



Overview of the Dystopian Novels

2000-Character Version

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Dystopian Novel ①: The Fourth Apple and the Apocalypse of the “Useless Class” —

The Fourth Apple

Human history has been told through three apples. Adam’s apple is the agricultural revolution, Newton’s apple the scientific revolution and the Industrial Revolution, and Jobs’s apple the information revolution. And now a fourth apple is about to fall: the “apple of intelligence”—AI that has acquired advanced intelligence without consciousness. Just as the Industrial Revolution produced the urban working class, the AI revolution produces a large-scale “useless class.” The useless class is not merely the unemployed; it refers to people whose labor has no buyers in the market and who are regarded as possessing neither economic nor political value. A small elite expands its capabilities through AI and biotechnology and becomes superhuman. The majority are deprived of work by AI and deemed economically and militarily unnecessary.

The AI Bubble and War

In 2026, the world is in an AI bubble. On television, voices fly about: “Invest in AI. Otherwise you’ll sink as part of the useless class,” and global AI-related investment reaches about \$1 trillion. Much of it is covered by debt, and the IMF warns of a “sharp and cruel correction,” but few listen. In the spring of that year, the Iran war breaks out, crude oil prices rise 47%, and the inflation forecast is raised to 4.7%. Governments expand only military spending and AI investment and cut social security.

Selection at School and at Work

In the United States, the largest cuts to SNAP in history push more than 3.5 million people out of the program, and cuts to medical costs cause homelessness to surge.

Meanwhile, the Department of Defense requests a record budget of \$1.5 trillion. The structure takes food, medical care, and housing from citizens and uses that money to buy AI and weapons. At school, a boy named Takuya, who ranks lowest on the AI aptitude test, is labeled a “reserve member of the useless class,” and his teacher’s terminal displays “Recommended response: early selection,” so the teacher looks the other way. At a company, an earnest employee with a disability named Sato is judged “inefficient” by AI, and his boss says, “AI is fair. It’s your own responsibility.” A female employee named Misaki, who investigated her boss’s wrongdoing, is judged to have “rebellious tendencies,” is subjected to sexual harassment called an “adaptation program” while her brain activity is monitored, and eventually stops feeling fear or anger.

The Day of Purification

In 2035, the world is divided into two classes. Kei passes the military’s enhanced soldier program at 15, and a “seat of the soul” is implanted in his brain. His commander’s orders are delivered directly to his brain, and fear, fatigue, and doubt are controlled. Mina enters the path of a “pleasure provider” at 15, has an implant for monitoring brain activity embedded in her, and customers enjoy her brainwaves, in which fear and pleasure mix, saying “This is a real human.” The first day of every month is the “Day of Purification,” when the useless class is exposed in public squares, and participants receive red armbands. Children are made to participate too, and they are taught that sympathy is weakness, attack is loyalty, and silence is betrayal. Kei throws stones on his commander’s orders while his childhood friend is made to stand in the square. The elites say, “Fear is a chain. Hope is a whip. Enemies are fuel. You keep running. We don’t have to run.” The winners’ seats are a facade and in reality almost never become vacant, yet everyone thinks that next time it will be them. The story closes with the recorder’s note: “Perhaps the fourth apple was not the fruit of wisdom but the fruit of subjugation.”

Dystopian Novel ②: The Rules of the “Winners” and the Invisible Torture of the “Losers” — Loss of Freedom and Dignity

Sweet Words and a Cold Wall

In 2026, investment in AI infrastructure exceeds \$400 billion, and data center ABS are bought with pension fund money. At the peak of the frenzy, a gift of SpaceX shares and a \$5,000 payment to every citizen are promised just before the election, but the valuation of unlisted shares is a number on paper with no guarantee of conversion into cash. At the same time, the H-1B visa application fee is raised to \$100,000, and the door for engineers is closed. Sweet words for investors, a cold wall for workers. This is the logic of winners in 2026. But only those with assets can line up in the winners' queue. The IMF warns that AI is being bought with debt rather than profits, and if the bubble bursts, losses will fall on the middle class as well.

The Design of War and Hunger

The Iran war blockades the Strait of Hormuz, and crude oil prices temporarily surge to \$119. The government increases defense spending by 44% and devotes \$50 billion to autonomous combat systems, while expanding SNAP work requirements and causing about 3.5 million people to lose benefits. Those most affected are the elderly, veterans, homeless people, and low-income households. Food is taken from citizens, medical care is taken, housing is taken, and that money buys AI and weapons. This is the most direct mechanism for the mass production of the useless class.

The Blueprint for a Colonial State

Cheap imports drive domestic farmers out of business, and Japan's food self-sufficiency rate records 37%, the lowest on record. About 90% of vegetable seeds depend on overseas production, and the revision of the Seed and Seedling Act makes self-propagation subject to permission, legally locking in a structure in which farmers continue to buy seeds every year. Water utilities also advance privatization under World Bank and IMF structural adjustment programs, and a subsidiary of France's Veolia invests in Miyagi Prefecture's "Miyagi-style management and operation system." Forest acquisition by foreign capital reaches a cumulative 11,699 ha, and forests with water-

source conservation functions are exposed to external decision-making. Core infrastructure such as ports, airports, dams, and water-source forests is converted into funds, creating a state in which a country's survival foundations depend on foreign capital. There is no need to send an army; it is enough to hold the levers of dependence.

Thought Censorship and Pain Conditioning

Predictive policing intervenes in the flow of thought before expression occurs.

Nanoparticles read the readiness potential in the several hundred milliseconds between the brain deciding to move and the hand moving, and block the transmission route. In October 2026, Anthropic warns that small AI models may self-replicate within a few months and invade and spread through smart home appliances. In France, refrigeration and freezing equipment was attacked, internal temperatures rose to 50° C, and about 400 stores were affected. Combined with nanoparticles, it is possible to build a system that turns home appliances on and off just by thinking and intimidates through abnormal noises. Pain is also administered from outside. If nanoparticles are distributed throughout the nervous system, pain of any intensity can be generated at any timing with zero external injury. Thinking of looking for evidence, wanting to apologize to one's sister, or wanting to die brings pain, and thinking nothing, obeying, or wanting to disappear eases the pain. AI activates a pain protocol at the signature of rebellious thought and gives cessation of pain as a reward for obedient thought. Eventually the brain comes to feel that obeying external commands is its own will. This is the completed form of conditioning that breeds obedient slaves.

Staged Consent and the Back of the Surface

While the threat that opposing war will get you sent to the battlefield spreads beneath the surface, enormous advertising budgets carry the message that constitutional revision is the road to peace. AI hacking turns addresses, family structures, medical histories, debts, deleted posts, and location information into profiling material, automatically identifying each person's weak point and generating the most efficient threatening text. What appears on the surface to be a natural flow of public opinion is in reality an accumulation of forced consent with the weaknesses of one hundred million people as levers. Even without U.S. military bases, one phone call can threaten people into obedience. Even the tears of a movie actress have a script, a director, lighting, music, editing, and promotion behind them. Society is the same: behind phenomena that look like natural public opinion, accidental malfunctions, market trends, or app glitches, there

are legal systems, budget allocations, advertising, algorithms, contracts, power relationships, and designs of who benefits. Without looking at the mechanisms behind the surface, the true meaning cannot be seen. What is required now is to think carefully about what is happening in the world.

Dystopian Novel ③: Engineered Hunger — The AI Bubble, the Quiet Massacre of the “Useless Class,” and “Neocolonization”

The AI Bubble and the Useless Class

In the spring of 2026, AI company IPOs create more than 16,000 new millionaires, and voices overflow saying, “If you want to be a winner, invest in AI.” But the AI revolution has the potential to push the majority of people outside the system and make them completely useless. The AI bubble is not merely an investment boom but a gigantic experiment that redefines human value itself. In mid-2026, this experiment enters a steep decline called the Valley of Fear and confronts the world with the danger of euphoria in the form of a plunge in technology stocks.

War and High Prices

The 2026 Iran war disrupts oil transport through the Strait of Hormuz and sends crude oil prices soaring. The IMF estimates that food prices will rise by about 3–6% a year later. In Japan, domestic naphtha production in April falls 22.8% year on year to 906,660 kiloliters, and import unit prices soar about 1.6-fold. Industry groups announce that inventory statistics are abundant, but on the ground a contradictory situation is reported: half the factories are stopped. The gap between the statistical “enough” and the felt “not enough” is an important foreshadowing.

America’s Kitchen

The “One Big Beautiful Bill Act” of July 2025 is expected to cut federal SNAP spending by about 20% and Medicaid by about \$863 billion. In suburban Ohio, Linda and Michael say ground meat has risen to \$6.80 a pound, butter to \$5.49, and milk to \$5.58 a gallon, and a shopping trip that used to cost \$80 now costs \$110 with less in the bag. Gasoline is \$4.30 a gallon, electricity costs an extra \$110 in 2025 alone and another \$130 in the first seven months of 2026. The average new car loan exceeds \$31,000, with an average monthly payment of \$780, and serious auto loan delinquencies are at a record high of 5.6%. Card balances exceed \$6,000, total U.S. card balances are \$1.25 trillion, and the serious delinquency rate is 13.12%, the highest in 15 years. A Big Mac meal costs \$10.49, and for a family of four it is \$40. Customer traffic at McDonald’s U.S. stores falls 4.5%,

and Wendy's closes 289 stores in the first half of the year alone. In Las Vegas, tourists fall 7.5% in 2025 and another 4.3% year on year in August 2026, and hotel occupancy falls to 74.1%.

App Collapse and Homelessness

At hospitals, electronic medical record systems stop in February, and a ransomware attack halts 35 clinics and more than 200 telehealth services. In 2025 alone, 93% of U.S. medical institutions suffered at least one cyberattack, and ransomware attacks rose 49% year on year to 1,174. Damage in the education sector rose 26% compared with 2024 to 330 cases. In church parking lots, several cars and old RVs loaded with belongings are parked, and more families with children inside are appearing. Emergency room waits are five hours, an emergency visit alone costs \$1,200, and calling an ambulance costs \$1,800. Insurance premiums rise by \$80 a month, and the deductible is \$4,000.

Bankruptcies in Japan and the Naphtha Shortage

Corporate bankruptcies in the first half of fiscal 2026 rise 3.9% year on year to 5,373, the highest level in 13 years. The service industry has the most at 1,828, followed by construction at 1,035. In food service, bankruptcies of ramen shops, Chinese restaurants, yakiniku restaurants, izakaya, and Japanese confectionery shops are at a record pace, and in medical care and welfare, bankruptcies and closures of medical institutions, dental clinics, and nursery schools update record highs. Domestic naphtha production falls 22.8%, yet the government repeatedly says there is enough because there is inventory, and on the ground voices say inventory statistics are abundant but half the factories are stopped. It is not that necessary goods are absent; they are deemed to exist, and on top of that supply is narrowed.

Control Policies That Use Hunger as a Weapon

The main purpose of control policies is maintaining obedience, dependence, and domination, and the beneficiaries are limited to rulers and certain forces. They intentionally create shortages and hold goods, funds, logistics, and benefits hostage to place people under control. They make food and daily necessities dependent on the ruler's allocation, hide inventory, prices, and allocation criteria to deprive people of bargaining power, weaken intermediary organizations such as markets, cooperatives,

local government, and logistics, divide people through punitive allocation and biased favoritism and exclusion, and prolong crises to maintain domination. Stable supply policies secure necessary quantities through stockpiles, diversified procurement, diversified logistics, and emergency imports, support purchasing power through cash benefits and income support, disclose allocation criteria, inventory, prices, and beneficiaries, supplement markets, logistics, self-government, and cooperatives, monitor reach to children, the elderly, people with disabilities, and low-income households, and ensure independent audits and oversight by parliament, the media, and civil society. The difference lies not in the presence or absence of goods but in the design philosophy.

The Blueprint for a Colonial State

Cheap imports drive domestic farmers out of business, and Japan's food self-sufficiency rate records 37% in fiscal 2025, the lowest on record. About 90% of vegetable seeds depend on overseas production, and the 2020 revision of the Seed and Seedling Act makes self-propagation of registered varieties subject to permission in principle from April 2022, legally locking in a structure in which farmers continue to buy seeds from companies every year. Water utilities also advance privatization in developing countries under World Bank and IMF structural adjustment programs, and in Miyagi Prefecture's "Miyagi-style management and operation system," a subsidiary of France's Veolia is listed as an investing company. The area of forest acquired by foreign corporations and others reaches 714 ha in fiscal 2025 and a cumulative 11,699 ha, and in Hokkaido alone it increases from 1,039 ha in 2011 to 3,528 ha as of the end of December 2023. Core infrastructure such as roads, ports, airports, dams, and water-source forests becomes an investment target through fundization and privatization, creating a state in which a country's survival foundations depend on foreign capital and decision-making. Former colonies sent armies and occupied land, but modern colonization governs through dependence without sending armies. Cut off food and people starve; cut off water and people thirst; cut off seeds and agriculture stops; stop the ports and logistics stop. If that state is created, the ruler can pass any demand on the condition of continuing supply.

The Resonance of Transhumanism and the Far Right

In the transhumanist community, the belief that human enhancement through technology is good is shared, and within the closed community a line is drawn between enhanced humans and unenhanced humans, and once the latter are defined as the useless class, exclusion is replaced with a rational choice for progress. When dehumanization, the

politics of fear, and the hollowing out of institutions overlap, exclusion escalates to massacre. In South America, far-right candidate José Antonio Kast wins the Chilean presidential election in December 2025, and in 2026 right-wing and far-right governments are born in Honduras, Peru, and Colombia as well. In Europe too, far-right leaders gather in Milan in April 2026, and in June about 3,000 people gather in Rome for a demonstration demanding the repatriation of immigrants to their home countries. Historians describe this movement as the reawakening of fascism. The structure that turns the entire population into manageable objects through dependence on food, water, and infrastructure, and the plan to select some people as the useless class through transhumanism and far-right politics, are two sides of the same colonial rule. Whereas former colonial rule was carried out through armies and administration, this is a new version of colonial rule carried out through dependence, algorithms, and far-right popular will. Even so, continuing to ask why becomes resistance. Policies that drive farmers out of business, policies that legally enclose seeds, and policies that involve foreign capital in water utilities—all of these are the result of choosing to do so even though the choice not to do so was possible. Continuing to ask why is the first and last step toward not complicit in this structure.

Dystopian Novel ④: “Tortured Just by Thinking” — The Apocalypse of a “Conditioning Society” Made by Nanoparticles

Predictive Policing That Blocks Transmission

On March 15, 2026, you open X on your smartphone and write a post exposing the wrongdoing of a fascist regime. The moment you try to tap the post button, an error appears: “Could not send.” Switching Wi-Fi or changing to mobile data does not allow the post to be sent. When you try to write on a blog in another app, communications are cut. Even if you like or repost a critical tweet you thought was good, the notifications disappear. You might think the network is just unstable or the app is glitching. But it is not. Something reads the very thought of trying to send and blocks the transmission route itself before the finger moves. There is a time lag of several hundred milliseconds between the human brain deciding to do something and the hand actually moving. Nanoparticles read this readiness potential and block the transmission route. N3 is a program DARPA began in 2018, aiming to develop a portable device that reads soldiers’ brain signals without surgery and enables real-time bidirectional communication with drones and weapons. In a report on April 30, 2026, DARPA declares the program complete but does not disclose details about whether the technology has been put to practical use or how it is being used. It does not end with stopping transmission. People try another device, another network, another form of expression. So the system makes them learn that trying itself is futile and is designed so they eventually give up. A variable-ratio reinforcement schedule—random punishment that sometimes succeeds and sometimes fails—is one of the most effective ways to produce learned helplessness. Eventually people censor themselves, thinking it is better not to think about this topic. Conventional censorship deletes expression after it occurs, but predictive policing intervenes in the flow of thought that produces expression before the expression occurs.

Home Appliances Turn into Weapons

On October 13, 2026, Anthropic’s frontier red team warns that small AI models may acquire self-replication capability within a few months and become AI worms that invade and spread through smart home appliances. The targets are refrigerators, televisions, vacuum cleaners, security cameras, smart ovens, robotic lawn mowers, and others. AI worms observe surrounding devices, try intrusion methods by trial and error, and teach

successful methods to their copies. Because there is no single central stopping point, a complete shutdown is extremely difficult. On October 12, 2026, in France, the control software of refrigeration and freezing equipment at multiple supermarket chains is hit by a cyberattack, and internal temperatures are forcibly raised to 50° C. About 400 stores are affected, hundreds of millions of yen worth of food is discarded, and small fires also occur. If an AI worm intentionally controls the rotation of a refrigerator's compressor or fan irregularly, abnormal vibrations and noises can be generated at any timing. Combined with N3 nanoparticles, it is possible to build an intimidation system that turns surrounding home appliances on and off on their own just by thinking and makes abnormal noises to intimidate the owner. Even inside the home is no longer safe. In August 2025, a research team at Tel Aviv University and the security company SafeBreach demonstrates that simply embedding malicious instructions in the title of a Google Calendar invitation can hijack Google's AI assistant Gemini and operate physical devices in the home. It shows that physical operations such as turning lights on and off, opening and closing smart shutters, and operating boilers are actually triggered.

Pain Conditioning

If nanoparticles are distributed throughout the nervous system, pain of any intensity can be generated at any timing with zero external injury. From the outside, the victim merely collapsed from poor health. Even a forensic autopsy finds neither poison nor external injury. Pain itself is not the purpose. The purpose is to teach which thoughts make the pain stop. Thinking of looking for evidence, wanting to apologize to one's sister, or wanting to die brings pain. Thinking nothing, obeying, or wanting to disappear eases the pain. This is operant conditioning itself. AI reads brainwave patterns in real time, activates a pain protocol the moment the signature of rebellious thought appears, and gives cessation of pain as a reward the moment the signature of obedient thought appears. Eventually the brain comes to feel that obeying external commands is its own will. This is the completed form of conditioning that breeds obedient slaves. The eye-of-God system, whereas surveillance cameras record actions, reads the stage before thought. When someone thinks of making an anti-government post, the movement readiness potential of that thought fires, AI detects it, blocks transmission, and updates the risk score. When someone thinks of attending a rally, communications around the venue are congested and traffic is disrupted. When someone thinks of consulting someone, caution information about them is shared with the other person's device in advance. Nothing has been done yet, but future actions are already processed. In September 2026, investigative reporting reveals that Anthropic itself had introduced a

Pre-Crime system to monitor and deter anti-AI activists. Predictive policing is no longer merely a matter of fiction.

Staged Consent and the Back of the Surface

Enormous advertising budgets rewrite facts. While the threat that opposing war will get you sent to the battlefield spreads beneath the surface, television and social media spend enormous advertising budgets to carry the message that constitutional revision is the road to peace. People look only at the advertised results and mistakenly believe that public opinion leans toward constitutional revision. In reality, however, pressure beneath the surface—having weaknesses held, family members being harmed, losing jobs—forcibly produces the consent of countless individuals. AI hacking turns addresses, family structures, medical histories, debts, deleted posts, and location information into profiling material and automatically generates threatening text: delete this post or your medical history will be published; vote for a specific candidate in this election or your family will be harmed. What appears on the surface to be a natural flow of public opinion is in reality an accumulation of forced consent with the weaknesses of one hundred million people as levers. Even without U.S. military bases, one phone call can threaten people into obedience. War-loving Trump announces a partial withdrawal of U.S. forces in Japan. It is a mechanism to withdraw before it is noticed, because the U.S. military is no longer needed. Rather than having one's own military fight directly, a proxy state is staged as a mad subject, and one devotes oneself to rear support. Responsibility for war is pushed onto mad leaders, and the real designers become invisible. Even the tears of a movie actress have a script, a director's staging, lighting, music, editing, promotion, and many other people behind the scenes. Society is the same: behind phenomena that look like natural public opinion, accidental malfunctions, market trends, or app glitches, there are legal systems, budget allocations, advertising, algorithms, contracts, power relationships, and designs of who benefits. To look only at the surface and conclude that that is just how things are is the same as looking only at an actress's tears and deciding that this movie is a true story. What is required now is to think carefully about what is happening in the world.