

JC-17, German, 20 years old

The world's most successful subject for human laboratory experimentation on psychic talents. His pathological obsessiveness manifested in psychokinesis, amplified after being separated from his family and disappeared into a transnational public-private intelligence/operations research firm. As effective chattel with no legal recognition, he has been loaned to ISES under the supervision of Althea Meurant. Through it all, he has maintained his hopes for love and is getting impatient and likely to act rashly.

His only friend is Danny Pinter, one of the ISES technicians who tested him and then sympathized. Danny is gathering outside funds and developing an escape plan.



Julia Byrne-MacIntyre, midwestern U.S.A., 47 years old

A conservative, patriotic Nebraska senator. She used her friendship and policy-connections with Hilda Farthen to place herself into the ISES mission, to add (para)military operational experience to her political reputation. The elections for her second term are approaching and she seeks respect above all else.

She has been targeted by The International Community of God's Love, including an assassination attempt. Her friendship with Hilda (whose politics are very different) stems from this event. She was scarred by the experience to the point of clinical paranoia, which she has hidden from everyone, including her lover Darryl McClennan, to whom she is recently engaged.



Charles Enderby, eastern Canadian, 40 years old

A research scientist, specializing in electrical engineering. A harsh, ruthless man, he has been working at the ISES facility in Toronto with board member Griffen Shalcross.

When his brother Emil was killed during the first jump team mission, he requested participating in the next. His motives are not sentimental: his highest priority is control, and he wants to solve the invasion problem for good through understanding its technology. He has severed all personal ties for this purpose, including filing for divorce.



Denica Macedonski, Bulgaria, 33 years old

A war-hardened mercenary, effectively a terrorist on tap for espionage/security agencies. She is on the team at the insistence of ISES board member Sir Kevin Mandeville, in London, who expects a private report. She will be introduced to the others only as a representative of “European armed forces.”

She is alienated from her family and her past due to dysfunctional and traumatic events, including a failed romantic partnership. She is very passionate but holds herself to high professional standards in order to support for her daughter, the single person she cares about. They have a good relationship and Bilyana is currently at a sheltered private school in Belgium.



Martin Jones, northeast U.S.A., 28 years old

A Sergeant in the United States Army with combat experience against the invaders, suffering flashbacks from its horrific events. He is unusually thoughtful and diplomatic for his job and has realized that conventional military forces and thinking will not successfully protect Earth. He has studied everything possible about the alien monsters.

He values his friendship with his squadmate, Joey Slatthorn, whom he convinced to use his family connection so they would be selected for the ISES mission. This cost him his marriage when his wife’s family realized his plans. His commander for the ISES mission, Lieutenant-Colonel Benjamin Berg, recognizes his qualifications but wouldn’t mind if Martin didn’t come back.



Joey Slatthorn, southeast U.S.A., 22 years old

A Private in the United States Army with combat experience against the invaders. He is a “regular guy” with an ordinary past, having married young and soon divorced and depressed, becoming a bit of a slob. Now he is cleaning up his life, partly due to his dating relationship with a bright young woman, Suzy Milson, actively seeking status and recognition.

He is also good friends with Martin Jones, whose leadership kept him alive during their fight with invading monsters. He helped Martin’s drive to get onto the jump team through his sister Zoey Slatthorn, an archivist at ISES. Their official Army liason, Lieutenant-Colonel Benjamin Berg, does not approve of their irregular inclusion on the mission, especially Joey’s.

