



Pushing the Limits of Strategy Suggested Reading and Discussion Questions

What do we do when we feel overwhelmed? Where do we go when we can't see a place to turn? Communities are strategizing imaginative ways to find resources for creative solutions. This theme encourages your group to explore the concept of STRATEGY in solving long-term challenges such as climate change, armed conflict, or homelessness.

Heavy Weather

Bruce Sterling, Fiction / Cyberpunk. It's the year 2031, and Earth's climate has been drastically changed. Tornadoes of almost unimaginable force roam the open spaces of Texas. And on their trail are the Storm Troupers: a ragtag band of computer experts and atmospheric scientists who live to hack heavy weather - to document it and spread the information as far as the digital networks will stretch, using virtual reality to explore the eye of the storm.

Although it's incredibly addictive, this is no game. The Troupers' computer models suggest that soon an "F-6" will strike - a tornado of an intensity that exceeds any existing scale; a storm so devastating that it may never stop. And they're going to be there when all hell breaks loose.
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- Have you experienced life-threatening or almost life-threatening heavy weather? Have you seen weather events intensifying in your lifetime?
- Would you ever want to be a storm chaser? What are your thoughts about how this kind of behavior may actually inform our strategies for addressing climate change?
- Have you tried any virtual reality technologies? What was that like?

