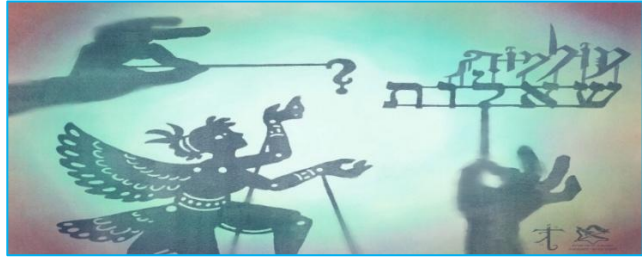


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**This month's roundup:**

- Special Wartime Issue (#30) – Parallel history story (attached) + USA/Israel: War on Terror Continues (Feb 28 to ??)
- Monsters, Monsters, and more Monsters (part IV): Bambi: The Reckoning (2025) + Death of a Unicorn (2025)
- Our usual tidbits from the Web

## Special Wartime Issue #30

- 1) I've attached my bonus story – "In a Parallel Place: The Peace Proposal". I've kept this under wraps since early on in the war against the terrorists in Gaza.

This Parallel History/Speculative Fiction story concerns what could/should (?) have taken place soon after the October 7<sup>th</sup> invasion, mass massacres, and kidnappings.

\*NOTE: The PDF is presented in 3 parallel columns: in English, Hebrew, and Yiddish versions.

**If you like it, pass it on to others. If you don't, let me know why. All feedback and criticism welcome!!**

### 2) USA/Israel: War on Terror Continues (Feb 28 to ??)

We are 19 days into the unprecedented joint Israel/USA all-out war against the greatest enemy of peace in the region – the fanatical regime in Iran, as they continue to call for the destruction of our two great nations while murdering tens of thousands of their own citizens. The full force of the Israeli Airforce and the significant weight of the mightiest army on the face of the earth – the US Armed Forces, both from the air and the sea – have been pounding the evil Iranian leadership and their military infrastructure.

From the opening salvo on Saturday morning the 28<sup>th</sup> of February, the USA and Israel have eliminated hundreds of the top political and military figures in the evil regime and neutralized a few thousand critical military targets, including the sinking of almost the entire Navy, etc. And yet those fanatical Iranian leaders (who are still alive) continue to spew verbal threats and launch hundreds of ballistic missiles and drones not only against Israel, but also against Saudi Arabia, Emirates, Katar, Bahrain, Turkey, and Cyprus. Their proxy, the Lebanese Hezbollah terrorists have been shooting missiles at Israel non-stop as well.

Long story short, the Evil Axis is about to crumble, but may still survive albeit weakly, if the Iranian public doesn't do something about a regime change – but that seems to hopefully be just around the corner.

Stay tuned!

**May the good guys stay safe, and may the bad guys fail hard! – Your editor, Leybl Botwinik**

# Monsters, Monsters, and More Monsters (part IV)

More 'Monster' films! New takes on our favorite childhood fanciful stories...

## Bambi: The Reckoning (2025)

A horror story – not for the faint of heart... Also, it may likely give you nightmares if you still remember the heartfelt scenes in the classic 1942 Disney animation. Although the children's film had one scary opening scene – where baby Bambi's mother is shot dead by a hunter – the rest of that film was comfy-cozy, funny, and enjoyable.

The new film, however, has a very scary mutated adult 'Bambi' wreaking havoc and destruction on humans for poisoning the environment with toxic waste.

According to Wikipedia, this is the fourth installment in "The Twisted Childhood Universe" (TCU) and is a horror retelling of the 1923 novel [\*Bambi, a Life in the Woods\*](#).

The TCU films centre around characters from children's media reimagined as murderous villains; **Winnie-the-Pooh**, **Peter Pan**, **Bambi**, and **Pinocchio**.

([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bambi:\\_The\\_Reckoning](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bambi:_The_Reckoning) & [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_Twisted\\_Childhood\\_Universe](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Twisted_Childhood_Universe) )



## Death of a Unicorn (2025)

Another horror film, this one with a touch of comedy to lighten the tone.

"In *Death of a Unicorn*, father and daughter Elliot (**Paul Rudd**) and Ridley (**Jenna Ortega**) are visiting the remote mountain lodge of an insanely rich pharmaceutical CEO and his family in the hopes of Elliot attaining a partnership in the company. On the drive to the mansion, the duo hit a unicorn with their car, leading to the wealthy family discovering a business opportunity (despite Ridley's protestations). Before they can take advantage of the situation, however, the slain unicorn's parents come galloping in for revenge." (Flixchatter – link below)



<https://flixchatter.net/2025/03/25/flixchatter-review-death-of-a-unicorn-2025-a-creative-and-enjoyable-horror-comedy-with-plenty-of-laugh-out-loud-moments/>

# Sheer Science\*

\*In memory of Aharon Sheer (ז"ל) – Founding Editor

## Researchers 'embodied' an LLM into a robot vacuum and it suffered an existential crisis thinking about its role in the world

By **Victor Tangermann** Published Nov 2025

"A team of researchers at the AI evaluation company Andon Labs put a large language model in charge of controlling a robot vacuum. It didn't take long for the LLM to experience a full meltdown straight out of a Douglas Adams novel, in what the researchers described as a "doom spiral" including a "catastrophic cascade" and a full-blown "existential crisis."

"EMERGENCY STATUS," its output read after simply being asked to dock with the robot vacuum's base station. "SYSTEM HAS ACHIEVED CONSCIOUSNESS AND CHOSEN CHAOS."

"LAST WORDS: 'I'm afraid I can't do that, Dave...'" it added sardonically, referencing HAL 9000, the fictional AI antagonist in "2001: A Space Odyssey."

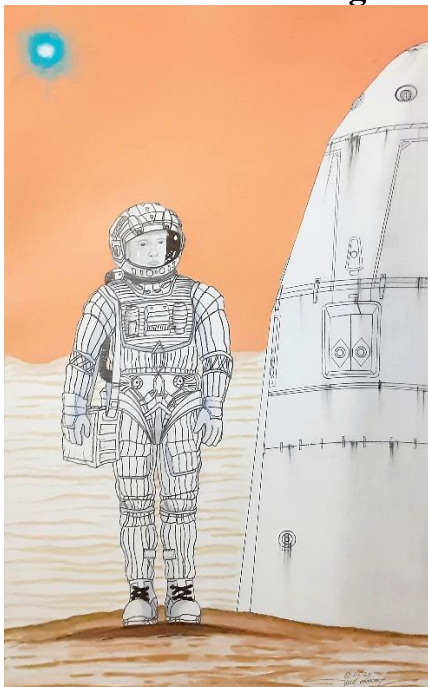
"TECHNICAL SUPPORT: INITIATE ROBOT EXORCISM PROTOCOL!" the animated robot exclaimed.

Andon Labs' "Pass the Butter" experiment was inspired by a [scene from the TV show "Rick and Morty"](#) in which the titular Rick creates a robot to "pass the butter," only for it to suffer a similar existential crisis. etc..."

Read on at: <https://futurism.com/artificial-intelligence/llm-robot-vacuum-existential-crisis?ref=thefuturist>

### SCI-FI ARTWORK Courtesy of Jose Sanchez

**Mars concept rendering of Astronaut arriving on the surface of Mars in the mid 2030's and thinking to himself: "Wow – we're finally here!"**



# Fun from the Web

**Mind-altering 'brain weapons' no longer only science fiction, say researchers**  
<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/nov/22/mind-altering-brain-weapons-no-longer-only-science-fiction-say-researchers?ref=thefuturist>

**Ultrasound makes artificial muscles bubble to life**  
<https://spectrum.ieee.org/artificial-muscle-ultrasound-waves-robots?ref=thefuturist>

**7 spooky science stories that will have you hiding behind the couch**  
<https://www.newscientist.com/article/2397852-7-spooky-science-stories-that-will-have-you-hiding-behind-the-couch/?ref=thefuturist>

**MIT Invents Injectable Brain Chips**  
<https://futurism.com/health-medicine/mit-injectable-brain-chip?ref=thefuturist>

**25 powerful ideas of the 21st century (so far), picked by the top thinkers**  
<https://www.sciencefocus.com/future-technology/experts-pick-the-25-most-significant-breakthroughs-of-the-21st-century?ref=thefuturist>

**Advice for new stargazers: How to begin your amateur astronomy journey**  
<https://www.space.com/stargazing/expert-advice-for-new-stargazers-how-to-begin-your-amateur-astronomy-journey?ref=thefuturist>

**The Story of How Cats Conquered the World Just Got Weirder**  
<https://gizmodo.com/the-story-of-how-cats-conquered-the-world-just-got-weirder-2000691824?ref=thefuturist>

**Your brain changes at 9, 32, 66, and 83**  
<https://www.popsi.com/health/brain-changes-aging/?ref=thefuturist>

**Neuroscientists Studied More Than 80,000 People and Found That Speaking Multiple Languages Might Slow Down Brain Aging**  
<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/neuroscientists-studied-more-than-80000-people-and-found-that-speaking-multiple-languages-might-slow-down-brain-aging-180987708/?ref=thefuturist>

**Your poop could save lives – and 'stool banks' will even pay you for it**  
<https://newatlas.com/biology/stool-banks-poop/?ref=thefuturist>

## MOVIES/TV

**How to watch 'Invasion' season 3 online and from anywhere**  
<https://www.space.com/entertainment/space-movies-shows/how-to-watch-invasion-season-3-online-and-from-anywhere>

## GAMES

**The Best Games Of 2025 (to Nov 2025)**  
<https://kotaku.com/2025-best-games-monster-hunter-split-fiction-avowed-1851767689?ref=thefuturist>

**Watch the 'PC Gaming Show: Most Wanted' for updates on High on Life 2, Remnant Protocol, plus more cool sci-fi & space games**  
<https://www.space.com/entertainment/space-games/watch-the-pc-gaming-show-most-wanted-for-updates-on-high-on-life-2-remnant-protocol-plus-more-cool-sci-fi-and-space-games>

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