

The Fall of Tituszen



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STORY PREMISE:

VIDA LONGS TO FIND CIVILIZATION, NORMALCY, AND A PLACE TO CALL HOME AFTER LEONIDIS PATEL SELF-PROCLAIMED HIS DICTATORSHIP OF NEW ZEALAND DURING A POLITICAL UPRISE. BUT, WHEN SHE IS LOCATED BARELY ALIVE BY A MIDDLE-AGED MAN NAMED TITUS, HE OFFERS HER ALL THAT AND MORE BUT AT WHAT COST? GUARDED, BEING ON HER OWN, VIDA BECOMES WARY OF HIS INTENTIONS. EVEN MORE, WHY IS EVERYONE REQUIRED TO WEAR AN IDENTICAL RING? WHEN VIDA'S SUSPICIONS ARE CONFIRMED, SHE MUST INFILTRATE HIS INNER CIRCLE TO REVEAL THE SECRETS HIDDEN BEHIND THE GATES OF TITUSZEN.

History of Tituszen

In 2170, Leonidis Patel self-proclaimed dictatorship over all New Zealand. The war began. This caused the country to divide into three groups. The fascists, those who followed Leonidis. The rebels, those against his self-proclamation. And the unbiased, those who just want to survive.

The fascists stayed. Aiding Leonidis in his dictatorship and following his every command. Helping him defend his proclamation. The rebels fought back, trying to restore what he broke. And the unbiased just wanted to find their way from the destruction and survive.

Titus, the half-brother of Leonidis, becomes vindictive and obsessive, plotting his revenge to take over. He sought out the most qualified candidates to create and operate Tituszen. He began to construct the gates of Tituszen from rock and debris.

2174 Tituszen was completely functional and in operation. Titus began "rescuing" those trying to survive the war.

The outsiders are brought in and interviewed. Each task is assigned according to skill and knowledge, with only the most trusted citizens working close by. They are then given a quad according to family size. Finally, they are welcomed into the community through a welcoming tradition where a "gift" is offered. A small copper-tone ring with intricate designs. Citizens place it on their right ring finger as loyalty to the community.

The once-abandoned shipping warehouse appears to be the ultimate haven. In between the walls of Tituszen is everything necessary for a community of people to live without worry. Although his intentions are selfish, the

residents are unaware of the evil mastermind that operates Tituszen.



VIDA CAPIZIO

Actor/Actress: Naomi Scott

Age: 26

Gender: Female

Role: Main Character

Vida is smart, resilient, intuitive, and tough. As an only child Vida's life wasn't like other kids. Lucion, her father, a nuclear physicist, and her mother, Jane, a chemist, pushed Vida's education to the limit. More intelligent than most kids, she never fit in.

Vida idolized her mother and father. They had a close relationship. Her parents, proud of her accomplishments, were her biggest supporters. Graduating high school at twelve was an honor. Vida continued in her parent's footsteps studying science on the other side of the country.

When Vida comes home to her world in shambles, she must fight to survive. Her childhood home destroyed by war, and her parents declared dead, although no bodies were found.

When Vida revisits the site of her childhood home, she's convinced her parents are still alive. As she begins searching for clues to her parent's whereabouts, she's approached by fascists. Barely escaping Leonidis's army, Vida relies on the help of strangers to escape the city alive.

Out running fascist and rebels trying to stay safe are her top priorities.

Don't be fooled by her shy girl persona; she's learned to survive independently. But after years of searching, Vida's tired of being alone, constantly seeking shelter, hunted by rebels, and still no trace of her parents. Vida is on the verge of giving up.

When she's located barely alive by Titus, a middle-aged man, he offers her a safe place to go. Vida quickly fits in with the citizens of Tituszen. She quickly friends with Talia. However, something about Tituszen just doesn't feel right.

Although grateful for what Titus has given her, there are a few things she can't figure out. The idea taunts her. *Why is everyone required to wear a ring? Why does she have repetitive dreams, and what do they mean?*

Although careless when it comes to uncovering Tituszen's secrets. She must earn the trust of those in Titus's inner circle if she wants to reveal the answers. As Vida begins to uncover the secrets of Tituszen, she realizes there's more than one secret hidden behind the walls of Tituszen.



TITUS CAVANAUGH

Actor/Actress: Jeff Bridges/Sam Elliot

Age: 59

Gender: Male

Role: Antagonist/ Creator of Tituszen

Titus's intentions appear sincere but don't let him fool you; he's very selfish. With a god-like personality, it's no wonder Tituszen's walls hide many secrets. Titus, the mastermind behind the concept, and his team of scientists designed and created the key to happiness in Tituszen.

Titus wasn't always selfish. After the tragic death of his mother, he was left to care for Aurora, his younger sister.

When his half-brother, Leonidis Patel, planned to overthrow and self-proclaim dictatorship, Titus sought out the most proficient candidates to operate Tituszen.

Titus isn't wholly insensitive, but he is sarcastic and untrusting. Nevertheless, he quickly likes Vida as he finds her knowledge valuable for selfish reasons. Little does she know Tituszen hides many secrets from her.

His inner circle is closely knit with only those who have proven their loyalty. His most trusted advisor Atlas Kane, research scientist Talia Aldous, bioweapons specialist Nikau Tohu, computer programmer Mateo Kingi, and medical scientist Aurora Harris are most often seen with Titus.



TALIA ALDOUS

Actor/Actress: Alisha Boe

Age: 26

Gender: Female

Role: Botanist/ Research Scientist

Young and determined Talia was found among a small group of survivors. A resident for four years and seven months, she's earned her way into Titus's circle.

Talia has a passion for anything botany. When she's not working for Titus around the community, she is often seen helping with children and participating in traditional songs and dances for entertainment.

Talia loves Tituszen and the people in the community, it has given her a reason to live. She would go to great lengths to protect them and to protect her home. Like most people in Tituszen, Talia quickly makes friends with Vida.



ATLAS KANE

Actor/Actress: Tanner Bushanan

Age: 27

Gender: Male

Role: Titus Cavanaugh's second in command.

Orphaned as a child, Atlas grew up in the system. As a teen, he was expelled from school and kicked out of his foster home. Homeless at nineteen, living on the streets, struggling to survive. When Atlas was discovered by Titus, he took him in as the son he never had.

As Titus's future successor, Atlas is one of only two people know the truth behind Tituszen. His loyalty to Titus is proven, and he won't let anyone get in the way. Often seen standing along Titus's trusted circle.

Trust can be challenging with Atlas. He's loyal to Titus. He is the only substantial person that's ever been in his life. Titus gave him a reason to fight.

Atlas secretly gains a sweet spot for Vida. Especially once she earns his trust, he just might do anything for the girl he barely knows.



LUCION CAPIZIO

Age: 58

Gender: Male

Role: Vida's Father/Weapons developer

Originally from Italy, Lucion Capizio had a wonderful life. He married his college sweetheart Jane. After marriage, they moved to Russell, New Zealand, and had one child. Vida was the apple of his eye, and he was her idol.

Lucion, a well-known nuclear physicist for a privately owned company before the divide. He hid in the underground laboratory until he was captured.

Titus personally sought out Lucion as part of his plan to create Tituszen. However, when Lucion refuses Titus's offer, he uses Jane as leverage to get his way.

A prisoner to Tituszen, Lucion is locked in a cell and forced to work in a secured laboratory. He sees Tituszen for what it is.



JANE CAPIZIO

Age: 54

Gender: Female

Role: Vida's mother/Lucion's Wife/ Titus's Lead Chemist

Jane, like Lucion, is originally from Italy. The middle child of five, Jane always kept to herself and focused on her education. However, when she met Lucion, everything in her life fell into place. She is kindhearted, passionate, and a little sassy.

Before Tituszen, she worked as a chemist in an undisclosed location. So, when Titus located the missing scientist, he knew he had found a gem. Jane now works in a secured laboratory experimenting with developing medicine and serums.

Jane is a prisoner in Tituszen. Held in a cell and forced to work in a secured laboratory alongside her husband. She sees the reality.



NIKAU TOHU

Age: 34

Gender: Male

Role: Bioweapons specialist/Scientist

Found among Talia's group of survivors, former Lieutenant Tohu is highly useful to Titus. With an extensive background in weapons and explosives, it's no wonder Titus invited him into his inner circle. Nikau is a highly skilled hand to hand combat trainer and survivalist.

Prior to Tituszen, Nikau lived with his pregnant fiancé. Their apartment was destroyed during the uprising, he lost Sophia and his unborn child. Although he's close with Talia, he's not over Sophia.

The bioweapons specialist for Tituszen is laid back and quiet. However, he is often spotted near Talia, as they have a history of surviving together. In addition, he frequently participates in traditional songs and dances with other citizens.



MATEO KINGI

Age: 38

Gender: Male

Role: Programmer

Mateo Kingi was a computer programmer for a local software company. Mateo's passion for creating new software made it easy for Titus to lure him in. When sought out by Titus, he gladly accepted his offer, joined Tituszen, and began creating new programs.

Mateo has been a part of Tituszen since the beginning. Eight years three months.

His skill set is handy to Titus. Mateo controls and maintains the surveillance, programs the rings, and is unwaveringly the mastermind behind the perceptions.

Native to New Zealand Mateo is kind, passionate, and easy to get along with. He resides in Tituszen with his significant other, Amiri Navarro.



AURORA HARRIS

Age: 54

Gender: Female

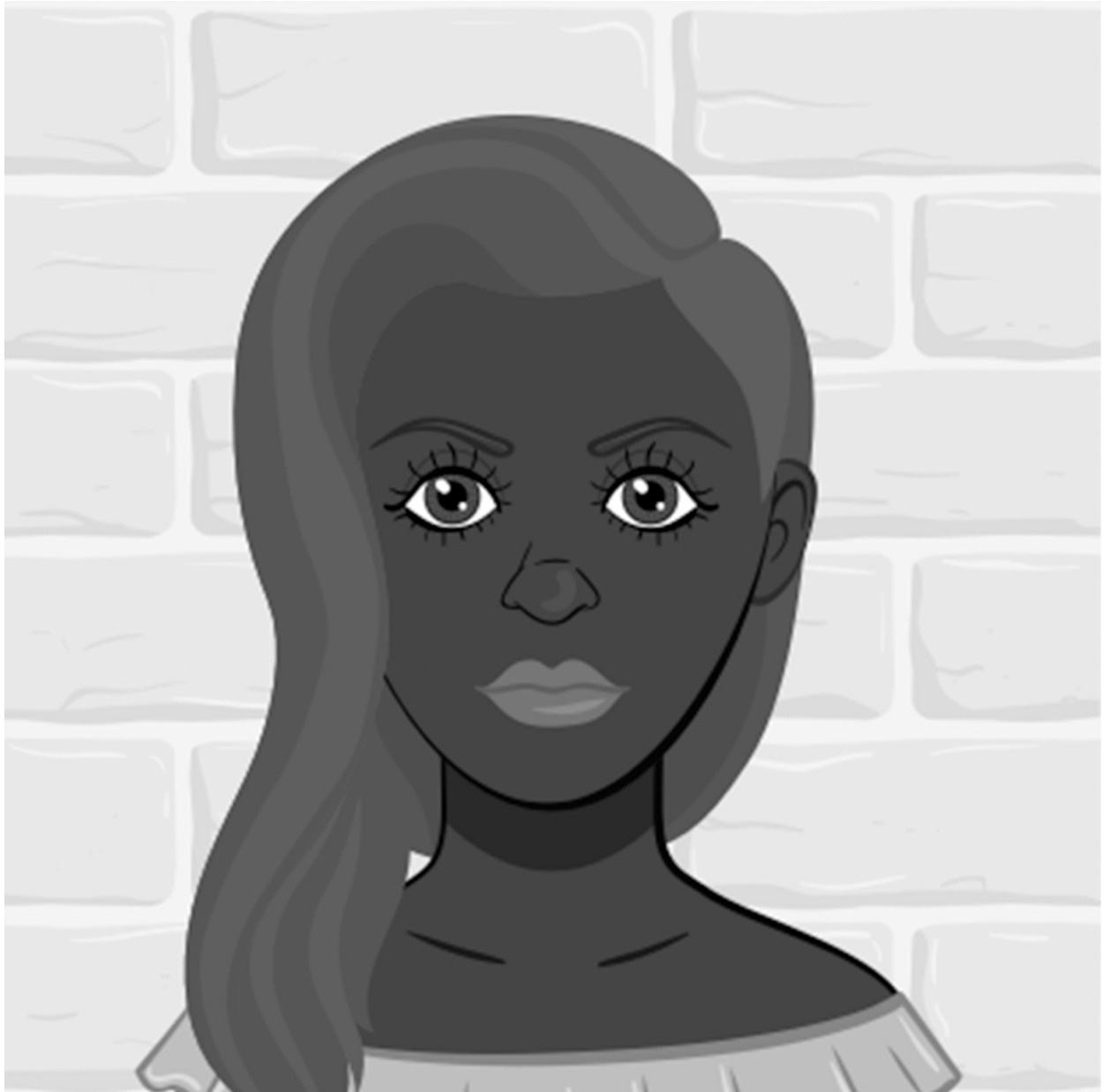
Role: Infirmary Nurse

Aurora and Titus share a secret. As the biological sister of Titus, she knows all Tituszen's secrets. Aurora was eight when her mother passed. Raised by Titus, she views him as a father and will do what's necessary to help him succeed.

Watch what you say around Aurora, she's only loyal to Titus.

She is often found near the infirmary. After all, Aurora is Tituszen's nurse. She maintains and swaps the serum vials under Titus's supervision and assist's Jane Capizio in the research lab. Friendly and assertive, she is highly respected, and well known in Tituszen.

Aurora dislikes Vida. She feels Vida could be a threat to Tituszen if their secrets were revealed.



KAIANA OTENE

Age: 29

Gender: Female

Role: Student Educator

Kaiana was found among a group of young adults with children searching for shelter. With two young children of her own, it made sense for her to educate them.

Often found reading, teaching, or helping the children, Kaiana has a heart of gold. There are a total of 58 children ages infant to 16 she is responsible for educating and caring for. With the help of two aides, she receives the support she needs. In addition, her close relationship with Titus earned her way into his circle.

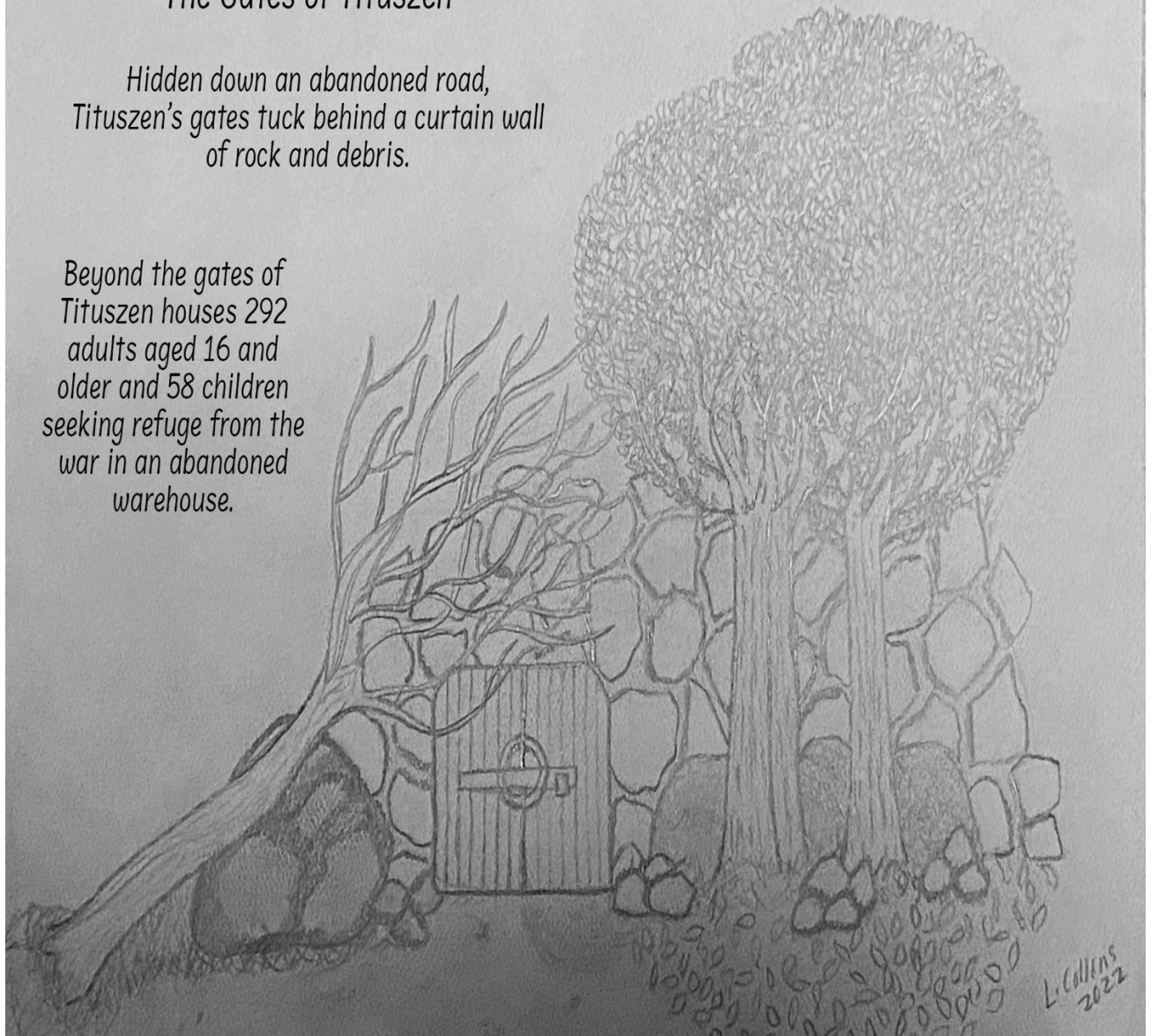
Kaiana only sees the good in people. She is infatuated with Titus because she believes he is genuinely helping people. She views him as her savior.

She becomes close friends with Vida.

The Gates of Tituszen

*Hidden down an abandoned road,
Tituszen's gates tuck behind a curtain wall
of rock and debris.*

*Beyond the gates of
Tituszen houses 292
adults aged 16 and
older and 58 children
seeking refuge from the
war in an abandoned
warehouse.*

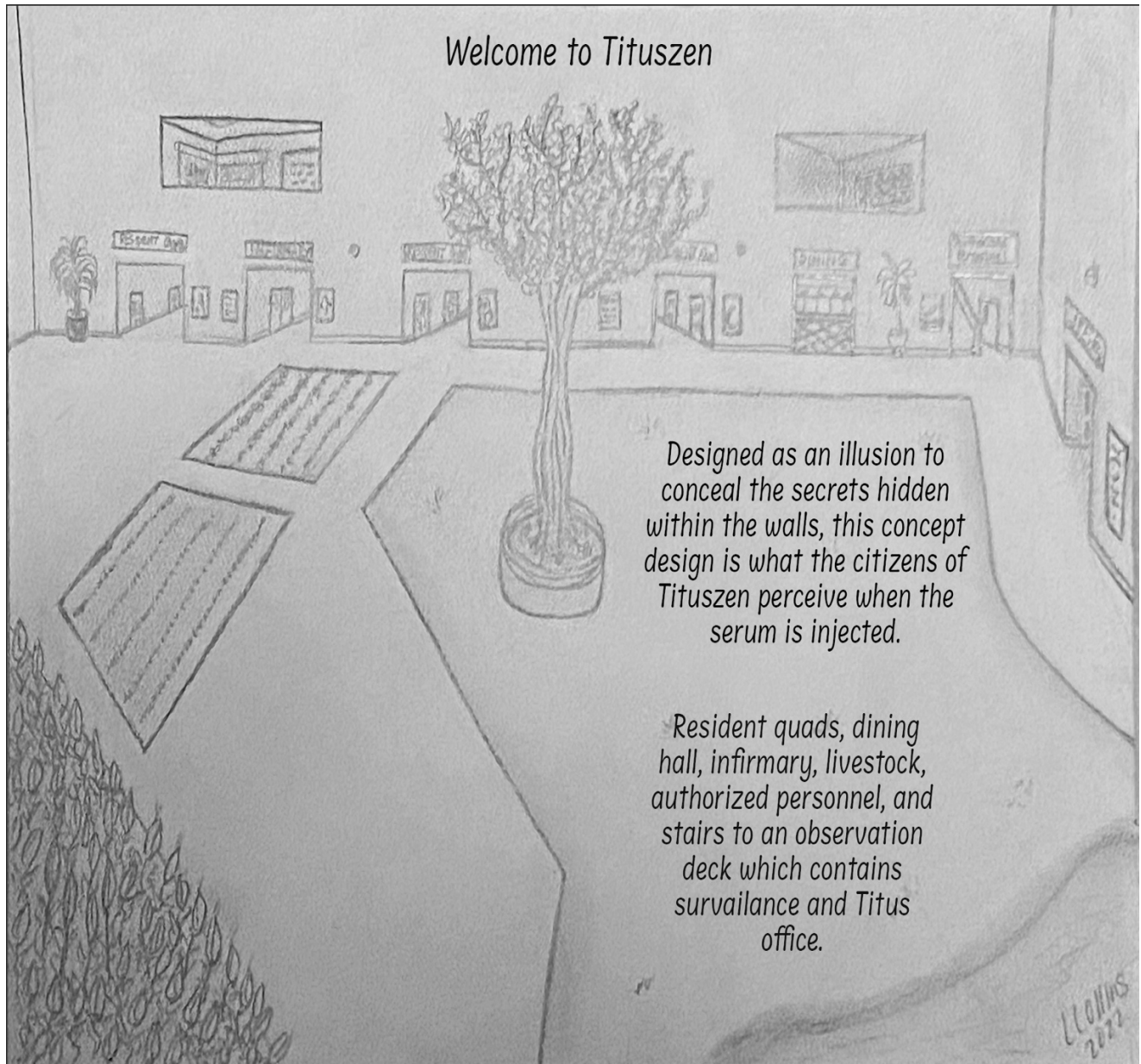


THE GATES OF TITUSZEN

Along an abandoned road damaged by war, there are overgrown trees, vines, and shrubs masking the gates from rebels and others. This is the only "known" way in and out of Tituszen. The gates are guarded to prevent anyone not authorized from entering and exiting.

Built from rock and debris, Titus designed the entrance to Tituszen to be camouflaged from the rest of the population.

Yet, behind these gates is the real mystery. What's hidden behind these walls is more significant than one can imagine. Is it the secret to happiness during political chaos or something more? Guess you will have to enter to find out.



TITUSZEN (PERCEPTION)

Citizens perceive Tituszen as a small community designed inside a secured area. There are resident quads, a dining hall, infirmary, gardens, livestock, and a classroom for children.

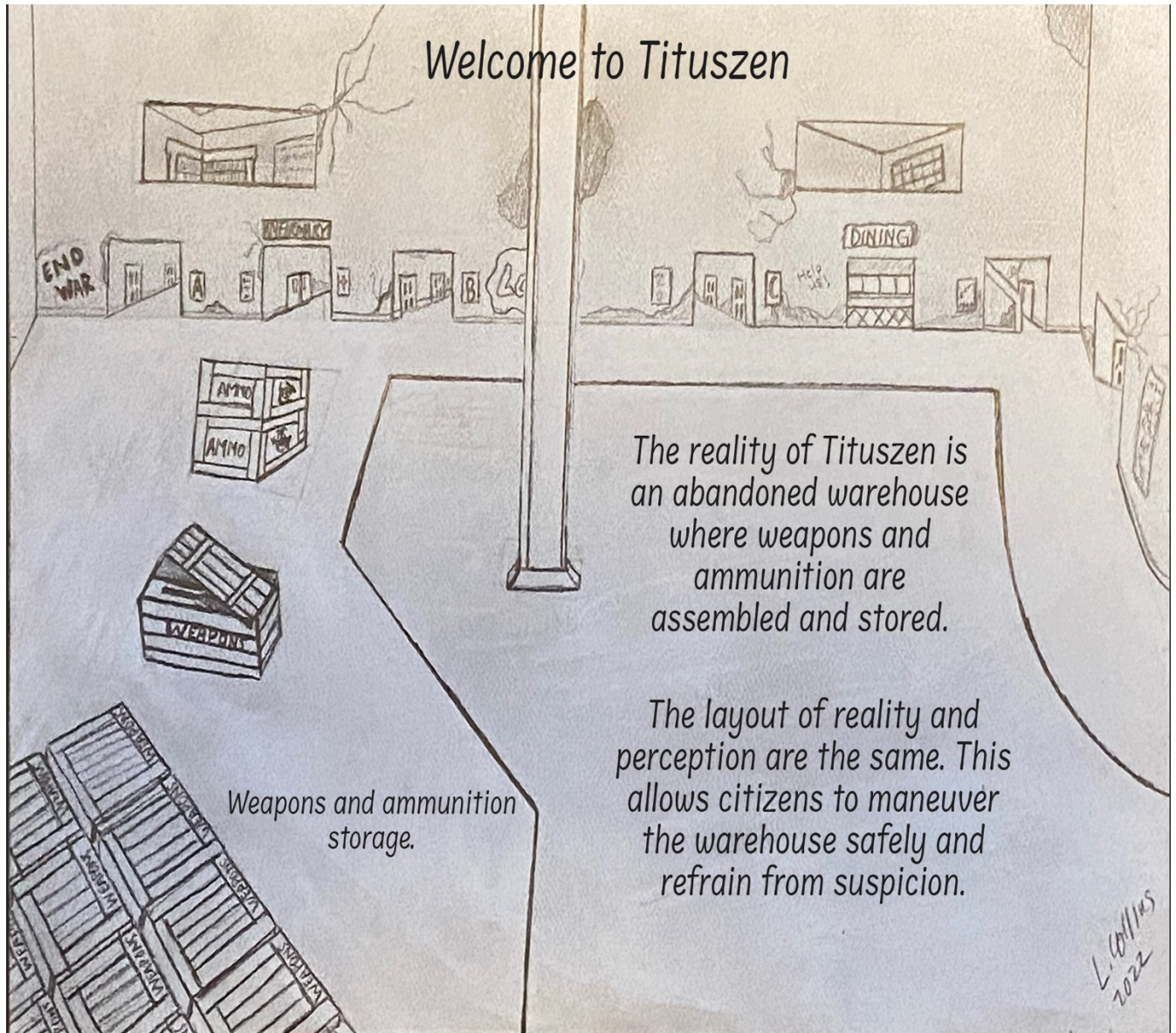
An elder tree centers the common area with seating (picnic tables, bistro tables, and benches. Plants and other flowers follow the edge of the walkways. Grass areas for children to play and learn. (Imagine Central Park Conservancy).

Each citizen is assigned a specific role according to their skills and knowledge upon entering Tituszen. Jobs include farming and agricultural, culinary, research and development, health care, janitorial, security and education.

There is a secured laboratory beyond the authorized personnel, Titus's office, and observation deck.

The people of Tituszen entertain with traditional song and dance around the elder tree.

Round dining tables fill the large buffet style dining hall. Plants and trees line and decorate the white walls. A small area is reserved for the children.



TITUSZEN (REALITY)

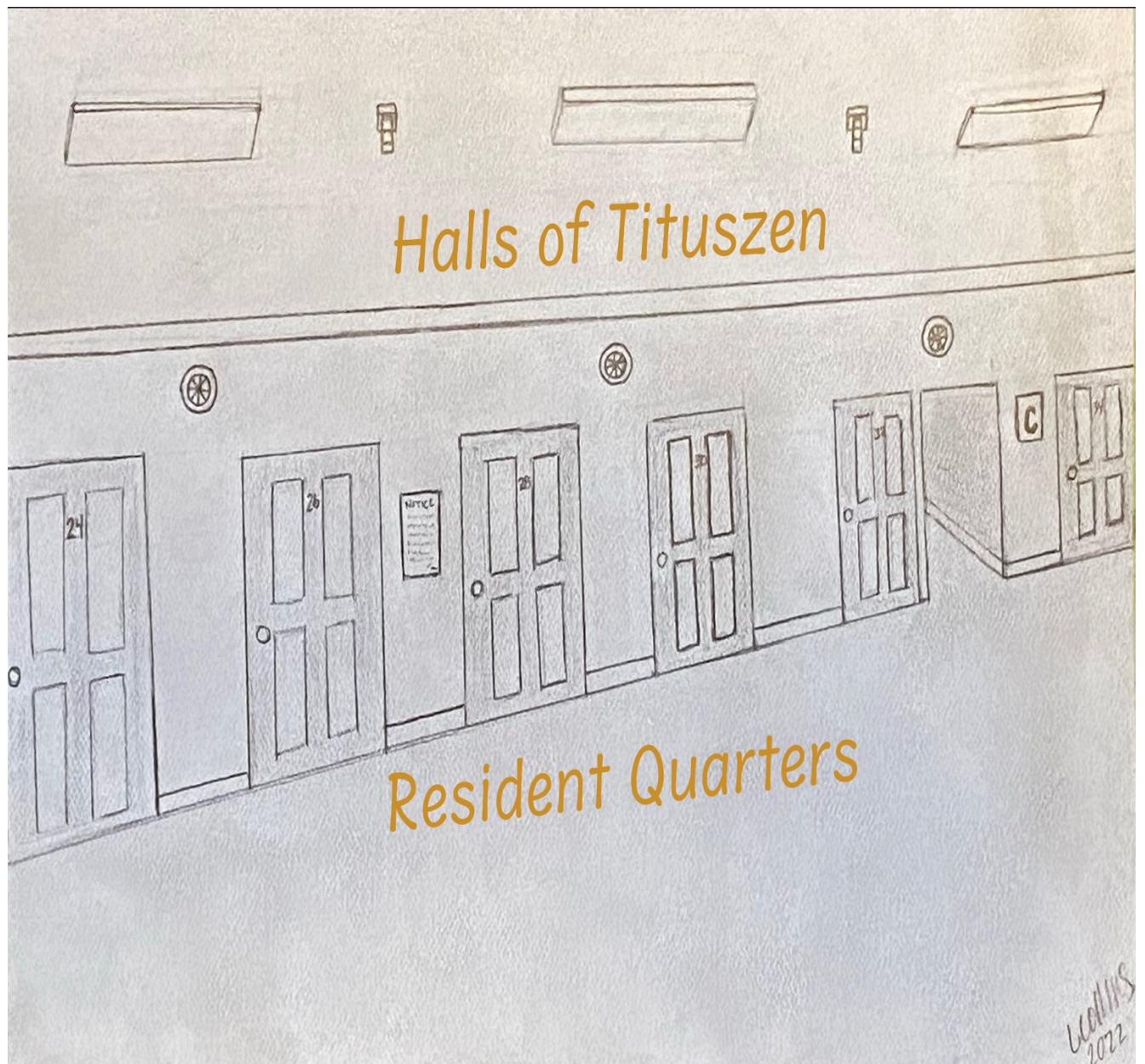
The reality of Tituszen is a run-down warehouse for weapon design and storage. The large elder tree has been replaced with a large support beam. Corn and crops have been replaced with weapon and ammunition crates. This allows members to safely navigate the reality version of Tituszen. This keeps citizens from being suspicious of objects they don't see.

The resident quads, infirmary and dining areas all remain in the same locations, however in reality they are run down and falling apart.

The dining hall is a large buffet style with minimal selection. The floors and tables are broken.

Everything is the opposite of what the reality is.

There are only three people who see Tituszen this way.



THE HALLS
RESIDENT QUARTERS
AKA THE QUADS

In between the walls are three quads that house the citizens of Tituszen. Each quad is designed to house a different number of people. This allows rooms for families with children to stay together.

Residential Quarters.

Resident Quarter (Quad) A - 12'x12' rooms. Each room includes 2 bunks, a small chifforobe, and a desk.

Resident Quarter (Quad) B - 8'x10' rooms. Each room contains one bunk, a tall dresser, and a desk.

Resident Quarter (Quad) C - 6'x8' rooms. Each room has a cot and a small dresser that functions as a desk.

There are red caged lights that flash when there is danger.

Tri-color alarms hang from the ceiling to alert the citizens of any hazards or potential hazards.

Green = Clear. Everything is operating normally.

Yellow = Potential hazards. The gates are guarded.

Citizens must stay on alert.

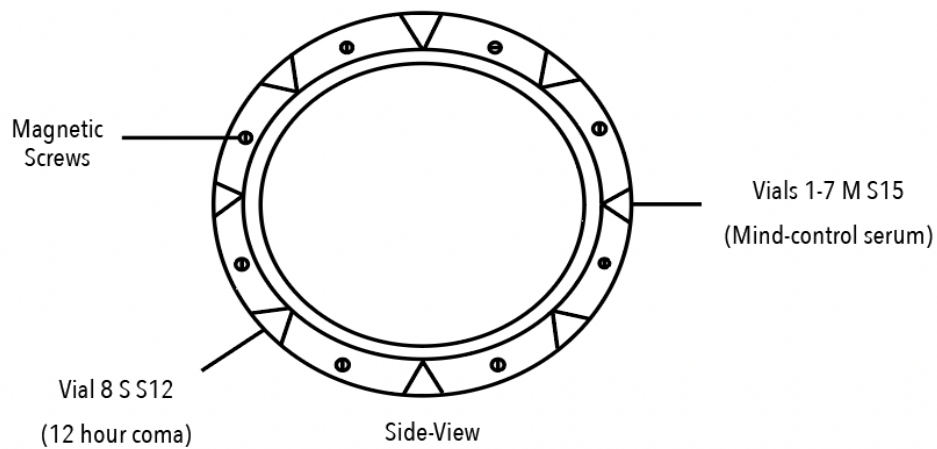
Red = Danger. Citizens must return to their quad.

The resident quads remain the same. Titus isn't completely inhumane.

The inside of these rooms is the only place Tituszen doesn't have cameras.

Mind Altering Perception Ring MAP-R

MAP-R was designed by Titus and a group of scientist to control what the wearer percieves. It contains 8 microvials of serum that inject painlessly and unknowingly in 12 hour intravals.



Vials 1-7 contain M S15, a perception control serum created by scopolamine aka "devils breath", and released in small amounts into the blood stream every 12 hours through a microneedle similar to that of a mosquito. Allows Titus to control what the wearers are seeing.

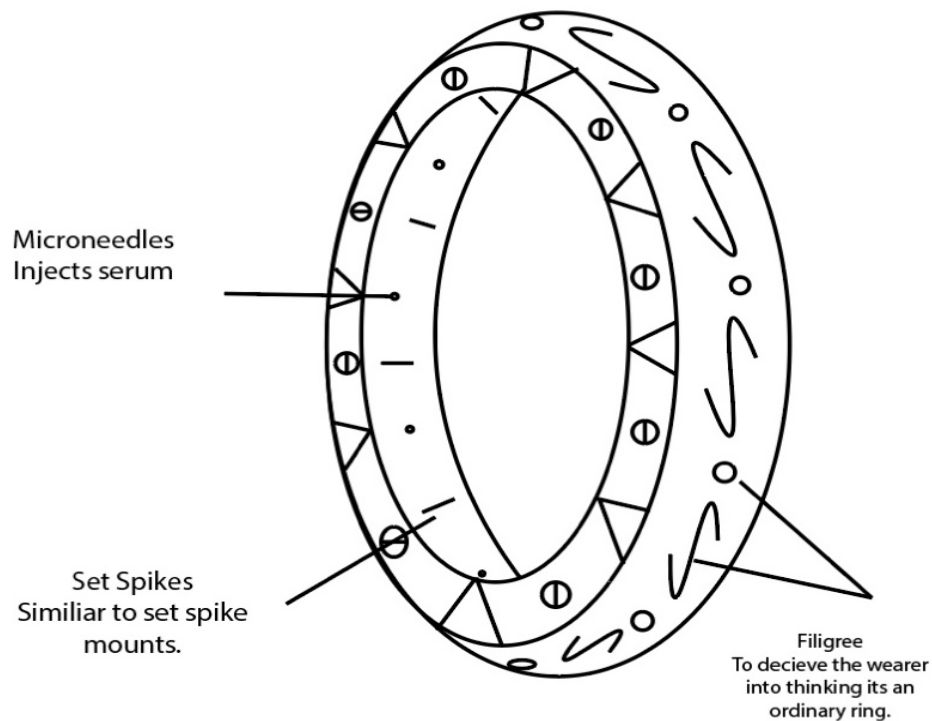
Vial 8 contains S S12 a penobarbital mixture for a 12 hour medical induced coma, which allows the scientist to swap vials.

Strong magnetic screws are used for quick vial swaps. They can only be removed under Titus's supervision with a special tool.

MAP-R
MIND ALTERING PERCEPTION – RING
(SIDE VIEW)

Mind - Altering Perception Ring MAP-R

Through the Finger/Exterior View



Microneedles inject serum similar to a mosquito. It uses 6 needles sheathed together to create a painless prick.

Set spikes are activated when the ring is placed on the wearer. They are designed discreet and are meant to keep the ring on unless removed under Titus's supervision.

Set spikes are designed so when the wearer tries to remove the ring they deploy biting into the skin to remain in place. This is only when the ring senses it's being removed with force.

MAP - R
MIND ALTERING PERCEPTION - RING
(THROUGH THE FINGER/TOP VIEW)

How it works

Although this ring is intricate in design, don't allow it to fool you. MAP-R is designed to alter the mind and perception of the wearer.

The triangular-shaped vials contain seven doses of M S15, a mind-altering perception serum. The eighth vial contains a twelve-hour phenobarbital mixture placing the wearer in a medical coma. The serums are injected through tiny painless microneedles every twelve hours, leaving the wearer oblivious.

This is the key to Titus's perception control. Each resident is required to wear the identical ring upon entering. Although they appear harmless, these rings are designed to engage tiny set spikes into the skin when enough force is applied. This restricts the wearer from removing the ring and revealing the secrets.

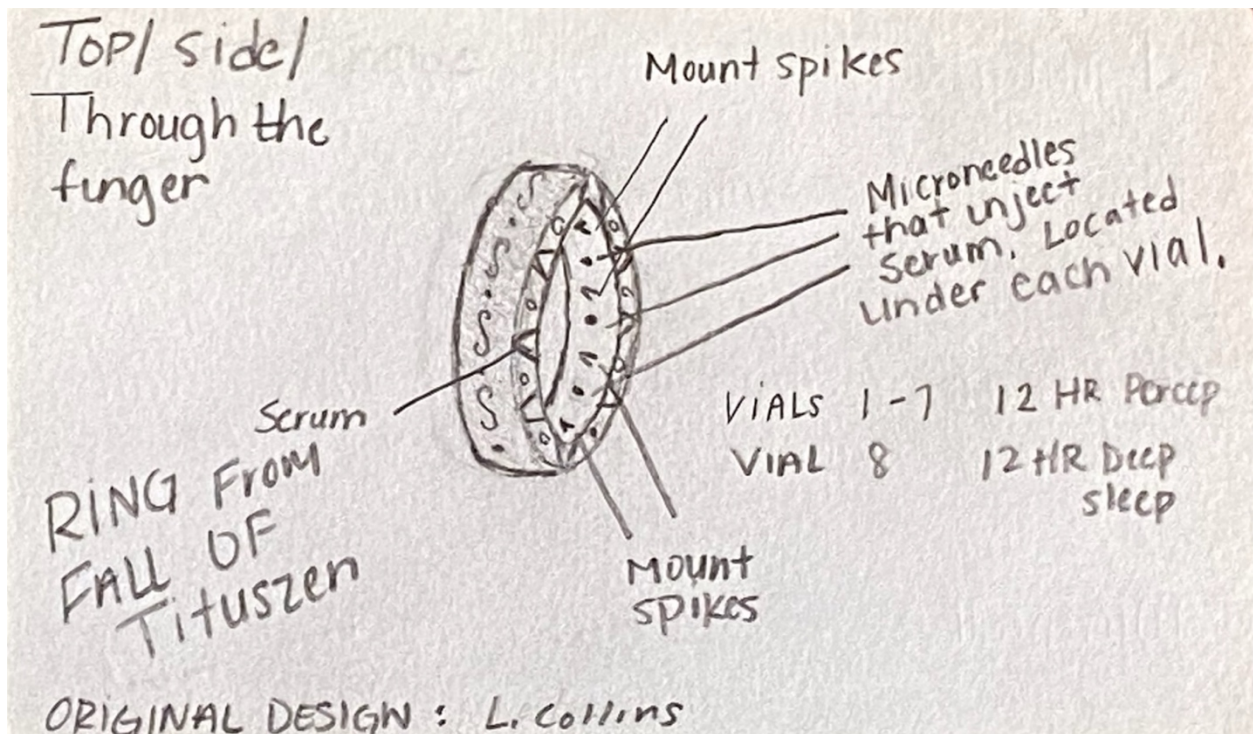
If the wearer experiences the set spikes, they are injected with a serum that wipes their memory, then given a higher dosage of M S15 and monitored.

The rings are designed to alert Titus when they have been tampered with. If the spikes have been deployed, it alarms the red light, alerting all citizens to return to their quad, allowing them to focus on the tampered ring without causing a scene.

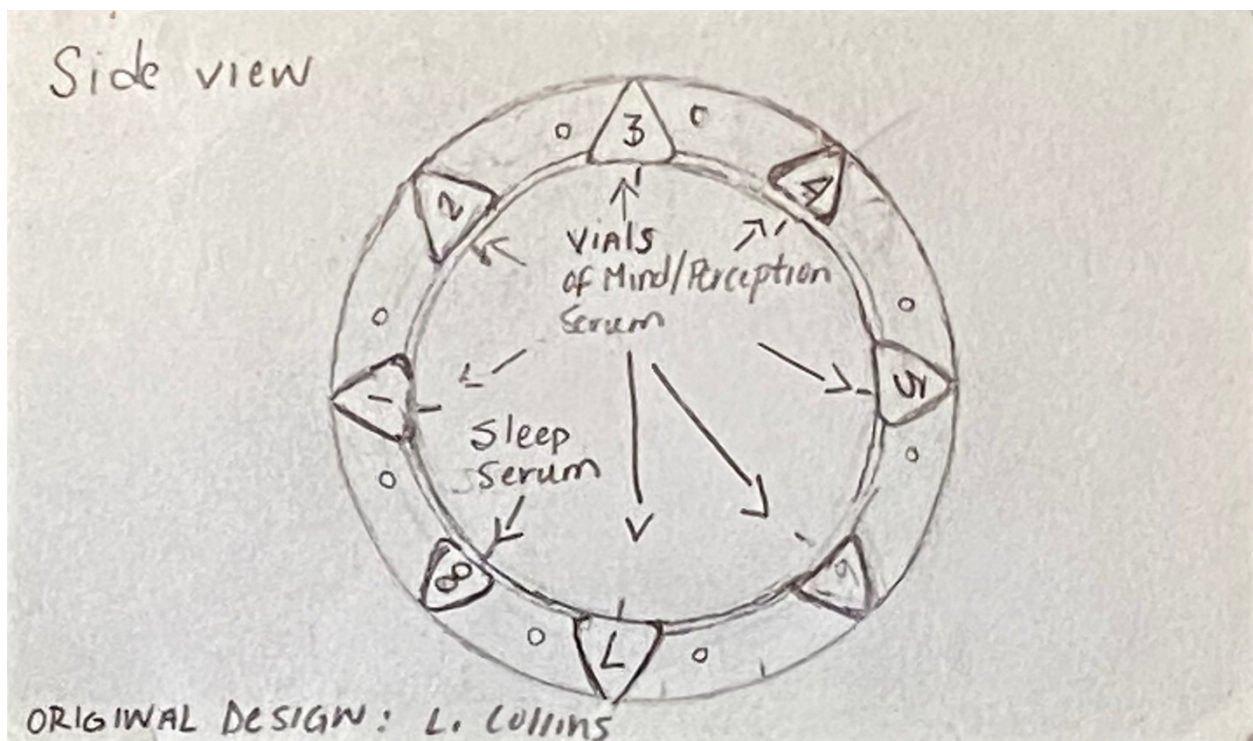
Ring Removal

This tiny painful ring contains tiny magnetic pins that can only be removed by a special tool used by Aurora under Titus's supervision.

The tool is place over the ring releasing the pins allowing the ring to be separated and the vials to be exchanged. The vials are exchanged every four days or 96 hours.



Original Ring Concept



Original Ring Concept

Synopsis:

Eighteen-year-old Vida discovers her childhood home destroyed and her parents missing. Declared dead, her parent's bodies were never found. But, despite the ongoing war, Vida decides to search for her missing parents.

Eight years pass, and Vida is near giving up hope. When she is located barely alive by Titus, the middle-aged man offers her a safe place away from the combat.

Unfortunately, she's wary of him. Being alone, she's become uncivilized and in survival mode. But, defeated by hunger and exhaustion, she accepts his offer.

At first, Vida is amazed by Tituszen. The people are kind. The food is amazing, and best of all, she can rest easily. But, when she notices abnormalities within Tituszen, she becomes suspicious, uncovering the secrets hidden behind its walls.

Vida discovers Tituszen is a perception. People are working their assigned roles, gardening, farming, and caring for animals. Children play around a large tree that

centers the commons. But, in reality, people are building weapons and ammunition for Titus's plot to overthrow his half-brother, Leonidis Patel. Children are playing around a large I-beam that supports the center of the warehouse. With the support of his sister Aurora, they operate Tituszen.

There are many secrets in Tituszen. Only three people are aware of the reality: Titus, Aurora, and Atlas. No one knows Titus and Aurora are siblings. No one knows that Leonidis is Titus and Aurora's half-brother. Only Titus and Aurora know Lucion, and Jane are Vida's parents, and they are being held as prisoners within Tituszen's walls.

Excerpt:

TITUS

Welcome to Tituszen. Every person that lives behind those gates plays an important part in the community. Any trades, special training, or education?

VIDA

Masters in robotics.

Titus removes a small box from the top drawer of his desk, stands and walks to Vida. Then hands the small box to her.

Vida opens the box and examines the contents, then pulls out a small copper colored ring with intricate filigree.

TITUS

It monitors your health and is symbol of union.

VIDA

Like a marriage?

Titus glances at Vida.

TITUS

To Tituszen. Everyone wears one.

Titus shows Vida his personal ring.

TITUS

Come, girl. Let me show you Tituszen.

VIDA

(Whisper)

Vida.

INT. TITUSZEN - COMMONS - DAY

The commons are the center of a warehouse with several halls labeled as QUAD A, QUAD B, and Quad C. A DINING HALL, INFIRMARY, AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL, LIVESTOCK, are marked above the remaining halls.

Stairs to an observation deck, that contains Titus's officer, and the security room are visible. Plants and other flora surround the walls making them appear less visible. An elder tree centers the commons. Children laugh and play.

Crops grow in specified locations. There are picnic and bistro tables lined down a brick wall that frames the grass area.

Vida follows Titus through the commons. He stops in front of the elder tree.

TITUS

Welcome to Tituszen.

Titus gestures using his hand from left to right to reveal Tituszen.

Vida examines the small community before her. She is in awe of what she sees.

VIDA

It's beautiful.

TITUS

It's safe.

VIDA

Listen, sorry about running. It's just the rebe-

TITUS

Rebels kill those who resist. They eat what they kill. I'm trying to help people. I don't want to hurt them.

Titus grabs Vida by the hand.

TITUS

You're safe now, Vida. Tituszen is sound. No one can get in or out of these walls without authorization.

Footstep are heard as ATLAS, male (27), wears camouflage pants, ammunitions vest, sand colored shirt, military boots approaches Titus and salutes.

ATLAS
Commander.

TITUS
Officer Kane.

Atlas relaxes.

ATLAS
Gates have been secured and cleared.

Titus nods his head in approval.

TITUS
Atlas, meet Vida. Our newest member.
Atlas smiles genuinely at Vida.

ATLAS
Welcome to Tituszen Vida.

Vida smiles back.

VIDA

Thank you.

TITUS

Officer Kane is the head of security. He monitors the gates. The reason Tituszen remains safe.

VIDA

Must be hard work keeping track of who comes in and out.

ATLAS

It is quite the task keeping track of over 300 people.

TITUS

Do you need help, Officer Kane?

ATLAS

I could use someone in the security room.

TITUS

Then its settled. Vida after I finish showing you around,
you can have lunch then report to Officer Kane.

ATLAS

I'll see you soon Vida.

VIDA

Officer.