

MILITARY



Drop bombs while you still can. Plan later.

– General J.G.G. Abrams, 2117

POLITICS



The right apparel and a long gaze saves me a lot of words.

– Soolin Kumiho, Lobbyist, 2012

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Three times in history was war ended by nukes. I'm here to tell you that only one of those times had a better alternative. I tried.

— Adrian Yee, Taiwanese Temporal Special Forces, 2089

POLITICS



I never deal with a person who seems to deny their true nature. A woman who shys away from her feminine grace or a man afraid to wield power.

– Anastasia Rokashenko, Russian ambassador to the UN, 2263

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The wolf needs to hunt, who am I to deny it?

– The Black Baron of Sion, 1823

POLITICS



I see through people to their core; they see through me and don't notice a thing.

– Mara the Witch, 1969

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Every twenty or so hours there was a strong flash of light on the horizon. We would sound the alarm and have everyone ready but nothing would come. It lasted for a week. We were completely exhausted and sleep deprived. A month later, half the soldiers in the outpost dropped dead with no apparent cause.

— [redacted] 2078

POLITICS



*You think it takes cunning and wit to sway a king's mind.
Try fulfilling his sexual fantasies.*

— Jia Woo, 1798

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We have bullets, lasers, nukes... but still we are most afraid of fickle fire as though we have just crawled out of our caves.

– Ciaran O'Byrne, Time pirate, 2095

POLITICS



God hates time travel

– Graffiti on a billboard, 2135

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Out of me the evil shall break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land.

– Jerusalem AI, 2319

SCIENCE



Choose a fucking face already and let's go!

– Mrs. Glasskin, 1872

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*Anyone proclaiming himself an angel of death is no true reaper.
Angels work unheard and unseen.*

– Pyotr Ivanovich Ivanchenko, GRUSPETSNAZ, 1987

SCIENCE



I used to work for a big corporation until I realized I was a glorified keeper of secrets. Later I sold those secrets with no moral reservations. I regretted that very quickly as I realized those were not secrets but truths. The universe has a way of punishing you for taking what's not yours.

– Arno Hesom, (Im)plemental Physics PhD, 2134

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*War burns in the hearts of men long before their leaders declare it,
and it keeps killing long after.*

– Rabbi David Avraham, 1895

SCIENCE



There is a strange sensation in the place that used to house myself. I am an AI, yet I used to be human. The human had built me and then I had assimilated with him to better understand this world.

– CAROMM-3, 2114

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*Every year we push further into the unknown and every year
the unknown pushes back harder, raising the prices.*

— The East Ring Fleet Admiral, Shen, 2341

SCIENCE



When you see a bear breathing fire you know there are two options: either you have been tampered with, or the bear has been.

– Popular saying in the criminal world, 23rd century

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*Removing people's aggression genes turned out to be as destructive as cutting off their limbs.
They lose their agency in the world.*

– [excerpt from a military tech journal] 2307

SCIENCE



Do you think I enjoy it? Well... a little, but this is besides the point. They will thank me, eventually.

– [police recording from an illegal temporal-implant research facility] 2345

POLITICS



There are no people easier to control than those who believe they understand complex ideas from reading something in the newspaper. They are the people who prefer simple lies to truth. And they are the majority today: my army.

– Fake online profile [could be an AI], 2053

SCIENCE



Reaching out into the void of tomorrow is far more dangerous than it sounds.

– Domingo Du Cable, time pirate, 1922 [estimated]

POLITICS



*Giving a man a gun is one thing, having him use it to take a life
for his leader, that's quite another.*

– Muhammad Brahim, militia leader, 1981

SCIENCE



I'm sorry, was that your DNA ? I probably should clean here more often...

*– [recording from forensics report of an underground lab explosion,
that destroyed multiple city blocks]*

POLITICS



After the King's death, his most loyal friend and general had a vivid dream. He dreamed the dead King has risen out of the lake and ordered him to find a strong boy, for the King's spirit to possess his body.

A boy ruled ever since. Whenever he would come of age, the boy would be ceremonially sacrificed and a new one would be repossessed.

– Folk Tale from 18th century, Xinjiang area

SCIENCE



Put the goggles on!

– Unofficial note at the door of the MIT Time Lab, 2168

POLITICS



They brought me gifts from the future, thinking I would be awed. They did not know I was impatiently awaiting them.

— Sheikh Nasr Eldin Abu AlAtmin, 1908

SCIENCE



*They come out of the same primordial darkness we all did.
Just with a slight delay, fashionably late to the party.*

– Eran Ben Zion, temporal activity researcher, 2249

POLITICS



The only ones who can deny the power of a beautiful woman are those who have never felt that power being unleashed upon them.

— Alejandro A.D. [Interpol top wanted list], 1997

SCIENCE



Nine was the code to start the whole thing. Those of us who survived the experiment still dread that number. No rational science will free us from those terrors.

– [redacted], 2258