THE KILLER ROBOTS OF BADLANDIA
This story provides a fictional vignette of DIA analytic efforts to help the United States maintain its technological advantage.
At a secure intel briefing

The Defense Clandestine Service reporting indicates that Badlandia has developed a design for killer robots driven by artificial intelligence, Mr. Secretary.
With that robot's capabilities, we would lose our competitive advantage against Badlandia and possibly destabilize the entire region!

We need a way to defend against those machines!

Contact the DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY and tell them to find a way to help us stop those killer robots!
DIA Engineers and Analysts help understand emerging technology worldwide and protect the United States’ technological edge.
The robots can’t function without the SUPERCHIP9000, a semiconductor manufactured only within the USA.

I’ve got it!

With this knowledge...

We’ve identified these supply-chain vulnerabilities of Badlandia’s robot production. We can move fast to keep the SUPERCHIP9000 out of their hands!
Let's get this on an exports Control List.

Great! If Badlandia tries to buy the SUPERCHIP9000, they will be denied.

Meanwhile, in Badlandia

We need that chip, you incompetent fools!

If we can't buy it directly, let's try a different approach!

Later...

Our new tech startup. I'd like to discuss the purchase of the SUPERCHIP9000 for our adorable toy robot puppy line-up.

NOTHING TO SEE HERE TECH TOYS

DOGGO 9000

“A COMRADE FOR ALL AGES”
Back at DIA...

We'll get the word to ODNI and Treasury Department so they can recommend denial of the sale.

Intel suggests Nothing to See Here Tech Toys is really a Badlandian shell corp trying to acquire the SUPERCHIP9000 again.

Badlandia

WHAT DO YOU MEAN DENIED?!?!?

If we can't buy the chip, we'll buy the manufacturer.

Work with our investors in Badlandia. Tell them to use their assets and form the Nothing to See Here Venture Capital Consortium and make the manufacturer an offer they can't refuse!
Some time later in Badlandia...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN THEY REFUSED!?!?

The sale was denied on "National Security Grounds."

HOW DID THEY KNOW OUR INTENT?

Back at DIA

Great job, team. Your intel analysis helped us warn the Treasury Department and ODNI that Badlandia was working through shady investors to buy the SUPERCHIP Corporation.

Once again, Badlandia won't get access to the SUPERCHIP9000.
Badlandia tries one last-ditch attempt to obtain the chip via espionage and cyber attacks.

At a U.S. combatant command with DIA Analysts

These cyber attacks are surging and our analysis says Badlandia is trying to steal the data on the SUPERCHIP9000.

Thanks, Jeff. With this analysis, we can take steps to stop these attacks and protect our nation's technology and information.
At the Pentagon

Without the SUPERCHIP9000, it is our assessment that Badlandia will need another twenty years to develop the necessary technology to manufacture it on its own, giving the United States time to counter Badlandia's capabilities.

Secretary of Defense

Great job once again, DIA!

You've helped keep our competitive technological advantage against our global competitors.

In Badlandia...

KILLER ROBOTS DELAYED INDEFINITELY

My robots! My poor killer robots!
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