

APPENDIX I

PETER TIERYAS BIOGRAPHY

Peter Tieryas is an award-winning international American writer who was born in South Korea. His *Mecha Samura Empire* Series has won two Seiun Awards, and his Mandarin version was one of the series one of the Douban's Top 10 Science Fiction Books of 2018. He is a game journalist who has published his work on websites such as IGN, Kotaku, and Entropy. He has experience working in the video gaming industry and also filmography in the past, such as Electronic Arts, Pixar, Disney, Sony, and many more.

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United States of Japan Summary

The story begins with Ruth Ishimura and Ezekiel Song in the Internment camp for Japanese people during the invasion of the United States of America by the Empire of Japan and Nazi Germany in 1948. The people there realise that the American soldiers have left the camp. A soldier then arrives and informs them that the United States of America is falling, and they are going to be transported out of the camp. Ezekiel and Ruth begin to seek his uncle to survive during the harsh time. However, his uncle shuns him. They begin to wonder about their future and their child. The story then changes perspective to Beniko Ishimura, who is watching a show until a person interrupts him in order to contact him in 1988. The person then calls General Kazuhiro Mutsuraga, Ben's superior. The Mutsuraga is heartbroken that her daughter, Claire, dies because of his mistake causing Ben to be confused. The person who calls the Mutsuraga then leaves and intimidates Ben. Ben begins to ask about the Mutsuraga's daughter's condition. However, he cancels his action. After this incident, he goes to work until secret police named Akiko Tsukino about his actions. She tells Ben that Claire has committed suicide. She begins to ask about Mutsuraga's connection with a terrorist group called George Washingtons and his game where the Americans win world war two. They begin to investigate Mutsuraga's whereabouts. During the investigation, Ben recalls his time during San Diego Uprising in 1978. He remembers that Mutsuraga has assassinated the leader of the George Washingtons because his wife cheats with the leader. The George Washingtons manages to capture Ben and Akiko. Ben makes some concession to the George Washingtons to let Ben and Akiko go. Ben finds out Mutsuraga's whereabouts. Ben and Akiko try to find Ben's friend in order to kill Mutsuraga with a mech. However, Ben finds out that his friend has died and only her son exists. They begin to create a plan to attack Mutsuraga. They travel to San Diego to kill Mutsuruga. However, during their travel there, the Empire of Japan's army has stopped their progress, causing Ben and Akiko to leave his friend's son to handle the problem. Ben and Akiko manage to arrive in San Diego territory controlled by the George Washingtons. They begin to create a plan to kill Mutsuraga because of

the unforeseen problem. A group of George Washingtons finds Ben and escorts him to the leader of George Washingtons. The George Washingtons begins to torture him. However Akiko manages to set him free. Ben then kills Mustsuraga. Ben and Akiko begin to run away from George Washingtons by using a car. Ben begins to create a plan in order for the Empire of Japan to rescue them. However, Ben is killed by the USJ military while Akiko however survives.

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MECHA SAMURAI EMPIRE SUMMARY

In the novel *Mecha Samurai Empire*, the story begins from the perspective of Makoto Fujimoto in 1994. He is a war orphan and a student with low grades who loves to play video games. He dreams of becoming a mecha pilot by entering Berkeley Military Academy. However, during an exam to enter his Berkeley Military Academy. His best friend, Hideki, is killed for causing a commotion in the school. This incident has caused Makoto to not succeed in the exam. He feels depressed and wanders around his school until he meets his friend Nori. The National Revolutionaries of America then launches an attack against the United States of Japan in Berkeley. Noriko invites Makoto to join her in a fight against them. They then manage to defeat the enemy. Because of his bravery, Noriko's parents put Makoto in Rapid Mobile Defense Team (RAMDET), a mecha security force overseen by civilians. During his time there, he trains with many members in order to graduate as a Rapid Mobile Defense Team. Before their graduation, the leader tells them that they are escorting a train as the last task to graduate in Rapid Mobile Defense Team. During the escort mission, they are ambushed by the National Revolutionaries of America and one Nazi mecha, causing the majority of members of Makoto's Rapid Mobile Defense Team to die. However, Makoto and a few people manage to escape. Makoto realises that his team is being used as bait in order to know the strength of their enemies. Yamaoka, a war hero, invites Makoto because of his bravery. Makoto tells Yamaoka that he wants to resign because he knows that his team is being used as bait. However, Yamaoka says to Makoto that he is going to put him in Berkeley Military Academy for his bravery. Makoto then convinces Yamaoka to put his friend Chieko in Berkeley Military Academy with him. In Berkeley, Makoto and Chieko begin to learn a lot of things and a lot of people there. Makoto and Chieko then manage to join a top group called Five Tigers. Five Tiger then tries to test a new secret weapon in an underground city called Mechtown. Makoto meets his love interest there. During their time there, the Nazis attack the base because they are protecting a Nazi scientist defector. The Five Tiger manages to repel them. However, they manage to capture the Nazi scientist

defector. Akiko informs Makoto that the Nazi Germany embassy has informed the Empire of Japan about the attack, but it is unknown why they do not inform MechaTown.

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CYBER SHOGUN REVOLUTION SUMMARY

In the novel *Cyber Shogun Revolution*, the story begins from the perspective of Reiko Morikawa in 2019. She is having a meeting with members of the Sons of War group regarding in order to assassinate and overthrow Governor Daigo Tamura and his government. After assassinating Governor Daigo Tamura, the Sons of War has managed to purge the Daigo Tamura government with Sons of War members. To celebrate the success of their victory against the Daigo Tamura and his government. Bloody Mary disturbs the meeting and kills every member in the meeting except Reiko in order to inform the Sons of War that she is planning a revolution. The perspective then changes to Bishop Wakana, who is trying to uncover Dr Metzger's crimes in the United States of Japan. He manages to find out the location of Dr Metzger. However, Dr Metzger captures Bishop, but Bloody Mary manages to kill Dr Metzger and rescues him. After surviving the incident, Akiko Tsukiko, Bishop's boss, tells Bishop in order to work together with Reiko to find the location of the Bloody Mary. They begin to locate the Bloody Mary base and manage to find it. They begin to sabotage their plan. However, the Bloody Mary members capture them and put them inside a machine. After breaking free from the machine. Reiko informs Bishop that the Bloody Mary Group has been carrying out their revolution in Los Angeles. They begin to regroup with the United States of Japan's military in order to fight and stop the member of the Bloody Mary groups. During their adventure, Bloody Mary manages to capture Yamaoka and reveal his true intention to the public. She then executes him. Bishop manages to locate Bloody Mary in a media centre in Hollywood. They begin to enter the place while fighting Bloody Mary members. They manage to find Bloody Mary and fight her, but they both fail. Bloody Mary reveals herself to Bishop. Bishop is surprised that his boss is the one who has caused chaos in the United States of Japan. She reveals she has caused the revolution because the Empire of Japan will not change no matter what actions she has done. Akiko leaves them both. The aftermath of the revolution has caused the Sons of War to have an emergency meeting. Some members of the Sons of War want to blame Yamaoka in order for them to survive the upcoming

onslaught by the Empire of Japan and Nazi Germany against them, while Reiko wants the Sons of War to fight them both. Before the Sons of War cast their vote, Reiko sends a signal for the soldier to enter the room.