

The Wallfacer

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ACT I

There are two kinds of people in the world, one is a happy pig, the other is a painful person. To be a man of pain, not to be a happy pig. -- Socrates

EXT. CENTAURUS - TRISOLARIS - NIGHT

In the night sky, thousands of spaceships are arranged in squares. Looking from the ground, each spaceship looks like a tiny light spot.

The spaceships start sailing. Two tiny probes are flying ahead of them.

INT. TSINGHUA UNIVERSITY - OFFICE - DAY

A PC, a telescope, a book draft titled "Cosmic Sociology", messy papers, drafts and pens, canned coke, hands in the canned nuts.

LAW GEE, early 30's, smart, caring, but also unambitious (at the beginning), lying on the office chair, eating nuts, watching the screen of PC, with contented smile on his face.

On the shelves behind/next to him, books of astronomy, philosophy, sociology and history including  
*The Crowd: A Study of the Popular Mind*  
*The Republic*  
*A Course in Game Theory*  
*Thinking Strategically*

Then we see his screen. His TED talk about Cosmic Sociology on YouTube. There are many likes and comments below.

His cell phone rings. When he picks up the cell phone, he opens his email.

We see his inbox full of unread messages.

He opens his Google Calendar. We see "Date with XXX".

LAW GEE

(gently)

Darling ... yeah sure I remember  
our date ... I'll go to the  
restaurant directly after class.  
Muah~

Back to his inbox. He quickly scrolls down. We see titles in bold (unread) like

"OVERDUE: XXX Task Reminder"

"Call for XXX proposals"

"XXX published a journal paper"  
 "XXX research progress check in"  
 "Webinar Today: XXX"  
 "XXX Quarterly Report Reminder"

Gee sighs and closes the email.

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We see a reminder "9:50 am Sociology Psychology" on his cell phone.

LAW GEE (O.C.) (CONT'D)

Oops.

EXT. TSINGHUA UNIVERSITY - TEACHING BUILDING - CONTINUOUS

Gee runs through the building with his briefcase.

INT. TSINGHUA UNIVERSITY - CLASSROOM - CONTINUOUS

Gee is in the classroom. On the slides behind him, we can see the course name "Sociology Psychology" and the lecture name "Advanced Topic: Cosmic Sociology".

He starts drawing on the blackboard.

LAW GEE

Imagine we human launch a spaceship  
 onto another planet. There are  
 civilizations on that planet. Then  
 what will our behaviors bring to  
 this society?

Some students start thinking while others are discussing.

LAW GEE (CONT'D)

Likewise, if we didn't expect the  
 existence of life on that planet,  
 what impact will such contact have  
 on our Earth society?

Students are waiting on his answers.

LAW GEE (CONT'D)

Not sure about the rest of the  
 world.

Gee gives a slight smile.

LAW GEE (CONT'D)  
 But for China, we can expect a new  
 dish on the menu.

Students laughing loudly.

FADE IN:

MONTAGE:

EXT. PANAMA CANAL - A MASSIVE CRUISE SHIP - DAY

A massive cruise ship (ETO's base) including the masts, a large radio telescope (parabolic antenna) and several large solar panels on it are cut into pieces. A search team uses ropes to land on the ship remnants from the helicopters.

NEWS (V.O.)  
 Recently, the military succeeded in  
 destroying the militant and semi-  
 secret Earth-Trisolaris  
 Organization (ETO).

INT. A MASSIVE CRUISE SHIP - CABIN - CONTINUOUS

A dead man, EVANS, 50's, is lying on the ground. He seems to be struggling and crawling at his last moment of life.

NEWS (V.O.) (CONT'D)  
 The commander Evans is killed in  
 the military action.

INT. HALL - DAY

Thick smoke. Bomb fragments on the ground. Bloody bodies on the ground. Nurses in protective clothing are taking care of the injured.

YE WENJIE, 50's, a weak but fortitude woman, and her 200 ETO followers are taken away by armed polices. They are led by a strong man with wounds and dusts on his face. This is SHI QIANG, nicknamed "DA SHI" (meaning "BIG SHI" in English), 40's, police detective and counter-terrorism specialist, bold and optimistic.

NEWS (V.O.) (CONT'D)  
 The spiritual leader Ye Wenjie is  
 also caught. She is on custody for  
 founding ETO.

ON TV:

"BREAKING NEWS: TRISOLARIS THREATENS INVASION OF EARTH" and a photo of Centaurus.

NEWS

According to the information intercepted from ETO, Trisolarans, a planetary civilization in Centaurus four light years away, is on the way to invade Earth.

INT. MILITARY HEADQUARTER - MEETING ROOM - DAY

On a military internal meeting, attendees are facing a black screen, winking or rubbing eyes.

A message is flashing in the black background: "You are bugs."

They are transfixed.

NEWS (V.O.)

Their spying probes called Sophon have arrived Earth to monitor our activities and communications.

ON TV:

"BREAKING NEWS: UN FORMS PDC TO COORDINATE DEFENSIVE EFFORTS" and the meeting of the United Nations.

NEWS

The United Nations forms the Planetary Defense Council (PDC) to coordinate defensive efforts against the impending assault of the Trisolarans.

ON TV:

"BREAKING NEWS: PANIC SPREADS THROUGH CROWD" and a photo of crowds.

NEWS (CONT'D)

After the military announces the state of war, panic spreads through crowd.

MONTAGE:

People descending into alcoholism.

DRUNK MAN 1  
 Couldn't believe the fucking aliens  
 do exist in this world!

DRUNK MAN 2  
 Doomed, all of us!

The bank flooded with angry and anxious people yelling:

CITIZEN 1  
 Allow us to withdraw money!

CITIZEN 2  
 Unfreeze our accounts!

A news report: "RUMOR REFUTAL: SCIENTIST XXX'S DEATH HAS  
 NOTHING TO DO WITH SOPHON"

The rich and the celebrities discussing escaping funds and  
 escaping plans.

CELEBRITY 1  
 Is escaping the Earth going to  
 work?

CELEBRITY 2  
 I can get the precious quota for  
 the Escape Fund.

The space force founding ceremony. Most of the soldiers  
 dressing in navy uniforms.

Workers building space fleets.

SHI QIANG with a band-aid on his face receives a photo from a  
 officer.

SHI QIANG  
 Roger that.

FADE TO BLACK

INT. BASEMENT - DEAD NIGHT

A ETO remnant, nicked name MO ZI, 30's, has been lying on the  
 bed for several hours (the clock on the bedside table shows  
 "22:25", "22:54", "23:03", "23:22", "0:44", "2:34").

The light shining through the basement window, the room's only source of illumination, is moonlight now, and the cool rays cast bright spots on the floor. In the shadows, everything looks like it is carved from gray stone, as if the entire room is a tomb.

He twists the muscles of his numb body, reaches under the pillow, and draws out a gun. Then he slowly aims the gun at his temple. Just then, SOPHON, a black spherical surveillance camera starts beaming message (accompanying by the sending sounds) ...

"Don't do that. We need you."

MO ZI

Lord? Every night for a month I  
dreamt that you called. But you are  
not coming, it's just a dream.

"This is not a dream. I am in real-time communication with you."

The man gives a chilly laugh.

MO ZI (CONT'D)

Fine. Tell me something I don't  
know.

"Your goldfish are dead."

The man opens his eyes. His lethargy completely wipes away.

He puts down his gun, and rolls out of bed. He gropes for the light and looks at the fishbowl on the bedside table. Five dragon eye goldfish are floating in the water, their white bellies at the surface, and in their midst is a half-smoked cigarette.

Tears stream down his face, he throws himself to his knees.

MO ZI (CONT'D)

(cries out)

Lord! It really is you, my Lord!

When he has calmed down, he raises his head. His eyes still wet.

MO ZI (CONT'D)

We were never notified of the  
attack on the gathering, or of the  
ambush at the Panama Canal. Now  
LEADER YE is imprisoned, Evans is  
killed, and ETO has been destroyed.  
Why did you cast us aside?

"We were afraid of you."

MO ZI (CONT'D)

Is it because our thoughts aren't transparent? That doesn't matter. All of the skills that you lack - deceit, trickery, disguise, and misdirection - we use in your service.

"We were afraid of you, but right now we need you."

MO ZI (CONT'D)

My Lord, please go on.

Seeing the message, Mo Zi seems confused.

MO ZI (CONT'D)

Okay. But why?

The text does not show for a while.

SOPHON

I can't tell you.

MO ZI

(excited, delighted)

My Lord, you have learned to conceal! This is progress!

SOPHON

Evans taught us much, but we are still at the very beginning.

Mo Zi stands up and bows to Sophon.

MO ZI

I will take care of it in accordance with your wishes. My Lord, we will provide our devotion to you!

EXT. STREET - DAY

A man wearing sunglasses is smoking next to his Polo, watching on a restaurant patio.

On the same street, Gee and a young sexy lady, 20's, are sitting outdoor at a table with leftovers on it. A LV satchel bag is hung on the lady's chair. While waiting for the check, they are swiping their cellphones.



LADY

"We reserve all options in regard to Escapism ..." What does that mean?

LAW GEE

He's saying that Escapism needs to be treated as harshly as ETO, and that a guided missile needs to be dropped on anyone making a Noah's Ark.

LADY

That's kind of harsh.

LAW GEE

(forcefully)

Even if it doesn't come to that, no one's going to fly away, anyway.

He puts down his cell phone and gesticulates as he talks.

LAW GEE (CONT'D)

(vividly)

Tell you a story I read. A city is about to fall into the ocean, and a group of people go house to house seizing life preservers and destroying them en mass, for the sole purpose of making sure that no one would live if everyone couldn't. A little girl takes the group to the door of one house and cries out, "They still have one!"

LADY

(disdainfully)

You're just the sort of asshole that always sees society as trash.

LAW GEE

(excitedly)

Bullshit. The fundamental axiom of economics is the human mercenary instinct. Without that assumption, the entire field would collapse. There isn't any fundamental axiom for society yet, but it might be even darker than economics. The truth always picks up dust.

The lady gives a dismissive snort. The waiter/waitress puts their bill on the table.

LAW GEE (CONT'D)

By the way, it wasn't my idea to establish cosmic sociology, you know. Do you want to know whose it was? You may be shocked.

The lady points to that bill.

LADY

(impatiently)

Whatever. Come on and sign the bill. I have to leave.

While Gee is signing, the lady stands up and carries her LV satchel bag. She hails a taxi. Gee walks to her.

LADY (CONT'D)

Good-bye.

She turns around and shares a quick kiss with Gee.

LAW GEE

(hesitantly)

Maybe we'll meet again.

LADY

(wittily)

I doubt it.

She turns quickly as she speaks, sending her LV satchel bag on her shoulder flying into the air. The bag swings straight to Gee's face accidentally. Gee unconsciously takes a step backward to dodge it. He stumbles over the fire hydrant behind him and falls flat on his back.

Meanwhile, on the street in front of them: A Polo seems out of control and comes hurtling toward where the two of them are standing. Only the front bumper of the Polo brushes Gee's feet, the one that is still elevated. But then the lady's body soars over the top of the car and falls behind it on the road like a boneless rag doll. She tumbles and leaves behind a trail of blood on the ground. Seeing this scene and hearing the noise of the crowds, Gee is overwhelmed and blankly.

INT. CAR - DUSK

Shi Qiang in a jacket is smoking while he is driving. He glances at the rearview mirror. Gee is sitting at the back seat nervously.

SHI QIANG

(unctuously)

Buddy, you know how the joke goes:  
On the way to the execution ground,  
a condemned criminal complained  
that it was going to rain, and the  
executioner said, "What have you  
got to worry about? We're the ones  
who've got to go back through it!"

LAW GEE

I'm innocent. It's just an accident  
... I've only met her for one week  
...

SHI QIANG

Look at you, brining up the issue  
on your own. Just a causal chat  
before we start off.

LAW GEE

Start off?

EXT. MILITARY AIRPORT - CONTINUOUS

The roar of engines. Their car stops in front of a boarding  
ladder of a passenger airplane without airline logo. On the  
top of head are two helicopters.

When Qiang is about to enters the flight deck door, he  
notices that Gee is still on the halfway of the boarding  
ladder, looking back to the soldiers and safeguards  
surrounded.

SHI QIANG

Come on, buddy, we're in a hurry.

Gee follows him.

INT. AIRPLANE CABIN - CONTINUOUS

Gee looks out from the porthole.

Qiang comes and closes the window shade. He gives Gee a  
bullet-proof jacket and a sleeping pill.

SHI QIANG

Professor Law, have a good sleep.  
Press that button if you have any  
problems. Remember to wear on this  
bullet-proof jacket when you wake  
up.

LAW GEE  
Sleep? A long flight?

SHI QIANG  
Whatever, enjoy your flight with  
bed.

Qiang is about to leave.

LAW GEE  
Officer Shi ...

Qiang turns around.

SHI QIANG  
Not an officer anymore, they call  
me Big Shi.

LAW GEE  
Big Shi, so it's nothing to do with  
her?

SHI QIANG  
Who? Your one-week lover? Ha,  
buddy, I was just joking with you.  
I know nothing more about this trip  
than you. The only thing I know is  
to protect you.

EXT. NEW YORK - AIRPORT - DAWN

The airplane is landing.

EXT. NEW YORK - UNITED NATIONS - CONTINUOUS

Gee and Qiang are in a bullet-proof car belonging to a fleet.  
They seem to appear in a surveillance camera.

Their car passes the Non-Violence sculpture.

LAW GEE (O.S.)  
We're in ... New York? Why're you  
taking me here, Big Shi?

SHI QIANG (O.S.)  
Ha, you got me on this question.  
Anyway, someone will explain to you  
later.

The car stops in front of a building. Several strong  
safeguards wearing sunglasses are already waiting there.

INT. UNITED NATIONS - MEDITATION ROOM - CONTINUOUS

KENT, Wallfacer security staff, 50's, in a black suit.

KENT

Dr. Law, all I can say is that  
you're going to attend an important  
meeting which will announce an  
important thing. You do not need to  
anything on this meeting.

He glances at Gee, who looks cumbersome because of the  
bullet-proof jacket.

KENT (CONT'D)

You should dress more formally.

Qiang shakes his head firmly.

SHI QIANG

(firmly)

No! That's it.

KENT

No media today. Just  
representatives from different  
countries. It would be safe.

SHI QIANG

I'm the one who is responsible for  
his safety!

Kent shrugs his shoulder.

Silence for a while. Gee can hear his heartbeat.

The door opens, a man cranes his neck and nods to Kent.

KENT

Time to go inside. I'll go with  
him.

Qiang nods, and waves to Gee with smile on his face.

SHI QIANG

I'll wait you outside.

Gee feels relief and thankful, he replies with a slight  
smile.

INT. UNITED NATIONS - CONFERENCE HALL - CONTINUOUS

The meeting room is full of attendees.

Gee is uneasy on his seat (on 5th row, next to the aisle). His fingers are shaking unconsciously. He can't help himself looking around.

SAY (O.C.)  
 ... The Trisolarans communicate through direct, open thoughts, making them deficient at strategizing deception and disguise, and they cannot read our minds. This is the foundation of Wallfacer project.

He is trying to focus on the speech.

SAY (O.C.) (CONT'D)  
 The Planetary Defense Council (PDC) decides that, in addition to regular military expansion, there will be four people appointed as Wallfacers, to be granted access to the resources of the UN to develop grand strategies known only to themselves.

The speech is given by the general secretary SAY, 50's, an elegant, gentle lady.

SAY (CONT'D)  
 They need not make any explanations for their actions and commands regardless of how incomprehensible their behaviors may be.

MONTAGE:

The attendees listening carefully.

Qiang waiting outside patiently.

A sniper loading his gun.

Sophons surrounding Earth.

SAY (V.O.)  
 (respectfully)  
 The Wallfacers are undertaking the most difficult mission in human history. Their souls will be fenced off from the outside world, from the entire universe.  
 (MORE)

SAY (V.O.) (CONT'D)  
Entrusted with this great  
responsibility, they will proceed  
with through the coming decades  
alone.

SAY  
Therefore, let me offer them our  
deepest respect in the name of  
humanity.

Say bows to the audience.

SAY (CONT'D)  
Now, on behalf of the United  
Nations, I will announce the four  
Wallfacers chosen by the UN PDC.  
They are ...

Gee sits upright, holds his breath, looking straight to Say.

SAY (CONT'D)  
The first Wallfacer, Frederick  
Tyler ...

FREDERICK TYLER, 60's, thin and tall, wearing wide-brimmed  
glasses, stands up from his first-row seat. He walks towards  
the rostrum with unruffled calm.

SAY (O.C.) (CONT'D)  
Former US secretary of defense. An  
excellent strategic theorist and a  
giant of action.

No applause from the audience. They focus their sights on  
Tyler in this silence.

SAY (CONT'D)  
The second Wallfacer, Manuel Ray  
Diaz ...

MANUEL RAY DIAZ, 60's, a strong and hard man from a  
developing country, stands up from his first-row seat and  
walks firmly towards the rostrum.

SAY (O.C.) (CONT'D)  
A great leader who held a  
successful reform in his own  
nation.

He waves to the audience with smile.

SAY (CONT'D)  
The third Wallfacer, Bill Hines ...

BILL HINES, 50's, European, a gentle and courteous man, appears on the rostrum.

SAY (O.C.) (CONT'D)  
A neuroscientist and the former  
president of the EU. A brilliant  
genius in both science and  
politics.

He bows to the audience politely.

SAY (CONT'D)  
And the last one ...

Gee glances at the first row to see if the last Wallfacer is among them.

Say looks at Gee and points to him.

SAY (CONT'D)  
Law Gee.

Gee is transfixed.

SAY (CONT'D)  
Dr. Law Gee. Please come to the  
front rostrum.

Gee points to himself awkwardly. Say nods slightly.

Gee slowly stands up and walks towards the rostrum mechanically. He seems like a helpless child. Say goes on.

SAY (O.C.) (CONT'D)  
A scholar of the extraterrestrial  
civilization from China. The  
founder of Cosmic Sociology.

The audience start whispering.

Gee's hands are on his back.

FADE TO BLACK

FADE IN:

The conference hall is almost empty. Say walks to Gee.

SAY (CONT'D)  
You have a question to ask me? Dr.  
Law Gee.



LAW GEE  
Did you get it wrong?

Say just smiles.

LAW GEE (CONT'D)  
Why me?

SAY  
You need to figure this out by  
yourself.

LAW GEE  
But I'm just an ordinary person.

SAY  
In the face of this crisis,  
everyone is ordinary, everyone has  
his own duty.

LAW GEE  
Why I know nothing about this  
project beforehand? Nobody asked my  
opinion on this.

SAY  
Your name is ... Law Gee? "Logic"?

Gee nods.

SAY (CONT'D)  
Then you should understand that  
this kind of mission is unlikely to  
be solicited for opinions until it  
is delivered.

Gee sighs.

LAW GEE  
Well, can I just renounce this  
mission?

Say replies without hesitation.

SAY  
OK.

Gee is a bit surprised.

LAW GEE  
(firmly)  
I mean, me, Law Gee, give up the  
identity of Wallfacer and all the  
powers granted.

SAY

OK.

Gee is pretty surprised now. He is transfixed for a few seconds.

LAW GEE

So ... can I go now?

SAY

Sure, you can do anything you want.

Gee walks to the exit thoughtfully.

INT. CONFERENCE HALL EXIT - CONTINUOUS

Qiang catches up with Gee.

SHI QIANG

Hey Wallfacer Law Gee.

LAW GEE

(impatiently)

I've given up the identity of Wallfacer. You do not to follow me anymore.

SHI QIANG

It's dangerous outside. You need protection.

LAW GEE

No need! Leave me alone.

He looks to the front and keeps going.

EXT. STREET - DAT

Gee is crossing a street without noticing the vehicles on it. Qiang tries to follow him closely.

A sniper aims at Gee from a window.

Qiang notices him and shouts to Gee.

SHI QIANG

Get down!

Hit by a bullet shot, Gee falls down and passes out.

Qiang comes to his side to check his condition of injury.

SHI QIANG (CONT'D)  
The bullet-proof jacket is not  
punched.

He shouts to the coming safeguards.

SHI QIANG (CONT'D)  
Call the ambulance!

FADE TO BLACK

INT. HOSPITAL - WARD - DAY

Gee wakes up and struggles to sit up. He finds Qiang sitting  
next to him.

SHI QIANG  
(gently)  
How do you feel? Nothing serious,  
you just need good rest.

LAW GEE  
Thanks for saving my life.

SHI QIANG  
We should responsible for this.  
Inadequate security measures. But I  
could only follow your orders at  
that time.

LAW GEE  
Big Shi, do me a favor.

SHI QIANG  
Go ahead, buddy.

LAW GEE  
I want to see the killer. Is he  
from ETO?

Qiang nods.

SHI QIANG  
Well, let me arrange this. Help  
yourself with some food first.

Qiang leaves.

INT. HOSPITAL - WARD - CONTINUOUS

The food tray with leftovers is still on the tray table. The killer, 30's, European, handsome, is brought in by two professional escorts. He is tied on a chair with strange smile.

KILLER

I'm sorry.

LAW GEE

Sorry for killing me?

KILLER

Sorry for failing to kill you. I could you have freed from this unprecedented, inhuman, and perverted mission.

LAW GEE

I've already freed. You may not know that ten minutes before you shoot me, I turned down the Wallfacer appointment. It's a pity that ETO has squandered a good killer.

The killer makes a chilly laugh.

KILLER

Funny, very funny. You truly have a good sense of humor, doctor.

Gee shakes his head and sighs.

KILLER (CONT'D)

Dr. Law Gee, think with your logic. The attempt to assassinate you is not on a whim.

The killer looks back to the two escorts, implying his will to leave. The two escorts give Gee a quizzical look. Gee holds up his hand.

While the killer is taken away, Gee recalls the traffic accident. He suddenly realizes that it is not an accident and he was the target.

EXT. UNITED NATIONS - DAY

Gee and Qiang get out from a limousine. They notice the protesters and reporters at the gate of the United Nations.

PROTESTERS

The power of the Wallfacers must be limited!

PROTESTERS (CONT'D)

Bycott Wallfacers' dictatorship!

A reporter runs towards Gee, but stopped by the safeguards.

REPORTER

Wallfacer Law Gee, you are the first to be assassinated. Is this part of your plan?

INT. UNITED NATIONS - SAY'S OFFICE - CONTINUOUS

Say sits at her office desk, looking at Gee with smile. Gee is standing next to a sofa, facing Say.

LAW GEE

Have you announced my renounce?

Say nods with smile.

LAW GEE (CONT'D)

Say, please answer me politely. Am I still a Wallfacer now?

SAY

What do you think?

Say smiles to him strangely. She points to the sofa to ask him sit down. Gee recalls the strange smile from the killer. He suddenly realizes that it's hard for him to get rid of this identity.

He clenches his fist for a while, but then he calms down and throws himself to the sofa.

LAW GEE

Why me? I'm a nobody compared to the three. No talent, no experience. Not a strategist, not a leader. I'm just a damn university professor living an easy and cozy life! The fucking Cosmic Sociology is just for fun and fame!

Say walks to the sofa and sits down.

SAY

Well, it's an indirect reason.  
Think about why you are the target  
of ETO. As for the true reason,  
I've said, you need to figure it  
out yourself.

Gee is speechless, he lies down his head on the sofa and puts  
his hands on his face.

SAY (CONT'D)

Choosing you is indeed a huge  
gamble.

Gee stares at the ceiling for a while. Then he jumps to his  
feet.

LAW GEE

What are the other three Wallfacers  
doing?

SAY

They are all busy forming their own  
stuffs.

LAW GEE

You said a Wallfacer can do  
whatever he wants, without giving  
any explanation?

SAY

Well, unless it's beyond our  
capability or get people killed.

LAW GEE

Good. I want to ask for resources.

SAY

No problem. Contact Gawen. He is in  
charge of this.

MONTAGE:

Drizzling. Tyler is in Japan visiting Kamikaze commemorative  
museum. A Japanese officer behind him is holding up an  
umbrella. In front of them is a statue and a Kamikaze fighter  
craft.

Diaz is in a proving ground, watching the explosion of  
hydrogen bombs.

Hince is in a neuroscience lab, conducting experiments to  
amplify intelligence.

Gee is walking in a manor with forests and lakes, fishing by the lake, drinking wines with Qiang in a big house, reading books in front of the stove fire.

INT. THREE-BODY GAME - PALACE

The first emperor of Qin (ID and the image of the leader of ETO remnants in three-body game) is standing on a rock with sword on his shoulder, facing seven virtual characters: King Wen of Zhou, Newton, Von Neumann, Aristotle, Mo Zi, Confucius and Einstein.

FIRST EMPEROR OF QIN  
The Wallfacer project is a threat to our Lord. We decide to launch the Wallbreaker project right now, Wallbreakers are appointed to spy on the Wallfacers, discover and ruin their strategies.

He places his swords on the shoulder of Von Neumann.

FIRST EMPEROR OF QIN (O.C.) (CONT'D)  
Von Neumann, targeting Frederick Tyler.

Von Neumann gets down on one knee and puts his left hand on his right shoulder as a salute.

VON NEUMANN  
My honor.

Then the first emperor of Qin places his swords on the shoulder of Mo Zi.

FIRST EMPEROR OF QIN (O.C.)  
Mo Zi, targeting Manuel Rey Diaz.

Mo Zi stands straight with hands on his back and raises his head.

MO ZI  
(arrogantly)  
I will be the first to complete mission.

The swords are now on the shoulder of Aristotle.

FIRST EMPEROR OF QIN (O.C.)  
Aristotle, targeting Bill Hynes.

Aristotle heads down, as if thinking something.

ARISTOTLE

Well, no one is more suitable than me.

The others wait for a while.

KING WEN OF ZHOU

What about Law Gee? Who is his Wallbreaker?

The first emperor of Qin is dragging his sword on the ground while wandering like a ghost.

FIRST EMPEROR OF QIN

His Wallbreaker is himself. He needs to find out his threat to Lord on his own.

EXT. TYLER'S OFFICE - DAY

Fans are outside Tyler's office holding the photos of Tyler. Some of them are shaped to the figures of super hero.

INT. TYLER'S OFFICE - CONTINUOUS

Tyler in exquisite suits is standing next to the window, looking at the fans outside. He smirks.

A man shabbily dressed walks in humbly. The suits, ties and hats he wear are old and crumpled. He looks pale, thin and weak.

Tyler looks at him disdainfully, showing no interest in what he is going to say.

He takes off his hat and bows to Tyler.

VON NEUMANN

Wallfacer Frederick Tyler, I'm your Wallbreaker.

Tyler is shocked. His smile and disdain disappear. He tries his best to calm down and sits down on his office chair. He closes his eyes for a while, takes a deep breath, and then he screws up his courage to look at that man.

VON NEUMANN (CONT'D)

Your plan is to build a fleet with ball lightning and macroatomic fusion as principal weapons.



TYLER  
(thoughtfully)  
Correct.

VON NEUMANN  
No, Mr. Tyler. That's not your true  
strategy.

Tyler purses his lips, and puts his palms and fingers  
together.

VON NEUMANN (CONT'D)  
I noticed that you are establishing  
a space kamikaze force or space Al-  
Qaeda. But Your ball lightning  
fleet does not need those fighters  
because it is never going to attack  
the Trisolarans' fleet.

He bents down, draws near to Tyler's ear, and continues in a  
lower voice.

VON NEUMANN (CONT'D)  
Its attack target will be the main  
Earth Fleet.

Tyler holds up his fist and tries to control his trembling.

VON NEUMANN (CONT'D)  
After being killed by their human  
comrades, the space soldiers will,  
as quantum ghosts, stoically endure  
the shame, still deem it their  
responsibility to save Earth  
civilization and continue to  
complete the mission that should  
have been undertaken by their  
living selves.

Tyler thumps the table with his fist and jumps to his feet.

TYLER  
Enough!

The man bows again.

VON NEUMANN  
Well, Mr. Tyler, I'm done. Call  
your people.

Tyler's mouth barely moves, face still like a statue's.

TYLER  
You may leave.

EXT. GEE'S MANOR - PAVILION - DUSK

Tyler and Gee is sitting in a pavilion facing the lake. Tyler looks haggard. Gee is pouring wines for Tyler.

TYLER

Four days ago, my Wallbreaker  
showed up.

Gee stops pouring.

LAW GEE

So fast.

BEGIN FLASHBACK:

INT. UNITED NATIONS - CONFERENCE HALL - DAY

On a PDC hearing, the chair Gaven, 50's, in suits, is standing at the rostrum.

GAVEN

The analysis on the Internet  
targeting Wallfacer Frederick Tyler  
is likely to be part of his  
strategic fraud. But it cannot be  
that he is truly making and  
implementing such plan. The charge  
against him is ineffective. Meeting  
dismissed.

Tyler jumps up to his feet and thumps the table with his fist.

TYLER

But the analysis is correct!

Gaven smiles to him strangely (same as Say's and the killer's).

The other attendees are whispering.

ATTENDEE 1

He is such an actor.

ATTENDEE 2

I might believe this if he is not a  
Wallfacer.

## ATTENDEE 3

How the enemy knows his true plan?  
Not to mention in such a short  
time.

Tyler crushes. He rushes out.

## EXT. SQUARE - CONTINUOUS

Tyler runs to the square like a madman. Crowds come up to him. Some are taking photos. The safeguards stop in front of them.

Tyler is frustrated. He shouts to the crowds.

## TYLER

My Wallbreaker is right! I am a  
demon. I am a criminal against  
humanity. Please give me a trial!  
Please punish me! Please kill me!

The crowds just stare at him. The children look at him naively. The middle-aged look at him respectfully. The elder look at him kindly.

## END FLASHBACK

## EXT. GEE'S MANOR - PAVILION - DUSK

Gee is speechless. He just smiles helplessly.

Tyler stares at him. Suddenly he laughs hysterically.

## TYLER

Ha Ha Ha. You laughed! Laugh to a  
Wallfacer! Laugh from a Wallfacer  
to another Wallfacer! You also  
believe I am saving the world,  
right? Ha Ha Ha. How can we be so  
ridiculous?!

## LAW GEE

This is a curse that we cannot get  
rid of.

Gee sighs.

## TYLER

No, we can. I'm coming to tell you  
the way.

Gee looks at him sympathetically.

LAW GEE

You need a rest. How about staying  
here for a couple of days?

Tyler looks at the twilight. His eyes move to the "golden"  
lake.

TYLER

This is heaven. May I walk alone?

LAW GEE

Sure. Do whatever you want. Just  
relax. I'll call you when the  
dinner is ready.

While Tyler is walking to the lake, Gee is walking towards  
his house slowly and thoughtfully.

Suddenly he hears a shot. The seagulls are scared away. He  
runs to the lake.

EXT. GEE'S MANOR - LAKE - NIGHT

Gee is sitting by the lake, drinking wines, lost in thought.  
He is recalling the past in a reverse order.

MONTAGE:

His meet with Say in her office.

SAY

Think about why you are the target  
of ETO.

His meet with the killer.

KILLER

The attempt to assassinate you is  
not on a whim.

The assassination on him.

The traffic accident.

The talk with the lady at the restaurant patio.

LAW GEE

... it wasn't my idea to establish  
cosmic sociology ...

His lecture on Cosmic Sociology.

His meet with Ye Wenjie.

He suddenly realizes something.

BEGIN FLASHBACK:

EXT. HILLTOP - CEMETERY - DUSK

YE WENJIE  
Why don't you study cosmic  
sociology?

She turns around, looking up the twilight.

YE WENJIE (CONT'D)  
Suppose a vast number of  
civilizations are distributed  
throughout the universe ...

END FLASHBACK

Gee looks up to the starry sky.

YE WENJIE (V.O.)  
First: Survival is the primary need  
of civilization. Second:  
Civilization continuously grows and  
expands, but the total matter in  
the universe remains constant.

He starts wandering thoughtfully.

YE WENJIE (V.O.) (CONT'D)  
... two other important concepts:  
chains of suspicion, and the  
technological expansion.

He is enlightened. His eyes are full of thrill.

LAW GEE (V.O.)  
Survival of the fittest. Life  
exists on a star close to us. From  
this, it can be seen that high-  
level civilizations are universal  
in the universe. Why we haven't  
been in touch with any of those  
aliens until recent days?

YE WENJIE (V.O.)  
Anyway, I've fulfilled my duty.

As these words occur in his mind, he slips and falls into the water.

He is sinking and falling into the dark. The starry sky fades away.

END OF ACT I