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To whoever may help,

My name is Gibson Skyler, a survivor of the alien invasion a fortnight ago. I was working as a doctor in London and, currently, have managed to amass several casualties. I require resources, assistance and, above all else, information.

Despite the aliens possessing superior strength, dominant physical appearance and intelligence, their one glaring weakness is saltwater. Should their body interact with even a negligible amount of saltwater, they will immediately disintegrate as if it were a fire burning through paper. Given their futuristic weaponry, our best hope is to exploit their rudimentary weakness. However, getting this message out is impossible as they have managed to disrupt our internet connectivity.

Before I go in-depth into my proposed counter-attack strategy, I thought it would be beneficial to share some intel about their offensive power.

When they use their laser beams, their eyes glow an intense amber as their belly swells up and their neck becomes stout. After that, an arrow-straight laser beam will emit from what I can only describe as their mouth. After a burst of their laser beam, the creatures become immobilised and are stationery momentarily. During this time, it is perfect to counter with the saltwater.

In terms of close-quarter combat, some of the more miniature aliens wield a short dagger. The dagger is jammed with alien tech, which makes it highly advanced. Apart from being a weapon, it appears to be a do-all tool: it has a string type device, which they can use to hang and grab items; it was a loud siren to communicate with others, it acts as a key for their space ships and also seems to emit fire too.

There is a third but much rarer variant that seems to have power in their chain of command. In my estimations, it appears there are as many as one 'commander' alien to 100 'soldier' aliens. So far, they do not seem to show much sentimentality when one soldier dies to my saltwater pistol. I am curious to know what may happen should they realise the human race has planned a counter-attack - more reason to be discreet in our actions.

In terms of strategy, it should be straightforward. We must undertake a covert mission, where we shall not be seen, and slowly but surely drench them with water pistols. I have attached a design for a primitive water pistol. The principal difficulty of the invention is getting sufficient water pressure to enable us to shoot them from a distance. The amount of water the device can hold is irrelevant since we can manually carry external water sources. It is paramount that we strike from a space where our opponent cannot see or reach us.

If you go further into the blueprints, you will see a mock-up of a fortress with a continuous external fountain of saltwater. This base could act as our stronghold to set up a base and eventually start a reclaim mission. The neverending flow of saltwater flowing - on the exterior of the building - would make the build impenetrable to the aliens. However, we would be vulnerable to their lasers and other explosive weapons, so it is vital we find a stronghold built from the sturdiest materials.

I do not know if these plans will work. I do not know if the recipient of this letter will even be able to help. But, what I do know is I have found a glimmer of hope during this grim and dark situation. As the human race, we must all put our efforts into moving towards this goal. Failure to do so will mean extinction.

Please do write back.

Optimistically,

Gibson Skyler

# Questions:

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| 1 |  | How do you know the letter is set in the future?   1. Aliens are from the future 2. The technology is not possible at the moment 3. **The date the letter was sent is based in the future** 4. We do not have access to laser beams yets |  |
| 2 |  | When was the alien invasion?   1. Four nights ago 2. A week ago 3. **Two weeks ago** 4. It is not mentioned |  |
| 3 |  | Which of these things has the doctor NOT mentioned?   1. What he needs 2. His occupation 3. The quantity of casualties 4. **What resources he has** |  |
| 4 |  | What effect is created when the writer says "superior strength, dominant physical appearance and intelligence, their one glaring weakness is saltwater."?   1. **It emphasises how simple their weakness compared to their strengths** 2. It is designed to scare the reader 3. It highlights just how powerful the creatures are 4. It showcases what their weakness is |  |
| 5 |  | How much water is needed to defeat the aliens?   1. A large amount 2. A tiny amount 3. **Barely a drop** 4. It is not stated |  |
| 6 |  | What writing technique is "disintegrate as if it were a fire burning through paper"?   1. **simile** 2. metaphor 3. personification 4. Zoomorphism |  |
| 7 |  | Which word best replaces 'rudimentary' as it is used in the text?   1. complicated 2. rude 3. surprising 4. **basic** |  |
| 8 |  | Why was Skyler forced to write a letter?   1. So that he remains hidden from the aliens 2. **There was no other way to communicate with others** 3. The aliens control the other ways of communicating 4. It is not stated. |  |
| 9 |  | which definition best describes what 'intel' means?   1. **information related to the enemy** 2. stolen information 3. secret information 4. information about an incoming attack |  |
| 10 |  | Which summary best summarises the fourth paragraph's information?   1. Despite being strong and able to kill easily, aliens are stationary and slow. 2. Despite being incredibly strong and lethal, countering them is easier than it seems 3. When they use their laser beams their body becomes big and slow 4. **After they use their laser beams, the aliens are unable to move so that's when you counter** |  |
| 11 |  | Which of these options is false?   1. Aliens have access to incredible technology that humans do not have. 2. **All aliens have a dagger filled with a lot of technology** 3. After shooting their lasers you are safe to attack the aliens 4. You cannot overpower the aliens physically |  |
| 12 |  | Which of these things is something an alien cannot do?   1. Break things with their hands 2. **shoot fire** 3. shoot lasers 4. Calculate things quickly |  |
| 13 |  | What does Gibson Skyler say that is a big difference between aliens and humans?   1. **Aliens do not care for one another** 2. Aliens do not fear humans 3. Aliens do not know they will be ambushed 4. Aliens have a big variety between the different types |  |
| 14 |  | What is surprising about Gibson Skyler's plan?   1. It requires incredibly talented individuals to execute the plan 2. **The solution is simple and child-like but not necessarily easy** 3. He is revealing way too much information in a letter 4. It sounds impossible |  |
| 15 |  | What is a big difficulty Gibson Skyler and humanity face?  Staying hidden from the aliens  Not revealing their plan to ambush the aliens  **Building a long-range water pistol**  Being able to kill all the aliens |  |
| 16 |  | What is the purpose of Skyler's mission?  **to retake the land**  to exterminate the aliens  to save individuals  to build a big fortress |  |
| 17 |  | Why did sign the letter off in a weird way?  He is not very formal and not being polite  It is how people speak in the future  **It is a more appropriate way to end the letter**  It was a mistake |  |