

## CYBERPUNK TIMELINE

1990 -----

### World Timeline -

- Start of first central american conflict.
- West, east germany reunited.
- Breakup of soviet mega-state. USSR begins a new era of reapproachment with western europe: By 2000's the soviets are the eurotheatre's most powerful allies.
- Fall of South Africa: For the next 4 years, there is little or no communication, although terrible atrocities and genocidal wars are rumored.
- The anti-EEC "Quiet War" (1990-1994) begins.

### United States -

- First central american conflict: Interventionist actions in Panama, Nicaragua, Honduras, El Salvador. Military forces are sent to secure the canal zone from an ex-US puppet dictator.
- Jonathan Meta participates in Operation Blind Faith, attempting to control the Panama Canal Zone.
- Quiet War (1990-1994): In an attempt to appear solvent (and to show up the economic power of the EEC), the Gang of Four also began manipulating the stock markets of Europe and Asia by hacking directly into the systems. These artificial currency and stock manipulations allowed the Gang to pormote an illusion of American wealth, but at a high cost; when this was discovered by the EEC, the Euros simply leaked the info to the world press.

### NeoSoviet Union -

- Soviet president Gorbachev appoints party sucessor, Andrei Gorborev.

1991 -----

### World Timeline -

- CHOOH2 developed by Biotechnica.
- Artificial muscle fibers developed at Stanford Research Center.
- ESA (Eurospace Agency) launches Hermes spaceplane.
- November, 3. Hiram Kalakari, a general in the Panamanian Army, summoned a group of over one hundred thousand Panamanians to a central lock in the Panama Canal to protest the Noriega regime and reduction of American aid to their economy.
- November, 6. The Noriega Government in a situation similar to the chinese some years earlier, chose to invade the area with air and ground assaults; reports suggest more than ten thousand casualties.

### United States -

- First arcology built on ruins of Jersey City. 16 "Arcos" begin construction over the next years, until the collapse of 1997, leaving the huge estructures half completed, filled with squatters and homeless.

### NeoSoviet Union -

- Gorborev regime purges last of old hardliners.
- Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, the three first Soviet Socialist Republics to gain independence.

1992 -----

### World Timeline -

- The Treaty of 1992 establishes the EEC (European Economic Community). The US declines to enter.
- Chile and Ecuador collapse under antidrug crop viral attack.
- First use of high energy laser-lift arrays in USSR.
- Simple massdriver established in Canary Islands by eight member eurospace agency.
- Prototype mass-driver established on the moon by ESA.

EuroTheatre -

- The Treaty of 1992 establishes the EEC (European Economic Community). Zones of Control and Protective Tariffs regulate the activities of the member nations (France, United Germany, Britain, and Italy).
- A common currency unit (The Eurodollar; or Eb) is established, based on average value in gold of all currencies combined.

United States -

- The Treaty of 1992 establishes the EEC: The US is refused entry because of isolationist and protectionist policies of the ruling Gang of Four (the CIA, NSA, FBI, and DEA).
- The US Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) develops and spreads several designer plagues worldwide, targeting coca and opium plants.
- A savage drug war breaks out between eurocorp-backed dealers and DEA all over the americas.
- The Aldecado clan forms as a protection society in East LA.
- As cropland dies and rainfall declines, farmers and rural populations are forced into migration to the larger cities. These Jodes are labeled as parasites by media and some city governments.

Pacific Rim: China -

- MLC (Maoist Loyalist Cabal) is formed in Hunan Province by Hua Yuchi, High School teacher. Hua preached an agrarian policy and a strict Maoism that the world hadn't seen since the Khmer Rouge killed millions of intellectuals in the 1970's.

Pacific Rim: Vietnam -

- Doi Moi policies (and giving up on Socialist Economics) opens the door to foering investment.

1993 -----

World Timeline -

- TRC Biologic Interface Chips are developed in Munich, Germany.
- AV-4 aerodyne assault vehicle developed to deal with increasing riots in US urban zones.

United States -

- Columbian druglords detonate small nuclear device in New York. The bomb detonated in Rockefeller Center at noon, on a Thursday. The final death toll is unknown (15000 is the "official" number, but most say it is much, much higher). Parts of Queens, Brooklyn, the Bronx survived intact, and have grown to make up for Manhattan's loss. Right after the disaster, there were plans to rebuild, to make Manhattan the great city that it once was.
- The first coherent Nomad families appear and are identified by the corporates and the media on West Coast and in the South.
- The Jodes leave Oklahoma, heading both north and west in an attempt to escape the dust bowl.
- The Aldecado, because of increasing pressure from police and gangs, are forced to move out of East LA.
- Gangs War openly with police and each other in Miami. After a six month-siege, the government gives up, unable to commit resources

which are needed elsewhere. The gang war lessens and several power structures begin to form.

Pacific Rim: Japan -

- SDF (Self-Defense Force) starts research and development of "Cyberwalk" legged vehicle. Foreign Media and Military establishments ridicule the idea.

Pacific Rim: Australia -

- The Australian Government announces intention to recognize Aboriginal ownership of traditional lands. Pressure from mining and farming interests prompts Government to give priority in land claims to holders of existing leases. While most Aboriginals protest peacefully some begin quest for foreign recognition and aid for their cause.

1994 -----

World Timeline -

- Stock Market Crash of '94: Euro and US governments are paralyzed. Stock crash sends industrialized nations scrambling for bigger markets and cheaper labor. SEA (Southeast Asia) countries thrive.

EuroTheatre -

- EEC strikes Sudan: European aircraft and air-mobile ground forces attacked selected military targets in Sudan. At least three sites, all of which have been described as terrorist training bases or staging areas by EEC sources, have been attacked. In a brief statement, an EEC spokesman claimed that all targets have been neutralized.

United States -

- Nuclear accident in Pittsburgh kills 257. Cancer deaths soar over next ten years. The Federal Government declares "The Pitt" a Superfund site, but no assets are allocated to deal with the problem. After a very public debate it is determined that nomad labor will be used in reclamation. The Aldecado clan is hired to administer the project. The clan must travel almost two thousand miles to Pittsburgh, but accepts the contract.

NeoSoviet Union -

- Andrei Gorborev laid the foundation for a new Soviet Union, a Union to be bound by political and economic cooperation rather than enforced ideology. The Union allowed the various republics to remain autonomous, with their own governments, armed forces and international relations, but it provided a political and economic framework for cooperation, and a military alliance for security. In order to maintain regional stability, certain key industries were kept socialized and administered all of the republics by subcommittees. One such centrally-controlled industry was oil.

Pacific Rim: Australia -

- Stock Crash: While most national economies collapse, the Australian view is of a steeper part of the decline that has been happening since the mid-80's.

Africa -

- African Union Proposed: The prime ministers of six African nations, led by Enturu Engawe of Nigeria, unveiled a plan that would create a single economic block in central Africa. The Pan-African Alliance is modelled after the EEC and is designed to give the poverty and disease stricken region new hope for economic autonomy.

1995 -----

World Timeline -

- Kilamonzaro Mass Driver project begins; a joint-effort between the ESA and new PanAfrican Alliance.

EuroTheatre -

- Britain is unready for the influx of immigrants from Hong Kong.
- EEC approves Charter Revisions: The voting members of the EEC approved a package of changes to the EEC charter, include immigration restrictions for citizens of new member states and a strengthening of the economic requirements faced by provisional members before voting status is granted.

United States -

- The Bloods unofficially run (or own) all of Miami, other gang structures are subsumed into the Bloods by relatively peaceful treaties or agreements.
- Beginning of the Emergency Welfare Relocation Program. The program is administered by the newly created Bureau of Emergency Relocation.
- The Army begins to use primitive smartguns and vehicle cyberlinkages in the South-Am conflict.

Pacific Rim: Japan -

- "Grand Unification of Ministries and Agencies" is carried out.
- The political influence of Arasaka and Right-wing parties increases.

Pacific Rim: China -

- The MLC conquers Guangzhou SEZ (Special Economic Zone), working its way towards Hong Kong.

Africa -

- Kilamanjaro mass-driver begun by ESA and PanAfrican Alliance.

1996 -----

World Timeline -

- Boostergangs appear in the urban jungles of England and America.
- The collapse of the United States: Weakened by losses in the world stock crash, overwhelmed by unemployment, many city governments collapse or go bankrupt.

EuroTheatre -

- Switzerland joins European Economic Community, as do Hungary and the Czech Republic.

United States -

- US Military action escalates in both Central and Southern America and Eastern Europe.
- The collapse of the United States: The US government, snarled in a staggering deficit and the machinations of the gang of four, is totally ineffectve.
- Free States: In the Southwest, Texas, Nevada, and Utah all took advantage of the Collapse, using it to distance themselves from the disintegrating federal government.
- Nomad riots: By now, 1 in 4 americans are homeless. Hundreds of thousands riot for living space throughout the US, nomad packs spring up on the west coast and spread rapidly through the nation. In actuality, few of the aggressors are actually nomads; the term is misused by a popular media figure and sticks.

- Millions of homeless people are killed or imprisoned
- Lawyer purge. Irate citizens lynch hundreds of criminal defense attorneys.
- President is assassinated August 17, the same day that Vice-President is killed in a car accident. While the Speaker of the House undergoes heart surgery, the Pro Tem of the Senate refuses the position of President. In a hastily called press conference, Secretary of Defense Perry suspends the US Constitution at 3:00pm EST, and declares martial law.
- The US military in Japan and Korea is withdraw to the American mainland.

#### NeoSoviet Union -

- Organization of the socialized state industries was providing difficult. Although they had all signed the Union agreement, most of the republics were arguing over which specific resources were to be ceded to Committee control. As one of the most valuable commodities, oil was a particularly sticky bone of contention.

#### Pacific Rim: Japan -

- The Japanese Constitution's Article 9 (renunciation of war) is suspended for an indefinite period of time. Due to intense outrage and riots by the public and Left-wing groups, no "Japanese Army" is re-established.
- FACS (Far Asian Co-prosperity Sphere) is established to counter Arasaka.
- The US military in Japan is withdraw to the American mainland.

#### Middle East -

- Muslim-Palestine conflict flares out of control with both sides threatening a nuclear exchange; it is later discovered this information was held from the US military by the NSA.

#### Africa -

- Race riots strike South Africa.

1997 -----

#### World Timeline -

- Hong Kong officially reverts from Britain to China.
- World-wide trade embargoes levied against the United States.
- The Amnesty Massacre: Rockerboy Manson killed in England. In death, he became a legendary figure who was silenced by a government as the penalty of political freedom.
- Yasubisu Affair in Paris.
- MidEast Meltdown: Tensions in middle east escalate to nuclear exchange. Iran, Iraq, Libya, Chad and the Arab Emirates reduced to radioactive slag. World oil supply drops by half. Meltdown sends millions of Islamic refugees swarming to the Islamic countries of SEA, compounding population problems.
- Nights of Fire in NeoSoviet Union: Gorborev's refusal to take advantage of the MidEast Meltdown finally persuaded the conservatives to act against him. KGB assassination teams launched an attack on the Kremlin, only to face the Army.

#### EuroTheatre -

- MidEast Meltdown: Border skirmishes as Greek troops try to stem the flow of Turkish refugees fleeing the spreading fallout of the nuclear exchange.
- Yasubisu Affair: Arasaka guards killed 24 French policemen who attempted to storm Arasaka's Paris offices to arrest an executive charged with rape.

- 8.5 quake shatters Bilbao. Spanish Government's decision to transfer funds from rebuilding the town to developing a new sports complex in Madrid for the 2008 Olympics.
- United Kingdom: Air Quality Laws are relaxed. There have been numerous so-called "Smog Riots".
- The Amnesty Massacre: While performing on stage at Wembley Stadium during an Amnesty International benefit on August 3rd, british officials tried to arrest Rockerboy Manson because his lyrics got a little close to the knuckle. The resulting riot took several hundred police officers over two days to quell. The total deaths were estimated to be over 500 with more than seventy-five hundred injuries.
- The EDF (European Defense Force) is formed.

#### United States -

- Bank failures in the aftermath of the stock crash cause many over-budget city governments to go bankrupt or collapse.
- Federal Government, snarled between upholding the tenuous peace under Martial Law and increasing troop deployment world-wide is totally ineffective.
- The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff forms the MIC, or Military Intelligence Cooperative, to deal with the vast amount of duplication in the nine intel agencies of the US Military. The Gang of Four retaliates, using CIA, FBI, DEA and NSA operatives to target the MIC.
- Toxic spill kills off most of salmon population in pacific northwest. Seattle economy crippled.
- Nuclear exchange in the Middle East reduces the world's oil fields to glass and slag, killing thousands of US troops as the NSA withholds massive amounts of information from the military; resulting chaos forces reorganization of military into COGs.
- Perry begins investigation into the "Gang of Four" (the CIA, NSA, FBI, and DEA), who were effectively in control of the Federal Government.
- Massive riots hit every major US city, with immense military intervention to halt the orgy of looting and killing.
- Nights of Fire: Since the restructuring of the Soviet Union, hundreds of nuclear weapons had gone on the "open" market. Many of these weapons had made it to South America. The possibility of a nuclear enemy within the Americas was horrifying to the NSA.

#### NeoSoviet Union -

- Nights of Fire: Renegade KGB elements from the old Union of Soviet Socialist Republics waged war with reformist army units across the new Union of Soviet Sovereign Republics. The violent rebellion was unsuccessful, as reformist held onto power and the sovereignty movement survived.
- Consolidation of the State Industries continued. The Subcommittee directors claimed that they needed forces dedicated solely to protecting State industrial resources. The request was granted by Gorborev, and the fledgling State Oil industry began to establish its own army.

#### Pacific Rim: Japan -

- The "Bald Hill" political scandal: Sixty percent of the Diet from all parties, including ministers and the Prime Minister himself (but excluding the Communist) were arrested by the civilian police for bribery.
- The conflict between Arasaka/Right-wing/SDF versus FACS/Bureaucracy rises to the surface.
- Hordes of SDF members decide to leave the hobbled Forces. Arasaka quickly recruits 95% of them for their new Army.

Pacific Rim: China -

- Hong Kong officially reverts from Britain to China. There are no celebrations, as China is in the middle of a civil war.
- MidEast Meltdown sends Moslem tribesmen over the border from irradiated areas into Western China.

Pacific Rim: Australia -

- MidEast Meltdown: Australian economy rallies slightly as oil prices rise dramatically.
- In suburbs of Melbourne, Greeks and Turks riot as protests get out of hand and several square kilometers of inner city suburbs are burned to the ground by a fire started during the riots.

Middle East -

- The nuclear exchange shattered the nation states of most of the Arab world. Israel's experimental particle beams defences saved it from the relatively few warheads coming its way, while Egypt and Syria's rather more primitive defences were augmented by realtime target telemetry from US and Soviet satellites, respectively.

Space Timeline -

- Construction of Tycho/Luna colony begun.

1998 -----

World Timeline -

- Neo-Luddite terrorists strike industrial targets.
- ESA Hireout.
- US and EEC reach agreement to dissolve the trade embargoes of 1997.
- Drought strikes Mid West United States.

United States -

- Neo-Luddites re-established in western kentucky. Over the next ten years, the "Luds" are responsible for bombings of airports, factories, freeways and mass transit terminals.
- The drought of '98 reduces most of the midwest to parched grasslands. Between agribusiness corps and drought, the family farm all but disappears.
- Los Angeles is devastated by an earthquake, flooding many miles of coastal property (ocean innundates 35% of the city), that leaves Northern California almost untouched. Some seventy thousand die immediately, between one hundred and two hundred thousand within days. Over three million are homeless or starving. Total losses are estimated in the range of two hundred and fifty billion eurodollars! Eight amusement parks are destroyed in post-quake riots. US government unable to fund relief efforts.
- Construction of the Intercontinental Maglev System is begun. In a last minute change, the western terminus is moved from LA to Night City.
- Emergency Welfare Relocation Program ends as a total failure.

NeoSoviet Union -

- Formation of the Soviet State Oil Industries was completed. All of the oil producing, refining and transporting resources of the republics were firmly under the control of the State Oil Subcommittee (In the West, the agency became known by SovOil) and under the protection of the Oil Security Forces.

Pacific Rim: Japan -

- Tokio Railroad companies finish the construction of linear-rail lines.

Pacific Rim: Indonesia -

- President Suharto dies. Factions start infighting.

Africa -

- Rwanda collapses under civil war, UN refuses to place more peace-keeping troops.

Space Timeline -

- ESA Hireout: Entire African townships were brought into orbit, trained and put to work. ESA took control of LEO for manufacturing and colonization.

1999 -----

World Timeline -

- Millennium cults appear, predicting an apocalypse on Jan 1, 2000. Thousands migrate to isolated communes and temples to "await the end".
- Tycho Moon Colony established by ESA. A massdriver is constructed to provide raw materials for orbital platforms.
- EEC prevails in face of collapse of US economy.
- The Second Korean War begins. The South claims that the North violated airspace. No foreign radar picked up any activity.

United States -

- Federal Weapons Statute established; rioting drops up to 30% in some urban areas as America re-arms herself. The new "gun ethic" established.
- The Federal Government opens the bidding for a contract to salvage and rebuild Los Angeles. A bitter feud begins when the Jodes are awarded the contract over the regionally local Aldecaldo family. A series of skirmishes between the two clans is reported; no federal action is taken. The Jodes begin reconstruction of Los Angeles.
- The Bloods, formerly a Miami gang and now nomads, take over "The Greatest Show on Earth".
- An American SDI Satellite destroyed a Korean ballistic missile as it flew towards Japan. US Officials said the medium-range missile was carrying a nuclear warhead, requiring US intervention, although the Korean government denied that claim.

Pacific Rim: Japan -

- The Korean War brings tension, but also prosperity. Under the threat of the North's "Nodong 13" nuclear missile, Arasaka's "Family Kabuto" personal shelter made record sales.
- The JR railroad company tried to build a big 40 story hotel center on the main station of Tokyo. It was sabotaged and blown up three times before the company gave up.

Pacific Rim: China -

- Hong Kong riots: MLC agitators take to the streets in battles with Triads and Corporate security firms. Many corps pull out of Hong Kong. Martial Law is declared.

2000 -----

World Timeline -

- Millennium cults run amok on Jan. 1. In an orgy of suicide and violence, most destroy themselves.
- First "extended family" posergangs established: Cheap plastic surgery sees the first "posergangs" in Japan; the trend soon moves to the US and Europe.

- Crystal Palace space station begun at L-1.
- Sydney's attempt to stage Olympic Games fails due to bankruptcy and boycotts by nations supporting Aboriginal cause. New Zealand is one of the boycotting countries.
- Second Korean War: US, Japan and Neo-Soviet Union take neutral stance on the surface. In reality, Cold War lines are redrawn, and behind-the-scenes aid is supplied, but sides are too evenly matched. The war becomes a stalemate.
- Wasting plague (viral streptococcus) hits United States, England, and Africa, killing hundreds of thousands in the first few months.
- The Aldecaldo Clan begins the reconstruction of Mexico City.

EuroTheatre -

- Wasting Plague: Biowar labs at Neustreliz are the first to come up with a partial inoculation.

United States -

- Massive firestorms rage over Northwestern US, destroying millions of acres of farm and grassland (the last old-growth forest).
- Parker Petrochemicals had set up a licensing agreement with the infant Italian genetic engineering firm, Biotechnica. Parker Petrochemicals had become the only company in the United States permitted to commercially grow the genetically-altered wheat *Triticum Vulgaris Megasuavis*, a high-sugar grain which was fermented and catalyzed to produce the synthetic alcohol fuel, CHOOH<sub>2</sub>.
- The Bloods leave Florida for their first "National Tour".

Pacific Rim: Japan -

- A government official quoted as saying, "In the long run, the Korean War will only benefit us." is discharged.
- The Tokyo Bay Crossway (aka, The Bridge) is built. It consists of 10 Km of underwater tunnels and 5 km of bridge crossing the bay.

Pacific Rim: Australia -

- ESA/Orbital Air purchases large portion of Cape York Peninsula for construction of a spaceport. Environmental activists violently protest the destruction of vast areas of rainforest.

Space Timeline -

- Construction of Crystal Palace (L-1) begun.

2001 -----

World Timeline -

- ISDN II protocol ratified as national standard by EEC and Japan. Pan African Alliance declines, but later parts of Africa will install ISDN II lines. US also adopts late, blaming lack of economic viability.
- WorldSat satellite network brings Internet Service to communities globally.
- United Kingdom struggles under the shadow of the EEC; military coup disbands the monarchy. Imposition of Martial Law.

EuroTheatre: United Kingdom -

- Operation Cromwell is launched by D.I.5 (the Security Service) immediately after the short-lived anti-MLA (Martial Law Authority) revolt led by King Charles III, the Royal Marines (later disbanded) and local loyalist. The monarchy is quietly disbanded.

United States -

- The salvage of Los Angeles is completed. Three nomad clans successfully bid construction jobs (including small elements of the

Jodes), but most of the Jodes organization are out of work.

Pacific Rim: Japan -

- Revival of Stanley Kubric's movie sparks space fever.

Pacific Rim: Australian -

- Collapse of the British monarchy and the imposition of Martial Law in England removes the last objection by Monarchists to the formation of the Federal Republic of Australia. The new Republic's constitution does little to address Aboriginal land problems. Koorie Nationalist Front becomes the first of several native groups to take up arms to fight for an independent Aboriginal homeland and the return of sacred lands to their traditional owners.
- Western Australian secedes from the Federal Republic declaring itself to be the Republic of West Australia. Sales of mining rights and vigorous expansion (in conjunction with Indonesia) of the North West Shelf oil fields makes West Australia quite wealthy over the next decade.
- Brief naval encounter at North West Shelf oilfield between Australians, Indonesians and Arasaka-backed West Australians.

2002 -----

World Timeline -

- Food Crash: cereal virus wipes out Canadian and Russian crops. US Agribusiness crops survive due to new biological counteragent. Russia accuses US of biological warfare. The food crash sends rice prices skyrocketing. SEA countries make a fortune on rice, seafoods and synthetic foods.

United States -

- Food Crash: Most of the US is untouched. Huge sections of the Pacific Northwest are tilled over to farmland. The Jodes go back to agricultural labor for a time.
- While touring the country trying to deal with the Wasting Plague, Perry is shot and killed by rioters in Atlanta. General William Newell, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, takes his place, halting the NSA investigation Perry began in 1997.
- New Privacy Act.
- December, 5. The Supreme Court, by unanimous vote, approved criminal reconditioning for certain "anti-social" crimes.

NeoSoviet Union -

- The year of the great Soviet corporate rebellion: SovOil were seceding from Central Committee control and going private. Gorborev and the Central Committee were enraged, and ordered USSR forces from the various republics to seize SovOil resources and installations: the weak and uncoordinated republic troops were unable to wrest control of the installations from the well-led SovOil Black Berets.
- Byelorussian delegate Igor Starobin was elected to the Presidency. Novikovo, Chairman of SovOil, proposed that the Corporation continue to serve State interests and develop State resources, and be allowed to operate freely across all of the republics. In return for autonomy, the company would no longer require state money for operation, and it would compensate the oil-rich republics for drilling rights and cooperate with their governments.

Pacific Rim -

- Food Crash: Southern China, Japan, Thailand and Vietnam make record profits exporting rice, seafoods, and synthetic foods.

Pacific Rim: Japan -

- Honda merges and reorganizes with several other car companies.
- With the aid of FACS, JAB (Japan AeroSpace Bureau) is established, based on the remains of the previous NASDA (National AeroSpace Development Agency) from the Ministry of Science and Technology.
- Construction of HighTech LTD. floating city begins (starting with the spaceport).

Pacific Rim: China -

- Food Crash: The north of China becomes deserted as everyone flees to the embattled South.
- Renewed vigor in the civil war, as both the PLA (People's Liberation Army) and the MLC make money selling rice, seafood and artificial foods at inflated prices.
- The PLA forms a Bio-Research center to try and neutralize the plague.

Pacific Rim: Australia -

- Food Crash wipes out most of Australia's grain crops. In New South Wales Angus Youngblood, anticipating the development of resistant strains, buys vast areas of farmland at bargain prices.
- Tasmania quarantined in an effort to keep virus from spreading there.

Pacific Rim: New Zealand -

- NZ begins its self-sufficiency programs, and doesn't export or import any food.

Space Timeline -

- Copernicus/Luna colony founded.

2003 -----

World Timeline -

- Second South-Am War: US invades Columbia, Ecuador, Peru, Venezuela. The war is a disaster that costs thousands of american lives.
- Golden Triangle: DEA tailored virus attack wipes out the poppy farms and the local economies. The warlords decide to switch drugs, and smuggling/Merc services.
- Hong Kong falls to the MLC, sending thousands of Chinese refugees overseas.

United States -

- Overcommitted and under-equipped, US forces suffer disastrous losses in the Second South-Am Conflict and various insurrections in Eastern Europe and North Africa.
- CNN Investigative journalist Tesla Johanneson reveals secret NSA tapes from the first Central American conflict, which expose the maneuverings and corruption of the Gang of Four.
- General Newell forces SOC testimony that indicts NSA in the planning and execution of 13 highly placed government officials, including President and President Perry. Newell begins efforts to eliminate the NSA, including co-opting many CIA operatives to work as plants within the Gang of Four for the government.

Pacific Rim: Japan -

- Sugo Manufacturing merges with Mitsubishi-Koridansu, and emerges as Mitsubishi-Sugo. The new corp starts building AFVs and tanks, as well as cars.
- Corporate cities begin to emerge from local cities and towns.

Pacific Rim: Cambodia -

- Army drives the Khemer Rouge out of Cambodia, into Laos.

Pacific Rim: Laos -  
- Khmer Rouge deposes the government.

Pacific Rim: Australia -  
- Demolition of the old Sydney Harbour Bridge by terrorist group KNF.

Pacific Rim: New Zealand -  
- Hong Kong refugees start flooding into NZ (2003-2007).

2004 -----

World Timeline -  
- Microsutures, sterilizer fields developed.  
- Tesla Johanneson assassinated in Cairo.  
- Hostile takeover bid becomes violent conflict between EBM and European Orbital Air Corporation; this short but bloody fight is dubbed the first "Corporate War".  
- Most nations had either recognized the Eurodollar as an official currency.  
- Ford and General Motors both announced that they would begin manufacturing automobiles equipped with CHOOH2-burning engines. Other automotice giants had soon followed suit.

United States -  
- Gang of Four swept away on a bloody wave of reform, as Army-CIA counter coup ensues.

Pacific Rim -  
- Thomas Matthews, WNS Special Correspondent, reports participation by Arasaka troops in the 2nd Korean War. Both Japanese government and General I deny the reports.  
- Golden Triangle drug plantations nearly wiped out by DEA virus attack.

Pacific Rim: S.Korea -  
- General I Ryong Yon gains control of South Korea in a coup. I declares his military junta "United Korea", and his private army takes control of sympathetic national army.  
- I HoTong, General I's brother, leads a bombing raid on Subunho dam. Its destruction cripples China's ability to aid the North.

First Corporate War -  
- (AUG, New York) Transworld Air faces bankruptcy. EBM offers a buyout, but is thwarted by a Transworld proxy fight.  
- (SEPT, Nairobi) Orbital Air becomes Transworld's "white Knight". EBM hired Corsican team kidnaps and kills OA negotiation team.  
- (OCT) Massive worldwide database attack on EBM. OA piracy against EBM also beigns.

Clone Development -  
- First human clone tissue grown in-vitro (Stage Two) at Johns Hopkins by a young Ph.D. candidate named Francis Holliday Young.

Space Timeline -  
- The NASA "Galileo" Space station is finally abandoned.

2005 -----

World Timeline -  
- First generation "goggles and gloves" cybermodem invented.

- US military forces and EDF are experimenting with fully cybernetic body conversions. Cyberpsychosis is identified and diagnosed.
- EBM hired mercenaries perform first hostile "extraction"; taking gifted programmer Yosef Kamir from Kenjiri Technologies, killing 3, wounding 15.
- Colombian Medellin Drug Cartel explodes a messy low-yield nuclear device near US Troop Base Arcadia, near Bogota, killing hundreds.
- End of Second Korean War. The United Republic of Korea is born. General I is elected as the first president of the new country.
- Operation Big Stick: first military destruction of a Corporation. The Mantoga Corp is wiped out of US by Abril 2006.

#### United States -

- The Los Angeles construction contracts are completed and most of the nomad community leaves southern California.
- Operation Big Stick: On November 5, 2005, Presidential appointee Henry Jacobi was assassinated. Evidence strongly pointed to Mantoga Inc. involvement and instigation, and on November 17, 2005, the corporation was given four hours to completely pull out of the US. This ultimatum was ignored by the corporation... to its sorrow. Exactly four hours after the issue of the ultimatum, Army forces moved on all Mantoga, Inc facilities, destroying every Mantoga office with concerted air strikes (the most impressive being a pinpoint attack on the Mantoga office located in a Chicago suburb; a single air-dropped burrowing bomb shattered the entire office building with the surgical precision of a planned demolition), and overrunning all storage and factory facilities with troops, armor and artillery. The operation took twelve hours, including mopping up. Intelligence operatives and covert military direct-action units followed up, pursuing and killing Mantoga employees and operatives who escape the country.

#### NeoSoviet Union -

- Dissent was spreading through the fractious USSR republics. The Central Committee began to lose control of the Union. Realizing that a breakup of the new Union would threaten SovOil, Novikovo began a covert program of political involvement. Over the course of the next two years, SovOil secretly became the major unifying force in the USSR.

#### Pacific Rim: Japan -

- During the First Corporate War (2004-2006), FACS member Nakamura Mamoru Ltd., invests massive capital in EBM.

#### Pacific Rim: United Korea -

- Victory for General I. The United Republic of Korea is born. General I is elected as the first president of the new country.
- During a press conference (to deny rumors of an Arasaka alliance) at Ch'ongwat'ae palace, I and hundreds of media (and others) are killed by a bomb blast that levels the building. That same day, I HoTong is shot down in his F-16 by Korean Air Force pursuers, on his way to China. His F-16 crashes on Chinese soil and his body is never found. His reasons for fleeing to China remain a mystery.
- Korea elects as new president, national war hero General Park.

#### Pacific Rim: China -

- MLC effectively controls all of Southern China.
- Second Korean War ends, depriving China of one of its markets.

#### First Corporate War -

- (JAN) After months of EBM attacks, OA cuts traffic to EBM orbital facility.

- (FEB, Denver) First Continental enters conflict on OA side.
- (APRIL, Zurich) In response to EBM attack on OA's Primus Station, ESA grounds both companies.
- (JULY) Exhausted by war, both sides negotiate a 3 month truce.
- (NOV) The war resumes with even higher intensity.

#### Clone Development -

- An Italian research team publishes a paper announcing the pre-morphogenesis of cloned human tissue.

#### Space Timeline -

- Construction on Crystal Palace delayed as Orbital Air plunges resources into defense of Transworld against EBM. A stalemate results.
- First Corporate War: EBM solos attempt a temporary hijacking of an OA workstation to trade for it's blockaded EBM facility. Though use of mercenaries from Militech, OA takes the EBM station in an ugly battle with high non-combatant casualties. For this action, the EuroSpace Agency (ESA) calls both sides on the carpet, threatening the immediate grounding of all corporate space traffic if hostilities continued in orbit. The remainder of the war is fought on the ground.

### 2006 -----

#### World Timeline -

- First fully human clone grown in vitro. Totally mindless, it lives only six hours.
- Ultra SQuID sensors make possible practical application of magnetic field anti-personnel sensors.

#### EuroTheatre -

- The Danzing Corridor, a coastal strip reaching the formerly polish city of Gdansk/Danzing, is annexed (taken under EC stewardship) by Germany, and is still subject to sporadic unrest.

#### United States -

- US corporation MedTronic wins government contract to provide state of the art cybernetic prosthetic limbs to US soldiers injured during war. Full cyberlimbs are now in use with all US military forces.
- First USAF pilots equipped with interface cables; which soon become standard equipment among drivers and pilots both.
- Paker Petrochemicals, now Petrochem, tried to arrange a deal with SovOil. Under the terms of the deal, the company would get pumping rights in Siberia in return for helping SovOil to develop better pumping technology of its own. The deal fell through when SovOil developed its own pumping and exploration techniques. Petrochem turned to the South China Sea instead, establishing several successful company drilling and pumping operations.
- (April 3, 2006) Operation Big Stick was officially closed when the last Mantoga Inc administrator was assassinated in Bonn, Germany.

#### NeoSoviet Union -

- SovOil began producing CHOOH2 under license from Biotechnica. Unfortunately, it was unable to import refining technology from the USA, and had to develop its own purification systems. The final product was inferior to Petrochem CHOOH2, but it worked.
- Some huge Siberian oil resources were still untapped due to technological deficiencies in the USSR. Petrochem made a proposal to supply SovOil with updated drilling, pumping and CHOOH2 technology in return for partial drilling rights. SovOil cancelled the deal at the last moment and announced a breakthrough in drilling technology

that would make American systems redundant.

Pacific Rim: United Korea -

- The military and police are reorganized along the lines of the new American military.

Pacific Rim: Vietnam -

- Joins ASEAN (Association of South-East Asian Nations).

First Corporate War -

- (JAN, Bavaria) Operation High Thunder: OA teams kidnap EBM chairman.
- (FEB, Paris) War officially end with Paris Accords.

Clone Development -

- First morphogenic human clones; Stage Three gastrulae that die after just a few hours.

2007 -----

World Timeline -

- Second corporate war: involving a number of firms including Petrochem, the dispute is over oilfields in the south china sea.
- Exxon clashes with Malaysian government over drilling rights in the South China Sea.
- SimStim (Braindance) developed at UC Santa Cruz.

United States -

- The Alternative Reality Process (Braindance) is invented by Yuriko Sujimoto, a graduate student at the University of California at Santa Cruz. Using a extrapolated Moss equation, the basis for neural responde translation, and a Netrunner interface as a base, Sujimoto managed to record her thoughts, emotions, and physical sensations into a standard information chip. When she plugged the chip back into a modified cybermoden, Sujimoto was able to experience what she had recorded in exact detail.

NeoSoviet Union -

- Already heated tensions rose as SovOil and Petrochem began exploring oil resources in the South China Sea. New SovOil Security Forces Commander Lupold Korepino sent heavy reinforcements to SovOil installations in the area and prepared for the worst.

Pacific Rim:

- Discovery of previously unknown, potentially gigantic, oil fields in the international waters of the South China Sea. Geological surveys by SovOil and Petrochem yielded similar results at the same time, and both corporations, along with several smaller competitors, began exploration and experitmental drilling in the region. With no nation arbitrating, the race to stake claims in the area turned into a free-for-all. Immediately, each corporation accused the other of encroachment and sabotage.
- The Djakarta Conference: Leader from SovOil and Petrochem corporations convened in Djakarta, Indonesia, along with high-ranking delegates from surrounding nations. The Djakarta conference was intended to allow the two corporations to peacefully parcel the area, and avoid armed conflict. Both corporations signed the agreement, which was also a non-agression pact.

Pacific Rim: China -

- MLC enters Hong Kong in force and start the pogroms.
- Mongolia and Northern China food riots break out among those who were forced by the government to stay.

Pacific Rim: New Zealand -

- NZ legalizes Marijuana. Starts using it for textiles, fuel, and many others things.

2008 -----

World Timeline -

- USAF attacks Russian space platform MIR XIII. ESA (European Space Agency) intervenes. A short and pitched battle breaks out between the Air Force and the Euros; a mass-driver launched rock hits Colorado Springs, forcing the uneasy peace.
- The 2008 Winter Olympics were permanently canceled.
- The Second Corporative War (2008-2010) takes place in the South China Sea between Petrochem and SovOil. By attacking despite the threats of the Djakarta Conference nations, SovOil set a new world precedent by being the first corporation to openly defy a national (or several national) government. China, formerly the major claimant to the Spratlys, is too tied up in the MLC war to do anything. Pollution fallout destroys thousands of miles of coastline in Vietnam, Malaysia and the Philippines, as well as destroying millions of people's livelihoods.
- Taiwan officially declares permanent independence from the mainland, hires Arasaka to retrain their military. Again, China is still too involved in internal problems.

United States -

- China-US Mutual Aid Pact.
- Orbital War: December 22nd, 4:33 PM. 15 tons of nickel and iron moving at nearly fourteen miles per second streaked out of the twilight skies and hit the center of town. It had been targeted at SAC/NORAD in Omaha, but deflected by hidden thrusters at the last minute and retargeted at Colorado Springs. In one tenth of a second, Colorado Spring became a crater two miles across, and a hundred thousand people became ghosts. The next city, Tampa. American military commanders heaved a sigh of relief.
- US Government is reformed and reorganized; first post-martial law elections held.
- The Transcontinental MagLev System is completed.
- After months of escalation, tensions between Petrochem and SovOil finally exploted in the South China Sea as the two corporations competed for drilling space in the oil fields.
- Upon receiving her PhD from Santa Cruz, Sujimoto went to work for the State of California as a research in penal reform. With the introduction of the Braindance, psychological reconditioning could be rendered cheaply and effectively removing prisiones from the prision population.
- Second Homestead Act begins; an attempt to repopulate the abandoned Southwest. Some Nomad families see this as another gov't attempt to shut down the lifestyle.

NeoSoviet Union -

- The tensions come to a head, as open hostilities began between Petrochem and SovOil forces. Three years of bitter fighting followed, in one of the bloodiest corporate conflicts ever. Several smaller corporations were also dragged into the conflict. Some didn't emerge intact.

Pacific Rim: China -

- General Jiang Xiaxi is elected to the head of the Chinese Communist Party, and signs the 2008 China-US Mutual Aid Pact.
- Militech buys into a joint-venture with CITIC.

Pacific Rim: Australia -

- Orbital War: During Euro-American orbital conflict Tycho massdriver fires rocks at strategic US targets on Earth. The near miss at Pine Gap, a communications and tracking station crucial to coordinating US military space traffic, destroys the town of Alice Springs with the loss of nearly 25000 lives. The Australian Government threatened to take action against the Euros (The Euros asking what kind of actions).
- Orbital Air/ESA began this trend by purchasing Hayman Island in a deal that gave the island independent sovereign status, exempting Orbital Air management from any possible legal interference form Australian Government.

Second Corporate War -

- Tuesday, March 18. 2:34 AM. Petrochem offshore oil platform Sabina Bravo exploded into flames, killing all 173 personnel on board and completely destroying 22 well heads. A three-hundred meter geyser of flame shot into the air. The glow was visible from Palwan Island in the Philippines, 240Km away. Underwater, crude oil began to spill from ruptured pipelines into the still pristine waters of the Spratly Archipelago. Petrochem immediately accused SovOil of sabotaging Sabina Bravo with an underwater device. SovOil denied all allegations, and, in turn, accused Petrochem of trying to blame them for their own technical and safety failings (which, ironically, it later proved to be an accident).
- April 1st. Operating form a long-range minisub, Petrochem divers planted special explosives at the base of two of Thitu One's three concrete legs. Two hours later, the explosives went off, and Thitu tipped into the ocean. 113 of 144 personnel were killed. There was no fire, but hundreds of millions of liters of crude oil discharged into the sea. The minisub carrying Petrochem's troops was detected and captured intact, and SovOil investigators discovered enough evidence to prove that the sub was responsible for the destruction of Thitu One, and substantiate their suspicion that Petrochem was reponsible.
- April 8th. 4:42 AM. SovOil aircraft struck simultaneourly at several Petrochem platforms and pipelines. Within a few weeks, 75% of both corporation's South China basin oil pumping and refining capabilities had been destroyed. Much of the once-beautiful sea was reduced to a toxic, lifeless, marine desert.

Space Timeline -

- Euro-American Conflitc runs for only a few weeks before ESA destroys many strategic US offensive positions by hurling Luna rock via the Tycho massdriver.

2009 -----

World Timeline -

- Joint Euro-Soviet mission to Mars departs.
- Big Ben, famed London attraction, destroyed.
- Ex-NSA elements attempt a terrorist action on Crystal Palace; ESA drops another rock just west of Washington, DC as a warning.
- ASEAN disbands.
- Cyberleague Football competition developed by a media consortium and contested by corporate sponsored teams.

EuroTheatre: United Kingdom -

- A tanker accident in the isle of Wight (United Kingdom) left the entire island unfit for human inhabitation for three years before a not entirely successful clean up operation brought things to some

semblance of bio-normality. The MLA (Martial Law Authority) stepped in and took over the area for use as its one, centralized, penitentiary.

- An IRA team infiltrated Big Ben and, after extrategically planting several hundred pounds of high explosive which destroyed the famed London attraction, claimed responsibility for the act.
- When the MLA awarded the contract for policing Belfast to Arasaka it was only a matter of weeks before they realized that they had bitten off more than even they could chew. When the head of Arasaka's local branch and his family were kidnapped, it was the SAS that got them out. The Arasaka facilities were destroyed by firebombs shortly afterwards.

#### United States -

- Corporation eradicate Mob rule in Night City after years of corruption.
- Abortive takeover attempt by US "Terrorist Group" of Crystal Palace construction. ESA discovers defence intelligence plot and drops 12 ton rock off Washinton as a warning.
- The Braindance is introduced into the San Quintin Correctional Facility.
- Harold D. MacLeroy, a convicted mass murderer, was due to be executed by the State of California when he made an unusual request: If the State of California would give compensations to his family, then MacLeroy would allow himself to be killed while recreating one of the scripted crimes of Sujimoto.

#### NeoSoviet Union -

- While on an inspection trip to the war zone, Anatoly Novikovo, Chairman and President of SovOil and revered father of the company, was killed in a surprise Petrochem attack.

#### Pacific Rim: Japan -

- Net Wizard Janice A. Grubb is enticed away from Kenjiri Technologies by Internet.
- A Korean terrorist group, led by someone using he name "I HoTong" stars attacking Japanese corporate installations.

#### Pacific Rim: Indonesia -

- Invades and conquers Papua New Guinea, renaming it "East Irian Jaya".

#### Pacific Rim: Australia -

- Indonesia invades Papua New Guinea. Australian Government decides not to send troops, favoring diplomatic means of persuading Indonesians to leave. Larger military forces are moved to Darwin and North Queensland in case of Indonesian invasion of Australia.

#### Pacific Rim: New Zealand -

- Papua New Guinea's government-in-exile sets up in Wellington.

#### Second Corporate War -

- Djakarta Conference participants scrambled frantically to arrange a cease fire. Soon, however, the war began to have direct repercussions on the nations, and sentiments changed from trying to negotiate a peacegul settlement to exacting retribution for corporate attacks on land-based refineries and terminals, and for the death for the regional fishing and aquaculture industries.
- The international tensions crystallized into disaster when the Malasyan government announced that it was going to abandon a unified front and support Petrochem, which was basing all of its South China Basin operations on the eastern Malaysian province of Sarawak. The Philippines and Vietnam first accused Malaysia of selling out the

region to Corporate interests, and then, in a 180o swing, announced that they were going to support SovOil, which was basing its operations on their soil. Indonesia and China, officially renounced the Djakarta Conference, frustrated at the turn of events.

- Petrochem had a string of unexpected successes. It started when an attack planned by Admiral Sawyer (USN, Ret.) caught SovOil at the wrong time, allowing Petrochem naval forces to seize a chain of islands along the eastern side of the Spratly Archipelago. This enabled Petrochem to drive a critical wedge between SovOil's forces in the Spratly islands and their supply depots on Palawan. This was followed by surgical air strikes against key SovOil bases in southern Vietnam.
- Petrochem's Spies learned of a secret inspection visit planned by SovOil founder and leader Anatoly Novikovo. Recognizing a key opportunity, Petrochem planned an air sortie to intercept Novikovo's tiltrotor flight from Nha Trang to SovOil's offshore command post on Flat Island. On octobe 15, at 3:21 in the afternoon, a flight of Petrochem interceptros engaged the fighter CAP protecting Novikovo's ferry aircraft. Ten minutes later, Novikovo's SU-441 tiltrotor transport plunged into the ocean, shot down by a missile fired from a Mirage fighter on loan to Petrochem from the Malaysian Government. There were no survivors. Petrochem attempted to capitalize on SovOil's temporary disarray, and ordered massive attacks all along the Spratly front, and on several key Philippine and Vietnamese bases. Most of the strike were failures.

#### Clone Development -

- Francis Young quietly leaves academia for a job with the Biotechnica Corporation, who promise him unlimited funding and resources, and full credit for his achievements in return for patent rights on anything he creates.

#### Space Timeline -

- ESA/Sov Mars mission departs.
- Abortive takeover attempt at Crystal Palace by US Intelligence. The ESA drops a twelve ton rock off DC as a warning.

2010 -----

#### World Timeline -

- End of Central American conflict.
- End of Second Corporate War.

#### EuroTheatre -

- Italian Government passed a law allowing mass land confiscations and their sale to corporations, in return for guaranteed work and servicies for the local populations and steady tax revenues for the State.
- The Sixth Republic collapse, marginalizad by its people. The Seventh Republic is, by contrast, a masterpiece of infotech democracy and demagoguery.

#### United States -

- End of Central American conflict: Thousands of cybered vets return to cities left in shambles from years of rioting and martial law. The US Government, almost totally bankrupt, simply maroons over a million nomads and so-called civilian contractors.
- The Long Walk begins.
- Food Riots leave 52 dead in Denver, with similar riots elsewhere in US.
- The New Homestead Act is shut down and considered a failure. Most areas opened to the public require vastly more infrastructure

- support than could be provided.
- Network 54 faces monopoly charges, controlling over 62% of all media in the US, and 33% worldwide.

Pacific Rim:

- End of Second Corporate War: Petrochem had lost, and SovOil became the sole drilling power in the region. There was never any formal surrender.

Pacific Rim: Japan -

- Mitsubishi-Sugo develops prototype ACPA for the SDF. Soldiers nickname it "Kakashi" (Scarecrow).
- Law and order had declined so much that an AutoDefense System is installed to prevent terrorist attacks on the Tokyo Bay Crossway. This is an upgrade of the original AutoMaintenance System. Guard robots moving through the small maintenance ducts are deemed powerful enough to stifle terrorist.

Pacific Rim: China -

- Corps and Triads in Hong Kong-Victoria make an alliance against their common foe, the MLC, which has complete control of the former colony up to Kowloon bay.

Pacific Rim: Australia -

- The Ecoterrorist group EcoAction starts a campaign against Spaceports and other large construction projects in the region.

Second Corporate War -

- After the failure of Petrochem's masterstroke, SovOil marshalled his forces, and began the nine-month southward advance that would end only when Petrochem forces conceded defeat, and evacuated the South China Basin in an historic four day airlift from Bintulu airport on Sarawak. SovOil had seized control of all of the oil resources in the South China Sea.
- In a masterstroke of diplomacy, SovOil negotiators hammered out an agreement with the government of Malaysia officially reestablishing a commercial relationship, and giving the corporation the right to lease land for refineries and other facilities.
- SovOil made half-hearted attempts at a postwar cleanup of the petroleum flooded into the sea, but after several months eventually abandoned all efforts as futile. As part of its post-war lease agreements with the stricken countries, SovOil payed reparations for the fishing village, industries and tourist trade wiped out by the war. Reparation payments expired in 2015.

Space Timeline -

- O'Neill One (L-5) construction begins.

2011 -----

World Timeline -

- First visual-sensory interface appears for the Net, using both SimStim and USAF pilot interface technology.
- July, 3. Bryan LeShawn dove to 12645ft. in the deepest independent suit dive ever recorded.
- Second generation cybermodems appear.
- Cyberleague Football: An entire Militech sponsored team is used to field-test a prototype linear frame and their opponents are all hospitalized without scoring by the end of the first quarter.
- Crystal Palace is completed. ESA now has a permanent hold in high orbit zone.
- ESA/Soviet mission reaches Mars.

United States -

- A large group of renegade civilian contractors, under the leadership of Jon Meta, hijack several ships and an abandoned oil platform in the Gulf of Mexico. Pirates call the flotilla MetaKey.

Pacific Rim: Japan -

- Oppositing corporates take their warfare onto the main roads that link their cities. Along with corporate sabotage, many Bosozoku gangs raid long-range trucks and mail transport. People begin to rely entirely on the Net or on Fax machines for personal mail.

Pacific Rim: Philippines -

- President Ramos is killed; President Aguilar is elected, promises new constitution.

Pacific Rim: Australia -

- Experimental nanotech package designed to clean up radioactive contamination grows out of control at Maralinga in South Australia. European nanotech engineers go back to the drawing board, but don't offer any solutions to the massive and potentially dangerous growth in the desert.

Clone Development -

- Respected biochemist and Nobel laureate Edwin C. Poole publishes a monograph in which he states that there will never be Stage Seven human clones (Perfect Human Clones: Self-aware, self-viable, and indistinguishable from natural human)

Space Timeline -

- Crystal Palace opened.
- ESA/SOV mission arrives on Mars.
- Construction of Galileo (L-3) and Paradise Station (L-4) colonies begins.

2012 -----

World Timeline -

- First viable nanotech developed jointly by Euro and Japanese labs.
- Restoration of Queen Victoria the Second.

EuroTheatre -

- United Kingdom: A small intelligence unit produce a report that detailed the activities of an organization they called "The Cartel". It is a name for want of any other, for D.I.5 has no idea exactly what the Cartel is. Any attempts to trace back rumors of Cartel operation always drew a blank. Whoever is behind the Cartel obviously has the money and the influence to cloak their presence.
- Restoration of Queen Victoria II in United Kingdom.

United States -

- Genetically engineered bioplague escapes lab in Chicago, causing wide scale panic and killing 1700+ over the course of 3 months. NewGenix, the creator corporation, is tried and convicted for conspiracy to commit mass murder. Later that year the Federal Government begins construction of the Chicago Port Facility. For the first time, the structure is totally designed by, and built by, Nomads.
- The Long Walk ends. About 10% of the reported half a million who started the walk survive. Exact figures are impossible to calculate.
- Riots following a Johnny Silverhand concert in Del Coronado kill 104, injuring 600 or more. Arasaka complex gutted.

Pacific Rim: Japan -

- Nagoya Transportation begins to use taser-equipped trucks and AVs for business.
- Several people were arrested and sentenced to death for Stinger missile attacks on passing airplanes in Tokyo.

Pacific Rim: Philippines -

- President Aguilar is killed for cheating in the election. President Lopez is killed on his way to the inauguration.

Clone Development -

- There is a large shift in clone research away from academic institutions and into the private sector.

2013 -----

World Timeline -

- Netwatch established by joint US-EEC treaty.
- Cloned replacement limbs are now available.
- First AI becomes "sentient" at MIT computer lab (developed at Microtech's Sunnyvale, CA. facility) after 15 years of research.
- Commercial braindance units appear in clubs and bars.
- The Mexico City rebuilding is completed.

EuroTheatre: United Kingdom -

- The Scottish Uprising (2013-2018): The Scottish nationalist movement was at its most active and a state of undeclared war between England and Scotland. The MLA sent thousands of troops north in a massive effort to suppress the Scots people and in order to protect their massive investments in oil and industry.

United States -

- Braindance superstar Sherri Glass is set up for a spectacular "accidental" on-camera death by her ambitious producer, Ron Gollard. With her contract about to expire, the temperamental star is planning a jump from Tadashi/Gilberto LTD to DMS. DMS solos, planted in the Glass filmcrew as bodyguards, discovered tampered brake lines moments before Glass was about to perform her now famous Banzai Run braindance.
- John Silverhand, Rogue, Santiago and Thompson all go into hiding with the help of the Nomad Community, specially the Aldecaldo Clan.
- The Tribulations (2013-2015): The combination of a more competitive nomad economy and the influx of new nomads from the Long Walk lead to increase government attention (and pressure).

Pacific Rim: Japan -

- Arasaka has a brief conflict with Chinese Triad boss Big Len before finalizing alliance to fight MLC in Hong Kong.
- After pressure by FACS, Japanese Government grants special licenses to Express Mail companies to use live ammo for defense.
- Showa-Tenno (The God-Emperor of Japan) "travel to the Eternal World". Shinka-Tenno ascends to the throne, and the "New Age of Nippon" begins.

Pacific Rim: China -

- Hua Yuchi assassinated by a CyberSquad.
- Hong Kong: Neo-HK Army raced across Victoria Harbor and fought their way through Kowloon. They did find long-standing pockets of resistance to the MLC, such as the Walled City.
- Brief dispute between Arasaka and Triad boss Big Len, before

invasion of Kowloon.

Pacific Rim: Philippines -

- President Tiapan is elected and stays in power. The rebels (NPA, or New People's Army) are pushed back, away from Manila, to their home territories by SovOil troops, who also make up the bulk of the Presidential Guard.

Pacific Rim: Australia -

- Youngblood family sells its land holdings to Petrochem in exchange for much Petrochem stock, a place on the Board of Directors and more cash than you've ever seen. Petrochem begins mass purchasing of farms and unoccupied land in outback New South Wales for CHOOH2 production.

Clone Development -

- Stage Four clone limbs (Neural development) are perfected, but the techniques can't be used to create self-viable human clones because the drugs used to accelerate growth create non-functional brains.

2014 -----

World Timeline -

- Ihara-Grubb (I-G) transformations redesign the net, creating a universal interface.
- Vatican III: Catholic church approves massive reforms.
- Third generation cybermodems appear.
- ASEAN reforms at the diplomatic urgings of SovOil.

United States -

- "Metal Wars" begin in Night City as gangs battle for turf. 430 dead, and thousands injured. Property damage estimated at \$12 billion.

Pacific Rim: Japan -

- A major portion of Houston becomes the property of Kizamasu Inc., and is transformed into a corporate city.
- SegAtari develops virtual reality interface for the "Super RoboWrestler" and "Mekton Warrior" toys.
- Shinka-Tenno is removed, causing a period of Imperial disorder which lasts until 2019.

Pacific Rim: China -

- The Neo-HK Army gherkas privatized.
- The PLA retakes Canton, and is well on the way to victory over MLC.

Pacific Rim: Australia -

- Cape York Spaceprot Stage 1 completed.

Pacific Rim: New Zealand -

- Amnesty International is bombed out of their London office. They move and set up shop in Christchurch, NZ.

Clone Development -

- A team at Nippon Seimei Kogei Associates announces Stage Four human clones with neural development and activity.

2015 -----

World Timeline -

- Start of the Trade War, or Yen War, (2015-2017) between EEC and

- Japan.
- Rise of the cyber-mercenaries: Lithuania hires cybersoldiers to repel invasions by latvian nationals.
- Nanotech becomes a commercial reality.

EuroTheatre -

- Trade War: Relations with the japanese corps have been strained. Hence an incuasing trend towards the establishment of local front firms owned by holding companies in turn controlled from Japan. It's a german bid to limit the role of the external economic giants in Europe, thus leaving the way open for the internal one.

United States -

- Balsam City and Tunnel project begins in North Carolina.
- MetaCorp is formed.

Pacific Rim: Japan -

- After 10 years of mutual sabotage and deception, Japan is Kicked out of EEC.
- The "New Yen" is established to counter the Eurodollar. The exchange rate is 200 Yen for 1 E-buck.
- Mitsubishi-Sugo develops first Japanese ACPA using the SegAtari VR interface. The MSAS-15 is nickname "The Trooper".

Clone Development -

- Nippon Seimei Kogei scientists complete a cloned body with a full-sized brain, but they are unable to marry it with a Stage Six (Self-aware) intellect. Just as well, since the body was amorphous, and lived in a vat.

2016 -----

World Timeline -

- The Bermeo Incident
- Third Corporate War: Exploiting a huge weakness in Novell Netware Inc's popular net-security system, thousands of large and small corporations fall prey to a group of hackers, causing untold losses, with estimates in the billions. Novell goes bankrupt trying to fight the corporations in court.
- Bioware hits the streets.

EuroTheatre -

- The Bermeo Incident: Two hundred unarmed eco-protesters blockaded this holiday village when ParasCo bussed in its corporate hotshots for a junket. By the time ParasCo security stopped shooting, 127 were dead. So the Guardia Civil intervened... and charged the surviving ecos with "obstructing a public right of way".
- Welsh Uprising in United Kingdom.
- The EEC and the mainnational governments - with large, often majority holgins in all the big power firnes - have been using supplies to turn the screws on the corps, pushing up prices and imposing random power cuts and dribble downs.

United States -

- A riot by inmates in the Lousiana HSB (due to what inmates considered an unfair summary execution) is dispersed by an automated defense grid. No survivors.

NeoSoviet Union -

- SovOil's success where the Central Committee failed helped to cement the corporation's role as the major unifying force in the USSR. By the end of this year, the corporation had greater resources than any

single republic or the Central Committee. The republics and the Committee became tools for the corporation.

Pacific Rim: Japan -

- SDF secretly develops biopod tank (Tank with a human brain control unit similar to full borg conversions). During tests, the tank brain goes mad and runs away from the SDF Fuji training grounds. The tank rampages from Fuji to Yokohama city before an Arasaka Special Forces unit finally kills it. 31 are killed in the carnage (8 SDF soldiers, 6 Arasaka solos, 4 police, 8 medias and 5 civilians), which is blamed by the government on Korean terrorists.

Pacific Rim: China -

- Sino-Euro-American Treaty is signed, allowing visitors in the various countries to drive on their license for up to six months. Hong Kong was excepted because of a need to keep numbers of cars down (and prices of licenses high) by the Triad-backed dealerships.

Pacific Rim: Australia -

- Water Riots in Adelaide as drought, industrial pollution and river salinity reduce the city's water supply to a brackish, muddy trickle. Construction of desalination plant financed by Arasaka Bank.

Africa -

- Rare metal deposits are found under an Arasaka training ground in Southern Africa. The local warlord tries to claim rights, but is ignored by Arasaka, who begins mining. South African natives begin agitating against Arasaka guard units.

Third Corporate War (February - November) -

- Hostilities began when financial examiners from the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce uncovered a confidence scheme being perpetrated by certain investment counselors at Merrill, Asukaga & Finch against private investors, using the Rothstein Fund (a subsidiary of the Bank of New York) as leverage. They notified the District Attorney's office, who began an investigation the next day.
- The Rothstein Fund, angered by MA&F's duplicity and not wishing to get dragged down in the investigation, turned everything they had over to the DA's office. They also hired local street netrunners to begin probing MA&F's data-fortresses in search of the truth. MA&F's administration took this move by a former ally as a direct attack.
- For several days, the situation was a confused melee. Data fortresses became armed camps as everyone nervously watched to see what would happen next. Netwatch responded by limiting net access and cracking down on computer crime, making several sweeps resulting in numerous arrests and flatlines.
- Both Rothstein Fund and MA&F decided to take it to the meat world; they began hiring mercenaries. During a 12-hour period, short pitched battles were fought in LEO and on Earth, all to destroy the physical locations of the enemy's net communications gear.
- The next six months consisted of endless net raids, most of them inconsequential and undecided. Indeed, more damage was done during the 12 hours of actual fire fights than during the entire remainder of the conflict. When it was over, the Rothstein Fund ceased to exist as single entity. MA&F turned the corpses of two of their executives who had started the whole mess over to the LA DA. They also got stuck with the bill for damages done in LEO and on Earth.

Clone Development -

- Nippon Seimei Kogei's clone division wiped out in a black operation by parties unknown.

Space Timeline -

- O'Neill One (L-5) completed.

2017 -----

World Timeline -

- First self-aware human clone created: Hopelessly crippled, it lives for only a few weeks. In agony, it dies in an allergic reaction to the very medicines that keep it alive.

EuroTheatre -

- The Baltic League: Jelgava neurotoxin spillage.

United States -

- The Seven Nations are established.
- MetaCorp sells the JackSuit to Militech.

Pacific Rim: Japan -

- New ACPA are rolled out simultaneously by Mitsubishi-Sugo and Arasaka (for SDF and export, respectively). Both use the SegAtari VRI. The Mitsubishi-Sugo MSAS-17 Trooper is designed by popular Japanimation artist Inoue Keuma. The media provided fantastic coverage, and the SDF received many applicants for Trooper positions.

Pacific Rim: China -

- Three Buddhist monasteries had gathered enough smuggled weapons to fight their way down the mountains. The terrain is rugged enough that tanks and planes were ineffective. The Government authorized tests of first-generation Militech/CCMMC prototype powersuits. The tests were declared a success, with a 95% kill ratio against the monks.

Africa -

- Militech supports African locals for "friendship reasons" (free). Neighboring governments declare Arasaka's lease to be valid until Jan. 1, 2018. Militech attacks Arasaka tank units, but Arasaka fends off all attacks.
- The strongest warlord in the South African area is assassinated by a heavily-cybered black terrorist gang using new Militech weapons.

Clone Development -

- Francis Young successfully grows three full-sized Stage Three human bodies. The bodies are twisted and imperfect, and rely on drugs to stay alive, but they have complete, operational brains. Young attempts to imprint intellects into the clones with a new IA/Braindance process developed by Microtech scientist Pritap Suwanti. The process is partly successful. The clones become self-aware, but their intellects are stunted by their imperfect brains.

Space Timeline -

- L-3 colony completed; named Galileo Cylinder (O'Neill Two).
- NASA Mars mission departs.
- Hall Station established on Phobos.

2018 -----

World Timeline -

- Brushfire Wars erupt throughout Eastern Europe. Military-Use Full Conversion Dragoon battle-proven.

- ESA launches mission to Jupiter.
- EEC passes the Lucas Act, prohibiting sentient human cloning.

EuroTheatre -

- The Albanians and the Greeks claim that Macedonia - the easternmost part of former Yugoslavia - is more Greek/Albanian than Serbo-Croat, and annexed the little country by moving in some troops and closing the borders.
- Latvian troops seized the Lithuanian town of Daugavpils in a dispute over reparations from the 2017 Jelgava neurotoxin spillage.
- United Kingdom: Scramjet crash in Birmingham that killed over 1100 people. Britain's major military spaceport is in this Metroplex.
- Czechoslovakia tried to distract its feuding people by an attack on Poland, only to be repelled within the month.
- Romania, egged on by the EC, invaded Bulgaria in an abortive bid to seize Razgrad hydropower station, which had been cutting water supplies to the Giurgiu agribiz developments.

United States -

- MetaKey is moved near Tampa. Salvage of the city begins.

Pacific Rim: Japan -

- Japanese Government unveils the "Ground SDF Plan for 2020" which will use ACPA, One-Man Tanks, and AVs. SDF introduces the Mitsubishi-Sugo MBT-18 as the MBT of the 2020's.
- The National Police Agency starts to use the agile and light MSLT-17 ACPA.
- It is rumored that Mitsubishi-Sugo and Arasaka have developed a semi-humanoid "walking tank" for GSDF trial in 2021.
- The Ministry of Science and Technology lost control of the Tokyo Bay Crossway, which started taking independent action. There are several theories, the most convincing is that a virus invaded the central AI and caused it to go rogue.

Africa -

- A coup is carried out in South Africa, giving regional power to the "Black Liberation Army". James Miyahara of NetWork 54 reports Arasaka support of the BLA.
- Arasaka buys the title and mining rights for their (already occupied) land for 5 million Eb., paid to the BLA.

Clone Development -

- Pritap Suwarti leaves Microtech for Biotechnica. A cover legal battle ensues. Suwarti is assassinated, presumably by Microtech agents, but his protege, Moira Kelly, stays with Biotechnica.

Space Timeline -

- L-4 colony completed; named Paradise Station (O'Niell Three).
- Second ESA/Sov Mars mission departs.
- ESA unmanned probe is sent to Jupiter.

2019 -----

World Timeline -

- Orbital Colony revolt at L-3.
- NASA Mars mission arrives.
- Optical camouflage deployed in combat.
- Portable cybermodems appear.

EuroTheatre -

- Annexation of Albania: The Serbs and Croats invaded northern Albania with forces only slightly stronger than Albania's token military.

- United Kingdom: The Severn Bridge is destroyed by Welsh nationalists. The new bridge (Queen Vistoria II Bridge) is guarded by British Combined Forces PLC.

United States -

- Storm Technology begins operations in Chicago and signs a contract with the Aldecaldo and Jode Nations for salvage/rebuilding.
- Elements of the Snake and Folk Nations are contracted to build the Boston extension of the Maglev.

Pacific Rim -

- Golden Triangle drug lords start producing opium and heroin again from virus-resistant plants.

Pacific Rim: Japan -

- Jinkyoku-Tenno ascends the throne, ending the period of Imperial disorder, and Jinkyoku Year 1 begins.

Middle East -

- Rumors of Jihad (The Holy War) are on the radioactive wind, although it is still unclear what form the coming war with the infidel will take this time.

Clone Development -

- Francis Young grows a perfect human body. The clone grows in ten months, it is devoid of intellect however. The body languishes in a vat while work on the intellect implanting procedure continues.

Space Timeline -

- O'Neill One (L-5) colony revolt: Highriders successfully repel ESA forces and announce independence.
- Paradise Station (L-4) colony placed under martial law.
- NASA Mars mission arrives.
- The USS Andromeda Gunship disappeared mysteriously after reporting contact with a massive space object of unknown origin.

2020 -----

- The Present.