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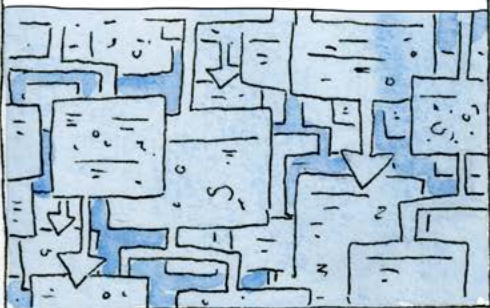
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The ARK was created when the world was at peace.



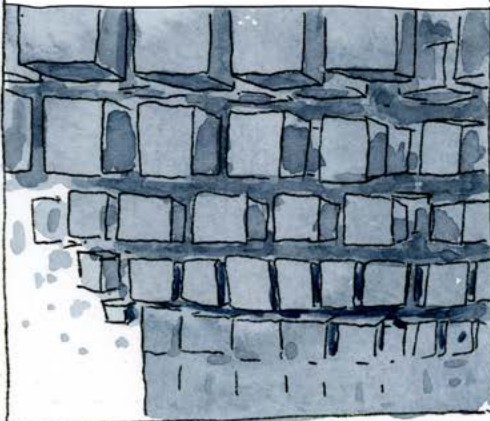
The idea behind the project was truly ambitious:

It is supposed to become the biggest database ever created in the universe.



The function of the database is provided by the KULA...

A Black Tower is comprised of thousands of Sok'as



It has the ability to store a lot in its memory.



I remember that the Cubes were used individually by the Talifan citizens...

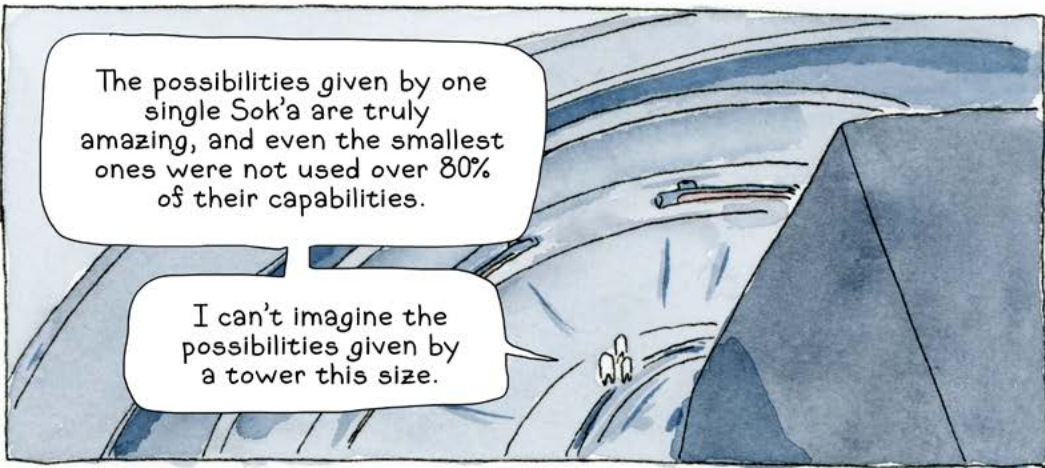


To save memories, music, pictures, videos, and even feelings during their lifetime.



The possibilities given by one single Sok'a are truly amazing, and even the smallest ones were not used over 80% of their capabilities.

I can't imagine the possibilities given by a tower this size.



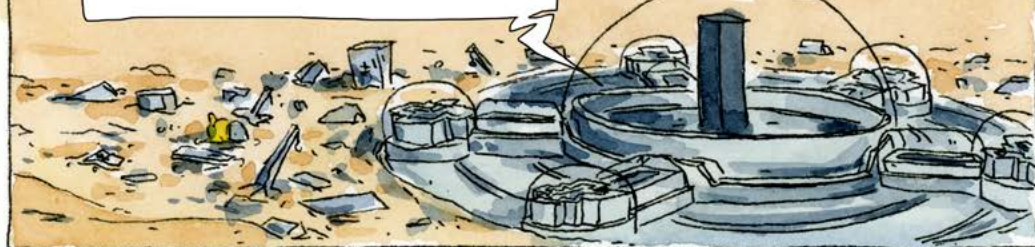
It's... terrifying...



Exactly! That's why Stan'ley kept the project secret and safe. He's the last scientist alive to know about the ARK.



And about the KULA.
The spaceship is only a
protective shell for the tower.



It is also the only way we
found to send it into space,
and gather data in different
galaxies for the next
couple of centuries.



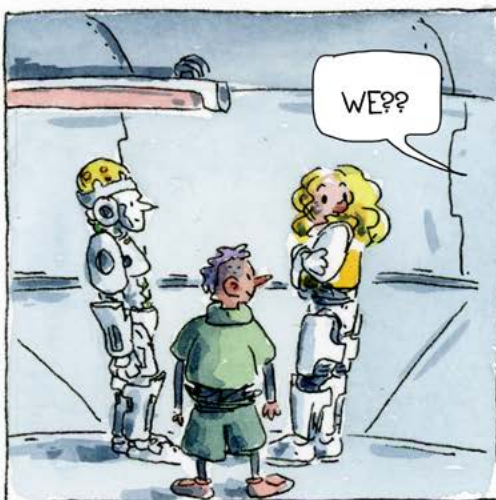
The ARK cannot house living
beings for several years
in space. So AI'KO is here
to make sure that
everything works out
according to plan.



It all sounds truly impressive.
But what are we supposed
to do with all the
collected data?



WE??



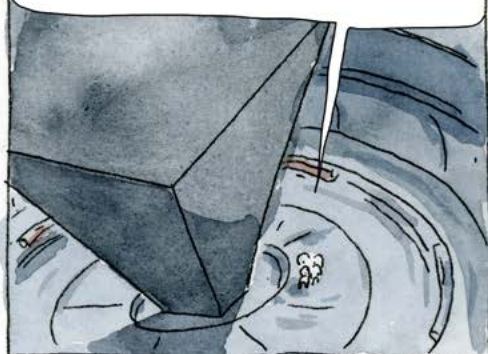
WE will do nothing! If the project works, then it is meant for future generations and other civilizations.



It's proof that our people have ever existed!



Our knowledge could be useful someday to someone who finds out how to use it wisely.



Now I can see clearly that you're a mad scientist! HAHA.



You don't know the best part!
We're ready for takeoff!
All systems are operational.

GREAT!



WAIT! Was that your plan all along?

YES!

...yes



We want to leave this planet and start a new life. Tališa is dead. People have transformed into scary creatures.

The most basic life supplies are more difficult to find each day. If we launch the ARK, all will be different.



And I really want to start this mission. In honor of all the scientists who worked with me on the project.

We have to do it for all the people who died on Day 0, and to avoid such a disaster on other worlds. In other galaxies!

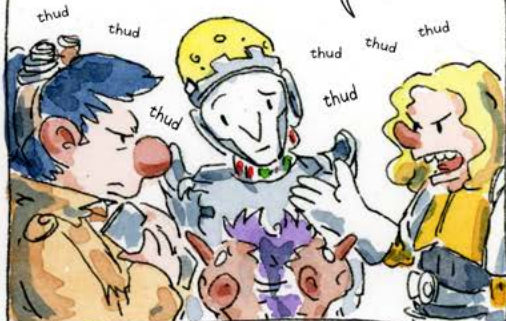


I'm sorry but we can't leave Tališa.

We didn't ask you to come. Do as you wish!



You don't understand me! I will do what it takes to stop you. Give me your tablet!





Yes, do as she asks!
Give her the tablet, so
she can give it to me!



Who is that?!

Did you betray us??!!

No! I...



sigh come on,
NOBODY recognizes me?



OH! I KNOW! You're that
guy I saw on the recording
you're... ummm...



HAHA!
You're a
smart
boy!

I'm president Pate'r,
leader of Talifa!



Didn't you close the
doors like I asked??

I, uh,
was busy
at the
time..
hehe..



I can't believe it.
sigh
Look, mister president...



I can't give you the tablet.
This is a scientific project and it
is ready to begin.



If you threaten us, I will press
this button and the ARK will
take off, with us in it, and
no way to return.



WHAT THE!

As I told you,
we are not
leaving Talifa!



As promised, I didn't use
my Sok'a on you.
You should be happy.



Excellent! Now, give it to me.



No. I have my own
convictions, and I'm sure
they're VERY different
from yours!



sigh then you're no better
than this little "GENIUS".
Unfortunately I have
no time to waste.



READY!

AIM!



WAIT!
WAIT!
WAIT!

You don't really
care about the
ship. Do you?



No, we want the KULA.
The rest of project ARK
is none of our business.



That's what I thought.
Maybe we can find a common
ground. We just want to
leave Tališa.



You're wasting my time.
I see no reason to
compromise with you.
What I want I take, the
situation is too critical.



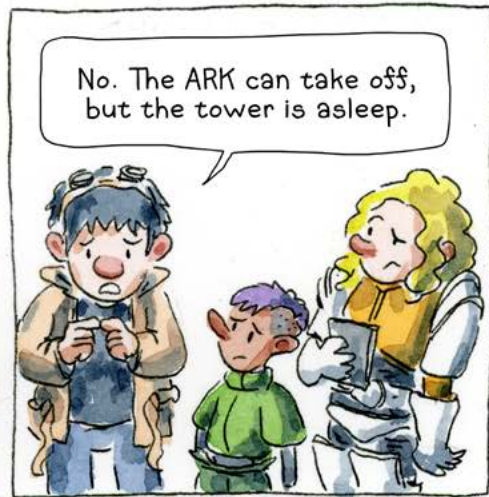
You were the head of the
government on Day 0!

Did you
not kill
enough
people
yet?!



It seems that the curse of
the Sok'a has made you
as mad as the mutants!





I'm terrified of the Sok'as
ever since Day 0, and I
REALLY don't want to mutate...



I see no reason for the
KULA to be activated
as long as I'm on board.



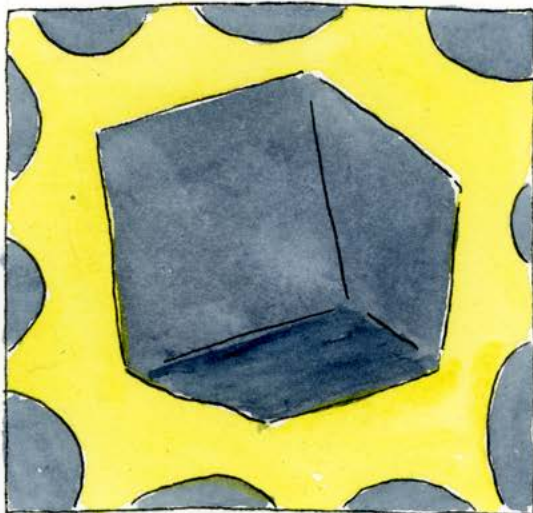
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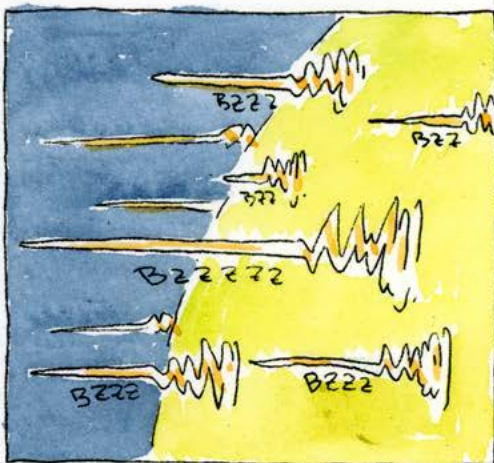
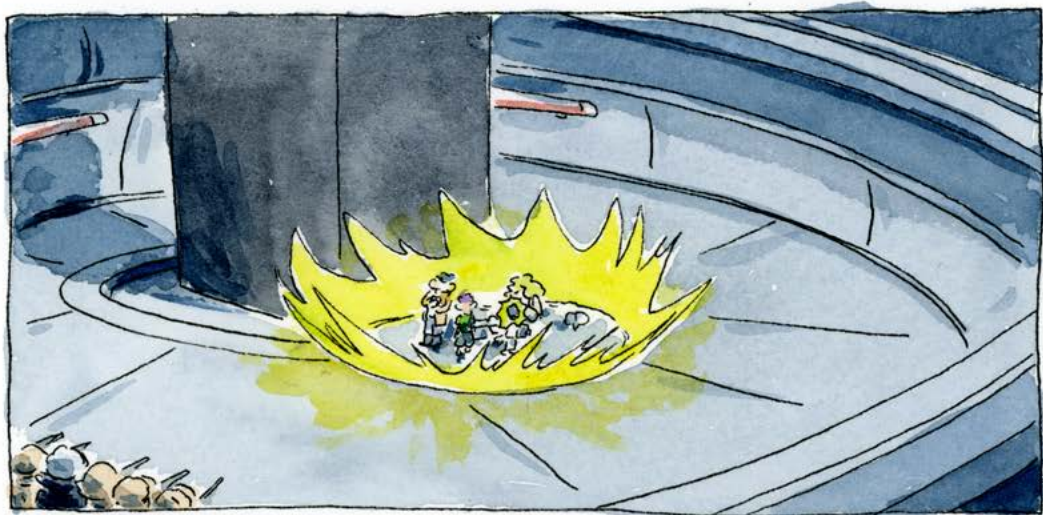


Here, you can still save
AI'KO. Download her
memory to the tablet.

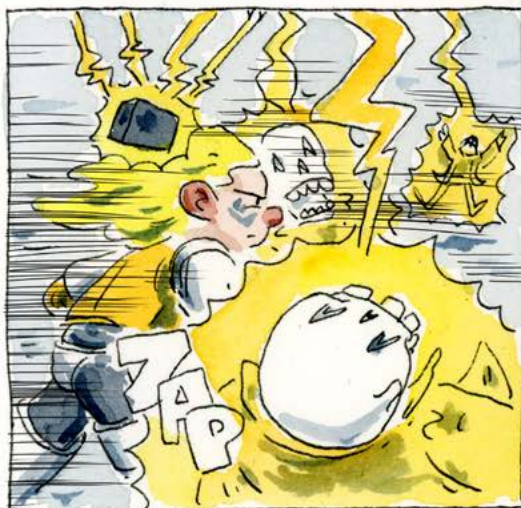


I'll take care
of them...



























I knew it was a bad idea to let you follow us!
None of this would have happened without
you, and we'd be in space right now!

You owe us some explanations!
Why did you want to stay on Talisa?
And why did you snatch the tablet from me?

I just wanted to change your mind and
found no other way! I gave it back didn't I?

You're blinded by your dream of another
world, and you don't realize that Talisa
can be saved! We should help each other.

You two are the first people I've met
in a long while that haven't been
changed, or who aren't involved
in this war against the mutants.

Not involved?!
You think we're not involved
after what just happened??



sigh it doesn't
matter now, I suppose.



You still haven't
answered my question.
What is so great on Talifa
that required us to stay?



You realize, you also
destroyed Oliv'r's hopes
for the future?

He's right, I really
wanted to leave
this planet...



I was really young on
Day 0 and I don't remember
the events well. What I
know is it all happed
because of the Sok'as...
and...



You have one with you, Cla'r.
I never used them, maybe
they're awesome, but my
life is good without
this technology.



But it's also your fault.
You should have explained
our plans from the beginning.



MY FAULT?! I don't believe it!

You were supposed
to close the doors,
a simple task!



If she hadn't been there,
I'm sure you would have
done everything correctly!



Listen, guys, I... er...
You shouldn't argue with
each other over this....

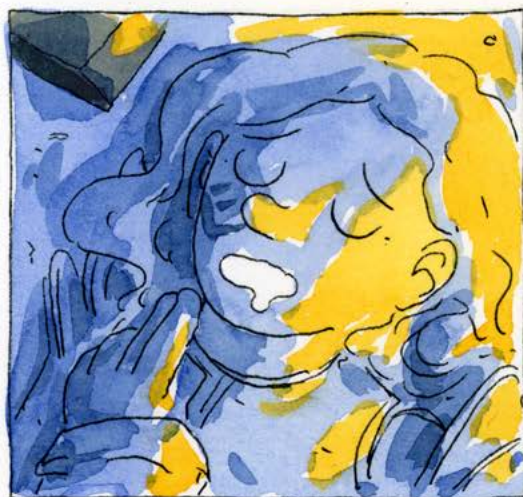


I did not clearly analyze
the situation on the ARK,
and that it was so
important for you
to leave.



I'm very sorry.
There's something else
I must tell you... I... I...





No, it's impossible!
She was fine until now.



I wish that were the case.
I admit, that the recent strain could be the cause...



But, I feel she has reached her limit, and the curse of the Sok'a has caught up with her.



YOU HAVE TO HELP HER!
YOU HAVE TO TRY!

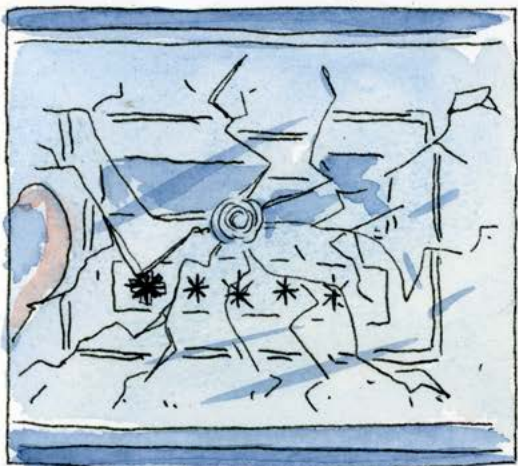


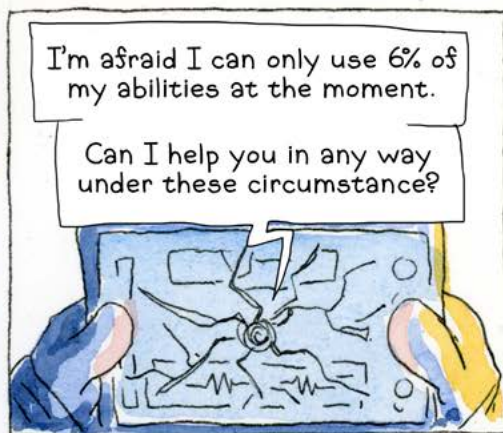
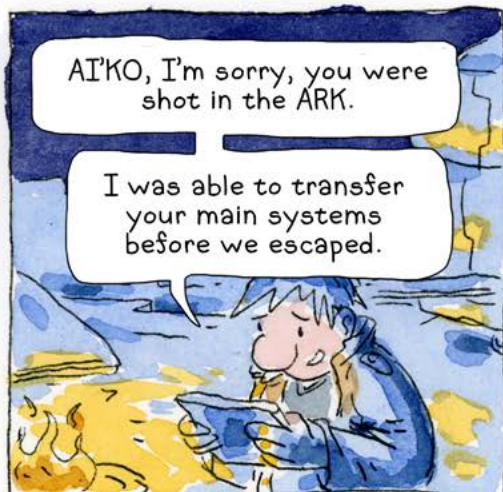
She saved us in the ARK.
She gave all she had for us and for AI'KO.



AI'KO! OF COURSE!







It seems that we cannot reach any town fast enough to seek for medicine.

However, I have detected the presence of a Sok'a very close by.

I would suggest that we use it's power.

Can you use the cure by yourself?

Maybe I can find a way to connect it with the tablet.

I had several limited capabilities with my original body, but even those would not be able to help you with what you seek.

The power you seek has to be activated by a Talifan being...

...preferentially by an adult.

Take your time, AI'KO. There's probably another way around to save Cla'r.



Master, you won't like it, but you're the only one around who can save her, and you'll need the Sok'a.

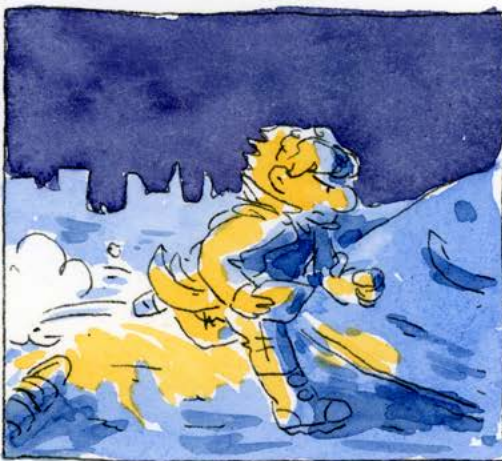


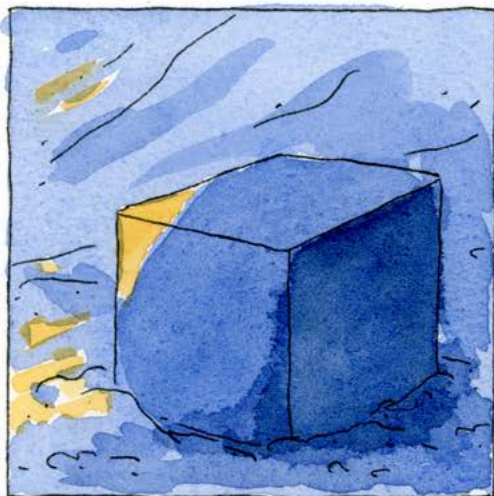
I swore I would never use one again. It's too dangerous...



When I think of Day 0, I just.... *sniff*







I'll do it..just..
just give me a minute..



Thank you.



My database says that
"healing" is just a basic
function of the Sok'a.



You shouldn't be affected by it.
The risk of you becoming
addicted are around 3%



3%... yeah...
what's the
worst that
could happen.







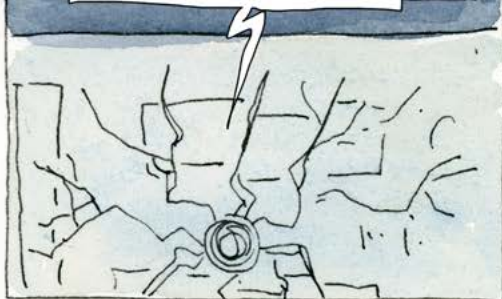
How about you?

I'm Glad Stanl'ey
was able to save you.

GLUG



Thank you. I feel a
bit cramped, but I'm
getting used to it.

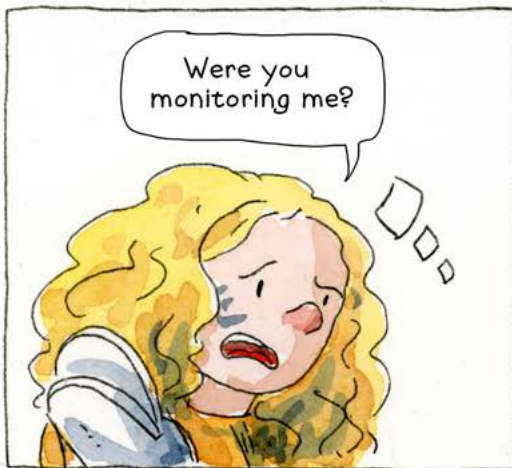


I figured out how to
use the basic functions.

I was happy to
access the camera
and open my eyes again.



Were you
monitoring me?



Yes.



Master Stanl'ey thought
you might mutate...

Due to what happened.



He was very tired after
he healed you.

So he asked me
to stand guard.

I see...



WAIT!

Did you just
say that he
healed me?



Where is it??

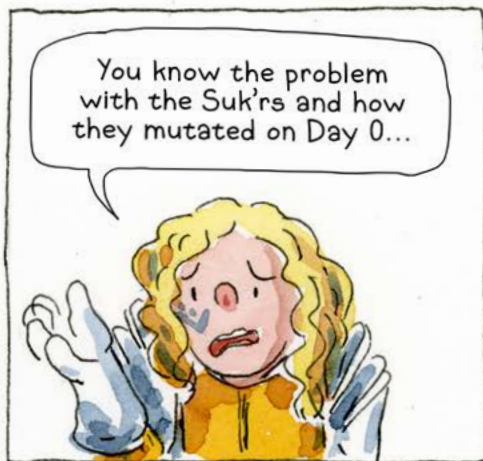


CLA'R!











I had hope that you
could do something...



OK! We absolutely have
to repair the tablet and
regain control of the ARK.



I can make a thorough
analysis there..

and use the KULA to send
a cure to all the Sok'as that
are still active in the world



We'll have to fight more Suk'rs
and deal with the army
but it will be worth it!



There are three towns
around where we could look for
components to repair AI'KO.



We will need a new
GITS-1 system

I suggest we visit
the city of
Hand'al first.





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Millions of years ago. A Talifan scientist named Stan'ley helped to develop a project that would change the face of the universe: the Sok'a technology, also known as Black Cubes. They quickly became a success on his planet, Talifa, and people started to use them everywhere in towns and villages as a way to communicate, save data, record dreams and improve daily life. Many projects related to the Sok'as were also developed in secret, including military equipment. Talifans had a lot of ambition. At this stage of their History, things couldn't have gone better for them, but something unpredictable happened. In the capital city, someone suddenly screamed in the street. A wave of panic spread in the country, and quickly invaded the whole planet. A dreadful accident had occurred, causing the death of millions of innocents. The world would never ever be the same. The very few survivors who didn't lose their mind now refer to this event as "Day 0"...



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