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Fictional Crisis: *World War Z*

Background Guide

The year is 2006, the world is in disarray, an emergency session of the UN has been called on the USS Saratoga (Nuclear powered aircraft carrier) in Honolulu Hawaii. Many countries have been completely overrun by the undead. The “lucky” nations, which were able to ward off the zombies, are struggling to survive. The key to restoring the world back to its former non-undead glory lies in this emergency session of the UN, for the sake of humanity, please resolve the issue in an effective manner.



Situational Lore

The phenomena began with a small case in a remote Chinese village. Previously believed to be unimportant, the media was only able to pick up on it once it had spread throughout China and surfaced in South Africa, where it was soon brought to global attention. Spreading through organ harvesting, human trafficking, and undead hordes traveling under water (yes in the books

they cannot drown, require no air, and cannot be affected by pressure at low depths) to the rest of the world, society was quickly overwhelmed, divulging into a period known as the Great Panic, in which most governments collapsed or fell into extreme disorder resulting in anarchy in the streets, the collapse of government services such as power, running water, and security services, creating a situation in which the majority of the citizens of once prosperous nations like the United States, Germany, and Japan, have either been infected, or have died from preventable diseases or injuries. The failures of the major military powers like the United States and Iran (See the Battle of Yonkers New York and the Iranian Pakistan Nuclear Exchange in the special lore segment of this paper for more information), resulted in zombies overrunning entire continents, destroying old world powers and replacing them with new regional and international superpowers (See the Tibetan and Cuban Super Power and the Frozen hordes special lore tabs for more information), resulting in a complete flip in geopolitical and international power. As a result of all of these combined factors, humanity has been on the defensive for a prolonged period of time, however, this is now changing, with nations such as South Africa coming up with ways to effectively combat the spread of the zombie plague (See the Redeker Plan in the special lore tab for more information), and nations like the United States of America reorganizing their armed forces and civilian population in preparation for an offensive incursion into the rest of the continent from the Rocky Mountain Defense Line (See the Collapse of the Americas in the special lore segment of the paper for more information), it is becoming evermore clear that humanity is both prepared and willing to go on the attack, and reclaim their rightful place as the dominant species on Earth.

Special Lore

Battle of Yonkers New York-

The United States, in an attempt to re-gain public trust in the government, set up a widely televised military standoff in New York between the zombies and veteran US forces recently recalled from the Middle East and other bases around the world to defend the US mainland from the undead hordes that had infested the country. Rather than being a decisive victory for US forces, however, the army was forced to retreat, due to the unpreparedness of both the US high command and the soldiers fighting the zombies themselves, and the lack of formal knowledge about how to effectively combat an enemy that lacked the capacity to reason, resulting in an incredibly demoralizing defeat of the United States army, the best fighting force in the world, which was televised globally, adding even more fuel to the gargantuan dumpster fire, which was the Great Panic.

Iran Pakistan Nuclear Exchange:

As absurd as this sounds, even though their governments were actively collapsing and everyone around them was dying, the military high command of both Iran and Pakistan thought it appropriate to engage in a full blown nuclear war over a lack of Pakistani oversight of the refugees that were fleeing into Eastern Iran (mainly because the Iranian embassy in Pakistan had been overrun, and the Pakistani government itself had been ambushed by zombies in an attempt to escape the capital city and had been completely annihilated). This lack of oversight, led to military skirmishes between the remaining Iranian and Pakistani militaries (The Pakistani high command was by this point the de facto government of the country), resulting in Iranian forces launching airstrikes on Pakistani civilians leading to a Pakistani retaliatory airstrike, which was

followed by Iran launching tactical nuclear weapons at Pakistan, which then resulted in full blown nuclear war, causing the complete and utter annihilation of Pakistan, and the loss of Tehran and Islamabad to both nuclear bombs and the un-dead.

The Redeker Plan:

This plan, developed by the South African Government, was designed to enable the further expansion and development of actual safe zones (places that could be defended), the government began indiscriminately redirecting people to “safe spaces” which were designed to be attacked and overrun by the zombies, although barbaric by nature, these quite literal zombie speed bumps did give the government enough time to make actual safe zones and reorganize, leading to most nations adopting some form of this plan (often times a version that did not involve the creation of literal organic speed bumps).

Frozen Zombie Hordes:

During the Great Panic, due to the influence of the media, a poor understanding of the zombie physiology, and a general lack of better alternatives, most people decided to flee to far flung northern regions of their continents, leaving rather large hordes of zombies slowly following behind them. As the winter set in and most of the zombies froze, the northern most nations on these continents became essentially giant storage units for the undead, meaning that when the Summer eventually comes to these nations and the ice begins to melt, they will be overwhelmed by the undead most likely leading to their collapse.

The Great Panic:

The Great Panic occurred because of the failure of governments and societies around the world to comprehend and adequately contain the zombie threat. As a result of this failure the infection not only spread rapidly, but also led to mass hysteria, a breakdown of social order, and large-scale refugee movements. Governments were largely ineffective and disjointed, with the implementation of marshal law and full-blown anarchy being common. The areas most heavily impacted by this were mainly wealthy members of the global north like the United States. The main reasons these areas were so heavily impacted was because of the fake perception of business as usual that were shattered by events like the Battle of Yonkers and the Fall of DC

Chinese Civil War:

Following the repeated military setbacks and subsequent violent crackdown on all urban centers with zombie infestations which culminated in the deliberate destruction of the Three Gorges Dam by the Chinese Communist Party killing tens of millions, a state of civil war broke out within China between the Communist Party and Democratic factions within the government sponsored by Taiwanese refugees. The Future of the conflict remains uncertain but due to the progress made by the Republican forces in their conflict with the government, Taiwan has not only been given a formal seat in the UN as the Republic of China but there are also an increasing number of states calling on the UN to formally recognize the Republic of China as the legitimate governing body in China.

Rise of Cuba:

Immediately following the beginning of the Great Panic in the United States, Cuba began a military quarantine of its island and began accepting refugees from major US cities like Miami and New Orleans and Europeans who had visited the island on vacation and knew it would be a haven. These refugees eventually began to overwhelm the Cuban government's centralized control over the economy and political apparatus, so rather than risk getting overthrown in a coup d'état, Fidel Castro decided to allow elections and eliminate restrictions on private property. This not only led to the creation of a functioning democratic state in Cuba but also a wave of economic development spurred on by the well-educated and entrepreneurial refugees and former Cuban nationals who had been repatriated by the nation, which in turn led to an economic boom in Cuba. This resulted in the creation of a Cuban state that not only has one of the world's strongest democracies at the present but also possesses the world's largest GDP and wealthiest citizens.

Rise of Tibet:

Following the outbreak of the Chinese civil war, the isolated province of Tibet decided to secede from the Chinese state. Its excellent geography and relatively low pre-war population density meant that it was not only able to establish itself as a rare zombie free bastion in Asia, but also begin accepting the millions of refugees fleeing the massive hordes of India and the Chinese civil war. This resulted in the formation of a state which is not only stable but also able to effectively urbanize its population centers, giving it the world's largest city Lhasa and an incredibly powerful position in the region of East Asia.

Ocean Swarms:

As zombies do not need air to survive and do not require functioning organs in order to function, there exists a large number of undead swarms beneath the worlds oceans that serve an ever-present danger to the global population as there is no current way to detect them and they can appear anywhere around the world at any given time completely unannounced.

North Korea:

The entire population of North Korea at the outbreak of the Great Panic mysteriously vanished into a previously unknown labyrinthian bunker system located underneath of the country. It is currently unknown whether the population is still intact or if they have all been zombified, but until an expedition is launched into the tunnel system it will be impossible to know.

Taiwan Strait Crisis:

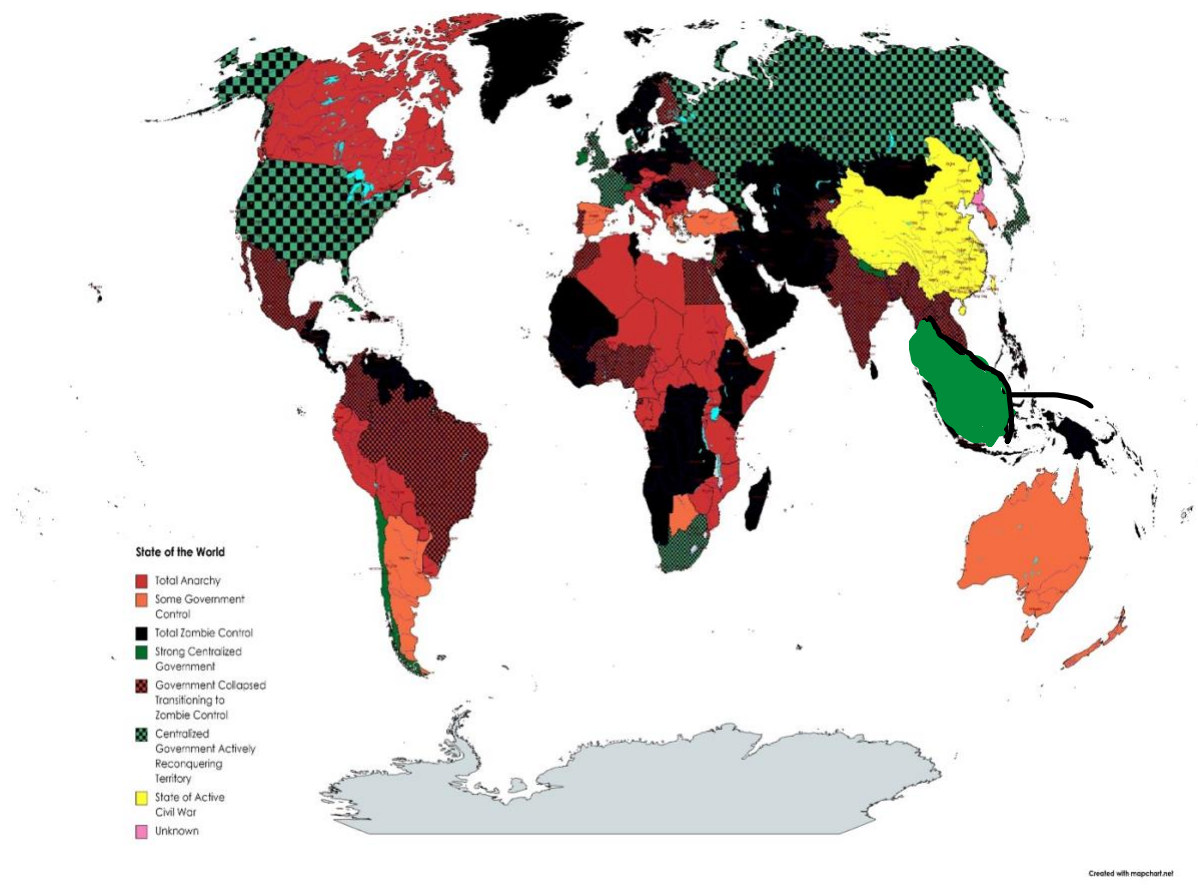
The Chinese false-flag operation that was used to cover up the zombie outbreak within mainland China. It featured a total media blackout within China and the total mobilization of the Chinese military in preparation for a fake invasion of Taiwan .(in reality this was done to suppress zombie outbreaks within China's borders)

The Fall of DC:

This occurred shortly after the US military was defeated at Yonkers and the United States decided to withdraw to a defensive line beyond the Rocky Mountains, the capitol DC was overwhelmed with infected, and the presidential evacuation convoy was intercepted and

destroyed resulting in the incapacitation of former president George H.W Bush and the most intense phases of the Great Panic in the US.

MAP:



Committee Objectives

- 1. Formulate a strategy which the world can use to effectively combat the zombie threat and re-establish human dominance with.**
- 2. Attempt to restabilize regions that have completely collapsed politically (Total Anarchy) and are now under the control of numerous roaming gangs and warlords. (Reference the Map)**
- 3. Decide what to do with nations that have been completely overrun with the undead (Total zombie control on the map)**
- 4. Attempt to resolve the massive global refugee crisis that stems from the Great Panic.**
- 5. Facilitate the re-development of the global economy in the wake of the economic calamity that followed the Great Panic.**
- 6. Find a way to deal with the energy crisis in the wake of the collapse of most organized energy extraction operations (oil)**
- 7. Find a way to deal with the massive frozen hordes in the global North and the massive colonies of undead that plague the world's oceans.**
- 8. Discover what happened to North Korea and see if reunification with South Korea is possible given the current state of both nations.**

Nations in this Committee

USA- After the Great panic (reference special lore), The United States lost most of its territory East of the Rocky Mountains, these included the nation's capital, New York, Chicago, and most cities located along the Eastern Seaboard, after establishing a defensive line along the Rocky Mountains, the US began to build large temporary housing units, to house its citizens, and began a complete overhaul of its military tactics, weaponry, and political system. This complete overhaul of the military, combined with the conscription of most adults, and a near fanaticism for reclaiming the nation's eastern seaboard has resulted in a nation that is not only prepared but driven with a fiery passion to reclaim its lost territory and re-assert itself as the world's superpower. Additionally, due to the crisis posed by the Great Panic and the inability to hold an actual election in the continental US, and the incapacitation of the former US president George H.W Bush during the fall of DC and the sudden and unexpected death of VP Dick Cheney, Congress utilized its emergency powers and voted a Republican and a Democrat into the office of president as a show of national unity. These two individuals, John McCain and Barack Obama, have chosen to personally attend the emergency session of the UN to reassert the US' global power status and attempt to maintain the prewar status quo as much as possible.

Roles:

VP: John McCain

President: Barack Obama

France- As home to one of the first major outbreaks in France (Paris), France was one of the first nations in Europe to perceive the true threat of the zombie hordes. This led to the French government (which already had right leaning sympathies), to declare martial law and give the

military high command “emergency powers”, which is a nice way of saying they pretty much re-implemented the Napoleonic system. With its new “emergency powers”, the military/government, began the adoption of a lesser *Redeker Plan*, in which it set up temporary strongholds, which unlike the South African type were designed to not be over taken by zombie hordes, but were instead designed to temporarily hold the citizens of major urban areas (like the remnants of Paris and the cities of Lyon and Marseille), while the nations castles and historic forts were restored, modernized, and greatly expanded to house the entire population.

Unfortunately, due to the collapse of northern Paris with the fall of the Paris safe zone, only around half of the nation’s population ever actual saw these completed “permanent safe zones”, which could only adequately accommodate 2/3rds of the remaining population. Despite these setbacks, the nation was able to successfully reorganize in the South of the country and near Switzerland and is now prepared to go back on the offensive in an effort to retake the rest of their country and hopefully restabilize Europe. As a result of the many domestic issues within France, the French president and Prime Minister were unable to attend the conference and instead sent the head of foreign affairs Nicolas Sarkozy in their place.

Roles:

French Envoy: Nicolas Sarkozy

UK- After London fell, the Royal Family was evacuated to a bunker in the Scottish Highlands along with parliament, while the central government and military are currently in control, the many urban centers of Britain are currently overrun with infected leaving many people to take shelter in large country estates and castles which have been repurposed into self-sustaining colonies by order of the Queen. As a result of the British government’s precarious

position, Queen Elizabeth herself has insisted on being in attendance of the conference along with the Prime Minister Tony Blair to plead the international community for assistance in reclaiming the British Isles and restoring stability in the rest of Europe.

Roles:

Monarch: Queen Elizabeth II

Prime Minister: Tony Blair

Chile- Although the majority of the nations surrounding Chile were either overrun by the zombies, or fell into complete anarchy, the robust economy of Chile and it's unique regional geography enabled it to organize an effective defensive line along the Andes mountain ranges, enabling the country to stay zombie free and relatively stable. This has bought the nation enough time to begin plotting the liberation (and in some cases annexation) of territories, whose government had previously collapsed, which may prove to be an unpopular agenda with the rest of the UN especially any nations that desire to preserve the pre-zombie world order.

Roles:

President: Michelle Bachelet

Prime Minister: Alejandro Foxley

South Africa- Being one of the first countries in Africa to have a major outbreak of the disease in a major city (Cape town), South Africa was at a disadvantage, with most of the planet knowing little to nothing about how to combat the undead, as a result, much of the nation was overrun before the government could even devise a way to combat the undead. Their fortunes changed, however, soon after they began the implementation of the *Redeker Plan* (see special

lore for details), which enabled the country to successfully combat the undead hordes that ravaged the country. Now, after successfully reorganizing their military, government, and economy, South Africa is ready to take back the resource rich lands that it had lost to the zombie hordes, to fund the factories which will produce weapons that will enable the nation to begin liberating not just the nation of South Africa, but the entire geographic region of South Africa as well. Given the recent success South Africa has had with the implementation of the *Redeker Plan* the government of South Africa has gone on the offensive and has sent the former president of South Africa Nelson Mandela to represent them at the UN.

Roles:

Former President: Nelson Mandella

Cuba- After using the nation's military to establish border patrols around the island, accepting dozens of well-educated refugees from North America and Europe, and replacing the authoritarian Communist government with an Capitalistic Democratic government, Cuba managed to turn itself into a superpower over the 5 years since zombies began overrunning the planet, becoming one of the few remaining completely intact consumer economy superpowers in the Americas. Due to the recent democratization of Cuba and the influx of wealthy US citizens, there has been a concerted rise in the appeal of the ideology of neo-liberalism amongst the Cuban population, which has resulted in the unprecedented election of the populist market liberal and former business magnate Jeff Bezos to the office of president of Cuba. Due to his position as leader of one of the world's foremost superpowers at the present, Mr. Bezos has insisted on being in person for this emergency session of the UN to better advocate for economic re-

construction and a solution to the ocean-hordes, the two most pressing issues for the Cuban people.

Roles:

President Elect: Jeff Bezos

Tibet- As the superpowers of India and China collapsed, the nation of Tibet , entered into a seeming golden age, most of the wealthy citizens from China and India, began to buy property and move their assets into the nation prior to the Great Panic, this material wealth when combined with the incredibly difficult to traverse mountains of Tibet and its naturally low population density enabled it to invest in defenses that kept it effectively zombie free while the rest of China imploded on itself. This led Tibet to declare independence from China and better process the incoming refugees from India and China. As a result of this, Tibet was able to emerge as a superpower from the depths of the Great Panic and propel itself into a position of regional prominence within Asia as the only 100% zombie free country. However, being 100% zombie free has attracted refugees from all-over the continent seeking to enter into the only place that they believe is safe leading to an unprecedented refugee crisis that the nation does not have the resources to deal with by itself. Additionally, with Tibet's independence from China, it was able to re-invite the Dalai Lama from India back to lead the nation as its religious head. However, Tibet has also recently begun hosting democratic elections for the first time in its history, so it decided to send the Dalai Lama as its official ambassador to the UN to resolve the ongoing crisis in China and to deal with the refugee crisis plaguing it at the present.

Roles:

Dalai Lama

Denmark- After being able to successfully utilize the nation's geography to its advantage, the Danish government was able to save its capital of Copenhagen, and the rest of its mainland European territory from zombie invasion, making it one of the few places in mainland Europe (apart from Switzerland), that has both some semblance of order and little to or no zombies. As a result of this isolation, it is beginning to run low on fairly large amounts of resources, and is approaching a food shortage in Copenhagen, which could spell disaster for the rest of the nation. As a result of the dire nature of the situation in Copenhagen, the two most important heads of state in Denmark, the Prime Minister and the Queen have decided to attend the emergency session of the UN in person to make the appeal to foreign aid and economic reconstruction in person.

Roles:

Monarch: Queen Margrethe II

Prime Minister: Anders Fogh Rasmussen

Switzerland- Being naturally isolated from the rest of the continent by mountains, having a vast amount of emergency money and resources, and having a plethora of defensive fortifications and bunkers left from both the 2nd and 1st world wars, it is easy to see how the nation of Switzerland was able to remain relatively safe from the zombie hordes, while the rest of the continent burned around it. Although Switzerland was able to stay safe from the undead, it was not spared from the civil strife and political chaos that came from absorbing the majority of central Europe's refugee population and is scrambling to find ways to deal with this situation before it results in a complete breakdown in civil order.

Roles:

President: Moritz Leuenberger

Foreign Secretary: Micheline Calmy-Rey

Japan- Being one of the first nations (except for Israel) to clearly see what was happening in China, the Japanese civil defense core began to fortify the northern islands of the country and evacuate the population of the major urban areas of Tokyo, Kyoto, and Osaka (the others were overwhelmed, or had been evacuated to these areas to await evacuation), resulting in the majority of the population being successfully relocated to the northern islands, where the Japanese government and military currently reside, awaiting for the perfect moment in time to retake the home islands. Additionally, much like Russia, there has been a resurgence in the popularity of traditional Japanese values like respect for the old arts of the Samuri and certain societal tenants like caring for the elderly that had been abandoned in the prior Japanese society.

Roles:

Prime Minister: Shinzo Abe

Israel- After intercepting communications from Indian high command citing instances of mass civil unrest and reports of “undead partisans”, the Israeli government used its intelligence agency to begin to investigate all reports of the “undead” in most national governments, what they found was that the outbreaks in China, India, and Thailand had all been covered up. This discovery prompted the leadership of the country to take decisive action, and they began building massive fortifications around the entire country, with one large “grand wall” stretching around the entire geographic territory of Israel (excluding occupied zones in Palestine) and two other

walls around the cities of Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, which was soon after followed by the nation closing its borders completely. This saved the nation from the complete collapse of all other nations around it and led to Israel becoming one of the 3 major post Great Panic powers (in addition to Cuba and Tibet). The office of Israeli Prime minister is currently held by former Israeli general Ariel Sharon who due to numerous health problems stemming from a heart attack and stroke, has been advised to reduce his public appearances but has still insisted on attending this emergency session of the UN with foreign secretary Silvan Shalom.

Roles:

Prime Minister: Ariel Sharon

Foreign Secretary: Silvan Shalom

Holy Russian Empire: After the start of the Great Panic, the Russian State implemented a total media blackout within the nation. This media blackout led to dissent within the Russian armed forces which resulted in the emergence of a radical ideological movement based on the resurgence of moralism based on the principles of Eastern Orthodoxy within Russia. This movement led to a widespread mutiny by the army and threatened to destroy what remained of the country, so in this time of weakness, former president Boris Yeltsin was allegedly visited in a dream and told that he must lead the people of Russia back to their just relationship with god, so he formally stepped down from his position as president to become the newest Patriarch of Russia and was succeeded by ex KGB agent Vladimir Putin. What followed was a total overhaul of the Russian state apparatus that was facilitated by a larger cultural revolution in Russia that asserted the Russian tradition of absolutist control and divine right, which culminated in the proclamation of the Holy Russian Empire led by the absolute monarch and head of the secular

government Tsar Vladimir Putin and the Patriarch of Russia Boris Yeltsin. This move has been criticized as nothing more than a power grab by many in the international community with some even alleging that Vladimir Putin has been using Boris Yeltsin (who they claim is also a non-functioning alcoholic) as a pawn to gain total control over the Russian people and implement his revanchist vision of Russia. To formerly address these rumors and show that Russia can still effectively assert itself in the international community, Mr. Putin and His Holiness Boris Yeltsin have personally traveled to the emergency assembly of the UN.

Roles:

Tsar: Valdimir Putin

Patriarch: Boris Yeltsin

People's Republic of China: As one of the first states hit with the zombie outbreak, China would also be the first state to deal with and know the full extent of the horrors of the undead, so it decided from early on to adopt a zero-tolerance policy for zombies. However, due to its massive size and dense population zones, the state soon found itself overwhelmed with infestations that it dealt with using indiscriminate brutality. This indiscriminate brutality took the form of the mass bombing of infested urban centers with the populations still within them and the mass execution of entire villages. These policies lead to the deliberate destruction of the Three Gorges Dam by the government to deal with major urban infestations, which while effective in the sense of dealing with the urban infestations, proved to be the spark of the Chinese Civil War. Since the destruction of the Three Gorges Dam the PRC has been locked in a war with the ROC backed by Taiwan, and while the PRC has managed to secure Manchuria and most of Northern China, the ROC has been able to use the destruction of the Three Gorges as a way to

convince many regional leaders in Southern China to defect to the Republican cause, leading to an effective stalemate. To win this civil war, the PRC believes that it must appeal to the UN to lead either an intervention into China to restore order to the South or at the very least establish a temporary truce agreement between itself and the ROC. To make this appeal, the president of the PRC Hu Jintao has decided to attend the emergency meeting of the UN in-person to better advocate his nation's position in addition to the foreign secretary.

Roles:

President: Hu Jintao

Foreign Secretary: Li Zhaoxing

Republic of China: Before the global zombie outbreak, the ROC (formerly Taiwan) was already preparing for a potential invasion from China because of the Taiwan Strait Crisis (see lore). This intense preparation for a Chinese invasion that never came left Taiwan incredibly militarized and closed off to foreign travelers, meaning that the island was isolated from the initial outbreaks that caused the Great Panic in other countries. However, this isolation was only temporary as soon the island became inundated with infected refugees from China's mainland that led to minor outbreaks within Taiwan, which although were not severe enough to leave Taiwan in the same position as its neighbors, still prevented it from reaching post Great-Panic superpower levels. Additionally, with the destruction of the Three Gorges Dam in China, and the subsequent uprising in the South against the PRC, Taiwan took the opportunity to re-enter mainland China, offering itself up as an alternative governing body to the PRC, which many in the South agreed to, leading to Taiwan declaring itself officially the ROC and asserting de facto control over much of what remained of Southern China, which has brought it into open conflict

with the PRC. While the war is now in an effective stalemate with both sides too weak to directly combat each other, the new president of the ROC Chen Shui-bian has traveled personally to the UN to appeal for an intervention in the conflict that will hopefully solidify the ROC's control over all of China or at the very least prevent the PRC from retaking its former territory.

Roles:

President: Chen Shui-bian

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