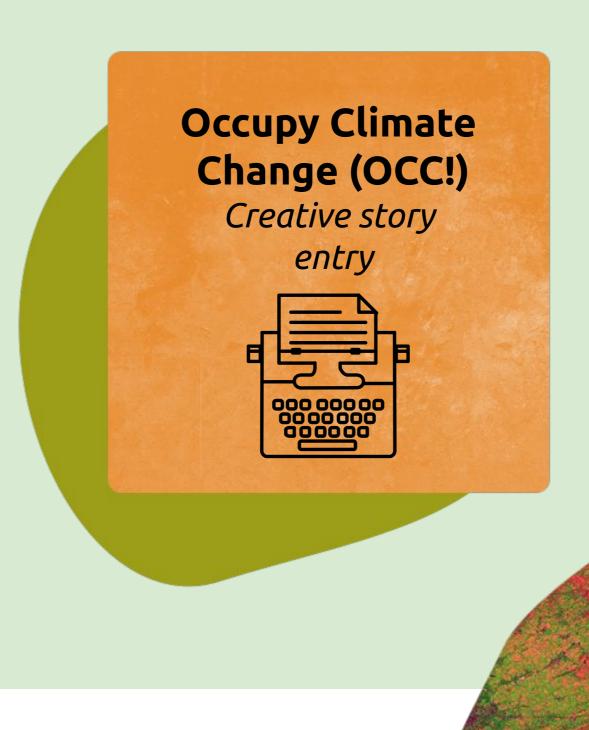
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A dark night of summer

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It is a dark night of summer, I mean dark because it is 2 am and should be dark outside but is already 3 weeks we haven't gone outside the Vault. We have listened that a new exploration is going to take place next week, we will see if Jimmy and I can be part of it...

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We have been selected to go outside and explore the Eastern part of or refuge, some people say that more than 150 years ago, there was a city called San Sebastian near there. This is what we heard from the ancients, some of them are 190 years old. They state that life was so different in their times than now, people lived outside the Vault, because they could. Nowadays is impossible to stay there longer than a week because of all the radiation. This radiation was caused by the weapons used in WW4, where 99% of the population of the world died more o less 50 years ago. I have learned this in my history class as I am 20 years old.

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Finally, is the great day...

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We spent 2 days there outside, and I found something, but I really didn't know what it is until I asked my great grandfather. He told me it was called a book and that people used to write things in it. We opened and realized it was like what I am writing and e-diary but in a book.

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It is 1pm I have just woken up, I spent the whole night reading the diary, I found that it was from a 25-year-old journalist that lived in 2018. I am amazed by all what he explains in the diary and I need to go and visit all the places he describes because I have to know how it was 200 years ago. The first place I want to visit is the waste management plant they had in San Sebastian, because as he explained:

"Recently the government has launched a project to build a new dump as the previous is already full. But it is a nonsense to do it where they have planned it, just outside Alza, they are going to be so many problems and protests, something bad is going to happen. The other alternative was an incinerator to burn all the rubbish but here in Spain is bad seen this technology as it it said to pollute too much. There are places in northern Europe where this solution is seen better. I hope we would have their same view, things would be so different..."

After reading this piece I searched in our computers some articles about this fact or something related but nothing useful... but found that Alza seems to be a working-class neighborhood quite poor in the suburbs of San Sebastian. Why would it be dangerous to do there? I can't understand why that could that way...I'll keep reading it.

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It is already a week since I found the book and the more I read it the more I like it and more I need to go to the places he mentioned. I am going to talk about this to my dad because I am sure he can do more than me. The finding of the book can be a good beginning to know more about the past because most of the data was lost during WW4 as it was not only a nuclear war but also an informatic war. The war was won by the USA when they managed to send a virus to the enemies and unutilized all the informatic tools and provoking them to fight as they were in the XV century.

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My father has shown interest in investing for explorations to places mentioned by the journalist. They are planning to go to where the dump was supposed to be built and see what they find there. I have asked him if I can go with them but his answer was a resounding NO. I will keep trying to convince him to at least be part of one of the 4 expeditions planned.

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The first explorers are back 3 days after the departure. However 7 started and I have only see 5 enter in the Vault. I will ask what happened...

During the dinner dad told us that there were some problems during the exploration and that they had lost contact with 2 of them. Anyway this happened on the third day, maximum time

outside the Vault is supposed to be a week so they still have time to find the way back home but in the Government they are not too confident about this fact.

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An alarm has woken up everyone in the Vault we have been asked to go immediately to the basement. There a group of soldiers took the poor's children and separated them from their parents at the same time that the fathers were taking into a separated room, everything looks suspicious. Going back to our home I asked dad what was this all about, he told me that he could not say a word to me but after insisting a bit he confessed. Even though I can't say a word about this. They are taking poor people to go and find the two explorers lost outside.

This is unacceptable... I could not be quiet...I am so mad about this, we can't let them do these things I have talked with Jimmy and we are doing something here. Even if my dad is one of the responsibles of this as being one of the members of the board of the Government. Not because of being his son I have to stay quiet, and much more knowing what I know and being responsible of all this. As if I had not found the book nothing of this had happened.

Things are not done this way, and having the resources we have here in the Vault... I feel so responsible. I need to fix this.

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I have been talking to my colleagues and we have decided to create an association to fight against this injustice. We are going to make demonstrations so that things are not done in this way and find solutions.

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It has cost me but I have managed to gather a group of 35 people from the university to start with this ... We need to do something as soon as possible because we have heard that the first expeditions have already gone in search of the missing explorers. But I need more information about his situation, I have to trick my father to tell me more about the rescuers. I will pretend that I am interested in helping them but can not discover that my idea is to boycott the rescue.

Not the rescue but the fact that they take advantage of the power that the Government has to take advantage of the most needy. I have obtained information through my father who says

that the people they took a couple of weeks ago are in a special unit where they are trained specifically for this task. I think infiltrating and releasing them is impossible, so with this information we can do other things.

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The first expedition starts tomorrow so we have to do something now! After the meeting I had with the others we decided that we are going to block the exit of the explorers in protest so that the Government will realize that things are not done that way.

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It's 11 o'clock at night I just got home after being all day in the hospital, it turns out that some snitch told a representative of the Government and have appeared by surprise and have lashed out at us ... The final result has been 5 seriously injured and 7 slight, me among them. The worst of all is that they have done it in a way that it seems that everything is our fault and where the aggressors will go unpunished. But at least we managed to show others that we are going to fight for this injustices. And this can be the beginning of others joining us. Also we accomplished to delay the departure of the first explorers.

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It has been 4 days since we managed to abort the rescuers' departure, not because we do not want them rescued if they are still alive. But it is not fair that those who have to go in their search are poor people who have been separated from their family instead of being the real professionals who dedicate themselves to this. Dad told me it is because it is a very risky mission because on the one hand the explorers may have died and on the other hand there are no clues as to where they were lost and from the day they were lost they may have moved to survive

The truth is that thinking carefully if you find them alive means that you can survive outside the Vault more than a week, since more than 15 days ago they left.

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Good news, with the protest of last week the Government has reflected and realized that they were not doing things properly ... They are preparing a rescue mission because they have received signals of communication from abroad and everything points to it is about the 2 lost

explorers. A feeling of hope has taken over The Vault and people are eager for them to come back alive, especially their families who were already missing and may be back. Everyone is helping in the preparation of the expedition and wants to contribute its grain of sand so that this goes well. Everything is planned so that this week they will give their search abroad. And according to the experts the mission should not last more than 4 days.

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The rescue mission has left this morning and all the inhabitants of The Vault have gone to give them encouragement. Dad is very happy and proud of me because according to him all this despite having been partly provoked by me, at the same time it is thanks to me. If I had not mobilized all the students to protest and to be heard and ignored.

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Yes! They have already returned, it seems that the rescue has gone well because more have arrived than they left but for now the Government has not said anything about it. Finally, during the afternoon the Government has launched an announcement saying that both explorers lost in the previous mission have been rescued and they are well. They also added that this fact could help scientist to investigate more about the environment outside because the explorers have stated that they found life in form of animals and plants during their period lost.