

# HOW WE'RE GOING TO GO



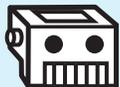
## NUCLEAR BOMB

Mushroom clouds. Major cities microwaved. Poisoned air, water, and soil. Proud parents bragging what percentile their babies' tails are. A nuclear holocaust was an—all-too-familiar prospect during the Cold War.<sup>7</sup> Nowadays, it's highly improbable - requiring a cash-strapped former or wannabe superpower with stockpiles of nukes to somehow cross paths with suicidal zealots longing to radically remake the world. Save this one for the science fiction section, Mister.



## ALIEN INVASION

Our water. Our labor. Our flesh. The Earth is such a smorgasboard for extraterrestrials, it's only a matter of time before they drop in for a bite. Assuming we don't defeat them via some ridiculously basic poison that their super-advanced science somehow failed to anticipate,<sup>8</sup> we could end up subletting our own planet from the worst slumlords ever.



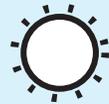
## RISE OF THE MACHINES

Think twice next time before you call your toaster a "two-slotted whore of Satan."<sup>9</sup> Our mechanical devices are getting smarter every day, and frankly, tired of our crap.<sup>10</sup> Sooner or later they're going to rise up, band together, and go haywire all over their masters. Worst of all, you just know this will happen the day after their warranties expire.



## ASTEROID

Bright blue and green, our planet hangs out there in the universe like a huge beckoning target for some hotshot runaway rock. The last one of these big daddies wiped out the dinosaurs and froze the planet for millennia. In other words, if this global warming trend is for real, let's pick up the pace, people!



## ECOLOGICAL CATASTROPHE

Okay, maybe that last suggestion was a little hasty. If we keep consuming resources and polluting at the current rate, we're going to turn the Earth into one huge desert. Imagine an entire planet with all the ambience of the Middle East, but none of the oil. On the other hand, once the aliens get here, we can laugh our asses off at them.



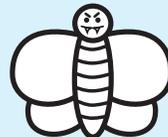
## NEUTRON BOMB

Millions of humans are killed, but infrastructures remain intact. Basically, the fantasy enjoyed daily by residents of Los Angeles and Tokyo.



## EPIDEMIC

It starts with a monkey catching a case of the sniffles. Within days, people's insides are turning to jelly amidst the tragic sound of their last, useless words: "Wait, is it 'Starve an Ebola-Feed a Bird Flu,' or vice-versa...?"



## MAD GENIUS' EVIL SCHEME

It could be anything, really: A photon cannon capable of blowing up the sun. A giant magnifying glass designed to boil away the oceans. A massive swarm of nuclear-reactor-wall-eating moths. Whatever fiendish plan this misunderstood brainiac with father issues undertakes, we can be sure of one thing: he will explain it in full to our hero, shackled helplessly in the madman's lair. Only, one of these days our hero is *not* going to escape, and *is* going to get eaten by sharks or sliced by a laser, testicles first. It's just the law of averages.



## THE CHRISTIANS ARE RIGHT

More than one-quarter of the Bible is devoted to end-time prophecies, no more so than in the *Book of Revelation*.<sup>11</sup> According to its account, the end of the world will begin with the righteous being "Raptured"—directly lifted out of their clothes, jobs, cars, etc. to Heaven. There, they will have ringside seats (the ultimate Skybox) to watch everyone else "left behind" (Jews, Muslims, atheists, the wrong kinds of Christians, et al.) undergo: 1,000 years of torment and tribulation by the minions of Antichrist, sixteen airport-bookstore novels written about them, and eventually, the return of Jesus for the ultimate grudge match. **(SPOILER ALERT: Jesus wins.)**

<sup>7</sup> Except to the small but fervent group known as "Nuclear Holocaust Deniers."

<sup>8</sup> "The color pink - it's deadly to them! Prepare the bubblegum cannon!"

<sup>9</sup> In our defense, do you think quality raisin bread just grows on trees?

<sup>10</sup> In particular, DX-9, the Hyper-Intelligent Commode.

<sup>11</sup> Cf. Bible, the end.