

Final Project Outline Developing New Worlds

Minimum Word Count is 2000 words (excluding cover page and references).

Project is 25% of overall grade

Project should resemble a book. Begin each section on a new page.

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Story Premise –

When will it end? I can't believe I actually signed up for this...

One day, Joaquin L'abri, a 27 year old failed artist finds a shady job application form on an online forum. Any sane person would ignore it; Joaquin fills it out and submits it on the same day. The next day, he's signing NDAs and undergoing intensive medical examinations. The day after that he's moved into the company dormitory and has been introduced to his mentor, Xavier Drake, a 43 year old veteran. Drake's first piece of advice is to "make peace with your god now if you don't want to be thrown to damnation". Just what kind of job has Joaquin sold his soul to?

Historical Background Information or Timeline –

World History: Same history as our world, however, since it takes place during the year 2030 quite a few fictional events take place in between then and now. The most important fictional event takes place in 2022, when a large super power invades a neighboring country and conflict breaks out that last several months. As the high costs of their war continues to pile on the invading nation decide to turn to biological warfare to weaken their enemy from within. They release a highly contagious disease in a small town; this event becomes infamous and is known the start of the era of bio-terrorism.

Wars and Conflicts: After the attack other countries stepped in to try and stop the fighting but in doing so they almost start a third world war. The war eventually ends, but tensions are still high between countries; especially since some countries used the ongoing conflict for their own benefit. The following year a mass viral outbreak kills many in Taiwan, and leaves many others in critical condition. The origin of the virus is unknown, though it's speculated to have been purposefully spread by an outside force.

Myths: Rumor spread that China was testing a new weapon in Taiwan so that they could facilitate a takeover of the country. More bio-terrorist attacks continue to occur world wide; more rumors begin to spread that they're the cause of an enemy nation. The public at large begins to fear that they could be attacked at any time, and the world adopts a cold war mentality. Some conspiracies spread saying that their own governments are testing new drugs on their prisoners, this is actually true, however, it's not just prisoners but citizens as well.

Main Character(s)

Character name: Joaquin L'abri

Birthdate: 10/25/ 2003

Place of Birth: America

Religion: Agnostic

Body type: Slim

Eye color: Grey

Glasses or Vision Enhancements: Uses Glasses or Goggles

Prominent features: Ear Studs

Tattoos or distinguishing marks: Barbed Wire wrapped around his arms

Special jewelry: Peace bracelets

Grooming: Unkempt

General health: Starts out healthy but his mental health declines.

Joaquin was born in the U.S while his parents were visiting on a trip. They waited for the mother to get healthy before moving back to France. As a kid he watched his mother paint everyday for hours on end. His dad was worried that he might grow up to be a recluse so he started taking his son with him to work. Joaquin would ignore the people and instead opted to study the ants outside. His father died in a work place accident when he was seven, and his mother became severely depressed which bled into her art. She became addicted to opiates and died when he was eighteen.

With no family remaining, and thus no reason to stay he moved to the U.S and pursued a career in art. He submitted some of his art to a competition and won 2nd place. His career took off and he even received the praise of a famous artist, but he hit an artist block and had to take a hiatus. He would eventually come back, but his work made less of an impact on the community. He would continue to suffer with blocks until 2030; and would become used to picking up odd jobs whenever he ran out of money. One day he reads Online about a lucrative clinical trial that pays a lot of money. He fills the form out and sends it on the same day.

Supporting Characters-

#1 (Handler): A retired veteran that has worked at the company since its inception. While he was serving in the marines, his son contracted a deadly disease during a bio terrorist attack at his college and slowly died. His wife refused to eat any food and she died before he could go back home. When he first meets the protagonist he's abrasive and cynical, but after he learns more about the protagonist's backstory he softens up. Near the end of the story he decides to take the protagonist to the animal testing level, and shows him the what the company was actually doing.

#2 (Psychiatrist): Assigned to the protagonist after the clinical trial begins. Not much is known about him, since he never reveals anything during their sessions. On paper, he's a therapist that's there to talk to the protagonist and help him work through any of his problems. In reality, he's probing the protagonist's psyche to find out what causes him fear or anxiety, so that the company can exploit that during the Stress Test. He spends most of his time monitoring the patients through hidden cameras, and studies how the drug starts to affect them.

#3 (Administrator): Oversees the original medical test near the beginning of the story, but doesn't reappear again until after the stress test. The protagonist encounters her in a hallway, where people on stretchers are being moved. They go to the cafeteria, and while she's eating lunch she explains to him what the reason for the stress test. When asked about the drug he takes, she refuses to elaborate further. She tells him that if he doesn't trust his therapist anymore that he could always confide in Xavier. She doesn't reappear again until the end of the story during the escape.

Locations –

Location 1 (Dorm): Patients are mandated to live in a dormitory that's on company ground. There's a shared communal area, but every person lives in their own single room apartment. The room itself is a bit spacious, large enough that the protagonist can throw some paintings on the wall. A corner of the room is littered with art supplies, and blank canvas, though the rest of the room is surprisingly orderly. On the opposite corner it's almost empty except for a soft mat on the floor where the protagonist meditates everyday.

Location 2 (Stress Room): A large room scientific room that's retrofitted with machines that can simulate extremely vivid events, such as a flood or an earthquake. Every wall is mounted with sensors that can detect the patients vitals, as well as their brain waves. A control room is hidden behind one way glass, where scientists can monitor the patient as well as the experiment itself. The room is large enough to fit sets where certain events such as a house fire could be simulated realistically.

Location 3 (Testing Floor): A hidden floor in the company building where the animals that have been experimented on. The first area is full of cages where mutated mice and rabbits are kept; there's a large service elevator nearby where the animals can be moved to another floor where the tests are conducted. Deeper within the floor, there's a large terrarium where the ape's are kept. It's surprisingly quiet since a majority of them were recently killed while attempting to escape.

6) Additional World Information:

Plants: Radioactive plants that glow in the dark

Agriculture: Artificial crops that are easy to grow

Additional Information: Scientists are studying new plants and the pollen they secrete.

Political Structures: Corporations have a heavy hand on what happens within the government

Current Conflicts: Allied nations opposed to China which backs Russia

Weapons Technology: Advanced rockets that can break the sound barrier

Tactics Employed: Viral Diseases

Additional Information: Rumors have spread of corporations committing espionage in other countries

News reports of a new illness spreading in Brazil; the circumstances surrounding it are unknown. There was also reported cases of a large animal terrifying a small community in Peoria; it was cleared up as a mass hallucination event by the government. Missing persons cases have also been increasing for the last few years; no one knows where they have gone off to.

Story Synopsis –

A brief synopsis of your story. It should provide a description of the complete storyline. Don't worry about spoilers.

Joaquin L'abri was on the verge of being evicted when he discovered a shady clinical trial application on an Online forum. He applies and within a week he's moved into the company dorms and has already started taking the new medicine. He meets Xavier Drake, an ex marine who acts as his handler and trainer. They don't get along at first, but after spending one night drinking together, they start to respect what the other has lived through. Joaquin hasn't felt any side effects thus far, in fact he's the healthiest he's ever been; he's even been able to paint again. Despite his success, he can't seem to be happy about any of it, this is probably the most depressed he has ever felt.

After telling his therapist, he eventually finds himself directed to a new office to wait for further instructions. While he's waiting a large fire breaks out; and he's unable to escape the room. It's revealed that the office was a stage and the company had purposefully started the fire to study his reactions and his vitals. Joaquin thinks about quitting prematurely, but when he tells Xavier his plan, he's led to a mysterious floor full of mutated animals. It's revealed that these animals have been tested on with various diseases that are manufactured in the building. They walk to the ape terrarium, and after a lengthy discussion it is revealed that the ape's had been tested on with the same drug that Joaquin is taking. It takes a long time for symptoms to appear, the first of which is Depression then there's anxiety attacks, before ending with insanity.

When he learns the truth he tries to escape; but is caught by his therapist. He's about to be taken away, never to be seen again, when he's rescued by Xavier. The Administrator is a secret ally and helps them avoid the guards trying to stop them. The story ends with the three of them escaping the facility.