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Mimi is a 'waste girl', a member of the lowest caste on Silicon Isle.

Located off China's southeastern coast, Silicon Isle is the global capital for electronic waste recycling, where thousands like Mimi toil day and night, hoping one day they too will enjoy the wealth they've created for their employers, the three clans who have ruled the isle for generations.

Luo Jincheng is the head of one of these clans, a role passed down from his father and grandfather before him. As the government enforces tighter restrictions, Luo in turn tightens the reins on the waste workers in his employ. Ruthlessness is his means of survival.

Scott Brandle has come to Silicon Isle representing TerraGreen Recycling, an American corporation that stands to earn ungodly sums if they can reach a deal to modernize the island's recycling process.

Chen Kaizong, a Chinese American, travels to Silicon Isle as Scott's interpreter. There, Kaizong is hoping to find his heritage, but finds more questions instead. The home he longs for may not exist.

As these forces collide, a dark futuristic virus is unleashed on the island, and war erupts between the rich and the poor; between Chinese tradition and American ambition; between humanity's past and its future.

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Caleb Masters says

Inspired by the author's experience growing up next to the world's largest e-waste center in the world, *Waste Tide* is an excellent piece of environmental sci-fi writing. Following four characters as they experience the trash filled world of Silicon Isle, Qiufan has crafted a harrowing and compelling vision of our future as well asking hard questions about our relationship to the earth, to each other, and the technologies we embrace. Thank you to Ken Liu and Tor for bringing this modern Chinese sci-fi classic to English readers.

Huangye says

something self-explained, but not quite all. the central figures are outstanding but didn't really have the opportunity to glow. believed could be better off if extended into a series.

Cecilia says

I'm not sure about the English version, but the Chinese version is mind-blasting.
