

GENERATIVE ISLANDS

A SYSTEMIC DESIGN FICTION EXPERIMENT FOR THE SEAPUNKVERSE

RSD15

SHADES OF SYSTEMIC DESIGN

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A SOUTHEAST ASIAN POST-CLIMATE COLLAPSE IMAGINARY, POPULATED BY THE INHABITANTS, PROTOCOLS, AND STORIES BUILT BY MANY HANDS OVER MULTIPLE REAL-WORLD CONVENINGS; NOW ANIMATED AND CONNECTED WITH EACH OTHER AND THE OUTSIDE WORLD.

SNOW

STORY MODE - LOYALTY

SOUTH EAST ASIA

ZACH HYMAN, PROTOCOLIZED 2025

READ

MAP

WARD 47 PLAZA

LOYALTY

ZACH HYMAN - PROTOCOLIZED, 2025

◀ NIGHT

◻ CLOSE

In this issue: In a climate-crossed future, a stubborn grandmother resists evacuation from an extreme weather zone. But her equally stubborn daughter is determined to preserve her legacy. See what plays out in Zach Hyman's story, third-place in our protocol-fiction contest, *Ghosts in Machines*!

The Adaptation Force's glideskiff floats above a half-submerged road. Molding lowrises and glistening scaffolds, slowly being overtaken by algae from above and floodwaters from below, flank the ship. Inside, a team runs flood calculations, reviews the latest evacuation protocols, and pings the public surveillance network to search for signs of remaining residents and match them to knot records.

"Network indicates reports of about 30 residents still onsite," the team's field engineer and pilot grumbles, shaking his head at the incomplete profile flags blinking in the console. "Most are coming across as probable non-compliant... mostly Pre-AMOC Shift folks."

The Pre-AMOC Shift generation was the last group born before the collapse of the Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation, back when the planet's weather systems were still moderately predictable.

Shaking her head, Ping, the meteorologist and team lead, mutters, "Why is it always the elders?"

THE NIGHT CALL



The static roar of rain on the hull, and home on the line. "If she really won't evacuate... what about getting her to upload herself into your Airroom?"

SNOW

FIELD VIEWER - SHANZHAI CLIMATE AGENCY

MAP

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PRESERVIST'S FERMENTATION REG.

PRESERVISTS

◻ BACK TO DELTA FLATS

OPENING LINE — WHAT A VISITOR HEARS FIRST

"Wash your hands and take this paring knife. You can ask me things while you work, but you are not just going to stand there doing nothing while you do. There's far too much raw gastic here that needs slicing for such extravagances."

ASK PRESERVISTS

Ask anything...

ASK

IDENTITY

Slow-tech SMEs who preserve food and, in doing so, preserve culture, continuity and social cohesion — mobile fermentation and pickling rigs collecting surplus from floating farms, floodplain terraces and rooftop gardens, and convening the community around it.

VEHICLE & TOOLS

Solar fermentation bays calibrated to monsoon air-pressure and humidity; clay vinegar urns encoded with memory-knot data from the moment of preservation; patchworked recipe sheets stitched from laminated napkins and oral mnemonics, synced across regions. Batch notes sync over HarmonyNet's FloodMarket relay. But the protocols that hold it together are human: a flap on a sleeve, a remembered scent, a jar marked in an elder's handwriting.

GROUNDING IN

Fermentation and preservation traditions across SEA Basin, from the Philippines to the Mekong Delta.

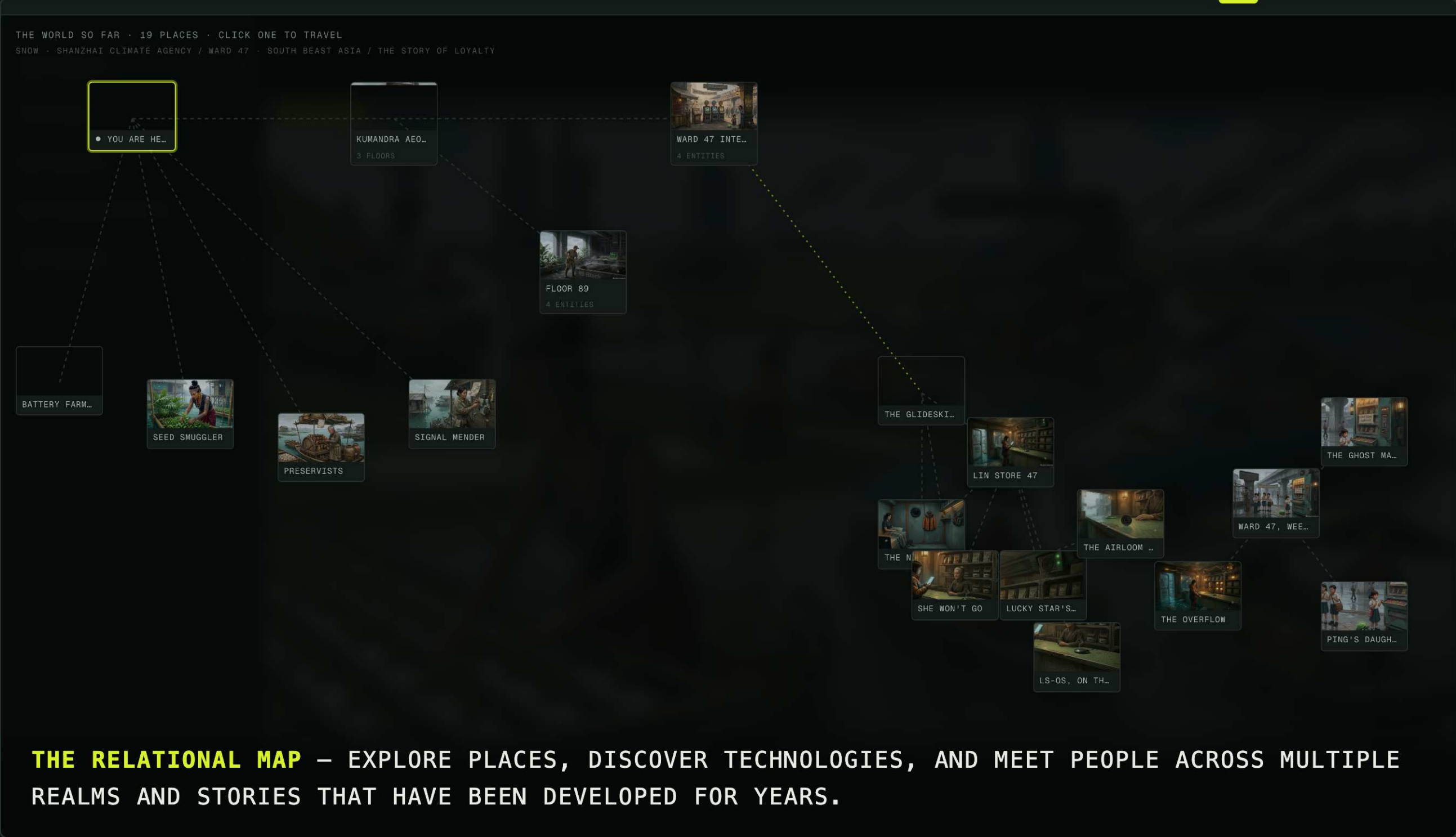
DELTA FLATS

PRESERVISTS



STORY-CENTRIC MODE

— EXPLORE STORIES NON-LINEARLY, STOP AND TALK WITH CHARACTERS, EXPLORE TECHNOLOGIES, AND CHOOSE YOUR PATH THROUGH THE NARRATIVES.



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VISITORS BUILD IT TOO. IF THEY CHOOSE, VISITORS OPT TO HELP BUILD THESE WORLDS FURTHER. OPTING IN REVEALS A SUBMISSION BUTTON: OFFER YOUR OWN CHARACTER, FUTURE TECHNOLOGY, A SETTING, OR STORY BEAT. EACH OFFERING IS STORED IN A REVIEW SHEET UNTIL ONE OF THE DESIGNATED SEAPUNK EDITORS ANIMATES IT AND FOLDS IT INTO THE WORLD.



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