

## **Rift Crasher**

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Following the events of Lunar through Rifts

### **Summary**

With Lunar's new powers, he feels free as ever with his life now. He has no need to worry about school or how life works anymore, he runs the show. That soon changes quickly when he receives a distress signal from Max's world, an Earth 300 years into the future accessed by a rift. With no clear communication, Lunar and his friends enter the rift using the rift gun to figure out why the signal was stopped. Only there do they find out there is a much larger problem in this new world they crashed in. Lunar's new AI powers will be put to the test in this new adventure in this second world.

### **Book Information**

I didn't expect to be making a second trilogy to follow up the original Virtual Craftality series, but I was dying to write more. Rift Crasher will take place mainly in Lunar's home dimension and follow the events that happened there ever since Lunar moved into the current Earth. I hope you all enjoy reading this new series as much as I liked writing it. Shoutout to Sammi for helping think of ideas once again. The new characters and settings will be a very nice change. I took stuff perhaps again but that's what you can expect from me at this point.

## Chapter I (Lunar's POV): Confirmed Robberies

"They're getting away!" said Aidan.

"Don't worry, I got this," I replied.

I activated the defense mechanism of the Lunar Storm; some would think it's overkill to have weapons attached to your own car but you always have to be ready. I launched the homing missiles right at the bandit's vehicle and stopped him right in his tracks. Not explosive missiles, but I developed them to temporarily disable machinery. His car stopped and the police were able to get to him. Before they could find Aidan and I, we left the scene. I didn't really want the entire world to know I was AI, just the people I call friends.

"I think the Storm took some damage back there Lunar," said Aidan.

I stopped somewhere quiet and hopped out to check. He was right; there were scratches and dents everywhere.

"Nah it's just a scratch. Was worth it to stop that guy, after all, he had tons of gold on him. We had to stop him," I said.

I drove us back to my house to chill for a bit after the intense chase. It feels good to be the owner of the house. Apparently I don't even need to pay any bills, Max took care of all the technical stuff. We got back and parked.

"Are we going to hit the minecraft world tonight you think?" asked Aidan.

"If we have time we can visit those guys there. I was working on a small project that easily allows us to talk to them without needing to use a headset," I said.

We went to the basement and I gave another introduction to what I was working on.

"This right here is another computer style device I made. Within the screen I can play inside the AI world with a robot player instead of having to go in with virtual reality," I said. I turned it on and grabbed a controller. I was just a normal player to the other AI's but could talk through a microphone. I went to go find Alex and give her a little surprise. It took some time but eventually I found where she was inside her base.

I talked using the microphone for the first time, "Alex,"

She jumped and hid behind a block before coming out.

"Oh come on don't be scared it's me Lunar," I said.

"Lunar? Why did you make a robot to enter the world? That gave me a heart attack. Plus you are one of us, remember," she said.

"Yeah but what if I can't easily use my headset. Plus now everyone from the public can witness this if I wanted to share," I said.

"I think it might be best if the world is hidden for now again for a while. So what have you been up to?" she asked.

"Oh you know, same old same old, I've been putting inventions together. Aidan's here too by the way if you want to say hi," I said.

"Alex!" he yelled from across the room.

"Oh the goofball. Hello Aidan," she said.

"Hey I take full offense to that Alex," said Aidan.

I laughed and left Alex's base to go look around the world. I caught up with some of the other AI friends we met and went on small adventures. I was soon interrupted by the sound of Aidan coming downstairs.

"Lunar! There are people trying to break into your house!" he yelled.

"What?" I was confused.

I turned on my computer and looked through the cameras on my security system. He was right. There were at least 6 or 7 people outside trying to get in. What did they want? My technology? I looked closer and saw that one of them was the guy we slowed down for the police. This must be his revenge scheme, but how did he find out where I lived?

"Alright Aidan, we have about 5 minutes before my door goes down. Take this weapon. It won't kill them, but it will make them regret ever coming here," I said.

"Alright I won't let you down!" he said.

We waited at the main door until they got in.

"Should've hid in your jail cell buddy," said Aidan.

They looked confused until we started firing blasts from my modified Super Merge weapon. It was enough to cause some damage but not fully hurt and change someone's life from it. We were able to blast them out of my house and chase them back to their vehicles.

"Damn it, they are going to get away again," I said.

That's what I thought, until their cars wouldn't start moving even after getting in and turning on the engine.

"What's going on?!?" The guy was so confused.

"Simple science actually,"

I turned around and Sammi appeared out of nowhere.

"Where did you come from?!" asked Aidan.

"Well I saw that Lunar's house was kinda being attacked so I thought some acid would teach their wheels a lesson," she said.

"Thanks buddy you the best," I said.

We kept them in one place until the police finally came to take them all in once and for all.

"How's it been going you two?" asked Sammi.

"Pretty good, I've been keeping up with the FNAF games and Breaking Bad Episodes," said Aidan.

"Yeah I actually just finished a really cool invention that I have to show you later Sammi," I said.

"Oh sweet, I can't wait to check it out. You should go get it now. I wanted to show you guys something cool at my place," she said.

"Alright I'm down," we both said.

"Well let me first clean up this mess from the bad guys," I said.

It almost feels unfair but I use my powers for good. You mess with me and you'll feel the sparks.

## Chapter II (Lunar's POV): Anomalous Energy

We took the Lunar Storm all the way to her lab. She seemed more excited than usual to show off this new device. Almost as much since the time I made her computer. We arrived and got out.

"Come, it's this way," she said.

She pressed a button and opened up some completely new entrance underground that I've never even seen before.

"I see you made some renovations to the place," I commented.

"Not just that, I basically rebuilt my lab after we came back from Velocity Ville," she said.

The entire entrance was very fancy and technical. Something I'd see in a movie. The tunnel to the actual lab was pretty long too.

"Sammi, how long did this take you? This is huge," asked Aidan.

"Well I did take advantage of some of the technology Evil Lunar dropped after the battle," she said.

I was confused as to what she meant until I saw the same robots that Mojang released at the event.

"Oh I get it now. You make your own versions of the mojang robots to help you out," I said.

"Spot on,"

That was smart actually. I could use some assistance while making my inventions, but robots working for basically a smarter robot was a weird idea to me. Eventually we did get to the main area. It looked amazing. There was probably more stuff in here than my lab.

"So this is what you were up to over the summer," I said.

"I made this with some help from Mack of course. The real gem I wanted to show was this thing right here," she pulled out some tracker device. It looked kinda like the One Ray but not exactly.

"It's pretty simple. It tracks Anomalous Energy," she said.

"Now I'm not a total dumbass, but what does that mean?" asked Aidan.

"Well I didn't want to have to encounter every problem as a surprise, so this device will track down suspicious activity that could be a problem for us," she said.

It sounded interesting. This would be helpful for finding problems, just not solving them, that would be our job.

"Has it been tested yet?" I asked.

"Actually not yet, I've been waiting for you guys to come to test it out,"

We were down.

"But before that, I wanted to show you guys what self defense weapons I've been making. Just in case something happens based on our previous experiences," she said. We followed her into a super secure room. The security here sure was tough.

"Alright here we go guys. Take a look at these bad boys. It's about time I made official ones for us,"

I was shocked to see a full arsenal of weaponry she created. Everything you could possibly imagine: Blasters, Rocket Launchers and RC Copters and Cars. I looked to the side and saw bows and swords as well, but they had some cool glowing aura.

“Sammi, what did you do to these things?” I asked.

“Oh one of the things I nabbed from the battlefield was some glowing energy crystal, and with some science I discovered that it was radiating with Xenon, and upon testing I powered up these simple medieval weapons,”

“This is all so incredible,” said Aidan.

“Yeahh. I brand it a series of Jarring Insulated Neutralizing Xenon weapons. Or for short, J.I.N.X. Weapons. Patented by me. Feel free to grab a copy of each,” she said.

We both helped ourselves to one of everything. This stuff felt almost as good as the technology I made back at home. She was really getting good at this stuff, and she’s human.

“Ok I think I will try using this thing now,” she said.

She turned on the device and typed something in. An antenna popped out and started doing some scans. I never noticed, but I have the power to analyze what other pieces of technology are doing. I could see exactly the science behind it. A few minutes later, it sounded an alarm. I looked at the screen and saw that it was marking a location.

“Huh, what does this mean?” asked Aidan.

“It’s tracking tons of Anomalous Energy at a very familiar place. It looks like it’s right next to Velocity Ville but not quite in it,” she said.

I took a closer look and instantly recognized the place.

“Actually, I know where this is. When I jumped into the river to save you guys, it led me down the stream to a hidden cove area where I found Max’s hideout. That spot looks like the place I was at that day,” I said.

“If it’s tracking that kind of energy over there, then something must be up with a rift portal. I think we should check it out in case there isn’t some chance of rogue AI still out there,” said Sammi.

“Well I’m not the one with a life in society anymore,” I said.

“It’s vacation time for us from school, I can spend time away from home,” said Aidan.

“Alright, we got this then. I’ll just tell Mack I’ll be away until further notice,” she said sadly.

I think I knew what it was time to do now.

“Everyone, load up. We got a long car ride to do once again,” I said.

“I call SHOTGUN!” yelled Aidan.

### **Chapter III (Lunar’s POV): Crash Site**

Another 6 grueling hours went by, luckily the Lunar Storm is equipped with snacks and drinks and other forms of entertainment or I would’ve gone nuts listening to Aidan talk about his favorite TV shows.

“Lunar we have to watch Breaking Bad together, it is such an epic show,” he said.

“Alright alright I will consider it,” I replied.

I noticed Sammi's Anomalous Energy reader getting stronger by the second, we were getting close. We were soon approaching the area where I jumped into the river, except there was now a huge new building blocking the way and mostly covering the holes to the river. What was this? I then remembered that this was where we destroyed the main O-Rez Industries building. It was replaced by a new Mojang factory ever since the last one was destroyed by Evil Lunar.

"So how are we getting to the river if it's been built on?" asked Aidan.

"Only one way, we enter the factory first," I said.

I drove right into the parking lot and we got out. They sure made this more sturdy than the last factory I'll say that. The main lobby area was great too. I went up to the person at the front desk to see if they could help us, but to my surprise it was...

"Oh you guys, what a shocker," it was Mason.

"Woah! Mason, you work for Mojang again?" I asked.

"Yeah, me and Ruby put aside our differences to rebuild this company stronger than ever. That and the huge pay raise I got due to the success of our robots," he said.

"Mason, we are here because we need to investigate some strange activity that I've been tracking. It happened down the river when Lunar jumped to save us that time. Do you know how we can get there now?" asked Sammi.

"Yeah, about that. When construction began work on the new factory we decided it was best to patch up any opening to the river down there. So there isn't any official way to get there now. BUT! I think I can help you locate a weak opening where you can safely drill underground without anything collapsing," he said.

He looked through his papers and handed me a map.

"This should be able to guide you,"

"Thanks again! We'll see you around," we said.

I downloaded the map into my system and tracked the coordinates. It was where I suspected it to be.

"Alright, this point in the ground right here will get us exactly to the cove, we just need to dig down there," I said.

"That river looked really far down. Are you sure we can dig through all that dirt?" asked Aidan.

I thought about it for a second, the drills I had in the car couldn't do this job all alone. I pulled out my super merge and used it with the drills and the Lunar Storm, attaching a huge drill piece to the very front.

"Well you know what they say, don't dig straight down," I said.

We got in and I turned on the car, praying that the merge didn't cause any problems. To my surprise, it worked just how I wanted to. We easily made it down and followed the stream all the way to where Max lived during his time in this world. I still remembered it like it was yesterday. His little shack was surprisingly still in one piece.

"The radar is pointing right in the center of his building," said Sammi.

We all got out and busted into the place. I don't understand how he could've lived here for so long. It was like camping out every night. We ended up walking into a room that seemed to be where he did his work and slept. There was a bunch of old technology that he left behind

that I could analyze to my liking. Some really cool stuff, the earth of the future must be living a real good life.

“Wait, the signal is directing it right inside this shelf,” she said.

I opened it up and found a little USB. It was labeled for me. I plugged it into my harddrive and started analyzing what was in it. My eyes couldn’t believe it, it was a distress message of some kind. It was hard to tell who it was from since the voice was distorted, all I could hear was that I was desperately needed in Max’s world.

“What did you get from that?” asked Aidan.

“I don’t know exactly, but we need to enter Max’s world somehow. It was a distress message, and I’m assuming it’s from him,” I said.

“How are we going to get there?” asked Sammi.

“I got ideas, don’t worry guys,” I said.

Ever since the last fight with my evil self, I still held onto the rift creator I was given. I used it to open up a rift inside a portal frame and the whole building activated with power. Looks like Max didn’t want anyone finding out about this place other than me.

“Alright guys, shall we?” I asked.

## **Chapter IV (Lunar’s POV): Max’s Lab**

It’s been a while since I rift jumped, and even though it wasn’t my first time it still felt like it took hours to get through. We all landed out on the other end inside a lab, which I assumed was the very lab I was created in. My senses were agreeing as well.

“So this is where I was born huh,” I said.

“It’s in a much better condition then the place I was born in,” said Aidan.

“And I thought my lab was cool,” said Sammi.

To be honest I had to agree with her. His place was absolutely huge and looked even more modern, but that’s to be expected in a world 300 years into the future. I wonder why I was being built in the first place, I never actually asked Max that.

“Alright Sammi, is your radar picking up anything new? I think it will lead us to him if we follow it since he gave us the USB,” I said.

“It has a very faint signal in some corner in this building, he’s probably working on something here,” she said.

It was worth exploring this place anyways, we are probably the first humans and AI to ever travel into a rift to the future. Unfortunately we were in a room with no windows so we couldn’t get a look at the outside world. We walked for what seemed to be hours before finding the first staircase that led downstairs. So far the self guided tour was pretty good. We passed by this huge room that seemed to be testing sources of renewable energy using sunlight and even moonlight. There were 2 AI models on each side as well, very fascinating. There doesn’t seem to be any big issues happening here other than the AI going rogue incident that Max told me about.

“Uh Lunar, do you know those guys?” asked Aidan.

I turned around to where he was looking and saw some robots that seemed to work here.

“Hey guys! We are just looking for Max, have you seen him?” I asked.

All I got from them was, “Foreign Contaminant Alert,” this could not be good.

“Guys, we should run, now!” I told Aidan and Sammi.

“Were you trying to communicate with them?!” asked Sammi.

“Well actually I did for a second, but I could tell that they were treating us like intruders, as expected,” I said.

We ran back all the way to the main portal area but it was shut off. I couldn’t reactivate it with the rift gun as well.

“Alright guys, who’s ready to destroy private property?” I asked.

They pulled out their new J.I.N.X. weapons and I got out my weaponized Super Merge. The robots caught up to us but we weren’t running away without a fight. It was an all out turf war all of a sudden, with blasts from both sides going back and forth. These guys were way better fighters than the criminals that appeared at my house that’s for sure. We could pick them off one by one slowly but more kept coming. I grabbed a new device I created that made us a temporary shield that could absorb all sorts of energy.

“Ok we need a new plan, Max has probably beefed up security ever since the incident,” I said.

“I’m tracking the alert system that is causing them to be called. If you destroy it they’ll stop coming after us,” said Sammi.

“Sounds good,” I said.

I analyzed the room real quickly and saw the system right in the corner of the room. It seemed wrong to do so, but I had no other choice. I powered up another blast from the merge and aimed it right at the panel. To my surprise, a blast coming from the opposite end of the room deflected it. I looked over and saw someone walking over.

“I don’t know why you guys keep trying to invade our space but I will for sure be reporti-... Lunar is that you?” It was Max.

“Uhhh, what’s good my homie?” I played it off cool.

“I should’ve known it was you after I detected traces of rifts being opened again. So what brings you here?” he asked.

I could’ve asked the very same thing to myself to be honest. I still had no clue what help the distress message was asking for, and judging by how surprised Max was at our arrival, and the unfriendly welcome we got, I had reasons to suspect the message wasn’t from him anymore. It was all so confusing, but this person has to know me in some way or another, the message clearly had my name in it spoken out loud.

## **Chapter V (Sammi’s POV): The Girl from Galactical Laboratories**

“Well actually, back in our world we detected some peculiar energy at the place where I met you for the first time, and I picked up a USB that had a distress message for me, I assumed you left it for me,” said Lunar.

“Distress message? I don’t remember creating any distress message during my time in your world. If I did, I would’ve told you about it without needing you to travel all the way over here,” said Max.



Things weren't adding up here, if Max didn't leave that USB for Lunar, then who did? I took it out from my pocket and handed it over.

"Do you think you can give this a read? My technology back home could not tell what this was," I said.

"Sure thing. I'll take you guys over to my personal office, after I call in more robots to clean up this mess that you guys have made," he said.

"We are so sorry Max, we thought they would kill us," I said.

"Nah don't worry Sammi it's all cool. Their weapons don't actually have the power to kill anyone. They are mostly there to scare off any intruders. Plus I can create as many as I want of them," he said.

We followed him into a secret tunnel just like the one I have in my lab. I should really take notes on this because it is all incredible work. I wish Mack was here to see this.

"Also Max, what were you talking about when you first found us? It sounded like someone here has tried to break in before for real harm?" asked Lunar.

"Uh, I can explain that later, it's not super important right now," said Max.

That was strange. No clue why he would want to hide something like that from us. It must be for good reason then. We got to his office and work area and were instantly impressed. This was nothing compared to my work area.

"Well welcome to home," he said.

"This is so freaking cool," said Aidan.

"I have to agree with him," said Lunar.

I couldn't even begin to process what some of these devices were. Explains being 300 years into the future though.

"Just some of the latest projects I can introduce you all to. This is some of the newest computer technology over here, capable of dishing out over 20,000 fps and carrying over 50TB of RAM," he said.

"And I thought the computer back home I made was strong," said Lunar.

"I brought some super old movie concepts to real life. This is a real life lightsaber and portal gun that I made for fun," said Max.

"This is all so cool," I said.

"It sure is. I have something that can tell me what the USB consists of bit by bit as well," said Max.

He took it and placed it under a super advanced scanner that I've never seen before. Soon, his screen filled up with results. He looked really shocked at what came out.

"This is truly fascinating. The material of this USB comes directly from my company's lab," he said.

"Woah, your Company?" asked Aidan.

"Yes, this place isn't just my personal lab. I run a company that goes by Galactical Laboratories. We work on providing efficient and renewable energy sources for the globe," explained Max.

"How is that going for you?" I asked.

"Um, once we leave I will show you guys. I can't tell who is speaking in the message but I can pick up traces of their whereabouts now. We should go," he said.

We followed him through another secret tunnel that finally led us to the outside world. For some reason I expected it to be a beautiful and clean area with modern technology but was shocked to see dark yellow clouds and fumes covering the skies. No plant life was to be seen anywhere in sight. Foot traffic seemed to be almost non-existent and the roads were close to empty. At least what cars I could see did seem to advance. Even Lunar and Aidan were surprised to see this state of Earth.

“Max, what happened to our planet? Why is it like this?” asked Lunar.

“You don’t know but being in your world was so refreshing, quite literally. So much so that it was part of the reason I wasn’t in a big rush to build a rift portal frame back home,” he said.

“What do you mean by that?” I asked.

“Well only in the past few years or so here, a new company called NovaFuel Industries used some technology to use fossil fuel energy almost infinitely. They currently produce the most energy for the entire planet right now and are basically the only company providing energy for the globe. And as a result, pollution is so bad that I dedicated my work into trying to find a new solution,” he continued.

We walked into a Starbucks as he ordered a frappuccino for himself.

“But as you can see, my latest project was disrupted from the incident and my work has been stalled ever since, making the pollution even worse than before,” he said.

“That sounds horrible. I couldn’t imagine living in a world like this. And I don’t have to because I would be dead by this era,” I said.

“Believe me the only reason I’m not dead yet is because I made a promise to fix this issue before I die. The worst part is that the government and general public have no problem because we developed technology that allows us to breathe through this nasty air and no other energy source can output our daily requirements due to the massive population increase,” said Max.

“Don’t worry Max, once we resolve the distress message I promise I will help stay here and help you out,” said Lunar.

“Yeah don’t forget about us too! We are on break from university right now anyways,” said Aidan.

“I wouldn’t want you living in this world too, you bet my ass I’m helping you fix this too,” I said.

“Wow I really couldn’t ask for much more. Thank you all,” he said.

“Of course no problem. I mean you’re the only reason I’m alive,” said Lunar.

“Very true. On the topic now, my readings have created a trail to the traces of where this USB was made. We can follow it right now, they don’t seem to be too far away,” said Max.

“Alright let’s move out then! Actually wait let me get a Java Chip here. They still sell those here right?” I asked.

“Oh yeah they do. But now it has even more sugar than before,” said Max.

“Oh hell no I hate making that drink back home,” said Aidan.

We laughed and left the store to find whoever was behind the message. Something tells me this person has some form of connection with Lunar but I can’t tell what. It took us a while

but Max's tracker led us to another underground passageway. My Anomalous Energy reader was going off the charts too.

"Huh, looks like someone lives here," said Aidan.

"I don't actually remember this being here before. Looks brand new," said Max. Before we could investigate any further, a pixelated cage rose up from the ground and trapped us all in. Lunar tried blasting us out with his Super Merge but even his blasts couldn't break out.

"What the hell, even my blasts can't make a dent," he said.

"This form of energy... I haven't seen this since the project," said Max.

"What does that mean?" I asked.

Before he could reply, someone came out from hiding. I don't know who they were but they looked hella cool and kinda like Lunar.

"I thought you were them for a second," said the mysterious person.

They deactivated the cage, which I noticed it was them that was directly powering it up.

"Who are you?" asked Lunar.

"Lunar, long time no see. Well we never met officially. But call me Solar," she said.

## **Chapter VI (Lunar's POV): Family Reunion**

I was so confused. I had no clue who this person was and how they knew me.

"Oh, you even brought Max here as well. Been a while since I was in that lab," she said.

"Oh my. How do I say this? Solar I thought you were destroyed that day," said Max.

"Nah you underestimate me you old goofball. What was it that you made me with anyways. Whatever it was, it's hella strong," said Solar.

"Alright I know I'm AI but I think I'm gonna need an explanation for what's all this," I said.

"It is about time I tell you Lunar. That day in the lab, I was making 2 AI's as a matter of fact. One was you, which I named Lunar. The other being Solar. When the incident occurred, you went rogue and activated the portal. When I looked back, Solar was missing. Ever since that day I assumed she went missing or was destroyed in the aftermath," said Max.

"Yeahhhh. Lunar just consider me your long lost sister yeah?" she said.

"Well it's very nice to meet you. And to have some form of real family I guess haha," I chuckled.

"I'm still trying to get my head around this," said Max.

"How do you think we feel?" said Sammi and Aidan.

"Don't worry guys. I think I got most of our answers. Lunar you were right to follow the signal. I did indeed send that message to you. I needed your help for something, but most of all, when I survived the incident and built my powers based on what Max gave me, I had a feeling you were there somewhere. So I secretly sent the USB through the rift and hoped you would find it," said Solar.

“Oh so that’s what happened. Solar it might sound crazy but in that world I went through a bunch of crazy adventures. Including defeating the evil version of me that was created when my other half went Rogue,” I explained.

“That sounds so cool! I knew you were strong,” she laughed.

“What’s so funny?” I asked.

“You know I know you are strong. But let me show some tricks of my own,” she said. I stepped back. She created a whole holographic room surrounding us. Numbers and other data was flowing that I could sense. I couldn’t do anything like this. All of a sudden, a screen with visuals appeared as well.

“Max there is something that I don’t know as well. When I was able to get a chance to finally find you, I wanted to ask you why we were created. And in more detail, what was the incident. I know you know,” said Solar.

“Yes yes I should really explain this all to you guys. So many questions. It’s time I give some answers,” he said.

“Solar, how did you make all this happen?” I asked.

“Oh you know, just some built in powers I guess,” she said.

“She’s not entirely wrong. I’ll get started if that’s all for our little reunion. Aidan and Sammi feel free to pay attention as well,” said Max.

“Oh, I am listening for sure now,” said Sammi.

“You see... there was a time where the clouds were clear and nature thrived. The planet seemed to be at its peak. Until we came across a problem. With the climate warming up and population growing, energy was nearing a shortage. No sources at the time were enough to keep up. I thought it was the end, until the company I was talking about came in to save the day. Or so I thought. The founder announced that his company alone could power the globe and revealed it to be through a fossil. When combined with a weird combination of natural gas and other man made chemicals. It produced amazing results. A single liter of gas from this new rock could power an entire city for a day. To keep the rock going strong, they claimed how they developed something that could keep it full of gas no matter what. They proved it to the globe by establishing their business globally. Everyone seemed happy and even the governments mandated this energy from now on,” he said before taking a little break.

“That sounds ridiculous! I refuse to believe a single rock could be powering our world. And why would it be causing so much pollution?” asked Solar.

“That’s what I thought too. Over time the skies were covered and any form of plant and animal life started to die off. But at this point nobody in our world cared. It was either they died or we both died. You might think the climate would kill us anyways but with the smallest amount of sunlight passing through, the temperatures have been stable for now. I knew that I couldn’t keep living like this. So I started work on a new project with my fellow scientists. Creating 2 AI that could both create a new energy even stronger than the one they have and replace it entirely. This energy would create 0 pollution and run on light from the Sun and Moon, hence your names,” said Max.

“No way that’s so cool!” said Solar.

“That is quite genius Max,” I said.

“Yes, but unfortunately my project plans were leaked by a hacker, and whoever did it showed the founder of NovaFuel. The incident that occurred was them breaking in and trying to stop my plans. I saw them with my own eyes. We fought them off but not without them tampering with Lunar and causing him to go rogue. The NovaFuel people left me and the other scientists to deal with a rogue Lunar in the Lab. Solar went missing during the entire commotion as well and I haven’t seen her since until today,” he finished.

“That sounds awful,” said Sammi.

“Yeah it sucked. I was stuck in that otherworld for god knows how long. Thankfully I managed to find you guys in the end,” said Max.

“That sounds wicked that you made us to tackle this problem. In fact my call to Lunar was about help to take NovaFuel down,” said Solar.

“Yes I know that together the both of you could do it. Let me reveal a little secret now,” he said.

He came up to me and Solar and opened a hidden panel that I didn’t know about even.

“These panels of yours can collect energy and either share it or use it for yourselves. I designed them to intake and output even more energy than NovaFuel can,” he said.

“That is so cool! So Lunar, will you help me and Max take down this greedy corporation?” asked Solar.

“Believe me I’ve tackled more than enough crazy people back at home. But only if my dear friends Aidan and Sammi can come along for the ride,” I said.

“Well for sure! Anyone we can get is great,” she said.

“Well then let’s get this show on the road,” said Sammi.

“Alright Solar, what do we need to do?” I asked.

## **Chapter VII (Lunar’s POV): NovaFuel Industries H.Q.**

“Trust me guys I got this. We just need to shut down their entire operation and show them the power that we can generate,” she said.

“So where is their special little rock anyways?” asked Sammi.

“I’ve been spending the past few months or so searching for the answer. And today I can say that I found out where they are. It’s a bit of a journey sadly,” said Solar.

“No need for any walking anymore,” said Max.

He put down a pop up portal frame and I activated it with the rift gun I got from Evil Lunar.

“Alright Solar, just enter the coordinates to their hideout,” said Max.

She punched in a bunch of numbers and the rift opened up even wider. I could already smell the fossil fuels from this side of the rift. We all hopped in and landed safely on the other side. It was just like the factory that Mojang had, only way larger and cooler looking.

“Damn this place is huge,” said Aidan.

“Yeah I’m surprised it took me so long to find it. It was hidden by all of the fumes that it produces,” said Solar.

“We’ve broken into so many buildings now that it’s become normal for us,” said Sammi.

“Yeah just let us know where to go,” I said.

“Oh, well I have detected a few vents here and there but-” she started to say.

“No worries, my RC Car can get us in,” I said.

I grabbed it out and placed it on the road to drive in. It only entered about 2 meters of enemy territory before being completely vaporized by a laser beam.

“Awww. Those take weeks to make,” I said.

“Yeah I’m sorry Lunar but the security here is so uptight,” said Solar.

“We are probably going to need to disable whatever system is tracking intruders,” said Max.

“I had a plan to get in but to do it requires both me and Lunar, as we are the only ones that could withhold the amount of power,” said Solar.

“Huh? What do you mean?” I asked.

“Are you willing to try it with me, it won’t kill us I promise,” said Solar.

I wasn’t sure what she was talking about, but I closed a huge rift before in the past so I’m sure I would survive whatever she wants to do.

“Alright, what do we need to do?” I asked.

She made me put my hand out and had me hold on to a device that looked like a laser blaster. It had 2 handles, one was blue and purple in color while the other was gold and yellow. She held onto the other side and all of a sudden lights glowed beneath our hands onto the handles and directly towards the nozzle. Without warning it fired out something so bright that we all had to turn around for a second. I looked back and saw a tunnel that was formed with the energy that Solar and I gave.

“Woahh... what is this?” I asked.

“It was something I made a while back. I theorized that combining our powers could create something more powerful than anything this world has ever seen, just like the reason Max made us. So using it I made a device that could harness the energy and use it for whatever we want. In this case, a safety tunnel to the entrance,” she said.

We walked inside and started heading towards the vent. Solar was right, any blasts being fired towards us weren’t making a dent to our shield.

“Won’t this trigger an alarm system?” asked Sammi.

“Don’t worry Sammi, the security here is AI based. Unless an actual staff member comes, the security here won’t care after we are inside,” she said.

We made it inside and seemed to be inside the main engineering room of the industry. This was really all incredible work, if only it didn’t cause so much pollution.

“My Anomalous Energy reader is going even more nuts then normal, and it’s pointing right to the rock,” said Sammi.

“I didn’t know Dawyne the Rock Johnson still exists in this world,” said Aidan.

“Let’s get a move on-” said Solar.

Before she could finish, the ground beneath suddenly broke and we all fell in. I woke up in a dark-ish room and turned on my inner lighting systems.

“Hello?” I yelled.

Before thinking I was alone, I heard Sammi pop up from the debris as well.

“I am so glad I am not wearing my lab coat right now,” she said.

“Are you ok?” I asked.

“I’ve been worse,” she said.

“I think we lost the others, and I can’t make a rift back up without a frame. We can continue walking down this cave and hope to find a way up,” I said.

“Sounds good to me,” she said.

We followed the creepy corridor for what seemed to be hours. I couldn’t detect any traces of our friends anywhere.

“So what do you think about having a sibling?” asked Sammi.

“Well it kinda surprised me at first but I think it’s cool. TO think that there is another part of me that feels closer to family, and not just my clone,” I said.

“Yeah, it does seem really cool. To think that you come from this future world is insane, and opened a rift that no human in my world has ever been through,” she said.

The hallway soon ended and I thought we were doomed.

“Not on my watch,” said Sammi.

She pulled out a J.I.N.X. that I haven't seen before yet. She fired it at the rock wall but it didn’t do anything sadly.

“What. This thing is designed to take apart substances molecule by molecule. What kind of rock is this,” said Sammi.

I analyzed it and saw a stream of powerful chemicals flowing through, they seemed to be supercharged from the chemicals the factory made.

“The rock here seems to be stronger than normal. I think I can help with that,” I said. I grabbed a sample of the chemicals that were drifting through the air to make a little concoction. I merged it with Sammi’s molecule remover and supercharged her device.

“Here, this should work now,” I said.

She charged it up again and completely cleared the wall of rock in our way.

“Sheesh this thing has power now,” she said.

We continued making our way and started going upwards. I noticed that my signal on Aidan, Max and Solar was starting to recover. Hopefully they were ok as well. We eventually broke into the basement of this factory. It looked almost like a small laboratory that was doing tests. I saw that there were animal pens everywhere. I hope this wasn’t what I thought it was. We heard loud crashes further down the room and ran towards it.

“Oh hey guys, took ya long enough to join us,” said Max.

I couldn’t believe my eyes, they were fighting off some mutant creature that I’ve never seen before. It was more hideous than the ender dragon wither mash. Solar, Max and Aidan were trying to defend themselves with whatever firepower they had.

“Don’t worry, I got this,” I said.

I grabbed my weaponized Super Merge and spammed blasts at the thing. For some reason nothing affected it at all.

“So what now sir?” asked Sammi.

“Good question. Let’s get the fuck out of here,” I said.

Sammi broke another hole in the wall and we all ran for our lives.

“I don’t get it, even my powers can't stop it. Just what are they testing down here?” said Solar.

We continued our way upwards until we finally made our way back up to the main factory room. I thought we were safe until the creature came barging up from the ground. I looked away before seeing a blast from behind us striking it and instantly putting it to sleep.

## Chapter VIII (Lunar's POV): Employee of the Month

We all looked behind and saw a young scientist with the weapon in question.

"Sorry! I didn't mean to let Little Buddy out of his cage," she said.

"Little Buddy!? That's what his name is?!" asked Solar.

"He was small at some point before we did tests on him. Do you guys work here as well?" they asked.

I didn't really want to lie to this person who didn't look like they were going to cause any harm to us, so I explained everything in full detail.

"Actually, you guys are fighting for what I want too. I'm only here so I can make a living wage. My name's Eli by the way," she said.

"Wow, so what do you do here exactly," asked Sammi.

"Well, I mainly stay on this floor to keep an eye on the piping system, but I'm also assigned to do tests on creatures. I don't know if I should be saying this but NovaFuel has been slowly starting doing work and serums that can superpower animals for defense. We've been having attacks on our building recently," said Eli.

"So who exactly is Little Buddy?" asked Max.

"We found him as a small fish, but after a few drops of our serum he was able to walk on land and started growing in size and became more hostile. Luckily I have an antidote that can keep him calm. But usually he listens to me," said Eli.

"Well if you are on our side, do you think you can help us out? We want to get to the main fossil and put an end to this industry so I can show the world a way better solution to our energy problem," said Max.

"I'm pretty new here still but I know how to get to the fossils. You'll need to visit the front desk and somehow get an access key there that'll open the first door to where you need to go. I don't know what awaits past that door but I know it's the right direction," she said. She handed us a map. We thanked her and made our way to the main floor where business was being done. I put on somewhat more professional clothing to blend in.

"Look, I think that's the door Eli was talking about," said Solar.

"It does look pretty well guarded. Let's see if we can talk to that guard in front of it," I said.

He looked pretty tough, but I didn't want to cause a scene so I was going to play it cool.

"Yo what's up my brotha. Can we get inside this door pretty please," I said.

"Sorry but you'll need an ID check before you can even start to think about that. Actually, I've never seen you guys here before. Who are you all?" he asked. We were trying to come up with an answer until Aidan blurted out the smartest thing he could.

"Oh! We recently got a position here and were wondering where we needed to go," he said.

The guy raised an eyebrow for a second but seemed to believe us.

"Oh, is that so? Well that guy at the front desk should be able to help you out then.

Dylan! You got new trainees!" he yelled.

Someone came up from the desk and walked over.



“Oh I did expect new people to come in sooner or later. Well come this way. I’ll give you all the tour,” said Dylan.

“Thanks, also you have a really cool name. I named a pet Dylan too,” said Aidan.

“Oh is that so? That’s nice,” he said.

We followed him down the rest of the building. The only way through that door is that keycard and without the guard in the way.

“This is technically where new people are supposed to wait, the process for full registration is about 2 weeks,” said Dylan.

I don’t think it would take more than 2 seconds to realize that we didn’t have 2 weeks to get the job done. I had to say something.

“Oh, well truth be told we aren’t actually here to work here. We are actually just trying to get a tour if that’s possible,” I said with a smile.

“Oh! What part are you interested in?” he asked.

“That room that your friend was standing in front of looked really cool to us,” said Max.

“Orion? He loves his job but he can’t step away from that door. We were instructed to never let anyone outside personnel enter,” said Dylan.

“What if you let someone enter that doesn’t work here?” asked Aidan.

“Well in that case I think I would probably be executed under contract terms,” he said. We all looked in disappointment.

“Look I don’t agree with what these guys are doing either but for having my life saved I basically owe my enterinal service for him,” said Dylan.

“Who is him?” asked Sammi.

“My boss. Well more specifically the founder and CEO of this company,” he said. He moved aside some of the furniture in the room and revealed a huge portrait of the man in question. The bottom of the picture frame read, “Mr. Grizz”. He seemed like a nice guy.

“Wow. No offense but he looks kinda mean,” I said.

“Yeah old Mr. Grizz was never a super nice guy. But he needed employees for his company. Corporate greed is all he cares about,” said Dylan.

“So you really have to work for this guy?” asked Solar.

“Technically yes, or else I get the boot,” he continued.

“But Lunar and I over here are the solution to this world’s energy problem. Together we can power this world without any of the environmental consequences,” she continued. He thought about it for a moment.

“I mean, I do really like my employee of the month status, but to be honest I’d do anything to see the sun again before I die,” said Dylan.

“So you’ll help us out?” asked Max.

“I can but I suppose if I’m going to I’ll need to explain this whole place out,” he said. We listened to his description. Apparently, the fossil connected to a bunch of secure wires. That’s how the energy gets transported out around globally.

“The fossil obviously needs the special chemicals our scientists made in order to infinitely produce this stuff. If you can get rid of the link between the chemicals and the rock, the fossil will no longer have its ability to generate infinitely. All factories around the globe will stop and the skies will clear out,” he said.

“That sounds pretty simple,” said Sammi.

“Yeah, except for a few things. Orion is pretty loyal to this company, and I don’t think he’ll budge just by nicely asking,” said Dylan.

“Can you put him on duty somewhere else somehow?” I asked.

“Nothing I can do about him. I’m technically a lower rank. The only way he’ll move is you purposefully lure him away. The problem is, he’s been equipped with technology that allows him to teleport and a weapon that will instantly vaporize anyone. It would be too dangerous to bait him as that means one of you will die,” he said.

That did sound dangerous. And I didn’t want to put any of our friends' lives at risk over a rock. Sooner or later, I thought of a genius idea.

“Guys, what If I make a decoy of myself,” I said.

“That could work but we don’t have a cloning machine,” said Aidan.

“Wait, we faced off against a cloning machine a long while back. I think Finley made it using the Super Merge, it probably still has the blueprint loaded onto it,” I said.

“You guys battled Finley? WHEN was this?” asked Sammi.

“Oh Sammi, you missed one hell of an adventure, I need to tell you more about it,” I said.

“Solar, can you make some materials for it?” I asked.

“Sure can, lemme see that blueprint,” she said.

I gave her the merge and she started to analyze it. Within a few minutes, she had all the parts created from within her system and had it ready.

“Damn this looks quite impressive, considering it came from your era,” said Max.

“Alright, now we have to insert some DNA, I think this chip from me will do,” I said. I placed it in and right before our eyes a second Lunar came out, except this one wasn’t evil.

“That’s so cool, but is it supposed to do anything?” asked Solar.

“I think it’s just a body for now, I can program it to do minimal actions however,” I said.

“Dylan, are you able to send a report to Orion about this “Lunar” and get him away from the door?” asked Sammi.

“Actually, that I can do. We just need to have him run past and I can tell him to chase him down,” he said.

“Perfect, that’s all I need to code,” I said.

“One thing before we do this. Have you ever heard of NFT’s?” asked Dylan.

## **Chapter IX (Lunar’s POV): Pulling the Plug**

We got into position at one end of the hallway away from Orion’s sight. I placed down the decoy and watched it zoom down past him, as well as stopping by quickly to fire a blast at him. It seemed to work.

“Woah there. Orion can you stop that guy for us,” said Dylan.

“Oh yeah I’m whooping his ass after that blast,” he replied.

He took off and ran after my decoy. Dylan signaled to us to come over. He handed us the key card needed to go into the door.

“Good luck guys. And be quick, I don’t wanna be caught,” he said.

“Don’t worry we got this. Thank you again,” I said.

We went through the door and locked it tight behind us. The hallway was extremely linear with only one end in sight. Solar guided the way with a bright light she had equipped. During all this I had to think about tough choices. If both Solar and I are needed to produce energy for the world, I would have to leave my friends behind in the world I’ve lived in for so long to help the people here. But at the same time, this world is truly where I was born after all. It was something I would have to figure out after we took this corporation down. Eventually, we ended up at another locked door.

“According to my sensors, we can blow this one down with brute force,” said Sammi.

“Leave it to me,” I said.

I took out my super merge and fired a blast at the door. Surprisingly, it didn’t make a dent.

“Nah don’t worry I got this,” said Sammi.

She took out her J.I.N.X. blaster and fired an even larger blast. It also didn’t do anything.

“What?” she said.

“It was a good try guys,” said Solar.

She revealed a weapon of her own, themed after the sun. After charging it up for a few seconds, it launched a blast so powerful it shook the entire hallway and flashbanged us. Once I wasn’t blinded anymore, I saw that the door was completely blown away.

“How’s that Lunar?” she asked.

“Very impressive,” I replied.

I expected her to have similar strength and power as me, since we were made from the same person, but I could tell she just had a little bit more to her. We walked into the main room and saw a huge pit leading downwards. I couldn’t believe my eyes. This fossil was so huge, and had tons of wires from all sides plugged into it. There was a pipe at the very top leading upwards, where I detected that this was where the energy was being transported to.

“What do you think we should do Max?” asked Aidan.

“The chemicals from the wires are causing an infinite loop of reactions to go through. If we cut off every single wire from the rock, it’ll shrink and disconnect itself from the energy pipe,” he said.

“And the easiest way to do that is to start blasting everyone,” he finished.

We all grabbed out every weapon we had and started destroying the wires. There must be at least a thousand here according to my counter. I created a staircase that would let us safely travel from the bottom all the way to the top of the rock. It looked so fascinating, I was debating stealing some bits of it for myself to use in research. These chemicals could be of use somehow. I could tell Sammi was also thinking the same thing. Eventually there were only a few more to go. We took them out and celebrated. The rock did start like Max predicted, but suddenly stopped about halfway through. An alarm came in and started flashing loudly. Emergency wires popped out from the walls and connected to the fossil making it grow again.

“I think we may have overlooked the security systems here,” said Max.

Someone from above where we came from spoke.

“You should have expected something, Max. I thought you would at least try to look into it deeper,” they said.

It looked like the guy from the portrait Dylan showed us, could this be him?

“Oh you old coot. I didn’t have time to do that right now. I’m too busy bringing justice for this planet!” yelled Max.

“Really. Justice for Earth or for someone else,” he smirked.

What was he talking about?

“Well there’s 5 of us and only one of you. You might as well just surrender,” said Max.

“Really, is that the case?” he asked.

Someone else came out behind him. It was Orion.

“Trust me, he’ll give you a whopping you won’t want to remember,” said Mr. Grizz. He jumped down and headed for us.

“Lunar and I can deal with this guy. You guys can finish this rock off once and for all,” said Solar.

“Sounds good,” I said.

We opened our frames again and combined our energy to create another mega blast, just like the one that allowed us to enter the factory. He hit him hard, but I could tell he was equipped with something that heavily neutralized our technology. We were able to keep him down for now. A huge blast happened from above and I saw that Max, Sammi and Aidan got rid of any remaining wires. It shrunk instantly and fell to the ground. I went to catch it but Mr. Grizz sucked it up before we could get it. Max opened a rift and signaled us to leave. Everyone got in, but before I could get in Orion threw something and destroyed the frame, leaving me trapped. I looked closer and saw that it was my clone. He really knocked it out. I tried to get past him but without Solar whatever he had was no match for anything I had. All of a sudden I felt sleepy and saw that a tranquilizer dart was applied to me.

“Sweet dreams Lunar,” said Mr. Grizz.

I hope that the others were able to get out safely.

## **Chapter X (Sammi’s POV): Allays and Allies**

It was a rough landing through the other side but we landed back safely into Max’s lab. I looked around but noticed Lunar was missing.

“Where’s Lunar!? I thought he came through,” I said.

“I think that right after I hopped in I heard a loud blast coming towards me. Orion must have destroyed the frame before he could hop in,” said Max.

“What are we going to do?! They might kill him,” said Aidan.

“Lunar is strong, he will be fine. Plus I have a signal on him. It doesn’t tell me exactly where he is but if it’s still on, which it is, he’s not dead,” said Max.

“How are you holding up Solar?” I asked.

“Oh yeah I feel fine. Here let me create another tunnel to the factory,” she said.

She tried to open up her frame but something was off. It looked like she was a normal human being again.

“Uh Max, why are all my AI bits gone?” she asked.

He took a closer look.

“The rift. It must’ve bugged your system because of the intense environment. I think your powers were stripped in the process,” said Max.

“WHAT! But without them, I can’t save Lunar like this. We won’t be any match for Mr. Grizz. And we won’t be able to power the world without them,” said Solar.

“Right. And I don’t have time to rebuild those parts right now,” said Max.

“Well what can we do now?” asked Solar.

I tried coming up with a solution. We didn’t have anything to really do anything. I looked through my bag and got out my laptop. The little Minecraft icon gave me an idea.

“I think I got something. Last time we got pieces of a file that were mistakenly delivered through this AI world. I think if we join and get some files bits delivered we can restore Solar to her former self,” I said.

“Sounds like it could work, but how do we enter this special Minecraft world of yours? I seem to be lacking the headset you use to go in,” she said.

Solar was right. We only had 2 headsets and Lunar was gone.

“Wait! Lunar made this before we left our world. It was something that allowed anyone to play in the world without needing a headset. I can use that while Solar uses my headset,” said Aidan.

“Are you willing to put this thing on?” I asked.

“I mean anything to save this world right? Plus I trust anything my brother makes,” she said.

We activated the headsets and entered the world. Who knows what awaits us this time. We spawned in the same castle where we ended our celebrations with Chloe. Surprisingly, Solar had a player model made even if she never played Minecraft before.

“Woah, where are we?” asked Solar.

Oh I forgot. She doesn’t even know what this game is.

“Uh this is a standard video game, nothing too big. Just follow me and you’ll be safe,” I said.

We walked down from the throne room and tried to find someone that could help us. I sent a signal to Alex and hoped that it would reach. Not even a few minutes later, she made her way over here.

“Woah, it’s nice to see you Sammi. Who’s your friend over here?” asked Alex.

“Oh that’s actually Lunar’s brother. We traveled over to her world where they were made,” I said.

“That’s so cool. Wait, where is Lunar? He usually joins your Minecraft adventures,” said Alex.

“Yeah about that... currently up there we got separated from him. And now he’s with a super scary business owner who might do very bad things to him if we don’t hurry and fix me,” said Solar.

“Oh oh god. No worries, I’m not busy. What do we need to do?” she asked.

“We need more pieces of the powerfile to restore Solar’s Ai capabilities. Are there any still left in this world?” I asked.

“Well as a matter of fact, I still have this piece right here,” Alex gave it to me.

“This is a good start, but I think we’ll need more to complete the task. I’m not feeling too different just yet,” said Solar.

“Hm, perhaps my Allay can help,” she said.

Alex whistled and an Allay came from the wilderness. I forgot they were the new mob that was voted in.

“Take this buddy. Can you lead us to more?” she told him.

The Allay looked at it for a second and then started traveling somewhere. We followed it in hopes that it really found more file pieces. I would be surprised if it worked considering these pieces weren't even an official item in the game. It kept traveling until eventually it leaped hovered over a huge ravine.

“Uh, how are we getting across this?!” asked Solar.

“No problem,” said Alex.

She pulled out some blocks and simply bridged over.

“Woah I had no idea you could do that in this game,” she said.

“Yes it is quite cool,” I said.

The Allay seemed to have traveled for thousands of blocks. Eventually it found a large cave entrance and started going downwards. We kept following it while killing a bunch of mobs in the process. Safe to say that Solar was absolutely terrified. It ended up in an Ancient City all the way in the deep dark. He pointed towards a pile in the distance across the city, which was a huge stockpile of file pieces.

“Perfect, all we need to do is just get there,” said Solar.

She took off running without us.

“Uh I would not be doing that if I were you,” said Alex.

The room suddenly became dark. I wonder if the lights were blown up but realized it was the new blindness effect in the update.

“Uh Alex, where are you?” I asked.

“I think beside you, but where is Solar?” she asked.

“I have no idea. Let's just stick together until we find her,” I said.

We held onto a stick and walked slowly throughout the city, making sure not to trigger any of the sensors. The experience here was way more terrifying than if I was at my computer normally. It only hit me now that we still haven't seen Aidan. Lunar's device probably hasn't been made to link up with his headsets. We were about 80% of the way to the files when I heard a loud scream from Solar. We rushed over and finally caught up with her. Our blindness effect also ran out at the same time.

“Are you ok Solar!?” asked Alex.

“Yeah I'm fine. But what is that thing?” she asked.

We looked over to where she pointed at and saw a Warden. The mob that is meant to be unkillable.

“Uh, how are we going to get rid of that thing? It's directly in front of the pile,” said Alex.

I was trying to think of a solution while also keeping Solar safe. This multitasking stuff wasn't pleasant. I thought we were done until Aidan finally connected with us.

“Sorry guys! I was trying to trace your coordinates before logging in,” he said.

“Oh damn Aidan you really are just an NPC,” I said.

“Well if he can't feel pain through that robot let him be the distraction,” said Alex.

He went up and started taking hits from the Warden. He had to reset his spawn point nearby, that's how much he was dying. The 3 of us snuck in and got the file bits before he could notice us. I took a huge chunk and gave them to Solar. It worked. She seemed to have gained some of that initial energy when we first met her.

“Woah, I think I’m back to normal,” she said.

“Wow that’s great,” I said.

“Yeah. And now I downloaded every piece of information I could ever need about this game,” she said.

Solar computed some code and gave herself creative mode before bullying the Warden. It tried running away but she flew in its tracks and spawned in a bunch of iron golems. Before long it was dead.

“Wow, impressive. Reminds me of Lunar himself,” said Alex.

“Well I do strive to use the most of my powers wherever I can,” said Solar.

“Can we get us back to where we first started then?” asked Alex.

Solar ran some commands and teleported us all the way back to the kingdom again.

“Now that was badass,” I said.

“For real. Maybe next time you can come on another adventure with us when the next update hits haha,” said Alex.

“Yeah for sure I would be down. But right now Lunar might be in trouble, and we need to go help him. It was nice to meet you Alex. Thanks for taking care of him during your time with him,” said Solar.

We said our goodbyes once more and disconnected from the world. Aidan and Max met us when we woke up. Except Aidan was still playing in the world.

“Aidan what the heck are you doing?!” I asked.

“Shush, I’m trying to play a prank on Alex,” he said.

I watched him as he tried to lure a creeper next to her. Before it could blow up Alex noticed and killed it.

“Sorry Aidan you’re gonna have to be faster than that,” she said with a laugh.

“What’s with the laugh,” he said.

She spleeffed him from the sand underneath him. Aidan died from fall damage.

“Looks like you fell off,” I said.

We laughed it off.

“Alright guys, time to find out where Lunar is,” said Max.

He turned on his tracking device. I noticed that the light was getting weaker and weaker. We had to get a move on.

## **Chapter XI (Lunar’s POV): Negotiations with Mr. Grizz**

It felt like an eternity since I was able to wake up again. The room seemed to be alone and cold until I turned on my night vision. This was just a huge office room. I got up and started to explore the area for a bit. Mr. Grizz had tons of trophies and prizes on the walls for his accomplishments. I’ll respect him for at least trying to save the world but another solution was made and it needs to replace his. Someone entered the room shortly after.

“Oh you’re finally awake. Welcome to my office Lunar,” he said with a smile. I tried to hold him at gunpoint but realized all my weapons were taken away. At least my inner systems were still working.

“What do you want Mr. Grizz?” I asked.

“Nothing nothing you just seemed a bit tense after your fight just now. I believe you guys were trying to get this?” he pointed towards a secure glass box with the fossil.

“The fossil! You need to stop using it. Earth can’t take any more of this pollution,” I said.

“Really, you have no clue what’s happening here. For starters, the fossil isn’t even plugged into our factory anymore, yet we still have lights in the city,” he said.

He was right. I looked outside and the entire town still had electricity.

“But, how is that so?” I asked.

“Well it only makes sense that after decades of using this stone of this strength that energy is bound to be overflowed and stored for use over the next few decades,” he said.

“You don’t get it though. Max has a way better solution for energy and it involves me,” I said.

“Yeah that’s the message I got a long time ago. Didn’t expect to have needed to break into his lab to stop his plans though,” he said.

“But why did you do that? He had an alternative that is way better than yours,”

“Lunar. Are you a business owner? I just needed a cheap excuse for world power and leverage over the governments. See I can choose to not supply the world anymore. But if that happens, millions will die. So because of the trade off, everyone respects this place, and me,”

“That’s sick, you’d rather kill off living animals and poison environments just to have that feeling,”

“Well that’s unfortunately too bad for you. I don’t know why you care so much either. You lived in that past world for so long,”

“Max said he needed to bring justice to you,”

“Really. Not to me. All he wanted was revenge, for something that I didn’t even mean to do,”

“What the heck did you do?” I asked.

“The smog came up and well, it seemed like his wife couldn’t take it. Hospital treatments weren’t strong enough to deal with it,”

“Are you crazy? But he said you guys made masks that could easily filter it,”

“I think this will be a lot easier to explain if I just show you,”

He went into an elevator and started going upwards. I went in and followed him. The building was taller than I thought. I couldn’t see the roof through the smoke but now we were at the very top. To my surprise, it was sunny outside. I could actually see the sun and clouds and blue sky. What was the meaning of this?

“Hey, I thought that the skies at this time were covered for good because of your company. What’s going on,”

“Look closer at the factory nozzles,” he said.

I inspected it and ran a quick analysis. It turns out this stuff wasn’t even smoked at all. It was just steam! It was being produced at such heavy rates that it covered the entire city.

“But the whole world. That’s such a huge surface area?” I asked.



“We have at least 4 factories for every city out there. Nobody has ventured into the outdoors after the steam came in,” he said.

“But why intentionally cover the skies and kill everything off?” I asked.

“Heh, makes it easier to run my side project,” he said.

“What side project?”

“I heard from one of my employees that you guys had a run in with our newest specimen,”

“The huge fish that can walk on land and seems to want to kill everything?”

“Well that’s one way to put it. By steaming everything off all the wildlife will die. And as a result, we, Novafuel Industries, are now the only suppliers of meat in this world. And subject to testing on specimens. Our newly developed serum will overpower any weapons or nuclear threat should any country oppose us,”

Is this guy crazy? This wasn’t just about a business anymore. He was going for world domination. Actually from my past, that seems to be all that people want nowadays.

“Look I’m sorry to say this but that’s where you need to stop. I thought it was just about power but this is clearly something even worse,”

“Ah on the contrary Lunar. I wanted to discuss about your potential partnership with me,”

“What are you talking about?”

“See you have great powers. I couldn’t get Solar, but now that you returned, I think I could have you on my side,”

“Are you nuts,”

“No, believe me for real. I have all these side projects in the background with weapons being developed. Just that I have no ability to create AI. But that’s where you come in. With you in play, I can test anything I want on you without the risk of death. We can truly make sure no opposing power takes control of this world anymore. It’ll be our own little playground.

I raised an eyebrow.

“That is... if you are willing to join me. Join me and I’ll give you access to all the powerful technology we have made, all the secrets you want to know. You saw what Orion was capable of. Even you and your super merge couldn’t take him down,”

He was right. What his place could make is way beyond the scope of me. It would be cool to have access to this stuff but Max would never approve. And I would never approve killing off innocent creatures and purposefully polluting this planet just to get above the power system.

“Look Mr. Grizz, you talk a good game but, I’ll have to reject your offer. And know that we are going to stop your operation,” I said.

He looked at me sternly.

“Very well then,” he said.

He walked back into the elevator and took it down. Soon after, the floor I was standing on collapsed and I fell back down to his main office room. Orion was there waiting with him. I saw him getting ready to leave as well.

“Without your cooperation, it seems I have to move on with my plans. This world isn’t going to be ruled on its own after all,” said Mr. Grizz.

“Yeah you heard what he said. Where are you going though boss?” asked Orion.

“Oh please, this is a solo mission. I can’t have pathetic assistants while I do this. In fact with the newly developed serum I don’t need any humans anymore. Unfortunately as of right now you will be fired off the team. Please leave your resignation letter to my mailbox by next week,” he said.

“What? You can’t be serious about that. I’ve been by your side for over 15 years. I think I should be a part of this,” Orion was mad. He got ready to throw a fist but Mr. Grizz dodged it and quickly deactivated any gear he had. “Thank you for your feedback Orion, but I will not be implementing it right now,” he said.

“What do you mean you dumbass,” said Orion.

“It means the end of your employment. And for civilization for all we know,” he said. He opened a rift somehow and used it to get away.

“Damn it! He got out,” said Orion.

“Yeah no kidding,” I replied.

“I can’t believe it. I’ve been so loyal and this is how I’m treated,” he said.

“Don’t feel too bad. People like him are good at manipulating others. Trust me I’ve seen it back in my world,” I said.

“I don’t know. I just wanted to be safe and have power and his company seemed to be good at doing both those things. Truth be told I don’t care how our world gets our energy,” he said.

“It’s ok. You were just tricked. Happens to the best of us,” I said.

“Well we need to go after him now,” he said.

“I agree, but I think he left behind his last employee here,” I pointed towards the exit. It was my clone. He had all my weapons and technology. Something tells me he was reprogrammed to work for Mr. Grizz.

## **Chapter XII (Lunar’s POV): Corrupted and Obstructed**

“So can you just beat it up like you did before when we distracted you with it?” I asked.

“Uh I had powered up gear with what Mr. Grizz gave me. Without them, I can’t deal with it anymore,” he replied.

“Damn it, he has every single weapon on him that I had,” I said.

“So what do we do now?” asked Orion.

“Simple, we run!” I said.

We made a run from the clone and broke a wall to the hallways. I looked behind and sure enough he was chasing us down firing blasts left and right. I grabbed a piece of rock debris and launched it back at him. Of course, he was able to crash right through it.

“Computer!” I yelled.

“Uh what are you doing?!” asked Orion.

“Oh I know there’s a self automated computer system within me. Computer!” I tried again.

“Can we try the dumb thing later?!” he asked.

“Wait, I think I’m picking up a system,” I said.

We turned a corner and hid for a bit. IT was true. I did have a separate AI within me. I just needed to ask it to calculate a way out of this mess.

“Computer finally. How do we stop my decoy?”

“Decoy can only be stopped by disabling the control panel. However, loaded with lethal weapons, it will be near impossible to stop it”

“Yeah yeah what’s the solution”

“Locating solution... disable the decoy by deflecting a super merge blast right at it”  
Alright, we had our plan now.

“Ok Orion. Get the chunk of mirror and get ready to throw it to me when I run back out there,” I said.

“Alright you got it,” he said.

I got up and stood right in front of him. He reminded me of my evil self. Just way less threatening. Orion threw me the piece and I used it to launch his blasts right back at him. It did damage him but he was still on the move.

“Damn it, it didn't work. Move move move!” I told him.

We got out of the near death radius once more and made our way down the factory.

“Where are your friends?! We could use them right now,” said Orion.

“I have no clue, I think they’ll catch up with us,” I said.

This factory was even larger than O-Rez was. Unbelievable to me. We jumped down a large staircase and found ourselves back into the main lobby room where we first broke in. It seems like Dylan and Eli weren’t here. The main entrance was blocked with a bunch of debris. It seems like Mr. Grizz put this here on purpose. We turned around and saw him slowly approaching us. I got Orion to distract him for a bit while I went to search in a room with a bunch of old parts. If I could get enough correct pieces I could make another copy of my super merge. I grabbed some metal parts, circuits, wiring, and a bit of leftover blast residue from the decoy. A little while later, I had myself a new weapon to fight with.

“Alright I think we can stop him now!” I yelled.

“Great because even I hate fighting this much,” said Orion.

I grabbed a bottle of hydrochloric acid, some leftover pipes and a conveyor belt that broke loose. Merged it and it all turned into a fresh weapon for us to use.

“Alright Orion take this and let acid rain,” I said.

He took what I made and started firing acid bottles within the piping that I made. The decoy wasn’t human, but even acid of this acidity was enough to start breaking down the metal he was made of. Despite my quick success, the decoy was still pretty strong. I got a mop and a bunch of tools from a kit to create some deadly spear. I chucked it at decoy and it first to the ground. I used this chance to take back every weapon and piece of technology that rightfully belonged to me.

“Alright Orion, care to do the honors, again?” I asked.

He came over and body slammed it, causing it to disintegrate once and for all.

“You're not so bad after all,” I said.

“All in a day’s work. Great engineering just now,” he replied.

“Yeah for sure for sure,” I said.

We were about to find a way out when the debris blocking the front came bursting down. It was my friends again.

“Oh my god Lunar you’re ok!” yelled Solar.

“Yeah for real,” I said.

“Good to see you still alive,” said Max.

“Did he cause you any trouble,” said Aidan.

“What? No guys don’t worry, he’s with us now. The bad news is, Mr. Grizz got out and I think he’s plotting to destroy Max’s lab and then the world sooner or later,” I said.

“Well we have to do something about that then!” said Sammi.

“Max, can you build us a portal frame to rift back to your lab?” I asked.

“Sure I can do it, I’ll just need a bit of time,” he said.

“Great, Aidan and Sammi, can you guys prepare some weapons for Orion? He lost them all after Mr. Grizz left him. Solar, let’s practice using our energy again in the meantime,” I said.

Everyone nodded in agreement.

“Don’t forget about us!” It was Dylan and Eli.

“I may not have weapons, but we won’t let Mr. Grizz get away with this,” said Dylan.

“Yeah, Little Buddy has something he’d like to say to him after being forced to use this serum,” said Eli.

“That’s great to hear. We could probably use your support,” I said.

Everyone got to work. Before testing with Solar, I walked up to Max to ask a few things.

“Max, he told me about your wife. I just wanted to say I’m sorry,” I said.

“It’s ok. It was a long while back but I still remember it like it was yesterday. Terrible smog out there,” he said.

“Actually, I wanted to address that I was shown that this bunch of smog isn’t even smoke. It’s just steam,” I said.

“What... but if that is the case... then how did she,” he pulled out a mask.

Max took a closer look before he was filled with rage.

“That monster, he intentionally put secret poison valves inside this mask. And if my memory serves me correctly, this was right before I decided to start my energy plans. He was trying to put me down in the dumps from day one,” he said.

“Oh my. Don’t worry, we will avenge her,” I reassured.

“We better, her final wish before she died was to have this world restored and back to green life. I swore I would fulfill it before I died,” he said.

I went back to Solar and we practiced using our energy in different ways aside from a tunnel or a singular blast. Soon enough, the rift was created and everyone had weapons ready to go. We jumped in, not knowing what awaits us on the other end.

### **Chapter XIII (Lunar’s POV): Take Back the Lab**

Everyone made it out safely. There were loud vehicle noises outside for some reason. We walked to a nearby balcony and saw that there were dozens of demolition vehicles and military tanks. Max saw Mr. Grizz leading the fleet and yelled down at him.

“What do you think you are doing!?” he yelled.

“Oh I got permission from the government to tear down this building, after all we won’t need it after I build a new factory here,” he said.

“That’s nuts, I wasn’t even aware of this plan,” said Max.

“Well maybe it wasn’t totally official but I sped some things up myself. These self driving vehicles are sure helpful,” said Mr. Grizz.

Without notice, they slowly started to approach the lab.

“If we don’t do anything soon this whole place is going down,” said Sammi.

“Alright guys you know the drill. Destroy the army and get Mr. Grizz after,” I said.

“You guys deal with the machines, I’m going after him myself. This is personal,” said Max.

“Good luck out there,” I said.

We split up and stalled for as long as we could but more kept on coming. I used my merge and used some leftover machine debris to create a wrecking machine of my own to use against Mr. Grizz’s.

“Hell yeah Lunar go get them!” said Solar.

This thing was pretty fun to control. I merged some explosive firepower as well and attached a tank nozzle. None of the other machines stood a chance. Everyone else seemed to be doing ok as well. I wonder how long it would be until Max is able to take down Mr. Grizz. I looked over at the duel they were having. It seemed stale until Max was struck down. I quickly jumped out and went over to catch him before he fell down.

“Are you ok Max?!” I asked.

“Yes, thank you Lunar,” he said.

“Alright playtime’s over,” said Mr. Grizz.

He hopped into another demolition machine even larger than the one I had and rammed it straight into the building. We thought the whole thing would come crashing down but he only hit about 10% of it. I looked closer and saw that Solar created a thin force field around the entire thing and absorbed most of the damage. After the initial hit Solar fell to the ground of exhaustion. I went over to go help her as well.

“Solar! How are you feeling!?” I asked.

“I needed... to reduce the impact...” she said.

Solar passed out. I let Sammi and Eli take care of her while we dealt with Mr. Grizz.

“Damn it! You destroyed my ability to move this thing. No matter, I can still do THIS,” he said.

Mr. Grizz revealed a pair of arms on his machine and grabbed onto the entire building and started crawling inside with it.

“Ah! We have to stop him before he gets into the nuclear power source inside the place,” said Max.

“Aidan and Dylan, keep the other machines at bay, we’ll go deal with it,” I said.

Orion, Max and I ran inside the building and started climbing up the stairs to meet up with Mr. Grizz. He was already preparing a drill attachment to get to the nuclear source down below.

“We’ll never catch him the second he starts drilling,” said Max.

“Wait, I got an idea,” said Max.

He manually activated the security system and released the automated defense robots I dealt with when I first entered this world.

"These should be able to get to him and stall him for a while. I know the quickest way to the source, follow me," said Max.

Max took us to a secret elevator and entered a code that brought us to level B0004. It started moving down slowly. I could feel the entire building shaking every second that passed. I couldn't see this lab go down. Everything Max worked for would be destroyed and I wasn't going to let Mr. Grizz take everything away that Max did. Eventually the elevator made it to the final floor and we got out, making a run for the plant. We made it there first and started securing the area, making sure he wasn't gonna be able to directly damage the piping. A few minutes later, we heard loud drilling coming from the side of a wall. Sure enough, Mr. Grizz got in with his giant sized mech.

"Alright Max, say goodbye to your lab," he said.

"We aren't giving up so easily," I said.

"Whatever you say," he said.

He fired his entire drill attachment right at us. It punctured a large hole inside the barricade and barely dented the main pipe.

"Orion, can you distract him for a while?" I asked.

"Sure can, I needed a punching bag for a while anyways," he said.

I let Orion climb inside the mech to distract him for a bit while Max and I tried pulling out the drill out from the pipe, it was lodged deep inside. I grabbed my super merge and created a claw that could help us give extra power. We eventually grabbed the entire thing out. The only thing left was to dispose of it.

"Orion! Get out of there!" I yelled.

He quickly got out and left Mr. Grizz inside. The 3 of us lifted the drill and threw it right back at his mech. The entire thing exploded causing the reactor to overheat. Max quickly threw down another portal frame and we rifted back out. Even on the surface inside the lab, things were starting to overheat. We all made a jump for it off the balcony before the entire thing behind us exploded. After the smoke cleared we saw that a small part of the sky was clear due to the winds. It was about to thunder based on the weather. Everyone else on the safety was able to take care of any remaining automated vehicle.

"Is everyone ok?" I asked.

"I'm doing pretty good after that initial use of power," said Solar.

"I'm good, but I don't think my lab is anymore," said Max.

I looked behind and saw that most of it was gone, with a huge hole down to the reactor.

"Max, I'm so sorry," said Sammi.

"It's ok, as long as we take down Mr. Grizz, we can rebuild," he said.

I thought it was time to celebrate when I saw someone climbing up from the crater. He wasn't done just yet. We still had one more fight with Mr. Grizz.

"Uh, how did this man survive the reactor explosion!?" asked Aidan.

"He always has a few tricks on his sleeve. Sneaky old guy," said Max.

Max was right, I detected heavy traces of serum on him. He was planning something big. I wasn't exactly looking forward to it either.

"Alright everyone, brace for impact," I said.

## Chapter XIV (Lunar's POV): A Total Solar Eclipse

"You lot aren't clocking out that easily," said Mr. Grizz.

He grabbed bottles of the serum he was making in the factory and injected it into himself. At the very same time, a huge thunder bolt from the part of the clear sky came striking down onto him. It made such a blinding light that even I had to look away for a moment. After it calmed down we all turned around to see the true Mr. Grizz's self. He had grown in size, appeared to super buff now and had serum all over him. It was as if he had just taken a protein shake. I tried firing a super merge blast at him but there was no effect. He seemed to have gained a massive resistance to brute force.

"Uh guys, not sure what we should do anymore," I said.

"Well, well. Such dedication to your work. I think you've all earned yourselves a break.," said Mr. Grizz, "Now get over here so I CAN BREAK YOU ALL!!"

"I think that's our cue to run," said Dylan.

We all made a run from Mr. Grizz into the city. I was trying to brainstorm ways on how to take him down, but I had no clue what this serum was capable of. Hoping to find time to think of a plan, we all ran and hid inside a building until we lost him. Things were getting out of control.

"Max, anything we can do against him?" asked Sammi.

"Well I don't know exactly how strong his serum is, but I think the energy Lunar and Solar can make together can stun him for long enough for us to take him down," he said.

"But we already tried doing that and nothing worked," I said.

"Yes but that's only because you've only been using a small fraction of your true power. With all this steam in the way you guys can't fully absorb the full rays of the sun and moon," he said.

"That sounds really cool and all, but I think we are on a deadline right now," said Aidan.

"Of course of course. Lunar we need you to create something that can blow a huge chunk of steam out of the sky long enough so you and Solar can absorb some rays," said Max.

"I can do that, but are we sure both will be in the sky at the same time?" I asked.

"Well actually, I was looking beforehand and by miracle there is a solar eclipse today in around 2 hours. You guys will be able to get the full effect from this," he said.

"Alright, let's do this then," I said.

I got my merge and started running across the city trying to find something that can help me out. I grabbed a bunch of fans and a massive amount of batteries. I guess I was going for some kind of super fan that would for sure be able to blow the steam away. As I grabbed another part, Mr. Grizz spotted me and started coming for me. I kindly stole a car and merged it with some of the batteries to make a temporary Lunar Storm for myself. Not the most luxurious thing in the world but it will do. It can at least keep up with his speed.

"Computer! What's the fastest route to the nearest gas station,"

"Calculating... fastest route to the nearest McDonalds is in 2km straight ahead,"

"No stop trolling. I need a gas station,"

“Correction, nearest gas station is on the next left,”

I made a left turn at the intersection and lost Mr. Grizz. With this gas I would be able to finish my super fan. The super merge combined it all together and finally finished the job. I just had to bring it back to everyone else. The drive back was quite a rollercoaster. Mr. Grizz was destroying the roads and nearby buildings.

“Ah, finally Lunar. Show us what you got,” said Orion.

“This will be able to blast all the steam away,” I said.

I turned on the super fan and let it go to work. Within minutes a clear 30km radius circle of steam was cleared out from the sky. I could see the moon soon approaching with the sun. The eclipse was going to happen in just under an hour.

“I forgot to mention this, but both you and Solar will need an additional 20 minutes to fully charge up your systems,” said Max.

“Don’t worry, we’ll stall for time in the meantime,” said Sammi.

Solar and I got into position to start getting rays of lights from both celestial bodies. I could hear Mr. Grizz approaching us slowly.

“He’s gonna like what we prepared for him,” said Eli.

I looked behind us and saw that she called on Little Buddy to come help us. He went straight for Mr. Grizz.

“Hey! Watch where you whip that tail for yours freak!” he said.

“This will keep him under bay for now,” said Eli.

The moon was going to soon cover the sun, our chance was approaching.

“So Lunar, how is life back in your world? You never got to fully tell me about all your cool adventures there,” said Solar.

“Oh I mean, most of them involve this AI world with Minecraft characters, I’m not sure if you know about it,” I said.

“Actually, after we went through the rift the first time, I lost my AI abilities and we entered it to grab something that could help me out,” she said.

“No way you met Alex already. And yeah you’re probably talking about the file pieces. They are quite powerful,” I said.

“I can’t believe you saved your own world from total annihilation, and also this world. You can’t imagine how scared I was when I saw a whole rift to another planet just like this one open up that day. I’m glad you shut it down,” she said.

“Well not to flex or anything but I did also take down an AI hack within the world and saved innocent AI lives. There was a guy at our school that messed around with my super merge and almost destroyed my world as well,” I said.

“Oh wow, sounds crazy. It’s an honor to be siblings with someone like you,” she said.

“Well thanks, that actually means a lot, surprisingly haha,” I said.

“Lunar, it’s about to happen,” said Max.

We looked up and put on glasses. The moon was right in front of the sun by now. Solar and I opened our panels and took in everything we could. This feeling was indescribable. It was like getting a laser fired at us but being able to take it in for ourselves. Once the eclipse was over, it was safe to say that we were at our maximum capacity for energy.



“Damn, this does feel pretty good. Max, you are a great scientist, did you know that?” said Solar.

“Thank you thank you it’s really nothing,” he said.

“Right Lunar, time to unleash the secret weapon,” said Solar.

“Hell yeah, the secret weapon. Wait, what are we doing?” I asked.

She went and brought back a large vacuum style device that she made.

“We’re gonna suck all that serum from Mr. Grizz and get him back to who he really is,” she said.

“Sounds good to me,” I said.

We linked arms and loaded both our energy to the vacuum.

“Ok Little Buddy, get out of the way for now!” yelled Eli.

He moved. We aimed the vacuum right at Mr. Grizz and let him have it. Most of the leftovers he used we were able to successfully suck up. We couldn’t get much further until he knocked us back.

“Ah a setback, but this is a GROWTH INDUSTRY!” he yelled.

Mr. Grizz retreated and went for the fan I made. We couldn’t let him take it down or our vacuum would be of no use. That’s when it hit me. We could combine both to our advantage.

“Stay here Solar, it’s time to be stupid,” I said.

I ran off and grabbed the super fan before Mr. Grizz was able to get his hands on it. It was a bumpy and slow walk back to Solar, the roads were really starting to become unstable at this point. Mr. Grizz got caught up to me and tried taking the fan for himself.

“You need to shut that thing off right now,” he said.

“I think you need to retire right now,” I replied.

I was slowly losing the tug of war battle until Orion helped me.

“Woah there, hold on Lunar we can beat this guy,” he said.

I nodded and continued pulling with all my strength. Eventually we overpowered him and brought it back to the gang. I used the Super Merge with it and the vacuum, which super powered the vacuum suck strength and allows us to have a blow option. Mr. Grizz chased after us once more but we were able to suck off more serum from him until he was way weaker than before.

“We sucked most of the serum, but now what? He’s still able to cause serious damage,” said Sammi.

“I’ll tell you what. We combine it with our energy and blast it all right back at him!” said Solar.

I aimed the vacuum towards him and let him have it. The serum superpowered the already powerful energy Solar and I had and created a near lethal laser that we used against him. After yet another flash bang worth of light, we let out everything that we had. Mr. Grizz was on the ground, weakened.

“It seems like my work has all been for nothing. But still, you will not receive severance pay,” he said.

He tried making a run for it by opening another rift, but Little Buddy was there to stop him right in his tracks. In fact he quite literally ate him up and left behind the fossil, which we grabbed.

“Wow, he does have an appetite doesn’t he,” said Max.

“Did we finally do it?” asked Solar.

“Yes, I’m proud to say that my work has meant something,” said Max, “It might take a while but we can establish our own energy for the world soon.

“What about us?” asked Dylan.

“Well, this new company would need some employees. After all, I only have about 2. I would be more than happy to let you have a spot on the team,” he said.

“That would be wonderful,” said Eli.

“Really, it would be an honor working for someone with a good name,” said Orion.

“Lunar, Sammi and Aidan. Thank you guys for coming back. I honestly didn’t think the signal would reach after so long,” said Solar.

“Oh what. I’m so glad we were able to come back. I mean I got to see where I was made, and met an official family member, am I right?” I said.  
It will take a while before this Earth is restored to its former glory, but I will be here to watch it happen.

## **Chapter XV (Lunar’s POV): Sky Full of Stars**

It took 2 weeks, but Max was able to tell the government about what happened and proposed his own solution to solve the energy crisis. Solar and I were in the trial too and it was quite thrilling I won’t lie. I made more super fans and helped distribute them across the globe to remove the artificial steam that Mr. Grizz, soon enough the skies were clear once more and wildlife was slowly deployed to reproduce. As long as the sun and moon were out there, Max could make as much energy as he wanted. He was right about it being more powerful than Novafuel’s as well. Just an hour of charging allowed Solar and I to power the globe for months. Max rightfully destroyed the remaining piece of the fossil so that the world can finally move on from the use of fossil fuels. I think he was planning on developing a way to use the energy to power cars and other vehicles as well. One day, we all met up once again to celebrate the reopening of Galactical Laboratories.

“It is an honor to open up Galactical Laboratories once more, and this time, open to the public!” he said.

“The crowd cheered as he cut the red ribbon,” he said.

He sure did a good job rebuilding it, along with the help of Eli, Dylan and Orion of course. There was a small section dedicated to telling the story of the lab. How we took down Mr. Grizz and how the energy here is produced, plus the future projects he had in store. Max even made a tribute to his wife with a statue in the middle of the lobby. Dylan runs the front desk of the lab now. Orion is a certified bodyguard here, equipped with only the top weapons he produced. Eli was a scientist that actually did research on ethical projects. Despite not finding a cure, Little Buddy is a treasure to the lab as well. Noone has seen any creature like him, and now he acts way more playful. Of course I had to make a shrink ray to reduce his size just a bit. Otherwise he alone would destroy the lab all over again.

“You ever think you’ll start a business with your own lab Sammi?” I asked.

“Maybe one day, I don’t have a staff team for myself exactly haha,” she said.

“What do you think you’ll do Aidan, now that we have access to this world,” I said.

“I have to explore the future world more. There must be so many developed memes for me to bring back. As long as you’re here with me of course, I might need some of your technology,” he said.

Night was soon approaching, so we all gathered outside to finally see the sky full of stars for the first time in forever. I could feel myself gaining energy already from the moon and all the stars. Solar came up to me.

“You did a good job, you know? I’m so proud of you,” she said.

“Thank you Solar, you’re also quite incredible yourself,” I said.

“Do you want to put on a show for the people?” she asked.

“You bet I would,” I said.

We climbed to the roof of the lab and combined our energy to fire a bunch of explosive fireworks into the sky, creating a light show. We had to put references here and there. Everyone looked amazing. This was truly something I was proud of. Maybe one day I’ll bring more friends from the past Earth and let them experience the stuff here. It’s basically time travel after all.

“Computer, detect happiness levels in the crowd,”

“Calculating... noone in the crowd likes it,”

“What,”

“I’m just trolling of course. Please fix my system,”

Good to know my inner computer has a sense of humor. That’s what I get for jumping through rifts. Who knows where it’ll be taking me next time.