CAMPAIGN TIMELINE

• NOVEMBER 1st, 2006

NASA DETECTS A POTENTIAL SPACE ANOMALY OUT IN SOLAR SPACE, JUST BEYOND THE RINGS OF SATURN. MAINTAINED SURVEILLANCE IS IMMEDIATELY PLACED UPON THE LOCATION OF SAID ANOMALY FOR ANY FURTHER SIGNS OF ITS PRESENCE. TIME PASSES.

• JULY 12TH, 2013

TECHNOLOGY IMPROVES. EVIDENCE OF THE SPACE ANOMALY'S EXISTENCE HAS BEEN POSITIVELY ESTABLISHED. THE OBJECT ITSELF NOW SIGHTED CRESTING THE NORTHERN HEMISPHERE OF THE PLANET JUPITER. ANOMALY'S TRAJECTORY CLEARLY DENOTES A SUNWARD TRAVEL AND AS SUCH, IS IN NO THREAT OF ANY COLLISION WITH THE PLANET EARTH. NASA CONTINUES THEIR SURVEILLANCE AND THE WORLD'S LEADERS ARE NOTIFIED OF THE ANOMALY'S EXISTENCE. MINOR PRESS LEAKS ENSUE SHORTLY THEREAFTER AND THE PUBLIC PANICS. IN TIME ORDER IS RESTORED THROUGH THE REASSURANCE AND ESTABLISHING OF A SENSE OF OVERALL INDIFFERENCE TOWARDS THE ENTIRE OCCURRENCE. THE PANIC ENDS.

• SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2013

SIX OF THE WORLD'S LEADING NATIONS CONSTRUCT AND LAUNCH THEIR OWN INDEPENDENT SATELLITE PROBES, THEIR DESTINATION MARS. THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF EACH PROBE IS THAT OF GATHERING DATA ON THE APPROACHING ANOMALY AS IT PASSES THE PLANET'S ORBIT. LIFE CONTINUES ON AS NORMAL UPON PLANET EARTH AS THE SATELLITES HEAD TOWARDS THEIR TARGET'S DESTINATION.

• APRIL 22ND, 2014

FINALLY! THE LAST OF THE LEADING NATIONS' SATELLITES REACHES ITS DESTINATION. SADLY HOWEVER, THE SPACE ANOMALY HAS RESISTED ANY AND ALL ATTEMPTS OF DISCERNING ITS TRUE COMPOSITION AND NATURE. SHEATHED WITHIN AN ODD WAKE OF NEVER-BEFORE-SEEN COSMIC ENERGY, THE ANOMALY SEEMS TO GENERATE AN AURA OF UNPRECEDENTED AND UNNATURAL COLD, AS WELL THE SPORADIC FLUCTUATION OF RATHER INTENSE "LOW-LEVEL" RADIATION EMISSIONS THAT MARS ANY CHANCE OF LEARNING ANYTHING USEFUL. IN ADDITION, THESE TWO UNFORESEEN FACTORS CAUSE THE PROBES SENT IN TO INVESTIGATE THE ANOMALY TO ACTUALLY "CEASE" FUNCTIONING WHEN WITHIN PROLONGED EXPOSURE-TO AND PROXIMITY-TO SAID ANOMALY. OUR WORLD'S NATIONS' LEADERS BEGIN TO WORRY.

• APRIL 23RD, 2014

BY 3 AM THE FOLLOWING MORNING, CONFIRMED EVIDENCE OF THE ANOMALY'S PATH SUDDENLY "ALTERING" ITSELF REACHES THE WHITE HOUSE. THE ANOMALY'S ADJUSTED TRAJECTORY IS QUICKLY CALCULATED AND NOW APPEARS TO BE HEADED DIRECTLY FOR EARTH! A PRESS CONFERENCE IS HELD THAT VERY AFTERNOON AND OUR NATIONS' LEADERS CONTACTED AND INFORMED OF THE SITUATION. THE WORLD'S LEADERS PANIC.

• APRIL 24TH - FEBRUARY 13TH, 2015

OUR NATIONS' LEADERS DEBATE THE POSSIBILITY OF THE ANOMALY'S EXISTENCE FERVENTLY. SPECULATION FEARS THE OBJECT TO BE SOME FORM OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE OR POSSIBLY EVEN AN ALIEN LIFE FORM. OTHER RUMORS ARE DOWNRIGHT PREPOSTEROUS AND LUDICROUS. ONE THING IS CERTAIN HOWEVER, NO ONE SEEMS TO LIKE THE FACT THAT THE ANOMALY LIES "CLOAKED" WITHIN A PROTECTIVE SHELL THAT APPEARS TO AFFECT OUR CURRENTLY TECHNOLOGY'S ELECTRONIC DEVICES. AS SUCH, THE PLANET EARTH PREPARES TO HANDLE SUCH A THREAT AND ULTIMATELY DECIDES UPON ITS COURSE OF ACTION. DESTROY THE ANOMALY!

• FEBRUARY 14TH, 2015

THE LEADERS OF THE WORLD'S LEADING NATIONS' LAUNCH A SERIES OF COORDINATED LONG-RANGE ICBM ATTACKS THAT COLLIDES WITH THE ANOMALY IN THE PLANET EARTH'S OUTER-EXOSPHERE. SHIELDED AS BEST THEY CAN BE FROM THE ANOMALY'S DEBILITATING EFFECTS, THE MISSILES SEEM TO PROVE TO BE MOST EFFICIENT. NO MORE EVIDENCE OF THE ANOMALY OTHER THAN A FAINT RADIATION OF FALLOUT IS DETECTED. THE WORLD REJOICES AND THE FALLOUT FROM THE EXPLOSION MONITORED. ALL SEEMS TO BE QUITE FINE AND DANDY!

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WORLD CRISIS AVERTED !!! JOINT EFFORT BY THE UNITED NATIONS SAVES THE DAY

AT 6:15 AM ON FEBRUARY 14TH 2015, AN ASTEROID HEADING TOWARDS EARTH WAS SHOT DOWN BY THE COMBINED GLOBAL EFFORTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS. AFTER MONTHS OF PLANNING, THE COORDINATED LAUNCH OF LOW-GRADE NUCLEAR ICBMS WAS FINALLY FIRED INTO OUTER SPACE. THREE HOURS LATER, THE STAGGERED BARRAGE OF MISSILES COLLIDED WITH WHAT SCIENTISTS BELIEVED TO BE A POTENTIAL CLASS II "WORLD-DAMAGING" FORM OF ASTEROID IN THE EARTH'S OUTER-EXOSPHERE. MEASURING NEARLY A HALF OF A KILOMETER IN LENGTH, THE TEN FOOTBALL FIELD LONG OBJECT WAS THEN DETONATED BY THE BLASTS CAUSED BY THE ICBMS AND REDUCED INTO TINY METEOROIDS THAT WERE LATER BURNT UP UPON ENTRY INTO THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE.

THE WORLD TRULY REJOICES TODAY, A HOLIDAY FOR MOST (ESPECIALLY THOSE OF US HERE IN GLENDALE, PA) AS SCIENTISTS CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE METEORS' FALLOUT, MAKING SURE THAT ALL IS INDEED WELL FOR THE PLANET EARTH ON THIS VALENTINE'S DAY 2015. NASA'S CHIEF SCIENTIST DR. WALEED ABDALATI REASSURES US THAT WHATEVER FRAGMENTS LEFT BY THE ASTEROID ARE SURE TO HAVE BEEN REDUCED TO NOTHING MORE THAN MERE SPACE DUST AND THAT THE NUCLEAR FALLOUT CAUSED BY THE MISSILES SHALL REMAIN IN SPACE. THOUGH THE GOOD DR. REMAINS QUITE CONFIDENT, CHIEF SCIENTIST ABDALATI LIKEWISE ASSURES US THAT ANY AND ALL UPDATES WILL CONTINUE TO BE BROADCAST TO THE PUBLIC AS NEEDED, SHOULD THE NEED FOR ANY CONCERNS ARISE.

MEANWHILE TODAY, LOVERS EVERYWHERE BOTH YOUNG AND OLD ARE CELEBRATING VALENTINE'S DAY IN STYLE ...

• FEBRUARY 17", 2015

THREE DAYS LATER THE GAME "TECHNICALLY" BEGINS. RADIOACTIVE FALLOUT FROM THE DESTROYED SPACE ANOMALY APPEARS TO HAVE DISSIPATED AMONG THE EARTH'S LOWER TROPOSPHERE AND UPPER STRATOSPHERE. IT ISN'T UNTIL THE MORNING OF THE 17TH THAT SEVERAL RATHER UNUSUAL TEMPERATURE CHANGES ARE NOTICED TAKING PLACE ACROSS THE PLANET. THESE CHANGES IN CLIMATE ULTIMATELY SERVE AS THE CATALYST FOR CAUSING SEVERAL RATHER "UNUSUAL" FORMS OF SHOWERS TO FALL DOWN FROM THE SKY. THE WORLD MARVELS OVER THE NEXT SIX-TO-EIGHT HOURS AS BLACK RAIN AND OTHER UNUSUAL FORMS OF PRECIPITATION POURS DOWN FROM ABOVE. LITTLE DO THEY KNOW WHAT WAS IN STORE FOR THEM AFTERWARDS.

• FEBRUARY 22ND, 2015

LOCALS NOTICE A SHARP RISE IN HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS IN THE OUTLYING TOWNS SURROUNDING UNION CITY OVER THE PAST FIVE DAYS. THE MYSTERIOUS BLACK RAIN APPEARS TO BE THE CAUSE OF A RATHER VIRULENT AFFLICTION THAT IS AFFECTING THE MASSES. HUNDREDS OF CASES WITH IDENTICAL SYMPTOMS EMERGE. PANIC SPREADS. HIGH-GRADE FEVERS, CHILLS AND SWELLING ARE AMONG THE SYMPTOMS ENCOUNTERED, AS ARE GOOPY DISCHARGES AROUND THE EYES, NOSE AND MOUTH, AND SWOLLEN, DISCOLORED VEINS.

JACK'S DIARY (DAY O) EVERYONE'S GETTING SICK

CAN'T HELP BUT NOTICE THE SHARP RISE IN HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS IN AND ABOUT TOWN. HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE ARE SICK, THOUGH THE LOCAL NETWORKS ARE TRYING TO COMFORT EVERYBODY BY STATING IT'S NOTHING MORE THAN THE COMMON FLU. DAMN I HATE LIARS!

• FEBRUARY 23RD, 2015

LOCAL NEWS NETWORKS FROM LOCATIONS OUTSIDE THE CITY REPORT A SUSPECTED PANDEMIC.

JACK'S DIARY (DAY 1) THE LAST STAND

I FINISHED THE WALL TODAY, IT SHOULD HOLD THEM OFF FOR A WHILE. I HOPE. TOMORROW I BETTER LOOK FOR SURVIVORS AND SOMETHING BETTER TO PROTECT MYSELF WITH. I HAVE TO GET THROUGH THE NIGHT FIRST.

• FEBRUARY 24TH, 2015

ATTACKS BY INFECTED ARE REPORTED AS RANDOM ASSAULTS AND MURDERS. LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUEST ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FROM SURROUNDING COUNTIES.

JACK'S DIARY (DAY 2) IT WORKED

WELL IT WORKED FAIRLY WELL, IT DIDN'T FALL DOWN ON ITS OWN IS WHAT I MEAN. THEY'RE STILL JUST AS SLOW AS THE OTHERS I'VE SEEN, DON'T SEEM TO MAKE THE JUMP TO GET OVER THE WALL.

• FEBRUARY 25th, 2015

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ARE MADE AWARE OF POSSIBLE "OUTBREAK" ON THE EASTERN SEABOARD.

JACK'S DIARY (DAY 3) JUST LIKE ON T.V.

I'M SHOOTING THEM IN THE HEAD LIKE THE T.V SAID, SEEMS TO STOP THEM QUICK ENOUGH. THEY DON'T HAVE AN EXPLANATION FOR WHAT'S HAPPENING THOUGH.

• FEBRUARY 26TH, 2015

HOMELAND ENVIRONMENTAL RISK CONTROL AGENCY ARE ASSIGNED TO INVESTIGATE REPORTS OF SUSPECTED OUTBREAK.

JACK'S DIARY (DAY 4) COP KILLER

KILLED A COP TODAY. NOT SURE HOW I FEEL ABOUT THAT, ALL'S FAIR I GUESS. HE DROPPED A REVOLVER THAT MIGHT COME IN HANDY THOUGH. I STILL NEED MORE HANDS AROUND HERE TO GET ANYTHING DONE. SHOULD LOOK FOR MORE SURVIVORS IN THE MORNING.

• FEBRUARY 27"+, 2015

HOMELAND ENVIRONMENTAL RISK CONTROL (HERC) REACTS TO INITIAL REPORTS BY DEPLOYING INVESTIGATIVE TEAMS TO LOCATIONS SURROUNDING UNION CITY.

JACK'S DIARY (DAY 5) DOGS

WHATEVER IT IS THAT'S CAUSING THIS, IT'S NOT RESTRICTED TO HUMANS. HUGE STINKING ROTTWEILERS SEEM TO BE AFFECTED TOO. MAN, I HATE DOGS. ALSO, WHY DOES IT SEEM THAT EVERYONE THESE DAYS OWNS A @5#!% ROTTWEILER OR A @5#!%&* PITBULL? DAMMIT, NOW I **REALLY** HATE DOGS!!!

• FEBRUARY 28th, 2015

CIVILIANS IN THE TOWNS OF GLENDALE AND CLAYSBURG BEGIN EVACUATING TO UNION CITY WITHOUT DIRECTION FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT.

JACK'S DIARY (DAY 6)

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PRETTY SURE I CAPPED THE LOCAL ROVING REPORTER. WONDER IF I'LL MAKE THE NEWS TONIGHT.

• MARCH 1st, 2015

JONESTOWN, GLENDALE AND WHISTLER'S GROVE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALLY REQUEST GOVERNMENT AID.

JACK'S DIARY (DAY 1)

FAT FARM

THESE FAT BASTARDS ARE ALL OVER THE PLACE. THEY SEEM TO TAKE WAY MORE PUNISHMENT THAN THE OTHERS. NEED SOMETHING WITH A BIT MORE KICK TO FINISH THEM OFF.

• MARCH 2ND, 2015

FIRST RECORDED CASE OF INFECTION WITHIN UNION CITY IS FOUND. CON JOHNSON OF GLENDALE, A 32 YEAR OLD MALE IS THE FIRST KNOWN CARRIER.

JACK'S DIARY (DAY 8) OH GREAT

NOW THE FATTIES ARE RUNNING! GREAT...

• MARCH 3RD, 2015

DEATH TOLL FROM UNKNOWN VIRUS REACHES 10,000. GENERAL PANIC RISES, LOOTING AND RANDOM ACTS OF VIOLENCE RISE SHARPLY.

JACK'S DIARY (DAY 9)

FASTER?

THERE'S SOMETHING GOING ON WITH THEM NOW, THEY'RE EITHER GETTING FASTER AND STRONGER OR THEY'RE MADE UP OF TWO DIFFERENT VARIETIES. THE LOCALS ARE SAYING THAT THE BETTER ONES SHOULD DIE OFF EVENTUALLY. BUT IT JUST DOESN'T SEEM TO BE HAPPENING.

• MARCH 4TH, 2015

GOVERNMENT DECLARES A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE TOWN OF GLENDALE. CLAYSBURG AND JONESTOWN FOLLOW SHORTLY AFTER.

JACK'S DIARY (DAY 10) PRISON BROKED

A PRISON BUS FROM OVER AT EMERALD MUST HAVE BEEN CARRYING ONE OF THEM. KILLED A DOZEN OF INFECTED INMATES AT LEAST, BETTER THAN PRISON I GUESS

• MARCH 5TH, 2015

HERC PRESENCE IN UNION CITY IS FIRST NOTICED. CLASHES OCCUR BETWEEN CIVILIANS AND ENFORCEMENT AGENTS AS AREAS ARE DESIGNATED FOR QUARANTINE.

JACK'S DIARY (DAY 11) FEELING IT

TIRED. CAN'T WRITE. TAKING DOWN FAT ZOMBIE GUYS ALL DAY.

• MARCH 6th, 2015

THE POLICE WERE THE FIRST ONES TO FACE THE INFECTED. UNFORTUNATELY THEY DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THEY WERE UP AGAINST AND WEREN'T READY FOR IT.

JACK'S DIARY (DAY 12) THEY'RE ONTO ME

UH OH. HAD A VISIT FROM THE ZOMBIE POLICE TODAY. GUESS THEY HEARD ABOUT ME KILLING EVERYONE.

• MARCH 7th, 2015

GOVERNMENT ACKNOWLEDGE CIVIL UNREST CAUSED BY INFECTION OUTBREAK. REQUEST THAT CIVILIANS STAY IN THEIR HOMES AND AWAIT FURTHER INSTRUCTION.

JACK'S DIARY (DAY 13) GOD DAMN ARMOR

AIM FOR THE TORSO THEY SAID, BUT NOOOOOO, NOW THE BASTARDS HAVE VESTS. DO YOU KNOW HOW HARD IT IS TO SHOOT OUT THE DAMNED LEGS?

• MARCH 8th, 2015

WORD OF PEOPLE WITH A SERIOUS AFFLICTION SPREAD THROUGH THE FORCE FAST. AFTER THE FIRST FEW TIMES THE OFFICERS KNEW WHAT TO EXPECT AND THEIR PROTOCOL CHANGED. STILL HOWEVER, LITTLE WAS ABLE TO BE DONE TO CONTAIN THE INITIAL OUTBREAKS.

JACK'S DIARY (DAY 14)

END OF TIME

WELL THAT'S WHAT THE PREACHER IS SAYING. I FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE THAT SOME DEITY[SIC] IS DOING THIS, THERE HAS TO BE AN ANSWER TO IT.

• MARCH 9TH, 2015

REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE OF THE STATE OF SIMILAR OUTBREAKS ARE TELEVISED.

JACK'S DIARY (DAY 15)

TV

SO MUCH FOR CONTACT TO THE OUTSIDE. THE TV RECEPTION DISAPPEARED LAST NIGHT, GUESS THEY FINALLY GOT INTO THE STATION. LOOKS LIKE THIS MIGHT BE IT, SOON ANYWAY.

• MARCH 10TH, 2015

LAW ENFORCEMENT IN CO-ORDINATION WITH HERC WORK TO ISOLATE CIVILIANS WHO OCCUPIED HOSPITALS AND PUBLIC SPACES.

JACK'S DIARY (DAY 16) RUNNING LOW

WE'VE EXHAUSTED PRETTY MUCH ALL THE FOOD IN THE AREA. WHY DID I CHOOSE SOMEWHERE SO FAR FROM THE CITIES?! GUESS WE NEED TO MAKE THE DECISION TO MOVE OR NOT. IT'S JUST GETTING SO DANGEROUS.

• MARCH 11TH, 2015

NEWS OF THE DISEASE SPREAD QUICKLY AND PEOPLE PANICKED. EVERYONE WANTED THOSE PEOPLE INFECTED TO STAY IN THEIR OWN PART OF TOWN.

JACK'S DIARY (DAY 17)

SOLDIER

RAY OF HOPE TODAY. HAD A SOLDIER APPROACH THE BARRIER TONIGHT, ALBEIT A DEAD ONE. BUT! IF HE'S AROUND MAYBE THERE ARE OTHERS, ALIVE HOPEFULLY.

• MARCH 12TH, 2015

FIRST RECOGNIZED RE-ANIMATION OCCURS AT GLENDALE HOSPITAL UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF HERC DOCTORS.

JACK'S DIARY (DAY 18) ESCAPE

WE NEED TO MOVE IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. THERE'S JUST TOO MANY OF THEM, WE HAVE NO SUPPLIES LEFT. PROBLEM IS, WHERE DO WE GO?

• MARCH 13TH, 2015

NEWS REPORTS BEGIN DETAILING HOW TRANSFER OF THE INFECTION OCCURS.

JACK'S DIARY (DAY 19) THE ARMY

SEEMS THE MILITARY PRESENCE HERE ARE ALL DEAD. WE'VE STARTED MAKING PREPARATIONS TO GET OUT OF HERE.

• MARCH 14TH, 2015

AS MORE REPORTS CAME IN WHOLE NEIGHBORHOODS WERE SHUT DOWN. OF COURSE NOT EVERYONE IN THE AREA WAS INFECTED BUT THEY MIGHT BE.

JACK'S DIARY (DAY 20)

THE END

DELAYED ANOTHER DAY ... MAN THIS IS GETTING DIRE.

• MARCH 15TH, 2015

THE TOWN OF GLENDALE IN THE EAST OF THE STATE IS OFFICIALLY QUARANTINED ENTIRELY. HERC AND US MILITARY FORCES TAKE CONTROL.

JACK'S DIARY (DAY 21) GLIMMER OF HOPE

RECEIVED WORD LAST NIGHT OF A MILITARY CHOPPER HEADED OUR WAY. SEEMS WE MIGHT BE IN LUCK AFTER ALL. GOING TO ROUND UP WHAT SUPPLIES WE CAN AND THEN ORGANIZE EVERYBODY TO HEAD ON OVER TO THE HELO FOR A RENDEZVOUS. WISH US LUCK! LOOK OUT UNION CITY, HERE WE COME...