



SADDLEBACK  
DECODABLES

# DEFENSE DECREE

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It was June 57th. The host star rose. A new day dawned on Planet XR-239.



**Devices** lit up. There was a new **decree**.

PREPARE TO **DEFEND** OUR PLANET.  
THE OTHERS ARE COMING.

A hand is holding a black, ruggedized tablet. The tablet has a red and black hazard pattern (diagonal stripes) on its screen. In the center of the screen, there is a white rectangular box containing the text: "PREPARE TO DEFEND OUR PLANET. THE OTHERS ARE COMING." The background is a blurred, reddish-brown landscape, possibly a desert or a planet's surface.

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Everyone was on edge.

“What’s going on?”

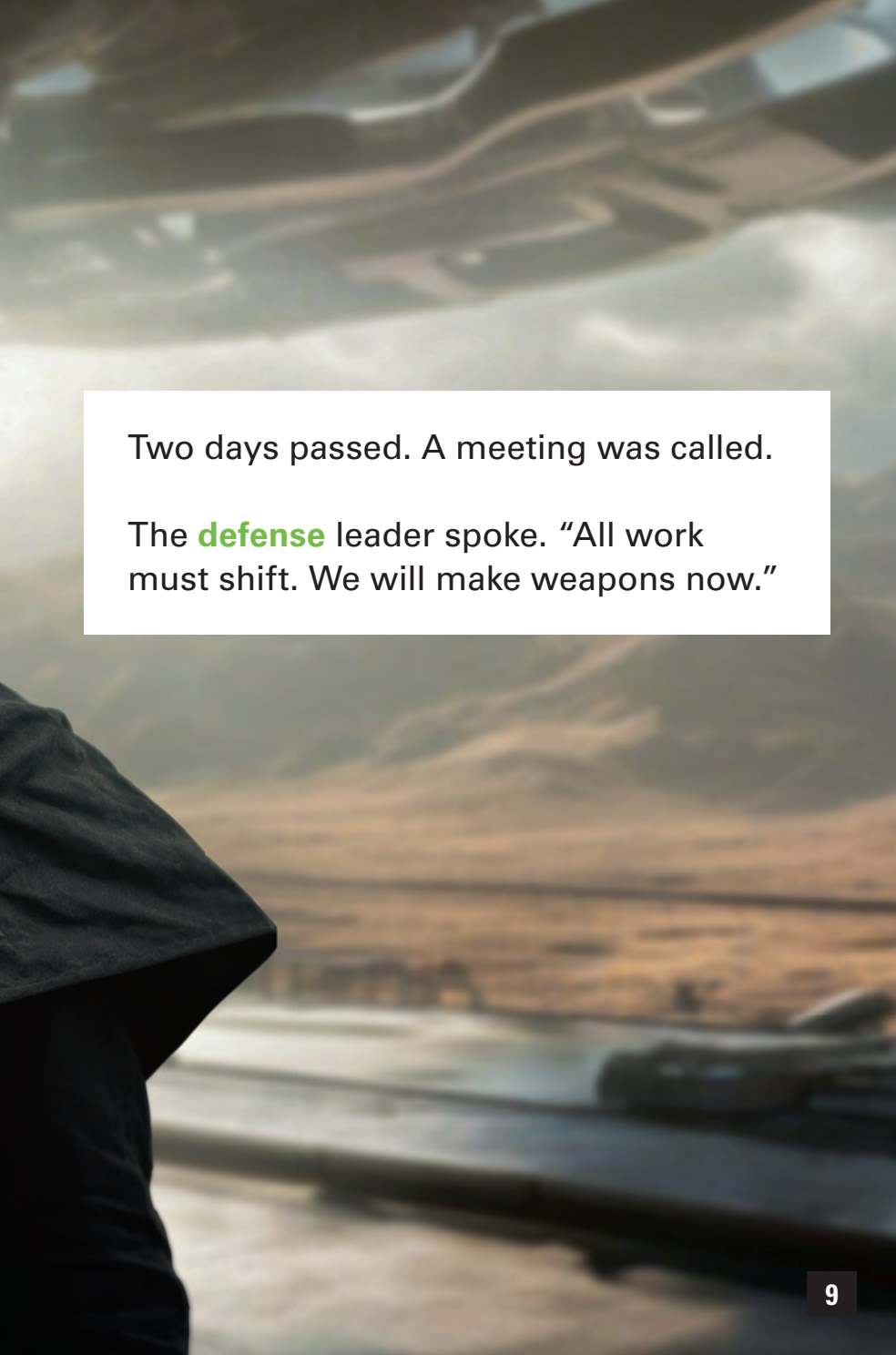


“Will the Others **destroy** us?”

No one had **details**.







Two days passed. A meeting was called.

The **defense** leader spoke. "All work must shift. We will make weapons now."





Celeste raised her hand. “I’m head of farming. Do I have to shift too?”



He glared. "Yes! No one is above any other here."

"Yeah, right," someone whispered.

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*Beep!*

A nurse looks at a screen. It **transmits** vital signs. The line goes flat.

“Code Blue!” she yells.





A team runs in. They try everything. It is no use. The patient dies.



Loved ones grieve. But the patient had a last wish. This is shared.

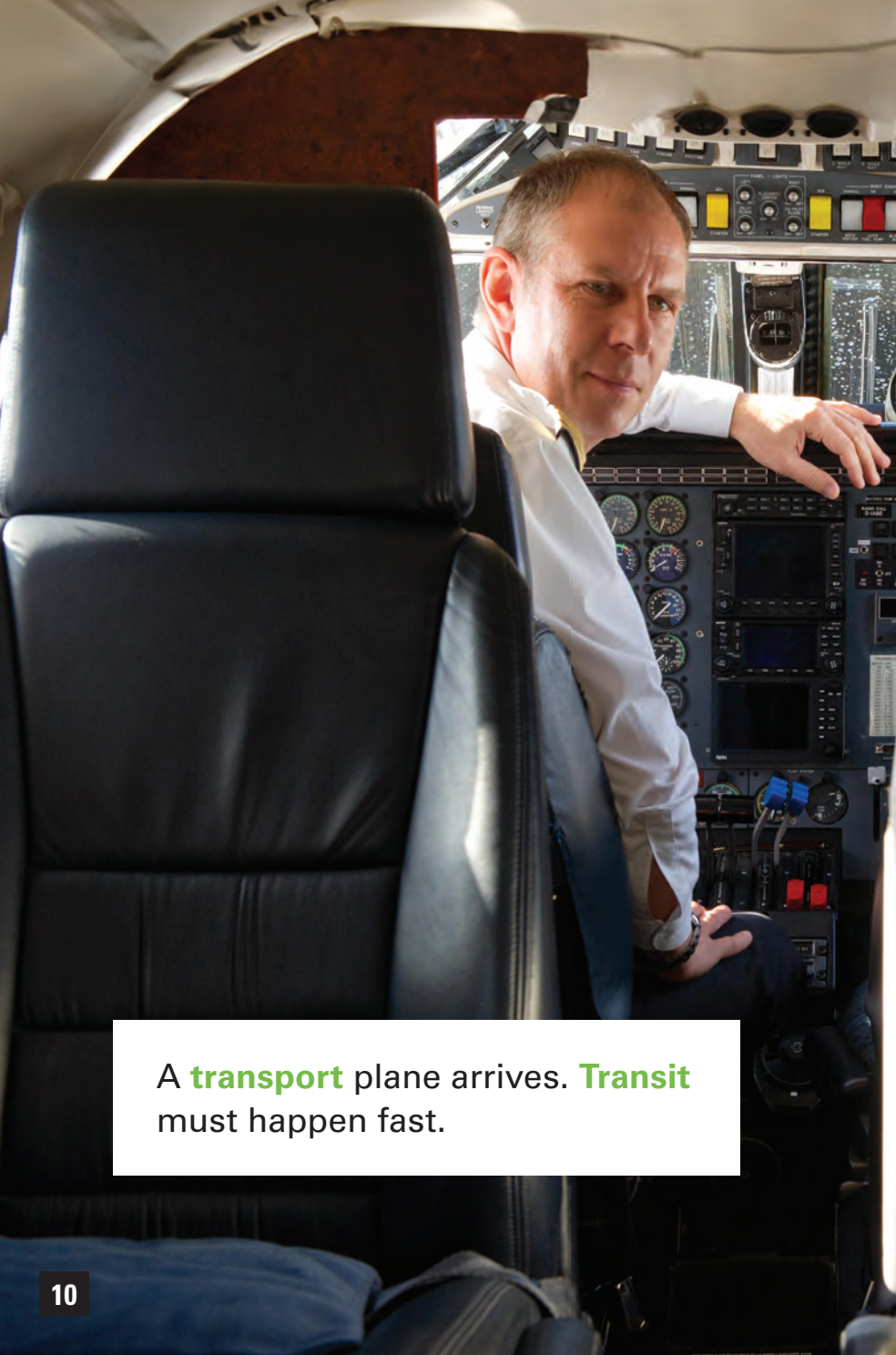


The doctor makes a call. It is to the organ donor network. Stats are posted. Matches come back.



Organs are packed in ice. They will not last long. The clock is ticking.





A **transport** plane arrives. **Transit** must happen fast.





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