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At the moment of takeover the world could be considered in the “green state”. 70% of the population had it and it was rare to see someone on the street that was not affected. The normal was becoming a rarity and humans were getting used this condition. Scientists gave up on finding a cure for it, especially when most of them were infected and influenced by it.

The environment was changing also. Roots and trees were growing sporadically and spontaneously, but were in no way looking natural. The trees were growing but were growing dead. No leaves or flowers on the branches, no fruits or color.

The roots were even worse, growing out of cracks in the pavement or even on ground floors inside buildings. The pace of growing was unnatural, you could find a new dead-tree in your back garden overnight.

People were not bothered by it. In their “green” opinion it was nature manifesting and it was only normal and maybe beneficial to grow back in places that never had any form of life before. Even though the branches, roots and trees were dead, some people believed that by taking care of it, watering and nurturing it, will make it return to life. It wasn't. Roots grew bigger and bigger, branches spread across streets and buildings and it became impossible to control. People that had the green state were fine with it and branches growing inside their homes was something normal. The normal people were the ones struggling. They moved out of cities and close to the factories where the plants were not growing so fast and were not invading their homes.

Living next to the factories had a different risk. Pollution.



Back in the days, during the times of the global warming scheme, you were afraid of too much sun. Now, the factories producing everything for Humans were emanating so much gas and toxic fumes that it was covering the sky in dark clouds for 90% of the day. The successful energy shift to solar power throughout the world proved useless now that the sky was dark most of the time. All buildings were running on solar power and would need about 2 hours of sun per day to be basic operational,



but those two hours became unpredictable and sometimes the home-generators were not able to pick up the sun's energy and homes were left in the dark for days.

People living in the factory zone were expected to live 10 years less than city-people. Some made that sacrifice only to be rid of the invasion of plants. And the Greeners.

There was a growing disrespect of the normal people, or Old People how the Greeners eventually called them. Community spaces were created that had restrictions for Old People, where they were banned from entering. Acts of vandalism against official buildings started to happen more often. Old People were becoming a minority.

The takeover went easy. Within 2 days, the virus completely shifted the minds of the infected to full control and the rage in their minds was directed toward the normal people immediately. The Old People communities were attacked and destroyed, thousands of people killed or mutilated.

In their desperation of losing control of everything, Old People in powerful positions took decisions on their own. The nuclear war started. All the modern technology that was invented by that time was used to eliminate the infected. The nuclear arsenal that could be accessed was used to destroy major areas where high numbers of infected were living. Human casualties were of the ordinary. A risk that decision makers had to take.

The rush of the takeover was unbearable. The plants were taking over the world at an unbelievable pace. It was like a worldwide blitzkrieg. Decisions had to be made to stop this before it was too late. Generals and commanders of the armies had no time to go through chain of command in order to make a difference. Especially when all chain of command had the green condition. Decisions had to be made and fast.

The four powers of the world at the moment of takeover were: USA, UK, China, Russia.

In their desperation to take back control, these states used their nuclear arsenal to clear out infected areas, decision that had unforeseen consequences.

The biggest, most efficient weapon all these states had were the hydrogen bombs, in different shapes and sizes. USA had two. It fired one towards New York completely obliterating the city and it's surroundings. This also caused a massive tidal wave that crossed the ocean and completely flooded the Western Coast of Africa. Countries like Gambia, Senegal and large parts of Mauritania were under water. The second was fired at Florida and the consequences were again drastic. The whole peninsula was destroyed and the tidal waves covered all the islands in the Caribbean and massive parts of Colombia and Venezuela. Also, Mexico City became a sea city as all the land between the Mexican Gulf and the Mexican capital was under water.

UK had two hydrogen bombs in its arsenal and used one to obliterate London and its surroundings. The other they used on Paris, as France had no nuclear arsenal and was losing control, so France's officials asked for UK's help. The earthquake from these blasts destroyed large parts of nearby cities like Brussels and Luxembourg and all UK cities located in the South.

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China had major problems of its own. It also had a major hydrogen bomb, one of the biggest created. It launched it towards the city of Guangzhou. Due to some technical problems, it landed nearby the city but the effect was as expected. Even more than that. Guangzhou and Hong Kong were completely destroyed along with massive areas of China's inland. The gigantic tidal waves washed away entire countries in the Pacific Ocean like Japan, Philippines, Indonesia, Vietnam and Korea.

Russia had the strongest arsenal in the world. It had the biggest hydrogen bomb ever created and two other smaller ones. It only managed to fire one before the infected took over the Nuclear Command Centre. After the tests in 1961 with the Tsar Bomba, the Russians knew that detonating the bomb at contact would have devastating effect on the actual surface and structure of the planet, so they decided to detonate it 4 kilometers in the air above Moscow. The energy waves were strong enough to turn the city and 200 square kilometers around it into dust. The earthquakes were felt all the way to Italy and tidal waves were created in all waters of the Earth. The explosion created a nearly 500 km long crack in the surface of the Earth, crack that could be seen from the Moon. People later called it The Abyss. 90% of Russia was now a barren land.

After all the destruction the virus fought back. It took over all the remaining Human cities by using the infected as its pawns. People could no longer control themselves and were becoming more and more savage and animalistic towards what was left of the normal humans.

In all destroyed areas the roots and branches grew back, despite the toxins that the bombs spread after detonation. Humans had to retreat closer and closer to the remaining factory zones, but even here the plants and infected attacked and poisoned them.

The virus evolved even more than this. The air was infected with it in most areas and there was no cure developed for it. People did not have time to study the virus and didn't actually care after the spread of the green state. Human species was about to be extinct.