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Director's Letter

Dear Delegates,

Be prepared for unexpected twists, crises, and emergencies that will determine the future of the world. Welcome to Atlantis, a committee set in a future where the earth is entirely submerged underwater 46 years in the future. I am Melody Sakiya and I am honored to be serving as the Director for this committee. Alongside me are my amazing Chairs Judah Lee and Rosha Roudaki, and my creative Staff Rishit Behera and Selina Ma. They have spent hours of hard work in meetings and Google Docs preparing this committee for you.

As a delegate, you are living in a world buried under water—not only triggered by the predicted melting of ice caps, but triggered by an enormous asteroid that wiped out most of Africa and increased water levels so high that the only remaining land is now the Himalayas, a cascade of mountains turned into connected islands. The issues facing this new world range from poisoned water and lack of food to fighting storms, natural disasters, and even other countries. Sea levels close to the atmosphere have resulted in more frequent rain and storms. Food has become so scarce that the remaining food source of fish has been dying off due to overfishing near extinction and dying of chemical poisoning in the ocean. Deadly chemicals that were housed previously in nuclear facilities, corporate labs, and construction companies have been released into the water. What will you do to solve these pressing issues?

To prepare for the committee, I strongly encourage you to read over the background guide, especially the Bloc Positions and your characters. Additionally, please write a position paper about your character's stances and ideas, focusing on the potential solutions your character will work on implementing during the committee.

Keep in mind that we will be using Crisis Rules of Procedure with some alterations, including a resources tracker and varying speaking times. An email will be sent detailing the altered Rules of Procedure. I am so excited to see everyone use their debate, diplomacy, and world-conquering skills to collaborate in Atlantis. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me at s-msakiya@lwsd.org.

Good luck!

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Committee Overview

Since the collapse of modern society, life has never been the same. Due to the rising sea levels, finding solutions to the simplest of problems in this world is becoming more and more challenging. Clean water is no longer easily accessible, many fish species die out leaving food on supply low, tropical storms are more frequent than ever, and no one knows what lurks in the unexplored depths. Survival is the number one priority but it can be difficult when surrounded by false promises, traitors, and enemies on the open sea.

However, survival isn't the only complication. From political power-grabs, to conflicts on resources and the possible risk of war, collaboration is the only hope for the dying civilization. While some nations explore the new world, others do their best to survive the perilous conditions, and some even start formulating their plans of a great escape. Whatever the nations do, more conflict will arise if they do not work in unison. After months on the treacherous sea, a mysterious package is received by every one of the nation. It contains a laptop and a zoom link. Will top officials unite for a better world? What happens next will determine the future of the human race.

Topic setting

It is 2070, and all countries from 2024 have gone underwater. New nations have been formed, by survivors of the rising sea levels and tsunamis (from when an asteroid hits earth in 2063). The four new nations created are American-Canada (formerly the Americas), New Venice (formerly Europe), Himalaysia, and Oceania; which all have a few million citizens each. With the exception of Himalaysia, all of these nations are on fleets of ships, boats, and rafts that are united by similar culture. Himalaysia is a nation on the former Himalayas mountain range. In 2070, Himalaysia is the only known island in the new world.

Climate: Before the flood, solutions to climate change were too small-scale to have any positive impact against climate change, and larger-scale projects were delayed due to funding shortages. Temperatures kept skyrocketing, and no matter what laws were introduced, nothing was helping. After the flood, populations decreased, which lessened the impact on the environment, but the earth still has not cooled to the temperatures in pre-industrial times.

After the flood made its way through the world, nuclear power plants, sewage systems, and chemical waste systems mixed in with the ocean. In a world with less medical technology, water can be the difference between life and death.

Diet: Most citizens of the sunken world have a diet of seafood and plants. Fish is a delicacy in this new world, but is slowly running out. Agriculture, while harder to grow in the new environment, has been a primary source of diet for most citizens. However, agricultural space on every nation is limited, and the environment has not been studied enough to grow many

successful seasons of crops. Livestock is the most difficult food source, and has been mainly utilized by Himalaysia, which has databases for livestock, as well as special plants and herbs. Additionally, all food is at risk for toxicity due to the surrounding polluted waters and scarcity of its own food source.

Water: Water is abundant, but drinkable water is becoming more and more difficult to find as the last ice caps and glaciers are getting depleted of water. The water in the ocean is laced with heavy metals such as lead and mercury, as well as agricultural fertilizers.

As for the ocean, everything from old schoolhouses to military bases can be found there. Aside from old manmade ruins, survivors discovered that new ancient aquatic material and writing are floating on the surface. This might mean that there is more down there than meets the eye...

Government: In all countries, there is a very basic form of leadership, with no systems or constitutions written yet. It is composed of individuals who stand out and gain the trust of their peers.

Technology: By this time in human civilization, the internet is at high speeds everywhere, due to global satellite coverage. Unfortunately, most applications are down, because the companies running them are underwater. Surviving electrical engineers create servers and routers on each ship to create new applications and connect them to the internet. Most applications such as Google, Zoom, and Messages, have gotten replaced by new alternatives that work above water.

Money: Cash is the only form of payment that still works, although there is a money app being developed by some computer engineers. Since there's no new standardized money yet, people mostly use their native currency with others, and when paying someone who doesn't have that currency, they do their best to convert it through estimations.

Weapons: The only usable weapons are ones either on military ships beforehand, or handheld weapons that were carried by individuals while fleeing. More information on weapons on ships in each country's bloc positions.

Topic History

2030: Global politicians push back the climate initiative to 2060 due to lowering funds, although there are some suspicions of embezzlement. Water from ice caps continues to melt slowly and raise water levels.

2030 to 2060; Pre-flooding Development: The climate initiative is pushed back once again, along with limited funding for non-governmental organizations and nonprofits helping to fight against climate change. Although there are constantly rising water levels, most cities are still unaffected, with the exception of low islands such as Kiribati and the Maldives. Citizens from these islands migrate to other areas, which are getting more and more crowded from refugees.

6G internet becomes widespread with high-powered autonomous satellites. Roaming is no longer an issue and internet speeds are extremely high in all environments.

There are also several breakthroughs in ammunition, such as gunpowder plants becoming biologically engineered, creating an efficient way to create a consistent supply. However there is one side effect: the seeds of this plant can be planted in gunpowder as well and make any gunpowder it touches useless.

2060; Island Flooding: Water from melting ice caps becomes too much to bear as coastal regions flood at alarming rates. Oceania is hit hard with almost the entirety of the islands consumed. In response, islanders from Indonesia and Polynesia take to the sea with their advanced knowledge of both fishing and sailing. In a last-ditch attempt at survival, citizens from a small town in Australia sent out multiple SOS signals and flares that eventually got them to safety through the people of Indonesia. About a month later, these ships found people from Thailand and the Philippines at sea.

2061; Coastal Flooding: Mass panic is at its peak as major countries from all around the world are consumed by rising waters. Asia suffered losses in the east as Japan and Korea had become completely consumed. In the Americas, Alaska, Hawaii, Vancouver, and the southern parts of South America along with many other coastal areas (including the states), become consumed by the ocean. Amidst the panic, five leaders are chosen and unite all of Oceania into one country. This is the start of the first new nation of four nations in the flooding age.

Asia and America start moving to safety as surviving populations move to the Himalayas and Canada respectively. South American people start to be transported by boat from Brazil to the former Canadian border. The American and Canadian navies are deployed; and with the supplies cultivated during the mass cooking movement, refugees are fed and rations are at an all-time high. Due to many people from the US owning the weapons as well as electronic and tactical supplies, the community became the most technologically armed in the current world, a status that has yet to change.

2063; An Asteroid Causes Water Level Rises: A large meteor of ice suddenly hits Africa, and water levels surge. Tsunamis hit global populations and cause several civilizations to go

underwater. Citizens who can't hide in emergency bunkers, tall mountain peaks, or strong ships are killed.

2064-2065 Three New Nations: The end of Africa causes mass panic in Europe which made way for many underground operations to gain traction. The Italian mafia, previously thought to be destroyed, becomes armed and terrorizes significant points in the European Union. In the course of eight months, they unite all of the remaining Europe by force, naming the areas they take over as "**New Venice.**" **This is the second new nation.** Thankfully, a resistance is born and causes a coup to subdue the leaders of the mafia. The remaining leaders of Europe; Leaders of Spain, France, Italy, Austria, and Russia band together and redirect the course of the nation towards a more peaceful community, rather than a mafia-led, threatening one. Bonding over their disturbing amount of coups, the nations of **New Venice and Oceania ally.**

Almost a year later, The North and South American communities unite. They create the **third new nation;** "**The Surviving States of American-Canada,**" also known as Am-Can.

Asian populations who move to the Himalayas start to encounter one another. Encountering violence, disagreements, and limited resources, citizens from all parts of Asia assemble and create the **fourth nation that dubbing itself "The Kingdom of Himalaysia," or "Himalaysia" for short.**

2066-2069; The War: These years are a series of events that splits nations through a volatile chain reaction of struggle. Although Oceania has expertise in the water, many want land instead of living constantly at sea, and several united groups from Oceania land in Himalaysia. Himalaysia, plans a counterattack, angered but not deterred.

Himalaysia, knowing of the Oceania-Venice alliance, declared war on Venice, hoping to weaken them enough to make Oceania's invasion a failure.

In response to the declaration of war, New Venice, who lack the supplies necessary to go to war, eventually has to ask the Am-Can fleet for weaponry and resources. Negotiations quickly go out of hand and New Venice starts stealing and smuggling weapons from Am-Can.

Am-Can, now forced to confront this smuggling ring, is wary about the other countries and sends spies to Oceania to get more information about New Venice's plans.

This then results in Oceania desperately needing to invade Himalaya's land, to escape the spies in their midst. This conflict continues in a circle of strife and pain... But there is hope for the future.

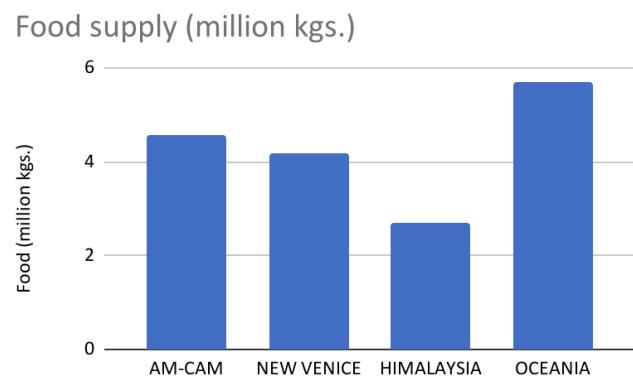
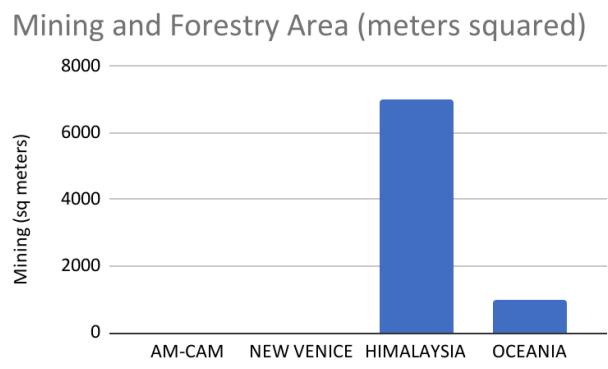
2070; The Package: Seemingly out of nowhere, a package is sent to all the countries containing an invitation list, a Zoom link, a computer, and a power bank. This is an opportunity for representatives from each nation, randomly selected by an anonymous source, to come together to either settle their differences and grow, or plunge the aquatic world into even more chaos.

Current Situation

The current situation is indicated by an insufficiency of natural resources, leading to physical stress and conflicts worldwide. Food sources that humans rely on have been significantly diminished across the global landscape. This results in marine life such as fish and other aquatic organisms as the primary available source of nutrition. The alarming escalation in the overexploitation of marine resources has decreased the amount of fish significantly. Sooner or later, starvation will be an issue in the entire world. Moreover, those who are not accessible to marine resources are now experiencing starvation at an extreme level.

Furthermore, the existing situation is worsened by contamination of drinkable water sources. Rainwater, once a reliable source, is no longer fit for consumption due to pervasive pollution. Simultaneously, rivers and lakes exhibit pollution, evidently so in their discolored and tainted waters. This has led to large populations' consumption of substandard water, heightening the vulnerability to waterborne illnesses and even mortality.

There are also limited resources when it comes to building materials. Currently, a significant amount of minerals can only be found in parts of Himalaysia. This has caused the production of items of survival to be delayed significantly. The lack of rescue equipment and medical supplies has caused delay in rescuing missions worldwide.



Bloc Positions

American-Canada (former North and South America): Alexis Cole, Andressa Silva, Bradley Johnson, Charles Lavigne, Jim Smith, Molly Corbin, Santiago Pinzon

Previously, before the breaking of the world via the meteor, America dominated the military industrial complex. This is, while not directly, still true. American Canada holds the rest of their previous country's survivors on several types of boats, including battleships (which act as command centers), submarines (with ballistic missiles), and aircraft carriers.

As the remaining forces of America and Canada, the group holds technological dominance over the rest of the world from the previously existing industrial complex. However, because of the comet, technological domination lies in a delicate balance. Due to the spying from other countries (particularly the Oceania alliance), that balance could easily be in jeopardy.

The main food source of American Canada is wheat, which was a crop that survived due to it being more inland in (the now non-existent) USA. But, the wheat needs sunlight on the huge boats, so they must keep the wheat on the edges of the ships. Thus, the wheat is easily contaminated by the salty water around it.

Additionally, some ships were caught along the coast of Florida during hurricane season. This sank three ships with several ballistic missiles. American-Canada finds itself at odds with Oceania constantly, but because of the recent crisis with the sinking of ships, they have not been able to focus on dominating the international military industry.

Many members of American-Canada desire for permanent control of the ocean waters. This revitalized sense of passionate nationalism has been called "Fury Through Superiority ideology" and thus, many politicians have a distaste for other countries, with some extreme sects of the political scene even, so it seems war is imminent. It is no secret that they are disliked for their technological superiority. Some representatives want to use this meeting as a method of decreasing the heat on the political climate, while others want to use it to make the Fury Through Superiority ideology clear... war is imminent.

New Venice (Former Europe): Alvin Aaburg, Amelia Olsen, Captain Goldsmith, Simon Chirper, Zachary Howard, Jessica Jabob, Jeanette Charper, Jacke Vengeance

New Venice was formed in the wake of the meteor striking Africa. European countries scrambled together in desperation, with one common goal, the conquering of all land.. With the fall of the world as they knew it, land would become more of a commodity than ever before. So, this became the priority of Russia, Austria, Italy, Spain, and France. They abandoned their creeds and instead formed the superpower New Venice. New Venice uses large shipping boats, stocked with resources from pre-flood industries. So, food isn't an issue for New Venice. They actually have a surplus, making them a hotspot for trade. Some of the citizens of New Venice

aren't as pleased with this. They see immigration as a possible threat to security, and with the rumblings of war beginning against Himalaysia, many feel security should be tight.

One factor that gives New Venice confidence in war is its alliance with Oceania. While Oceania may lack technology, they have knowledge of the seas that no other alliance has. Combined with the industrial powerhouse of New Venice, they have abundant food and resources to begin a full fledged attack on Himalaysia. They are angry with Himalaysia because they attacked New Venice to get back at Oceania (their allies). The leaders of New Venice, however, are in debate on the morality of the attack. Some do not wish to incite a war, while others believe Himalaysia began this war by blatantly attacking some of their ships to get back at Oceania. But, in any case, some shipping boats have been remodeled into assault cruisers, or existing military seacraft are getting prepared.

The VSS Kuznetsov (Russian in origin) is an aircraft carrier, which houses several fighter jets and one bomber. It can travel very quickly, and has a blast radiance equivalent to 5 tons of dynamite. But, America surveys neutral airspace required for a full fledged attack. There is a shipping boat, nicknamed the VSS Caesar (Italian in origin), which houses potent plasma bombs. These bombs are less powerful than a nuclear weapon, but after detonation, reform. Finally, the last major ship is the VSS Casibiance (French in origin), which is a nuclear attack submarine. However, its missiles are not potent enough to completely destroy Himalaysia.

The main problem facing New Venice is the war with Himalaysia. Whether New Venice decides to use this conference to try to calm the talks of war, or bring them to life, is up to the political leaders, and their various desires and intentions.

Himalaysia: Dr. Li Wei, Pam "Pufferfish" Cho, Aisha Khan, Pamala Larna, Mina Hyeong, Elm Dyo

The Himalayans escaped the horrifying after-effects of the meteor by climbing up to the nearby Himalayan mountain range. This is now less of a mountain range and more large icy hills. Because of their access to the mountains, their primary industries are mining and tourism. Really, they have no position in war, because they provide for all groups. By being on the hills, they have access to very valuable metals and minerals. Recently, there has been a very large amount of Uranium ore discovered on the side.

The Himalaysia hills have become safe-havens for those looking to escape the infinite existential depth of the ocean. That allows them to monetize the entry into Himalaysia greatly. Some have even called it a monopoly, but because there is no financial oversight, the ridiculous prices are becoming standard. One problem the group faces is the human smuggling done by those wishing for free entry into Himalaysia. The bigger problem facing Himalaysia from this is the ease of entry for foreign spies. This was particularly intense with Europe. When they sent spies, the Himalayan government found them eventually, and responded with force. In the crossfire, the European spies died. Then, the Europeans fought back. Knowing the Himalayans had the advantage of altitude, they realized a full on strike on the ground would be

a losing battle. So, the Europeans stole from the American Canada military bases and are now mounting a war.

The Himalayans are also preparing for war. They have evacuated the edges of the mountain, moving their people into the highest part of the mountains, this makes them cornered. Their military is not the strongest, but with the Europeans stealing American equipment, a possible alliance may be in place. But, with the rise of Fury Through Superiority ideology, that alliance could be thrown out the door. The pressure to deliver is intense, as the tourism industry has fallen apart from the recent threat of war.

The goal of Himalaysia at this mysterious conference is to defuse any possibility of war, and to build an alliance with America if necessary.

Oceania: Akai D. Ohnut, Bushward O. Barbie, Chesa Koy Jr., Earl Chrome, Haw Strat, Sai Moon, Taylor T.Y. Lotson

The People of Oceania were the quickest of all the countries to react to the flash flooding. Instead of the large cargo ships preferred by the other sea-faring countries, Oceania uses sturdy metal rafts, tied together in an island style formation. By surface area, Oceania dominates all countries except for America's Lewis B. Puller Class ship. The People of Oceania were traditionally fishermen by trade, and so in this newfound water, they dominate the fishing industry. While some still use spears, the main method of fishing is now nets. They are enlarged versions of the traditional hand nets of Fijian tradition. This method works very well, so they provide food to many countries, particularly America, although due to recent tension, this fishing deal has been strained, putting pressure on the economy.

Oceania allied with Europe early on. They saw how domination in the fishing industry needed a method of shipping, and so they saw Europe as the gateway to that opportunity. They began talking, and decided that Europe would get fish in exchange for military protection. This became problematic quickly, as Europe attempted stealing tech from America. This caused America to break their fishing treaty with Oceania and begin commencing spy warfare on Oceania.

To avoid a security breach by the spies, and to avoid possible war, Oceania quickly moved their raft to an unlikely housing spot—near Himalaysia. Himalaysia are the enemies of Oceania, as they had once attacked Europe to get at Oceania for trying to immigrate. But, Himalaysia doesn't want to go below their mountains, so Oceania is safe at their current location.

Oceania is in the most complex position diplomatically and the mysterious conference invitation is a good opportunity to resolve conflict. They hope to calm America's antics, and ensure new fishing deals, as well as assist New Venice.

American-Canada Characters

Charles Lavigne, Chair of International Relations

Charles Lavigne is a French-Canadian. At first, American leaders did not respect him, but due to his handling of trading deals, his popularity has drastically grown. He is a sailor with expert negotiating skills, which is useful for trade with other nations. Charles wishes for the Canadian voice to be better represented in the CANAM alliance, but his goal at this conference is to solidify trade deals with Himalaysia. This possibility has been strengthened by the recent possibility of war against Europe (Himalaysia's enemies).

Charles feels that all the problems can be solved at the conference, with use of compromise and dealing. He feels that warfare is completely unnecessary.

John Lennon's Imagine influenced Charles greatly, which led him down a path of leftism and is a closeted communist. He does get along with Bradley Johnson, because of their shared appreciation of the book How to Win Friends and Influence People. It is instrumental to his method of negotiation.

Alexis Cole, Chair of National Relations

Alexis Cole is a Canadian leader, who is on the more progressive side of the political spectrum. She believes most resources should be put to improving the supply of food, but recognizes the mounting possibility of war.

While not entirely agreeing with the Fury through Superiority ideology, she does want to dominate the world in terms of technology. But, if giving away weaponry means getting food, she wants to. She is allied with Bradley Johnson because they grew up together. Her parents run a shipping company (that is still used everywhere). She is a fan of Adam Smith's capitalism, and feels that the division of labor must be re-established, but this is far from her priority.

Her priorities in this conference are securing food and preparing for the imminent war. But, her early career was that of a teacher. She was a prolific college professor of economics, and when the Prime Minister tried to install her into the cabinet, he had to decide whether she should be Treasurer or Secretary of Education. Unfortunately, the meteor landed, interrupting her political aspirations, leaving her with a chip on her shoulder.

Santiago Pinzon, Chair of Marine Travel

Santiago Pinzon is a Colombian leader, who was once a diplomat to Himalaysia, but has since been outlawed from Himalaysia for organizing a mineral smuggling ring. But, the alliance did profit off of his mineral ring, making him a hero. He is very against Himalaysia, and wishes for war against them. He doesn't fully agree with the Fury through Superiority, but if it means revenge, he's all ears.

Santiago is passionate about learning languages. He is a fan of Ludwig Wittgenstein and Noam Chomsky. Languages gave him power as a young boy. Colombia was a cultural melting pot, and there were many languages used. So, to make money, he learned many languages to support his parent's tea business. To exercise his language skills, he likes to travel to other countries and navigates small boats to visit other solo travelers. By doing this regularly, he became proficient in navigating and helped navigate the fleet. Because he learned so many languages, he believes many problems can be solved through understanding each other.

Bradley Johnson, Chair of Military

As an American leader who was a senator before the comet landed, Bradley Johnson now serves as a head of military and leads most of the weapon development of the alliance. He has been criticized for his lack of attention to the declining food resources, but he argues that his policy to build weapons would in turn provide the security needed to provide food. He is a firm believer in the Fury through Superiority ideology. Bradley Johnson considers Alexis Cole to be an ally because of their similar ideology in terms of weaponry as a pathway to food.

Bradley Johnson read *Atlas Shrugged* at a young age and was forever changed by Ayn Rand's rational selfishness. He is very pro capitalist, but understands that with the new crisis, a more power-heavy approach to capitalism is necessary. He is extremely wealthy because his parents are oil magnates, and all countries use their resources.

He is fervently anti-communist, and suspects people who are against Fury through Superiority to be communist. He has ushered in an era similar to anti-communism, an era Johnson openly admires.

Jim Smith, Chair of Finance

Jim Smith is an American leader, who is very against Bradley Johnson. He firmly disagrees with the Fury through Superiority ideology, and wants the CANAM alliance to focus more on the issues with food supply, and argues that it would be foolish to attempt invasions because the Oceanians are already pursuing other countries. He wants to use this conference to humiliate Bradley Johnson and secure food deals.

He has a degree in economics, but is a chef at heart. He believes food is an art, and wishes for that art to be free for everyone. He is a communist, which makes him a natural enemy of the Neo-McCarthyism of Bradley Johnson. Karl Marx's *Das Kapital* convinced him of the benefits of the communist ideology.

At this conference, he also wishes to build bonds between other communists in other countries to enhance the possibility of the disestablishment of private property.

Andressa Silva, Chair of Sustainability

As the only Brazilian leader in the conference, she wants to make her points heard. Andressa Silva believes that cooperation should be the end goal of this conference, and wants

compensation for all the refugees that Brazil hosted during the beginning of the Earthly crisis. Andressa Silva maintains a strong sense of national pride, despite Brazil being more sunken now. She feels neutrally about the Fury Through Superiority doctrine, because it is simply not a priority to her.

Andressa Silva has always been passionate about the environment, and because of the new issues faced because of the meteor, she suggests even more intense protection of the environment. She found this respect for the environment from Henry David Thoreau.

Andressa Silva has a severe distaste for political corruption because as a child, the Brazillian government wrongly allocated funds between social classes, and is suspicious of Bradley Johnson and Alexis Cole because of their rich backgrounds. She feels that with their connections to their parent's businesses, they should not hold power in the government as that is unfair to small businesses and could lead to comprehensive monopolies unlike any known in the modern age.

New Venice Characters

Amelia Olsen, Chair of International Relations

Before the submersion of the earth, Amelia Olsen owned a farm near the shores of Western Europe, where she lived a relatively happy life with her husband and daughter. Despite living a busy farm life, worked to get herself educated and loved reading books, especially Little Women and Anne Green of Gables. Inspired by the elements of family unity and cultivation in both books, Amelia homeschooled her daughter, teaching her to learn through experiences with people she could trust as her chosen family.

Once Amelia and her daughter escaped the farm and got on a passenger ship, she noticed that others were suffering from a lack of resources for education and started providing education for the youth of the ships; her efforts leading to large movements, such as other leaders designating a ship for educational facilities so the children of the fleet could still get education. Her work allowed her to grow from just a small-town teacher to a leader in the fleet. She hopes to propel education across all nations through teacher-led initiatives.

Zachary Howard, Chair of National Relations

Zachary Howard's dream of becoming a writer and poet was not easy. He was often underpaid and unappreciated. However, he kept believing in himself and his writing despite it all writing about the world and its future. As his work started gaining popularity, so did he. His writing moved people—it gave them hope. However, after the meteor hit, none of that mattered. In a depressed state, he did the only thing he felt comfortable doing—continuing to write again; poem after poem. Once again, his writings gave people hope. Others on the ships related to his hardships and he became well liked by the administration and people. This is when he realized his writing wasn't only about himself anymore—it was about the phenomena that he could describe and help people sympathize with.

When the newly formed government opened up positions for the role of National Relations, he knew it was a role made for him. While he still wanted to be a writer, he understood that's not what the world needed from him at the moment and he could apply his literature skills to speeches he gave and laws that he wrote.

He grew up inspired by the works of W. H. Auden and memorized the entirety of 'The Wasteland' by T. S. Elliot and regularly quotes it. He sees it as a representation of the new, almost dystopian, world they currently live in. He believes that self respect and continuously believing in yourself, regardless of where you may end up, are the most important characteristics to maintain. Occasionally he'll speak in rhyme or write a poem rather than a regular speech since he believes it will captivate his audience more naturally.

Captain Goldsmith, Chair of Marine Travel

Captain Goldsmith lived humbly on his own ship with his beloved crew as a pirate on the open seas. It was no longer a common occupation but he enjoyed the thrill. But he was completely oblivious to the rising sea levels. One unfortunate night, his entire crew got swept away in a

storm and he was found floating around in a small escape boat alone and the European fleet rescued him. He was thoroughly confused until he was told what happened to the world—all the land was underwater.

Unlike other members of the European crew he doesn't think much about how life used to be and isn't concerned with trying to restore life as it once was—he is working to improve the lives of people who already live on the ships, he understood this was a permanent living situation. As a former pirate, he saw the potential of unlimited access to the ocean. When the fleet learned of his past sailing experience he was instructed to join the logistics crew and became the logistical military expert.

He is grateful for his rescue but doesn't like this idea of working under another authority and is slowly trying to work his way up in the European fleet, perhaps to gain control. He is fearless, bold, and a little bit reckless at times. As a young child he was a fan of Kurt Vonnegut's short stories, he particularly enjoys 'Deer in the Works.' He thinks it represents what the world is becoming and strives to stray away from big corporations now that he is in contact with the world; he especially dislikes ones that simply try to manipulate and control people.

Simon Chirper, Chair of Water Management

As a college dropout with a bright mind, Simon Chirper lives in his van and tinkers around with old parts, making random contraptions. His van is messy and filled with random parts from old projects. He keeps all sorts of trash that he thinks might come in handy like a bottle cap collection and an unreasonable amount of dead AA batteries. After water started flooding the streets, Simon panicked and spent all his money on power tools and building supplies with the goal of converting his van into a makeshift boat since all the ships near him were full and he wasn't going to let this be the end. On the verge of starvation, he finally found the European fleet after two months on his makeshift van-boat, and they luckily let him onboard.

After joining the fleet, he noticed they barely had clean water and he started working on his very own scrap water purifier from his van's old parts. He managed to make a working model and then started on a system to make sure all the ships on the fleet had a connected clean water system. He created his own role as head of water management to make sure all the systems worked.

He lives on archived Lex Fridman podcasts interviews and was inspired by Fridman's true intentions to understand different perspectives and learn from them. He doesn't dwell on the past much and just works on moving forward, which is what he believes the European fleet should strive to do, continue moving forward and advancing. His lifestyle was always to live unapologetically, without regrets, and with a carefree attitude, but he isn't scared to be blunt to get his point across. If there's a problem, he wants to solve it and get it out of the way. More importantly though, he is dedicated and doesn't give up easily, especially after his time on the sea in his van-boat.

Jessica Jabob, Chair of Medical Facilities

Born and raised on the European fleet's ships, Jessica only knew life on the sea. Her mother died at birth and her father never to be found. She was an orphan and she was likely to be abandoned unless she had a legal guardian with her. A doctor caught wind of the situation and adopted her so she wouldn't be sent off in solitude, likely to an inevitable death. As soon as she was old enough she became an apprentice to the doctor who adopted her, she continued with her studies using his old textbooks. By the time she was an adult she was one of the most skilled doctors of the fleet. Unfortunately, her father was quite old when he adopted her and he could no longer work. She was issued as the new main doctor of the fleet, seeing hundreds of patients a day.

She was often misguided and lied to by others and as a result does not trust easily. Her past made her cold and often difficult to approach. All in all she has good intentions and wishes the ship would do more to secure materials for the wounded and sick. She believes her department is very important but not receiving the resources it needs.

Jeanette Charper, Chair of Agricultural Production

Jeanette was majoring in agricultural engineering when the meteor struck and she needed to escape. After months on the ship food supply was nearing dangerously low levels. Jeanette predicted this would happen and had already been working on her own vertical farming contraption with the help of Simon Chirper who used to go to her college. The crew's captain noticed her hard work and expertise in the field and advocated for her to be considered for an agricultural management position, after the use of her prototype in multiple ships she started moving up in the ship's crew.

She had many plans for the ships, such as ways to use less water while farming since water purification is not an easy process. She collects different types of seeds from plants to study how they grow, she sometimes attempts altering her own plants to help them grow better. She tends to experiment a lot. She is very interested in finding land for farming in the future.

Jacke Vengeance, Chair of Innovation

Jacke was a songwriter and bassist for a band that was popular before the world's demise. Her bandmates unfortunately didn't make it, they were somewhat of her found family. She listens to live concert recordings and each of their surviving songs from the old world just to hear their voices again. She even plays their old songs in her dorm to commemorate their memory. It doesn't feel fair to her that she survived and they didn't. They would've encouraged her to use her other skills. She loves designing things, mechanical, mathematical, technical, she can do it all. On the ship she leaned into it, from small things like fixed sails to bigger things such as reworking the navigational system with Alvin Aaberg.

She is clever and loves playing with rhymes like her old songs. She values compromise rather than a sole party gaining or losing. However, she doesn't trust the ship's management but she supports them regardless, otherwise she'd probably be dead. She believes it's a one way street to corruption but she is doing her best to make sure things stay orderly.

Himalaysia Characters

Aisha Khan, Chair of International Relations

As a former law professor who graduated at the young age of fourteen, Aisha Khan is a highly skilled diplomat who migrated to Himalaysia from former Mongolia, using her negotiation skills to land her a seat on the last plane there. She is known for her charismatic negotiation skills and her experience in handling complex international relations and keeping peace between Himalaysia and Oceania.

Aisha believes that joint efforts are necessary to address the crisis and prevent conflicts over remaining resources, and has proposed the creation of an international council with representatives from all surviving nations to allocate resources, manage trade, and mediate disputes. Aisha is an advocate of using soft power to build alliances and seeks to leverage cultural ties and shared heritage in her diplomacy. Aisha loves to read in her free time, and especially enjoys dystopian novels written before the earth became submerged. She is currently reading Octavia E. Butler's *Parable of the Sower* to gain inspiration on how to prevent the world from becoming as corrupt as the world in the novel.

Dr. Li Wei, Chair of Technology

"In the grand symphony of life, your melody will linger on, reminding us that even in silence, the music never truly fades." Those weren't just the famous words of 2024 Ted Talk speaker Jen Willow; those were the last words of Dr. Li Wei's beloved daughter before she died. Growing up disabled with an amputated leg, she was unable to board her father's private jet to safety. Even decades later, Dr. Wei couldn't help but wonder what life could have been if he had only built a safety net on his private jet. Tragedy fueled his drive to prevent similar situations, and he started to develop technology to protect, accept, and support people of all backgrounds and ages. He is determined to make up for what he sees as his own failure by pushing the boundaries of human achievement.

In his free time, Dr. Wei likes to think about Ted Talks, like the one that inspired his daughter during her last moments. Since all video streaming services have collapsed, he writes down what he can remember and often quotes and references to specific Ted Talks to rekindle his memory. His technology and philosophy ideas are mostly triggered by inspiring Ted Talk speakers which he openly shares with his friends and partners. Dr. Li Wei has adopted an open mindset and believes – as Ted Talk speaker Simon Sinek once said – "Leadership is the responsibility to see those around us rise. It's not about being in charge. It's about taking care of those in our charge."

Pam "Pufferfish" Cho, Chair of the Sailing

Pam was found as a toddler, abandoned and drifting away in a plastic box at sea. She was luckily found and raised by explorers who were living in deserted islands around India for exploration. Pam found company in the sea creatures surrounding the island and was devastated to leave them behind when she had to board the explorers' ship back to the mainland at ten years old. But ever since leaving the islands, she has never forgotten the importance of ecosystems underwater and the minerals in the water that helped her recover from injuries as a young child.

Pam believes that restoring marine habitats and promoting sustainable fishing practices are key to ensuring not only a cleaner environment, but a more stable food supply for the remaining population. Although she would never like to see a fish die, she recognizes its importance as one of the only food sources in the modern world and supports sustainable fishing practices that don't promote overfishing or leave harmful waste in the ocean. Pam advocates for a comprehensive approach to rebuilding ecosystems and emphasizes international collaboration to establish marine protected areas and develop technologies for coral reef restoration. She is known for being friendly and kind to most people, but becomes threatening if anyone gets in her way, earning herself the reputation and nickname of a pufferfish.

Pamala Larna, Chair of National Relations

Spanish lifestyle Youtuber Pamala Larna, was on a luxury vacation in the Himalayas while the rest of the world was flooding. Devastated and angered at the loss of her large following on social media (after the collapse of Youtube and Instagram), she felt lonely and compelled to use her power to influence leaders.

She decided to use her clout and her public relation skills to network and climb up the political power ladder and campaign for a position she created for herself: National Relations. She wants to keep peace in Himalaysia through connectivity and communication, and distribute resources to those who contribute most to society, and in turn have more resources to help her achieve success. To get inspiration for ideas on how to structure the nation, she watches archived videos of lifestyle bloggers and political commentary channels.

Elm Dyo, Chair of Transportation

When a catastrophic transportation breakdown left young Elm stranded far from home away from her family, she realized the vital importance of efficient and reliable transportation systems. Ever since then, Elm has become a driven individual with commitment to ensuring the smooth and secure movement of people and goods across the world. She is an advocate for preparedness and innovation within the transportation sector, studying copies of urban planning in cities from before the earth's submersion. She has been working with Mina Hyeong to plan a transportation system where movement is not only seamless but also a source of empowerment and connection for all.

Mina Hyeong, Chair of Emergencies

When tsunami-like waves hit the shores of Korea, Mina Hyeong lost contact with her five children. Luckily she had put in place an emergency plan beforehand. She had trained her children to prepare for tsunamis and all five children reunited with her at a nearby mountain in Korea. However the Korean mountains were soon consumed by water as well, so she and her children boarded an emergency inflatable raft that she had buried in the mountain years before.

Although she and her children made it to Himalaysia safely, a year later, one of her sons mysteriously disappeared. She has asked everywhere for any sightings of her son, but he has completely disappeared from the sight of his neighbors, friends, and family. Mina knows that this is very unusual behavior from her son and that he would never do anything to hurt his mother, so she has been desperately trying to find him. She is willing to do *anything* to find her beloved son. Afraid to lose another child, she has studied all of the survival handbooks she has kept in her emergency kit, including Piven and Borgenicht's *The Worst Case Scenario: Survival Handbook*, where she writes notes on every page.

Oceania Characters

Akai D. Onut, International Relations

As a child, Akai was forever changed by an anime called One Piece. Of course, she loved all the characters as a kid but one character always stuck out to her: Akainu. As she got older, she appreciated Akainu's hatred for traitors but never really understood it until the New Zealand civil wars in 2030. During this time, her dad was drafted but deserted the army within a week in the frontlines. Akai loathed her father and traitors like him and adopted Akainu's ideology, sense of justice, and pride for her nation. Eventually, Akai became a general in the New Zealand Army. Now, she cultivates and trains the soldiers of Oceania in case of battle. She also regularly talks to and organizes meetings with Oceania's close ally, the citizens of New Venice. She is a highly respected individual known for her leadership and loyalty but she has been feared for her harsh tactics and hatred for spies and cowards, especially because she believes that soldiers need to fight with pride and not self-satisfaction. This makes the small group of Oceania soldiers extremely loyal and versatile. She has a firm belief that all the other nations are lawless and must be brought to justice for the sake of humanity's survival.

During the conference, she intends to strike before her adversaries can strike Oceania. By collaborating with New Venice, they can seize American weapons by finding and interrogating spies, and working with American officials and betraying them. Once they attain weapons to fight, the fight for dominance begins head-on with her first goal being to take over Himalysia, then CanAm. While this is going on, from behind the scenes she'll gain loyalty from citizens of New Venice and initiate a revolt and Oceania on top and effectively unite all four nations, even if by force.

Katari Sticks, Chair of National Relations

She grew up with two parents who were shopkeepers and avid debaters. From her parent's debates, Katari learned that every argument has two sides and when she started to debate in school she always kept that in mind. This was even further supported when Katari started reading books with dual perspectives, like *Hello Universe* and

Frustrated by the inequality of resources, she now helps manage Oceania's resources, storage, and water supply. She is known for being a fair and unbiased person, which she believes will prevent infighting. Katari has always tried to mediate between both the aggressive and non-aggressive sides of the country, wanting to find a balance that keeps Oceania united with other countries, while defended in case any threats happen.

Bushy O. Barbie, Chair of Equality

As the son of a police officer and former country music star, Bushy lived a wealthy life. During

the first wave of flooding, Bushy lost his dad due to a rescue operation gone wrong. This ignited a fire in Bushy and he took it upon himself to make sure no one else would have to die amidst the chaos, an oath that he has kept to this day. He often reminisces of when he and his father had to escape his abusive mother in Tennessee and led a happier life in his dad's hometown, Australia. During this time, Bushy was inspired by records of Australian protests against unfair laws and towards the climate crisis during the 2020's. He then became involved in a number of protests as a constant advocate for equality and peace.

Bushy became world-renowned in his field of advocacy and took care of organizing the community into housing sectors. As one of the very first witnesses of the floods and the descent to chaos it caused, Bushy has a firm belief that if the surviving communities don't cooperate, humanity as they know it will disappear. When it comes to the impending conference, Bushy is both skeptical and hopeful, and will try to develop peace treaties and compromises between the nations of Himalaysia and American-Canada to stop the current war and deploy spies respectively, rebuilding humanity at a faster pace instead of doing so from the ground up.

Chesa Koy Jr., Chair of Health

At their family's lowest, the parents of a five-year-old Chesa started a bakery that was eventually named "Chesa's Joy". As the bakery started becoming popular, Chesa was able to get a Netflix subscription and became inspired by the TV show *Miraculous Ladybug*, relating to Marinette's timidity and her family bakery. She loved that even though the heroes were scared, they were willing to do what was right for the sake of others—a lesson that inspired Chesa to become a doctor and later inspire her to take charge during the aftermath of the Oceanic flooding. Her parents and she lived paycheck to paycheck in a state of poverty but they worked hard in their bakery and restaurant to get Chesa into medical school. After Chesa and her family were rescued by sailors, she was among a handful of people with medical knowledge on the boats.

Despite being terrified, Chesa quickly took charge and with her leadership in the fleet. As time passed, Chesa recognized how hard living at sea was with the supplies they had, with scurvy and other seaborne diseases appearing. To remedy this, Chesa believes in collaboration between nations to strengthen knowledge to make medicine and food throughout the world. As the conference of nations approaches, Chesa's plan is to sow the seeds of unity within the four nations so that all of them can hopefully fuse into a single society. Doing this will prevent any international warfare as well as the efficient spread of medical resources and knowledge among other necessities. To do this she intends to market the strengths and weaknesses of Oceania with the strengths and weaknesses of Himalaysia and propose an alliance. By doing so, all of the survivors will be able to work together and quicken the recovery time of humanity.

Haw Strat, Chair of Agriculture

Haw Strat is from the former country Vanuatu, which was one of the first countries to go underwater. He was a former farmer and butcher, and now serves as the manager of everything food, crop, and animal-related. He is also known for being a great moral booster, ready to party

and enjoy himself. Even so, he is seen as very trustworthy and honest, which does come at his expense from time to time. He believes that everyone should be free to do what they want in their lives, and due to this mindset, he doesn't care about the situation and politics of the world which the rest of the council judge him for. He does go for aggressive approaches to problems if his or his friends' freedom is involved, which he justifies a lot of the time.

He frequently reads adventure books such as *Percy Jackson*, and enjoys studying Percy's character growth in the books. On the fleet, Haw spends most of his time working on advancing not only his character, but the technology and resources in Oceania as well. He also manages the limited amount of food and cattle, but realizes that the food supply is quickly running out.

Earl Chrome, Chair of Innovation

Young Earl was fueled by curiosity, but was too lazy to explore the world or find solutions to any problems. In his hometown, London, he watched "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs" which encouraged him to try the scientific process. By watching inventors like the Hacksmith, he learned the engineering process and started testing out a bunch of random stuff he created. Eventually, he watched Dr. Stone which led him to take the initiative and learn about the universe through the internet, books, and his dad who was an astrophysicist. He continued, experiment after experiment, until he became an advanced researcher. One day, he was out at sea doing marine research, when his ship was wiped out by strong waves from the asteroid, and he was brought onto the Oceania fleet. As one of the only citizens of Oceania to arrive after the meteor, he often felt unincluded by his peers, but was too lazy to remake his broken ship and sail back to his home country—it was underwater anyways so there was no use.

Now, he reconstructs old tech and creates new tech to support Oceania. Whether he uses scrapped phones or dwindling medicine, he is the bonafide genius of Oceania. He spends his time scavenging and exploring for equipment and supplies to build upgrades on weapons, ships, medicine, communication, and more.

Potential and Ongoing Solutions

Solutions to the flooding have included greatly increasing the Earth's temperature via intensive smoke releases and systemic oil fires, but the reception of these ideas have been near unanimously negative. For this idea to actually be effective, the necessary increase of temperature would kill all human inhabitants of earth.

A more prevalent problem is the idea of war. Some believe that war between New Venice and Asia is imminent, while others believe diplomacy can repair the damage. Diplomacy has been attempted in recent months, with Asia offering financial reparations for attacking New Venice (which they only did to get indirect revenge against Oceania), giving them 500,000 dollars, which New Venice has declined. The damage caused by Asia has impacted the industrial heart of New Venice's ships. Europe has been stiff in terms of their attempts at diplomacy, instead, they have embraced the idea of an imminent war. They have stolen technology (possibly nuclear) from America.

Another issue recently has been starvation. Asia has been hit the hardest, as they are rather remote and even though they harbor many survivors, they have a very small amount of land to grow crops on. Recent ideas have included a global food shipment/supply organization, but recent war has made this idea fanciful. But, for many people in all countries, it's their only hope. Some have tried to institute systems of aquaponics, and these systems have succeeded in alliances that already possess manufacturing might. They require many components, including a fish tank, a mechanical and biological filter, and a special aerator blower. But, for Asia, these systems require far too much equipment.

Poisoned water is also an ongoing issue for many countries. Similar to the aquaponics situation in Asia, water filtration is also complicated and costly. Recent discoveries in atmospheric water generation in Europe has set the stage for a new wave of water creation. Unfortunately, the equipment is complicated. These systems exist in lower forms in less wealthy countries, but the water contains great amounts of bacteria, and needs further filtering.

Ongoing attempts to solve any problems have fallen apart, and the new policy seems to be widespread selfishness, and protectionism. Countries do not wish to mutually exchange products or resources, instead, they stock up for war or otherwise. Until this ideology changes, it seems that war or a continued stalemate filled aplenty with starvation are the only possibilities.

Guiding Questions

1. What are the materials, skills, and advantages that your character has? How can they use those advantages to contribute to the committee?
2. How will your nation manage its limited resources, such as food, water, and energy?
3. What are your character's (or nation's) relationships with other nations? Is there collaboration or conflict in these relationships?
4. What inspires your character and how will they use their inspirations to achieve their goals?
5. Atlantis consists of multiple nations, each with different materials, people and situations. How might these nations collaborate effectively to reach a shared objective? What strategies can be employed to persuade fellow nations to collaborate?

Glossary

American-Canada / Am-Can: Formerly known as The Surviving States of American-Canada, this nation is the product of the alliance between The Americas.

Himalaysia: Born from the tall icy mountains they named themselves after, this nation formally known as The Kingdom of Himalaysia, is an amalgamation of Southern and Eastern Asian countries that take pride in their mountain range and their love for agriculture.

New Venice: Even as riots and hostile takeovers plagued their ships, this nation had survived and united to create this nation. Made from the remaining people of Europe, they are extremely cunning and protective as they are willing to scheme to get what they need to survive.

Oceania: A nation built on rafts and traditional catamarans; This nation consists of the scarce remains of islander civilizations as well as Australia, Thailand, and other inhabitants of the South Pacific.

The Meteor: The Meteor was an astronomical event that hit and demolished the continent of Africa with the only survivors being Egyptians who took refuge in American-Canada.

Fury Through Superiority: An Idea created and supported by citizens of Am-Can. This newfound nationalistic belief entails that the citizens of the Americas in the Am-Can nation should be the ultimate rulers of the seas and will take over all other nations.

Further Research

Book that has a plot similar to the situation of Atlantis:
“The Drowned World”

Ways to combat the lack of clean water:

<https://www.usgs.gov/special-topics/water-science-school/science/desalination#:~:text=Reverse%20osmosis%20is%20an%20effective,water%20should%20become%20more%20common.>

A full view of Kiribati (One of the first countries becoming submerged underwater)

<https://www.iberdrola.com/sustainability/kiribati-climate-change>

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