

## STRIFE

### MAIN IDEA:

A young woman tries to find refuge with her younger brother during the start of the third world war. They find refuge with the UOG, United Ordered Governments, but their safety comes at a price and she is separated from her brother so she must travel across Europe to try and reconnect with him. Along the way she will gain friends that will travel with her in hopes of finding some part of the world that has not been consumed by the war. As she and her companions travel across the continent they must survive in the wilderness while keeping away from allied government forces as well as humans and animals that have mutated from the fallout of the war.

### SETTING:

It is 2053 and the United Nations has become the United Ordered Governments by monopolising their power so that there is one singular government. There are some people that stand against having one government that controls everything on Earth so war breaks out first in Germany and Russia then in every country across the world with the Loyalist in each individual country fighting back against the UOG. As a result most countries have gone into lock down which does not allow anyone to come or go across the border. Europe has taken the brunt of the war and the entire continent has been worn down.

The war has only lasted 7 months and the human population has already dropped by 25%. The UOG's solution to this is to conscript men and women from the countries that they occupy. The men are forced to serve on the front lines while the women are forced into breeding programs so that they can pro create by either natural or unnatural means no matter what their social status is, however if they cannot have children then they are sent to the front lines with the men. Some people accept this system since the UOG will take care of them if they are compliant, but other reject the rules and have become the Rebels wanting nothing to do with the UOG or Loyalist governments.

After 8 months the UOG decides to drop nuclear bombs in every major Loyalist city in hopes of ending the war early. Before doing so they warn the Loyalist to get them to hopefully surrender, civilians from all over the continent rush to Paris France, which the UOG declares as one of their few Safe Zones across the globe. The Loyalist do not surrender and the bombs are dropped. All the cities that were directly hit are completely radioactive and covered in snowy ash. The rest of the world is also affected by the fallout also having pieces of land covered by the ash with a completely grey sky. As a result everything becomes chaotic and is completely destroyed; forests close to bomb sites are barren and the only things left of the cities are metal skeletons of the buildings and charred remains of humans. Roads are littered with the dead bodies of people who could not make it to a safe zone. This did not bring an end to the war and the Loyalist still push against the UOG.

## CHARACTERS:

This story is about Aislin, a 27 year old Canadian, who was on a trip in Europe with her younger brother Eric during the start of the third world war. After 8 months of being locked down they receive news about the nuclear strikes happening in 2 days so they make their way to Paris. Once they reach the safe zone they are separated which is when Aislin meets 30 year old Corporal Kathleen Streltsov and 35 year old Sergeant Mark Talon of the UOG who help Aislin escape Paris. Kathleen and Mark abandon the UOG and the three of them travel together and go to Compiègne where they meet Zack Walker a 34 year old hunter from Australia that could not get home from his vacation due to the world wide lock down. He informs them of a safe community that has been started by the Rebels and joins them in the search for Aislin's brother and this new community.

## PLOT:

- Aislin and Eric make their way through a crowd of refugees to Paris.
  - When they make it into the city everything is in utter chaos with families being split apart.
  - Soldiers try to split Aislin and Eric but they fight back and get away.
  - Both make their way back to the edge of the city and Eric gets out but a soldier comes up and grabs Aislin.
- Aislin is taken to a breeding farm.
  - She meets Corporal Kathleen Streltsov who is also locked up and explains that they UOG will only protect the people who basically do as they are told and explains that the population is dwindling which is why they have been thrown in these farms, soldier or not.
- Aislin and Kathleen are sent to do their "civic duty" and pro create with a volunteer soldier.
  - The volunteer soldier turns out to be a squad member of Kathleen's, Sergeant Mark Talon, who has come to get Kathleen out of the farm.
  - He takes both Aislin and Kathleen from the farm and together they have to sneak past guards to get out of the city.
- After they leave Paris all three travel to Compiègne for supplies and meet Zack Walker.
  - He tells them about a rebel community that is forming somewhere in Russia.
  - After doing some digging around town they found out that there is another rebel camp in Amsterdam that could possibly help them.
- They go to Amsterdam and find the Rebel group.
  - They meet the leader of the group but she does not trust them and decides to test them telling them to prove that they are on the Rebels side by freeing some of her people from a nearby town.
  - After they accomplish this they go back to Amsterdam and help fend off Loyalist and UOG soldiers from the camp.
  - Finally the leader of the resistance trusts them and tells them that they need to head to Moscow.

- Before they leave Aislin pulls out a photo of her brother and asks if she has seen him.
    - She has and said that she told him to go to Moscow as well.
- While going from Amsterdam to Berlin they are attacked by radioactive wolves.
  - Many of the animals that managed to survive are deformed and feral.
  - Kathleen is bitten by one and starts to come down with a bad fever so they decide to pass through Berlin in hopes of finding adequate medical supplies to clean her wound and stitch her back up.
- In Berlin the Loyalist and UOG are having a major battle.
  - The four of them get caught up in the battle while trying to make their way to a hospital.
  - Zack stays with Kathleen moving her through every area that Aislin and Mark manage to clear.
  - At the hospital some UOG soldiers kidnap Kathleen while the others are looking for supplies.
  - Mark and Aislin return and find Kathleen missing which is when they hear her screams.
    - They follow her voice and look out a window just in time to see the soldiers taking her away.
    - Zack meets back up with them but they are too late, the soldiers are gone and so is Kathleen.
    - Zack tracks the UOG soldiers.
- Mark, Aislin, and Zack follow the UOG to Warsaw in Poland.
  - They find the UOG farm and find a way to sneak in.
  - Once inside they find Kathleen who has been severely beaten.
    - She has died from never properly cleaning her wound.
- They found plans in the UOG farm that showed an abandoned tunnel that runs under the country Belarus from Warsaw in Poland to the city of Tula in Russia and they decide to take it.
  - Underground they find broken make shift camps suggesting that people went down into the tunnels when the bombs were dropped.
  - They find out that the fallout has affected humans as well causing them to become feral and deformed just like the wolves except they do not like light of any kind.
    - They use this to their advantage to make their way through the tunnel.
    - At the end of the tunnel the light they used dies out and the mutated humans attack in swarms.
    - Zack ends up giving his life to let Aislin get out of the tunnel because she reminds him of his late wife who died at the start of the war.
- They travel from Tula to Moscow.
  - The Rebel camp has been abandoned and many dead bodies lay throughout the camp.

## CONCLUSION:

When Aislin and Mark arrive at the Rebel camp they find that is completely abandoned with dead bodies littered among the rubble. As they make their way through the camp checking the bodies to see if any of them are Eric, which none of them are, the sound of static can be heard and they come across a radio. A woman says, "...broadcast...all kno...channels...for thos... you who ...fuse to let...so call... governments rule you... you are not alone...the resistance ...here...if you...to join us look... west...find us." (we are broadcasting on all known channels, for those of you who refuse to let these so called governments rule you know that you are not alone...the resistance is still here, if you wish to join us look to the west and you will find us). Aislin and Mark can only make out broken parts of the message and gather that the Rebels were forced to move back to the west and decide that they are their best chance for survival and Aislin's only hope of finding her brother. After they walk away dramatically into the distance another broken voice comes on the radio saying, "Aislin...if...hear this...it's...Eri...wi...re...find me." (Aislin if you can hear this it's Eric I'm with the Rebels head west and find me).