

To commence the **journey** the necessary supplies are gathered into their apparel for easy access. These are of the more significant equipment needed for their **ITINERARY**. Though the **TIMELY** documentation of this **EVENT** is of importance in their endeavour, they must first take their **TIME** to initiate **ROUTINE** checks.

They secure the bindings, and assess the **conditions** of the **FIRST PHASE**.

Each **SECOND** of these **tempetuous currents** could **alter the course**, and it is not uncommon to **leave behind** anything that could be classified as "needless weight".

Reports indicate extra layers are **NOW** necessary.

The straps come on **LAST**.

Those who have made it **THIS FAR** are **NOW** gathered before **heading** to the next **CHECKPOINT**. These are the select few who have spent the **ENDLESS HOURS** of labour on this case.

They are all **prepared** for **WHAT IS TO COME**. But this number is far too small compared to what they **STARTED** with.

They must **NOW** pair off, to make it easier on those who bear responsibility. If they do not reach the **ENDPOINT** together, a common **OCCURRENCE**, then the given **WAIT TIME OF TWO HOURS** will be all that they have left before they depart **AGAIN**.

Regardless of who is **left behind**.

They **file out**, bracing the **conditions**, and **submerge** themselves into the **FIELD**. So far, the **LANDING** is smooth, and the **TERRAIN** is accepting of their **PRESENCE**.

They are the **FIRST** and only visitors to this **FRONTIER**.

They **BEGIN AT ONCE** to record what they can, but there is nothing that was not already in their files on **THIS SIDE** of the deep. They are recording the **MOMENT** itself.

The **LANDSCAPE** is filled with numerous vessels that have failed on **PREVIOUS** attempted **expeditions**. The debris of **lost MEMEN-TOS** and technologies blend together within the **SOIL**.

They do not take **LONG** to stare and wonder at the possibilities of **A TIME THAT NEVER HAPPENED**. In this **WORLD** they tread in, they cannot afford to **stand idle** for **TOO LONG**. The **OVERCAST SKIES** remove them from any sense of the **continuously-shifting TIDES**.

As practiced, they **move on to the next mark**, and encounter **SMALL HURDLES** along the first **PATH**. Now the route is easy, but up ahead the **VAST EMPTY FLAT PLATEAU** is **approaching**.

HERE is where the battle will **BEGIN**.

They **go forward** in their pairs, each assisting the other with their calculated **steps**. The **SCENERY** before them **NEVER changes**. They are silent in their **journey**; they cannot hear anything other than the medium they are **ENCASED** in.

They communicate sparsely, as **the force of the static** makes their arms almost **immobile** for any attempt of interaction to be successful.

In the **DISTANCE** they see their **FIRST LANDMARK**, a **MONUMENT** of **OLD** that now lies in **RUINS**. From here **THE COUNTDOWN STARTS**; this is the only **guide** to help **map** their **LOCATION**.

They are **NOW** in **POSITION**.

These are people who have **left** their **FUTURE** in **THE HANDS OF TIME**, **moving in the unknown**.

They must **acclimatise QUICKLY**.

The pairs **BEGIN** to **drift FURTHER APART NOW**.

They each have a task at hand.

Collecting samples, reporting findings, logging data, recording.

Recording **TIME**.

Recording **SPACE**.

Time and space.

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In **MOMENTS** like this, when they **BEGIN** to lose **GROUND** and their bodies are **NO LONGER** completely **stable**, they **gather. Flocking together**, they begin **ROUTINE check-ins**.

Head counts complete, they **go. Onward**.

Life and its **REMAINS** are **SOON** found.

Flora and fauna **drowning** in the **fluxes**. Plant species **sprouting** from the **BEDS** always in **CONSTANT motion, deformed** from the **nature** they are in. Birds are **attempting to take flight**. They are off the **GROUND**, wings spread and bodies **stagnant**. They **go NOWHERE**.

Embedded on the **PATH** are the layers of a much **OLDER** species. **EVENTUALLY** they will be categorised as **fossils. FOR NOW** they are **DISPLACED** bodies **left behind** from those who have **adapted**.

They have **moved on**.