THE RESCUE LEAGUE ACADEMY

SINK OR SWIM!

SPECIAL EDITION WITH FLOOD SAFETY INSERT
THERE ARE CERTAIN EVENTS...

THAT WILL TAKE YOU BY SURPRISE.

WHEN THE BOW BREAKS...

THE CRADLE WILL INEVITABLY FALL.
The term 'Preparedness' refers to the state of being prepared for specific or unpredictable events or situations.

Being prepared doesn't mean you will stop the Cradle's descent.

It's about being ready to pick up its pieces.
It's about having the tools to keep those around you out of harms way.

It's about having the tools to protect them.

And get them to safety.
IT'S ABOUT BEING ABLE TO ADAPT TO THE FRANTIC NATURE OF AN EMERGENCY SITUATION.

AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION.
As you review the footage here, know that this is the main purpose of the RLA.

The heart of its teachings.

It is my hope that the instruction you've received these four years have prepared you for events such as the one you see before you.
DATE: AUGUST 4TH, 2034. TIME: 5:45PM.
LOCATION: TEXAS.

THIS WAS THE DAY THE RESCUE LEAGUE WAS BORN.
It was the day humanity came together with a group of rebel aliens... the Trillions.

With our species' shared knowledge and technology, we committed to police the galaxy, and protect all species from disasters such as this.

I can't believe today is finally the day I'm in charge!

Just like the brave men and women who were selected to lead the R.L.A. had to prove themselves worthy, you must now do the same.

Your 'final exam' begins now.

You are to report to the trans-pods where your assignments await you.

Good luck young heroes.
WELL HERE'S HOPING I GET SENT BACK TO THE 70'S DISCO INFERNO BABY!

I SHudder AT THE KIND OF SUPER-HERO YOU'RE GONNA BECOME.

SEE YOU ON THE OTHER SIDE MAN, GOOD LUCK!

JUST BREATHE.
DATE: MAY 13TH, 2023
LOCATION: EARTH'S ORBIT.

CADET BIANCA JOHNSON
A.K.A. BLUE SCOUT
YOUR FINAL EXAM BEGINS NOW.

YOU'VE BEEN SHUINED TO
THE PLANET EARTH IN ITS YEAR
2107. YOUR EXAM TASK IS
TO SAVE A CERTAIN HUMAN LIFE.

THE IDENTITY OF THE
HUMAN WILL NOT BE REVEALED
TO YOU, SINCE A HERO MUST BE
VIGILANT AT ALL TIMES.

YOU WILL BE
STRIPPED OF YOUR SUPERHUMAN
ABILITIES SINCE A HERO MUST
BE POWERFUL APART FROM
THEIR ABILITIES.

YOU WILL BE
UNDERCOVER, POSING AS
A LOCAL TEENAGER IN
YOUR DESIGNATED EARTH
TOWNSHIP.

YOUR 3PAD HAS
BEEN UPDATED FOR
EMERGENCIES. DO YOU
HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

NO, I'M READY.

GOOD LUCK 'BLUE SCOUT'.
TIME: 4 MONTHS LATER
LOCATION: LOCAL PARK.

YEAH! NOT IN MY HOUSE.

WOW, THAT GAME LOOKS AWESOME.

I SOOO WANT ONE. LOOK AT THOSE GRAPHICS.

WHAT'S GOING ON OVER HERE? WHOA THIS IS AWESOME. WHOSE IS IT?

JERK MUCH!!

NAH DUDE, I ACTUALLY CAME OVER TO SEE. IF YOU GUYS WANTED TO WALK HOME TOGETHER, YOU KNOW SINCE THE STORM'S COMING IN.

WELL AREN'T YOU JUST THE GENTLEMAN. WHENEVER I CAN BE.
Hey guys, I really gotta go. My mom's being weird about the weather. She heard there's a big storm coming.

Hey Sonny, are you the new reporter for 'LateNews.com'? I just said that.

Really committing to that 'Jerk' thing huh?

I hate storms. I'm only a few minutes away if you guys want to hang at my place until it passes.

Oh yeah!

Your place has the best junk food!
WHOA, THE RAIN'S REALLY PICKING UP NOW.
THIS IS DEFINITELY FLOOD WEATHER.

IS THIS IT? IS THIS THE FINAL EXAM?
EITHER WAY I CAN'T LET ANYTHING HAPPEN TO THESE GUYS.

IT'S JUST LIKE TROY SAID.

TIME: 1077
LOCATION: OFF THE COAST OF A MAJOR EARTH CITY

DURING THE FINAL EXAM.
THERE'S ONE THING YOU HAVE TO REMEMBER.

WHAT'S THAT?

IT IS GOING TO BE YOUR JOB,
NOT ONLY TO PROTECT PEOPLE...

BUT ALSO TO ACT AS THEIR GUIDE.
I don't think it's a good idea to cross through that water. We should go around it.

Why are we stopping?

Seriously?! That water doesn't look more than a few inches high.

Shawn is right. Even water that's as low as 6 inches can knock you off your feet.

It may also cause cars to hydroplane if they're going over a certain speed.

Since when did you become the renowned authority on puddles of water?

I just Googled it smart guy.
SOMEBODY CALL 911, NOW!
HEY IN THERE, CAN YOU HEAR ME?!!
BIANCA: I have 911 on the phone!

ARE YOU THERE? A CAR JUST LOST CONTROL AND IS HANGING OFF A BRIDGE!

ARE YOU OK?

VIAH, WE'RE FINE BUT DRIVER OF THE CAR IS STILL IN THERE.

TELL THE DRIVER HE OR SHE NEEDS TO GET OUT NOW IF POSSIBLE.

EVERYONE NEEDS TO GET OFF THE BRIDGE.

IF THE WATER STARTS FLOWING OVER IT, YOU CAN ALL BE SERIOUSLY HURT.

BE CAREFUL WHERE YOU STEP BECAUSE YOU WON'T SEE IT IF THE ROAD STARTS TO COLLAPSE UNDERWATER.

I'VE DISPATCHED THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THEY WILL BE THERE AS SOON AS THEY CAN. EVERYONE NEEDS TO GET TO A SAFE AREA.
HELLLLLLPPP PPL!!!

I GOT YOU.

Thank you guys so much. I just lost control of the car. I had no idea how deep that water was.

I guess we should head to my place since my house is the only one on this side of the bridge.
YOU'RE OK! I WAS SO WORRIED ABOUT YOU.

I'M OK MOM! I TRIED TO CALL YOU BUT THE PHONES LINES WERE BUSY.

I KNOW KIDDO. I TRIED TO CALL YOU TOO.

IS DAD OK?
Hey big guy, glad you’re ok. Your mom was a little worried.

Just mom huh? I was worried about you too. It’s really coming down out there.

We should turn on the news.
...under a thunderstorm warning and flash flood warning. Seek immediate shelter. Do not drive or walk in flooded areas no matter how shallow the water appears. Consider moving to higher ground if you live near a creek or other water source.

Be prepared. Secure your home. Lock all doors and windows. Gather up fresh water and non-perishable food.

Severe weather

Next, gather your flashlights, batteries, and candles in case of a power outage. Make sure you have a first aid kit, medications, copies of personal documents, cell phones, and chargers. A complete list of these items may be found at ready.gov.

Please remember to stay out of flooded areas. 6 inches of water can knock you off your feet and 2 feet of water can cause your car to float or be swept off the road. Also, flood waters could contain gasoline, raw sewage, downed power lines, snakes or other hazards that--
WE SHOULD HAVE EVACUATED! WE SHOULD HAVE HAD A PLAN TO MEET SOMEWHERE ELSE HIGHER AND AWAY FROM THE CREEK...

OK GUYS, WE SHOULDN’T PANIC. WE JUST NEED TO FIND THE FLASHLIGHTS AND CANDLES.

BIANCA'S RIGHT. MRS. EDWARDS, WHERE DO YOU GUYS KEEP THE BATTERIES AND FLASHLIGHTS?

I GOT IT, MOM, I KNOW WHERE THEY ARE.

OK, SOMEONE SHOULD TURN OFF THE BREAKER JUST IN CASE WATER GETS INTO THE HOUSE AND THE ELECTRICITY COMES BACK ON. WE DON'T WANT TO START A FIRE.

GREAT IDEA, YOUNG LADY. SONNY HASN’T INTRODUCED US, BUT I'M SO GLAD HE HAS AT LEAST ONE RESPONSIBLE FRIEND LOOKING OUT FOR HIM.
Sorry ma'am, I'm Blue-uh Bianca.

Nice to meet you, even under these crazy circumstances.

Is there anything I can help with?

I think we should start picking some of this furniture up, water is starting to seep in under the door.

I'll give you a hand.

Dude, how is this happening?!!

Don't panic, just help us move some of this furniture.
A FEW HOURS LATER

IT'S STOPPED RAINING...

BUT THE WATER IS STILL RISING AND WE CAN'T STAY HERE ANY LONGER. WE HAVE TO HEAD UPSTAIRS.

HELLO! HEYYY! HELLOOOUSHHH! HELLLLPPPPPPP!!!
SIT TIGHT, WE'RE COMING TO GET YOU!

YES!
OK, ma'am. Nice and easy.

Yes, but please take her first. She's pregnant.

Okay, we will head over one at a time. I'm going to take the sick first. Can he walk?
I can't do it!

Dont worry ma'am I will be there with you the entire way.

Nice and easy ma'am I got you.
MOMMMOM!
CADET, THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF THIS HOME IS NO LONGER STABLE. WARNING: YOUR MISSION'S SUCCESS RATE JUST DROPPED TO AN UNACCEPTABLE PERCENTAGE.
WHAT IS THIS!!!??

WHAT'S HAPPENING!!?

WHAT'S HAPPENING!!?

THIS THING WILL HELP GET US TO SAFETY TRUST ME.

WHOOAAA!!
Hey, you're being saved by a superhero. Enjoy the ride!!!
BIANCA, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! DRIVE US TO THE TRUCK DUDE!

TRUST ME SHAWN, WE DON'T WANT THOSE GUYS KNOWING ABOUT WHAT JUST HAPPENED!

...AND WHEN I'M WORKING, CALL ME 'BLUE SCOUT'.

NOW CALL FOR HELP

HEY! OVER HERE!! HELP!

WHAT THE Heck...??!
YOU OK DUDE?

I THINK SO, BUT WHAT HAPPENED?

HOW CAN YOU DO ALL OF THOSE THINGS?

I'M NOT ALLOWED TO TELL, BUT I THINK I WAS SUPPOSED TO SAVE YOU TODAY.

I HAVE THE EERIEST FEELING THAT THIS SHOULD HAVE ENDED DIFFERENTLY.

THANK YOU.

SHAWN AND BIANCA SITTING IN A TREE, K.I.S.S.I.N.G!
BLUE SCOUT! WHOOT! WHOOT!
Connor.

They named my older brother after Grandpa Shawn.

Thank you for saving my grandfather.

Welcome.
BE FLOOD READY:
FLOOD SAFETY CHECKLIST

FLOOD / FLASH FLOOD WATCH – FLOODING OR FLASH FLOODING IS POSSIBLE IN YOUR AREA.
FLOOD / FLASH FLOOD WARNING – FLOODING OR FLASH FLOODING IS ALREADY OCCURRING OR WILL OCCUR SOON IN YOUR AREA.

WHAT SHOULD I DO?
• Listen to area radio and television stations for possible flood warnings and reports of flooding in progress or other critical information from the National Weather Service.
• Be prepared to evacuate at a moment's notice.
• When a flood or flash flood warning is issued for your area, head for higher ground and stay there.
• Stay away from floodwaters. If you come upon a flowing stream where water is above your ankles, stop, turn around and go another way. Six inches of swiftly moving water can sweep you off your feet.
• If you come upon a flood road while driving, turn around and go another way. If you are caught on a flooded road and waters are rising rapidly around you, get out of the car quickly and move to higher ground. Most cars can be swept away by less than two feet of moving water.
• Keep children out of water. They are curious and often lack judgment about running or contaminated water.
• Be especially cautious at night when it is harder to recognize flood danger.

WHAT SUPPLIES DO I NEED?
• Water – at least a 3 day supply, 1 gallon per person per day
• Food – at least a 3 day supply of nonperishable, easy to prepare food items
• Flashlight
• Batteries
• First aid kit
• Medications (7 day supply) and medical items (hearing aids, syringes, glasses, etc)
• Multipurpose tool
• Sanitation and personal hygiene items
• Copies of personal documents (pertinent health information, deed/lease to home, birth certificates, insurance policies, etc.)
• Cell phone with chargers
• Emergency contact(s) list
• Extra cash
• Emergency blanket
• Map(s) of the area
• Baby supplies
• Pet supplies
• Tools/supplies for securing your home
• Extra set of car keys
• Rain gear
• Insect repellent and sunscreen
• Camera for photos of damage

WHAT DO I DO AFTER A FLOOD?
• Return home only when officials have declared the area safe.
• Before entering your home, look outside for loose power lines, damaged gas lines, foundation cracks or other damage.
• Part of your home may be structurally unbound. Approach entrances carefully.
• If you smell natural or propane gas or hear a hissing noise, leave immediately and call the fire department.
• If power lines are down outside your home, do not step in puddles or standing water.
• Keep children and pets away from hazardous sites and floodwater.
• During cleanup, wear protective clothing including rubber gloves and rubber boots.
• Make sure your food and water are safe. Discard items that have come into contact with floodwater. When in doubt, throw it out.
• Do not use water that could be contaminated to wash dishes, brush teeth, prepare food, wash hands, make ice or make baby formula.
• Contact your local or state officials for further information.
We hope you enjoyed reading this fictional story. It is meant to be both educational and entertaining. Now that you’ve seen the importance of being prepared, take the time to put together an emergency kit with the items included on the checklist provided; then you’ll be ready for any kind of disaster! Who knows maybe the RLA will call YOU in the next flood emergency!

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON FLOODING IN ARLINGTON, PLEASE CONTACT:

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