's arms are slightly outstretched, and they appear to be looking forward.

EVERYTHING SEEMED TO BE GETTING BETTER. THEY BROUGHT US POWER, THEY BROUGHT ABUNDANCE. THEY LIFTED US UP.

Two men are standing in a forest. The man on the left is older, with a long white beard and a dark, hooded cloak. The man on the right is younger, with long dark hair and a blue jacket. They are both looking towards the right side of the frame. The background shows trees and a dark sky.

NOBODY IMAGINED THAT THEY WOULD TURN COLD AND SOUR.

WE BLUNDERED FORWARD AS THEY GREW AND GREW.





BUT THE  
TRUTH IS  
THIS:

EVEN IF WE *COULD* HAVE  
SPOTTED THE DANGER, THERE  
IS VERY LITTLE WE *COULD*  
HAVE DONE ABOUT IT.



SOMETIMES YOUR EYES  
CAN BE WIDE OPEN TO THE  
THREAT AND YOU *STILL*  
CAN'T GET OUT OF ITS WAY.




UNDERSTANDING  
CAN BRING FEAR.

FEAR CAN  
BREAK HOPE.



AND IN THE  
FACE OF THIS  
STORM, *HOPE*  
IS OUR ONLY  
CHANCE.





THIS IS THE PRECISE MOMENT  
THE STORM FIRST **STRUCK**, AND  
**STRIKES**, AND **WILL STRIKE**.

IT BEGINS WHEN SOLAR THE  
SAVIOR, WHO IS A FUSION OF  
THREE BEINGS WHO **WERE**  
AND **ARE** SOLAR...

...AFTER ABSORBING TEN  
YEAR'S WORTH OF ENERGY  
FROM THE SUN...

...ENERGY THAT WAS GATHERED  
SLOWLY, STORED, SO THAT IT  
COULD BE PAID BACK IN SMALL  
INCREMENTS OF BENEFICIAL  
WARMTH AND LIGHT...

...INSTEAD UNLEASHES IT AS A  
**NINE-HUNDRED MEGATON** BLAST  
OF FORCE, AND ACCOMPLISHES  
WHAT TUROK COULD NOT DO,  
WHAT SPEKTOR COULD NOT DO:

**HURTS** THE  
CREATURE  
THAT SOLAR  
WILL BE.





MAGNUS, YOU HAVE BEEN AWAKENED FOURTEEN HOURS AND SEVENTEEN MINUTES AHEAD OF SCHEDULE.

THE RISK OF NEUROLOGICAL DAMAGE IS OUTWEIGHED BY EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES.

THERE IS A GLOBAL CRISIS IN PROGRESS.

GIVE...  
GUM-GIVE ME  
THE STATUS.



MASS BLACKOUT OF SOLAR'S POWER NETWORK HAS PRECIPITATED PANIC AND RIOTING ALL AROUND THE WORLD.

THE PANIC IS EXACERBATED BY DOCTOR SPEKTOR'S DEATH, WHICH HAS BROUGHT DOWN THE EMOTIONAL DAMPING SPELLS HE HAD IN PLACE.

COINCIDENT WITH THE DISASTER, THE LOST VALLEY APPEARS TO BE MANIFESTING IN MULTIPLE LOCATIONS, INCLUDING THE SURFACE OF THE MOON. THIS IS UNPRECEDENTED IN OUR RECORDS.



THE...  
MOON?



MAGNUS, YOU ARE IN NO CONDITION TO WALK. SENSORS INDICATE THAT YOUR EXERTIONS WILL INCREASE THE PROBABILITY OF IRREPARABLE NEURAL DAMAGE TO--

I DON'T  
WANT TO HEAR  
THAT.

TURN  
PRIORITY  
FOCUS TO THE  
MOON. WHAT'S  
HAPPENING  
THERE?