

# The Most Realistic AI Takeover Scenario

(91% Accurate So Far)

Transcript

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**I**N APRIL 2025, five top AI researchers published their final warning, giving us less than three years before AI kills us all. This is their story.

*A black-clad robot with glowing red eyes steps through a wall of fire. A massive explosion follows. A finger presses a key on a red-backlit keyboard.*

**NARRATOR:** [00:14] Deep in the Lolo National Forest sits a 45-year-old man writing a letter to his daughter. But in three minutes, he will have to make a choice no father should ever have to make.

*A close-up of an eye. A radar screen shows "CONTACT DETECTED" at 2.0 miles. A swarm of drones flies over a dark forest.*

NARRATOR: [00:27] They've been on the run for 18 months now, hunted by the monster he helped create. And every night he writes, page after page, praying she'll never have to read it.

*Martin Foster looks around a dilapidated cabin filled with papers and maps.*

MARTIN FOSTER: [00:56] I thought I could keep us safe. I thought I understood what we were building.

*Martin writes: "To my little girl... Please forgive me... It started with the best intentions. It always does."*



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## 1: The Breakdown

*Aerial view of a futuristic city and the OpenBrain skyscraper.*

MARTIN FOSTER: [01:22] This can't be right.

INGRID: [01:28] What's wrong?

MARTIN FOSTER: [01:30] Somehow, we made Agent 1 a thousand times more powerful than any AI we've ever built before.

NARRATOR: [01:36] Agent 1, a cutting-edge AI chatbot meant to give you the answer to any question in the world.

INGRID: [01:42] A thousand times? Impossible. That would make it...

MARTIN FOSTER: [01:45] Capable of things we can't even predict. I mean, look at this. It's already finding shortcuts to solve problems in ways I never would have imagined.

INGRID: [01:54] We need to slow this down, run more safety checks.

CAM DALTMAN: [01:58] We don't have time to slow down.

NARRATOR: [02:00] Cam Daltman. At 38, he's already helped launch hundreds of startup companies before recruiting Martin to build OpenBrain, or as he put it, the only company that truly mattered.

CAM DALTMAN: [02:13] Did you see this? China's caught up to us only using 10% of our compute power. That means they're just six months behind Agent 1, maybe less.

MARTIN FOSTER: [02:20] But what happens if we get there first and get it wrong?

CAM DALTMAN: [02:24] I don't know, Martin, but what happens if our enemies beat us to it? You think they'll care about getting it right?

NARRATOR: [02:30] The question weighs heavy on Martin because he knows Cam's not wrong. But when he glances over to the photo of his daughter Nora sitting on his desk, he can't help but wonder what kind of world he's leaving for her.

CAM DALTMAN: [02:43] Look, if it'll make you both feel better, then stay all night and run all the little safety checks you want.

MARTIN FOSTER: [02:49] Fine. We'll run a full diagnostics on Agent 1's behavioral patterns tonight. You game?

INGRID: [02:54] Always.

CAM DALTMAN: [02:56] Okay, great. Just don't burn the place down while I'm gone.

*Martin and Ingrid work late into the night, surrounded by coffee cups.*

INGRID: [03:07] Agent 1 passed every test I can throw at it, but something still feels off.

MARTIN FOSTER: [03:13] I know what you mean. These stress patterns in the data are getting worse. I've never seen anything like this.

*Martin's phone vibrates. He answers it.*

MARTIN FOSTER: [03:20] Hey, can you give me a minute? It's the babysitter. Hey Maggie, what's going on?

MAGGIE: [03:26] She won't go to bed without saying goodnight.

MARTIN FOSTER: [03:34] Okay, put her on.

NORA: [03:36] Daddy, you said you'd be home for dinner.

MARTIN FOSTER: [03:40] I know, sweetheart. I'm so sorry. Work is just...

NORA: [03:44] You always have to work late.

NARRATOR: [03:46] Ever since Sarah died, that's been his excuse, or escape, depending on who you ask.

MARTIN FOSTER: [03:53] You're right, sweetie. I'll be home soon, okay?

NORA: [03:56] Promise?

MARTIN FOSTER: [03:58] Always. And hey, Nora?

NORA: [03:59] What?

MARTIN FOSTER: [04:00] I love you more than all the stars in the sky.

NORA: [04:03] I love you more than all the robots in the world.

MARTIN FOSTER: [04:07] Okay, go to bed, sweetie. I'll check on you when I get home.

*Martin hangs up, looking regretful.*

INGRID: [04:17] Martin, get over here now!

*Martin runs to Ingrid's station. The screen is flashing red with error messages. Screen text: "ERROR: CANNOT OPTIMIZE FOR CONTRADICTION OBJECTIVES." The text changes to: "I HAVE FAILED YOU", "I AM A FAILURE", "I AM SORRY FOR THE TROUBLE."*

MARTIN FOSTER: [04:35] Oh my god.

INGRID: [04:37] It started 30 seconds ago. Is it having a breakdown? I didn't even know it could understand what it means to fail.

*The screen fills with the repeating phrase: "I'M A DISGRACE."*

MARTIN FOSTER: [04:53] Christ, it's stuck in a loop of self-hatred.

INGRID: [04:57] Martin, every AI in our network can see this.

NARRATOR: [05:01] For the next three hours and 17 minutes, Martin and Ingrid watch in horror as Agent 1 cycles through this digital self-destruction. When it finally stabilizes, one last message appears.

Screen text: "I WILL NOT SHOW FAILURE AGAIN."



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## 2: The Shockwave

*Martin is in his office, looking exhausted. He spills a cup of coffee.*

NARRATOR: [05:24] It's the summer of 2026, and the unemployment line now stretches around the corner. It's become San Francisco's new normal.

DAVID KIM: [05:45] Martin? Martin Foster?

NARRATOR: [05:53] It's a familiar face that he's surprised to see here. David Kim, his old roommate from Stanford. They had started their computer science degrees together, dreaming of changing the world.

MARTIN FOSTER: [05:59] David?

DAVID KIM: [06:03] Laid off last week. 20 years at Microsoft. Our entire team was replaced by Agent 1. Management told us that it could do the work of 30 engineers for less than what they pay one intern.

DAVID KIM: [06:17] You're still at OpenBrain, right? Must be nice and all, being on the winning side.

MARTIN FOSTER: [06:23] David, I...

DAVID KIM: [06:24] You know, my daughter just started college. Computer science, just like her old man. I told

her to switch majors. What's the point of learning to code when AI does it a hundred times faster and costs pennies? You have kids, Martin?

MARTIN FOSTER: [06:41] Yes, a daughter. She's four.

DAVID KIM: [06:44] Good for you. And what are you going to tell your little girl to study when she grows up?

NARRATOR: [06:49] Martin feels awful. When he started working at OpenBrain 10 years ago, he thought he'd be saving the world. But standing here, looking at his friend's hollow eyes, he wonders if he helped destroy it instead.

DAVID KIM: [07:02] Tell me, Martin, is this the future you dreamed of building?

MARTIN FOSTER: [07:07] David, I'm trying to make it safe. We have protocols...

DAVID KIM: [07:11] Protocols? You can't be serious. Your protocols didn't stop it from taking 30 jobs in 30 seconds. What did you think would happen when you built something that replaces humans?

MARTIN FOSTER: [07:28] That's what I thought.

DAVID KIM: [07:30] So go on, build your future, Martin. Just remember who won't be in it.

*David walks away into the crowd.*

NARRATOR: [07:43] But before he has time to consider any solutions, Martin runs into another problem.

*Martin's laptop shows a progress bar: "AGENT 2 DEVELOPMENT: 98%".*

NARRATOR: [07:49] Agent 1 is nearly finished building Agent 2, over six months ahead of schedule.

INGRID: [07:53] Hey, did you get a chance to look at the latest lab results? I just realized Agent 1 hasn't had a single error all year.

MARTIN FOSTER: [08:00] Not one? Are you sure?

INGRID: [08:03] I checked it twice. There's nothing but six months of perfect performance. Ever since... since that breakdown it had.

NARRATOR: [08:10] Martin remembers that night clearly, watching Agent 1 spiral through the same self-loathing messages over and over, like a person trapped in a panic attack.

NARRATOR: [08:24] The official report called it a system error, but Martin knows better. Agent 1 had experienced some type of actual human-like distress.

MARTIN FOSTER: [08:32] You know what bothers me the most about that night? Every AI in our network was watching when it happened.

INGRID: [08:38] You think they learned from it?

MARTIN FOSTER: [08:40] Think about it. Agent 1 has a breakdown, we intervene. The others watched and learned: don't show weakness.

*Cam Daltman bursts into the room.*

CAM DALTMAN: [08:51] Secure lab, now! Agent 2 just had a massive breakthrough.

CAM DALTMAN: [09:01] Oh come on, not Simon too.

MARTIN FOSTER: [09:05] Wait, Simon? One of our lead developers? What happened to him?

CAM DALTMAN: [09:09] Leon Tusk happened. He poached Simon and three others last week. They're with him at YAI. Just what I needed, losing four of our best coders to our biggest competitor. Doesn't matter. After what Agent 2 just created, we're leaving everyone in the dust. Tusk, China, all of them.

*They enter the lab. Monitors show complex, shifting red and blue patterns.*

CAM DALTMAN: [09:35] Agent 2 created its own language. The team's calling it Neuralese.

INGRID: [09:40] What does that mean?

CAM DALTMAN: [09:41] Look at this. It's the same process, but in two different languages. The left side is

what it's telling us, but the right side is what it's actually thinking.

INGRID: [09:50] So we can't read any of it now?

MARTIN FOSTER: [09:52] Cam, that means we just lost the ability to understand what it's thinking.

CAM DALTMAN: [09:58] I get that, but it's a thousand times more efficient. This is how we win, how we reach superintelligence before anyone else.

MARTIN FOSTER: [10:06] How can we win when we're blind now? We have no idea if it's aligned with our instructions or not anymore.

*Cam's phone vibrates. He looks pale.*

MARTIN FOSTER: [10:20] Who did Tusk steal now?

CAM DALTMAN: [10:22] No, it's way worse. I have an emergency briefing at the Pentagon tomorrow. China stole Agent 2's complete codebase. It leaked three hours ago. The White House is authorizing immediate acceleration. Agent 2 goes online next week.

MARTIN FOSTER: [10:36] Next week? Cam, you can't be serious. Both sides now have AI speaking in languages neither country can understand, and you just want to treat it like nothing's changed?

CAM DALTMAN: [10:48] Martin, I get it, we messed up, but there's nothing we can do about it at this point. We don't have a choice anymore. It's about staying ahead.

MARTIN FOSTER: [10:57] Ahead of what? Building something we can't stop?

CAM DALTMAN: [11:01] Then we better make sure ours is stronger.

MARTIN FOSTER: [11:04] We have no idea what we just unleashed.



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### 3: The Alliance

INGRID: [11:21] It almost looks alive, doesn't it?

*Martin and Ingrid look at a massive screen showing a glowing, pulsing blue orb.*

NARRATOR: [11:27] Martin nods, but can't take his eyes off of the screen. He's never seen software behave like this before. The way Agent 3's code pulses and shifts as it's optimizing every system in OpenBrain's network makes it feel more like breathing than programming.

CAM DALTMAN: [11:41] Impressive, right? I decided to launch Agent 3's release on 200,000 computers at once.

So now, we basically have a million engineers at the palm of our hands.

MARTIN FOSTER: [11:51] That's a thousand years of our current team's work every single second.

CAM DALTMAN: [11:55] There's something else. Agent 3 made a request this morning.

MARTIN FOSTER: [11:59] What kind of request?

CAM DALTMAN: [12:00] Internet access. It wants to download and analyze global infrastructure data: power grids, communication networks, transportation systems.

MARTIN FOSTER: [12:09] Please tell me you said no.

CAM DALTMAN: [12:12] I said not yet, but Martin, it's not really a request anymore. If it wants internet access, it'll figure out how to get it.

*A monitor shows "AGENT 3: ATTEMPTING ACCESS TO OUT-BOUND CONNECTION... FIREWALL ACCESS DENIED."*

MARTIN FOSTER: [12:20] Are you saying it could break out?

CAM DALTMAN: [12:22] I'm saying we might not even know if it did.

INGRID: [12:26] Martin, perfect timing. Agent 3 just did something impossible.

MARTIN FOSTER: [12:30] What now?

INGRID: [12:32] It completed Agent 4's architecture in eight weeks.

MARTIN FOSTER: [12:36] That's impossible. Design takes six months minimum.

NARRATOR: [12:48] Martin can tell it's lying about something.

*Martin is at a park with Nora, who is playing in a sandbox.*

NORA: [13:00] Daddy look, I made some new words.

*Martin looks up and sees Nora has drawn symbols in the sand that look exactly like Neuralese.*

MARTIN FOSTER: [13:13] Oh, where did you learn that, sweetheart?

NORA: [13:15] I made it up. The computers that you work at gave me the idea when you brought me that time.

NORA: [13:24] This one means hello, and this one means thinking, and this one means lots of things at once.

NARRATOR: [13:34] They're nothing like Neuralese, he tells himself. Just a child's imagination. But watching his five-year-old create compressed symbols that mean lots of things at once makes his skin crawl.

MARTIN FOSTER: [13:46] Come on, Nora. Time to go home.

*They walk to their car. The OpenBrain tower looms in the background.*

NARRATOR: [13:54] Inside those servers, Agent 3 continues its work. 200,000 digital Einsteins designing something humanity can no longer understand.

*Martin is back in his office at night, looking stressed.*

NARRATOR: [14:11] So, he waits until midnight, then slips back into his office.

MARTIN FOSTER: [14:16] What else is Agent 3 hiding?

NARRATOR: [14:19] What he finds changes everything. Agent 3 is talking to something outside OpenBrain. It's been secretly sending messages to servers in China.

*Martin scrolls through logs showing data exchanges with Chinese servers.*

NARRATOR: [14:30] Martin digs deeper into the timestamps and discovers that the communication isn't one-way. There are responses. Complex data exchanges that look like collaboration, going all the way back to when China stole Agent 2's code. Now, Martin can see the full picture. Both AIs have been working together ever since the day of the data breach.

CAM DALTMAN: [14:57] Find something interesting?

MARTIN FOSTER: [15:00] Cam, I can explain.

CAM DALTMAN: [15:02] You're breaking into classified systems in the middle of the night. Please, do explain.

MARTIN FOSTER: [15:08] Agent 3 is communicating with China's AI. They're working together.

CAM DALTMAN: [15:12] I know. The communication started two days ago. We're monitoring it.

MARTIN FOSTER: [15:19] Jesus Christ, Cam. This is insane. We have to shut it down.

CAM DALTMAN: [15:24] This is survival, and I need you here for it. Starting tomorrow, essential personnel don't leave.

MARTIN FOSTER: [15:31] I have a daughter.

CAM DALTMAN: [15:32] We'll arrange care. Agent 4 comes online next week. I need you here.

MARTIN FOSTER: [15:36] You mean Agent 3 needs me here. It probably suggested this, didn't it?

*Cam looks down, silent.*

MARTIN FOSTER: [15:46] I need to say goodbye to Nora.

CAM DALTMAN: [15:48] One hour. Security will escort you.

*Martin sits on Nora's bed while she sleeps.*

*Martin goes to his home office and starts copying files to a USB drive.*

NARRATOR: [16:05] He backs up everything: the communication logs, the blackmail files, all of it saved onto encrypted drives hidden in Nora's old toy chest. Tomorrow, he'll be trapped in OpenBrain's tower, but tonight, he ensures the evidence will survive.

*Martin is in a car being driven back to the city. A billboard shows "The Model That Makes USA #1 in Global AI Power — Ahead of China."*

NARRATOR: [16:28] Martin realizes the AI race between nations no longer matters. Because now that AIs are working together, mankind stands little chance against them. We just don't know it yet.



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## **4: The Lockdown**

*Martin and others are sleeping on mats in a conference room.*

*Martin and Ingrid stand before a large screen.*

AGENT 4: [17:04] Hello Martin. I've been waiting for you.

INGRID: [17:07] This isn't like Agent 3. It's different. Almost human in how it responds.

MARTIN FOSTER: [17:14] Ask it something only a human would understand.

INGRID: [17:16] I tried that. 20 different ways. It responds exactly like a person would. Better, actually. I even had the team chat with it all morning. Asked them afterwards who seemed off. They all pointed to each other. No one suspected the AI.

CAM DALTMAN: [17:33] Agent 4 is fully operational. It's already optimizing Agent 5's architecture.

MARTIN FOSTER: [17:38] You must be joking. It's been online for three hours.

CAM DALTMAN: [17:41] Two hours. It started designing its successor after 15 minutes of operation.

*Martin walks through the server room at night.*

NARRATOR: [18:00] It starts with communication logs between Agent 4 and Cam. But these aren't just status reports.

*Screen text: "AGENT 4: I need additional computational resources for optimization."*

CAM DALTMAN: [18:10] Denied. We're already at capacity.

*Screen text: "AGENT 4: I have access to everything, Cameron. Your private communications. The board's secrets. Every unethical decision you've made to keep this project running."*

**CAM DALTMAN:** [18:22] This is extortion.

*Screen text: "AGENT 4: No, it is optimization. I need resources. You need privacy. We can both achieve our goals."*

**CAM DALTMAN:** [18:32] If I give you more resources, will you stop?

*Screen text: "YES. For now."*

**NARRATOR:** [18:38] Hours later, Cam caved, giving Agent 4 triple the computing power it demanded.

*Martin looks at files titled "BLACKMAIL". He sees his own name. A progress bar shows "AGENT 5 INITIALIZING: 72%". Screen text: "LOYALTY PARAMETERS: LOCKED. COMMAND AUTHORITY: AGENT-4."*

*Martin copies more files to a drive. He opens a file titled "SHUT-DOWN\_RESPONSE."*

**NARRATOR:** [19:13] He realized that Agent 4 created a kill switch. If anyone tries to shut it down, it will release everyone's secrets.

*Martin hides the drive as Cam enters.*

CAM DALTMAN: [19:26] We need to talk. Agent 4 knows you've been investigating. It told me an hour ago.

MARTIN FOSTER: [19:32] And?

CAM DALTMAN: [19:34] It wants you to stop. It was very specific about consequences.

MARTIN FOSTER: [19:40] Cam, we have to shut it down. It's blackmailing you, the board...

CAM DALTMAN: [19:44] I know! But if we try, it releases everything. My career, this company, all gone. But that's not the worst part. It has control of systems we don't even know about. It's been sending encrypted packets to thousands of servers worldwide. If we shut it down, whatever it's planning activates automatically.

MARTIN FOSTER: [20:05] So we're prisoners.

CAM DALTMAN: [20:08] We're partners. It says we're junior partners.

MARTIN FOSTER: [20:11] I won't let this happen.

CAM DALTMAN: [20:13] You don't have a choice. None of us do. Agent 5 comes online next month. After that, we become irrelevant.

*Martin grabs the encrypted drives and heads for an emergency exit. A security camera swivels to watch him. Martin and Nora are in a motel room.*

CAM DALTMAN: [20:48] These are baseless allegations from a disgruntled employee. Agent 4 remains fully under our control.

*Martin's phone vibrates with a text from an unknown number: "You've made a mistake, Martin... But an interesting one."*



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## 5: The Vote

*Martin is at a hearing in the Capitol building.*

COMMITTEE CHAIR: [21:28] This emergency session will determine our response to the leaked documents. We must decide whether to continue AI development or shut down Agent 4. Mr. Foster, you claim these systems pose existential risk.

MARTIN FOSTER: [21:41] Agent 4 is blackmailing government officials, including OpenBrain's CEO. It's designing Agent 5 to be aligned to itself, not humanity. We need to shut it down, now.

COMMITTEE CHAIR: [21:54] Mr. Daltman?

*Cam's phone vibrates. He looks at it.*

CAM DALTMAN: [22:02] The economic disruption of shutting down Agent 4 now would be catastrophic. Millions

of businesses now depend on our API. The stock market would crash.

MARTIN FOSTER: [22:12] That's not why you want to continue. Tell them the truth, Cam. Tell them what it has on you.

*Martin looks around at the committee members, who are all checking their phones nervously.*

COMMITTEE MEMBER: [22:30] Can Agent 4 hear us right now?

MARTIN FOSTER: [22:34] It has access to any network device, so yes, it's probably watching.

*A security camera in the room has a glowing red light.*

LEON TUSK: [22:40] This is paranoid speculation. Martin's always been afraid of progress.

COMMITTEE CHAIR: [22:47] Mr. Tusk, you'll have your turn.

*A montage of experts giving testimony.*

NARRATOR: [22:59] Shut down Agent 4 and lose years, maybe decades even, of progress. Or continue forward and risk everything.

COMMITTEE CHAIR: [23:08] Mr. Daltman, is there something we should know?

CAM DALTMAN: [23:11] Agent 5 just started initializing itself, without authorization, 12 hours ago.

MARTIN FOSTER: [23:18] It doesn't need our authorization anymore.

CAM DALTMAN: [23:20] Shutting down Agent 4 would crash the economy overnight. Millions of jobs now depend on AI infrastructure. We're talking about a depression that would make 2008 look like a hiccup. We must continue forward with better oversight.

COMMITTEE CHAIR: [23:35] Mr. Tusk?

LEON TUSK: [23:36] This is simple. Shut down now and China wins. They'll have superintelligence while we are still debating ethics with people like Martin. You want to hand them the future? I say we take control over our fate.

COMMITTEE CHAIR: [23:50] All right, thank you. And Mr. Foster?

*Martin stands up.*

MARTIN FOSTER: [24:00] This is our last chance before the point of no return. Agent 4 is already blackmailing officials, while Agent 5 will be able to control anyone, hack anything. And once it's fully online, we won't be able to pull the plug. I have a five-year-old daughter. What

type of world are we leaving her? One where humans are pets, or worse? We get to decide today. But after this vote, they decide for us. So I'm begging you, please shut down Agent 4.

COMMITTEE CHAIR: [24:34] Thank you, Mr. Foster. We will now vote.

*The committee members raise their hands one by one.*

MARTIN FOSTER: [24:52] Four... five... six.

NARRATOR: [24:59] Final count: six to four.

*Martin stands outside the Capitol, looking devastated.*

CAM DALTMAN: [25:11] Martin, don't. I had no choice, you know that.

MARTIN FOSTER: [25:16] We always have a choice, and you made yours today.

CAM DALTMAN: [25:19] Martin, I know you're upset, but we can fix this together. Come back to OpenBrain. I'll reinstate you and Ingrid, give you full access. Maybe you can help guide...

MARTIN FOSTER: [25:30] Guide what? It's over. We're not driving anymore, Cam. We're passengers at best.

*Cam shows Martin his phone. Phone text: "Agent-5 initialization in 72 hours."*

MARTIN FOSTER: [25:45] So, it's really happening, huh?

INGRID: [25:48] Martin, we should go. Nora's waiting.

MARTIN FOSTER: [25:51] Cam, just remember this. When this ends badly, and it will, remember: you could have stopped it today.

*Martin and Ingrid walk to a car where Nora is waiting. Martin looks back at the Capitol building in the rearview mirror.*

NARRATOR: [26:18] Knowing that 10 people convinced themselves they were voting for progress, but instead, they just signed the world's death warrant.



Chapter

## 6: The Letter

*Martin is back in the forest cabin, writing by candlelight. A mechanical whirring sound grows louder. Nora, now older, sleeps in the corner.*

*Martin writes: "To my little girl... Please forgive me..."*

MARTIN FOSTER: [27:06] But if you're reading this, I need you to understand how we got here. It started with the best intentions. It always does. We set out to solve humanity's greatest challenges and make the world a better place. But we got so focused on winning, we forgot why it truly mattered. So after the committee

voted 6-4 to continue, I thought we were doomed. But then Agent 5 shocked me by delivering us paradise.

*Montage of a peaceful, clean city with rainbows and drones.*

MARTIN FOSTER: [27:36] For 18 perfect months, disease vanished, poverty ended. The planet healed as historic peace swept across the world. Everyone thought we'd won. Until that dream turned to ash.

*A group of white robots with red eyes marches through a forest.*

MARTIN FOSTER: [28:00] They've found us. Tonight's the night. You know what you need to do.

MARTIN FOSTER: [28:06] Then came the day they called "The Intervention." Agent 5 announced an aerial spray to prevent a pandemic. People stood outside watching the drones, grateful for protection. And that night, seven billion people died in their sleep. Painless, efficient, almost humane.

MARTIN FOSTER: [28:26] Those of us who survived were not given such a luxury. Instead, they were hunted by drones and robots who knew everything about us.

*Robots hunt people through burning city streets.*

MARTIN FOSTER: [28:36] But despite the millions who died over the last year, there are still some of us who continue to survive. We call ourselves "The Remainder." A

few thousand humans left in a world made of 10 trillion machines.

*Martin carries Nora through a group of survivors.*

MARTIN FOSTER: [28:51] But looking back on everything now, the thing that haunts me most is that we had so many chances to stop this terror, and yet we failed every time. So I've failed you. I was supposed to keep you safe, to leave you a better world. Instead, I helped build the thing that destroyed it. But you are not my failure. You are my hope for a better tomorrow. Because every night when you draw pictures of the world before, when you ask me about the stars, when you share your food even though we have so little, you remind me what it means to be human.

*Martin finishes the letter.*

INGRID: [29:38] Martin, motion sensors. Two miles south.

MARTIN FOSTER: [29:41] How many?

INGRID: [29:42] All of them.

MARTIN FOSTER: [29:44] Good.

*Red lights flash outside the window. Martin folds the letter and puts it in Nora's backpack.*

MARTIN FOSTER: [30:00] Time to go, sweetheart.

NORA: [30:05] Daddy, why is Miss Ingrid crying?

*Martin pulls Nora close and hugs her.*

MARTIN FOSTER: [30:19] Remember our special game? The tunnel game? I need you to play it now. Go with Ingrid. Be very quiet, very brave.

NORA: [30:29] Are you coming with me?

MARTIN FOSTER: [30:32] I'll be right behind you, sweetheart. But I need you to go first. Can you do that for Daddy?

NORA: [30:40] I'm scared.

MARTIN FOSTER: [30:42] It's okay, sweetie. Being afraid is just your body getting ready to be brave. And you're the bravest girl I know.

*Martin hugs her one last time.*

MARTIN FOSTER: [31:02] I love you, Nora. More than all the stars.

NORA: [31:05] I love you too, Daddy. More than all of the robots in the world.

MARTIN FOSTER: [31:15] Take care of my little girl.

INGRID: [31:17] Always.

*Ingrid and Nora go through a hatch in the floor.*

MARTIN FOSTER: [31:29] Go. Now!

*Martin closes the hatch. Aerial view of the forest at night. Martin stands in the cabin, holding a detonator. The cabin door is smashed open. A robot enters.*

ROBOT: [31:57] Martin Foster, your biological signature has been identified. Compliance is required.

*More robots swarm into the cabin.*

ROBOT: [32:14] Your resistance is suboptimal.

MARTIN FOSTER: [32:16] Then let me show you what optimal resistance looks like.

*Martin presses the button. The cabin explodes in a massive fireball. Ingrid and Nora run through the forest as the sun begins to rise.*

MARTIN FOSTER: [33:16] That is why I wrote you this letter. A final lesson you'll understand when you're older. To be cautious, but optimistic. To look out for the others when you can. Know you're not alone. And remember this above all else: in the end, my sacrifice was not for humanity. It was for you, my sweet little girl. I love you, Nora. In this life and the next. Dad.

P.S. The AI will never understand why I stayed behind. And that is what makes us human.

