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The Deliverance Project

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We were besieged by the Warriors of the Collective when we received the transmission from Nexus...

*Goodbye Commander! As I once
cleansed the world with fire, now I will destroy
you and your puny Project!*

Commander! Intelligence confirms the
launch of a nuclear missile targetted
at your base!

Evacuate the urban
stronghold immediatly!



We escaped - barely!

Personnel at Gamma base confirmed the missile was launched from a silo somewhere in their sector - the Rocky Mountains!

Head for the Northern Sector!

Nexus had to be defeated before he could strike again..!

It is now certain that Nexus was responsible for the Collapse

Some say a fault in the NASDA system was to blame - don't believe it!

Nukes were targetted on every major city in North America...

The system designed to protect us became our executioner!

Nuclear Winter followed, wiping out many survivors...

We fled Seattle early in '86. We'd heard that the Rocky Mountains were relatively rad-free

After fighting off bands of Marauders we came across the base.

We cracked open the doors and cleared out the bodies inside...

We knew things would never be the same again.

We were determined to build a new world out of the ruins.

It's personnel were dead. Killed by any one of a number of virulent diseases.

We rebuilt the landing pads and brought the old systems back on line.

We were finally ready to begin the Project!

Team Alpha headed for the Western Sector, searching for vital pre-Collapse technology.

The Sector was under the control of Marauders and the New Paradigm!

Intruders! You are in contravention of the New Paradigm! You will be destroyed!

We recovered the Synaptic Link technology - this led to our first encounter with the mysterious Nexus!

Your interference in my plans for the New Paradigm will not go unpunished - you are weak flesh things and I am STRONG!

They were a survivalist organisation dedicated to creating a military state in the Western Sector!

In response to Team Beta's distress signal, we proceeded to the Eastern Sector to assist.

Team Beta, searching for VTOL technology were under heavy attack from an enemy force known as The Collective.!

Team Alpha! We are under attack!

Warriors of The Collective, we are ready to destroy the intruders who pollute our lands! Attack and destroy! Kill all who resist the Machine!

We held our position - just! - and repelled their onslaught!

Then we sought out and destroyed their base in the Sector!

Collective! I seek NASDA Central! Locate it for me and I shall assist you in your war against the Project!

Disturbingly, the Nexus Intruder Program was present in their computer systems..!

Before Nexus switched itself off-line, we accessed the following...

NASDA - North American Strategic Defense Agency

The ground and orbital weapons system responsible for The Collapse!

During the early stages of the Collapse it is believed NASDA technicians switched off infected systems to halt the rapidly spreading Nexus virus.

The ensuing electro-magnetic pulses sent shockwaves blasting through Nexus's core processor.

This seems to have prevented the orbital LasSats from firing.

Remnants of Nexus's consciousness have been attempting to recover any of it's still functioning memory banks, and a link to the remaining NASDA systems.

The Synaptic Link allows for almost instantaneous transfer of human thought from human operators to vehicle control and guidance systems, via a hi-speed data transfer port fitted into the base of the skull circling the spinal column.

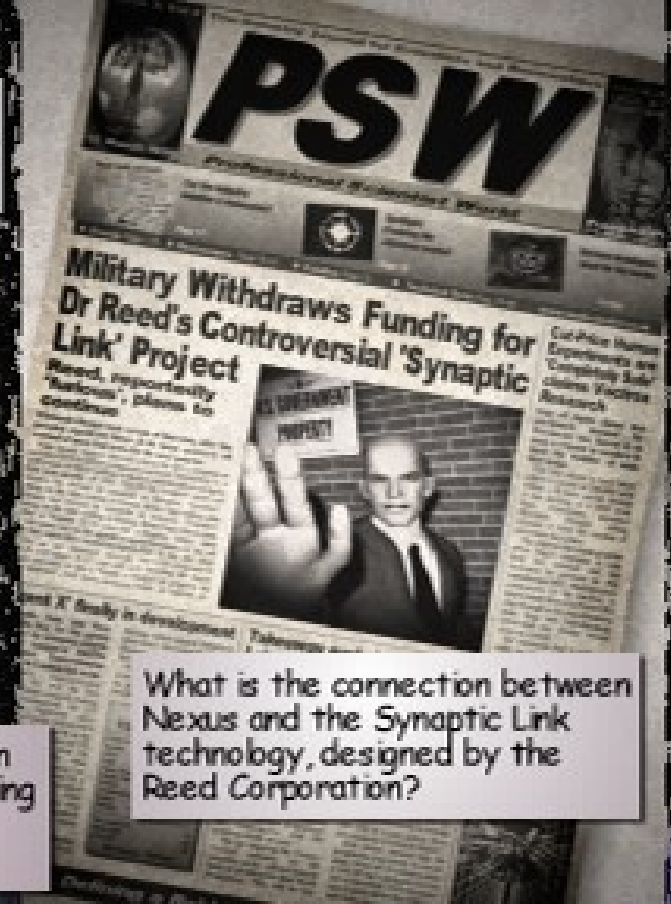
The creation of cyborgs was made possible!

"Commander, analysis of NASDA central leaves no doubt that the Collective introduced the Nexus Intruder Program to it."

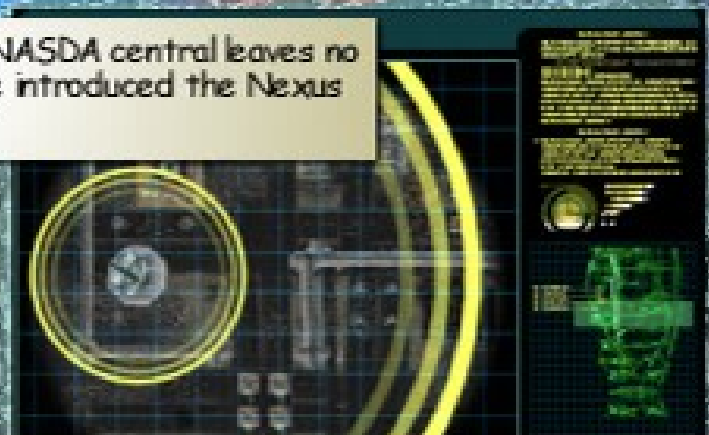
There may be link between Dr Reed and Nexus.

"Commander <crackle> Team Gamma reporting! Nexus must have gained control of a NASDA missile silo somewhere in our territory.<buzz> Evacuate Beta base and proceed to the Northern Sector..!"

If Nexus creates an uplink to any remaining NASDA orbital Laser Satellites he poses a serious threat to the Project and our survival!



What is the connection between Nexus and the Synaptic Link technology, designed by the Reed Corporation?



"Commander - grave news! Alpha base has been destroyed - repeat - destroyed by nuclear missile attack!"

"Launched by Nexus!"

"Second missile launch detected - target: Beta base! Evacuate, Commander!"

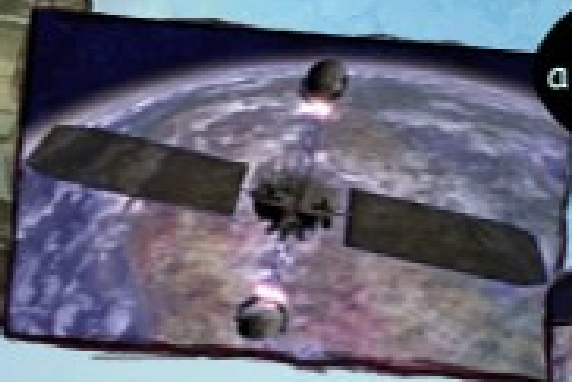
"Commander! Team <crackle> Gamma reporting! We are currently under <crackle> attack by Nexus cyborgs and <crackle> are unable to assist!"

Beta base was destroyed - but we escaped in time!

December 3rd, 2100 Survivors en route to Gamma base, Northern Sector
The present



We resumed the search for NASDA missile silos when, suddenly -



Commander, you're proving more resilient than I thought. Such a pity that you refused to join me earlier. But never mind, as you'll not be here much longer.



After much searching and reprogramming, I finally have all my systems back on line.



My Laser Satellites are now powering up! I intend to test them on you first, Commander! *Hah hah!*

Once I destroyed the world with nuclear fire to clear the way for my cybernetic future. I intend to further shape the world into my own image, by surgically removing unwanted growths like yourself!



And now, Commander... It has been very simple for me to infiltrate your systems! You are now *MINE!*

To be continued...