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**A SHORT INSIDERS COMPARISON GUIDEBOOK TO THE
PARALLEL UNIVERSES**

ALPHAVERSE

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CHARLIE JADE, the series deals with three parallel universes called ALPHAVERSE (AV), BETAVERSE (BV), and GAMMAVERSE (GV). BETAVERSE is our world set in the City of Cape Town, South Africa, planet Earth. The majority of the AV story will be told as it occurs in Kapstaad, a massive city at the base of what would be our African continent. The GV setting is as well in the geographic equivalent of southern Africa – as the parallel universes are in alignment. These terms are not used in every day language as due to the Big Lie in AV, only a very few on the Vexcor board and senior management are aware that travel from one universe to another is technologically possible.

The key difference between these societies is in the social control and administrations of their populations and how this management and control is manifested in every day life through governing and government. Each society has a history and is faced by the entire spectrum of social problems and challenges of a real society populated by human beings.

ALPHAVERSE:

(We will focus on planet Earth in Alphaverse)

Earth in Alphaverse (like all societies) had a long history of struggle, evolution, rivalry, and international conflicts. When the world wars ended and the Leagues of Nation and United Nation institutions failed and the survival of the planet was threatened it was the industrial complex and the business community that took over. The world population, terrified with extinction, agreed to let the powers of industry care for their every need. War was bad for business and everyone slept better leaving the handling of the world to the industrialists from each (former) country. The new business administrations first act was to form five economic zones, a uniformed standardization code for each segment of society, and a central governing body with total power. Capitalism became the only religion.

Look

- Photographically heavy and grainy in look.
- Very BLADE RUNNER in style.
- Practically, we will have to shoot Kapstaad by modifying what is available to us in Cape Town – relying on the downtown core, which resembles the French Quarter for street scenes.
- Lighting is harsh and expressionist with sharp edges.
- Streets are wet and badly kept to the extent of the budget allowance.
- Trash and litter exists.
- Architecture in Kapstaad is very urban and cosmopolitan.
- Bright colors are rare.
- The city skyline is dominated by the Vexcor Tower on a man made island on or near the harbor front (CGI).
- Nuclear cooling towers are seen in number in the core.
- Robin Island is a massive prison just off shore (CGI).
- The harbor is very developed to serve export/import to adjacent economic zones.
- Housing contrasts in style based on status.
- Technology is slightly futuristic – there is a blend of slick modern technology with older, wetter, more distressed architecture and environment.

- Top C1-A & C-1 executives live in fantastic houses featuring high security features. (Walled, fenced, patrolled, and monitored at all times). Size of property key to status.
- C-1 housing tends to be built "down" instead of "up" the cliffs of Table Mountain to allow whatever view of ocean left available.
- Tint of exteriors "grey/green" due to fog and pollution.
- Graffiti writing is a crime.
- Where graffiti exists it is a low-tech war of the writers vs the administration and security that is treating buildings with anti-graffiti coatings.
- C-2 & C-3's live in lower income and drab housing.
- Housing is standardized and urban dominated by high rises. (Think Seoul, South Korea)
- In cities like Kapstaad, the highest objective of tiny C-2 class of small businessmen and entrepreneurs (Charlie) is to convert a warehouse loft-style space to reflect individual tastes. These spaces are becoming the new status symbols.
- Much of society is not visible from the street. Think Hanoi, where the streets are not crowded, wet, dark and badly lit (if at all), at night. Down an alley, up a ramp, through loading doors, down a hallway, up some stairs may reveal the latest crowded club (used to find C-3 sex slaves), or underground operation. You have to peel the onion to find the pearl.
- There is evidence of fantastic wealth next to unbelievable poverty (Bombay).
- C-1 & C1-A society has manipulated the cities to try and keep "their" world protected and separate from the scum of poverty and worker status.
- Locals use extensive back alleys and side roads – (surprisingly un-crowded) to avoid constant gridlock on major elevated inner highway.
- Wardrobe varies from super fine and formal (SEXY BEAST – London) for C-1A & C-1s, management proper and button down style suits for C-2s, and either very revealing or functional for C-3s. Dark colors dominate the wardrobe – there is no room for bright colors outside of the sex clubs.
- Make-up in AV includes dark (for C-1As some reds and blue) facial tinting and painting accents. The lower the status the more crude up to and including elaborate tattoos.
- Style in Kapstaad is very NYC Wall Street money at the higher levels – and very Hell's Kitchen in C-3 land.

Population: Status and Traits

- Overpopulation is out of control putting a strain on all support systems.
- Enforced sterilization and population control measures ineffective.
- Mass colonies of diseased and mutated births in controlled state housing and concentration camps.
- **Class Status Structure** – (similar to Indian cast system): Status chip inbedded in flesh, similar to our bar code, houses all information on individual requiring annual renewal. Mass global database tracks entire population.

C1-A – Those born into highest cast of wealth and privilege. .5% of total population. Tax exempt.

C1 – Highest status rating achieved by merit, education, service, or promotion within the upper corporate and government system. 4.5% of population. Largest earners – lowest tax payers.

C2 – Those of middle management in all segments of corporate and service society. Managers. Tax payers. Possible advancement to C1 on merit, never C1-A. 25% of population. Main consumer base for the economy – forced to purchase consumer products at a level to assure year-end corporate profits regardless of product quality or individual need.

- **C-3** – Workers, slaves, Pure labor regardless of the industry or service. Cattle fodder. Socially unacceptable – poor. 70% of population. Main function of this class is to provide labor where automation is too costly or inefficient. To be poor is to be damned. The C- 3 population is often relocated, re-settled, pushed aside, abused, or eliminated based on corporate policy and need. There is a tiny C – 3 revolutionary underground movement, that not only is ruthlessly repressed but is also the scapegoat for corporate government policy decisions that represses the population. Their ranks are growing and are secret. The leadership is secret but rumored to be made up of rogue executives who were victims of ageism.
- Machievelli tactics and strategies considered social norm.
- Alphaverse version of Adam Smith considered “Father of Society”.
- The majority of the population exists in a dark joyless society of stress, distrust and strain.
- Suicide in the C-2 and C-3 classes is at very high levels.
- Ruthlessness in business and life is rewarded as an acceptable trait.
- Work at the expense of leisure or family is considered normal.
- Housing in mega-cities dense (except for C1-As and C-1s).
- Size and space allotment of home or office seen as ultimate status symbol.
- The majority of the city dwellers do not venture out late at night – due to exhaustive seven day business week.
- 14 hours is considered minimum normal work day.
- Men and woman have equal rights and chances to advance in the workplace and society.
- Children rarely raised by working parents.
- Children are considered assets in the pursuit of familial wealth and advancement often put to work, sold out, or enslaved at early ages based on skill, desirability, or size, (less severe the greater the familial wealth or staus).
- C-1-As and C-1s enjoy all benefits of society.
- Wealth is major form of measure determining class.
- Ageism is very strong and begins at forty years of age for non C1-As.
- Sex is becoming rare – yet childbirth is not.
- Smoking is popular.
- Small groups of individuals within the system are breaking out and forming their own small businesses.

Government & Political System

- Real power lies with the boards and senior managers of the five major surviving corporations.
- All five sit on the **Five Sister Council Executive Board (F.S.C.E.B.)** made up of two active senior managers from the five major surviving corporations. (The term multinational is not relevant – as in AV there are no nations).
- Membership at the F.S.C.E.B is for life and honorary.
- **Planning, and Administration Divisions (P & A Division)** of the F.S.C.E.B. run the planet day-to-day implementing federal policies through sub-divisions.
- Both the F.S.C.R.B. and the P & A Division(s) are efficiently organized and structured but are practically impotent as each individual surviving corporation acts as an economic zone monarchy.
- Management and staff of the P & A division and sub-divisions features thousands of employees whose sworn duty is to assist the corporations realize profits. (In reality their very existence makes the objective impossible).
- Population management, capitalism, and corporate profits are main objectives of the P & A Division administration of the F.S.C.E.B.
- Corruption at all levels is a plague fought constantly by the planners and administrators at the P & A division.
- **People's Representative Council** (made up of three members) sits on the P & A Division – as non-voting token members to communicate and liaise (lie) to the C2 and C3 population. (see population control).
- Advanced BA and Accounting degrees minimum for C1 status and service on the P & A Division of the F.S.C.E.B.
- C1 – A or C - 1 status required for senior position at any level of P & A Division or of the F.S.C.E.B.
- No nations, states, borders or frontiers exist just economic zones awarded to the five major surviving firms.
- Administrative standardized for entire planet's economic zones.
- Statutes, legislation, courts, and regulations designed to support standardization system come from the P & A division.
- One official language – English.
- Cities have nation/state size and weight.
- Corporate mismanagement and inefficiency is highest federal capital crime.
- C – 1A, C-1, and C-2s have right to vote on P & A or F.S.C.E.B. policy matters.
- Popular electronic voting is required on non-essential policy decisions at world AGM.
- Popular voting on non-essential policy decisions required on an interactive P & A Division high-band HD interactive channel accessible on all home entertainment centers.

Currency & Economy

- Common currency shared by all planet-wide.
- 99% electronic transaction – a cashless society.
- Invoices, accounts payable and receivable, purchase order system basis for value measure of company wealth.
- Corporate balance sheets used annually to measure size of the economy and GNP.
- All fiscal policies controlled by the chairman of the F.S.C.E.B.
- Banks are institutions of corporate divisions.

- Small business repressed.
- Food distribution system highly organized for mass product – highest return on investment. Food is mass produced and tasteless.
- All C- 2s and C- 3s live in debt and pay 90% of social taxes.
- Debt is staple of economy.
- Cashless debt society makes “cashing-out” or “exit-strategy” impossible.
- Debt load is handed down and grows from generation to generation within the family unit.
- Real estate and rents very very expensive – if not already owned corporately.
- 24 Hour parking a luxury few can afford.
- Black market and underground uses mixed barter and worthless script.
- The five major companies (Vexcor is one) manufacture everything from a never-ending pyramid of divisions and sub-divisions.
- Competition between the corporations exists as long as it supports capitalism but there is little choice in the field of consumer products.
- To support profits, the five companies have divided the planet by population center and operate independent of each other, thus discouraging price wars or un-necessary competition.
- The infrastructure is decayed and rife with corruption.
- No minimum wage.

Security, Police, and Fire Protection

- Major military conflict does not exist anywhere on the planet.
- Military role in internal security and policing is provided by federal and corporate security divisions.
- Police state conditions standardized in each economic zone.
- Democratic civil rights are almost none existent especially for C- 3s and common C- 2s.
- Security forces multi-layered and well funded with the best transport, weapons, and technology.
- Security technology and R & D at highest level.
- Federal force administered by **Safety and Security (SS)** Sub-Division of the P & A.
- The SS sub division also is charged with federal fire protection, insurance risk management, public assistance, and prisons.
- Individual tax collection (a sub-division itself under SS) huge priority to pay for minimal taxes paid corporately.
- Crime exists in AV and is suppressed ruthlessly.
- The penal code and prison terms are administered by the **Justice Sub-Division** of the P & A division
- Prison terms are severe.
- The penal system is used to cull the population.
- Prisons are massive institutions completely self-sufficient like mini cities in cities.
- Concentration camps are in use.
- Prisons populated 90% with C- 3s.
- Each corporation (like Vexcor) has a well-funded independent security division that rivals the federal and other corporate police administrations.
- Security is a highly desired profession.

- Various related and unrelated minority underground and revolutionary groups of C-3s violently and ruthlessly repressed by all global security services.
- Industrial rivalries and espionage between the five companies does exist and often results in executive assassination and small-scale combat between highly sophisticated corporate security services of each major company.
- Harbor, airport, train, bus stations administration controlled by P & D division – heavy SS division presence.

Climate & Environment

- Stormy acid rain and dense fog 80% of the time.
- Massive pollution.
- Grey/green tint
- Massive cities over crowded with failing infrastructures.
- Natural resources shortages past point of no return.
- Extreme global warming.
- Shortages of anything natural causing black market for any fauna or flora still alive.
- There are still large mass untouched reserves set aside in each economic zone of countless acres.
- These areas are the corporate ranches of the CEOs and boards and off limits to all other human life forms (Think Patagonia and safari reserves).
- Almost all life other than human is synthetic, for show, or agro industry.
- Oceans dead of life and used as “out-of-sight-out-of-mind” garbage dumps.
- No free live forests or wilderness – all non-urban areas part of industrial farms.
- The polar caps have long since been melted, desalinated, and converted to fresh water supplies – avoiding the growing tidal threat to coastal cities.
- The planet’s polar regions are permanently void of ozone and are uninhabitable by any life form near the surface of the dead oceans.

Technology

- Technology is advanced and futuristic (for those who can afford to pay).
- Electronic, miniaturization and robotics are in heavy use.
- Failed Built-in Obsolescence Planning has advanced early malfunction epidemic affects manufactured products and systems.
- Use-and-throw-away culture supported by technology short-life.
- Minimum QC.
- Skill worker class vanishing.
- Zero customer service.
- Corporate inventory system advanced to maximize profits causing huge parts shortages.
- ECTOSKIN™ advanced linked electronic control system in effect – linking all electronic products to common chip ID system to global surveillance network. This system is an advanced version the **Radio Frequency Identification (RFID)** and **GPS** systems currently deployed on our BV Earth.

- P & A Division high-band HD interactive channel accessible on all home entertainment centers is part of ECTOSKIN™
- Massive breakdowns of entire system (brown-outs, failures, new products badly manufactured) becoming epidemic.
- Vehicles (no pollution standards) manufactured toward status – very expensive and stocked with electronics, (high accident rates ignored from electronic distractions inside new car cockpits).
- Older style lower income (less advanced) taxis and vehicles reserved for C-2s and C-3s.
- Left hand drive.
- Robot clones of natural life forms highly advanced.

Science

- All science research corporate based and financed.
- R & D projects require a patent approval license from **Science & Competition Committee (SCC)** of P & A division administration.
- R & D patents difficult to come by. (It will be interesting to uncover if procedure violations occurred when Vexcor went ahead on their Cy-Pac facility projects between AV, BV, and GV).
- Space program focused on “inward looking” satellite and space station system – exploration on hold as unprofitable.
- Major science funding reserved for SS division budget.

Utilities

- Public Utilities (power, water, sewage etc.) all controlled by **Public Energy and Utilities, Sub-Division (PEU Sub-Division)** of P & A Division and is standardized across the planet.
- Maxed out and failing on a regular basis.
- Utilities theft from zone to zone is becoming a problem plaguing the administration.

Health System

- Supported by corporate state.
- No cost Medicare for all (In theory. In reality the farther down in status the less resources available – think Russia or Ontario).
- Quality of care tied to class status.
- Quality care expensive and unattainable for lower status groups.
- Antibiotics obsolete as ineffective.
- New synthetic wonder drugs available – (all *known* diseases curable) highly expensive manufactured in controlled and small batches approved monthly by FSCEB Health Committee.
- Impotence, once rampant in men is being controlled by clinical drugs available with cigarettes.
- Vicious Ebola style epidemics in the C-3 hinterlands common. (Investigation would prove the viruses are not organic in nature and are experimental SS Division creations).

Education & Sport

- Secondary school is available at minimum cost for the entire population.
- Education is standardized for all across the planet.
- BA, management, and accounting most sought degrees.
- Public census records commence at school level
- Candidates for class status advancement are sought and separated from parents at this early level.
- Institution quality tied to class status.
- History books altered to support common government and corporate history. (Think North Korea).
- Higher education is highly respected and used as corporate recruiting center.
- Curriculum and graduation certificates tightly controlled by the **Advanced Education Committee (AEC)**
- High School and university sports programs (while first discouraged as not profitable) are encouraged and have replaced professional teams at all levels of sports.
- Salaries for players are banned (usually teams are made up of the odd C – 2 but mostly C – 3s).
- Sport and education is seen as a population distraction control system – and dominates the public broadcasting system around the clock.
- Massive funded sports programs tied to corporations advertising divisions (Think ROLLERBALL).

Social Support & Welfare

- Public Assistance provided by SS (see Security, Police and Fire Administration)
- Massive in administration and cost.
- In actual terms delivers less than 0.04% for every budgeted dollar to the poor, the balance needed to support the SS Division under the FSC Board. (Yes, I know, how strange that the security service is in charge of social assistance).

Entertainment

- Controlled by **Awareness & Entertainment Sub-Division (A & E Sub-Division)** of P & A.
- 24 hour a day service (often browning out or snowed-out).
- Heavily censored and used to direct public opinion and repress the tiny but persistent underground.
- Massive industry designed to distract (sports), pacify (entertainment), keep tabs on (Ectoskin™), and influence (news) as much as inform opinions of pop.
- TV/Radio Advertising content controlled and 50-50 screen\airtime minimal.
- Giant billboards in city squares 24 hour advertising sources.
- Subliminal message control standardized. (often, because of glitches, the subliminal message embedded in content is the only thing on screen at any one time).
- Tone of all services is designed to be calming in nature and recruit new talent for the corporations.
- Movie theatres show "approved and censored" product.

- Underground C-3 low budget and political fare often shown with ancient throw away and abandoned 35mm equipment on the walls of buildings and quarries.
- SS division forces in constant "cat and mouse" with movie terrorists.
- News and entertainment sub-division of A & E of P & A, main editorial mandate is to alter, change, or redraw history to strengthen the corporate system image.
- Actual information that is critical or truthful is rare.
- Due to the realities of the environmental conditions – the weather forecasting component is most widely watched, most entertaining, and most accurate programming.
- Codes and formats standardized planet-wide from zone to zone.
- Majority of electronic (Ectoskin™) entertainment components come from two major economic zones – (one dominated by Vexcor's division as close to our version of Europe – and the other where our Asia would be).
- In the lesser urban hinterlands, dominated by a more C-3 pop – it is common for entertainment loops to jam for hours with the same frozen image and programming to be on a constant repeat cycle.
- Highly advanced distribution and technical systems – it's often let down by unmotivated unrewarded work force at the controls.
- New programming expensive.
- Re-packaging and re-runs of existing programming in extensive use.
- No star system.
- Performers and arts in general lowly paid and undesirable profession socially.
- Component of Ectoskin™ and is interactive.
- Public airwaves invaded constantly by underground.
- Minority underground has own literature and culture highly repressed.
- A & E Division controls all communication and communication devices as an extension of the Ectoskin™
- Censored newspapers and magazines under A & E control.
- Internet is taxed and a source of P & A control
- Internet used for business also tool of the underground.
- Internet highly taxed.
- Music as an industry is bland and does embrace alternative sounds other than pop.
- Alternative "local" music flourishing in urban basements and alleys, and in the fields of the tiny hinterlands.
- Alternative music distribution system is word of mouth and hand-to-hand.
- Literature and poetry highly censored and repressed by A & E.
- Underground literature lives a similar existence as the alternative music sources.
- Leisure and tourism industry developed and supported by merit system.
- C-3 supplied labor includes developed public sex industry.
- Sex industry corporate – run by C-2 status managers.
- Restaurants vary according to status. Higher the price – the more natural the meal.
- There is a casino in Kapstaad – membership is private.
- Upper status classes do frequent excellent All Night Clubs (ANCs public on display sex, rock & Roll, drugs and drinking)
- Gambling at a grass routes level is widespread in attics and basements. (non-taxable income).