



COUNTDOWN

Mission Introduction

Earth is in danger! A race of sentient robots known as the Alloyals move from planet to planet consuming metallic minerals from planetary crusts, mantles, and cores. After they deplete all the useful resources on one world they move on to the next. This devastates the worlds they invade, but the Alloyals have no remorse. In fact, they have no emotion of any kind. They are driven purely by cold-hearted self interest. They have no respect for living things and typically destroy all life on the planets they invade.

The Alloyals have constructed a terrible weapon called the "Sunlight Inhibitor Device." It generates massive clouds of particles that float into the atmosphere and block out all sunlight. The particles remain in the atmosphere for months, during which time all the plant and animal life on the planet below withers and dies. Once the planet has been purged of living things, the Alloyals move in and begin extracting the metallic minerals from the planet.

The Alloyals have done this for centuries, but now they are headed for Earth! An Alloyal scout has recently arrived on Earth and deployed the Sunlight Inhibitor Device in an unknown location, and the full invasion fleet is close behind. The Alloyal scout was detected entering Earth's atmosphere by a scientist at the Dominion Observatory in Canada. The world's leaders have called upon the Infinity Knights—the renowned protectors of peace and justice throughout the universe—to follow the clues around the world and locate the Sunlight Inhibitor Device.

But it's not that simple—time is not on our side. The Alloyals have given mankind 24 hours to surrender before they activate the device and destroy all life on earth. The Infinity Knights must locate and disarm the device before it's too late. The countdown for Earth has begun!