

REP 1

Sir, we have the reports you requested.

PRESIDENT

So I want to find out how much of our systems we can still salvage, can we make it work.

REP 1

It looks bleak. All our systems were built on the assumption that electricity was immortal.

PRESIDENT

Come on, it's hard to believe that we can't get along without power. For centuries governments were run without electricity... What's the status of our food processing plants? Surely we can make them work without it.

REP 2

We haven't had communications with them. I'm assuming they've been shut down. Most likely people will be raiding them soon.

PRESIDENT

We'll just have to give orders like they did in the old days, face to face. We'll drive the orders by car in sealed documents.

REP 3

Um sir, if I may. We have no transportation, the vehicles' electronics were fried by the solar flair's electro magnetics.

PRESIDENT

What about steam trains.

REP 3

Yes sir, but not the ones that run on coal... we've run out of coal long ago. The wood burning ones work and we've saved plenty of old wood furniture.

PRESIDENT

Perfect, that will be our transport.

REP 3

Well... they're dependent on having tracks, also their locations are stored on the computers.

PRESIDENT

Damn. How did they run governments in the old days?

REP 3

Horses and weapons sir.

PRESIDENT

Great, we'll use horses then.

REP 2

Sir... you ate our last known horse at your inauguration dinner.

PRESIDENT

Is that what that was, I almost forgot. That was really good... No leftover huh? Well, we'll just have to get the power up and running again.

REP 1

We are faced with a global power failure... our entire planet is powerless. All the transformers were overheated and blown. Even if we did have the means to replace them, we don't have the communication network to organize it nor the man power to fix it.

GENERAL

Sir, you're denying the obvious. There is no more government. It's a total government shut down. All global currencies have crashed, all media has crashed, all enforcement capabilities are completely gone. Without systems of control, we can't control.

PRESIDENT

Great, so what do we do to fix this? We're always having government shut downs.

GENERAL

Not this time... It's time to go underground into the caves and evacuate our remaining officials before it becomes free range feasting out there.

PRESIDENT

Well, will I still get to be president? I really like this job.

GENERAL

Yes sir, you will still be the leader of the new free bunkers.

PRESIDENT

Awesome! Are they nice?

GENERAL

They're fully stocked for extended survival. We've been stocking food with the over populated prisons and migrant detention centers for years now. In addition, we've stocked them with a surplus of left over potatoes and dried onions.

PRESIDENT

I've never been much a vegetable guy, I suppose for seasoning though. What else we got?

REP 4

We've got plenty of money, sir. More than we can count.

PRESIDENT

What the hell are we supposed to do with money down there?

REP 4

We're going to eat it, sir.

(pause)

We've also hoarded away a small supply of gasoline for some gas powered generators we have... so we'll have some electricity for a small while.

PRESIDENT

Television?

REP 4

No transmission capabilities, but we're allowing for a 3 percent live entertainment population to help eliminate boredom. The Cannibillions will be there in person for our amusement.

PRESIDENT

Oh that's great, that's really great! It sounds like a wonderful place. Well let's get moving, the sooner, the better, I can't wait. The new free world awaits!

REP 2

Sir, we will be waiting in the Rhomboid office till our convoy gets here. Since we have no communications ability with them, we have to wait for their arrival. In our contingency plan, we have a set number of vehicle shielded from the flairs that are ordered to pick up staff in case of such an event.

PRESIDENT

Great, let's go, I don't want to miss them. Hey what happens if there's another flair on the way over.

GENERAL

Well sir, that is a risk we are willing to take.

They all begins to get up grabbing their items with you.

CUT TO THE MEN WALKING IN AN OFFICIAL HALLWAY.

The President is walking beside Rep 2 with Rep 5 about 10 feet ahead of them.

REP 2

So we'll have a staff member pack up all your possessions to bring with us... and your mother.

PRESIDENT

(quietly)

Okay, great. Hey... can you accidentally leave the mother behind in the confusion.

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