Midpoint Thesis
Story summary
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Chapter 0: Intro--Is this our End?
Footage: News -- There is chaos everywhere.
- Global Warming makes world lacks of food.
- World pollution is in critical crisis.
- There are large amount of protests, resistances and civil wars between government and civilian all around the world due to an unequal arrangement.
- Humanity needs to find a new home!

Chapter 1: Why the decease chooses me?
Scene: Military Hospital
- A 10-year-old girl named “Rika” has been in a military hospital for 4 years because an unknown decease.
- The decease has infected starting from her left arm, which makes her slowly becomes disability and blindness.
- Her mother named “Kimiko Takeda” (38 years old) and her doctor named Morgan (41 years old) always visit and check her condition everyday in the evening.
- The doctor is considering to cure Rika with an operation
Chapter 2: So weird!
Scene: In the park around the hospital
- Rika accidently meet a strange homeless guy while she aimlessly walks around a park near the hospital.
- She feels very familiar with the guy although, she didn't talk to him much.
- They become very close friend.
- The homeless guy knows the girl's condition very well and offer her the way to cure the illness
- By drinking a hot chocolate stirring with his magic spoon!

Chapter 3: Where are we?
Scene: Around the hospital
- After Rika drank his chocolate, the world around her is starting to change.
- They get into a new world (Invisible world).
The Invisible world (as known as “an Atlantis”)

- The Invisible world or Atlantis is another existed world, which is overlaps and moves parallel with ours.
- The topography and climate are similar to the earth but it has less gravity.
- There are two categories of living creatures in the Invisible world, which are
  1) The “Tephras”, an intelligent living thing likes human.
  2) The “Plants”, a peaceful living plant.
- The water (H₂O) is an only intermediate element that can flow through between two worlds.
- Visualization on other side world possibly happens by distortions of both dimensions caused by water or humid surrounding such as foggy, rain, volatilization, etc. However, due to an advance technology of Tephras, they can see people on Earth whenever they want.

- One of the Plants named “Bhor” takes Rika to their nest to see an elder “Pythor” who can heal her infection.
- However, the treatment needs a lot of time so they need to come many times.

The magic spoon
- An invented specific spoon for effecting H₂O to create a chain reaction when it is drunk into human body.
- The spoon is the most important thing that military wants.
Chapter 4: Valuable asset.
Scene: Military hospital
- Agents, who have hunted the homeless guy for many years, have secretly watched their behavior.
- They catch the homeless guy in front of the girl and her mother, Kimiko (first moment that Kimiko sees the homeless guy).
- Agents put him into a military prison and take his spoon away.
  Mother tells the girl that the homeless guy is her father who was a great scientist named Royce Berkovic.

Chapter 5: A.R.K.
Scene: In hospital, Military Laboratory
- After Royce has been caught, Kimiko tells the truth that she knows to Rika.

  “The only reason for time is so that everything doesn’t happen at once.”
  (Albert Einstein’s Theory of Relativity)
  Since then, we have tried to find another realms that parallel with our world.
- 57 years ago, Russia started a project named “A.R.K.” or Atlántida Razvedka Komitet (атлантіда/разведка/комітет) Atlantis Exploration Committee to find a way to go to an Invisible Realm where they found out that exists and overlaps with ours.
- 15 years ago, Royce Berkovic (homeless guy), mother and many scientists have joined the project; it became an international cooperation under name “A.R.K.”.
- Successfully, Royce invented a Bridge to go there but he found out something dreadful so he planed to resign but he and his invention disappeared before he told mother what he had known.

Chapter 6: Shall we go to Heaven together!
Scene: Military base
- The government and military order scientists in the project to rebuild the “Bridge” from the “Spoon”.
- The army prepares to go across and conquer the invisible world.
Chapter 7: The truth.
Scene: Military base
- Mother visits her husband in the military prison and asks for the truth.

- Royce told that when he found the way to go to an Invisible world, he actually went there and met peaceful creatures called “Plants”
- He talked to the Plants’s elder (Pythor). The elder said that they have seen humanity from this side for long time.
- The Invisible world in this time has a similar crisis of survival as the Earth due to increasing of “Tephras” population.
- The Tephras is another tripe living in the invisible world. They use an energy liquid from the Plants to operate their machine for their lives.
- Tephras needs to find another energy sources, they have planed to bring human to the Invisible world and transform them to be Plants.

- They started to experiment by sending a stem cell of Plant to the child (Rika), to make her infect and turn to be a plant, so Rika started to disable since then.
- Royce came back to Earth and told all the generals in the project about Tephras's plan but they didn't listen because they have had planed to conquer the Invisible world by forces.
- So Royce modified the Bridge into the “Spoon” and changed his appearance to be a homeless guy as a cover.
- The government has kept his wife and daughter since then that someday he must return.

Chapter 8: This is NOT a Heaven!
Scene: Invisible world -- Battlefield.
- Chaos happens everywhere, all troops cannot fight.
- Tephras has watched and learned human for longtime, they have prepared for this and also they have more advance technology.
- They start to turn captive soldiers into Plants.
- Royce and Rika follow to the Invisible world. They go to see Pythor and ask for help. (Kimiko and scientists need to wait for them to operate the Bridge when they get back to Earth side.)
Chapter 9: Sacrifice.
Scene: Invisible world -- Battlefield.
- The Plants decide to help human because they afraid that the Balance will be change if Tephas kills all of human.
- Coming of Plants makes a huge surprise to Tephas and change the result of the war because Tephas didn’t expect and though that they are just a plant.
- Kimiko opens the Bridge again to let everyone goes back to Earth.
- The elder Pythor gives Rika a necklace; it will continue heal her decease when she gets back.
- Royce sacrifices himself breaking the Spoon to permanently close the Bridge so he is trapped on that side forever.

Chapter 10: Growing
Scene: Rika’s house
- 6 months later, everything seems to be better.
- Government and civilian compromise and have better solution.
- Rika gets better; she misses her father… (Her necklace is shining)
- Inside the necklace, there is a little plant absorbing the girl’s decease. It is growing (When it becomes Plant, it can help human deal with pollutions and global warming crisis).

Chapter 11: A new threat.
Scene: In the old laboratory
- In the seal-off laboratory, the Bridge machine is starting to activate by itself.
- There is a transparent humanoid creature floating out from the machine. It comes from another new Invisible world...
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Samples of digital painting for Exterior environments

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Work from ANM 611: Visual Elements of story, Date: summer 2012, Technique: Photoshop CS5
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Sample of facial expressions line drawing and properties/elements design

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