



## The End of Alpha

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I attempt to wave away the smoke from my face.

What the hell happened?

Just three seconds ago I was making food, now I hear explosions and sirens.

I need to get out of here and to the launch site.

I make my way through the rubble of my home, and start walking through the now seemingly abandoned town. Buildings once tall and beautiful, now lay on the ground as rubble. Some dead bodies lay around. I attempt to avoid crumbling buildings so they don't fall on me. I make it out of the small town after a few minutes.

The launch site is 3 miles away...

I check my watch. 5:20

I only have 10 minutes. There's no way I'm going to make it. I don't want to die. This can't be how I die...

I start running. I only get a few feet before I trip over a rock.

Shit!

I stand up and put a hand to my head. I feel a sticky liquid.

Blood...

I hear a creaking sound. I look up, but it's too late, a building is falling right onto me.

I feel an immense pressure on my chest. Then something cutting through my leg. I scream in pain.

"Here, we remember those who died in the final war. Rest now, until the warm arms of Mother Earth embrace you."

6 shots go off. For the 6 million lives lost.

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