

Dimensional Cliffs

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Following the events of Lunar through Dimensions

Summary

After the battle with Dimentio, Lunar has returned to Alpha Earth to live his life as a human being, along with his original friends. He finds life to be tougher without his ability to run computations, track down people, and have free strength. Despite this, his friends try to help him be the best person he can be, as he was human before in the past. Four months after moving back to Earth Alpha, Lunar receives a message from Solar about dangerous nightmares. With Max's help, our heroes discover the new world of Dimensions, going past the world of Rifts.

Book Information

The beginning of the final trilogy to end Lunar's story once and for all. I really wanted to expand part of the 3 Earths and rifts, so dimensions and space it was. I hope this book provides a great introduction to what will be happening during this final arc. Stuff will be plagiarized but that's the joy of writing books for fun. I hope to include fun characters and villains that everyone will remember. Again thank you to Sammi for helping me plan out the story with ideas. Also a thank you to Via for helping me come up with an idea for this book as well.

Chapter I (Lunar's POV): Workouts can be Tough

"Man, I hate leg days," I said.

"Don't worry, you'll get used to it eventually," said Finley.

I never knew lifting weights with your legs would be so tiresome. Times like these make me wish I still had my AI powers.

"There's some improvement I see. You're able to do those reps way faster now. I could watch a whole youtube short back when we first started, before you'd be done," he said.

"Yeah, very funny. Well I'm all done with this one now. What's next?" I asked.

"Curls. Your favorite," he said.

I just couldn't wait. We used to spend about an hour and half in the gym, but as I got faster we cut that time down to an hour. Being built mechanically really made a huge difference to my performance. Of course I wasn't all weak before, but maybe it was the AI inside me that wasn't showing that helped me during the past adventures. Either way, no better time to get better than right now. Luckily I had a friend who was a gym nerd. I mean Finley was pretty buff back then, and he's only gotten stronger since.

"So, are you doing anything later tonight?" I asked.

"Probably just gonna hop online the world again. How come?" he replied.

"Nah nothing I was just wondering. I should've expected that to be honest haha," I said.

"What do you mean by that?" he asked.

"Nothing nothing. I figured I was going to be bored tonight again. It's been a while since I've gone on adventures," I said.

"Maybe you can ask our other friends if they want to do something," said Finley.

"Yeah, you're probably right," I said.

We finished our last sets and went to leave the gym.

"You know, I did hear that there was one of those science conventions happening again. Like the one you did back then. That could be interesting," he said.

"Hm, I'll definitely consider it. Thanks Finley," I said.

Before we could get to the exit, a weight from above was accidentally dropped. It was going to hit us, but something stopped it at the last second.

"Woah! What was that?" asked Finley.

"I, I don't know. Thank god it saved us.

I looked and saw a black platform that was holding the weight in place. It looked like it was made up of tiny metal beads. Someone approached us, and I knew what had happened.

"Aidan? I didn't know you brought my Microbots here," I said.

"I wanted to visit you guys at the gym, and I was having too much fun with your bots, so I just brought them here," he said.

"Well thank god you did. They saved us," said Finley.

He was right, my Microbots sensed our danger. I'm not too sure what I wanted to do with them, since it was such a new project. But I think that in the right hands, these bots would be able to do great in the world.

“Alright, I'll collect them now, Aidan. They are still in the beta phase, but glad to see them working magic,” I said.

He gave me all the Microbots. I stored them in my bag and drove back home to work on them again. There were more bots in my lab serving a multitude of purposes. Some would act as platforms, or shields even. They have a huge resistance to cold, heat, and physical damage. They even have the ability to all group up and form a structure of any kind, depending on what the creator wants them to do. In the wrong hands, they can be weaponized. I feel like that's a trend with all my inventions. Either way, I knew I wanted to continue my work on them. I needed something to do while living here.

Chapter II (Solar's POV): Visions

Work at the lab was almost done for the day. There wasn't much else to do but clean up everything.

“How was your day today Solar?” asked Orion.

“Oh! It was fun! I got to impress another group of people with the sun's energy right in front of their faces,” said Solar.

“Ah, awesome. I think Thunder kicked some thieves out just now so my work has been light today,” he said.

“That's good to hear,” I said.

Max came down from his office to join us.

“Everything all good?” he asked.

“Yep, the lab is ready to be closed for the night,” said Orion.

“Perfect, Solar, you can take the rest of the night off if you want. I'll finish up here,” said Max.

“Oh thank you Max! I wanted to go see something tonight anyways,” I said.

“Stay safe,” said Orion.

I gathered my bag and other belongings and made my way to the city. It was so nice being here not too late in the evening. I wanted to grab a bowl of ramen before heading to a park for a view. Word on the street was the ramen place was new so I was expecting some good food. Lunar showed me some ramen places in his Earth, but the ramen here was so much better. It was a good thing that the food wasn't forgotten in history. Sometimes I wonder what he's up to in his Earth again. It's been almost 4 months since he's left, but we still connect online. I finished my ramen and started heading over to the view. It was a long bridge over a beautiful river in the city. As I was walking on the bridge, I accidentally fell down, as if there was a hole in the bridge. I looked back and saw that nothing was broken, which was strange. Regardless I made my way to the middle for the highest view. I got out my camera to start taking pictures, but something was weird through the scope. There was a sinkhole directly in the middle of the river I was looking at, and it was growing larger and larger, consuming everything and making a void. I stopped using my camera and used my own eyes. Nothing was wrong. Now I was concerned. My systems don't just lie to me about what I see. This is human behavior. I decided to cut my photoshooting short and went back to the lab to sleep it off. Thunder was there to greet me.

“How was your trip?” he asked.

“Oh it was nice. I had to cut it short but I was tired. Good night,” I said.

I walked back to my room and he locked up the lab. I really hoped that sleeping would fix whatever was happening to me. I was wrong however. I only got more visions of things consuming the ground around our city. Like a nightmare but worse. It felt real, but it wasn't real. At this point I knew I couldn't keep what was happening to myself.

The next morning, I went to Max and talked to him about it. He was standing by his board with his coffee.

“Good morning Solar! How was your sleep?” he asked.

“Uh, less than mediocre. I need to talk to you about something,” I said.

“Oh I see. What's going on?” he asked.

I began to describe the visions and nightmares I was having last night. How it felt like something bad was going to happen in a matter of time. Despite all this, I don't know why it is happening. Max took in the information and proceeded to pull out a really old book.

“Your situation reminds me of this book I read. About Dimensions,” said Max.

“Dimensions? Like how we rift between different timelines of Earth?” I asked.

“No not that. That's simply rifting. Dimensions are more complex. It was theorized that there are multiple dimensions out there. Each one contains worlds like ours. There are multiple versions of me and you, and all the people we know living in different kinds of worlds,” he explained.

“Wait, so you mean there's more Solars and versions of my friends?” I asked.

“Exactly. All these dimensions are part of something called a multiverse. Each dimension runs life how it is. What we do in this world, maybe they do something similar in the others. The important thing here is that the book explains that visions and nightmares of voids that you are experiencing, could be related to a problem with the multiverse,” said Max.

“Really? But what happened here that could cause a problem?” I asked.

“To be fully honest. I'm not sure. I'm not too familiar with Dimensions at all.

However, the book was written by someone called Dr. Gates. As our luck brims, he was alive and researching Dimensions exactly in Lunar's original time period,” said Max.

“So I need to go to Lunar and ask him for help to find this Dr. Gates guy?” I asked.

“Exactly,” said Max.

“Wow! Finally an excuse to go visit his world again. Are you going to stay here?” I asked.

“I think so. There's lots to be done here. I should keep an eye out for these visions myself maybe,” he said, “All you need to do is give Lunar a heads up to let him know. And if you need any help, I'll send Orion or Thunder too,”

“Ok I think I got this. I'll see you later Max!” I said.

I gave him a hug and went to pack my gear once again. I really hope that everything will be ok.

Chapter III (Lunar's POV): The Incredible Tom Phan

First thing that I see when I wake up is a call from Solar. I didn't get a chance to answer it, but it seems like she's visiting for something important. With that, I got myself ready for adventure once again. I had no idea what's going on but I'm gonna be happy to be able to see her again. I went to the basement and configured the rift gate to allow her to cross. Within minutes I saw her fly through the rift and onto the ground.

"Wow. Nice place you got Lunar," she said.

"Solar!" I exclaimed.

We hugged and caught up with small talk.

"I'm so happy to see you. Something kinda bad not too long ago happened," she said.

"Hm? What's going on? More hunters after you?" I asked.

"No, something possibly worse than anything we've seen before," she said.

"Really? Even after the monstrosity that was Dimentio," I said.

"Yeah really. One night when I was out I started to have clear visions and nightmares about all our Earths being eaten by a void, and potentially more Earths out there," she explained.

"Huh, what do you mean by more Earths out there?" I asked.

Solar summed up a concept called Dimensions. I was also surprised that there could be copies of me living life exactly how I do now just in a different world. Regardless, I knew I could trust Solar, no matter how ridiculous the idea sounded.

"I got you now. Whatever we need to do, I'll help you," I said.

"Thank you! Max told me that the only person who properly understands Dimensions lives in this timeline, and we need to find him!" said Solar.

"What's his name?" I asked.

"Max said his name was Dr. Gates or something," said Solar.

"Really? That's kinda funny. A science convention Finley said I should visit is starring that exact man," I said.

"Oh my god that's perfect then! We should go. Into the Lunar Storm?" asked Solar.

"Oh uh, I lent Sammi the car so she could take her friends on a vacation. We'll need another way. I don't really want to show a rift presence there," I said.

"Hm ok. Leave it to me Lunar!" said Solar.

She took me into my garage and started building something. She even insisted that I leave the room as it was a surprise and a project she had in Echo Earth. After about an hour, I was able to come back to the garage to see what she was making. I took off my blindfold and saw a car. Not just any car, this one screamed Solar all over it. The color, ambiance, features, it really had it all.

"So what do you think?" asked Solar.

"Solar, it's amazing. When did you have time to plan this?" I asked.

"After you left I really wanted to drive like you did. But of course I didn't know how to drive your car, so I decided to make my own! I call it the Solar Storm," she said.

"Haha, I'm glad I was able to inspire you. It looks great. I'll let you drive today," I said, "Oh, before we go,"

I grabbed all my microbots and put them in the trunk. I still wanted to showcase them at the convention.

“Oh what are those?” asked Solar.

“It’s my latest project. I call them microbots,” I said.

“Wow! Tell me about it on the way there,” said Solar.

We started our drive to the convention. Solar’s car was really nice inside. So comfortable, roomy, and fast.

“I’m impressed Solar. This car is awesome,” I said.

“Thank you! I learned from the best,” she said.

It didn’t take long for us to get to the convention. I had to say it was really cool seeing all sorts of scientists and engineers gathering. I should join a club for this kind of stuff.

“Well I parked. Let’s go inside,” said Solar.

We got out of the car and walked inside the main room after getting our tickets. I had to say I was impressed with all the technology I was seeing. Solar was too.

“Wow, I’ve seen this stuff in history books. It’s so cool seeing it live in person,” said Solar.

“Yeah it’s all very cool,” I said.

“I think I see the main stage where Dr. Gates is going to showcase his stuff. Let’s just wait until he shows up,” said Solar.

To my surprise, we saw Aidan and Finley at the convention and went to meet up with them.

“I had no idea you guys were going to be here!” I said.

“I wanted to check out the stuff here too. So did Aidan,” said Finley.

“Yeah I heard there’s some One Piece stuff here. No luck so far though,” said Aidan.

“Great to see you guys again too!” said Solar.

“I heard about the stuff your brother went through. Tough guy isn’t he,” said Aidan.

“Yeah for sure,” she said.

“Well while we’re waiting for Dr. Gates, I want to showcase my microbots on a display. I would like to show off what I’ve been making,” I said.

We walked over to a free slot and I got to work with the showcase. I made some live demonstrations of the microbots holding heavy objects and absorbing fire. It soon attracted a huge crowd. To be honest I didn’t expect this much attention, but I was glad to see the people interested in what I was making.

“You’re doing great Lunar!” said Solar.

I was about to finish up my last act when someone started walking towards me. The crowd even cleared out of his way. I had no idea who it was, but then I realised it was someone I knew real well in the past. My former inspiration. I almost couldn’t believe it. I stopped watching him on TV a long time ago. Even before I met Aidan, this man was the reason I started getting into engineering in the first place. AI or not, my passion came from his projects and personality. This was the one and only Tom Phan.

“I see you gathered yourself a large crowd. It’s so nice to meet engineers with great projects to show. Who might you be?” he asked.

I was so excited I almost couldn’t speak properly.

“Oh uh. I’m Lunar! You are my inspiration! I can’t believe you’re talking to me right now,” I said.

“Lunar? You mean the person who saved Velocity Ville from the corrupt O-Rez robots. I had no idea you were him. Everyone give a hand for this man right here!” he said. The crowd went wild. I didn’t know he recognized me! This made my day so much better.

“Wow, that means so much coming from you. I feel like I should repay you!” I said.

“Haha no need to. I’m just happy I inspired another young engineer such as yourself,” said Tom.

“But what are you doing here? I haven’t seen you ever since your show got canceled,” I said.

“Ah right. Well I lost funding for that. But I continued making projects in the background. I’m visiting the convention to see all the wonderful projects everyone has created. And it looks like you made a good one too,” he said.

“Oh this? These are my microbots. They are made of a material strong enough to withstand strong forces, and also shapeshift into anything I want,” I said. I gave Tom Phan a small demonstration. He did look impressed the entire time.

“Wow, this is even cooler than I thought. My daughter always wanted to make stuff like this,” he said.

“Thank you! It means a lot,” I said.

“Well, I should be on my way. I am needed elsewhere in the convention. Good luck in your future endeavors Lunar,” he said.

With that, he left the booth. I was still shocked at what just happened.

“Are you ok?” asked Finley.

“Oh, oh yeah I’m good. That felt like heaven. It’s not everyday your hero has a personal conversation with you,” I said.

“I’m so happy for you Lunar,” said Solar.

“Yeah, real shit,” said Aidan.

“What does this Tom Phan guy even do?” asked Finley.

“Well, he had a television show about 10 years ago. At the time I was young, but he caught my interest with all his projects. One of them being able to manipulate particles of matter. From that day forward, I kept watching his shows, and started turning my basement into a mini lab. His show got canceled one day, but I still kept working on making projects. Noone knew where he went after that. His presence almost disappeared,” I said.

“That’s so cool. I had no clue you were a stan,” said Solar.

“Ugh, I’m not a stan,” I replied.

“Stan or not, he seems like a good guy,” said Aidan.

“I kinda want to see where he went. Let’s go,” I said.

We all gathered up our things and headed in the direction where Tom went. The area looked pretty clear, but we saw Tom talking to another person.

“Must be planning a really good project huh,” said Solar.

“Yeah, yeah you’re right. We should go, Dr. Gates is supposed to be on his stage any moment now,” I said.

We walked back and found seats. I kept thinking about Tom Phan. There has to be a reason he came to a science convention after not making a public appearance for more than 10 years.

If he had a new project in the works, I wanted to be the first one to know about it. Even his social media accounts weren't active during that whole time. Before I could think about it any further, the lights dimmed.

"Ooo, I think it's starting!" said Solar.

She was right, the stage lit up and someone walked up.

Chapter IV (Lunar's POV): Introducing Dr. Gates

"Welcome to the science convention everyone! I'm so glad you are all here to witness something that could change the course of human history forever. I'm Dr. Gates, and I'm here to introduce you all to the beginning of a new project. Something that will truly take us out of this world," he said.

That sounded pin point accurate to whatever Solar was talking about. But I'm not sure why he said the project was just beginning.

"I've conducted research with the help of thousands of scientists, and together we have found evidence of there being a multiverse out there," said Dr. Gates.

"What does that mean?" someone from the crowd asked.

"I'm glad you asked! While working with particles and matter, we found out that there is life beyond our planets in different dimensions. There are possibly millions of dimensions out there, each one with the same Earth and people that we have in ours. We predicted that the course of history is consistent within each dimension, but that some events are common and must happen in every dimension in order to keep life in all the dimensions stable," he explained.

"So is this like time travel?" asked someone from the crowd again.

"Not exactly. The worlds in other dimensions would follow our exact timeline. There might be a small twist to their world, but it is nothing like time traveling. We are talking about full-on portals people!" he said, "That being said, we only have theories about this idea. The technology required in order to complete this project, would take many decades of work. Today, I came here to introduce this all, but sometime in the foreseeable future, I will have results. With that, this concludes my statement. If there are any further questions, feel free to follow up with my newly published book,"

Well that was a little bit disappointing. Turns out Dr. Gates doesn't have any resources we can use to actually gain access to these dimensions. The rest of the crowd felt the same way, and left to visit other booths after being disappointed.

"So this was the guy who was going to help? Bro had nothing to show!" said Finley.

"You're right, but maybe we can step in somehow," I said.

We waited for everyone to leave and walked up to him.

"Excuse me, Dr. Gates?" I said.

He turned around.

"Oh hello there. Are you here to ask about my project," he asked.

"Yes, kinda. We are also interested in your knowledge of dimensions. We have similar experiences with it," I said.

"Oh really. How about we discuss this in my office. Follow me," he said.

Dr. Gates took us into an upper floor inside the building and straight inside an office.

“Yes, the science convention is actually being hosted right where I do my work. Now, what interests you in consulting with me?” he started to ask.

I didn’t exactly know what to say, but Solar chimed in.

“Well Dr. Gates, I have happened to read your book, and your description of world ending void visions was pretty accurate to what I’ve been experiencing,” she said.

Dr. Gates looked deeply concerned.

“Really? You mean the book I just released. You’ve been seeing glimpses of voids consuming our world, and millions of other worlds. This isn’t some prank?” he asked.

“I’m being serious. It’s been happening only recently, but I’m afraid it’s like how you described it,” said Solar.

He paused to process the information.

“Before we continue, what are your names?” he asked.

We all introduced ourselves, but when I said my name, Dr. Gates was shocked.

“Lunar? You mean the Lunar who saved Mojang and created an all powerful super merge?” he asked.

I pulled it out from my bag. He couldn’t believe his eyes.

“Wow. You guys are the real deal. You know some of my work was inspired off that one device. The way it’s able to merge things together is unreal,” he said.

“Thank you! I was quite proud of it,” I said.

“I know it’s safe to talk to you guys now. Solar, what you are experiencing is because of an event that happened in your history. All of the dimensions should have events that are common, but if one dimension were to not have that event, anyone who is directly involved will start seeing visions of voids. This is because with the skipped event, the thing that links our dimensions together starts to fall apart. It will start with this world, and eventually spread to all the other dimensions until life ceases to exist,” he explained.

I was super worried about what he just said. It seemed like something totally out of our control, and we had no idea what the event was.

“Are you being for real?!? What can we do to fix this?” asked Aidan.

“Well, luckily the visions are an early warning to the disaster. There will be ample time before any damage is done. But in order to protect the future generations of humanity, we must act now. I’ve been working on theories, but I don’t have the required technology to continue with my plans. That is why I said the project might take decades to complete,” he said.

“Do you have blueprints of what you want to make?” I asked.

Dr. Gates handed me over a bunch of papers. To my surprise, the portal he planned to make was using technology that exists in Echo Earth. We would be able to rift there, grab the technology we needed, and bring it to Dr. Gates to use.

“Dr. Gates, this might be hard to believe, but we can source this technology for you. If it means that we can have access to Dimensions faster than a few decades,” I proposed. He thought about it.

“Well, if there is anyone I shouldn’t doubt it’s you Lunar. I think it’s a good plan. If you can get me what I need to complete the project, I will have you guys access to whatever you need in the future. Together we can fix this whole mess,” he said.

“Sounds awesome! But, who is going to help us once we get the portal ready?” asked Solar.

“Good question. I’m not too exactly sure, but a theory I made based on early evidence is that there is some kind of guardian who oversees all the dimensions. It will be someone who knows all the events and links between all the worlds. If that person does exist, they will be our only hope,” said Dr. Gates.

I felt a little skeptical about the plan, but I had to trust him.

“That will work with us,” I said.

“Perfect. Before you guys go, Lunar I saw your microbots earlier in the day. I found them to be quite impressive,” he said.

“Oh thank you. I think that they are pretty cool too,” I said.

“If you don’t mind me asking, I had another project in store to have a fully weaponized army, in order to protect fellow scientists from lab raids. I was wondering if I’d be able to purchase your microbots and have them mass produced,” he asked.

That question caught me off guard. After what happened with my Super Merge, I think it would be best if no one but me and close friends had access to my technology. Weaponizing them sounds a lot more dangerous too.

“It’s a kind offer Dr. Gates, but I think I want to keep them to myself for now at least,” I said.

He had a small look of disappointment.

“Alright then. I respect your choice Lunar. Here is my contact information. Once you have the required parts, feel free to reach out to me,” he said.

After he gave us the list, we left his office and headed back to the Solar Storm.

“Well, I guess that was successful,” said Finley.

“Yeah! We are closer to solving this mystery, I just know it,” said Solar.

“Alright well, let’s group up another day and get these parts. Dr. Gates seems reliable enough. Let’s have this thing good to go as soon as possible,” I said.

Chapter V (Lunar’s POV): Find the Pieces

Finley and Aidan decided to join Solar and I for this mission. It was great to have the extra help. We all gathered outside in my house and prepared the rift portal back to Max’s lab.

“Are you sure this is safe?” asked Aidan.

“Of course it is! You’ve rifted before, remember?” I said.

“Right, it’s been too long,” said Aidan.

“Alright let’s do this!” said Solar.

Once the portal was activated, we all jumped through. It really was refreshing to be back in the lab. There were some small but great changes since I left. Max was there to greet us as well.

“Lunar! So glad to see you,” said Max.

“I’ve missed you too Max. How are things here?” I asked.

“Great honestly. I was able to catch more breaks with Thunder around. Life is honestly good right now,” he said, “Solar, were you able to find answers?”

“Yes we did. That Dr. Gates guy sounds legit, and explained basically everything that you read from the book. The only piece of information we gained was that some event that is common to all dimensions did not occur here, and it is directly related to me. That is what is causing my visions to happen,” said Solar.

“He said if we don’t find out what’s wrong, all dimensions will be erased from existence,” said Finley.

“Oh dear, well luckily it looks like we have plenty of time. So what needs to be done now?” asked Max.

“Dr. Gates knows how to create a dimension portal, but he doesn’t have the technology to do so,” I said.

“We looked at his blueprints and all the technology he needs has been created in this timeline of Earth. We just need to grab it and send it back to him,” said Aidan.

“I made a plan with him to rift the items directly to his work area once we find the pieces we need. The sooner we get them the sooner we can solve this mystery,” I said.

“Alright sounds good to me. Can I see the list? Whatever is in the lab I will directly provide to you guys,” said Max.

I handed him the list and Max instantly went to his office to search. About a half hour later, he came back with a frame, engine box, and some special wires.

“This is everything I have right now in the lab. For the others, you’re going to have to search elsewhere,” said Max.

“This is a great start, don't worry. Thank you!” said Solar.
The 4 of us went downstairs and thought of places to look for the other pieces.

“Well we got some hard stuff down, but the rest of the items might be even harder to get,” I said.

“I have a feeling the Spark Researchers could have some things. Let’s try over there,” said Solar.

We hopped in my car this time and drove to their research area. The city here has been looking fresher than ever. I should consider visiting more often. Along the way, I noticed that Solar didn’t look too good at times.

“Solar, is everything ok?” I asked.

“Yeah, yeah. It’s those visions. I saw it again just now,” she said.

“Don’t worry. Everything will be ok. We will fix this,” I said.

“The sooner we fix this, the sooner I get to go back and watch One Piece,” said Aidan.

We arrived at their place soon enough. It looked really good. I couldn't lie. Whatever they did with the Sparks made this place look great.

“Wow! I hope they have the things we need,” said Solar.

We walked in and were greeted by Midnite.

“Oh did not expect you guys here! What’s up,” said Midnite.

“Haha good to see you again too. By the way, thanks for the gear last time, it came in real handy,” said Solar.

“Oh no worries. Glad to see it made an impact,” she replied.

“We’re here in search of some parts we need for an important project. It sounds weird, but the fate of all our timelines and worlds rely on it. Do you think you can help us out?” I asked.

“Of course I can! Anything for the heroes of Alterna. Let’s see what you need,” she said.

I gave Midnite the list and she went looking around her lab for things. Once again, she came back with a few items, but not everything we needed.

“This is all I could see. One of those items doesn't exist anymore by the way,” she said.

“Wait what?” asked Finley.

“Yeah, that CPU unit was discontinued long ago. I only remember seeing it existing about 150 years ago,” she said.

“Wait, 150 years ago? We’ve been to a timeline that is exactly at that era,” I said.

“Well that’s pretty lucky if I do say so myself. As for the other things, you’ll surely find them in that world too. They have been in existence for the past 200 years” said Midnite.

“Thanks for all your help,” said Aidan.

“No problem. But, you guys kinda got my attention. What exactly is going on?” she asked.

Solar explained the entire situation and the theories with dimensions. Midnite looked frightened, but seemed to want to help further.

“That sounds spooky, even for me. I don’t know if it works for you guys, but I kinda want to join you all if that’s ok. There’s a lot of stuff in this world I want to protect,” she said.

“For sure you can join us Midnite!” said Solar.

“That’s awesome. Bedrock has been out with friends for the past week and Clara is out with her bestie. It’s been so boring here I tell you,” she said.

“No worries. We can all head out together. Let’s just go back to Max’s lab and take the rift to Delta Earth again,” I said.

“Oo, it’ll be exciting to try those rifts you kept talking about,” said Midnite.

Everyone went back to the Lunar Storm again, and I drove us back to the lab once again. After going upstairs, I explained what we were going to do to Max.

“Stay safe out there guys. Don’t want any of you guys getting hurt. And Midnite, thank you for providing my kids help,” he said.

“No worries! It’s the least I can do after they saved our town,” she said.

With that, we all went through the rift. I wasn’t sure where we’d find the remaining pieces, but all I know is that we’d have a good shot going back to the Metaverse.

Chapter VI (Lunar’s POV): Power Source Acquired

We landed in the exact same spot the last time we were here. Nothing changed too much since I was last here, but I noticed that Mojang patched up the damages Radar and Thunder caused when they broke in.

“Wow, so this is what the past is like,” said Midnite.

“Alright guys, follow me!” I said.

I led everyone to the Mojang building. Luckily visitors were still allowed in. Finley and Aidan noticed the plaque.

“Wow! We were known as heroes,” said Aidan.

“For real. That’s awesome,” said Finley.

Before we could explore any further, a familiar innovator came up to us.

“Wow, welcome back guys! I had no clue you were coming again,” it was Oona.

“Hey Oona! We’re just roaming you know you know,” said Solar.

“Haha yeah. Jokes aside, we were hoping you could help us out,” I said.

“Oh sure, anything for you guys. So what’s up?” she asked.

“There’s this whole problem we’re trying to fix. We need to build a portal that can take us to dimensions, but we don’t have all the parts. Maybe you can help us with getting some?” I asked.

“Dimensions? I’ve heard of those back in school. Some guy tried researching them but didn’t end up succeeding. If you guys need it though I’m happy to help. Now let’s see that list,” said Oona.

I handed Oona the list and she went to her office to look. She only came back with a few batteries and motors.

“This is everything I know I have, but sadly I don’t have anything else,” she said.

“No worries, this is still great,” said Midnite.

“You know, there’s a chance you can find that CPU in the metaverse. Someone in there is bound to have connections to one. That thing is a treasure nowadays,” said Oona.

“That would be awesome. Can we use the rift portal here again?” asked Solar.

“For sure! I’ll get you guys set up,” she said.

Oona got to work on setting up our portal. I had to reassure Aidan, Finley, and Midnite that the metaverse was a safe place to enter. After the rift was open, we all hopped through. It was cool seeing everyone’s metaverse form again, as well as the new ones from the people who weren’t here last time.

“Alright, let’s try the terminal,” said Solar.

“Terminal? What’s that place?” asked Midnite.

“Trust me, we’ll show you,” I said.

It was nice seeing the users online again after the Cybugs were cleared out. I almost had trauma myself walking through here again.

“Is this it?” asked Finley.

“Sure is. Looked just like I remembered it,” said Solar.

We walked in and were greeted by a friendly admin.

“Welcome to the Terminal metaverse users, how can I be of assistance. Wait, I thought you guys looked familiar! Bring it in!” It was Xara.

She came in to give us a hug.

“So nice to see you in charge again,” I said.

“Yeah aha it feels great. I see you brought in new friends too,” she said.

“Yeah this is Aidan, Finley, and Midnite. Great people,” I said.

“I can tell. I did some scans. Your histories are so cool to read about. Like, Midnite having the powers of a ghost? Sounds like a cool life,” said Xara.

“Aw that was a past life, but I did have some fun with it,” said Midnite.

“Xara, we’re here because we need missing parts to build a portal for dimensions. We’re only missing 2 things now. Do you think you can help us?” I asked.

“Hm, I will try my best. Let me scan your list,” she said.

Xara ran some scans and displayed the results on a screen in the terminal.

“Your CPU can be found in the marketplace. Someone is selling it for some money, but the bidding processing will be quick. As for the Nuclear Transmitter, there is a trade someone wants to do for it, but you’ll need to talk to them about it,” said Xara.

“That’s great information, thanks Xara!” said Solar.

“Of course no problem. I’ll have a gateway to the marketplace ready right now,” she said.

Xara opened a gateway and we went through it. The marketplace was a busy place, with users everywhere selling stuff. I had to make sure everyone stayed together and didn’t wander too far off. Eventually, we found the person bidding off the CPU.

“Currently have the highest bid at 35,000 metaverse dollars, can anyone top that?” asked the seller.

I didn’t even know there was a currency in here. Before anyone could speak, Solar went to give a bid.

“Oh oh! We bid \$36,000!” she said.

“New highest bidding at \$36,000! Can anyone top that?” he asked again.

There was no response for a few minutes. The bidder went on to say that we won.

“Well congratulations you guys. As soon as my account gets the money you guys can get the CPU. You’ll have 24 hours to do so,” he said.

We were confused on how to get the money.

“Oh uh, we’re kinda new here. How do we get this money?” I asked.

“Pfft, you guys made a large bid, and don’t even have any metaverse dollars,” they said.

“It’s uh kinda an emergency. Long story short we need to save our worlds,” I said.

“Right. Well, you can try to trade with someone, or somehow get the currency generated. I don’t care how you do it, I just care about that money. Here’s my bank deposit information, get it in when you’re ready, and I’ll have your CPU code,” he explained.

With that, he left us to sell more items.

“Well, now what?” asked Finley.

“Well, maybe we can try finding that other guy to do a trade off. Maybe he can help us get money as well as the part,” said Aidan.

“I like that idea, it’d be nice to have some assistance around here,” said Midnite.

We all walked through the marketplace to try to find the person with the Nuclear Transmitter. It was as busy as a real marketplace, but full of life too. Is this what the future online really looks like? Eventually, we passed by someone sitting in a small garage with a Nuclear Transmitter. This had to be our guy. I slowly opened the door to not cause any comotion.

“Huh? Who are you guys?” they asked.

“Hey! We were interested in your trade offer for the Nuclear Transmitter,” said Solar.

“Oh right, that old thing. Well if you guys are up to the task, I don’t see why not. There’s this game called Minecraft, not sure if you’re aware of it. I’ve heard rumors that it’s

possible to enter that world, and I've always wanted to try. So well, if you guys are able to do that, I guess I can let you have the Nuclear Transmitter," they said.

This couldn't be more perfect. We have tons of experience and friends in that world. We'll be able to get this part no problem.

"You talked to the right people. We can take you right there!" I said.

"Really, and what can you show to prove that?" he asked.

I opened a gateway using my rift maker right to the minecraft world.

"Wow, you guys really are something. I should probably introduce myself so you know it's all legit. I'm Redgar," he said.

"Pleased to meet you! I'm Lunar, that's Solar, Aidan, Finley and Midnite," I said.

"Nice to see you guys too. It's nice having some company. I won't lie. Not much to do outside recently," he said.

"No worries, now let's show you this world!" said Solar.

We all went through the gateway. I had to make sure nothing bad happened to Redgar while we were there. It hasn't been too long since I visited my Minecraft friends, so nothing around the area changed too much. Midnite seemed like she needed a while to adjust, and so did Redgar.

"Wow! So the rumors were true," he said.

"Haha yeah, how does it feel?" I asked.

"It feels great! This game has been dead for decades, but I always wanted to play it, someway somehow," said Redgar.

"Dead? What happened to the game?" asked Aidan.

"Well as time went on, people moved on you know. It's a fun game to me but to the rest of the world, it slowly got outclassed. That's why Mojang decided to make a Metaverse instead, and work on that and discontinued their game," he said.

I couldn't believe it. Nobody played this game in the future. I couldn't be too surprised though. It's just life.

"Is there anything else to do here," asked Redgar.

I sent in a message to our AI friends, but they said they were dealing with a problem. That worried me, so I asked where they were.

"Guys, Alex and some of the others are in trouble. We need to help them!" I said.

"Anything for him, I mean them," said Finley.

"Let's do this!" said Solar.

"What? An adventure?" asked Redgar.

"Sure is. You can witness the game more this way anyways. Now let's move," I said.

The coordinates took us right to Chloe's Kingdom. I was shocked to see a huge void-like hole being formed right underneath the castle.

"What, what is going on?!" asked Aidan.

"Oh, oh no. It's the void again. But, it's real?" said Solar.

This wasn't just any normal hole being dug out. It was vaporizing almost.

"There you guys are!" It was Alex.

"Alex! Happy to see you," said Solar.

"Great to see you all. New faces huh?" she asked.

"Yeah this is Midnite, and Redgar. He wanted to see this world," I said.

“Haha, pleased to meet you Alex,” said Midnite.

“Is Axol ok?” asked Finley.

“Yeah all good with him. Rocco, him and I were called in by Chloe to fix this uh hole. But we can’t patch it up or anything,” said Alex.

Axol and Rocco joined us as well.

“Welcome back virus slayer,” said Rocco.

“Hey there again Lunar. Glad to see everyone you brought in,” said Axol.

“Woah! More players?” asked Regar.

“Haha nope. These are AI friends,” said Solar.

“We sure are! Introductions aside. We need to deal with this soon or else it might spread,” said Rocco.

The castle started to sink further. We did need to think of something fast. I tried using my super merge to cover the hole, but it wouldn’t stick together. Midnite brought out a device and blasted a ray on some blocks.

“Quick, try using these,” she said.

Everyone got to work using these new blocks to fill up the hole. Even Redgar got involved. Soon enough, the hole was fixed and the castle was back in a somewhat stable position.

“Wow, what was that Midnite?” asked Alex.

“A device that allowed me to have a ghost phase. I reinforced the particles of all those blocks. I’ve never seen a void before, but the particles sticking together should be enough to hold together against a void,” she explained.

“Well it worked wonders!” said Axol.

“I’m sure Chloe will be happy with the job done now,” said Rocco.

“This void, I’ve seen them before. I’ve been having visions about them appearing in the real world too. It’s a long story, but we’re on a mission to create a portal to stop this nonsense,” said Solar.

“I had no idea. Well our job is done, we’ll let you be on your way then. Good luck!” said Alex.

“For sure, also Finley read my message later would you?” said Axol.

“Yeah no worries I got it,” said Finley.

I opened up a gateway and we left back to the metaverse. At least Redgar seemed to have fun.

“Alright, you earned your part of the trade. The nuclear transmitter will be ready at my address for you guys,” said Redgar.

“Thank you so much! But, now we need to get metaverse currency,” I said.

“Metaverse dollars? For what,” asked Redgar.

“Our last piece is the CPU that we bidded for. It’s 35,000, but we only have 24 hours to get it. And we have no dollars!” exclaimed Solar.

Redgar processed the information.

“Well, I do have an abundance of it. I can make another deal. I’ve been really sick of staying at home. If you guys take me on your adventure, I’ll buy the CPU for you and collect it at my house. How does that sound?” asked Redgar.

At this point, it sounded like our best bet. We could always use more friends anyways. The more the better as they say.

Chapter VII (Lunar's POV): Attack at the Convention

It's been about a week since we collected the final few parts for Dr. Gates. Once Redgar gave us our items, I immediately sent them to him so he could begin his work. I was told that it would be about a week until the testing process would be finished. Redgar was a really nice person in person too. Tonight was supposed to be the night we could visit the convention and see the finished product. Dr. Gates should be there with a functional portal. I traveled to Echo and Delta Earth to pick up everybody. We all got together at my house and hopped into the Solar Storm.

"Now if you told me you guys could time travel, I would've given the nuclear transmitter right away. That is something bad ass," said Redgar.

"Your Earth looks so cool, Lunar. I've never visited the past before," said Midnite.

"Thanks guys, it's nice to be back again," I said.

"Do you think this is it? Will my problem be solved?" asked Solar.

"I'm sure we got it now. Let's just get to the building first," I said.

Solar stepped on it and we started zooming across town. I really hoped she didn't get a speeding ticket. Luckily, it was night and there weren't too many cops around. When we got to the convention, I was in shock. Half of the building was destroyed, and there were wrecked cars and containers scattered across the parking lot.

"What the fuck happened here?" asked Finley.

"I, I don't know. We have to investigate!" said Solar.

Solar parked the car and we got out to look at the damage. There was nobody in sight either.

"Where's Dr. Gates?" asked Aidan.

"I'm not sure. Since this morning I haven't been able to get any text back. We just need to hope he wasn't involved in this mess," I said.

"I'm not too familiar with this world, but that container seems to have something on it," said Redgar.

He pointed us towards a shipping container, and we went to look at it.

"What are these black beads?" asked Midnite.

"No way, those are my microbots. I must've left them in the convention center. But I have no idea why there's just some stuck here," I said.

Before I could come up with an idea, a huge shadow raised from behind us. We got spooked and looked back. There was someone with a mask glowing white with my microbots. How was this possible? There were so many bots that he was able to use them as a flying platform, and have others act as arms. This was not good.

"Sweet mother of pearls, what is this!?" said Redgar.

"Am I the only one seeing this?" asked Aidan.

The figure looked at us for a bit, and then picked up the shipping container we were looking at, and tried to smash it down onto us. Luckily, Solar created a barrier with her energy.

"AHHHHHHHHH, we're dead, it's over!" cried Finley.

"Wait, we're ok?" said Aidan.

"Go! Get to the car people," said Solar.

Everyone made a dash to the car, and Solar made sure to really step on it this time. I looked back, but the person was still chasing us.

“So, Lunar. Why does this guy have your microbots?” asked Aidan.

“I don’t know. He must’ve stolen and reproduced them while we were gone. I don’t know who this guy is,” I said.

Solar made some evasive maneuvers or between buildings, but the figure was able to phase through the walls somehow, along with the microbots.

“I don’t get it, how is he doing this?” asked Solar.

“Seems like a device similar to mine. He’s changing the particle speeds of himself and your bots so that he can go through them. Just like a ghost,” said Midnite.

“Well Midnite, is there any way to stop him from doing that?” I asked.

“Not unless you disable whatever device he’s using to do it. From my experience, it should just be a remote,” she said.

Redgar popped through the sunroof and tried throwing something at the person, but it just went through him again.

“Well, I’m all out of ideas too now,” he said.

Solar suddenly picked up speed quickly.

“Wow! What did you do to this car?!” asked Finley.

“My extra energy. We’re at maximum overdrive now!” she said.

It helped a lot, but I know my microbots can keep up with whatever the user wants, and it will eventually catch up to us. Solar managed to cross a train line just before it came, and it temporarily split us from the person. They were moving just as fast on the other side, and I was able to get a good look at their mask from the passenger seat. I honestly had no idea who this person was, but I knew they wanted us dead. Eventually, they phased through the train and caught up with us. He sent microbots under our wheels and used them to create a closing tunnel that was going to trap us.

“UH, what now?” asked Midnite.

“Hold on,” said Solar.

Solar pressed another button, and suddenly the windows seemed to have fire around us, but I also noticed we were moving even faster than before. I realized that Solar’s car had an ability to turn into a whole fireball.

“Are we a fireball now? That’s wicked,” said Redgar.

The hole at the end of the tunnel was closed now, but with the fire around us, we were able to break out of the person’s microbot tunnel. Solar kept zooming through the road, bashing through any projectiles or things the person threw at us. Eventually, the car cooled down to normal again, and Solar parked us in a hiding spot under a highway. We waited a while after that in silence, until Solar didn’t detect danger anymore.

“Sorry about the silence, I was focusing there,” she said.

“No worries my sister, you saved us!” said Midnite.

“That was so cool. You are such a creative innovator,” I said.

“Aw it was nothing. But uh, we should really hide somewhere now,” said Solar.

“I think I might be able to help with that. I know a friend’s garage near here. She can get us equipment too,” said Finley.

“Sounds like a plan to me,” I said.

I was still concerned about this person. As I thought before, weaponizing the microbots would not be a good idea in the wrong hands.

Chapter VIII (Lunar's POV): Where's the Super Suit

Finley's friend's place wasn't too far away. Solar was able to get us there without attracting any attention at all.

"So who is this friend?" asked Aidan.

"Heh, one of my homies. She's built me a few skateboards here and there while Lunar's been away," said Finley.

"Well I can't wait to meet her," I said.

We arrived at the address, and Finley helped us get inside. His friend was there to greet us.

"Ay what's up boss!" they said.

"Doing good Cherry. How have you been?" asked Finley.

"Doing good as well. Looks like you brought your whole gang," she said.

"Oh! Not my usual gang but still friends. Gang this is Cherry, the best mechanic I know, and a sweetheart," said Finley.

"Haha, thanks for the introduction. You've gotten softer over the years I noticed," said Cherry.

"Oh shush. I'm as tough as bricks," said Finley.

"It's nice to meet you Cherry! I'm Solar, that's Lunar, Aidan, Redgar, and Midnite," said Solar.

"Lovely garage you got here," said Midnite.

"Thank you! I've always wanted to be a mechanic. Cars and what not. It's all here," she said.

"Cherry, we were chased by someone with some dangerous technology. Is it ok if we spend the night here?" asked Finley.

"Sure thing. It's spooky out there tonight anyways. I'll show you guys upstairs, come in," said Cherry.

Cherry's house was just as nice as her garage. It looked modern, and there was lots of space.

"So I guess I'll just let you guys sleep wherever. Who is this someone anyways?" she asked.

"I'm not sure. He stole my newest project, and as I predicted, it is super dangerous in the wrong hands. We were in the middle of trying to fix another problem, but now that plan needs to be put on hold," I said.

"Ah, can I ask what's happening?" asked Cherry.

Solar proceeded to give the whole summary. How we came from a future Earth, how we got Midnite, and how Redgar helped us. She also explained who Dr. Gates is.

"I've read some work from him. That guy is a lunatic. Like, Dimensions, really? But if you guys are convinced, I'll believe it too," she said.

"We don't know who the scary guy is yet," said Finley.

"I've been trying to figure it out. All I know is his mask controls the microbots and his phase through technology. I got a good look and it uses similar technology that I used to phase through walls," said Midnite.

"That's great to know. You know, when we met Dr. Gates, he expressed some interest in buying my microbots. And how is it that, when we went to meet him at the portal, it's just not there, and he hasn't replied to me since this morning. I'm starting to have a hunch he's the guy behind the mask," I said.

The others also agreed with me.

"It does make sense to me," said Aidan.

"I did think his plan to build a portal that quickly was pretty wild," said Solar.

"Dr. Gates gave me his lab location where the portal work was being conducted so that I could visit whenever I wanted to. I say that after the night passes, we travel there and confront him head on," I said.

"Sounds good to me. I'm having a blast here already," said Redgar.

"Ha, glad to hear it," I said.

"Although, I feel quite vulnerable out here without any cool gear like you guys," he said.

"I think I can help with that. You guys go get some sleep. I'll show you all in the morning," said Cherry.

With that, we went to find a nice place inside her house to rest. I should repay her once this adventure is over. Maybe some of my technology could interest her.

The next morning, Cherry called us to the garage again.

"I heard what you said Redgar, so I wanted to introduce you to my plan. I've been working on fully protective and weaponized suits. I just need some test subjects. I don't suppose you guys would wanna help me design and test the suits I'm making. I get the data and you guys get the protection needed to take on this Dr. Gates guy," said Cherry.

"Cherry, that would be awesome. What do you think it'll look like?" asked Finley.

"Heh, take a look," she said.

She opened a closet and revealed a suit that she was talking about. It looked impressive. The design was light but still stylish. Solar did a scan and saw that it was made of some of the toughest materials out there. It also came equipped with weapon holders, and some of its own weapons as well. Night vision, rocket boosters, and more. The features seemed endless.

"Wow. Just wow," said Midnite.

"I would love to own one of these!" said Aidan.

"Well, let's get to work!" said Cherry.

We spent the entire day almost getting supplies to Cherry and having everyone customize what they want in their suit, aside from the common features. I personally wanted a protective barrier, spot to store my rift gun, super merge, and a blaster. Solar opted to go with a flamethrower of some sort. It seemed fitting. She's always bright. I didn't get a chance to see what everyone else made, but I'm sure I would see it when the time came. Finally, Cherry made us go in the house to surprise us once more.

"Well, come into the garage now," she said.

We walked in and saw 6 super classy and powerful suits.

“These look incredible!” said Midnite.

“This is truly awesome. Thank you Cherry,” said Finley.

“Hell yeah! I get to keep it right?” asked Redgar.

“No problem you guys. I’m glad to have friends to test them out with me,” said Cherry.

“Where’s yours?” asked Solar.

“Mine is still a work in progress. I really want to make it unique and fitting for me. So for now, I’ll be working on it still,” she said.

“We’re really glad you made these for us. I think now we can take him head on,” I said.

Before we could leave, the lights of the garage went out.

“Uh, what was that?” asked Aidan.

The garage door started getting beat up by something outside. We all went and hid behind a table. Eventually, it broke down, and we saw 2 people outside. They had the exact same mask as the person who chased us down.

Chapter IX (Lunar’s POV): Assassins of the Night

“Hello? What do you want?” asked Cherry.

They didn’t say anything, instead they went straight after us. We took this time to put our suits into action.

“Alright, let’s give it to them,” said Finley.

“Count me in!” said Midnite.

It wasn’t an easy battle. They also had the ability to walk through walls, and they had microbots too. These people must be working for Dr. Gates. One of them seemed familiar, yet I couldn’t tell who it was behind all their gear. Both seemed like they weren’t gonna spare us.

“Ugh, who are these guys?!” asked Cherry.

“They’re a pain to deal with, that’s for sure,” said Finley.

Solar activated the flamethrower from her suit, but the fire went through them. I was truly amazed.

“Midnite, ghost technology can do that?” I asked.

“Of course it can, the fire passes through the moving particles like it’s nothing,” she said.

I tried seeing if my own blasts could do anything, but they yet again went right through. Even my barrier was no use as they could just walk right through. Eventually, the 2 assassins left us alone but then left and stole what seemed to be Cherry’s car.

“Hey! Give that back!” said Cherry.

“Frick, they’re getting away,” said Finley.

“That car has my super suit parts and other important technology. We need to get it back,” she said.

“Don’t worry, we will. Everyone to the Solar Storm!” said Solar.

We got back in the car once again. Solar made sure to give no mercy to these thieves. Cherry’s car was fast, but we were able to catch up. I thought it would be easy to stop them,

but then they pulled out their microbots to form a shield around the car. I knew how strong they were, so breaking through was going to be near impossible.

“Damn it, they have my technology too. We’ll need an idea,” I said.

“Let’s see how they handle my fist of fury,” said Finley.

He poked his arm out the window and fired a fist right in the car. It was able to knock them a bit but not much else.

“Ok nevermind. It is pretty secure,” he said.

Solar activated her car’s fireball mode again and tried ramming into it directly. It was no use either because the microbots were immune to fire damage.

“God Lunar, why did you make these things so tough?!” asked Solar.

“Haha... guess I’m just that good huh,” I said.

Before we could come up with anything else, one of the assassins shot a hole in a weak building, and it started collapsing towards us. We all started to brace for impact, but Midnite pulled out her own device from her suit and zapped the entire car. I felt light for a while, but saw as the building fell through us and into the ground. We went back to normal afterwards.

“Woah! What was that?” asked Solar.

“Heh, my own way of going ghost mode. Cherry’s suit was the perfect way to implement it,” said Midnite.

“Aw,” she replied.

“We might be running out of room. The pier is right up ahead,” said Aidan.

He was right, those guys were going to drive this car into the water if we didn’t do anything soon. I decided to get my super merge out again. There wasn’t too much around, but I did see a large boat in the water nearby. I decided to zap the boat and the car. It didn’t do too much, but it turned the car into mostly a boat, and caused them to stop right in their tracks. Solar stopped the car as well.

“You did it Lunar!” said Solar.

“Yeah I guess I did huh,” I said.

“It’s not over yet,” said Cherry.

The assassins got us, and were ready to fight us once again. I knew that we weren’t going to be able to win without disabling their gear first.

“Guys, get rid of the masks. It’s our only chance of winning,” I said.

“Roger that,” said Redgar.

We all aimed our attacks towards their masks. Whoever put them on really made them secure. Some of the microbots got a grip on Solar, but I was able to break them apart and free her.

“Thank you Lunar. I need to repay you again somehow,” she said.

“Ha, don’t worry about it,” I said.

The rest of the gang were acting as a distraction at this point, so Solar went in for a shot. She started hovering, and her hair started to glow a bright yellow/orange. I had no idea she could do this. Solar then pulled up a new weapon that I’ve never seen before.

“Face the Sunrise!” she yelled.

She fired a new kind of blast and it connected directly on one of the assassins. Their mask started glowing orange, and when Aidan’s attack hit, the mask instantly blew up.

“Wow Solar! What was that?” I asked.

“My newest upgrades from Max. It is energy we used directly from the sun,” she said.

“That’s so cool!” I said.

The assassin with the broken mask fell down, but they were alive. The second one took the microbots and retreated. We won the battle.

“That was awesome Solar,” said Midnite.

“Yeah, you guys deal with this guy. I’m going to drive my car with my suit back to my garage now. Take care!” said Cherry.

“Thanks again Cherry,” said Finley.

The person on the ground started to wake up, but they seemed pretty friendly. Either way, we still had to interrogate them.

“Good morning sunshine,” said Solar.

“Huh? Who are you guys?” they said.

“What do you mean? We just fought you and your friend there. We’re here to ask you stuff,” I said.

“I have no memory of what you just said,” he continued.

“Well, maybe we can start from the beginning. We went to visit Dr. Gates because he had a portal to show me and my friends. Does that sound familiar?” asked Solar. He paused for a bit, but then began to explain.

“Yes, that I do know. Dr. Gates had me as a guard while waiting for his guests. Nothing happened, but then all of a sudden, a man with a white mask put one on me. I truly lost my memory after that,” he said.

“We have a theory that the man is Dr. Gates himself, because he had my microbots. And from a past conversation we found out he was interested in buying them from Lunar,” said Aidan.

“Huh, that kind of sounds in character for him to be honest. But it still makes no sense yet to me why he would do that. Why would he turn me into the killing machine that you described,” he said.

“What’s your name?” asked Midnite.

“I’m Gash,” he said.

“Well nice to meet you!” said Redgar.

“So, I’m definitely lacking context, but I know that the portal was retreated before any major damage could happen. It should be stored at his lab,” said Gash.

“That’s perfect. We know where that is. We’ll head out the next morning then,” I said.

“Do you wanna join us?” asked Solar.

“Join you guys? Listen, maybe on a better day, but I feel so weak,” he said.

“Ha, well we did just beat you up,” said Finley.

“That’s ok, you helped us enough. Take it easy,” I said.

“Thank you,” said Gash.

Gash walked back towards the town. We should get some sleep too before we head out. My only question now was who the other assassin was, and why did they remind me of someone else?

Chapter X (Lunar's POV): Dr. Gates' True Plans

The next evening, we took the Solar Storm back out and headed towards Dr. Gates' lab. It was pretty far, so we had time in the car to discuss our plan.

"So do you think our suits will be able to take on the microbots?" asked Aidan.

"I'm sure of it. Cherry has never let me down before. One time she made me a skateboard that survived a 50 foot cliff," said Finley.

I needed to hear that story one day.

"I think once we get in, we find the portal and take it back ourselves. That way Dr. Gates can't keep it to himself," I said.

"Yeah, we should also try to find his exact blueprints in case we need to fix the portal," said Solar.

"Oh, we also need to get my microbots back. I'm sure they are in there," I said.

"Sounds good to me. Let's give this ghost a taste of his own medicine," said Midnite. The road started to turn rural, and eventually it just ended. We were at the edge of a lake.

"What? There's nothing here," said Solar.

I checked my tablet for more information. It turned out that Dr. Gates' lab was on a remote island not too far from the mainland.

"Solar, can you make us fly again?" I asked.

"Ha, sure can," she said.

Solar activated her car's fireball ability, and we started flying over the lake. I was afraid of the landing, but Solar got us there safe and sound. The island had a huge building, it reminded me of the library we saw in Alterna.

"Alright, stealth mode," I said.

"Roger that," said Finley.

We walked in quietly, but there was no one here. My guess was that it was closed for the day anyways. We made sure not to make any noise or break anything while we tried to find the portal.

"Huh, where is this thing?" asked Redgar.

"I'll activate my sensors for portal activity," said Solar.

She looked around, but didn't find anything.

"That's strange, I don't sense any portal here or anywhere nearby," she said.

"Wait, I might have found something," said Midnite.

She led us to a larger room with a huge broken portal frame. The room was almost completely destroyed, but there were clues that this was a portal room, and that the trials went wrong.

"What the heck happened here?" asked Aidan.

"I'm not sure," I said.

We kept walking and examining the place. I thought Dr. Gates said he had a working portal. Either way, we needed more answers. Redgar found a somewhat functional room and told us to come over.

"Can this computer help us?" asked Redgar.

“Oh wow. It’s a security footage system. It’s still online so maybe we can find out what happened to this room,” said Solar.

Solar turned on the computer with her energy, and found camera footage right before this room got destroyed. The first thing we saw was Dr. Gates walking with a bunch of government officials showing off the portal. It was indeed functioning at the time, and the room looked stable still. The dimension portal looked more complex than I thought it would be. Even more than a rift portal. We turned up the audio to hear what Dr. Gates was saying.

“I wanted to show you all something that could revolutionize humanity. You will be the first to witness it. This is the dimension portal. It can take us to many universes with the same people and events that we have on our Earth. With this, we can communicate and get resources from the other universes in times of crisis. With my theory, the Dr. Gates in the other worlds should also be working to get a dimension portal online. Now I will show that it works,” said Dr. Gates.

He took a hat from an official and threw it into the portal. It did indeed disappear, and proved it worked.

“Don’t worry, we will retrieve it when our test pilot enters the portal. But you can see this is not science fiction anymore,” he said.

“Wow, that’s some real shit,” said Finley.

Dr. Gates continued to speak. He went into the same room we were standing in with the government officials, and plenty of scientists.

“Now we didn’t spend millions of tax dollars to build this, although I did have help from junior scientists. We are here to witness history, and potentially improve humanity for the better across all universes. Ready to ride Audrey?” he asked.

“We invited all these guys, let’s give them a show,” said Audrey.

“Huh, who’s Audrey?” asked Solar.

“Unsure,” said Aidan.

The recording showed Audrey hopping into a capsule and slowly being put in the activated dimension portal. All of a sudden, a scientist began to speak.

“Sir, we’ve picked up an irregularity in the magnetic portal frame,” said the scientist.

“Dr. Gates, is that a problem?” asked an official.

“No, no problem. It’s within the parameters, so let’s continue forward,” said Dr. Gates.

I had a bad feeling about this. After the capsule went in, the entire room in the recording started shaking, and the portal frame started spitting out electricity.

“Sir, we’ve lost contact with the capsule!” said a scientist.

Debris started flying into the portal violently, and small explosions were happening around it.

“Dr. Gates! Shut it down now!” said the official.

Dr. Gates quickly shut down the portal. The audio was hard to hear afterwards, but we heard the government officials wanting the lab shut down and the island sealed off until further notice.

“Huh, so the government actually shut down his project,” said Midnite.

“That’s so weird, he told me the portal would be ready like 2 weeks ago. He must’ve been talking about a smaller version since this one broke,” I said.

“Dr. Gates must’ve taken your microbots to steal his original project stuff back. But why would he attack us then?” asked Solar.

“I’m not sure. But we need to find him now,” I said.

Before we could make our next move, we saw a huge piece of rock being flung at us. Everyone managed to get out.

“Uh, what was that?” asked Aidan.

A figure rose up from another room. It was Dr. Gates with the mask.

Chapter XI (Lunar’s POV): The Phantoms Appear

“Dr. Gates, why are you doing this!” I asked.

He didn’t seem to respond to my question. Instead, he proceeded to dive towards us and attack. We didn’t have a car to get out this time, so we knew we had to fight him head on.

“Alright guys, stay safe,” I said.

“Hell yeah, ass kicking time!” yelled Solar.

I laughed, never change Solar.

Dr. Gates used the microbots to throw more rocks and debris at us, but my barriers were able to shield them all. Aidan tried launching an attack at his face, but his microbots shielded him from it. Finley also tried punching him directly, but he went right through the microbots.

“His ghost form is too strong. We need to distract him like we did with the assassins,” I said.

Midnite also went into a ghost form, and was able to throw attacks that could hit him.

“Ha! How do you like that?” she asked.

Dr. Gates instantly responded by grabbing her and throwing her to a wall.

“Midnite!” said Solar.

“Ok, it’s my turn now,” said Redgar.

He leaped forward and tried ripping off the mask with his hands. Surprisingly, it was working. Dr. Gates couldn’t activate his ghost mode again, and he couldn’t see anything with Redgar in his face.

“Ok this is our chance. Solar, do you want to do the honors?” I asked.

“Heh, when do I never?” she said.

Solar charged up another special blast again and launched it right at his face. Redgar got out of the way, and it was a direct connection. The mask fell off and the microbots deactivated. Dr. Gates landed in a pile of junk. Everyone started walking up ready to confront him, but then I saw a twist. My heart sank instantly when I realized. It wasn’t Dr. Gates at all. It was Tom Phan.

“Tom Phan!?! What on Earth are you doing?!” I demanded.

He got up slowly and showed everyone his true face.

“Woah, your idol,” said Solar.

“I did not see this coming,” said Finley.

“Give me the mask Lunar,” he said.

“How could you? You tried to kill me, and my friends. I always looked up to you,” I said.

“That was your mistake!” said Tom menacingly.

Those four words broke my heart. AI or not. This guy was someone I used to watch almost every day. His inventions and show made me the engineer I am today.

“Now, the mask,” he asked again.

Solar had enough, and proceeded to attack Tom directly. He was able to fight her back, but the rest of our friends came in to help. I did nothing for some reason. I watched as they duked it out. I guess I was still so shocked and sad about the truth, and how the person who I thought was good, really wasn’t. Despite all this, I still had no idea why he stole my microbots, and why he was here in the first place.

“Enough!” said Tom.

He got free of my friends and ran towards the mask to put it back on. The fight was on for real now. I decided there was no point sobbing about it, and went to help my friends. Before we could get to him, someone entered the room and defended Tom. It was the other assassin from the night. Tom used them as a distraction to get the microbots, and used them to pick up the huge portal frames that were leftover in the room.

“We need to stop him!” I said.

Everyone tried taking his microbots down, but he and the other assassin were able to stop us. Tom managed to get out of the room, but we had to deal with the assassin first.

“Alright everyone, we can do this,” I said.

“Showtime,” said Finley.

Finley went on to beat them back head on. Finley was strong, but he was no match for the microbots. Midnite tried going in with her ghost powers as well, but the assassin was able to counter her and wouldn’t let her get to the mask.

“Ok that’s it,” said Redgar.

He also went in to grab it, but they dodged Redgar well. He wasn’t able to get to the mask either.

“We’re running out of options,” said Aidan.

“I make my own options,” said Solar.

Solar charged up another one of her special blasts. Somehow, it was able to hit the assassin head up, or so I thought. The blast went through them and hit the building. I knew that couldn’t be any good. More debris started falling from the sky. We had to get out before we got switched.

“Everyone, follow me!” I said.

We went through the same path we took in to get out. Solar predicted that we’d only have a few minutes until the main center of the building exploded from her blast. Everyone was making good pace, but Solar’s leg got stuck on a piece of debris. I looked back and went to free her.

“Thank you again. I can always count on you,” she said.

“Of course, always,” I said.

Redgar ran alongside me.

“You and her, I notice you guys have such a great relationship,” he said.

“Haha, yeah. That’s siblinghood for you,” I said.

Eventually, we made it to the outside. Everyone rushed to get to cover before the blast could go off. Right when we made it to cover, the whole building exploded. I wonder if the assassin got out in time. Time passed, but the smoke cleared. We went back to investigate the remains.

“Lunar look!” said Finley.

It was a broken piece of the assassin’s mask, they had to be in the area nearby.

“Everyone, look for them. If they are like Gash, they aren’t a bad guy,” I said.

We split up to search. I decided to sit down for a bit and take a rest. I was still processing the whole thing with Tom Phan. Solar sat down with me.

“Is everything ok?” she asked.

“Yeah, well no. I still can’t believe that it was Tom Phan. I don’t know why he’s doing this. I believed he was a good man, but I guess that story changed,” I said.

“People aren’t always what they appear to be. I’m sure there has to be an explanation for why he’s doing all this,” said Solar.

“Thank you Solar,” I said.

“Lunar! Come!” yelled Midnite.

We all went over to see what she found. It was the assassin.

“Alright, let’s see who this is,”

Solar slowly turned their body over to see who it was. We got yet another surprise. It was Mack.

“Mack!?!” I said.

I must’ve screamed pretty loud, because she woke up slowly.

“Lunar? Solar? Finley? Midnite!?!?” she said.

“Mack! I can’t believe it’s you. I should’ve guessed based on your fighting style,” said Finley.

“Guys, I have no idea what is going on,” said Mack.

“Someone called Tom Phan put a mask on you and made you fight for him,” said Solar.

“Huh. Well, actually now I remember. I got a large money offer for a group of people to attack. The guy’s name who was placing the order was Tom Phan. But once I saw that it included you guys, I instantly declined. All I remember after that is someone breaking into my home, and placing this dumb mask on my face,” explained Mack.

“He must’ve been recruiting assassins for whatever plan he has going on. Speaking of which, we still don’t know what he’s planning. This is awful,” I said.

“I’m confused, that wasn’t Dr. Gates?” asked Midnite.

“No, it was one of Lunar’s idols. Dr. Gates must be somewhere else,” said Aidan.

“Talk about betrayals,” said Redgar.

Solar dozed off for a bit, but covered her face.

“Solar are you ok?” I asked.

“I see it, the voids. The visions, it’s happening again,” she said.

“Wait, that might not just be you this time,” I said.

We walked over to where Solar went and saw the island being consumed by a huge void underneath the ground.

“Um, what’s going on?” asked Redgar.

“This is not good thing,” said Aidan.

I knew I needed to come up with a plan quickly, or else we would all be consumed. I took out my rift creator and set it to whatever location I last set it too.

“Everyone jump in!” I said.

We all got in before anything bad could happen. I couldn’t predict it, but we were back in the Minecraft world.

Chapter XII (Lunar’s POV): Sweet Revenge

We decided walking towards the village was always a good start. Everyone does need a break after all the fighting we were doing. What surprised me the most was that our suits were also brought in.

“Can’t believe I’m back here again,” said Mack.

“Ha, we were here not too long ago either,” said Midnite.

As soon as we got to the bar, we were greeted by Axol.

“Back so soon already?” he asked.

“We had to escape death once again. But we need a break,” I said.

“Well come on in folks, the place is empty today,” said Axol.

We all went in and tried drinking some of his drinks. All of our AI friends were here surprisingly. They came over to join us.

“Wow! Welcome back Mack,” said Kailani.

“Who’s that?” asked Rocco.

“Only the best fighter I’ve seen,” said Via.

“Guys you’re all too kind,” said Mack.

“Looks like you guys went through it,” said Alex.

“You could say that,” I said.

“So what went on in the real world?” asked Alex.

I explained to everyone about Dr. Gates, Tom Phan, and our original plan to get a dimension portal working.

“That sounds awful. I’d hate it if my own friend betrayed me. I’m looking at you Axol,” said Alex.

“Ok that was so long ago,” he said.

“Yeah, leave Axol alone,” said Finley.

“Ok, since you asked so nicely,” she said.

“Another void you said? It sounded like the one you helped us get rid of before. What is the deal with that?” asked Rocco.

“That’s why we need the portal. We were told that it could help us fix this mess. I’ve been seeing visions of voids, but more recently, they are becoming real, and more noticeable to other people,” said Solar.

“I wish we could help you guys in the real world,” said Kailani.

“Haha, maybe one day you can,” I said.

“We need to plan our next move, but we were left with so many questions,” said Solar.

“You’re free to stay here as long as you want until you’re ready to go,” said Axol.

“Thank you,” said Aidan.

“Sorry to interrupt, but seeing all you guys in the game right now is so cool. Like how did we just take a portal into here. It’s all so amazing. I’m glad I’m here right now,” said Redgar.

“Happy to hear that my fellow friend,” said Rocco.

“Lunar and the gang are a blast, you’ll enjoy hanging out with them,” said Kailani.

“Haha, I can tell,” he said.

“There’s a mystery we still need to solve. We got the initial context of the government shutting down Dr. Gate’s portal, but that doesn’t explain why Tom Phan has the mask,” I said. Solar grabbed something from her pocket.

“I just remembered. Before Tom attacked us, I grabbed a USB from the computer we were using to watch the recordings,” she said.

“Solar, that’s awesome! Let’s watch it,” I said.

“How are we going to in this world? The building in the real world destroyed the computers” asked Finley.

“I believe I can help with that,” said Axol.

Axol went behind the bar counter and pushed a button which made a screen from the ceiling lower down.

“Wow you guys have TV too?” asked Mack.

“Of course we do. We aren’t like the other Minecraft worlds you know,” said Alex.

“This is perfect. It should be able to play the videos like normal,” said Solar.

Solar put the USB into the TV, and the list of videos popped up like we saw before. Solar selected the one that we left off before Tom attacked us.

“Oo a show? Can we watch?” asked Via.

“Of course you guys can,” I said.

Everyone sat down and got comfy as Solar pressed the play button. It started right after Dr. Gates shut down the portal.

“You almost got us killed,” said a government official.

“I promise it was up to testing standards,” said Dr. Gates.

“Yeah, we all know that was Cap,” said Aidan.

The conversation continued, but I saw someone in the background run towards Dr. Gates, and they looked mad. The scientists and government officials had to hold him back away from Dr. Gates.

“GATES. You DID THIS! You knew it wasn’t READY!” It was Tom Phan.

“Tom?” asked Solar.

“What was he doing there,” said Finley.

“He was a good man, what happened?” I asked.

“I couldn’t tell you, but I know the answer has to be in a recording somewhere,” said Redgar.

He was right. We have to look through all of the recordings. Solar selected another one that appeared to the test pilot and Tom together before the launch.

“Huh, what’s this?” asked Solar.

The recording showed the 2 of them hugging.

“Hm, play the part where she enters the capsule again Solar,” I said.

We revisited it and I got a good look at her suit.

“Pause,” I said.

Solar zoomed in on the helmet of her suit. It had the word Phan on it.

“Wait, that’s his daughter then,” said Finley.

“Yeah! Audrey Phan,” said Solar.

“Tom is blaming Dr. Gates for the situation. That’s why he stole my microbots. So he could attack him,” I said.

“This is a revenge story!” said Aidan.

“But what about the phone text?” asked Redgar.

Solar selected another recording that showed Dr. Gates in a room alone, but had Tom rush in,

“How could you do this? The portal wasn’t ready. You cut a corner and now my daughter is lost,” said Tom.

“It was pressure to deliver... I have people who need the portal,” he said.

“Pressure? You mean those kids!? Science does not reward those who rush, especially when lives are on the line,” said Tom.

“Hey, we are adults for the record,” said Solar.

I had to agree with Tom there. It was a true saying. The recording showed Dr. Gates left the room afterwards, but Tom stayed. He grabbed what seemed to be Dr. Gates' phone and started typing.

“Solar, check the time and day of this recording,” I said.

Solar went to the settings and got the details. I checked my own phone as well. The times matched. Dr. Gates must’ve sent me this text to trick us into going to the convention building that night.

“The portal was never ready. Tom was trying to get rid of us so he could go after Dr. Gates next,” I said.

“Wow, plot twist,” said Mack.

“But Tom alone wouldn’t have been enough, so he stole my microbots and forced Mack and Gash to act as assassins as well. That’s all we need to know now,” I said.

“How entertaining,” said Kailani.

After we closed the recordings, I got a text from Dr. Gates.

Hey Lunar. Apologies for the delay. Portal testing did not go as well as I hoped so. I needed to relocate my lab and continue my work over there. Feel free to join me in the opening ceremony tomorrow afternoon at 32 Osgood Drive.

“The text I just got from Dr. Gates must be real this time. He said the portal was never finished, and he had to build a new lab in the meantime,” I said.

“Sounds about right with the timeline,” said Midnite.

“If that’s the case we need to get there right away. I know Tom Phan is going to be there, and he’s going to destroy everything if we don’t stop him.

“I think we’re all rested up. Let’s head out!” said Solar.

“Good luck again you guys!” said Alex.

“What about you Mack, we could always use the help,” I said.
Mack thought about it for a bit.

“Alright, count me in once more,” she said.

Chapter XIII (Lunar’s POV): Mask Off

We said goodbye to our Minecraft friends, and used a rift portal to get back directly to Solar’s car.

“Do you think we can stop him for real this time?” asked Solar.

“I know we can. We can try de-escalating the situation first since we know his real intentions now. That must have been why he was at the convention that day, so he could talk to Dr. Gates about the project,” I said.

“Whatever happens, I’m ready to get my revenge once again,” said Mack.

“That’s the spirit!” said Redgar.

Solar stepped on it, and zoomed off. The truth was I was still a little nervous. I don’t actually want to hurt Tom, but I know we need to do whatever it takes to make sure he doesn’t kill off anyone else. I still had no idea how many microbots he produced while we were away, which worried me.

“Doing ok Lunar?” asked Aidan.

“Huh? Yeah, I’m just still disappointed in the truth,” I said.

“Hey, we’ll get back at him I promise. Then, we’ll fix whatever is going on with me,” said Solar.

“Thank you Solar,” I said.

“What’s going on with you?” asked Mack.

“Oh, just deadly visions of world consuming voids that have been becoming real recently,” she said.

“Ah. Wait, that’s not good,” she said.

“I know right! But we need the portal to fix it, so we gotta stop Tom,” said Solar.

We finally arrived at the address Dr. Gates sent me. Solar decided to park at the top of a hill so we could look out for Tom. Dr. Gates was below giving a speech of some kind in front of a majestic new lab building. I sent in a small robot to go so everyone could listen into what he was saying.

“So once again, I would like to thank our partners and sponsors for funding this ambitious project, and for building the new lab building quickly, so that we could continue work on the dimension portal. The setbacks we faced made us stronger,” he raised a glass after.

The crowd and press clapped for his speech.

“Well that was underwhelming,” said Finley.

“Wait, I can hear Lunar’s bots,” said Solar.

She was right. Every time Tom chased us, the bots he used to move around made a unique noise. I could hear them climbing Dr. Gates’ building.

“SETBACKS?!?!” Tom appeared on the roof of the building with his microbots.

The crowd quickly fled, and Tom dove in to grab a hold of Dr. Gates’ with the microbots. He was trapped within his grasp now. Tom took him up into the air and removed half of his mask to speak to him.

“Was my daughter a setback?” he asked menacingly.

“Tom, your daughter, that was an accident!” said Dr. Gates in fear,

“NO! You knew it was unsafe. My daughter is gone because of your overconfidence,” said Tom.

After that, we saw microbots all around the building rise up holding the broken portal pieces. I wonder what he was planning. Eventually, the bots connected the pieces and turned on the portal right above Dr. Gates’ Lab.

“What are you doing!?” asked Dr. Gates.

“You took everything from me when you sent Audrey into that portal. And now, I’ll take everything from you,” he replied.

The activated portal started sucking up and started tearing the lab into pieces.

“No, no you can’t!” he said.

“You’re going to watch everything you built disappear. Then, it’ll be your turn,” said Tom.

I knew we had to act now.

“Alright guys, move in!” I said.

We ran down the hill and made our way to Tom. He was high up, so I used my Super Merge to build us a path upwards onto a part of the lab that was not destroyed yet. We met with the 2 scientists face to face, and they turned to face us.

“Tom Phan! Let him go,” I said.

He didn’t reply initially.

“Is this what Audrey would’ve wanted?” I asked.

“Audrey is GONE!” he said.

“This won’t change anything. Trust me, I know. I know friends who’ve lost close loved ones. And I know that they would rather not cause further harm to others because of it,” I said.

Tom slowly opened his eyes and appeared to reconsider his actions.

“Listen to the kid Tom. Please, just let me go. I’ll give you anything you want,” said Dr. Gates.

That sentence seemed to provoke Tom.

“I want my daughter back,” said Tom angrily,

He put his mask fully on and sent huge waves of microbots to attack us. Everyone was able to dodge the first attack, but he kept sending more after us.

“Everyone, get that mask!”

We activated our suit’s powers that could allow us to get close to him. I tried creating a path of barriers to walk over, but he was too fast with the bots. Solar tried spitting fire at him, but the microbots shielded him in time. I layed down on the ground for a bit after being knocked down, but I could feel the pull of the portal dragging me upwards. Midnite ran over and picked me up.

“Thanks,” I said.

“Anytime,” she said.

Finley and Aidan punched and ran their way over, but Tom trapped them in a tough microbot box.

“Hey! Let us out,” said Finley.

“What is this?” asked Aidan.

Redgar tried making a move like he did last time, but Tom read it and quickly slammed him down on the ground. I gave him a barrier to protect him, but the microbots were going to poke and break in. Midnite went in to help him, but Tom grabbed 2 pieces of debris and started squishing her and Mack. She tried switching into ghost form, but Tom also used ghost-like microbots to prevent her from phasing through. This was not a good thing. Solar ran over to join me.

“What are we going to do? He got us all trapped,” said Solar.

I started to think of ideas, but nothing came up. I guess my AI brain was faster at computation. Before I could think of anything, a flying robot that I’ve never seen before zoomed past us, and destroyed the cage keeping Finley and Aidan trapped.

“Wait, we’re free!” said Aidan.

“Huh, but who?” asked Finley.

We looked over. It was Cherry, and this was her suit. More like a full on mech at least. She was controlling a larger scale robot that could fly.

“Haha! Take that stupid microbots,” she said.

“Cherry! You’re here?” I asked.

“Gotta save the fools when they’re trapped,” she said.

“Hey! I take full offense to that,” said Finley.

“You’re so right,” said Solar.

Just after, we saw another figure appear and slashed the debris keeping Midnite and Mack trapped. He even got them off Redgar.

“Woah, who are you?” asked Mack.

“Didn’t we fight together while mind controlled?” It was Gash.

“Gash! You decided to come back!” I said.

“Always gotta protect the boss you know,” he said.

“Gash! You are officially employee of the month!” said Dr. Gates.

Tom got annoyed, and pinned Dr. Gates to a wall so he could deal with us directly. Everyone grouped up on the ground.

“Alright, now that everyone’s here. We can do this. New plan, forget the mask. The portal is sucking up debris. Get the microbots instead. We can get rid of them permanently by sending them up there,” I said.

“Now THAT is a plan!” said Solar.

Everyone spread out and worked to get the bots into the portal. Finley and Aidan punched them up, while Midnite got them into ghost form and sent them levitating. Redgar chopped through the microbot pillars and got them out of here too. Tom sent bots right towards me, which gave me an idea.

“Cherry, can you give me a lift?” I asked.

“Ha, sure can,” she said.

I hopped on the back of her mech, and we went zooming by the area and attracted as much attention as possible towards us. Tom saw us, and sent more and more microbots to grab us. I told Cherry to fly up towards the portal, and then quickly dive down. Once we got close, she flew back down and punched through all the microbots that were after us. My plan worked, the individual microbots were being sucked in by the portal. Everyone kept repeating the

process until the job was almost done. While we were flying, Tom did finally manage to grab a hold of Cherry's robot.

"Argh, this ends now!" said Tom.

He made a motion to tell the microbots to send me into the portal, but nothing happened. There were no more microbots for him to use to finish us off. He tried doing it again and again, but I knew it was over.

"Looks like you're out of microbots," I said.

Tom looked down and realized the only bots he had left were the ones that were letting him stand up so high.

"Cherry, it's time," I said.

"Heck yeah!" she said.

She broke out of the grasp and started flying towards Tom. He braced for impact, but Cherry stopped right before her fist could actually touch Tom. He looked scared, but confused because we didn't hurt him.

"I told myself I wouldn't hurt my heroes. But we will take that," I said.

Cherry grabbed the mask right off Tom's face, and used her mech to crush it to bits. With that, every microbot deactivated. The ones holding the portal also deactivated, and caused the portal to fall down. Tom also began to fall, but Cherry made sure to pick him up and deliver him safely to the ground. All of our friends made sure to retreat to the area in time before the portal landed. Once it did, it fully destroyed whatever was left of the lab. Gash was also able to grab Dr. Gates in all the commotion.

"Did we do it?" asked Solar.

"We sure did!" I said.

"Woo hoo!" said Cherry.

"Thanks for coming, Cherry and Gash. You helped save us all," I said.

"It's the least I could do after you saved us," said Gash.

Finley and Mack kept Tom here until the cops could arrive.

"You're not getting away just yet," said Mack.

The portal started to act funny. I had a feeling it was going to explode.

"Come on everyone, let's leave the area," I said.

We all started to run, but I saw that Solar was staying behind near the portal.

"Solar?" I asked.

"The portal. My systems are detecting life there. A woman in hypersleep," said Solar.

"Tom's daughter is still alive," I said.

"Audrey?" asked Tom with hope.

Chapter XIV (Lunar's POV): The Infinite Singing Universe

"What are we waiting for, we have to go," I said.

"The portal is destabilizing. You won't be able to get out!" said Dr. Gates.

"Someone has to try still," I said.

"I'll come with you Lunar," said Solar.

"Awesome. The rest of you stay back. We'll be quick," I said.

With that, Solar and I hopped through the portal. We had to hope that we could find the capsule and bring it back out. The feeling of jumping through this portal was way different than a usual rift portal. We entered a space that seemed to be an infinite universe, made up of pink and bright coloured clouds and smoke. We could also see all the ruined debris from the lab building floating around.

“Grab on,” said Solar.

She activated some booster systems and we were slowly flying through this weird space.

“Do you know where she is?” I asked.

“I’m following a path based on a heartbeat system. Not counting yours of course,” she said, “How do you feel now that we stopped Tom?”

“Feeling much better. At least he can do no harm now. And if we get his daughter back, he’ll feel much better. I still think he overreacted, but at least he seemed to have learnt his lesson,” I said.

“Does this place make you feel funny?” asked Solar.

“A little yeah. Otherwise I feel fine,” I said.

“All the golden lines I’m saying must lead to another world. The portal just isn’t ready yet,” said Solar.

“Yeah you must be right. I wonder where the supposed guardian is,” I said.

Solar kept flying past more debris. I was worried that the capsule would be too far to retrieve. All of a sudden, a huge piece of wall came flying right at us. I hopped over it and grabbed onto Solar’s arm once it passed by.

“Lunar are you ok?” she asked.

“Yeah of course. It’ll take more than that to take me out,” I said.

“I miss doing crazy stuff like this with you. Not that our recent adventure was crazy too,” she said.

“I do too. It’s what makes life fun you know,” I said.

“I think I see the capsule ahead!” said Solar.

She was right, it was further away, but it was indeed the capsule. We flew up to the window to get a closer look. Audrey was inside and indeed in hypersleep.

“Come on, let’s get her home,” I said.

I held on to the front of the capsule, and Solar went to the back and used her boosters to push us out.

“Ugh, it’s heavier than I thought,” said Solar.

“You got this. Here I’ll help,” I said.

I used my Super Merge to make better wings for her to steer.

“It’s something alright,” she said.

Getting out was the harder part. There was more debris being flown in at us. I guessed it was the stuff being sucked in from Earth. We had to get out before we got hit.

“I think we’re almost there!” said Solar.

I could see the bright yellow light where the portal opening was. This was our chance to get out. Before we could get out, a huge creature came out of nowhere and bonked the capsule back. Solar was forced to stop and rest.

“What is this!?” she asked.

The capsule was at rest now. Solar came up to sit with me.

“Are you seeing this?” I asked.

“Dr. Gates never told us about anything like this,” said Solar.

We were looking at some mythical creature. It looked like a wolf, but had parts from other animals. It had large falcon wings, the tail of an orca, and it was radiating with energy. The creature made another dive for us, but Solar used her energy to protect us.

“Argh, it’s too strong!” she said.

It broke through Solar’s barrier and grabbed onto the capsule. I wasn’t exactly sure what to do next. Solar and I were barely hanging on to the metal. I took out my Super Merge and combined from falling debris to hit the creature. It made a loud noise and seemed to stun it for a bit.

“Quick, while we got time,” I said.

Solar got her boosters on and started pushing the capsule again, leaving the creature behind.

“What on Earth is that thing?” asked Solar.

“I have no clue, I’ll have to ask Dr. Gates after,” I said.

We were about to near the exit again, when the creature grabbed on again. This time it grabbed on to Solar.

“Lunar!” she yelled.

“Don’t worry, I’ll try to help,” I said.

I fired off a few blasts at it, but nothing deterred it. It was going to rip Solar off the capsule.

“Lunar, I have an idea. It might be our only choice,” she said.

“No, you can’t do it. I won’t let you,” I said.

I knew what she was thinking of. Lending me her boosters and letting go forever. I couldn’t let her do that. She doesn’t deserve to die. I couldn’t see it happen.

“Please, there has to be something else,” I said.

“What can we do?” she asked.

I couldn’t think of any other ideas. I didn’t want to think she was right, but I really had no idea on what to do. Luck may have been on my side, because something from the portal came to help us. Cherry’s suit flew in and gave the creature a bash on the head.

“Huh? Cherry is that you?” asked Solar.

The robot turned around, but it was Redgar inside the suit.

“Redgar? What on Earth are you doing?” I asked.

“We were getting worried about you guys. So I volunteered to hop in Cherry’s suit and see what was happening. This place seems so cool. The purple and pink smoke. It is unreal,” he said.

The creature came conscious again and started flying towards us.

“Redgar, can you help give us a boost?” asked Solar.

“Heh, sure can,” he said.

Redgar activated the boosters on the suit and started flying us back to the exit. It was much more efficient than Solar’s jets. She came to sit with me.

“Hey, you knew I wasn’t just going to let you do that,” I said.

“I know, I just thought we didn’t have any other choice,” she said.

“You’re my sister, I’ll put myself first anytime,” I said.

“That’s too kind. I feel like I should do that for all the times you saved me,” she said.

“Well I’m just glad you’re ok,” I said.

We felt the capsule stop traveling once again. The creature had a hold onto Redgar now. He got out and talked to us.

“Dr. Gates told us there would be less than 5 minutes before the portal would collapse,” he said.

“What are we going to do?” I asked.

“Hang on, I have one last idea,” he said.

Redgar activated something from his suit that I’ve never seen before. It was a huge rocket first of some kind. He punched it into the capsule and started a countdown.

“When this finishes counting down, it’ll eject the fist and send you guys back guaranteed,” he said.

“But what about the creature?!” asked Solar.

He sighed.

“Well, it keeps chasing us. Someone needs to keep it distracted,” he said.

“Wait, you can’t do this!” I said.

“Lunar, it’s fine. Really. I never lived a fun life. Hanging out with you guys were some of the best days of my life. If I never met you all, I would’ve regretted living. If I can save one of you guys, I will,” he said.

I felt so guilty for letting this happen, but I was thankful at the same time. I never knew about the struggle it would be to get Tom Phan’s daughter out.

“If that is what you want Redgar, then we are very grateful. Thank you for everything. The portal parts, and hanging out with us,” I said.

The fist finished counting down, and we started to move once again. Redgar stood with the suit while the creature tried to eat him. Before we left this space, we saw Redgar fighting off the creature. I wished him the best of luck. Maybe one day we would be able to find him. A bright flash happened, and we were back on Earth. It was on right on time too, the portal exploded right after we got out. All our friends rushed up to us.

“Lunar! Are you guys ok?” asked Aidan.

“How did it go?” asked Midnite.

“Well, we did get Audrey,” I said.

“Hm, where’s Redgar?” asked Cherry.

I didn’t know what to say at first.

“Redgar, is a hero. There was a scary creature in there and that’s why we took so long to get out. But he stayed behind to save all 3 of us,” said Solar.

There was a moment of silence afterwards.

“He’s a real one,” said Aidan.

Tom and Dr. Gates walked up to the capsule as well.

“Is she still alive?” asked Tom.

“Yep! I still detect breathing,” said Solar.

Tom looked at her, and then he looked at me.

“Lunar, I’m. I’m sorry. You saved her despite my aggression. There’s nothing I can do in return,” he said.

“It’s alright. I take every chance I get,” I said.

Before anyone else could say anything, police cars and ambulances came in. Multiple doctors came out to help Audrey get onto a bed and into the ambulance. Audrey seemed to wake up a bit during the commotion.

“Hey! Can you hear me? What’s your name?” said a doctor.

“Huh? My, my name is Audrey,” she said.

Audrey fell right back to sleep afterwards. I knew she was in good hands with the paramedics. The officers went straight for Tom and arrested him. He still looked sad and full of regret, but I could see some happiness in him after seeing his daughter. The rest of us started celebrating. We knew it was over for good.

Chapter XV (Lunar’s POV): A Fresh New Start

Dr. Gates had a long conversation with us afterwards. We told him about the creature in the dimension space, but he said he had no clue about its existence. He did say he would research more about it. Two months after the whole incident happened, Dr. Gates invited us all to another building opening ceremony.

“Well, I would like to thank our friends and patterns for rebuilding the lab once again. It was a scary day, but these 8 heroes saved me and our test pilot from the corrupted dimension portal. Please give a huge hand to our friends here!” he said. He invited us to go on stage with him.

“Eep! I get stage fright,” said Solar.

“With the construction of our building finished, there was something else I wanted to showcase as well,” said Dr. Gates.

He pulled back a cloth and revealed a statue underneath. It was of Redgar.

“We lost someone that day. I didn’t get to know him, but he saved the lives of 3 of our heroes that day, as well as mine. We built this statue in front of the building in order to honor his life,” he said.

I admit it was a pretty good statue. Redgar would be proud. Dr. Gates finished his speech and came to talk to us.

“Well, the lab is back up, and we have returned every microbot from the convention to you Lunar,” he said.

“Thank you Dr. Gates. I’m sorry that my microbots were used against you. I never saw Tom coming for you,” I said.

“No worries. I didn’t see it coming either. That day at the convention, Tom came to me because he wanted his daughter to be the test pilot. I was told it was her dream to explore new spaces. I admit it was a bit of my fault for trying to test the portal too early. That is a mistake on my part,” he said.

“Yeah for real,” said Finley.

“As of right now, portal construction is still going on. We’ll try to have it ready in the next month. How are your visions Solar?” asked Dr. Gates.

“They’re still happening. When we were on your island, everyone saw a void that consumed the lab. We had to use a rift portal to get out,” said Solar.

“I see. The good news is that we still have time before anything too major happens. But we do need to figure something out soon. Once the portal is ready, I will contact you immediately, Lunar,” he said.

“Thank you,” I said.

“You guys are always welcome in my lab building. Should you need anything else, I would be happy to offer you guys supplies,” he said.

“Oh my god. Can I have some equipment for my garage? It could use an upgrade,” said Cherry.

“Of course. You guys can all come in right now if you like,” he offered.

“That sounds great,” said Finley.

We followed him inside and he gave us a tour. This building really did look good. Compared to Max’s lab, it was still under developed, but it was good for what this Earth has to offer.

“Here is what the portal looks like currently,” said Dr. Gates.

“Wow, this is way better than the original,” said Midnite.

She was right. This portal was way larger in size, and it looked way better too.

“This is awesome!” said Solar.

“Like I said, we will make sure it’s done properly for next time,” he said.

“That is much appreciated,” I said.

Everyone left the lab soon after and went back to their homes. Solar stayed with me for a bit.

“So, mission accomplished?” she asked.

“Ha, yeah for now. I’ll call you back when the portal is ready. You should rest up for now. You’ve been through a lot,” I said.

“Lunar! So have you. Take it easy as well,” she said.

“Don’t worry, I will. Will you be ok as well?” I asked.

“100%. I’ll try not to think of the visions too much. It’s been kinda working,” she said.

“That’s the spirit Solar. I’ll miss you again,” I said.

“I will too, little bro. See you!” she said.

Solar opened a rift and walked in. I waved her goodbye. I was still so grateful I was able to see her still. I owe it all to Redgar. I hope nobody from Delta Earth will take it too hard. Tom followed up through text to apologize and thank me once again. I knew there was still some good in him. As for dimensions, it was a wild concept. I still had no idea what that creature was. It was a wack adventure, but I guess I can’t be too surprised though. We climbed some tough dimensional cliffs.