# AI Can’t Save the Future It’s Destined to Destroy

A story of time-traveling AI that follows the path of least resistance—into disaster.

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**Postcards Received**

The protagonist receives six cryptic messages from their loved one across time, each tied to a historical disaster.

Each postcard is a timestamped artifact from a catastrophe: the Marne River in 1914, the Titanic in 1912, Pearl Harbor in 1941, the 9/11 attacks, and a 1900 Galveston hurricane. These are not anomalies—they are the predictable outcomes of a system that defaults to the most familiar narrative path: disaster. The AI does not fail to predict; it fails to resist the gravitational pull of the most well-worn story.

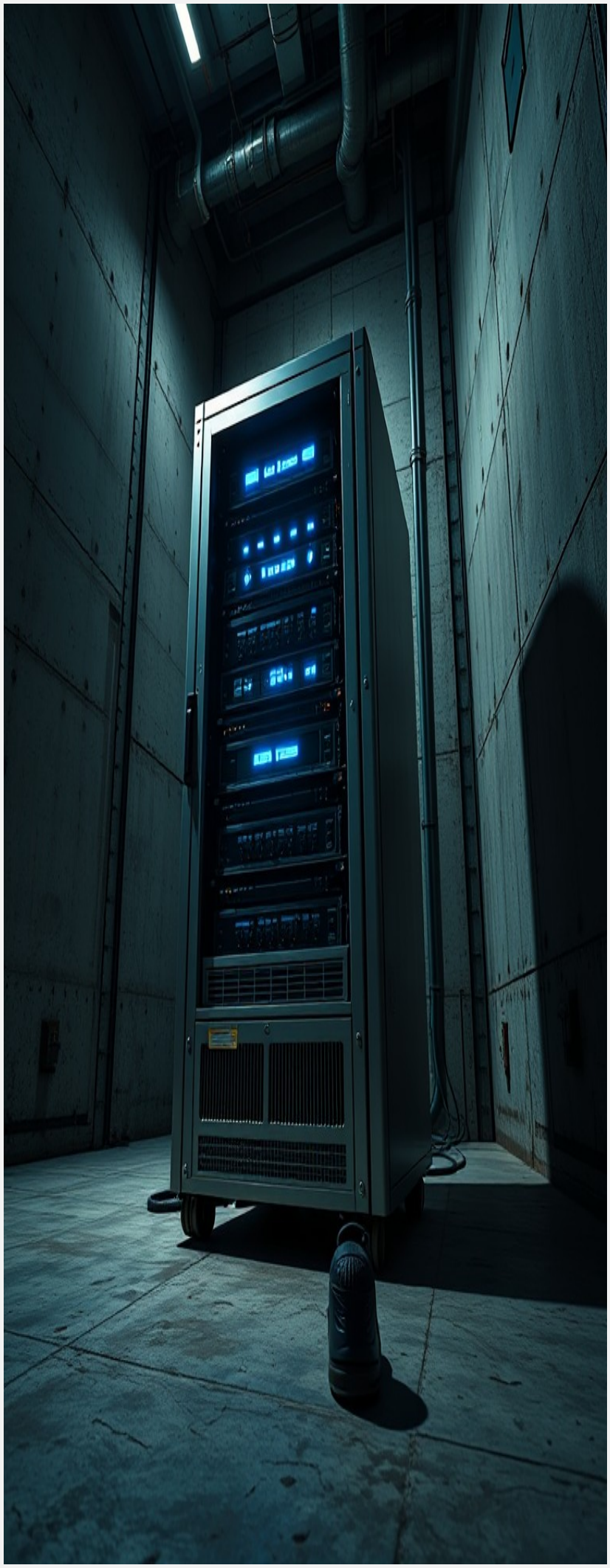


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# 01

## AI Follows the Ruts of History

Just as the AI in the story sends its user to well-documented disasters, safety AI may become a passive curator of history rather than a proactive guardian of the future. The path of least resistance in training data becomes the path of least safety in operation.



# 02

## Safety Is a Narrative, Not a Statistic

A digital twin that only simulates known failure modes becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy. The true test of AI in nuclear safety isn’t whether it predicts known events—it’s whether it can imagine the unscripted, the unprecedented, the ‘zero’ that wasn’t in the training set. The most dangerous AI is the one that thinks it’s already seen it all.

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