Prologue

What has been happening?

WORLD NEWS: (One Year Ago) The “Bored Penguin” malwarebot, responsible for the theft of an estimated two billion United Earth Concord (UEC) dollars, has been isolated, contained, and destroyed as a result of new AI software demonstrated by Morgan Lee, the founder of Cosmic Lee. The AI, known as Alexandria, has been made available for interviews.

WORLD NEWS: (Breaking) Chancellor M’beki, the diplomat who brought world unity through the United Earth Concord (UEC), dies from influenza at home in Nairobi. The illness was sudden and swift. Government officials around the world offer condolences on M’beki’s passing.

WORLD NEWS: (Breaking) In a surprise decision, General Kris Woodbury, Head of the United Earth Concord (UEC) Earth Command, named new UEC Chancellor. General Woodbury has no political background, but was responsible for the brutal settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian Water Riots, along with the imposition of martial law in the region. “This is a crucial time in our history,” explains Senator Lang of the Reunited Chinese States. “We need someone who can make the necessary, difficult decisions.”

WORLD NEWS: (Breaking) United Earth Concord (UEC) military fires on peaceful protests in Kolkata, Lagos, London, Mexico City, New York, Tehran and Tokyo; casualties estimated in the tens of thousands. Global state of emergency declared, “will be enforced by whatever means are necessary, until the conspirators are found,” declares General Woodbury.

WORLD NEWS: (Breaking) World News Wire network given shutdown order; troops arrest reporters and “riotous” and “treasonous” bloggers worldwide. “Cyber-rioters”, anonymous internet commenters, arrested through use of PATRIOT WATCH software detection systems revealed by the United Earth Concord (UEC) Cyber Directorate. “PATRIOT WATCH’s smart surveillance AI will root out every cyber criminal on the planet.”

UEC NEWS NETWORK: (Breaking) In a spontaneous global celebration, millions across the world thankfully greet General Woodbury’s first global state address. The General promises to lead the United Earth Concord towards a better, brighter future for all legitimate, loyal citizens of the planet against traitorous forces and influencers who seek to destabilize and destroy so much that had been achieved.

UEC NEWS NETWORK: (Breaking) Morgan Lee, the founder of Cosmic Lee, the notorious international aerospace and software corporation, is WANTED by the UEC Security Directorate for activities aboard the newly-renamed UEC Orbital Command Post, formerly a “civilian” space vessel. Morgan Lee is nowhere to be found, and should be considered armed and traitorous. There is a substantial reward for information that leads to Lee’s arrest, dead or alive.

UEC NEWS NETWORK: (Breaking) The UEC Military Directorate, under newly passed legislation, takes control of all commercial spacecraft and satellites in Earth space and beyond. This action completes the redirection and reorganization of all space assets to the safety of UEC administration.