

Key Info

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Title - Uplift

Setting: [Earth and its denizens, 2200](#)

[Main Character](#) (Peter)

Four love interests

[Corporation Girl](#) (Alison)

[Third-World Girl](#) (Leya)

[Ecoterrorist Girl](#) (Eva)

[Lunarian Girl](#) (Tsukiko)

Title Screen and Opening

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Blurb before Title:

"2207. Man has colonized space, and civilization has a grasp on Mars and the asteroids beyond. But humanity remains chained to Earth, dependent on it for everything but resources."

U P L I F T

Black screen, evenly spaced letters

Letters fade away, stars fade in

MC's returning spaceship cuts in from the left

Camera pans, spaceship is at L2

Earth and moon visible

Cut inside the ship to MC's bunk

Start monologue

Peter - Main Character

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Peter Vasquez

Explorer coming back from the first mining mission to Mars, a prestigious assignment which was preceded by an extremely competitive selection process. Makes a name for himself during a disaster during the mission. Upon returning to Earth, is recognized at a ceremony by company/government.

Lieutenant on the Mars mission

Doesn't see himself as a hero, despite everyone else thinking so. Gets a promotion to a managerial desk job, decides that it isn't the life for him, and gets a field job again. Currently works for corporate-sponsored metropolitan police on [Arlington Colony](#) as a plainclothes detective.

Backstory

Parents died of Leukemia when he was younger.

Because of this, he might be more opposed to views supporting heavy space development.

[Ecoterrorist](#) may be able to sway him more as a result.

Born on a [space colony](#).

Following parents' death, moves to Earth with remaining family.

Of American descent (if that means anything)

Eva - Ecoterrorist

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Eva von Mainz

German, short-haired. Hair color may be unnatural due to changed identity
Cross wants to write this route.

Wants all of humanity in space
Designate Earth as a nature preserve, devoid of human civilization

Siding with the Ecoterrorist may lead to spacefaring countries going to war, forcing uplift of survivors.

Realist
Willing to do what's necessary to further her goals.

Part of an underground hyper-environmentalist movement
Wanted for questioning in connection with some minor bombing incidents in the eurozone and in some European colonies
Hiding on [Arlington Colony](#) with complete false identity package (includes fake online identity and history)
Waiting for orders from higher-up

Caught by [Main Character](#) committing a crime (explosion)

Leya - Third-World

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Leya bint Muhammad ibn Moussa al-Filasteeni

Brown girl (to pander to userbase), dark brown/black hair

From fictional Middle Eastern country Al Khazneh

Thinks that developing countries must continue to exploit the Earth

Ambitious

Unafraid to hurt others to get what she wants

Sees herself as representing the hopes and dreams of her people.

Science Attache at consulate on [Arlington Colony](#)

Official cover for her intelligence duties at the [Al Khazneh Society for Intelligence](#)

Alison - Rich Girl

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Alison Nylund

Blonde hair

Daughter of [Megacorporation](#) CEO

Can be loved naturally, or used as a tool of influence in the corporation.

Caught up in the messy politics

Unsure what she really wants in life

Looks to the [Main Character](#) for advice

Meets the [Main Character](#) at the recognition ceremony at the start of the game, and then runs into him at a later point in the story

Doesn't want to be stuck in the corporate life

Mysophobic. Uses a lot of holograms, and doesn't like to be around people who are unclean. Stays in the pathologically sterile environment of the space colony, where things are uncontaminated by the Earth.

Tsukiko - Lunarian

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Tsukiko Placeholder

月子 (*ja*, Moon Child)

Black hair, Japanese ethnicity

Currently at the [Nadia Patrick Memorial Medical Center](#) for long-term study

Only person born on the Moon to live past 20 without serious health issues/complications

Parents are a doctor and a scientist researching long-term effects of moon gravity on life

Seen as an ambassador for humanity's ambitions

Hopeful, Peaceful, Idealistic

Wants to see humanity expand further out into space, rather than fighting over the limited resources we have now.

Space Manifest Destiny

Could possibly have secret health problems covered up. [Main Character](#) could learn more about these as the route advances, and overcome them (or succumb to them in a bad end)

While others desire conflict or profit, the Lunarian truly wishes for peace and cares for all people.

[Main Character](#) sees her on television during a scientific press conference/speech and then runs into her on the colony

Space Dynamics Limited

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[Rich Girl](#) is daughter of CEO Eric Nylund

Corporation is involved in several industries:

- Space Colony Building
- Asteroid and Moon/Mars Mining
 - Strip asteroids for metals to build colonies
 - Mining expedition to Mars was a Public/Private Partnership with the American government
- Research and Development
 - Advanced Hydroponics
- Security Services
- Space Debris Cleaning
 - "Half Section" from Planetes
 - Profitability
 - Important in future because of space colonies

Would be to the company's benefit to have more people living in space.

Might be in the company's interest to start a war that causes war to become uninhabitable (in a bad ending)

Corporation is tightly aligned with the American government (ala military-industrial complex system of contractors, Reagan, etc)

Government provides funding for colonies, corporation builds them

Backstory

Co-founded by a Japanese and a Canadian

Headquartered in Shanghai

Current CEO is American (Eric Nylund)

Al Khazneh Society for Intelligence

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Mossad is Hebrew for "Institute"

Along similar lines, the TWIA will be called Jem'eyh (جمعية), "Society" for Intelligence or something

[Third-World](#) works for this agency. Her official cover is a science attache at the consulate of Al Khazneh in [Arlington Colony](#).

United Nations

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Still exists

Has some power for international environmental regulations

As war draws closer and closer, countries withdraw from the UN, making it increasingly ineffective

The decay of the UN will take place in the background of each route

United Computing Systems

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Future Microsoft

Pervasive in all aspects of society

The most widespread computing company at the time

Four Squares logo rotated 45 degrees for legal issues



Other Organizations

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[New Chobham Armoury](#)

New Chobham Armoury is a division of the West Midlands Space Research Works dedicated to creating new, durable armor designs for the American and European space fleets.

Created the New Chobham Armor, which is used on heavy ships for increased rail stopping power.

[United States Space Colony Intelligence Agency](#)

State of the Earth

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Earth is pretty messed up

2200 AD

11 billion human inhabitants

Global Warming

Dwindling Natural Resources

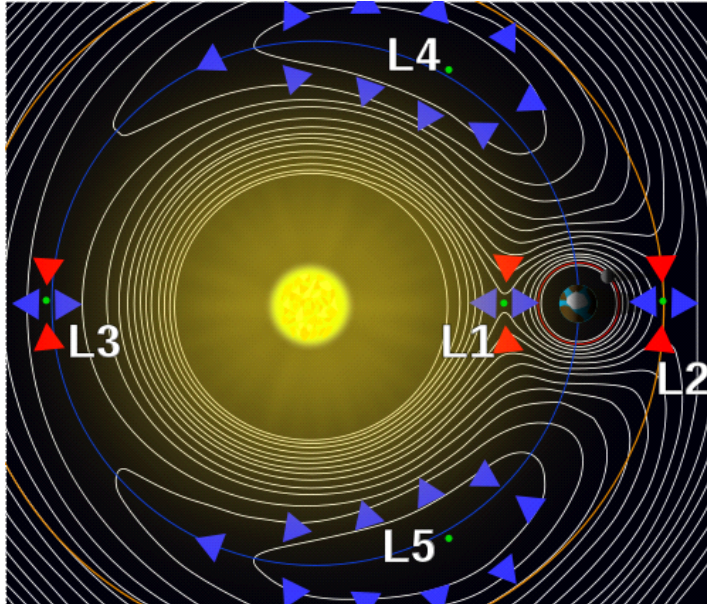
Mass Extinctions of Threatened Species

Ideological Differences

Poverty is widespread

16 to 25 percent of humanity lives in outer space because of growing inhospitality of Earth
Moon Colonies

Cluster of colonies in Lagrange points (L4 and L5)



Global supply of petroleum nearly depleted

Space Elevators

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Three space elevators, along the Equator

Makoua, Congo - Joint partnership between European Union and African Union

Puerto Villamil, Ecuador - Wholly owned by the United States Government

Kuching, Malaysia - Investment project by the Neo-Asian Co-Prosperity Sphere, Defacto controlled by the Republic of China

Space elevators were catalysts for economic development in third world countries

Space elevators are the most practical method of lifting objects into space

Easy targets for terrorists

Countries

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North America

- United States of America
 - Great power
 - BosWash megacity
 - New York still there
 - Los Angeles
 - Canada
 - Federated with America
 - Midwest
 - Basically useless
 - Commercial farming has died down since hydroponics and space colonies are more efficient
 - Cities and towns still inhabited by folks too stubborn to move
 - Lots of outlaws and hustlers
 - Subsistence farming
- Bolivarian Federation
 - Mexico and other Latin American countries (up to Colombia)

South America

- Federative Republic of Brazil
 - Native genocide

Europe

- European Federation
 - Great power
 - Federal Republic of Germany
 - Ecoterrorist comes from here
 - Colder relationship with America, but still friendly.
- Russian Federation
 - Loud mouth still, not much fleet muscle to give some bite

Africa

- African Union
 - Disorganized, but not war-torn
 - Slowly becoming more like how the EU is today
 - Rallies together cohesively when the continent needs something from another power bloc

Asia

- People's Republic of China
 - Great power
 - Korea is an 'independent' puppet state
 - Taiwan taken back by the mainland
- Japan
 - Akin to UK during WW2
 - Special Relationship with US

- Constantly under threat from China
- Al-Khazneh
 - [Third World](#)'s home country
- Republic of India
 - Torn by civil war
 - Training ground for mercenaries, criminals, and pirates
 - Population control issues

Australia

- Australia
 - Tons of troops, ships, and planes in the Northern Territory to counter China

Murrica

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Greater Eastern Continuous Metropolitan Area

Colloquially called "the Coastline"

Currently known as the [Northeast megalopolis](#) or similar.

~33% of the United States' population lives there.

Midwest

No one lives there. Go away.

Ground Transport

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Supersonic atmospheric flight

Intercontinental airports at the base of space elevators

Conflict

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A brewing war will be the backdrop to the plot.

The [Main Character](#)'s actions could lead to war or prevent it.

May occur at the end of some endings, in the middle during others, possibly not at all.

Risk of war can be increased or decreased by [Main Character](#)'s actions.

Superpower Militaries

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Military bases exist on the ground still.
Shipyards in orbit to construct space navies.
Command Stations in orbit serve as spacedocks and barracks.

Space Colonies

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A fraction of the human population lives in orbiting space colonies
Colonies are equipped with stabilization thrusters for orbital correction

Some space colonies will be O'Neill Cylinders made from iron extracted from asteroids.
The style would vary from manufacturer to manufacturer.
Colonies would create artificial gravity through rotation.

Handhold conveyors in no gravity areas of colonies for aided transport

Climate controlled to 70 degrees 'outside', individual controls for buildings (thermostat)

Hydroponics bays under living surface for food production.

5 miles diameter, 25 miles length
50% of surface area dedicated to glass paneling
Glass panels segmented for safety, and equipped with emergency blast doors in the event of a breach.

Chinese colonies named after emperors

American colonies named after American counties

European colonies named after European cities prefixed with 'New', e.g. New London

Arlington Colony

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Main setting

American 'capital' colony

Points of Interest

Al Khazneh Consulate

[Third-World](#) works here as science attache

US-SCA Headquarters

Headquarters of the Space Colonization Agency, the government of American colonies in space

Nadia Patrick Memorial Medical Center

Hue

A prominent research hospital, named after the first woman to die in space

[Lunarian](#) is there for long-term study and testing

Space Dynamics Limited Headquarters

Neighborhoods

Moon Colonies

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At least two

- One on the sun side
- One on the dark side
- (Dichotomy)

1/3 as much population as in the space colonies

Dome cities connected by tubes, underground facilities, organic base growth where necessary



Dark side should have an astronomical observatory/science complex.

Independent Space Colonies

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Some space colonies would not be controlled by Earth-bound states or conglomerates; totally ruled in space, and consisting of nothing but space.

Would be declared independent with minimal to low violence.

Some colonies would also be controlled by defacto corporate states.

- Would be financed by superpowers, but maintenance and control subcontracted to corporations

First Act and Triggers

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Hunting for von Mainz

Police Officer has a job to do, right?

Vasquez's first duty at the beginning of the story is to locate and apprehend the suspected terrorist Eva von Mainz.

Vasquez is patrolling a major event as security.

Following an explosion, he sees her walking away, and tries to question her. She runs, he gives chase.

Questioning the Outsider

In the search for information, Vasquez visits the Al Khazneh consulate.

He and his partner are met by a science attache in the lobby, and state that they are looking for information. Police are suspicious of the Al Khaznehians because they are poor brown people with space ambitions.

The attache recognizes him as the hero of the Mars mission. After a conversation, she agrees to give him information in exchange for small favors.

Searching for the Truth

Vasquez decides to look for witnesses at the hospital nearest the explosion, where injured bystanders were taken. He runs across Tsukiko, and they strike up a conversation. She uses her double moon powers to ask him to hang out, and they later meet.

Reporting to the Chief

Upon reporting to the central office, the corporation CEO summons Vasquez to make sure he is adjusting well to his new duties and life and to ensure that he is remaining a good investment for the company. On his way back to his desk, he sees Alison, the CEO's daughter, whom he met at the recognition gala after the Mars mission. They strike up a conversation.

Spacecraft

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May be shielded against floating debris

Propulsion

Compressed air or other gases for maneuvering
[Magnetoplasma dynamic drives](#) for forward thrust

Long Range Propulsion

Initial launch from Earth orbit by [space catapult](#)
Electromagnetic-based railgun-esque device
OLD MAN - Orbital Long-Distance Magnetic Accelerator

- Neutralizer?
 - Could 'catch' spaceships inbound to Earth from Mars/asteroid belt, reducing speed to zero and preventing overrun
 - Would require sister catapult near Mars/asteroid belt

Multiple catapults, owned by corporations and governments

Would charge tolls for other users

Catapults named after famous old men (philosophers [Galileo, etc])

/sci/ archive thread on railguns: <https://archive.installgentoo.net/sci/thread/S5386096>

Energy

Long range ships equipped with miniaturized fusion reactors to power ship systems.
Shipboard fusion reactors are contained with magnetic "bottles".

Navigation

Auto-pilot system for precision navigation
Global grid navigation for atmospheric/orbital travel
Crashes can occur because of fundamentalists using manual navigation
System is not automated, more like today's GPS systems
Oriented around Earth's magnetic north
Elevator solar array/navigation satellites track ship transponders to feed into the navigation system

Interplanetary Space

Direct course
Requires registering course with a central navigation agency
Crowded interplanetary

Interior

Straphanger conveyors for internal transport

Space Warfare

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Weapons

Railguns

Railguns would be the primary weapon for space combat between large ships
There would also be space-based railgun satellites for ground attack.
Starbombers would be equipped with railguns in order to get in close to large ships.
Large ships possess electronic countermeasures, which make railgun targeting less effective at longer distances.

Ammunition

The materials for railgun projectiles must be good conductors.
Tungsten rods can be used for orbital attack satellites.
Shells for railguns can be made of titanium (strong enough to withstand firing from a railgun, and as a metal, a good conductor)

Missiles

Heat-seeking missiles would be employed on fighter craft.
Fighters would be tasked with the elimination of bombers and other fighters.
Larger ships would have point defenses to deny missiles. (CIWS)

Nuclear Weapons

Nukes are remotely piloted to avoid countermeasures.

? Energy Weapons

Electronics and Sensors

Radar

Large battleships would be equipped with three dimensional radar systems and holographic displays

Armor

New Chobham Armor

Super-reinforced armor retrofitted to capital- and battleship-class vessels of the American and European fleets.

Chinese Ships

Chinese ships are faster and maneuverable, in order to counter the American tanks

Military Spacecraft

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Small

Light Scout

Lightly-armed, lightly armored, fast and highly maneuverable
Scoutship for planetary space
Not self-supportable (requires a "mothership" of some sorts)
Cheap, utilitarian design
Think [Velator](#)
Fuel efficient

Frigate

About 1/8th the size of capital ships

Cruiser

About 1/2 to 1/4th the size of capital ships

Capital

Command

[American - Freedom class](#)

[Chinese - Type 03 class](#)

[European - Principate class](#)

3/4ths to 1 mile long

Rear line ships, staffed with flag staff, medical facilities, maintenance and manufacturing facilities, and bureaucratic offices for logistics, tactics, and equipment management

Battleship

[American - Oregon class](#)

[Chinese - Type 67 class](#)

[European - Emperor class](#)

GUNS

Mobile weapons platform.

Three Magnetic Accelerator Cannons, nine mid-size railguns, 13 heavy-duty point defense turrets, and other, smaller munitions

Carrier

[American - Alan Trumbull class](#)

[Chinese - Type 04 class](#)

[European - Dominate class](#)

One to two miles long

Four or five decks tall, not including control towers

Carriers fighters, bombers, and small strike craft.

Armed with missile batteries for self-defense and otherwise.

Two 'wings', flight deck connecting them, command and control center in the middle.

European caps are named after roman emperors who held that title if possible.

Medical

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Cloning

? Longevity treatments?

Genetic Screenings

People undergo genetic testing during regular checkups and physicals

If any cells are detected that may become cancerous, they are removed or rewritten at a genetic level.

Removal is the cheaper, poor people version.

Designer Babies

Babies can be created from any two people, be they heterosexual, homosexual, bisexual, or transgendered. Gametes are taken from the parents, preferable traits are chosen, undesirable ones are removed. Hereditary diseases will cease to exist. The DNA from the two parents is combined to form an embryo.

A black market also exists for designer babies to be custom made for relationship partners, with accelerated growth.

Human Augmentation

"Super Soldiers"

- Increased lung capacity
- Enhanced zero-gravity adaptation
- Increased spatial awareness
- Increased muscle discipline

The major powers each did experiments in Augmentation for the creation of super soldiers, but a U.N/ treaty was signed to stop genetic interference for military purposes, as it is inhumane to design a human specifically for war combat.

Minor Enhancements

Artificial/enhanced limbs common augmentation for soldiers

Cloning

Cloning is common for at least organs. Complete human clones are illegal/black market.

Robotics and Computing

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Robotics

Simple robots obots are common

Not much progress in Artificial Intelligence and Robotics fields, most research in space and [energy](#)

Robots as a gimmick, not of mainstream utility

"High-Utility/Enhanced Robotic Unit" - HUEbot

Computing

Centralized computing utilizing a colony or a city's megacomputer. All content is streamed to portable computing devices or large multi-purpose computing panels.

Modern spin on network computing (diskless nodes) of old

Multi-purpose computing panels can serve as televisions, desktop computers, or artificial windows

Internet

Internet is pervasive, through the ever-present computing surfaces and wearable computers

Persistent online identity generally for personalization ("Welcome to 7-11, Peter." MUH ADS), but anonymity on demand

Future internet is called the "Starnet"

Asteroid Mining

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Because of the limited resources on Earth, humanity has turned to asteroids for resources. Companies scout asteroids for composition/density beforehand. Factory ships depart on missions to the asteroid belt for retrieval, then tug the asteroids back to Earth orbit for mining. Along the way, preparatory work and preliminary mining are done. Corporations turn profits by towing asteroids to Earth and extracting resources to build colonies

Energy

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Thermal (Fossil Fuels)

Depletion of Fossil Fuels causes economic problems in Middle Eastern and OPEC countries

Solar

Advent of [space elevators](#) opens the door to massive space-based solar power installations
Colonies powered by solar energy

Fusion

Viable nuclear fusion

- Overcoming plasma containment and reaction sustenance issues sometime in the last two centuries
- Deuterium ($^2\text{H}_2\text{O}$) as fuel source
- Used primarily in spacecraft
- Small scale reactors for smaller craft, larger for larger

Quantum

Experimental quantum nucleonic reactors
Uses induced gamma emissions to heat a propellant

Antimatter

Currency

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Credits traded between banks, "Solars"

Local currencies still in use, no cash however. All transactions are digital. (NFC-type thing with future phone-type thing)

Solars represent a fixed exchange rate.

Security

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Doors

RFID/Secure NFC locks for doors

Law Enforcement

No single law enforcement body for orbital/space patrol duties. Independent police agencies per colony.

Food Security

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The changes in the environment on Earth has necessitated a generally more vegetarian diet for humans. Most food is grown on space colonies or in factory farms. Wealthy people can afford to eat cloned meat, which has led to the phrase "rich enough to eat beef".

Entertainment

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Immersive VR

Manuscrit

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Manuscrit is a universally-accessible, publically-editable online knowledge system, accessible from any computing device. Combines data with augmented reality, and uses sensors to tell you about the world around you, or any subject you want to know more about.

Origins

Invented by the French as a completely open knowledge base of anything and everything.

VN Functionality

Will be accessible from anywhere in game as an app on your personal computing device.

One Week War

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[Main Character](#) and love interest in a space station

Nuclear detonations in the major colonies and cities across the planet

The two characters watch in horror as civilization is extinguished