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1. The infamous “Red Shield” (□盾) program created by Chinese Leader Xi Jinping in 2045. This program, and others around the world, would substantially reduce the risk of a successful offensive nuclear bombardment via ballistic missile.
2. Pronounced “Locust”, the (Long-range Co-orbital Swarm Transport) LCST was a swarm carrying, delivery, and recovery system that was allegedly non-weaponized. The Beijing Peace Accords and, later, *The United Nations Convention on the Law of Interstellar Space* (UNCLOIS) have permanently outlawed the use of swarm systems in space and on interstellar bodies.
3. Often remembered simply as “8/21”. On 21 August 2092 Chinese-Russian satellites, space and lunar stations began experiencing malfunctions. Communications were disabled and life support systems failed. Over 10,000 Cosmonauts and Taikonauts perished.
4. The Indian-US offensive through the Wakan corridor of Afghanistan and the Hindu Kush Mountains. This theater of war was known for its heavy swarm fighting and autonomous-bombing campaigns. The preparation of ground-based nuclear weapons for pre-emptive defense of the area was rumored and, in part, confirmed by the bombing of the *Tianti*, which would cause a series of events that would lead to a cessation of hostilities and an end to the war.
5. A disparaging slur for people who have predominately lived or worked on the moon for long periods of time. It was noted by the *Oxford English Dictionary* in 2090 as humanity’s first slur based on planetary location and cultural division.
6. Outdated interspace freighter made by Boeing, before autonomous freighters were outlawed in space by the treaty of 2069.
7. Officially designated the Trans-Atmospheric Space Superiority Escort and Defense Fighter or the TA-17E. Commonly referred to as a “T-Bird.”
8. USSS – United States Space Station.
9. Theorized by Belgian Astrophysicist Andreas Debel in 2062, the Debel Line defines an area of interspace where due to distance from launch platforms on both earth and lunar surfaces and orbits, conventional missiles would be ineffective in neutralizing an offensive threat against ships, space stations, or autonomous vehicles located in the region. LCSTs and *Fengqun’s*, when launched from earth/lunar orbiting stations, would also be unable to neutralize an offensive threat. It was, in WWI parlance, “no man’s land.”
10. Space stations colonizing and defending so-called Debel Zones. Although sovereign space regions were outlawed by numerous treaties, these areas of space were effectively treated as such. Debel stations would be one of the key factors leading to escalation in the latter half of the century. As a major strategic point, nations saw it in their distinct interest to colonize and maintain stations at the edge, or just within, the Debel zone.
11. USIS – United States Interspace Ship.
12. People’s Liberation Army.
13. Abbreviation for “Chinese Communist”.
14. The Turing Test measures a computationally-generated entity’s (CGE) ability to emulate a human and understand human intelligence. The Raleigh standard is a rubric that judges a CGE’s ability to reason flawlessly, quickly, and understand pure machine intelligence. The Kolmogorov Induction is a series of tests of increasing difficulty that judge a CGE’s ability to derive simple patterns and rules from overwhelmingly complex sets of data. Together, these tests are used as a classification tool for all CGE’s.
15. After large portions of the Talos Project were declassified, Armand De Castro would go on to win the Nobel Prize in Medicine, an extremely controversial decision at the time.
16. In the classic game, *Halo*, AI’s would have a computationally limited lifespan, eventually running “rampant”.

17. This and the *United Nations Joint Resolution on the Natural Rights of Computationally-Generated Entities* would become the foundation for international law on non-human machine intelligence.
18. Gavrilo Princip was the assassin who killed Archduke Franz Ferdinand, and event which would spark World War I and, indirectly, lead to World War II.
19. *Deushtalk* or Appalachian Dutch for “Eastern people” or the Summer Powers.
20. *Deushtalk* for “devil machine” or computationally-generated entities.