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Finding power

Scenario: The arrival of the Sentient disrupts power supply permanently

Outcome: The survivors' way of life is compromised

Story implications: Whilst government, military and corporations may seek to reboot the master power stations, the only short term way of establishing power is with onsite solutions including, new solar panels, wind farms and burning fossil fuels

Solution: Focus your survivors on portable and onsite power solutions using previously unused equipment

Observation 1: The of loss of power, perishable food storage and basic utilities will impact city environments dependent on a grid and food transport, hardest

Observation 2: The of loss of grid power will not have the same effect on people living off-grid but any technology in use when Day One takes place will be disrupted. To solve this, replace it with, still in the box, off-grid solutions

Alternatives: There will be many, even banks of unused batteries but they would require a previously unused DC to AC power inverter.

Power and transport

Your contemporary motor vehicle employs complex technology and will not reboot however an older vehicle with a very simple turnkey operation could be made to work with a new battery.