





ROBOTS SECURE SUBTERRANEAN CITIES



In a scene from science fiction, cities build downward, and robots do double duty as maintenance workers and security guards, enforcing compliance with critical lifestyle behaviors from energy use to waste disposal. The potential for massive disasters plus the ease of programming regulations into robotics makes surveillance ubiquitous, acceptable, and nearly invisible.

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the connected police state

Rules and regulations are embedded in infrastructure as well as in robotic service workers.



subterranean sunsick blues

In underground habitats, even a slight deviation from maintenance rules can mean disaster for everyone.



look for the robot label

Robots take over many service jobs, including both maintenance and security.



AIR-SCRUBBING TOWER CARBON, TREES RAISE IRE





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Thanks to air-scrubbing trees and other carbon capture tech, Planet Earth is on track to hit 2050 targets for 1970 levels of carbon emissions. Are environmentalists happy? No! Targets don't tell the whole story, and eco-terrorists are blanketing the artificial forests with calls for their sabotage.

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a new fossil fuel century

Extending the incumbent curve for energy production depends on powerful remediation technologies - which have unintended environmental and social consequences.







JUST-IN-TIME GIFT-MAKING **SAVES USPS**



Your friendly neighborhood mail truck is now your custom wedding gift truck, too. Using state-of-the-art 3D fabbing, the postal service has turned thousands of low-value post offices into neighborhood production centers for all kinds of gifts—just minutes from their destination. Online registries mean the happy couple's gifts don't have to travel from all corners of the earth to get to the church on time. Of course, the postal production office also delivers Christmas and birthday presents, and even your monthly supply of coffee filters, slashing the cost of shipping.

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the fabrication commonsenclosed!

Just-in-time delivery systems plus brand-name designs create proprietary platforms for continued retail profits.



look for the robot label

Robots, not people, are the "makers" in a world of enclosed 3D fabrication.







YOUR INSURANCE COVERAGE STOPS HERE



company knows it. What's more, it can warn you as you enter feral zones where it simply won't provide coverage. And some of these zones might take you by surprise. You don't have to go to Afghanistan to find an economy dominated by the opium trade. Northern California's seemingly pastoral Mendocino County, long known for its hidden forests of marijuana, is now a growing zone for poppies and headquarters for a nationwide drug distribution network that keeps the unemployed living an apparently middle-class existence.

Some places just aren't safe to drive—and your insurance

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Embedded automobile technology tracks movement and enforces rules and regulations with a stake in human behaviors.



the feral economy

When the failure of government undermines the ability of companies to provide robust services, they pass the risks on to their consumers.



welcome to mendokistan

New kinds of borders and boundaries define cultural and economic enclaves. undermining freedom of movement.



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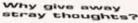
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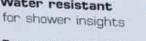
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Targeted stimulation for 8 cognitive modes. including:

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- Divergent connecting
- Rapid incubating
- Emotion suppression







PROTECT YOUR MIND FROM COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT!



Sure it's fast, convenient, and sometimes brilliant to use thought recording to capture your ideas in real time and even connect with friends in your social networks. But with more and more platforms claiming copyright ownership for any thoughts you share via mindshare technologies, you need a way to protect your own rights to the product of your own mind. That's what this little cap does—it records your thoughts and assigns immediate copyrights to you before anyone else can claim them.

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your mind is the product

The boundaries of intellectual property become even more blurred—and protections more extreme—as digital-neurological technology connects minds.



persuasive delusion

Maintaining a healthy independent identity is challenging in a world of direct brain-to-brain communication.





JUSTICES JUDGED ON THEIR BIOLITERACY



Even as France promotes a national well-being policy that starts with the microbes in your gut, U.S. judges are mostly disdainful—or just plain uninformed—about the implications of biomolecular science that undermine the basic precedents established by nearly three hundred years of case law. In the biggest Washington protest to date, pro-reform advocates demand confirmation of a Federal court judge who is "biomolecularly literate" while a backlash against microbial law builds around the country.

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the connected police state

New science gradually becomes embedded in legal technology-laws and enforcement-with the potential for abuse as well as reform.



microbial governance

Molecular-scale science challenges centuries of precedents, creating an extreme spectrum of literacy—and adaptation—in court systems everywhere.