
Subject: Brainstorming Comments

Posted by [artisticrainey](#) on Wed, 25 Jul 2012 23:57:46 GMT

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Since there were so few of us at the brainstorming session (02-15-09), I've set up this thread so you can add your two bits from what we discussed, and also add your two bits from the agenda as well.

Here's the agenda:

A player is leaving & status of her character(s)

The upcoming rescue

Talking to people about subplots/posting subplots on the site

Using the timeline

Modifications needed for Lana (Vince's wife)

Off island love interest for one of the Tracy boys - probably Gordon

Anything else anyone feels needs to be discussed

Posted by Tikatu

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Posted by [artisticrainey](#) on Wed, 25 Jul 2012 23:57:58 GMT

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Here's my thoughts on stuff:

The upcoming rescue

I'd be willing to handle the call coming in from John as was suggested in the brainstorming session. Di and I've talked a little bit about how that would be handled as Vince will be on the island. I'm not comfortable with attempting the stuff with Jeff giving orders in the lounge though - so Lynn or Liz you're welcome to that. I'd also like to do a reaction post with Vince after the TB2 group has left.

Di and I also talked about some things involving Vince after the rescue. I think Jeff and Vince would have a conversation about Vince's thoughts about what he just witnessed. Jeff would want to see if Vince had any questions and Vince would reveal to Jeff at this point about Lana being paralyzed. The thought is that this would occur while the IR crew is making their way back to the island (or maybe after the debriefing if anyone has an objection to it happening while the crew is coming back to the island). Also - would Vince be allowed to sit in on the debriefing - see things from start to finish so to say. I'd like to have him do so. Di had suggested Scott may have an issue

with that. Anyone else have any thoughts?

Off island love interest for one of the Tracy boys - probably Gordon

This whole topic kind of got started with me I think anyway. I'd like for us to pursue it as I think it would be interesting and could be fun. The Tracy boys are after all single, young men. I know Virgil and Alan are pursuing on island romances but that isn't going to happen for all five of them. I definitely think that one of them would be looking for some companionship. I think it would add a new dimension to Gordon if we used him. Another side to him other than the practical joker that he is usually featured as.

Posted by Icarus1982

Subject: Re: Brainstorming Comments

Posted by [artisticrainey](#) on Wed, 25 Jul 2012 23:58:11 GMT

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Quick note- Since Jeff was in a wheelchair after his accident some sort of ramp to the living room/office/den must have been built then. Also to the pool.

The main changes needed might be to the apartment kitchen. Lower counter tops and cupboards, different appliances, wider doors. And some sort of shower/tub arrangement that can handle the wheelchair. They might combine two apartments as part of that. Maybe someone will volunteer to swap apartments? so they can combine two? Were the center ones the 2 bedroom or the end ones?

Also a way for Lana to go swimming and to get to the beach.
Vince might want to take his family out on one of the Tracy's boats at some point.

Posted by susanmartha

Subject: Re: Brainstorming Comments

Posted by [artisticrainey](#) on Wed, 25 Jul 2012 23:58:19 GMT

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I don't know if this will work for this situation or not but I thought I'd throw it out there. There is a nursing home in my area that has four floors. For evacuation purposes, the home has chutes on the third and fourth floors. In an evacuation, the patients are sent down the chute instead of trying to evacuate them down the steps- this method is faster, safer for the residents, and safer for the rescuers who would otherwise have to find a way to move partial or completely immobile patients down the stairs. Maybe some kind of chute system can be installed at the cliff house for emergency evacuations?

Susan mentioned Jeff's injury and things already being in place. Seeing as Jeff's injuries were a

temporary situation, would everything have been built to stay permanently or would they have put in temporary solutions? Granted that situation would give them ideas of what needs to be done to make the facilities accessible for someone in a wheelchair. As for the pool area- would something have been put in place in the situation of Jeff's injury? I think they would have concentrated more on things in the house than outside of the villa - but that's just my thought on the matter.

On the off-island romance topic- I think it would be a interesting dimension to Gordon's character to explore. I also liked the character that Robin suggested in the thread - Alysha Dale (or something like that)? I'd vote for going ahead and pursuing that storyline.

Posted by starrynebula

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Posted by [artisticrainey](#) on Wed, 25 Jul 2012 23:58:41 GMT

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I've got a couple of websites to help with coming up with modifications within the apartment itself. As for living arrangements - I think it was decided that Vince, Lana and Lea would be in a two bedroom apartment and that Aaron would get the apartment next to him rather than knocking out any walls and trying to combine apartments.

Quote:

Vince might want to take his family out on one of the Tracy's boats at some point.

I definitely see this as something that could happen. The main thing would being able to get the wheelchair to the dock/boat pen and possibly on and off the boat depending on which boat they would be using.

Posted by Icarus1982

Subject: Re: Brainstorming Comments

Posted by [artisticrainey](#) on Wed, 25 Jul 2012 23:58:50 GMT

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I just read the transcript for the April session, and have a comment to make regarding chat about the WG contacting Scott. My thought when writing the post was that it wasn't a security breach.

People in the WG would have realized that the manager would try to contact IR, and figured at that point that IR was responding. They knew the organization's name and what their vessels were called. So they broadcast on all frequencies, calling the "International Rescue vessel currently en route to Iceland". When Scott answered, the WG continued the conversation on that specific frequency.

So all the WG knows is the frequency one of the Thunderbirds answers on. They may think they

all use the same one, in order to easily communicate between each ship, but they don't know for certain. And IR could rotate frequencies randomly, thus frustrating anyone's attempts to listen in. Of course, the security program installed earlier will also prohibit that.

Posted by hobbeth

Subject: Re: Brainstorming Comments
Posted by [artisticrainey](#) on Wed, 25 Jul 2012 23:59:02 GMT
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That's okay, Liz. I didn't think you were going in the direction of a security breach; it was just something that could be considered if we wanted to do so.

Posted by Tikatu

Subject: Re: Brainstorming Comments
Posted by [artisticrainey](#) on Wed, 25 Jul 2012 23:59:07 GMT
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The one main thing we didn't get to on the agenda was: when do we make the break for the next chapter. We already have over 100 posts for Chapter 13, and it might be easier to break the chapter after the avalanche rescue, but before the mine rescue. That would mean starting off Chapter 14 with the mine rescue.

What do y'all think? And if you have any ideas for the next chapter's title, please post them in the title thread on the Suggestion box. When we have a consensus on which way to break this chapter, we'll put up a poll for the title.

Posted by Tikatu

Subject: Re: Brainstorming Comments
Posted by [artisticrainey](#) on Wed, 25 Jul 2012 23:59:14 GMT
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I think splitting the chapter at the change of rescues is a good idea.

Posted by Icarus1982

Subject: Re: Brainstorming Comments
Posted by [artisticrainey](#) on Wed, 25 Jul 2012 23:59:23 GMT
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Starting Chapter 14 with the mine rescue works for me.

As for the WG contacting Scott, Liz's explanation sounds good. I think we can safely say that if they reached Scott, they could also be able to reach Virgil if they wanted to in the same manner. Also, John up in TB5 would be able to determine that the WG is broadcasting on the multiple frequencies as he's monitoring frequencies scanning for possible rescue calls.

Posted by starrynebula

Subject: Re: Brainstorming Comments

Posted by [artisticrainey](#) on Wed, 25 Jul 2012 23:59:31 GMT

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I had an idea for a scenario in the avalanche rescue. What if the ski patrol finds a survivor and is digging them out/ or has them dug out when the TB2 crew arrives. TB7 would be the closest medical facilities. Would they be able to move TB7 to them as its a hovercraft or bring the victim to TB7? Or a combination of both?

Posted by starrynebula

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Posted by [artisticrainey](#) on Wed, 25 Jul 2012 23:59:39 GMT

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At that point, probably bring TB7 to the victim. Full-scale efforts hadn't started quite yet and it could be done.

If you all had a chance to see the avalanche page at Wikipedia, there are some up-and-coming items being used by skiers, etc., in avalanche-prone areas. These could be used by our victims - or even better versions could have been developed. So we may have more people saved on the slopes than we originally projected.

Posted by Tikatu

Subject: Re: Brainstorming Comments

Posted by [artisticrainey](#) on Thu, 26 Jul 2012 00:00:26 GMT

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As I announced in the email I sent to the players, I feel it may be time for our role play to take a hiatus. It's been going for over five years now, which is a long time as role plays go.

I've started this thread for discussing the idea, particularly from the players' POV. Input from our

other members and readers is also welcome, though it is the input we get from the players that will determine the ultimate decision.

An excerpt from the email that explains how I feel:

Quote:"Everyone is busy, whether it's with school or work or just plain life in general. When there is a conflict, everyone brings it to me to solve, instead of talking politely and calmly with each other. People aren't carefully reading what has been posted before writing their own stuff, and when something comes up where edits have to be made, there's complaining about that. Despite our recent push to have Liz and Rain do more betaing, I'm still the one who gets the lion's share of that work--and my betas have been less than stellar lately. I'm the one who knows what's going on, the one who keeps all the plates spinning, and I'm finding that the plates are beginning to drop more and more."

So, how do you feel about a possible hiatus? Should we do it? If so, how long? Where should we go when we return? Should we push time forward? Restart the whole RP? What do you think?

Posted by Tikatu

Subject: Re: Brainstorming Comments

Posted by [artisticrainey](#) on Thu, 26 Jul 2012 00:00:53 GMT

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Maybe a hiatus would work, so it could help all our engines start up again. As for how we should do things, I say move time forward. After all, we've been in 2068 for nearly five years! I feel bad for Dianne because she does feel like she's carrying the brunt of the load. Now, I'll admit when it comes to plot, I'm not as sound there. Grammar and spelling, on the other hand, I'm very strong in. I could do basic grammatical and spelling checks for posts, if that would help anyone. What do you think?

BTW, I do understand about the different British spellings. Smile

Posted by TracyFan4Ever

Subject: Re: Brainstorming Comments

Posted by [artisticrainey](#) on Thu, 26 Jul 2012 00:01:09 GMT

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Well, as one of the newer members of the roleplay, I think my position is a little different. Not only is it still 'new' to me but I'm actually going to have more free time over the summer months than I normally do. Also, in my experience, taking a break from something usually means the end of it. Anything I've been a part of that we've tried that, the members never quite got around to getting it

started again.

I wouldn't mind moving time forward a little. It would save me some of the hassle of getting the Crenshaws established on the island. I'm more in favor of skipping ahead a few months. I think a year is a little long. What about skipping to New Year's Eve.

As for a reboot of the role play, I think it might get too confusing if it was too similar to the current one. Someone might start writing something with something in mind that happened in this role play not in the current one.

That's just my thoughts on the subject. In short, I vote no to a hiatus and yes to moving time ahead some.

Posted by Icarus1982

Subject: Re: Brainstorming Comments

Posted by [artisticrainey](#) on Thu, 26 Jul 2012 00:01:25 GMT

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I'm quite happy with a hiatus; I'm finishing my schooling and trying to get my driver's license, which is taking up a lot of my time.

Do a reboot? Actually, yes, I think that would be a good idea. I'm not sure why exactly though.

For my part, I've been grumbling to myself about Jenny, wishing I'd made her more challenging, because I find myself struggling to find something worthwhile to write about. And I'm shy of writing about the canon, in case I tread on someone else's toes.

If we do a reboot though, can the RP go faster? For instance, if nothing much is happening with the characters, then we simply skip to the next major event and perhaps give a quick rundown on anything minor that happened during the time we skipped.

From scuppy3

Subject: Re: Brainstorming Comments

Posted by [artisticrainey](#) on Thu, 26 Jul 2012 00:01:50 GMT

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Susan emailed me today with this, and gave me permission to post it. If there's anything else she needs to add, she's welcome to do so.

You can post any part of this if you wish but I wanted this to go to you first.

I don't post much, I know. I know this bothers some people. But life has been hard the past couple

of years. I enjoy the writing I do for this site but I don't write to relax or because I have an overwhelming need to write (a friend who is a fan fic writer put it like that). I write when I find something to write about.

I think you are a person who has to write. But when writing becomes a chore, something is wrong. I doubt it's the writing that's the problem, though. Its the soap opera.

I think we all could use a break. We need to do something else for a bit. I also think we should do an automatic break or slowdown for the months of November and December. Between Nwanmo and the holidays we don't need the extra stress of someone waiting on us to post something.

I don't see how restarting anything would help. We aren't bogged down by the past much and I think it would cause more trouble than it's worth. What would we do about Christopher, Kat and Brandon? Having people leave is a normal part of life.

We could have fun with Thanksgiving and Christmas, but they might cause some problems I'm looking forward to Vince's talk with his wife about IR and the talk with thier son. Not to mention Scott's reaction to meeting someone taking the same path he did. But I bet they wouldn't move until after Christmas no mater what. So we could restart with them moving to the island. Which would be a nice paralell with the start of the story and Tyler running into his dad's office about the plane bringing the building materials for the cliff house remodeling.

The thing is, what do you need to do to make it fun again? Maybe we should take a month long break and then decide what we want to do. That may not be fair to the newbies. I remember how frustrating it was to have to wait 5 months before I posted my first post- which I'd had written for 3 months. I think it was another 2 months before you were ready for my second post.

Susan Martha

Posted by Tikatu
