KOVAL'S WARP

The dream that never was.

Location: Planet Rho-21c, Rho Coronae Borealis System

Koval was founded in 2191 by the Marsh Funds for Interstellar Research, with the help of the most brilliant scientists on Earth. It was in fact the first research center established on an exoplanet, after years promising results received from extensive probing. An impressive underground mineral deposit was the main reason explaining why the Marsh chose Rho-21c in the first place, between thousands of other prospects.

Koval then welcomed mining corporations to assist in the construction of the city, and work began on its eponymous research center. Ten years later, the complex was up and running, and the Marsh made its debut in several massive scientific projects, including Project Mentis. The technological advances from the complex made possible the creation of the first Warp Device, thus renaming the town after the achievement. Around the same time, by 2211, we can see early reports of intense radiation blasts from the mines, from what would later be called The Orb by Koval's Warp' scientists.

In 2215, only three weeks after scientists discovered The Orb, the contact with the city was lost, and energy from the Warp Device has been falling ever since, preventing the authorities and the Marsh from sending a full rescue team. It is believed that Koval's Warp was the victim of a Cykrom attack. In that case, chances are that most of the inhabitants have lost their lives.



"The most comfortable off-world living area."

Location: Koval's Warp, Marsh Research Facility

According to body-heat scanners, the Habitation Sector is the area of the facility where most workers seeked shelter after the incident. The heat signatures have faded since then, but it is possible to entertain the idea that a few survivors might be out of range from the scanners at the moment.

This is also the last place where Anton Ostrovsky was reported alive, based on key-card usage data. Dr. Ostrovsky was one of the project leaders on the study of the Orb, looking for useful ways to exploit its energy. He also had access to Project Mentis, but wasn't directly involved with it. If he is to be alive, his help could be useful to salvage the remaining data analysis of the Orb.

Be mindful to check the living quarters. It appears that a Project Mentis terminal was just finished being installed at the entrance, so that could be a problem. Whatever happens, do not engage conversation with the entity they created, we don't know if it is stable and ready for interaction yet.

Good luck,

- Marsh Off-World Cykrom Intervention Team (MOWCIT)

MARSH CORPORATION

"Future is now or never."

Location: Vancouver, Canada - Earth

Erick Marsh was a man with a vision. A vision so grand, so revolutionary, that it spawned an incredible legacy that lasted for more than two centuries. The Marsh Corporation first started in 2019 as a bio-engineering company, with the project of developing super-GMOs designed to craft crops that would be resistant to the challenges of climate change. It is reported that everything started with the phrase that still motivates the company today: "Future is now or never."

However, the company went bankrupt after the micro ice ages provoked by the cooling of the Gulf Stream destroyed entire farming corporations, eliminating in any possible demand for their super crops. But Mr. Marsh did not get discouraged so easily. Just after the outbreak of the Siberian War in 2032, the visionary man used this diplomatic misstep as an opportunity to venture into the mass destruction weapons business. By 2039, profits were astronomical, and the opposing side was reduced to ashes, annihilated by the military superiority of the Marsh Corp. weapons.

As years went by, Marsh and his successors expanded into scientific research, always seeking more effective means of destroying one's neighbor, and bought many obsolete space rockets from governments in order to make their own. By 2063, Erick Marsh retired on the very same day that his company established their first military outpost on Mars. It was the beginning of a great design that would lead the company to the confines of known, and unknown space.



DUNCAN MOORE

SEX: Male

DATE OF BIRTH: April 14th, 2181

HOMEWORLD: Earth

AFFILIATION: Marsh Corporation

JOB TITLE: Electrical engineer (Level 4)

- Currently assigned on Koval's Warp -

CURRENT STATUS: Unknown

BACKGROUND

====ACCESSSING DATABASE====

Moore studied engineering at the University of British Columbia, before being recruited by the Marsh a few months after obtaining his degree. He first started working on a mining facility west of Seattle, on which he was responsible for the maintenance. Following the accidental death of his partner in 2211, he applied for the Marsh Off-World Working Program, and was then transferred to Koval's Warp, where he hoped to find a new purpose to his life. He distinguished himself during a power crisis caused by a solar storm, in which he managed to restore the entire electrical system in a matter of a few hours only, causing the scientists to become aware of his outstanding work. Moore was then granted a level 4 security clearance to work on the top secret Project Mentis, helping Dr. Ostrovsky to design the schematics of the room intended to contain The Computer.

05/06/2215 - Communication lost with most sectors of Koval's Warp after the radiation blast caused by The Orb. In a desperate attempt to inform his colleagues of the imminent threat, officer Moore hacked a portable communication device on which he was able to encode two short sentences and send them to Earth. The message reads like this: "HIDDEN IN SECTOR H, CYKROM ATTACK. PLEASE SEND HELP."

This is, for now, the only communication that was transmitted from Koval's Warp since the anomaly. To this day, we still don't know about the survival of officer Moore and his colleagues. Finding him remains one of the main objectives of the rescue team.