

CHARACTER PROFILE: Michael Paine

STORY: PSYPHER

AGE: 46

HEIGHT: 7 FT

GENDER: Male

EYE COLOR: Hazel

HAIR COLOR: Black

RACE: African

Date of Birth: 30th October 2375 A.D (Anno Domini)

BODY MODIFICATIONS: Injected STEM technology, Nanomachines

MEDICAL CONDITIONS: None

CAREER: Elite

EDUCATION: Elite Academy of Superior Art & Sciences in Gubana

FAVORITE PHILOSOPHER(S): Aristotle

KNOWN ALIASES: "The Imperium"

Bio

Michael Paine is regarded as the elites' current generation's advocate. His identity is hidden, and he issues his command against the ESPERS in a location beyond everyone's grasp. His ideology is that as long as everything works in favor of humanity, the decision is correct. This is a hypocritical remark because the ESPERS, who are also humans, are the elites' biggest enemies. To avoid contradicting his ideology, he convinces himself that he is doing the right thing by persuading himself that his actions benefit humanity and "the creator." According to the elites, believing in the creator of the cocoons is the true belief because the world began through the cocoons based on their hypothesis. The world was about to end, and they were desperate for solutions to save themselves, so they drew the conclusion that the arrival of "the creator" on earth would lead to their salvation. Because humanity will cease to exist on the earth's surface at some point, their strategy concentrates on preserving the elites to witness the creator's return. Sacrifices must be made in order to save a large number of individuals. Michael believes that removing the ESPERS will be the most effective method for saving the planet and humanity. He is known as "the Imperium" of the world's elite because he exemplifies what an elite should be. It is a title conferred by the advancement and appraisal of the world's elite from every district. It is a status that is awarded until the current imperium passes and is replaced by another evaluation by a group of world elites.

Michael Paine is a pacifist who strives to prevent human-to-human conflict, and he regards the covenant battalion's killing of the ESPERS as euthanasia. The catastrophe of the emergence altered the world's ideals and every faith. The cocoons proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that there were more beings beyond the solar system. The world elites kept their existence from the public in order to avoid the chaos that would call into question every society's belief system. The elites' sole goal is to maintain order in the peaceful society they have built, with the expectation that this process will continue indefinitely. Until the emergence struck and proved their assumptions incorrect. Michael Paine was still in charge of a district when this occurred 20 years ago, before being promoted to the position of imperium. This event horrified him because it was evident that the world was going to collapse, and he is willing to go to any length to ensure the elites' future. He proposed contingency preparations and was the first to notice the anomalies that became known as the ESPERS. Within a few months, he recommended the formation of an enhanced battalion to confront the ESPERS, since weapons were ineffective against them. He was promoted to the status of imperium as a result of his involvement and proposal following the death of the existing imperium during the catastrophe of the emergence.

Michael Paine decided that before the earth dies, he would try to outlive it by transforming himself into half a machine. He incorporated STEM cells into his body and employs Nanomachines to create energy, allowing him to cease sleeping entirely. Instead of operating in limbo like other elites, he wished to dwell in outer space in a satellite spaceship and view the planet's beauty. While waiting, he spends his time learning and painting abstracts, as that is his only hobby. He can see almost everything that is happening on the planet, including the ESPERS rebellion, from his spaceship, but he has decided not to get involved in the planet's problems just yet. He uses secret signals to transmit orders and suggestions to the world's elites. He'd already created and evaluated a variety of possibilities for the planet's fate. He expects and prepares for the return of the maker of the cocoons, as it is his greatest dream. Even if he is the only one who survives, he has accomplished his goal.

History

Because they must protect the flawless system built by the elites, the world elites are just as groomed as the rest of their fellow citizens. Everyone is born into a role; unlike their fellow citizens, who have the opportunity to choose whichever employment they desire, the elites are born into their positions. Michael Paine shared the same fate as every other elite; he was born to a family of elites that operated a district in the U.A.A territory in Gubana (formerly Somalia). Michael excelled in academics but was lacking in authority and command. He was trained at a young age to expand his experience in the position that he would assume in the future. He was taught to see the world in two colors only; order and chaos. To him, chaos is what occurs when order isn't preserved. This ideology is still imprinted on every elite. They do not see themselves as higher than fellow citizens and they don't see their fellow citizens as less. He doesn't despise the ESPERS; rather, he regards them as anomalies that must be dealt with for the sake of the greater good. He is a member of the elite who even attempts to understand what they are. The elites are the better half of humanity simply because they are in charge.

Among his elite friends, Michael was an ideologist; he never held a grudge against anyone and rarely became furious. To prevent clashing interests, he chooses to keep his curiosity and dissatisfaction hidden. After witnessing the consequences of the emergence's tragedy, he altered his perspective toward the world for the greater benefit of humanity. The discovery of the cocoons was considerably more confusing than the world's scientists can explain. They had so much technological development but so

little progress. He grew to believe that humanity is the most prized creation of the creator. And since the elites are the most important class of citizens, they are the creator's most cherished creation on the world. They shifted their focus to the task of attempting to minimize the effect of the catastrophe and waiting for the creator of the cocoons to return to the planet. He pushed his dedication to a new level by leaving Earth to remain in space near the planet's atmosphere, waiting, planning, and praying that everything goes according to plan.

QUOTE

“This dying planet has just one chance for survival, and I am sorry for the outcome that we must face. Since this world was designed exclusively for mankind, I believe that any decent action taken should be in the best interests of humanity.”

-Michael Paine.