

Theme

- Machine & Nature

- Despite the absence of humanity, natural cycles continue in the story (weather, the sun emerges after the rain)
- The effect of the neglected technology is still present in nature
 - “At night, the ruined city gave off a radioactive glow which could be seen for miles” (1).
 - Dawn showed faintly in the east. Among the ruins, one wall stood alone. Within the wall, a last voice said, over and over again and again, even as the sun rose to shine upon the heaper rubble and steam:
"Today is August 5, 2026, today is August 5, 2026, today is..."
(4)

