

The B E Y O N D story starts in 2018, a time that sees the world controlled by two new super powers; namely China and India. This is the final moments of formal control of the civilised world by elected government. Industrial giants and mega corporations are rapidly taking effective control of life on Earth.

**2018** Indo-Chinese LunarLab established

**2025** Chinese-American Mars colony established

**2030** Powerful mega corporations effectively govern planet Earth

**2034** Last elected government on Earth overthrown

**2035** Amazing substance discovered below lunar surface

**2038** Scientists discover age-reversing properties of FootSpark

**2039** Side-effects of FootSpark consumption removed

**2040** Seven Mega Corporations unite to form one huge conglomerate



**2041** First Corporation council formed

**2042** Fertility levels down 90% across the globe

**2043** Gradual, but rapid population decline on Earth

**2045** Almost constant and massive earthquakes rip into planet Earth

**2046** Violent weather systems merge with ongoing earthquakes

**2047** Earth in crisis as it slides on axis with disastrous effect

**2048** Corporation offers of new life in the lunar mining colonies stepped up

**2049** Rebels reject overtures from corporation and leave Earth for Mars

**2049** Richard Feer's Father is lost in exodus and does not make it to Mars

**2050** Having been conceived on Earth, Richard Feer is the first human ever to be born on Mars!

**2051** Group of seven corporations renamed Dominion

**2052** Large scale mining of FootSpark begins

**2063** Opening of Earth-to-Moon transit system

**2068** Civil war breaks out on Mars as the struggle for power between the rebels takes hold

**2069** Earth has gradually recovered over 25 years on the new equator

**2069** The Emerald Ring covers about 20% of the Earth's surface

**2070** Opening of Earth-based RAT system

**2071** Dominion's Emerald Ring fortifications complete

**2072** First of Dominion's Solar Farms functional

**2073** Feer avoids involvement in the Civil War, preferring to learn all he can about planet Earth

**2074** Things change when Feer loses his only close friend to the war – anger replaces indifference



*Artist's impression of New Havana, Emerald Ring*

**2074** Feer joins up and trains as a member of the Mars Special Forces.

**2076** Complete Solar Farm network functional

**2078** Footspark storage facilities go online in Frozen hemisphere

**2079** Footspark transferred from Moon to processing plants on Earth

**2080** Dominion's Project 'Beyond' approved and construction begins

**2084** Mars rebels unite and setup ICOM to stop the civil war and to help organise their fight back

**2085** Dominion's project 'Eradicate' approved and initiated

**2086** ICOM construction plants online

**2087** ICOM Drop ships produced and tested

**2088** Population explosion in Mars colonies

**2089** First of a series of anonymous messages received at ICOM

**2091** Decoded messages believed to come from within Dominion warn of imminent attack

**2092** ICOM Penetrator ship tested

**2092** Planning for ICOM's Project 'Reclamation' instigated

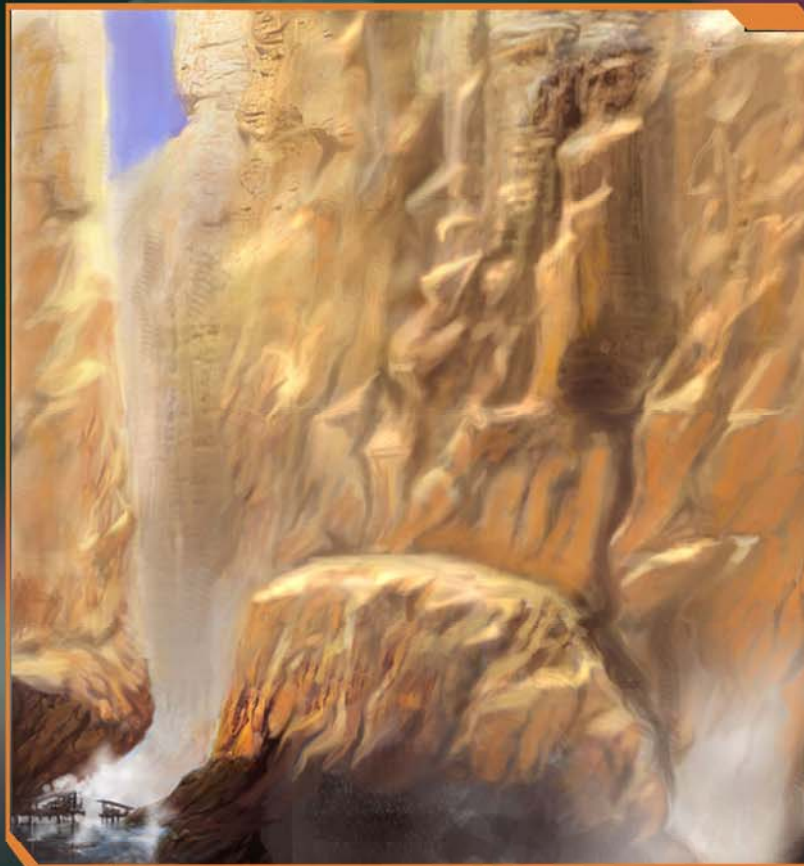
**2092** Feer promises his Mother on her death bed that he will find his lost Father

**2092** Richard Feer's Mother dies on Mars, aged 63

**2093** MSF soldiers start training for Project 'Reclamation'

**2093** Project 'Reclamation' is put into action

**2093** Our story, our game, begins...



*Artist's impression of the Scorched Hemisphere, New Earth*

It's time we put a little more detail onto the various passages of time over the 75 year period that leads up to the start of B E Y O N D...

#### **2018-2025**

India and China are the world's super powers, and between them they dominate space exploration. Investing trillions of dollars to their colonisation projects, the 40's is the decade that sees the fruits of their labour pay off in a big way.

Many new technologies and many new substances were invented or discovered during the first half of the decade. Huge financial over commitment by both super-powers sees them collapse as world powers by the end of the decade, paving the way for a new age of corporate control.

#### **2030-2034**

With control by elected government on a country-by-country basis proving ineffectual in the 21st century, the general system of government lost the support of the people the world over.

With the rejection of governments came the increased acceptance of the world's

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mega corporations. 2054 saw the world's last elected government fall to the same powers that had done for the world's last dictator some years earlier.

#### 2035-2041

The big story in the second half of the thirties is the discovery of an amazing substance just below the lunar surface. It's life-extending properties are kept a closely guarded secret by the mega corporations as they frantically perform complex tests on this revolutionary substance.

#### 2042-2043

World wide fertility rates plummet causing panic and concerns for the long-term future of mankind. In the space of three years worldwide fertility rates drop by 90%, and for the first time in three centuries the world's population goes in to rapid decline.

#### 2046-2051

On the back of the population crisis, the planet is plunged in to a new crisis with seemingly endless streams of giant earthquakes, causing many millions of deaths amidst widespread devastation. Many cities are left in ruins; beyond repair



*Artist's impression of the Frozen Hemisphere, New Earth*

The ferocity of the quakes breaks all records; regularly bursting through the 10 barrier on the Richter scale.

What made the quakes all the more damaging was the fact that they occurred in clusters. The resultant Tsunamis caused even more destruction; Earth was in crisis.

Those that survived had two choices, both of which involved leaving Earth...

- 1) become lunar miners working for Dominion or
- 2) join the rebels and relocate to the colonies on Mars that were previously owned and run by the Chinese and the Americans.

#### 2050

Richard Feer, having been conceived on Earth amidst the worst of the storms and earthquakes, is born on Mars.

#### 2052-2063

FootSpark mining begins on a grand scale. Eleven years after mining begins, the new Earth-to-Moon transit system goes operational for the first time, facilitating the rapid movement of heavy payloads between planet Earth and its Footspark-rich Moon.

**2068**

Civil War breaks out in the colonies of Mars, and it remains an on and off problem for the next 16 years.

**2069**

It's been 25 years since the terrible disaster that saw the demise of so much life on planet Earth. The seas and oceans have all but evaporated on the scorched hemisphere, with the only water remaining being that water that lies deep in ocean trenches in the areas that are closer to the Emerald Ring than they are to the scorched pole.

The ocean trenches in the frozen hemisphere are now full of deep sheet ice which has also engulfed most structures on that side of the planet. The Emerald Ring that runs around the new equator is by contrast, a place of utter beauty with a near perfect temperate environment that is bathed in a life-giving mist.

**2070-2079**

The seventies sees Dominion's empire on new Earth take on an altogether grander proportion. The Rapid Aero Tube system (RAT) connects all cities of the Emerald Ring to all Solar Farms stationed in the scorched hemisphere of



*Artist's impression of a Dominion lunar mining colony*

New Earth. This period also saw the completion of many new Dominion cities and the complete fortification of the central 750 mile wide strip of the Emerald Ring.

The entire Solar Farm network also became functional, providing clean and renewable power for the whole of the Emerald Ring and all other Dominion infrastructure, such as the Footspark processing plants in the Frozen hemisphere.

**2080-2088**

The eighties started with Dominion's big master plan; the creation of a futuristic mega-ship that has been designed to travel at incredible speeds and to carry all members of Dominion to a new life on a different planet; this project is designed to allow mankind to outlive planet Earth, which is clinging to existence by a slender thread after the disasters that took place 40 years ago.

The same decade saw the scattered colonies on Mars uniting to form a resistance force to fight back against Dominion. They formed a new unified organisation called ICOM and started to plan their fight back against Dominion.

The eighties ended with an amazing population explosion in the colonies on Mars.

### 2089-2092

In the control rooms of ICOM, the first of a series of anonymous warnings were decoded. The messages appear to warn of plans for an attack by Dominion; an attack designed to eradicate all possible resistance from Mars.

Once verified, the messages caused mild panic to spread throughout ICOM. It took ICOM four years to prepare a reaction to the warnings. Many were surprised that the attack had not materialised within that timeframe; all were thankful that they had a chance to save themselves, and they were now hell-bent on taking it.

### 2093

Project 'Reclamation' was instigated in 2093... and this is actually where we pick up the story; the first mission sees Richard Feer, our main character, team up with three other highly trained MSF soldiers on project 'Reclamation'

Project 'Reclamation' will see Feer set foot on Earth for the very first time.



Artist's impression of an Earth-based Transporter Ring

His Mother was pregnant with him when she joined the exodus from a totally devastated Earth. Feer was born on Mars later in 2050, becoming the first human ever to be born on Mars or any planet other than Earth.

He has never seen his Father who was separated from his Mother during the exodus. He made a vow to his Mother just before she died in 2092, that he would one day find his Father, or at least find out what happened to him.

He promised himself that this would happen before he was 45; at least then there would be a chance of finding his Father alive.

Feer's journey is about to begin...