

The Dreaded Inter-Dimensional Tornadoes



Throughout our recorded history, Oz has benefitted from quite favorable weather, with frequent sunny days and a moderately warm climate. Indeed, all Munchkins enjoy essentially year-round springtime weather, keeping flowers in bloom and making spirits bright.

However, one type of weather phenomenon interrupts the otherwise beautiful climate of Oz -- the dreaded Inter-Dimensional Tornadoes - when the weather outside is frightful. While quite rare, these ferocious storms appear suddenly and without warning, striking Oz every year or two. These calamitous cyclones vary in intensity, but even the weakest have caused significant damage, lifting houses off their foundations and shredding everything in their deadly path, especially paper products.

Inter-Dimensional Tornadoes get their unusual name because their intense power has been known to rip holes into the very fabric of space and time, allowing a single tornado to strike multiple different places in disparate time eras simultaneously, interlinking each time and location touched by the storm into a swirling inter-dimensional space-time vortex. Although the specific physics of such storms remains elusive to our best scientists, one thing is consistently observed by researchers and historians: When an Inter-Dimensional Tornado strikes, it not only scatters whatever it has vacuumed up throughout many lands, it sometimes also drops artifacts from the past or even the future in its wake. Such storms have brought antique watches, clothing, and curious gadgetry, lifting them from distant times and far away places and depositing them in Oz.