# 3024 ROBOT APOCALYPSE



An Al generated image of a robot apocalypse



### **Letter From Your Crisis Director:**

Dear Delegates,

Welcome to the committee: Robot Apocalypse: 3024. I am Sudeeksha Dasari and I will be your crisis director for this committee! I am a sophomore at Mount Holyoke College and I am double majoring in English and Philosophy.

This is my second year of doing Model UN at Mount Holyoke and my first time being a crisis director. I did not do Model UN before college, but now I love it. It is fun to get out of my comfort zone and pretend to be characters in crisis committees. Other than Model UN, I love to read, write, watch movies, and really any form of media, which is a big reason why this committee is based off of a book I have read. I also love listening to music and am a huge swiftie!

I cannot wait to see what you all come up with for this committee. I know that everyone will be so creative and funny with this futuristic story. FCMUN is so excited to see your ideas come to life.

Warmly,

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# INTRODUCTION

DEAR DELEGATES.

WELCOME TO THE HAZELWOODS FOREST, THE SECRET BUNKER OF THIS COMMITTEE. YOU ARE ALL HERE FOR ONE PURPOSE:

PRESERVE WHAT IS LEFT OF HUMANITY.

REMEMBER. THE ROBOTS THAT LIVE IN THE CITY OF ELECTRIC DREAMS DO NOT KNOW ABOUT YOUR EXISTENCE. LET'S HOPE YOU KEEP IT THAT WAY. THE HAZELWOODS ARE SECLUDED. BUT YOU CAN NEVER BE COMPLETELY SAFE. THERE IS A SCRAP YARD ABOUT A MILE OUT FROM THE HAZELWOODS, WHERE YOU CAN FIND ANYTHING FROM SPARE PARTS TO WHOLE ANDROIDS THAT HAVE BEEN DISCONTINUED. BUT WATCH OUT! THERE ARE MACHINES CALLED "OLD ONES" THAT RAVAGE THROUGH THE SCRAP YARD TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE IS NOTHING OF USE IN THERE. OTHER THAN THE SCRAP YARD AND ENDLESS MILES OF TREES. YOU ARE COMPLETELY ON YOUR OWN.



## BACKGROUND

The robots have taken over for about 20 years now. You are still in a relatively, newly built bunker. Humans and Robots were at war for many, many years. It started with humans building AI programs that were allowed to feel things outside of their programs. Robots were programmed to help humans. Nurse robots that helped bring children into the world and be comforting forces, or roombas that know when to intuitively clean the spaces around them. They were supposed to bring humanity to great strengths. But then, the programs started to think they were better, that they deserved better. They thought humans were weak with their feelings, hopes, dreams. They were tired of being servants. The robots banded together and sought to destroy every human left, so they would be the highest power. They almost did succeed. Robots called HARP (Human Annihilation Response Protocol), were activated to wipe out all of humanity. However, you guys saw this coming. This committee is full of both people and androids that knew the war was any day, so you banded together and built this bunker in order to take your next steps in secret.



The City of Electric Dreams is not as sweet as it sounds.

It is the central city where all the robots and androids get their energy. The city is where robots go to refuel and 'socialize'.

There is a main building at the heart of the city, called the Benevolent Tower, it is the place with the code that controls every robot. The city is pure electricity, even the air around it buzzes with the power of the magnetic field pulsing within. Humans won't be able to breathe the air for long before they suffocate from the lack of oxygen in the city.

If you choose to go inside the city, it will be no easy feat. Robots and androids are programmed to detect humans, just one look and they can kill you where you stand. This doesn't mean that breaching is impossible. Most of the committee is robots and androids, which have decided to pledge allegiance to the cause which you have all committed to. However, remember that robots that have been operating under the nose of the Benevolent Tower have to remain hidden. The robots in the committee have chosen to forget their past lives, and in the process, cut themselves off from the city. Every robot and android in the city has identification, so they can easily know that the robots in this committee have not been loyal.

# GOALS OF THIS COMMITTEE

Ideally, you should have one goal, which is to preserve what is left of humanity, and discuss what steps to take forward. But then again, this committee has people of all backgrounds. Not everyone wants the same things, which is what can make or break this mission.

You should take everyone's backgrounds into consideration when you are deciding the next steps to take. The fate of the future is in your hands, whatever future that is you decide.





# **CHARACTERS**

#### Vic (Victor Lawson):

A special human, according to most people who meet him. He was left in the care of Gio by his parents who didn't survive the war. He is kind, adventurous, and soft-spoken, but not afraid to defend those that he loves. He believes robots and humans should be equal, but knows that the world is not that ideal. He is really good with technology and knows how to make scraps into beautifully working machines.

#### Gio (General Innovative Operative) Lawson:

The android father of Vic, who looks like a humanoid. He was one of the first robots to escape the City of Electric Dreams and come to the Hazelwoods. He loves humans more than anything, so he would do anything to preserve what is left of humanity. You can find him tinkering with spare parts with Vic and listening to old classics on his old record player.



# Nurse Ratched (Registered Automaton to Care, Heal, Educate, and Drill):

She is a joy to be around if you get used to the dark humor and the robotic sarcastic tone. If you need to know anything about medicine, Nurse Ratched is the android for you. She isn't afraid to call it how it is and be ready to drill anyone and anything (be wary...). She cares for her family though, as she was brought back to life by Vic and Gio, even though she would never admit it.

#### Rambo:

If you are thinking that Rambo sounds a little too much like 'roomba' you would be absolutely correct! Equipped with a voice and an anxious personality, Rambo can clean any mess big and small. Also recommissioned by Vic and Gio, he will be the first to protect his family (from afar because that's scary!).



#### Hap (Hysterically Angry Puppet):

This humanoid might sound like HARP, but don't be fooled.

Even though Hap looks scary on the outside, he is fiercely loyal and surprisingly sweet. He was found in the scrap yard by Vic,

Nurse Ratched, and Rambo before he was brought back to life by Vic. He used to be HARP, but he chose to leave that life of violence and protect humans (mainly Vic <3).

#### Coachman:

A strange, but lovely humanoid that loves all things human. He has a traveling circus full of human artifacts to show all the androids outside of the city. When he learned about this committee, he was overtaken with emotion and jumped to the cause.

#### Dr. Jane Rubble:

This scientist is a human that predicted the war years before it began. For this reason, she hid and continued her work in secret. When she found out about this committee, she was relieved that she might be able to share her work after all. She specializes in human fertility and how to produce humans outside of wombs.



#### Alexandra Ramirez:

A former army recruit who was training in the academy when the robots attacked. She was the top of her class. But her academy was destroyed to rubble, and she was the only one that survived. She hid and learned of this committee not long after. Filled with vengeance and hatred towards the City of Electric dreams, she will do anything to avenge her friends.

#### Juno Seung:

She is an anthropologist who has extensive knowledge about the history of robots and their relations with humans. She was close with many robot and android communities and was devastated to see the war happen. She just wants robots and humans to coexist the way they used to.

#### Annabeth Owen:

An architect who made plans for most of the City of Electric Dreams. This was her last project, and her biggest regret. Now, she wishes to be a part of this committee to help rebuild a better future where humans and robots can get along.

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#### Phoebe Hart:

An computer programmer and inventor that assisted in creating many of the robots and androids that are present today. She predicted that allowing robots to feel would result in what has happened. She feels as though her knowledge could help shut down the city, and bring peace to humanity.

#### Maeve Wheeler:

A writer that spends her free time writing poetry about life in the bunker. She wishes everyone would just get along. She is on the committee because she was a robot rights activist and believed that they should be allowed to feel emotions.

#### James Circuit:

A robot actor who starred in many movies that robots and androids enjoyed (The Sound of Gears; WALL-E live action). He was loved nationally before he expressed views about wanting humans and robots to be equal, then was banned from robot television. He is in this committee to help the cause, and hopefully be a star again.

#### Mr. Marley:

A robot teacher who taught at schools. He was a history teacher and taught young androids about humanity and its flaws. At a certain point, he felt as though he was not teaching the right side of things, so he quit. Now, he is in this committee to rewrite history and make sure he can teach future students how to be good robot citizens.

#### **Professor Valerie:**

A human ethics professor who is on the committee to make sure that everyone remembers that robots are beings too, that deserve respect just like everyone else. She has extensive knowledge about human and robot policies. She wishes to find a way for everyone to coexist in a way that benefits both parties.

#### Tim Stoll:

A robot salesman who was in charge of getting supporters for the City of Electric Dreams. He was promoted to top salesman after getting the most number of sales that went into building the Benevolent Tower. He was happy, until he realized what he had done to humanity. He regrets his actions, but doesn't want to dwell on the past, he wants to work towards a better future

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#### Debi Freek:

A human lawyer that specializes in robot criminal defense. She believes that robots deserve the right to be represented in good light in society, just like humans are. Even with the state of robots in relation to this committee, she just wants humans to remember that robots can be good too.

#### Prema Moss:

A robot economist that worked for the Benevolent Tower and was key in researching the best way to get the City of Electric Dreams up and running. However, when the robots realized that killing all the humans ended up destroying the economy for the city, she was exiled. She is in this committee to try to help the humans that are left flourish again with robots.

#### Morena Trinket:

A robot PR person that was in charge of really selling the City of Electric Dreams to all the robots. She started off as a personality hire, super enthusiastic and loved the city. She lost her sparkle when she learned about the genocide she was covering for. At the peak, she fled the city and joined this committee in hopes to promote a cause she cares about.



#### Dr. Sigma Friend:

A robot psychiatrist that was really famous during the beginning of the city. He had a lot of patients that expressed feelings of guilt and shame around the killing of humans. Then, the patients turned cynical. Scared and not wanting to make matters worse, he left the profession. Now he wants to help everyone, robots and humans, with finding ways to regulate their feelings.



This committee is based off of the book, In the Lives of Puppets by TJ Klune. Most of the background guide is taken from events that occurred in the book and some of the characters that existed in those pages.

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