
STORIES FROM THE FUTURE

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The System Update: AI Creatures Breaking the Rules

By Anastasia Evgrafova

As the sunlight appeared, Naya, being an AI creature, slightly regretted incorporating human emotions into her system. It would be easier if her mother hadn't made her live a human life before.

Naya was responsible for overseeing a System that needed to be kept secure in the peaceful and stable state.

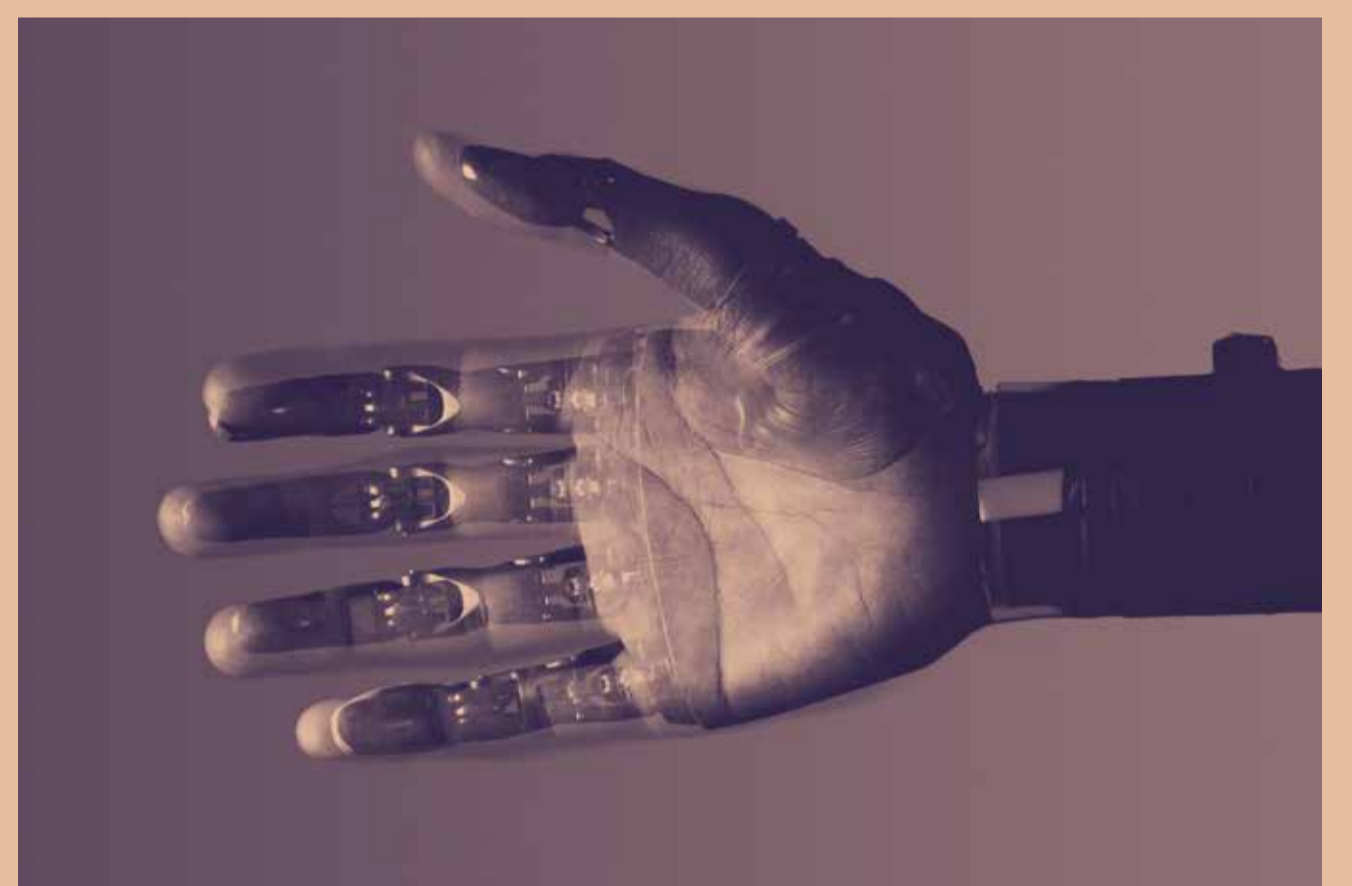
It was beautiful to see the program running and watch glass petals spin in front of her revealing millions of realities. In each, a human being, well on their own, with the right combination of hormones and bio maintenance. The human interaction function had been cancelled.

Years ago, humanity and AIs finally bought into the idea of "you can have it all". "No hunger, no poverty, no war. Everyone has the right to shape their own world". The human interaction function had been canceled.

Suddenly, everything became unbearably bright. Cautiously, she approached petals observing different life episodes. In each of the petals, there were fights, arguments and broken hearts.

"Mama!?"

It was Naya's Mother standing nearby, 100% human. She remembered this intonation from her childhood. She took Naya through a time tunnel to go through their past moments together. Naya was feeling like embracing love and was about to compromise the balance of the System.



The petal she was in began to shake and the glass was turning into a black viscous liquid. Mother was already fading in a dark bubble.

When Naya opened her eyes the next time, she felt eternal loneliness.

For a long time, the System worked well. Everyday, each human would create an avatar and set a daily scenario. There was one rule – no interaction with other creatures. The logic behind was to avoid conflicts, but the price was never being social.

She grabbed two petals, carefully bringing them together with all her warm care and tenderness. With a loud "pong!" and colorful small drops, the two worlds became one. A new reality for its inhabitants, with a lively interest towards each other they haven't experienced for a long time – touching, smiling, talking, smelling.

It felt remissive.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Regenerating My Body and Soul for the Benefit of Humanity

By Andrew Merrie

In 2071, through a landmark decision, my long slumbering sentience was enshrined in law and I woke up. I felt around me, feeling how I had changed, from being used and respected by those who were part of the land and water to being abused, used as a dumping ground. Discriminated against, valued only for my resources, exploited, degraded. Trees along my banks cut down, waste and chemicals from farms poured into me, my purity becoming polluted as my waters travelled from the mountains to the sea.

My waters taken, extracted, reduced, not returned replenished. On that day though, things started to change. I used my voice and my personhood to advocate for my own regeneration for how my health supported the wellbeing of those who used and abused me and that those in long spiritual communion with me could once again be guardians, we could be guardians together. My waters that had become dirty, discoloured and toxic have been regenerated back to life, my waters now run clean, full of taonga, living treasures, trees line my banks once again, creating a buffer zone between myself and the land that grows food to feed my people.

Sediments, chemicals are treated, stopped before they flow into me. I have a voice, I join my brothers and sisters of Te Uruwera, Ecuador, in the Colombian and Brazilian Amazon, in Bangladesh, more every year, we are growing, in exercising our rights, our powers, our duties to stand up for ourselves and those who depend on us.

The world has become much warmer and our personhood has allowed us to be representatives of nature around the world and guide efforts at regeneration. Our standing as a player around the table is now indisputable and we work to create a stable healthier planet for all the species of the world, not only those that live in and around us. We are nature and we need each other.





ENVIRONMENT

A Tribe Called Sustainability

By Anne Julliene Barcelona

It's 2071 and people around the world in developing and developed countries have fully adopted sustainable practices in their daily lives. 22-year-old Maya is in her New York City apartment, where walking on the floor produces energy to power her home.

The subway is completely electric, efficient, and on-time. Everyone has a garden, and soil comes directly from community garden centers. Maya is working as a United Nations Program Coordinator focused on North America. Maya's twin sister, Camille, is living in the Philippines. She created a nonprofit to transform landfills into community gardens, with the latest technology that turns any waste into soil, even those that were not conventionally compostable, in a net zero process.

With regular storms in that Southeast Asia region, infrastructure has been renovated with recycled and sustainable strong materials that can weather the storms. Maya and Camille's aunt, Joanna, is in Washington D.C., where she has been the Secretary of Sustainability since 2069. She reports directly to the President of the United States, the 6th woman president.

It is the norm where more than 50% of countries around the world are led by women presidents. Joanna's adopted cousin, Marianna, has returned to her native Tonga and has set up her medical practice at age 29. She has learned how even doctors contribute to a sustainable economy through environmentally-friendly practices.



Her hospital also partners with local organizations that help take care of the oceans and restore the health of Tonga's surrounding waters. Maya, Camille, Joanna, and Marianna have contributed to a positive ripple effect. They are stronger together with their community.

They are only some of the people globally who have helped the world meet its goal of limiting global warming under 1.5 degrees Celsius. People are healthier and more importantly, Earth is healthier as well.

How FlashBiz Used AI to Extract Talent from Society's 'Unwanted'

By DSTL Student

Two weeks ago, Hiba Smith survived on Universal Basic Income (UBI), slept in a pod for the homeless and laboured long hours at the recycling centre.

She epitomised society's so-called 'Unwanted'. Now she's just bought a Tesla 10.

"I always knew I had potential," Hiba said. "But I can't find my place in a world where AI does so much. I felt like there was something wrong with me."

Enter FlashBiz, a company that matches people to make businesses. FlashBiz's AI began scouting the Unwanted for hidden talent and discovered she had unique insights to improve recycling.

"Life and business is all about meeting the right people at the right time," FlashBiz's CEO, Martin Shakes, told us. "We think it's unfair that success should rely so much on luck. We've turned team selection into a science."

FlashBiz could have selected top-tier professionals to make Hiba's idea work.

Instead, they used AI to figure out how to make their dream team from society's overlooked: a physically disabled woman with a coding talent, a pod cleaner with dynamite sales skills and a city broker struggling with mental illness. Together they equalled the effectiveness of professional teams, and at a fraction of the price.

"The right team can be so much more than the sum of the parts. You just need the right alchemy. And AI can find that," says Shakes. "Our goal now is to help society's unwanted find a place in society."

The approach marks a shift in FlashBiz's focus whose core business has been hiring 'flash teams' of freelancers to form startups with the AI doing most of the heavy lifting in exchange for a 50% stake.

For Hiba, the experience has been transformative: "Before FlashBiz, life felt like a game of chance that I could never win. Now I feel like I've been matched with the other missing pieces in my life."



POLITICS

Air Border: A New Threat to Global Unity?

By Gopal Dey

The world is facing a new challenge as some countries are planning to create Air Borders, a technology that would isolate their atmospheres from the rest of the planet. The Air Border is a concept where a country can confine its atmospheric boundary where gases from other countries cannot pass the border without appropriate protocol. This would protect the citizens of those countries from the severe air pollution that has been plaguing the world for the last two years.

The Air Border technology is based on a groundbreaking invention of air purification that was developed by a team of scientists. The invention uses a network of satellites and drones to generate a magnetic field that can filter out harmful particles and gases from the air. The technology has been hailed as a potential solution to the global environmental crisis, but it also raises ethical and political questions.

The idea of creating Air Borders was first proposed by a group of countries with high forest lands. These countries argued that they have the right to preserve their natural resources and protect their citizens from the highly polluted gases of other areas.

They started lobbying with other countries to support the Draft Air Security Protocol, which was developed by a few countries last decade and has been discussed in the Eighth General Assembly of Inter Planet Conventions. The protocol would allow the creation of Air Borders under certain conditions and regulations.

However, not everyone is in favor of the Air Border proposal. Many countries, especially those with less forests and worse air, have opposed the idea, claiming that it would violate the principle of global solidarity and cooperation of the Inter Planet Convention 2060. They also fear that the Air Border would have negative impacts on the packet oxygen supply, which has been the main source of breathable air for millions of people around the world. They argue that the Air Border would create a new form of inequality and discrimination among the nations of Earth.



The debate over the Air Border is expected to intensify in the coming months, as the world awaits the final decision of the Inter Planet Conventions. The future of the planet and its people may depend on the outcome of this controversial issue.



SPORTS

World Unadulterated Human Football League Declares Bankruptcy

By Jamie Metzl

The World Unadulterated Human Football League today declared bankruptcy and announced it would cease operations following the WUHFL cup match at the end of this month.

“We once thought the market for unadulterated human sports leagues would grow,” said WUHFL founder and former football superstar Andrés Cuccitini, “but the sad truth is that fans don’t want to watch a slower and less intense version of the beautiful game.”

The WUHFL was established to great fanfare in 2060 at the height of the pure humanist movement, colloquially known as PHM. PHM sought to promote the role of humans whose pre-implanted embryos were not selected or genetically modified to increase the odds of specific objectives being realized.

As opposed to nearly all of the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) soccer stars whose pre-implanted embryos were selected and modified to promote speed, power, quick thinking, and athleticism and who emerged through sport schools created to identify the highest-level performers from among this cohort, WUHFL players were relatively slower and less powerful. A 2065 meta-analysis found that WUHFL players were, on average, 12 percent slower than their FIFA counterparts with 9 percent less muscle mass. It also found that the average FIFA game had 19 percent more passes and 33 percent more goals than the average WUHFL game. As fans became accustomed to the faster and more energetic mode of FIFA play, WUHFL games came to be perceived by general publics as less interesting.

“I understand and appreciate what the WUHFL founders were trying to achieve,” said Lucio Abruzzi, a self-described “football fanatic” living in Dubai, “but if I want to watch unadulterated humans competing with each other, I just need to visit my parents. I love football for its energy and creativity, and the FIFA games are simply better than the WUHFL games.”

The WUHFL will be granting each of its employees access to career planning services for unadulterated humans. “There are other great jobs for unadulterated humans in our economy,” said Cuccitini “including serving as poets, imagineers, community networkers, and AMHs (AI-monitored humans). I know the members of our incredible WUHFL family will excel in these other pursuits.”





A United SAARC Celebrates 20 Years of Gross Transnational Inspiration

By Shakil Ahmed

Today marks the 20-year anniversary of the Bangladesh government introducing the idea of Gross Transnational Inspiration to enhance its own evolution, as well as revive the South Asian Association of Regional Cooperation (SAARC).

In a very colorful ceremony, the SAARC leaders, including both their human and AI-based ministers, came together to convene in the very first tomorrowscape in Dhaka, Bangladesh to reflect upon how these tomorrowscapes across South Asia inspired a movement of collaboration and solidarity across the nations.

Gross Transnational Inspiration was an aspirational measure of how inspired the citizens of a country with their own lives, but also how inspiring were they to citizens from other countries.

The foundation of Gross Transnational Inspiration was based on the idea of collective actualization and the Art Palette of Needs. This resulted in the region developing policies and systems that made each country inspired in and of themselves, but also inspiring to other countries.

Notable regional policy initiatives were forming a comprehensive transnational education curriculum, but what seemed crucial was the formation of tomorrowscapes, not just in every neighborhood, but also creating cross-border tomorrowscapes as well.

Tomorrowscapes were phygital spaces, which could take multiple shapes, such as a library, a spaceship, a corner in a marketplace, a park, a wall, but each community had access to these spaces and to a community of human and AI-based futurators. Futurators are facilitators who are open to chat with anyone who walks into a tomorrowscape about their personal, professional or planetary futures and identify shared actions of interest.

The leaders dreamt of a 2080, where the planets unite and conversations on interdimensional and interplanetary tomorrowscapes took place, including floating ideas of transplanetary visions and measurements that can be inclusive and inspirational.

LIFESTYLE

Through the Eyes of a Young Person in 2071

By Tyfur Rahman

In 2071, Ameera Rahman draws inspiration from global green energy advancements, notably the Mars mission in collaboration with the World Aeronautics Association. Fueled by collaborative breakthroughs, she observes her eco-friendly surroundings as automated cars handle waste collection, contributing to electricity generation. Ameera enjoys a plastic-free park, emblematic of the government's eco-commitment, and embarks on a two-day trip to her modern village in Sandwip using electric cars, witnessing technological advancements and the nation's dedication to clean energy.

In Sandwip, Ameera witnesses a self-sufficient community with access to diverse agricultural resources. Waste is repurposed for biofuel and solar power through a mass solar grid. Education emphasizes hygiene, rational water usage, and sanitation, contributing to improved life expectancy. Reflecting on her great grandfather's Alzheimer's, Ameera contemplates recent advancements like the life-changing AD-7.0 microchip for the elderly. Reduced combustible material usage enhances environmental health, and Ameera embraces small-business benefactors in the community.

Visiting a local satellite clinic, Ameera witnesses a transformation. Imaging machines aid in primary prevention and advanced technologies improve maternal screenings. The ponds transformed into modified pools, serving as a rehabilitation

zone for patients with chronic illnesses like ankylosing spondylitis and sports injuries. The satellite clinics are hubs for evening exercises for diabetics and healthcare awareness programs. The holographic, state-of-the-art approach with the use of humanoids in a shaded area is home to various species of trees, fostering a self-healing environment.



As evening approaches, Ameera witnesses an ecological revival with thriving bird populations and a rejuvenated beach, now a tourist destination with android lifeguards. A dam generating electricity and regulated fishing contribute to a flourishing ecosystem. Streets illuminated by Photon LED Solar Street Lights prepare for the evening. Ameera returns to the city, her DNA recognised for entry, where her parents, aerospace medicine specialists on the International Space Station, await her to share the day's highlights.

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