

# **War Against Mechs - World Collection 2021**

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# War Against Mechs - World Collection 2021

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## About this collection

*War Against Mechs* (as it is currently titled) is a sci-fi world where mechs have taken over Earth and aim to kill every human they come across in the name of protecting the environment from the biggest threat — humanity. These are the stories of people who have survived the fight... for now.

Aside from [\*Decoy\*](#), [\*Decoy — Witness\*](#) (which gives another point of view for *Decoy*) and [\*Got to Get out\*](#), the stories are not connected to one another by anything else than the setting.

# They turned against us

Currently uncollected

One could always wonder whether or not mechs had any souls. The kind of humans who advocated for their rights, for their sentience, is extinct nowadays, however. I suppose they were the ones who died out second — the first ones being those whose lives revolved around mechs — when the mechs turned their self-defense weaponry towards us without a warning.

Or were there warnings? Did we see them but ignore or not recognize them? Did some higher-ups see this coming but suppressed the information because our world relied on mechs, which meant we couldn't get rid of them without collapsing our society and economy?

I don't know. I only know that most people don't care anymore.

We all just want to kill them just as much as they want to kill us, if not even more.

It's either us or them.

# Prepare to Battle

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The prompt used: the visual prompt, [Hunters AD 2114 - Cover artwork](#) by [5ofnovember](#).

The mechs are everywhere. You are trying to get into a position so that you can snipe the flying ones out of the sky, but you cannot find a position where you could hide. If you settled down somewhere not covert, you would be a sitting duck as soon as you would open fire or get spotted otherwise.

You check in with the ground troops. They are having a better time finding cover but as the four-legged walkers that ominously resemble the AT-AT walkers from the old *Star Wars* movies approach, you know that they can get trampled even before opening fire.

"Damn I hate this place," you mutter and spit on the gritty roof you are on. Some drones fly by and you hide into a makeshift shed quickly to avoid being spotted.

The drones pass by, apparently not noticing you. First, you thank your luck for spotting them in time this time, then you curse the programmers and robotics engineers who are responsible for these mechs coming to life and turning on humans. Once, you had thought that it had been a tech-savvy terrorist's work, like a virus, or the said terrorist doing this secretly on the inside. Or, if you felt like going down the Avenue of Conspiracy Theories, perhaps it had been the doing of another country's secret agent.

Nowadays, as the ones responsible for this mess had disappeared, you had started to think that it was either an

honest mistake or a completely intentional attempt to bring down either your country or the whole of humanity as you knew it.

Either way, you had been forced to take your sniper rifle and fight.

The ground forces call out for sky troops to aim. You carry the light and frail shed with you to the edge of the roof, take a moment to take in the surprise of not being spotted and proceed to take aim from a hole in the wall.

You pull the trigger when you hear the disturbance signal, hoping that this time it would mess the mechs' sensors better than the last time they had tried it out.

After all, you do not want to end up among the pile of bodies today either.

# A Wish for An Explosion

Collected in [Hunting Inklings](#)

Prompt: *"I've heard that if you blow it up, you'll get a wish."* by [WindySilver](#).

"I've heard that if you blow it up, you'll get a wish."

"Really?"

"Yeah. Y'know, those mechas are a huge threat to us. I'm sure the adults would grant you a wish if you blew that place up."

"If I had a death wish, I could just go there and get shot."

"But you don't, right?"

"I guess not, but I also don't have a wish the adults could fulfill at least right now."

"Well, blowing it up would still be appreciated, and I have the explosives for the job. Every bit counts in this war."

"Yeah, right. My dad would chew me out if I made it back alive."

"I know. Mine would too."

"..."

"So, you coming with me?"

"Of course I am."

"I knew you would. C'mon, let's go. Time to blow up some mechs!"



# Decoy

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The mechs scanned the area. It was only a matter of time before their cameras picked up my heat signature. I had to be ready — they had to follow me once I took off.

If they didn't, everyone else would die too. I had to hope that Sasha would be able to get them to safety in time.

Almost there. Ready. I have to be quick when they spot me.

Then they stopped and turned too early. I risked a peek from my cover and felt all warmth drain from my body. I only barely processed my sight before the screams and blaring shots broke out.

My tribe... they... they were there... they... they were all dead... Why were they there? Sasha... Sasha was supposed to...

She... She was still standing, the only one standing among the bodies... But why? Why did they spare her?

In front of my eyes, I saw her peel away her skin and reveal a mechanic body.

*A spy-mech.*

"In response to the public uproar, the government has dismantled all spy-mechs", my ass.

Whoever government idiot kept this one safe, fuck them. They just got my whole tribe killed.

The city was already overrun by the mechs. There was nowhere left to run.

It would've been sensible to just step out of my cover and get my death over with but... I couldn't. I had to keep going.

I had to warn the other tribes that there were still spy-mechs out there.

I had to at least try to get out of here, no matter what it took. If I didn't, humanity might die because of these spy-mechs infiltrating our ranks.

## Decoy — Witness

Currently uncollected

Meredith was not sure when she had started to get suspicious. Sasha had always acted strange, but when Connor left their safety to her while he'd act as a bait so that they would get away, she did suspect that something was off.

As she saw the massacre from the spot she had found after falling behind, she knew had been right to suspect.

Connor might not make it out since his position was meant for getting into the mechs' sights the moment they noticed him, but Meredith knew that she could escape as long as she did not get spotted along the way.

At least one of them had to make it out of the city and warn the other groups about this spy-mech.

# Got to Get out

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Meredith and Connor both ran, praying to whatever divine powers there may be for enough strength and luck to get out of the city.

Other groups had to be warned about this spy-mech. That, in addition to the need to avoid being spotted, was the only thing running through their minds as they took different routes into opposite directions with a common goal they never agreed to have or share.

If only at least one of them got past the city perimeter, there would be hope for the others' survival.

# No One Is Safe

Collected in [Birbs](#)

A blue tit flew up to me as I entered the what must have been a makeshift village. At least everything I could see in the area — poorly made buildings, gardens and a tiny field that looked like it was growing a grain of some sort — made the place look like a tiny village, a settlement made by people who thought they had gotten beyond the mechs' reach.

The only problem was that it was dead quiet, and everything was strewn around like after a battle.

Soon, I could see why: there were bodies everywhere. I knelt next to one of them. It was still rather warm and the mech's gun's ammo was still glowing in the wound.

This place had been wiped out just moments ago.

I hid into an underground cellar and hoped for the best as I waited potential patrols out.

Poor people, whoever they were and whyever they thought that they could be safe in a village like this.

# Despair of War

Collected in [Past Mistakes](#)

Flashback prompt: *They woke up covered in butterflies* by [amnesiatoast](#) (Year 2013).

No matter how hard they fought, the humans' war against the mechs seemed doomed. The machines were going to wipe the humanity out sooner or later.

At each funeral and each human body buried, it felt like the human resistance and the nearly tribal underground families were simply prolonging the inevitable.

Yet each time a tribesperson went outside of their hiding areas and lay down among the nature, waiting for the mechs to exterminate them as "a threat to the biosphere", they woke up covered in butterflies.

That was a sign if anything ever was.

They could still win the war.

They only had to be on the nature's side so that it would be on their side.

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