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There's a 1 in 10 chance an invisible waterfall will destroy the world.  
Do you like those odds?



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**The Earth Issue**

Apologies to Musk et al., but we like it here! Yes, it can be a plastic-strewn, climate-changing mess. But as always, WIRED looks to the horizon—and imagines a better future for our little piece of the universe.

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She came to the US with a dream. Using platforms like Uber, Instacart, and DoorDash, she built a business empire up from nothing.  
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I've agreed to be turned into an AI reading companion by a little-known company called Rebind. A report from the inside.  
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When we asked regular WIRED contributor **Alvaro Dominguez** to illustrate our new climate cover (he did the last one too, in 2020), he sent us a mega-batch of options. Fifty-one to be exact. Here are just a few of our other faves.



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