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The Butterfly Effect

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It is 4:00 in the morning. Serenity, my World Peace Council issued smart house's interactive robotic system, wakes me up to go to work. I am still groggy and using voice activation, I tell Serenity to open up the blinds to my window. From my high rise apartment, I can see the district of Adoni in Indo-Peace, formerly known as India, beginning to rise from its slumber. Indo-Peace as well as the rest of Asia, specializes in technology. As a result of this, the best engineers of the world are located in Asia. You know that you have hit engineering stardom when the GPC, Global Peace Council, transfers you to Indo-Peace. I walk to my kitchen and open up my cupboard with the goal of making myself the most powerful batch of coffee I can muster. The Brazilians from Amero-Peace, formerly known as the United States, Canada, and South America, found a way to add the nine essential amino acids to the coffee. This was after the Finnish Board of Health Regulation in Euro-Peace did studies showing that 80% of the population replaced at least 5 meals a week with coffee. They demanded that the coffee at least have some kind of health benefits. The result is that you can now pretty much sustain yourself entirely on coffee and a few supplement pills. But it is not recommended so I don't do it. Plus I quite enjoy eating food. I ask Serenity when the personal taxi car that I ordered the night before is scheduled to come and suppress the urge to check my work email that I left up on the ceiling projection while I rush to my room to take a shower and get dressed. I arrive to the Global Peace Council library at 5:10.

As I walk through the only publically open portion of the Global Peace Council (GPC) headquarters known as The Global Peace Council library, I see thousands of books in human proof, animal proof, bullet proof, and tank proof temperature controlled glass. The GPC is very big on keeping the traditional look of a library. Though I am an Administration, I don't have the

security clearance to access these books. I've never flipped the pages, folded back the corner to mark my place, or gotten a paper cut in a state of eagerness to read the next page like I see the stars of the 2017 2-dimensional movies do. Only the librarians are allowed to touch them and even then, it is only when the Lire Robots have detected that there is severe tearing in the binding of the books that can only be fixed by human hands. Ironically, these librarians are illiterate. That is the qualification for getting the job. There is some extremely classified information in some of these books. It's not too big of a problem for them because 99% of our world is voice activated. They get by just fine and many of them secretly know how to read at a third or fourth grade school level. The Council publically claims that the lack of access to books is to avoid the further destruction of the few remnants of society before World War III. Besides, all the information in these books is found on the GID (Global Information Database) in various classified forms (CITE THIS, IDEA COMES FROM THE METAVERSE). The main reason is actually that the council can more easily track what people are reading through the GID than through the old system of checking out books. It is easier to catch any potential trouble makers who are requesting access to suspicious information.

I walk to the doors of the GPC governing sector. I roll up the sleeves of my neoprene smart suit blouse so that that Henry, a name that he chose for himself, the artificially intelligent security robot, can scan the traditional Burkinabe Mossi cloth tattoo embedded with micro-chip permanent ink on my left wrist. The scanner recognizes the pattern on my arm while simultaneously checking for my vital signs making sure that I am indeed alive and that my heart rate and general nervous system is not in a state of agitation or fear that could indicate a forced or deceptive entry. Henry greets me in the constant polite and respectful manner that only robots

can. “Good Morning Ms. Irinushka Tapsoba. I sincerely hope that you have a fabulous day! You are a valued member of the Global Peace Council” pronouncing my Russian first name and African last name with the perfection that all GPC robots have due to the culturally sensitive specific software that they are imbedded with. “Good Morning, Henry you too” I respond. Though I’m not sure what a fabulous day for an artificially- intelligent robot looks like.

As I approach my office, sleeve still rolled up, I place my left wrist on the small rectangular computer screen so that I can once again be scanned to be let into my office. I made sure to come into work especially early so that I can make the most use of my early access to GID before the other GPC workers log on to the system and send out their TIVS. TIVS, Temporary Interference Viruses, are completely legal viruses sent out through the system that allow the files to be viewed only by a select few and require specific, fairly simple but time consuming and expensive anti-viruses. The GPC says that TIVS promote competition and competence amongst workers and incentivizes them to find the most accurate and beneficial information in the most efficient manner. The GPC is very interested on gathering as much information as possible. This could be from projections on future environmental catastrophies to what you had for breakfast. It’s how they keep people safe.

Next week, marks the 200th Anniversary of the establishment of the Global Peace Council (Still need to figure out how far in the future I want this to be). All the administrative officers, including myself, of the GPC have been tasked with writing a report of the events leading up to the creation of the GPC. Since none of us have the clearance to access the books at the library, the GID is all we have.

So how did we come to live in a world where the Global Peace Council plays such an integral part of our lives? Where the world is divided into sections based on what they did best before the WWII? Where No human being on the planet can claim to be just one race but has the option of identifying with one race in particular? This is the most simplistic explanation of what happened as told through the GID. This is my report on how the GPC came to be.

They call it the Butterfly Effect. I'm not entirely sure what a butterfly is, but I have seen pictures. Winged creatures with brilliant designs decorating them as if hand painted by the Global Peace Council themselves. But of course, it couldn't have been them, since they didn't exist back then. It is the theory about how small events such as the flapping of a Butterfly's wings can be the catalyst to much larger events. Except it wasn't a butterfly that started all of this, it was a movie. This movie was called *The Interview*. The first movie was a two dimensional one made in 2014 under SONY which was owned by the country formerly known as Japan. It was about two producers who are commissioned by what was formerly known as the United States CIA, to kill the leader of what was formerly known as North Korea, Kim Jong-Un. North Korea was furious and blamed the former president of the United States, Barack Obama, for its distribution (CITE THIS CNN). Americans, another name for those who inhabited the United States, at the time, did not take North Korea's grievances seriously. Why would they? Despite spending an enormous amount of money on its military, it still had little to no power globally.

On March 15, 2050, *The Interview 2* came out in a film festival in Cannes, France. It was your standard Ciniplex movie with holographic projections and camera angle control as well as the option to rewind and fast forward. Some opted to pay the premium price and view it in their own homes while others opted for the cheaper and more communal option of seeing it in the Ciniplex

theaters that replaced the once popular two-dimensional movie theaters of the past. *The Interview* 2 was not a continuation of the original movie, but a documentary that leaked confidential papers that the United States government had plotting to “neutralize” Kim Jong-Un after a surprisingly successful missile test that landed right off the west coast of Portugal and the Atlantic Ocean in 2028. These papers included maps, surveillance equipment, and the weaponry needed to assassinate Kim Jong-Un. The producers of this documentary were part of one of the rising conspiracy groups that call themselves the Snowdeners named after their idol Edward Snowden, who had leaked classified information that the National Security Agency held, to the public. When this documentary became available to the North Korean government, they were enraged. North Korea sent multiple threats of retaliation to the United States and its European allies. These threats were largely ignored which only served to further enrage North Korea. North Korea knew that everyone believed that they were a failed state that spent all of its resources on military endeavors that never panned out. It only had two real allies: Russia and China, and it seemed as though they had very little to offer in the way of trade. But contrary to popular belief, North Korea had something very valuable to offer to the Russia and China. Though North Korea spent a lot of its money on funding the military, it also specialized in metallurgy (CITE THIS CNN). Metallurgy is the science of metals. Through much research, as well as trial and error, North Korea was able to come up with a metal alloy, aptly named pliablem, that was lightweight, incredibly malleable, and bullet proof. Pliablem was the diamond of the metal world. The problem was that North Korea had depleted the metals needed to create the alloy in the early development stage. They needed the money and natural resources to continue its program. There only two allies were Russian and China and even they had a very tense relationship. In 2034,

North Korea began officially opening up to Russian and Chinese businesses on the condition that no cameras were present. Of course, there were the occasional leaks which accounted for the pictures of starving Korean civilians that helped reinforce the idea that North Korea was weak. But for the most part, Russia and China complied because of the potential for pliablem. The Russian and Chinese government agreed to share natural resources, scientists, and most importantly: funding with North Korea in exchange for the blueprints on how to make pliablem. Slowly but surely, North Korea's military became stronger.

The details of what happened in between China, Russia, and North Korea after 2034 are still being discovered but what is clear is that on March 15, 2050, sixteen years after the first release of *The Interview*, North Korea launched two missiles that hit Hiroshima, Japan and Indianapolis, Maryland. This set off WWII. This war was worse than the previous two. The introduction of pliablem into the military market gave a great advantage to those countries who chose to align themselves with Russia, China, and North Korea.

Chunk about what actually happens in the war would go here. Suggestions would be much appreciated. Want to mention the use of drones, nuclear power and any new technology that you may think would have incredibly devastating effects.

This war ultimately led to a massive decrease in population from 8.0 billion in 2021, to 3 billion by the time the war was over in 2079. This was a result of casualties in combat, starvation, and radiation from the nuclear warfare that rendered many people infertile. With such a mass reduction of the population, there were vast amounts of land unoccupied. The highest concentration of people ended up being in India. This is because India chose to stay relatively neutral in the war. Not neutral in the sense that it did not provide technological aid to either side,

but that it provided aid for technological warfare to both sides equally and ended up being sheltered from much of the effects of the war. Once people began to cluster together again, they realized that the best place to seek help was India. People began to make massive migrations into India from all over the globe. This created many international conflicts, despite the small population, due to cultural, racial, and religious differences amongst people groups. By 2100, over 80% of the reduced population of 3 billion people found themselves in the general vicinity of China, India, and Russia and the fighting became unbearable. As more people arrived, it became abundantly clear that an organization needed to be made to pick up the pieces from the war. The United Nations was disbanded shortly after the beginning of the war but members of the original organization still survived. Four of them came together, along with 6 elected members, to start what is now known as the Global Peace Council.

These ten founding fathers of the Global Peace Council understood the implications of the massive reduction in populations. They knew that they would have to rely on an extremely specialized work force in order to ensure that the population did not suffer further damage. This is how the separation of people based on skill set and pre WWII geographic assignment worked. Different regions of the world were assigned with broad generalizations of what had worked before. Asia was assigned as the technological and educational center of the world. All technological developments and scientific research found in other regions of the world are sent there for improvement and patenting. Africa was assigned as the provider of natural resources but also the protectors of the environment. The Global Environmental Protection Board headquarters are located in Brazzaville, Congo-Peace. The Americas were assigned to all things entertainment. This included planning vacations, movies, fashion, and beauty. Europe and

Australia specialized in medical care and social programs. The Global Environmental Protection was at the head of all these specialized regions. They also put together a large army to enforce order.

Through this system of specialization borders were no longer contingent upon ethnic belonging, but on the shared goal for improvement. It is important to note that all regions had aspects of each designated region within their borders.

I will be talking about how this lead to a more homogenized race but how there was still tension. Also about how though it seems good, there are little wars starting to break out wanting to restore the old system of multi-lateral governments.