

Script Cyborg Gaia Allies

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This is a chance to step into the story world Cyborg Gaia, created by Lina Persson. Cyborg Gaia is a possible future, sustainable and climate just. This future sends messages of sorts to the present that, if deciphered correctly, will help make this future happen. The players of the scenario will become sensitized in order to become Gaia interpreters or Gaia allies. This game is about priming the players. Priming as in activating and sensitizing.

We will take you through some interactions, some verbal, some non-verbal. You will be given prompts (e.g. written questions) but if you feel inspired to do something please feel invited.

Sign up, as a response to sign-up players get information about the story, premise.

Also instructions to find artefact and think of character-traits they want to infuse their pro-Gaian character with.

- Who is your superhero/resistance fighter of choice? From reality or fiction. Choose. Write it down
- Identify 3 character traits you think define them.
- Find your *kin*. Wash it if you need to.
- Put it where it can catch some sunlight and think of the character traits (3 consecutive days?). Keep it in your pocket or on your bedside table when you sleep.
- Bring it to the scenario.

Fictional background story

So...your character is alarmed about the approaching climate collapse, bio/diversity and ecological sustainability. But word battles in the media exhaust you, as does activism and corporate sabotage..

Lately you've been having dreams and as you wake up a sense of purpose and clarity just manages to get away from you as you become fully awake.

You keep an object at your bedside table and holding it calms you.

The one morning you wake up and remember everything. You've chosen to listen to a call, a call that will manifest in the near future. You feel happy that the longing and frustration you've experienced will come to an end and you will have a chance to fulfill your purpose and full potential.

When the call arrives it is not particularly dramatic or mysterious, but in the shape of a rather prosaic email titled "Cyborg Gaia calling".

Cyborg Gaia calling

To whom it may concern

Dear sir/madam/other

You may have started to unlock some of your capabilities that could help realise a possible more climate-just future. This is a call for you to complete this transformation and unlock your full potential. If you choose to heed this call please be advised that doing so is akin to taking the red pill in The Matrix and you will experience some life changes as a consequence.

If you are not in a position to make such a change, please delete and disregard this email.

If you are willing to follow this path, as someone who is more concerned about the health of

our planet than the growth of capitalism and consumer culture, we welcome you.

Time: xx

Place: xx

Best regards,

Allies of Cyborg Gaia

Run time

Intro: Players will get info on how interactions work, pairing, rotation of partners etc. Some workshopping to get into character. Re-affirming the purpose.

Preparatory workshop, since a lot of this experience is about honing sensibilities and listening skills, these might be good.

Game master/Speaker

Hello

All well? (For IRL check that all are reasonably comfortable. For digital check that cameras and mics are ok.)

Players safety, traffic lights and opt out. You use these at your own discretion and doing so will not ruin the game for anyone else.

Warm up exercises

- Think about the 3 traits of your kin. How do they affect your body language? Tone of voice? Manner of speaking? How you smile?
- Mirroring exercise, "Simon says"

- Tossing a ball around the circle, make a pattern that allows everyone to pass the ball on, repeat the same pattern (order of people throwing) a couple of times. To level up: reverse pattern and/or add another ball. Use clay instead!
- Counting to 20 as a group, everybody speaks a number once (or twice depending on how many participants). If people speak over each other we start from the beginning. (to level up -no eye contact.)

Questions so far?

We will start and end the fiction with closing our eyes and doing a breathing exercise. (Chose a breathing exercise you like. I usually do chakra colours; breathe in and out - red - breathe in and out - orange - breathe in and out - yellow - breathe in and out - green - breathe in and out - sky blue - breathe in and out - deep blue - breathe in and out - purple - breathe in and out - white)

Or:

Sit with your eyes closed. Hold your kin in you receiving hand (right). Let the energy from it (3 traits) infuse your body, starting from the feet moving up through your body. Breathe in, breathe out, open eyes.

In fiction

Thank you all for coming. This is a big step and your time and decision is much appreciated.

We are members of a network listening to Cyborg Gaia. We are allies of Cyborg Gaia, a possible sustainable future. When this meeting ends today you will also be allies and part of this network. The network is not hierarchical, we all listen only to Cyborg Gaia directly.

To be able to listen and perceive the messages from Cyborg Gaia for what they are, you need to sensitize yourselves and unlock some of those perceptive capabilities that you do possess but that may be dormant.

Though we do not express ourselves as part of political movements or a revolutionary force, we are aware that some safety risks should be considered and we ask you not to use your given name. You may refer to me as Speaker and to my colleague as Listener.

We suggest that you be identified by the objects you've brought. These are your -kin, a focal point for the energy and characteristics you will cultivate. So a piece of wood is a wood-kin...pebble-kin, shell-kin etc.

Please tell us about your kin and the characteristics, the 3 traits that define them. Is the kin connected to a certain part of your body?

(Players introduce themselves as their -kins.)

Please change username (Write name-tag)

Divide people into groups of 3 if possible, otherwise in pairs.

Divide into groups of 3. Questioner, Answer, Perceptor, rotate after 10 questions.

Ask and answer questions quickly without too much time to think. After 10 questions the Perceptor will make a brief reflection on how answers correspond with the Answerers -kin traits. (or not? Too be worked upon?) The Answerer is encouraged to make a note (mental or written) about this.

3x5 minutes (15 mins) (it will stretch to 20 probably but lets keep it fast paced).

(Of only pairs of 2 are available then Questioner doubles up as Perceptor, roles swapped halfway, after 15 questions).

ONE PERSON ASKS THE QUESTIONS, A SECOND PERSON ANSWERS, THE THIRD PERSON OBERVES AND REFLECTS. ROTATE TASKS AFTER 10 QUESTIONS OR 5 MINS WHICHEVER HAPPENS FIRST.

1. Who would you choose to save the world?
2. What would you want to do for Gaia? To be recognised for?
3. Have you ever received a message from Gaia? In what way? How did it manifest?
4. When did you last praise Gaia? In what way? How did it make you feel?
5. What part of your creature comforts would you (not) be willing to give up for Gaia?
6. Name 3 things you can offer to a joint effort for Gaia.
7. Name 3 things you think unites most people who are pro-Gaia.
8. What from your life would you like to guarantee for your grandchildren?
9. Fantasize freely about your greatest achievement for Gaia. Details, please
10. What would be 3 easy things to do for Gaia?

ROTATE TASKS, 2ND "ASKER" STARTS FROM HERE EVEN IF THE PREVIOUS SET OF QUESTIONS IS UNFINISHED.

11. Why do you think they are not done?
12. What do you think about when you think about other Gaia-fighters?
13. How do you think the world will end?

14. What will be the first sign?
15. What can we do to stop this from happening?
16. What is the happiest future scenario 3 generations from now?
17. How can we help build this future?
18. If Gaia had a personification how would you describe her/them/it? Appearance, personality, powers...
19. Name 3 things true for all of us in this room.
20. Name 2 things you will do to support other pro-Gaians.

ROTATE TASKS, 3RD "ASKER" STARTS FROM HERE EVEN IF THE PREVIOUS SET OF QUESTIONS IS UNFINISHED.

21. Name 2 things you'd like to receive from other Gaians.
22. Be very honest and point out something you think the person/s in front of you could bring to the table.
23. Share a failure, a mistake or how you've failed Gaia. Something that isn't easy to tell.
24. If you could speak to Gaia, what form would it take. What would you say?
25. Name something you admire about other pro-Gaians.
26. What about Gaia & the pro-Gaians makes you smile?
27. What would you most regret leaving behind in this room?
28. What would you most regret leaving Un-said in this room? What stopped you from saying it?
29. If you could bring an extinct species back to life, which one would it be and why?
30. Ask for 3 core values to guide your future path. Write them down and keep them with your artefact.

Pair up do a set of questions, eye contact, charge artefact.

Repeat.

Suggestion: Ritual...make a pledge? Commitment... Followed by initiation. "I hereby pronounce you..." Your responsibilities will be as followed. You have the right til call on another pro-Gainans help.

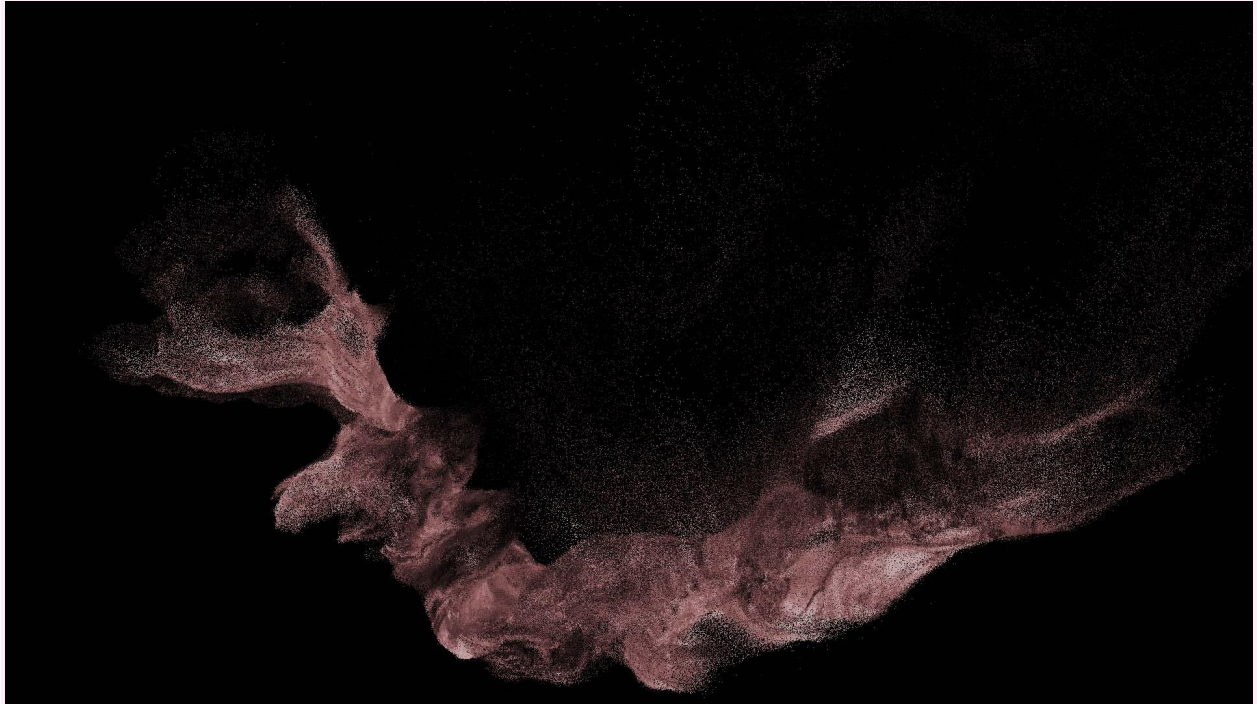
For IRL game: Make imprints of the kins in the clay.

TO conclude each person states an action they will perform and the positive consequence for future Gaia.

End: lay back down and close eyes.

De-brief: 3 min break. Round of impressions

Post- larp Some players will hang on to their artefacts. Perhaps a FB-group for characters to talk about their missions or messages received from Gaia.



More about the cyborg Gaia storyverse:

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Earth's ability to sense, register all outtakes from the colony.

a future, more advanced society, would be able to hack or infect our ecosystem in order to make it respond and counteract faster to human interventions.

Emotional contagion

Somehow it seems all feelings involved in different processes are stored in all materials involved in that process. These feelings can also be released and transferred at any later point in time when in contact or consumption of that material

Neurotransmitters are stored in synaptic vesicles, clustered close to the cell membrane at the axon terminal of the presynaptic neuron. Neurotransmitters are released into and diffuse across the synaptic cleft, where they bind to specific receptors on the membrane of the postsynaptic neuron. dopamine active transporter, DAT, SLC6A3) is a membrane-spanning protein that pumps the neurotransmitter dopamine out of the synaptic cleft back into cytosol. In the cytosol, other transporters sequester the dopamine into vesicles for storage and later release.

Before, these vesicles were only found in living organisms, but now also inorganic (previously considered dead) materials. They were found in all cells, possibly storing chemical traces of the emotional responses from the cell's past.

It was after a long time of experimentation with bending time and space with laser that a subatomic temporal access point was activated. This activation opened a portal through which an unknown future would be able to access that present. The experiments were implementations of the theories of Ronald Mallet.

The final decision for the activation was made by the UE. The conclusion was that this would be the last resort to changing the destructive course that earth was set towards, with its colonialization of the future through the constant overdraw of resources by the

present. Since they couldn't change themselves, they would make future generations an equal counterpart, forcing them to change.

We are this world with our bodies. We feel it, stronger and stronger, but still only vaguely. We are still calibrating our individual habits with the colony's logic.

For us humans, the system has drastically reduced our possibility to extract resources from the colony, halting practically every activity that previously made up everyday life. When we continue our habits the environment intervenes, cancelling them. Lightswitches turn themselves off, cars break down, but start again when more people enter it. Heating only works in very small rooms or very populated rooms. Energy demanding foods lose taste, nutrition and energy. Often we are caught off guard with deaths and chaos as result.

In order to better adapt and prepare for these interventions humans invent aiding structures, for example legal concepts that help them stay within their allotted share, retrench and prioritise the vital needs. Nature's rights laws is one example. A new organisation for sharing spiritual practices evolved. Its center evolved around the traces of animist knowledge and traditions from early human history and on, safeguarded by indigenous communities. From those remnants, techniques of channeling energy back into the whole, is developed. eventually its calendar was adapted at large. society left the gregorian calendar. the new era started with year zero. used among advocates of the cyborg-gaia theory, that suggests that the earthsystem has updated itself with a code, enabling it to redistribute its energy in realtime, in order to ensure its survival.

The scenario takes place before year zero.

