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SO... YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT GOING ABOVEGROUND

AS RESPONSIBLE AMERICAN CITIZENS, WE IMPLORE YOU TO REMAIN UNDERGROUND

in the safety of your vault until the all-clear signal is given. There's no need to be impatient.

The authorities will contact your Overseer the moment it is safe to return to the surface.

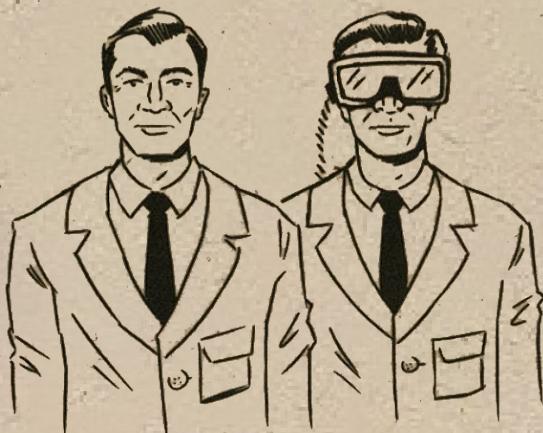
On the other hand - and this is the important part - should you leave the vault, there is a slim chance of your survival. Beyond one-half mile from away the vault, only one in ten will survive. The others will die a frightening, unspeakable death.

If you still feel it necessary to venture out of the cocoon of safety provided to you by Vault-Tec, make sure you have completely read the following material. After several readings, we are confident you will understand why staying underground is the best option.



A NOTE ABOUT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION

These scenarios were developed through scientific projections obtained from roughly 2,000,000 documented tests using the SimTek 5000, Vault-Tec Science Service's most advanced post-nuclear simulation. The Vault-Tec Documentation Department has used the most likely projections as the basis for this guide. As this information was gleaned through simulation, we can- not guarantee 100% accuracy. It is possible that things aboveground will be worse. For this reason, we must remind and implore you that your only real safety lies in a comfortable and sensible life underground.



Projections obtained through documented tests



SECTION 1

GETTING ACCLIMATED

INITIAL KNOW-HOW FOR WASTELAND SURVIVAL

TOPICS COVERED

METHOD FOR ADJUSTMENT
ADAPTING TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD
WATCH YOUR STEP
THE ELEMENTS
PANIC
RADIATION



GETTING ACLIMATED

THE FOLLOWING SYSTEM IS AN EASY AND FUN WAY TO ENSURE YOU ADJUST QUICKLY TO LIFE IN THE WASTELAND:

PARTNER WITH FRIENDLY LOCALS

ACtions speak louder than words

Treat wounds immediately

Intuition is your greatest asset

Embrace challenges

Notice your surroundings

Combat fear and loneliness

Exercise caution always

TRUST IN YOURSELF
INITIAL DISCOMFORT IS NORMAL
MAKE A PLAN
ENJOY WHAT YOU ARE DOING

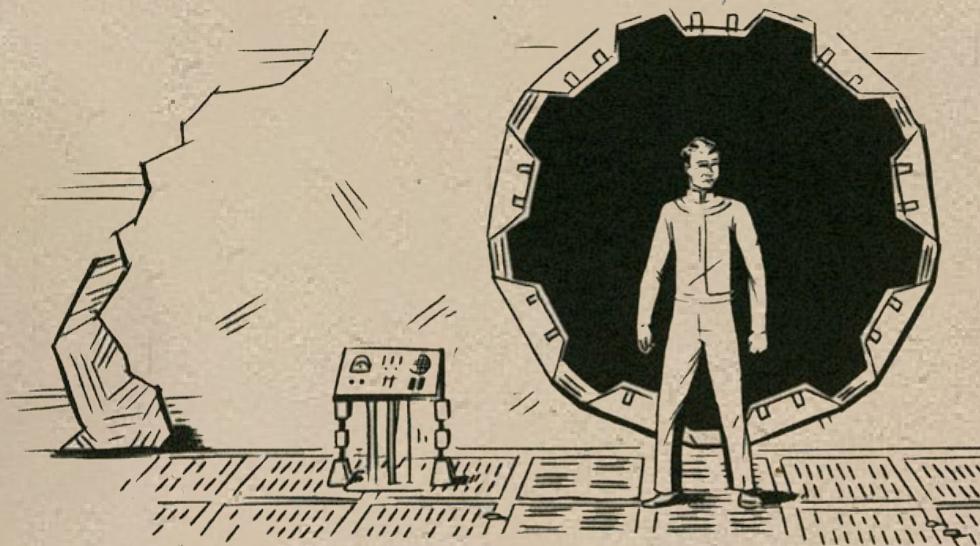
CRAFTED BY VAULT-TEC'S RENOWNED EXPERTS, THIS MNEMONIC SERVES AS A REMINDER OF THE CORE VALUES ESSENTIAL FOR SURVIVAL AND PROSPERITY IN THE POST-APOCALYPTIC WORLD.

WITH 'PATIENCE AND TIME' AS YOUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES, YOU'LL BE EQUIPPED TO FACE ANY OBSTACLE WITH COMPOSURE, DETERMINATION, AND A STEADFAST RESOLVE TO SHAPE A BRIGHTER FUTURE AMIDST THE RUINS.

ADAPTING TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD

YOU'VE LEFT THE SAFETY AND COMFORT OF THE VAULT. WHAT NOW?

The moment you exit the vault, you will notice a piercing bright light. Like a creature of the night, your eyes are not accustomed to the bare sun. Make sure to shield the retinas with tinted googles.



IF PROTECTIVE EYEWEAR IS UNAVAILABLE,

press your index fingers and thumb together and place your hands over your eyebrows in an open and horizontal fashion, thus shielding yourself from the most harmful rays.



Figure 1.2b

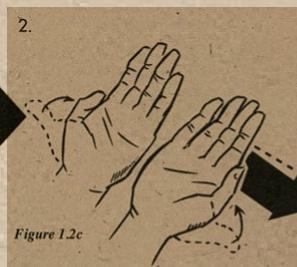


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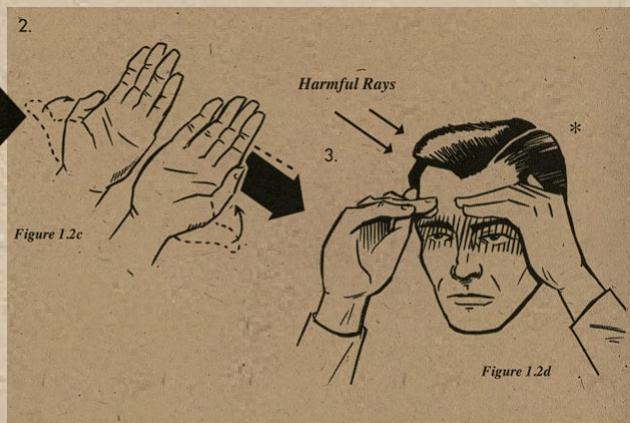


Figure 1.2d



Figure 1.2a

*Note that this is not an ideal form of eye protection and may not allay the threat of blindness



WATCH YOUR STEP

THE WORLD YOU MAY REMEMBER HEARING ABOUT

will be rendered unrecognizable. All that will remain of that more tranquil time will be decaying ruins and fallen landmarks. Negotiate this world with care, as the exposed rebar and damaged stairways of unstable buildings may lead to grievous pain. If you suffer an injury, but can dust yourself off and walk away, consider the experience a lesson learned.



THE CAPITAL ★ WASTELAND

VAULT 101 ENTRANCE



Figure 1.3b

VAULT 101

You have a choice. If you are worried about your safety in the Wasteland, stay in the vault. No problem! Note: The Overseer's word is law.

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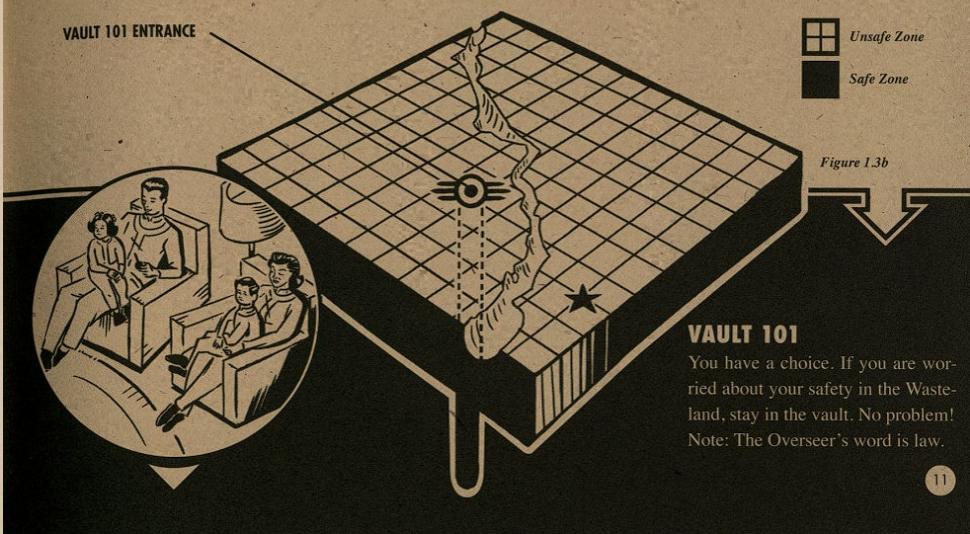


Figure 1.3a

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THE ELEMENTS

WHILE MEN OF SCIENCE DIVERGE

on the catastrophe's scale, all agree that a nuclear incident will leave the surface a shattered, intolerable and dangerous place. To be more specific, the cracked earth and terrific heat alone may kill you. If you survive the scorching thirst and blistering skin, you should begin acclimate within several months.



Figure 1.4a

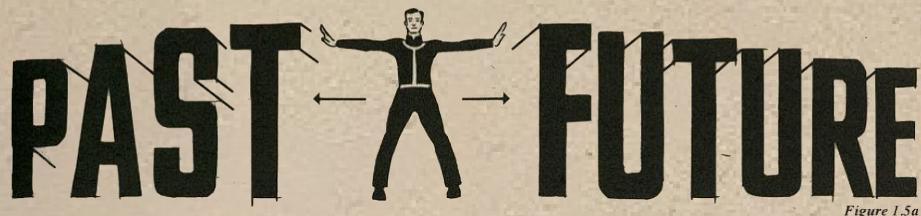
SECTION 1.5

PANIC

**ROUGHLY ONE IN ONE HUNDRED TEST SUBJECTS
HAS BEEN FOUND TO STAY CALM**

in the face of gnawing fear. The very nature of living aboveground after a widespread nuclear event will create anxiety. It helps to focus on the moment at hand, asking yourself what you can do right now. Do not wander into daydreams of the past or worries about the future.

If panic does set in, admit that you are panicking. Have something close at hand that will calm your senses: a soft blanket, a child's toy, even a favorite rock. Anything to get you out of your thoughts.



RADIATION

BEWARE THE SILENT KILLER

While some harmful radiation should have dissipated years ago, lingering radiation will remain. Ceaseless radioactive bombardment attacks your body without warning until it's too late and you begin to suffer the debilitating effects of its poisoning. This will be a real threat to your survival. Use your Pip-Boy 3000 to monitor radiation levels.

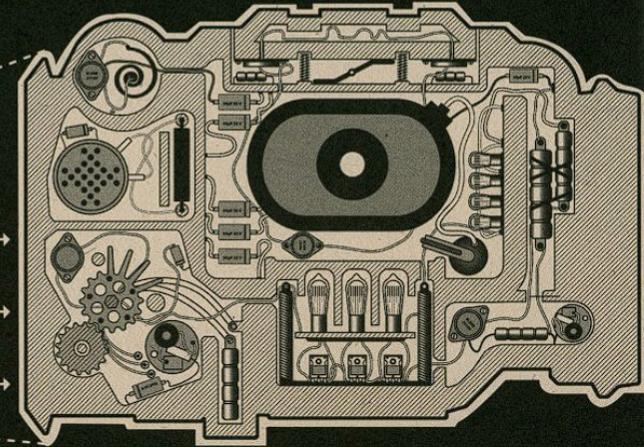
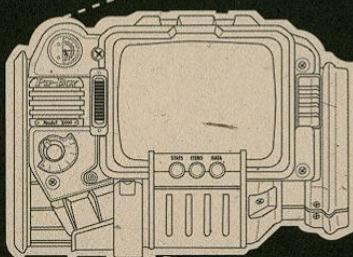


INTRODUCING THE PIP-BOY 3000

RADIATION



Figure 1.6a
Regularly check your Pip-Boy 3000
for radiation levels.



Prolonged Exposure

Figure 1.6b



SECTION 2

GETTING INTEGRATED

ADJUSTING TO LIFE ABOVEGROUND

TOPICS COVERED

BLENDING IN
FINDING FRIENDS
HOSTILE MUTATED CREATURES



SECTION 2.1

BLENDING IN

IDEALLY, YOU WANT TO FEEL AT HOME IN THE WASTELAND

Learn to mimic people around you. Do what you see. This will put them at ease about interacting with a stranger. But - and this is crucial - do not lose your head. Blending in does not mean undermining your ethics. Say no to disagreeable situations. Trust your instincts.

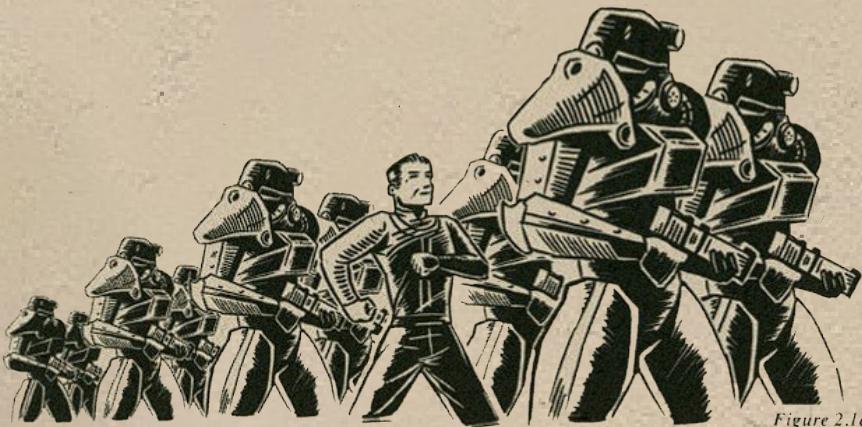


Figure 2.1a

FINDING FRIENDS

YOUR NEIGHBORS WILL BE AN ACQUIRED TASTE

Simulations show how drastic changes will occur in the human psyche due to the constant anxiety of daily survival. You will find neighbors whose very existence seems a sheer nightmare. But remember, while those aboveground will be seasoned by the horrors of the Wasteland, they are people just like you. Give them no reason to be hostile, and they will remain amicable.



Figure 2.2a

SECURE YOUR PLACE IN WASTELAND SOCIETY

As a stranger, every person you meet will cause a ripple throughout the social structure. The way others perceive you and the way you perceive them will open and close the doors of possibility. In many cases, your survival will depend on friendships. Be sure to help as many people as possible. Only turn away those who pose an immediate and obvious threat to your personal safety. Remember - you are your actions.

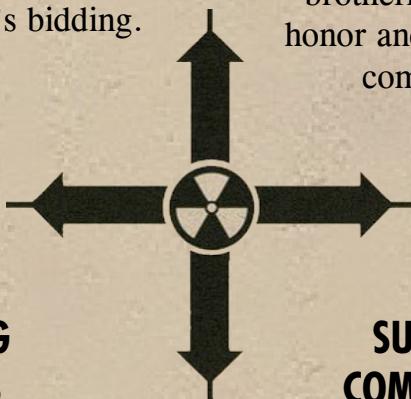


*Figure 2.2c
Make eye contact when talking to others.*

PROJECTIONS SHOW A LIKELYHOOD OF FOUR MAIN CULTURES

MERCENARIES

Everyone is available for a price. With some negotiation, these armed men will do anyone's bidding.



ROVING GANGS

Unlike the hoodlums in the vault, these opportunists will use whatever and whomever they need to continue the prosperity of their kind.

MILITARY FRATERNITIES

A product of the military industrial complex, these brotherhoods will use honor and technology as commodities.

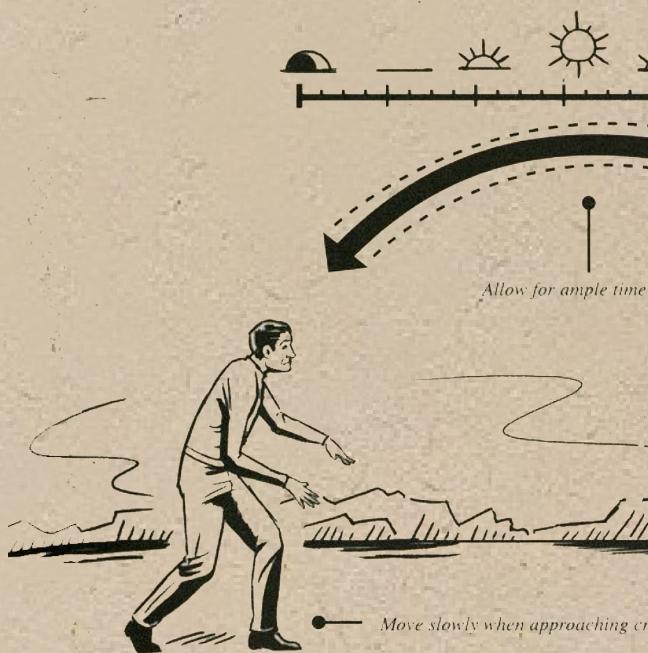
SURVIVOR COMMUNITIES

The remnants of society before the nuclear event, these will be secured communities with social structures and a distribution of labor.

HOSTILE MUTANT CREATURES

ANIMAL SPECIES WILL HAVE CHANGED

It is certain that many factors, including radiation, environmental changes, and possible exposure to quarantined viruses will play a role in the new face of wildlife in the Wasteland. In succumbing to these factors, many animals will develop physical, mental, and emotional changes. So will humans.



Until you become familiar with your surroundings, do not attempt to approach hostile mutant creatures. Move slowly so as not to portray yourself as a threat. And, whenever possible, avoid conflict.

As your familiarity advances, you will sense danger in an instant. Through experience, you will learn the best defensive and preventative measures for each creature.

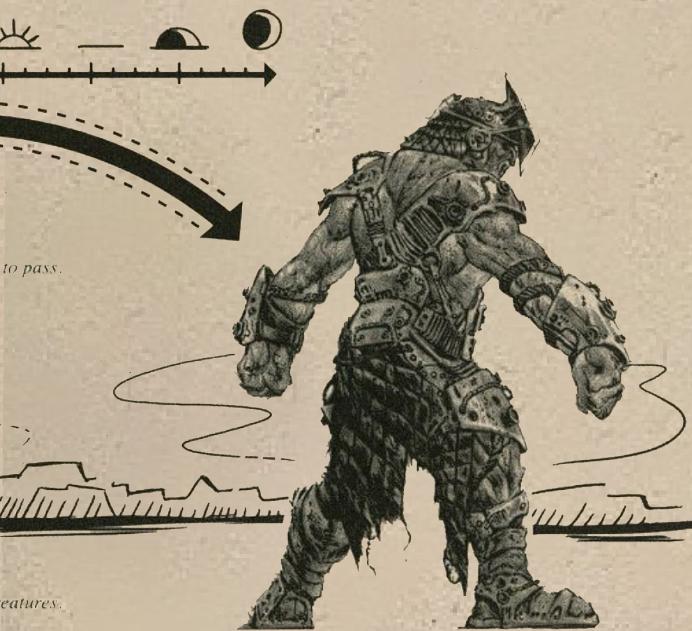


Figure 2.3a



SECTION 3

ADVANCED UNDERSTANDING

FURTHER INTO THE WASTELAND

— TOPICS COVERED —

ASSESSING THE SITUATION
THE UNAPPETIZING TRUTH
DON'T LEARN THE HARD WAY
REGULAR CHECKUPS
MIND YOUR MECHANICS



ASSESSING THE SITUATION

USE THE RIGHT TOOL FOR THE JOB

Once you are able to see this harsh and violent world without attachment and anxiety, you will have the opportunity to fine-tune your skills.

Without fixating on your enemy's terrifying intentions, combine armaments and strategy.

Some situations might call for a laser rifle, while others just a simple metal pipe.

THE TOOLS OF SURVIVAL WILL BE HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT

Commonplace items strewn through the Wasteland can be turned into weapons of destruction and tools of survival. Make yourself at home in abandoned buildings. Raid the liquor cabinets, cash registers, desks, dumpsters, vending machines and lockers. Take the time you need. But don't dawdle and become an unwanted houseguest.

SECTION 3.2

THE UNAPPETIZING TRUTH

CONSIDER THE SOURCE OF YOUR FOOD

You may have heard rumors that the Wasteland will have no safe food or drinks. This is so much bunk. Science shows fresh produce and safe water will be available. However, you will likely encounter the need to eat irradiated like raw chunks of two-headed Brahmin meat. And, in your darkest moments, when all options are spent, you may shamefully choose to eat the flesh of your own kind.

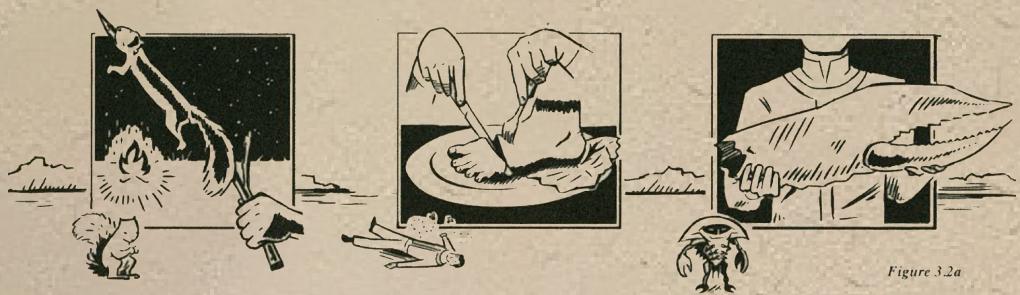


Figure 3.2a

DON'T LEARN THE HARD WAY

THERE WILL BE HIDDEN DANGER

It is assured that you will encounter secret traps meant to snuff out your life. These insidious contraptions should be avoided. What may seem like a harmless item - a common item, box of ammunition, even a baby carriage - may in fact be a nefarious tool of harm. Once you have identified these pitfalls, take notice. You will often have the chance to use them agains the very foes who set them.

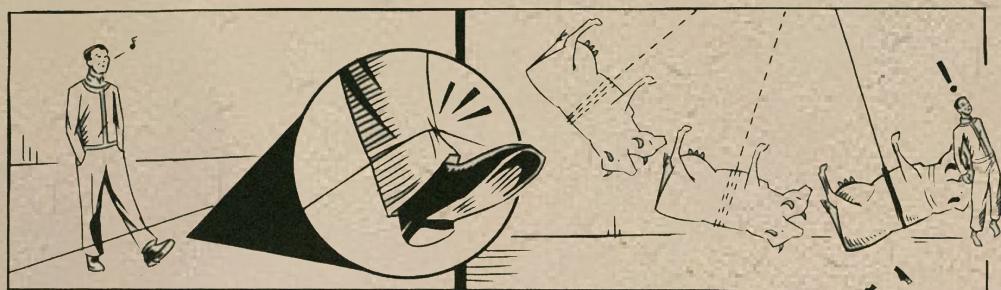


Figure 3.3a

REGULAR CHECKUPS

IF YOU BECOME ILL OR INJURED,

do not ignore the pain. The Wasteland is a savage place. An ailment that seems like nothing, such as a small cut, minor sprain, or low-grade fever, can quickly put you in dire peril. Make an effort to prevent any health problems from escalating. Take immediate action, no matter how drastic.



*Figure 3.4a
Apply pressure on all cuts.*

MIND YOUR MECHANICS

BANG! BANG!

Many weapons will survive the nuclear event and can supply you with a plethora of defense choices. Remember, however, that years of decay will have altered many of these tools. You'll need to find the know-how necessary to repair and maintain any working weapons.



Figure 3.5a

ENERGY WEAPONS

BIG GUNS

SMALL ARMS

10 MM PISTOL



HUNTING RIFLE



SAWED-OFF SHOTGUN



10 MM SUBMACHINE GUN



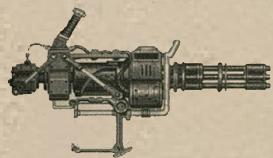
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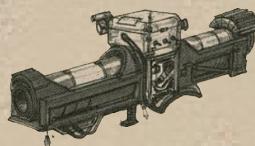
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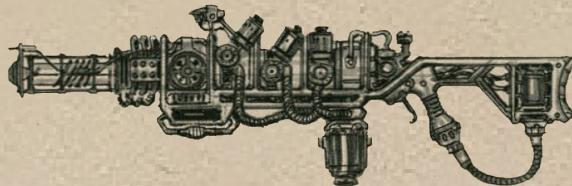
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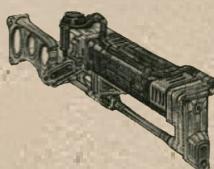
MISSILE LAUNCHER



PLASMA RIFLE



LASER RIFLE



MESMETRON



**READ
RELATE**

**REREAD
RESPOND**

To truly comprehend this guide, you must study it, taking into account the context of your own experience.

ARE YOU PONDERING LEAVING THE VAULT?

We strongly suggest against it. Reread this book several times. Imagine the bleak future that awaits.

ARE YOU ALREADY ABOVEGROUND?

Panicked? Lonely? In need of medical attention? Find the sections that correspond most closely to your current situation.

ARE YOU IN IMMEDIATE DANGER?

You are beyond help. Drop this book and run.

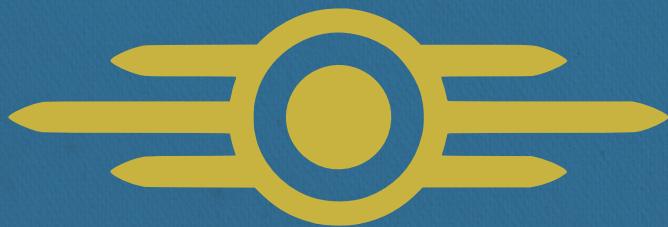
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