Alaskan Death Metal Band Logos (circa 2003)



A Dirigibles of Denali Story JANUARY 2024



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Book Seven: Captain and Cryo

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WINTERMOOT BOOK SEVEN: CAPTAIN AND CRYO ART AND AUGMENTED REALITY BY NATHAN SHAFER STORY BY NATHAN SHAFER AND RICHARD PERRY

CREW OF THE NELVANA



KAOLIN ANDRE: AIRSHIP POSITION: CAPTAIN AFFILIATION: THE NELVANA INTERESTS: ALASKAN DEATH METAL

KAOLIN IS THE CAPTAIN OF THE NELVANA AND AN ASTROBIOLOGIST FROM CHICKALOON, SISTER OF YENSIS. SHE HAS LATENT PLASMAVERSE POWERS SHE HAS YET TO UNDERSTAND.



YENSIS ANDRE:

AIRSHIP POSITION: FIRST MATE AFFILIATION: THE NELVANA INTERESTS: ALASKAN DEATH METAL

FIRST MATE, YENSIS, IS THE SISTER OF KAOLIN, HAS CRYOVERSE POWERS AND INVENTED THE EIGHT WHEEL ROTIFER MARTIAL ART TECHNIQUE FOR CRYOPUNKS.



OLINE VIDALIA:

AIRSHIP POSITION: CHIEF ENGINEER AFFILIATION: THE NELVANA INTERESTS: LANGUAGES, THE MULTIVERSE

OLINE IS A MYSTERIOUS CREW MEMBER OF THE NELVANA WHO HAS MULTIPLE POWERS, INCLUD-ING CRYOVERSE ABILITIES. SHE SPEAKS MANY LANGUAGES FLUENTLY.



ELAINE 'ELLIE' AFFUTI:

AIRSHIP POSITION: QUARTERMASTER, BOATSWAIN AFFILIATION: THE NELVANA INTERESTS: CRYPTIDS

ELLIE RUNS MOST DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS FOR THE NELVANA AND CAN OFTEN BE FOUND MAKING HER PAPER MACHE 'TAXIDERMIED' CRYPTIDS.



REVAN NOGUCHI:

AIRSHIP POSITION: HELMSMAN AFFILIATION: THE NELVANA INTERESTS: BOOKS, VIDEOGAMES

REVAN IS THE MYSTERIOUS AND QUIET HELMSMAN OF THE NELVANA WHO EVERYONE BELIEVES TO BE A WARLOCK, POSSIBLY.



ABELARD ROOKCASTLE:

AIRSHIP POSITION: RELUCTANT CONSCRIPT AFFILIATION: THE NELVANA INTERESTS: PRANKS, VIDEOGAMES, NACHOS

ABELARD IS ONE OF THE CONSCRIPTS OF THE NELVANA. HIS PRANKS ARE LEGENDARY IN THE DIRI-GIBLES OF DENALI REALITY TELEVISION SHOW.



PEARL SERVIO:

AIRSHIP POSITION: RELUCTANT CONSCRIPT AFFILIATION: THE NELVANA INTERESTS: PRANKS, MEXICAN FOOD

PEARL IS A CONSCRIPT ABOARD THE NELVANA AND IS ADEPT AT FIXING ALMOST ANYTHING. THEY ARE ONE OF THE INFAMOUS PRANKSTERS ON THE CPEUL

What is Wintermoot?

Wintermoot is a conceptual art project that is a superhero/cyberpunk shared universe created by new media artist Nathan Shafer and a group of his artistic collaborators known as Łuk'ae Tse' Taas (the Ahtna term for 'Fish Head Soup'). It evolved out of an augmented reality project called Dirigibles of Denali, which built the three unrealized domed city proposals in Alaska from the 1960s and 70s: Arctic City, Seward's Success, and Denali City. Each one of these proposed cities was a megaproject. Even though the cities were never physically made, an alternate history Alaska can be imagined where they were built.

In this alternate Alaska where Wintermoot is set, Grunge Rock from the 1990s was a blip on the radar as Alaskan Death Metal was the music played around the world. An ancient simulation known as Cyberingia was accessible to folks who owned the smart aggales necessary to interact with it, which led to Mengloth being a more popular videogame system than Nintendo with games set in Alaska: Cheechako Wizard Suicide Runners, Cloudberry, and Captain and Cryo-all of which used Cyberingian tech. With all the media attention Alaska was getting from Mengloth and Alaskan Death Metal. Alaska became a hub for filmmaking, founding the Denaliwood neighborhood in Denali City in the 1990s, all leading to the 2010s, when there was a reality-television show called Dirigibles of Denali which followed airship crews as they traveled between Alaska's domed cities. In this world there are also people with magical abilities they get from interacting appropriately with the universe around them. Some people have glacier powers derived from the Cryoverse. Others have northern lights powers derived from the Plasmaverse. These are not the only powers folks in Wintermoot may possess. When someone with northern lights powers teams up with someone who has alacier powers, it is known as a Slack Tide Duo. They work to balance each other.

As this is also a Dirigibles of Denali story, know that characters in this story are part of an airship crew for a dirigible known as the Nelvana. The name of their ship is an homage to the first Canadian superhero of Inuit decent, Nelvana. Nelvana has northern lights powers, can fly, and travel at the speed of light. The airship Nelvana first appeared in one of the five books made for the original Dirigibles of Denali project called the Science Fiction Omnibus, which featured ten Alaskan authors writing speculative fiction set in Alaska's domed cities.

The stories in Wintermoot reflect the way Alaskan stories are told, each one is a slice of life from a larger story that is never fully told, with variabilities that can be hard to follow. The stories reference each other in the same reflective nature as when Alaskan stories use asides, such as, "now remember that Raven was greedy, like that one time he ate an entire whale after he was already full, so no one else could have it." They are used to connect ideas that ultimately teach a lesson, even when the resolutions of the individual stories do not seem to conclude anything definitive.

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--- CLOSER THAN WE THINK! POLAR CITY:

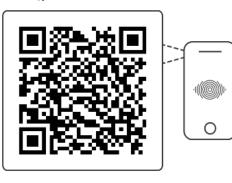
AS ALASKA JOINS THE UNION, MORE RAP-ID DEVELOPMENT OF THE VAST OPEN SPACES OF THAT NEW STATE CAN BE EXPECTED. EXPERTS ARE ALREADY STUDYING THE PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN CRE-ATING THE POPULATION CENTERS THAT WILL BE NEC-ESSARY FOR TAPPING THE HIDDEN WEALTH OF THE AREA AND BUILDING THE DEFENSE OUTPOSTS THAT MAY BE REQUIRED.

ONE POSSIBILITY WOULD BE TO CONSTRUCT ARCTIC CITIES UNDER GREAT DOMES OF TRANSPARENT PLASTIC OR GLASS, WHERE SPRINGLIKE TEMPERATURES COULD BE MAINTAINED. SUCH DOMES ARE ALREADY IN USE AT THE GLASGOW CENTRAL STATION IN SCOTLAND AND AT A BIG DOWNTOWN PLAZA IN SAO PAULO, BRAZIL.

HOW WOULD ISOLATED POLAR CITIES, RINGED BY ICEBERGS AND MOUNTAINS, BE SUPPLIED? OUR ARMED FORCES HAVE A SOLUTION - THE DIRIGIBLE. RECENTLY, THE NAVY TOLD HOW ITS BLIMP ZPG-2 SUCCESSFULLY FLEW FOOD AND OTHER SUPPLIES TO AN ICE ISLAND TEAM OF SCIENTISTS ONLY 500 MILES FROM THE NORTH POLE.

--CHICAGO TRIBUNE, JANUARY 25, 1959

LEVEL UP BY SCANNING THE QR CODE BELOW IN EYEJACK!



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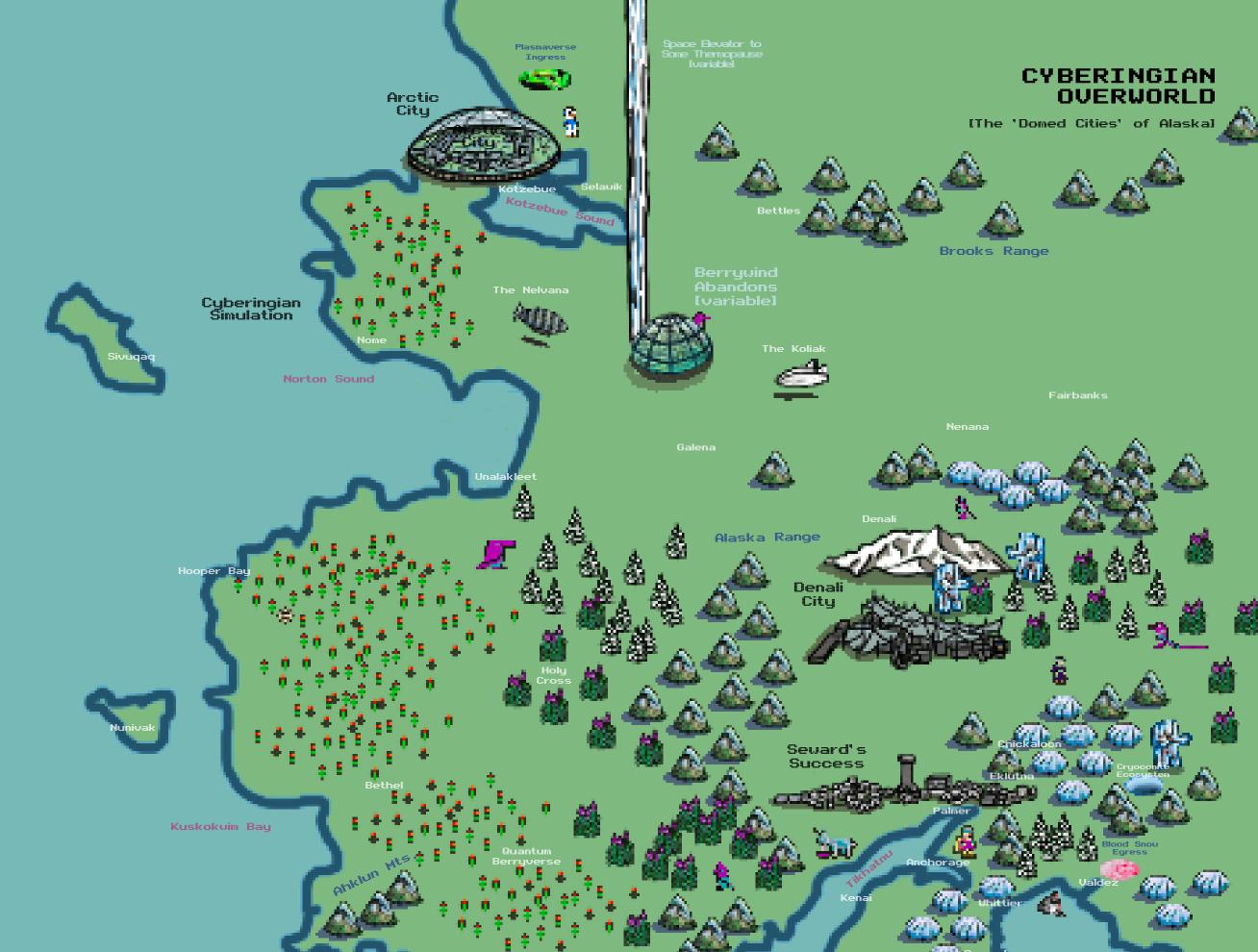
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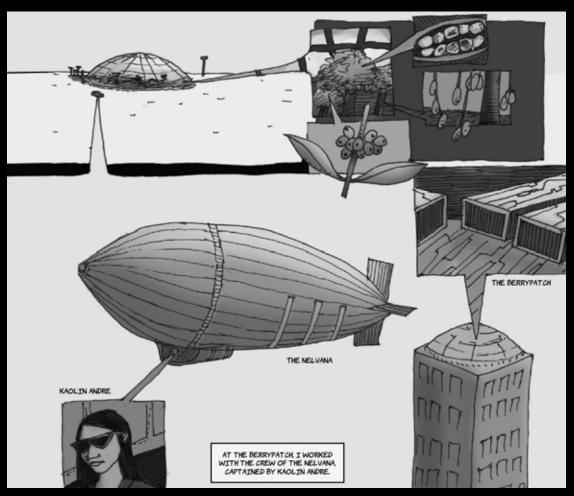


CAPTAIN AND CRYO

1985 MENGLOTH INCORPORATED







DIRIGIBLES OF DENALI: STARFRUIT, ARCTIC CITY

Aqpik and Mars Apple A Cyberingian Novelization from the Worlds of Wintermoot

With funding from the Purdy Skies Initiative, a studio out of Denaliwood in Denali City started filming an Alaskan reality show called Dirigibles of Denali, about various airship crews flying between the domed cities in Alaska. The initiative was working to produce viability for an Alaskan film industry that has not seen general appeal outside of Alaska. Originally, there were four crews that were to be filmed: the Nelvana (a science ship), the Tanero (a passenger ship), the Koliak (a cargo ship), and the Starfruit (an adventure ship). There was also talk of a mag lev train crew at one point, but that was quickly shelved as a possible spin-off, so the mag lev crew of the Shuttleberry would make the occasional guest appearance to gauge interest.

Three of the airship crews ended up being included in the final television show: Nelvana, Tanero, and Koliak. The film crew aboard the Starfruit, as well as the Starfruit itself, disappeared shortly after filming began. With a smattering of early footage recorded before the disappearance. This footage was used as a plot device throughout the series, as the crew of the Nelvana was tasked with finding the lost Starfruit and its people.

Unlike the other airships in the series, the Starfruit docked out of Arctic City. It was also captained by Aqpik, who had spent a couple hundred years earlier with the Socialists and Pioneers originally out of Knik Anchorage, and then Seward's Success. Aqpik captained the Starfruit with her daughter, Mars Apple, Knik Quartermaster, and Suncup (the last two also being members of the Socialists and Pioneers of Seward's Success).

As was originally listed, the Starfruit's major function was as an adventure ship. It was not a real moneymaker for Purdy Skies and its crew was more suited for a space opera than a reality show. Agpik and Mars Apple especially tended to interrupt the filming of their ship, insisting on exhibiting their magical abilities whenever they wished, causing the recordings to glitch out and be rendered unusable. The only salvageable footage taken of the Starfruit for the Dirigibles of Denali show was when they went to go investigate a preternatural occurrence where a gigantic tube of glacial ice appeared near Arctic City, stretching up into the upper atmosphere. The tube of course was the legendary space elevator that would occasionally appear around Alaska, offering a gateway into the worlds of the Plasmiut, a magical species of little people who lived in the Thermosphere. But the audience of Dirigibles of Denali have no idea about that because they have never heard of it and

never will. It is a secret held by the Socialists and Pioneers of Seward's Success and protected by several magical tapestries created by the Knik Quartermaster and the Mysterious Ms. Magpie, directly after the events of the Repocalypse Scenarios which occurred in the mid 1990s.

From the B-Roll of Dirigibles of Denali:

"Is that what I think it is?" Mars Apple asked her mother quietly.

"It's much worse," Aqpik, her mother, slowly got around to saying, "much worse."

Radio static is heard.

"Come in. Repeat. Starfruit, do you copy? This is the Nelvana. Come in."

Radio static is heard.

"Come in. Repeat. Starfruit, do you copy? This is the Nelvana. Come in."

"The is the Starfruit," Mars Apple speaks back.

"Repeat. Starfruit, do you copy?"

"This IS the Starfruit. Copy. Nelvana, we copy."

"Repeat"—

"They can't hear us Mars," Aqpik, as she is flipping switches in the cockpit.

"Nelvana. This is the Starfruit, repeat. We copy."

Video on camera freezes up. The footage looks to be a splice between the interior of the airship and the interior of a human chest cavity.

END OF TAPE.

This footage will be used over and over throughout the first season of Dirigibles of Denali, as the crew of the Nelvana discuss how they are going to try and find the Starfruit.

"We know we interact with them somehow, but it sounded like a recording, and it sounds like a recording made by someone who is not on our crew," Kaolin Andre, captain of the Nelvana would say at the beginning of several episodes. "Maybe it was someone pretending to be the Nelvana? Maybe it is a recording made years ago that was being used? Who knows."

WINTERMOOT SEVEN: CAPTAIN AND CRYO

BEING THE THIRD BOOK OF THE SLACK TIDES TALE:

[DIRIGIBLES OF DENALI]
[AN ALASKAN REALITY TELEVISION SHOW]
[EPISODE ONE: THE ANDRE SISTERS HAVE A SHIP]

PART ONE: THE TIME I ARTFULLY DESCRIBE MY SHIP AND HER CREW FOR AN ALASKAN REALITY TV SHOW

MY NAME IS KAOLIN ANDRE.

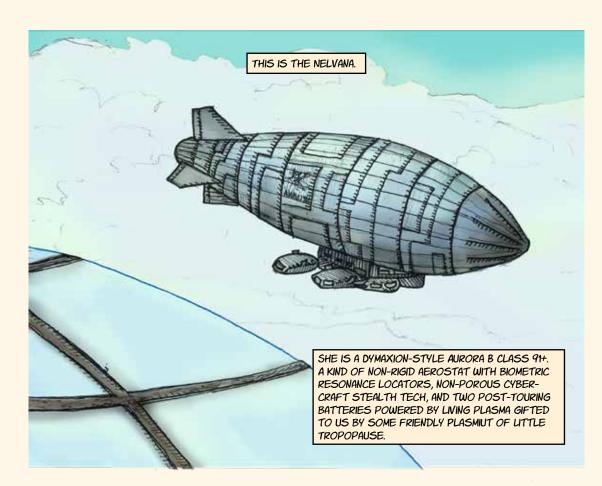
MY PARENTS ARE CASSANDRA AND DEVIN ANDRE.

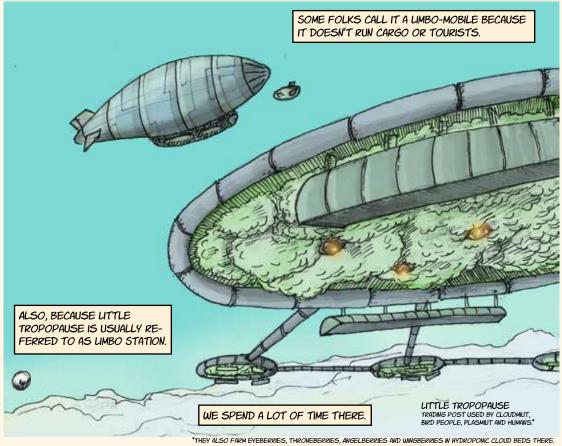


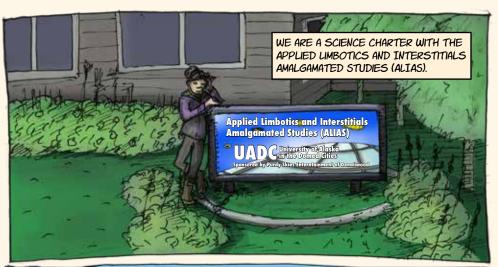


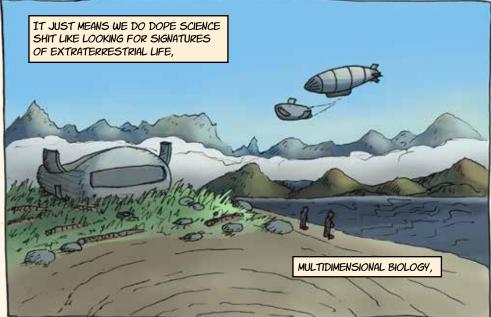














THE FIRST MATE IS MY SISTER, YENSIS. SHE HAS THE CRYO-POWERS.

















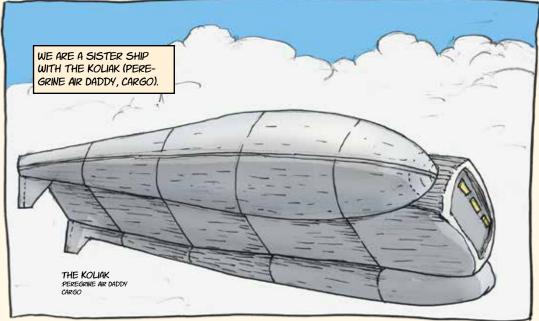


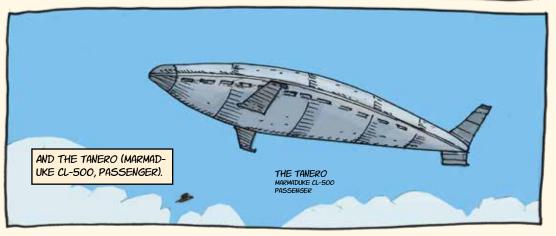


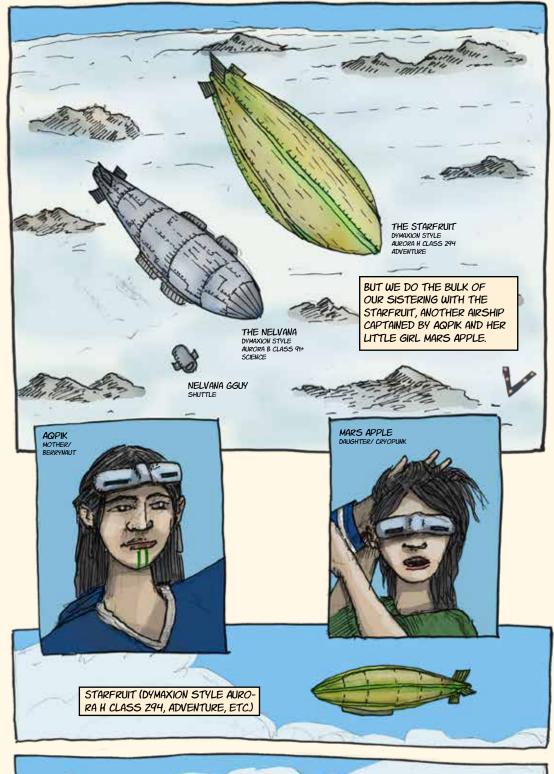




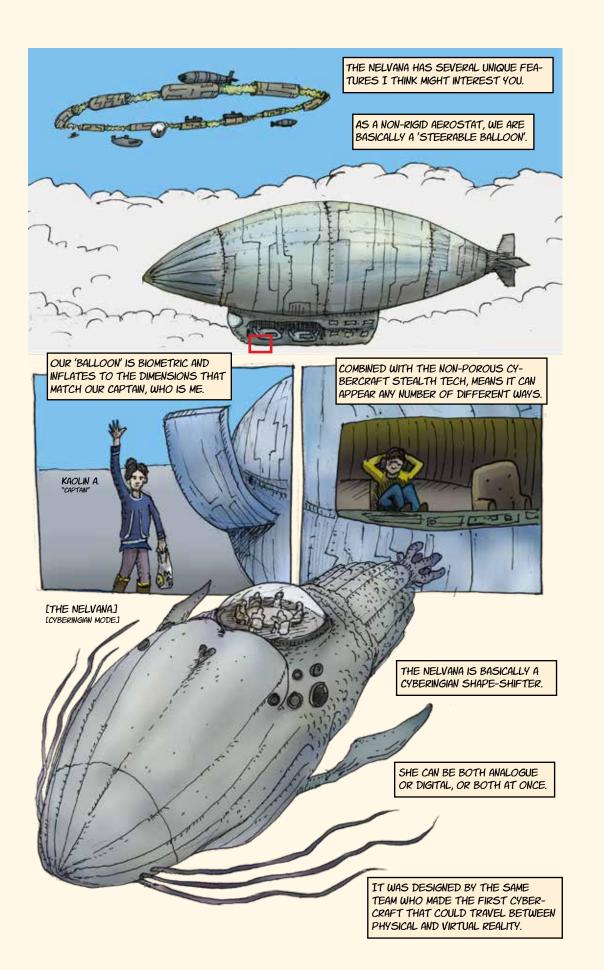














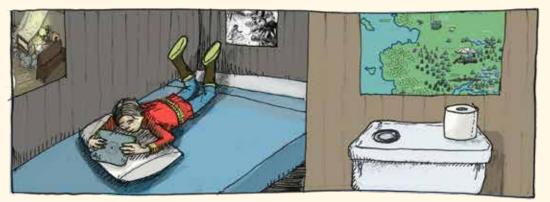


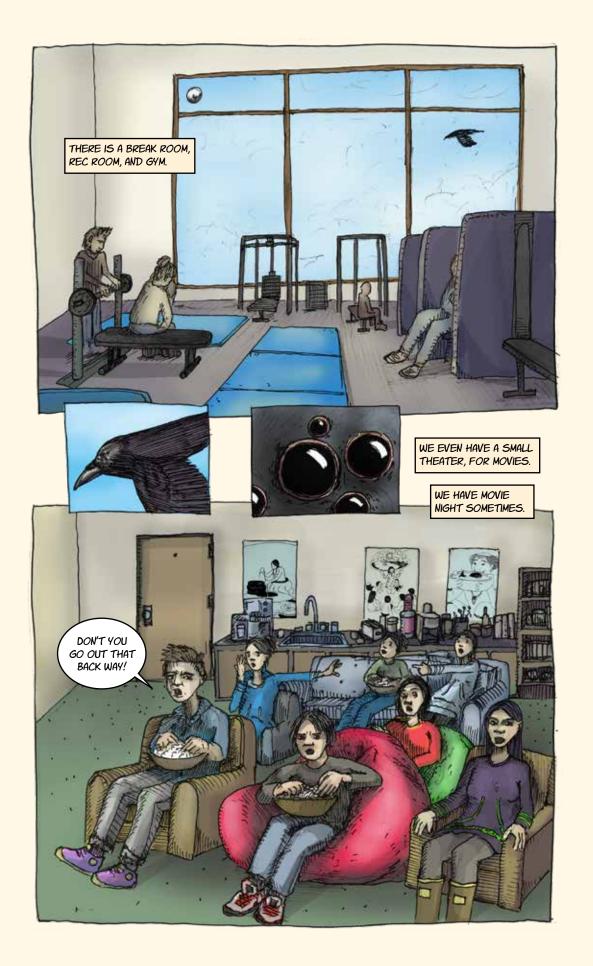




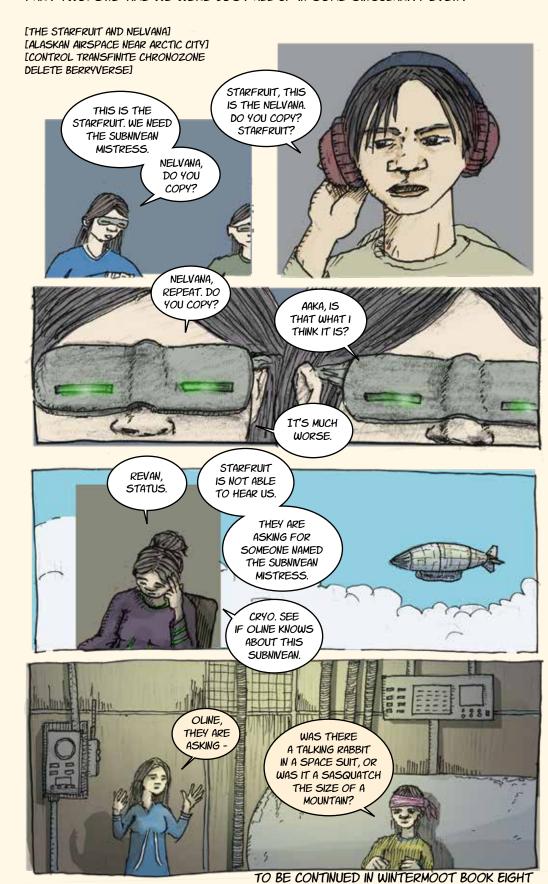








PART TWO: ONE TIME WE WERE LOST ALL UP IN SOME SINGULARITY EVENT



The Entwives and the Apocalypse

When

The entwives Come back from Their travels

Just in time To hear about how the Whole world will end—

Turns out:

Quantum nucleation, Previously considered to Be a long shot





POST-APOCALYPTIC CRACKERVERSE HYPOTHESIS DIRIGIBLES OF DEUALI BOOK FIVE:

, EIMBKELHIT NDMIND, BOEWS EKOW

POEMS FROM 'FIMBRETHIL UPWIND'

DIRIGIBLES OF DENALI BOOK FIVE: POST-APOCALYPTIC CRACKERVERSE HYPOTHESIS



Just wake up in heaven, Where the laws of physics Could never get in.

The preacher said And we wouldn't feel it And we wouldn't feel it

Quantum Mucleation

