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Your Packing List for the Apocalypse

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Dear Valued Client,

Thank you for signing up to our Apocalypse Services! Below, and in the attached documents, you will find preliminary information to aid your preparations. We're still finalizing details but, as we all know, the Apocalypse is unpredictable*. So we do advise you to start planning ASAP to get the most out of your end-of-days experience!

*most of the time. Read to the end for further details!

KEY ITEMS FOR YOUR PACKING LIST

All prosthetics, corrective eye and ear devices, communication software etc. required for maximum use of your faculties. This includes additional lighting and/or sunglasses, hearing aids and/or earplugs, and power supplies for the aforementioned. Please take your personal needs into consideration. We love surprises and hope you do too, but Apocalypse circumstances may vary—it is your responsibility to be prepared for extreme conditions, including extremes of light, sound, smell, and temperature.

All medications: these are essential for travel to the meeting point. If you require ongoing medical supplies after this and are unable to provide sufficient quantities for your lifetime, we can help—you must inform TER353@ApocSols.org in advance or call our freephone number and ask for ‘Terese’, or the closest approximation you are able to make in auditory format. A personal first aid kit could also come in handy!

Nutrition: bring enough nutritional supplies (food, potable liquids, injectable fluids, UV lamps, etc.) and means of intake (teeth, cutlery, drinking vessels, intravenous pouches & needles, skin, etc.) to reach the meeting point. After you join us, we will cater to a standard vegan diet, but at this stage cannot guarantee meeting more complex dietary needs (these include allergies, or food intakes exceeding 20 kg/day for our larger grazing clients). Please contact TER353 regarding supply points, storage conditions, and our gardening infrastructure. We’ll work with you to determine whether supporting your survival is within our capabilities :)

Those who have notified us of carnivorous or omnivorous dietary requirements will receive a separate email regarding meal arrangements, to minimise distress to fellow clients. If you fall into this category and have not already done so, please get in touch as soon as possible.

Movement aids: if you wear clothes, please ensure these are suitable for physical activity (e.g. running, climbing, crawling, flight). You won't be expected to dress up post-Apocalypse, only to dress safely! This means wearing nothing that can get tangled, hinder movement, or inadvertently summon otherworldly demons. Do bring any adaptive equipment required for rapid escapes. Email TER353@ApocSols.org if you'd like advice on adaptive devices or on sourcing them—our team expert is happy to help! We may have solutions not widely available on Earth at present, so don't be shy to ask.

Helmet: most of our clients keep their brains in their heads, so this is a standard item. For humans, sturdy climbing-type helmets are preferred for preventing head injuries and brain matter loss, not e.g., bicycle helmets with larger holes vulnerable to penetration by sharp objects. We realize helmets are not widely available for non-human species on Earth. If this is a concern, or if non-head shielding for a brain or other vital squishy organs is required, TER353 can provide no-cost consultations for clients, and referrals to our specialist manufacturing partners.

Pocket-knife: we strongly encourage a small multitool rather than a large weapon. Yes, we know these are tempting, but after extensive statistical analyses, we anticipate an environmental event, rather than inter- or intra-species violence, as the probable trigger for the Apocalypse. Based on prior experience, we do not advocate for BYO weaponry in this situation. If necessary, our staff are equipped with specialized devices capable of combat against a number of potential threats, such as zombies and aggressive carnivorous plants. We note that clients with pointy teeth and/or claws may not require a blade, but may benefit from other utilities offered by a pocket-knife (e.g. screwdriver, nail file, corkscrew). In short, please bring only the supplementary tools necessary to effect minor repairs on your kit or your body while on your

way to the meeting point. Your safety is our main concern, and that includes keeping you safe from one another! ;)

This means, unfortunately, that receiving bites from anyone with rabies or zombiism before reaching the meeting point will render our agreement void. If you are of a species incapable of transmission, we remain happy to receive you, but do note such injuries may pose survival concerns to yourself regardless (so don't forget the helmet and first aid kit)! In answer to one query we have already received, lycanthrope bites are acceptable provided we are informed before the next waxing gibbous Moon, so that we may prepare accordingly.

In the event of contracting rabies, zombiism, or similar conditions, we urge you not to proceed with the journey and place your prospective companions at risk. Please notify us immediately. We can provide a full refund and, if practicable, an escort to medical services at our own cost. If medical services are unavailable, we do regret that remedial action may be required for the protection of your companions.

Dependent companions (family members, 'pets', etc.): We encourage all sentient beings to sign up to our services of their own free will. We do make exceptions for same-species family members or friends, of any age, who are incapable both of making such decisions and of independent survival. Please contact 83A1@ApocSols.org if you wish to register dependent companions. Non-animal species (plants, microbes etc.) are welcome provided they are non-pathogenic to all in the group, and provided you are able to care for them. The more the merrier! Pre-approval is, however, recommended. As with primary registrants, we reserve the right to exclude, or take preventive action regarding, any dependents who pose a threat to the safety of other clients. Please note that the outcomes of such preventive action will be your responsibility.

For those concerned about ‘pets’, stubborn adult children, etc., written text regarding our services is available in other languages, including as pictograms, via inter-species body language translators, and in waveforms across various frequencies on the electromagnetic spectrum. While our email digests are mostly targeted at human clients, we are investigating other methods of translation! So please let us know the form of communication your friends of any species require, and how best to contact them. We offer group discounts, take payment in a range of species-specific currencies, and are happy to reach out directly to your loved ones. For existing clients only, we have an exclusive offer of telepathic advertising for hard-to-reach or hard-to-persuade loved ones. Contact Siqueldisquafa@ApocSols.org for enquiries.

CONTACT POINTS AND TIMING

Please see the attached map files for meeting points. Further locations will be available shortly! Site- and species-specific details will be supplied as details are confirmed.

Our client liaison, Siqueldisquafa, will meet those joining us in the Tibetan Byang thang. Clients undertaking mountainous journeys should get in touch with them regarding safety equipment. Unless you have biological cold weather adaptations, the likes of ice axes, crampons, good boots, and warm clothes are essential if you are journeying to the meeting point on foot.

Those starting from our site in the Danakil Depression will be assisted by 83A1. Earth-origin species lacking built-in hydration reservoirs are advised to carry several extra liters of potable water per macro-organism per day for the journey into the desert.

For those meeting your contact, 3ND5, at Paddington Station, London, if you cannot breathe naturally underwater it is essential to bring your own breathing apparatus and several hours’ worth of oxygen to navigate the Tube tunnels. If you are uncomfortable with swimming,

we recommend you choose another location to join the group. Do not rely on the Underwater being up and running.

Some clients have expressed concern that the two weeks allotted between the start of the Apocalypse and arrival at meeting points is insufficient travel time under end-of-world conditions. This issue will be partially addressed by the addition of further meeting points. If you have concerns about travel and have not yet notified us, please do so at your earliest convenience. Optional add-ons may include provision of skilled escorts (pending hiring; see below) or exchanging contact details with nearby group members so you can travel together and get a head start on the Apocalypse bonding fun!

EMERGENCY PLAN:

Just kidding, this is the emergency plan ;) Good on you for being prepared! Don't forget to tell your friends and family to follow your shining example!

WE ARE RECRUITING!

Do you enjoy being alive? Do you enjoy travel? Would you or someone you know be interested in joining us to help evacuate your fellow Earth inhabitants?

If you've been reading thoroughly, you may have noticed a few minor gaps remaining in our planning process.

In particular, the nature of your planet is such that we need denser coverage of meeting points than our small staff can manage. Your local knowledge would be invaluable! The primary roles we have available are as local liaisons and guides, to organize meeting points and transport clients to safer locations or, if required, off-planet. This is a work-from-home opportunity—

a meeting point can be right where you live! Marine species are strongly encouraged to apply as we do have a shortage of deeper-water meeting locations for our ocean dwelling clients.

We would also love for human candidates in urban environments to apply, to help expand our face-to-face outreach operations, which are limited at present by staff numbers and appearances. (We ourselves do not discriminate on the basis of appearance; some of our prospective human clients, however, almost certainly will).

Finally, we are also looking for inter-species translators, particularly anyone who can communicate with frogs, as this has proven a biological challenge for our current team.

If you're interested in applying, please send a detailed CV to 3ND5@ApocSols.org. Experience is desirable, but we are well aware Apocalypses don't come along every day (even if some of us get to see more of them than others). Just be sure to include any type of survival experience: that time you were bullied relentlessly by your co-workers and had all your feathers plucked out; that time someone vacuumed your newly spun web; that time you ate week-old rice; that time you got stuck in a tree for three days trying to rescue a kitten; as well as customer service and language backgrounds. We'll provide additional training for the right candidates to ensure you're prepared to care for your charges under any circumstances.

We offer benefits, life and undeath insurance that also covers off-world events, and the potential for continued employment post-Apocalypse for high-performing employees. And, of course, your own evacuation and supply costs will be covered by the company, with discounts for anyone you wish to bring along.

A note to any off worlders or billionaires with property investments elsewhere in the Milky Way:

We are in search of a Planet B in the event of a cataclysmic Apocalypse that renders Earth unlivable. We have allies offering potential sanctuary, but space is limited. If you have any leads, contacts, or indeed a habitable planetary body to offer elsewhere in the galaxy, we would love to hear from you!

ABOUT US:

We are a highly experienced team. After successfully fleeing our own planetary Apocalypse in the Alpha Centauri system, two escapees decided to put their new skills to use as Apocalypse survival facilitators. Equipped with their memories and expertise, we, their descendants, have since voluntarily rehomed denizens of two entire planets further afield that fell prey to civil war and orbital wobble respectively, and have conducted numerous smaller-scale Apocalypse evacuations across several galaxies. Our latest and greatest achievement was the evacuation of a full solar system, with five roughly Earth-sized planets and three inhabited satellites, during a larger Apocalypse brought about by loss of their Suns.

Our newest team member and client liaison, Siqueldisquafa, is herself a survivor of the latter event. They're available to discuss any guest concerns and are eager to put their recent firsthand experience of an Apocalypse to good use! TER353 are our technologist, and also in charge of ensuring we are an open and inclusive service. 3ND5, the immediate offspring of the original founders, are our personnel specialist, handling local recruitment and hiring, and 83A1 are our marketing, communication, and logistics expert, writing this email!

After many light years away, we are delighted to be back in the neighborhood, so to speak, and helping our friends on Earth—not to mention developing our small charitable initiative into a profit-making business for the first time! Our Earth observations give us reason

to believe this model is a planetary favourite. Its effect on our evacuation success rate here is unclear from our forecasts, but we love to try all things local, right down to the economics. And we just can't wait to see what flavor of Apocalypse y'all manage to come up with! The team predict favorable odds on a combined climate crisis-mass extinction event. Personally, 83A1 are a tiny bit disappointed to have drawn 'meteorite impact' in the office sweepstakes. What do you think it'll be? Plans for a fun client sweepstakes are in the works, so stay tuned for a chance to win heirloom keepsakes: a souvenir of present-day Earth, or your very own Apocalypse memories book!

FINAL NOTES

We'd like to reiterate that, given the unpredictable timing and nature of the end of the world, it is highly advisable to begin preparations early and keep your gear in an easily accessible location. It could be a wait of decades to centuries, so do ensure that all information is passed on to your heirs. Our services are guaranteed in perpetuity—we promise your descendants or inheritors will be looked after, provided your Will is in order. Please enquire about legal services if required.

We appreciate that waiting is hard! In the event of sufficient interest in getting started promptly, the organizing team is able to facilitate the onset of the Apocalypse. Out of consideration for the wide-ranging impact of triggering the Apocalypse, this requires a quorum of two-thirds agreement from our subscribers. We are presently at partial capacity with strong interest in an early Apocalypse, so encourage your friends and neighbors to sign up promptly—payment plans and group deals are available, and we're open to negotiating our rates!

After registration closes, a questionnaire will be sent out regarding an early Apocalypse. Note that this option will void any sweepstakes.

As always, feel free to contact us with questions at any time. Your Apocalypse is our number one priority!

With all best wishes for your survival,

83A1, on behalf of The Apocalypse Services Team (3ND5, TER353, Siqueldisquafa, and 83A1).

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You can't unsubscribe from the Apocalypse, but you can stop hearing about it. If you'd rather hide from the truth, we totally understand—just click [here](#). A friendly reminder: deposits are non-refundable, but we suppose that is a small price to pay to keep pretending that all will be well!

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If you have received this message in error, we apologize unreservedly for any psychological harm caused by advance knowledge of the Apocalypse. As a token of our regret, please accept the discount code GETMEOUT and click [here](#) to sign up at half price—we would love to have you join us!

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