

The Downward Spiral

On October 31, 2004, while en route to Washington D.C., presidential and vice presidential candidates, John Kerry and John Edwards, were killed when their private jet mysteriously crashed. Terrorism was suspected and investigated, but no hard evidence was ever found. With only 1 day before the 2004 Presidential Election, the Democrats nominated Howard Dean as their Democratic Presidential candidate. As a result, President George W. Bush was re-elected on Nov. 2nd, 2004 by a landslide. He was re-inaugurated on Jan 20th, 2005 at 1PM.

Over the course of the next two hours, President George W. Bush, Vice President Richard Cheney, Speaker of the House John Dennis Hastert, President pro tempore of the Senate Ted Stevens, Secretary of State Colin Powell, and Secretary of the Treasury John Snow, were systematically assassinated in varying acts of terrorism. By the Order of Presidential Succession the Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld was now President of

the United States of America.

As a result of these events, the War on Terror escalated on all fronts including the Middle East, North Korea, and Africa. Rumsfeld spread America's troop's thinner, and made more enemies. He increasingly sanctioned secret special operations, broke international laws and treaties, reinstated the draft, and threatened to withdraw the United States from the United Nations. In reality he had started his own reign of terror, in an attempt to single-handedly reshape world politics in his own vision. In an attempt to defend the U.S. from threats from within and abroad, the United States' spending on military endeavors doubled, leading to an ever increasing national deficit and faltering economy. Weapons of Mass Destruction again were produced at an astronomical rate, while battlefield technologies improved. NASA, Boeing and MacDonal Douglas were commissioned to develop new means of vehicle propulsion, and to engineer orbital jets capable of self sustained space travel. He also created secret research facilities to develop military grade cloning, nano technology,

cybernetics, robotics, artificial intelligence, and quantum physics, among others to further questionable practices. During this time in America's history, privately owned independent underground research labs and corporations began to emerge pioneering similar technologies. Many of the nation's people saw the state of the nation as a sign of things to come. They began to lose faith in their government, and the system of checks and balances they believed would ensure that no one political faction became too powerful. The mind set of the average American had changed and they began to prepare for the inevitabilities of War. People began stockpiling the necessities of life. And the deeper underground real-estate was the more valuable it was. Those who could afford to began to live underground, while those less well to do had to settle for a back yard bomb shelter. Despite the majority of the United States population disapproval of Rumsfeld's methods and policies, and the voicing of strong public protest and out cry, he was re-elected for a second term.

The United States secretly began to ready the war

machine by strengthening the majority of their military forces abroad, and then withdrew from the UN. With the US being militarily superior, and their increasing aggressions on the rest of the international community, they were distrusted and viewed as possible threat by most of the world. In 2010, The United Nations, and various other countries banded together and formed a coalition to police and restrict the US international military presence and impose trade embargoes on the country, until they agreed to cease their aggressive campaign. A few nations stood by the US, of them being Great Britain, Australia, Canada, South Korea, India, Israel. The coalition also brought Rumsfeld along with various other high ranking government officials and military officers up on charges in the world court, for crimes against humanity and the nations of the world. They asked that they peacefully step down and surrender for trial, while the US populace freely elects another President. Although the US public was displeased as a whole with the state of the nation, its government, and their part in world affairs, the Rumsfeld administration continued on. Many

assassinations were attempted on President Rumsfeld and other cabinet members, senators, congressmen, and high ranking military officials, but none succeeded. In conjunction to their turmoil with the rest of the world, the United States now teetered on the brink of a second civil war.

Rumslfeld and his advisors secretly ordered key government officials, and all military installations (local and abroad) to prepare for war. They refused to answer the summons of the world court, and retreated to secret NORAD bunkers in the Cheyenne Mountains of Colorado.

2011 saw increasing terrorism throughout the world. The United States, for the time being, managed to quell the civil war through strong arm tactics and brute military force. The average citizen was just too scared to get involved as the increasing war effort reinvigorated the economy. Small pockets of guerilla warfare sprang up from time to time, led by various radical groups, but were quickly diffused. All the while, the draft was in full effect. The US government decided to suspend the 2012 presidential elections, until a time

as the state of the world was deemed stable enough to withstand a restructure in the United States leadership. When the coalition was informed of this they immediately declared a state of readiness that any form of aggression by the United States would be viewed as an act of war. And thus World War Three began on February 3, 2013 when the United States signed a non aggression pact with Canada, and they both collectively invaded and took over Mexico.

World War III

World War III lasted for 14 years and was fought on every continent of the world throughout many theaters. Many new technologies for the war effort were developed over the course of the 14 years. Regardless of the events that took place to bring the world to the brink of destruction, the end result was inevitable. The Doomsday Clock struck midnight 3:53PM August 27th 2026, when President Rumsfeld ordered a Pre-Emptive First Strike Nuclear attack against their enemies. Retaliatory strikes were launched against the US and their

allies around the globe. Of the 8 billion people on the planet before the war, when it was over, there were less than three billion remaining on Earth.

The Aftermath

Those who survived were sparsely scattered. Many nations and governments were destroyed completely, while some attempted to pick up the pieces. Much of the world's resources had been depleted, and the necessities to sustain life were scarce. International communication and travel had all but ceased except for the most covert of reconnaissance missions. World War III had unofficially ended as a war torn world was forced to put down its arms and rebuild.

The Post-War USA

What was left of the United States government began to rebuild in the continental US, with Rumsfeld still in power, who looked as though he hadn't aged a day since 2008. Much of the technology that was developed during the war had

survived. Three factions had emerged during the reconstruction period. The first was the remnant of the old government led by Rumsfeld. The government was no longer a democracy but a dictatorship, backed by naïve patriots and loyalists. The second was a group of rebels led by people of pre war prominence and wealth. These people have resources independent of the national government and actively wage a guerilla style rebellion against the dictatorship of the US to overthrow Rumsfeld and his regime. They are based in underground bunkers and those supportive to the cause live in underground communities. The last faction is the groups of unorganized, nomadic barbarian raiders which travel the country pillaging at will. Open conflicts arise over natural resources, road ways and other necessities of life between the three factions constantly. Areas occupied by the US remnant have begun to rebuild towns, roads and the military. It is the biggest and widest spread faction to date. The Rebels have cells in most areas occupied by the Rumsfeld Regime, of which, the dictator constantly strive to eradicate. There is also a main city somewhere underground where the

rebels coordinate their efforts, but the location is known to but a few.

The current year is 2056. The land is hospitable enough to sustain life. Natural foliage and weather patterns have begun to re-emerge, and the animal kingdom, though mutated in some instances has begun to rebound. In some areas, instances of minimal radiation persist, while it may be non-existent in others. In some areas which were particularly hard hit in the nuclear blast may still exhibit high levels of radiation.

The Campaign will take place in North America, All Players must agree to collectively belong to one of the three factions.

Buffalo, 2056

The current year is 2056. You have lived and drifted around the WNY region all your lives. The bulk of what used to be the cities of Buffalo and Niagara Falls proper are all but destroyed. The surrounding suburbs fared a little better, but not

much. There are pockets where rebuilding have begun, mainly along the shore of the Niagara River and Lake Erie. The Niagara Falls where incapacitated as a major source of power during the retaliatory strikes. The Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve Base was also a major target and therefore destroyed, as well as the power plants of the area. Moog in East Aurora was also targeted as was the Ford Motor plant on Route 5. The Peace Bridge and the Grand Island bridges where also decimated in the attacks. Such areas specifically targeted may still carry pockets of Mild to Low Levels of Radiation.

Despite the devastation of the attacks, of the 200,000 people in the Buffalo area at the time, approximately 47,500 survived. The Rumsfeld Regime immediately dispatched a small contingent to the area based on its proximity to Lakes Erie and Ontario and the Niagara River and its strategic shipping location. To date they have a small fortified compound called New Buffalo along the remains of Furhmann Blvd. It is the seat of the Rumsfeld Regime, and staffed by military officers

and loyalists. They have attempted to reclaim the Niagara Falls area but with little success due to the amount of radiation in the area and the extent of the devastation. There has long been rumored to be secret technology hidden away in the bowels of the base waiting to be discovered. Along with their endeavors in the falls, the Rumsfeld regime has reclaimed the Buffalo Airports and rebuilt a small airstrip in which they use for supplies. They maintain a small roadway between the two points. They expand and recruit almost daily.

The Rebellion also has a presence in the area based somewhere in the Old South Buffalo/West Seneca area. They organize hit and run tactics on the Rumsfeld Regime and McCroskey's Marauder's.

McCroskey's Marauder's are a group of raiders and pillagers led by the homicidal zealot Murdock McCroskey. After the holocaust, McCroskey survived by practicing every unscrupulous act conceivable to man, and gained a following doing so. Within a few years he established himself as the leader of his rag tag band of misfits, pillagers

and murderers. He now rules from his seat of power at the old HSBC arena and lords over the War Memorial Auditorium and the Military and Naval Park. He has managed to restore the USS Croaker Hunter Killer Submarine, and uses it to sabotage shipping endeavors and launch hit and run raiding parties in the area. He is currently restoring the USS Sullivan and the USS Little Rock. Of either of the three post war factions, McCroskey holds the most power in the area. He delights in watching human blood sport from the press box of HSBC arena which has been dubbed “New Thunderdome.”