

A DYSTOPIAN SCIENCE FICTION THRILLER
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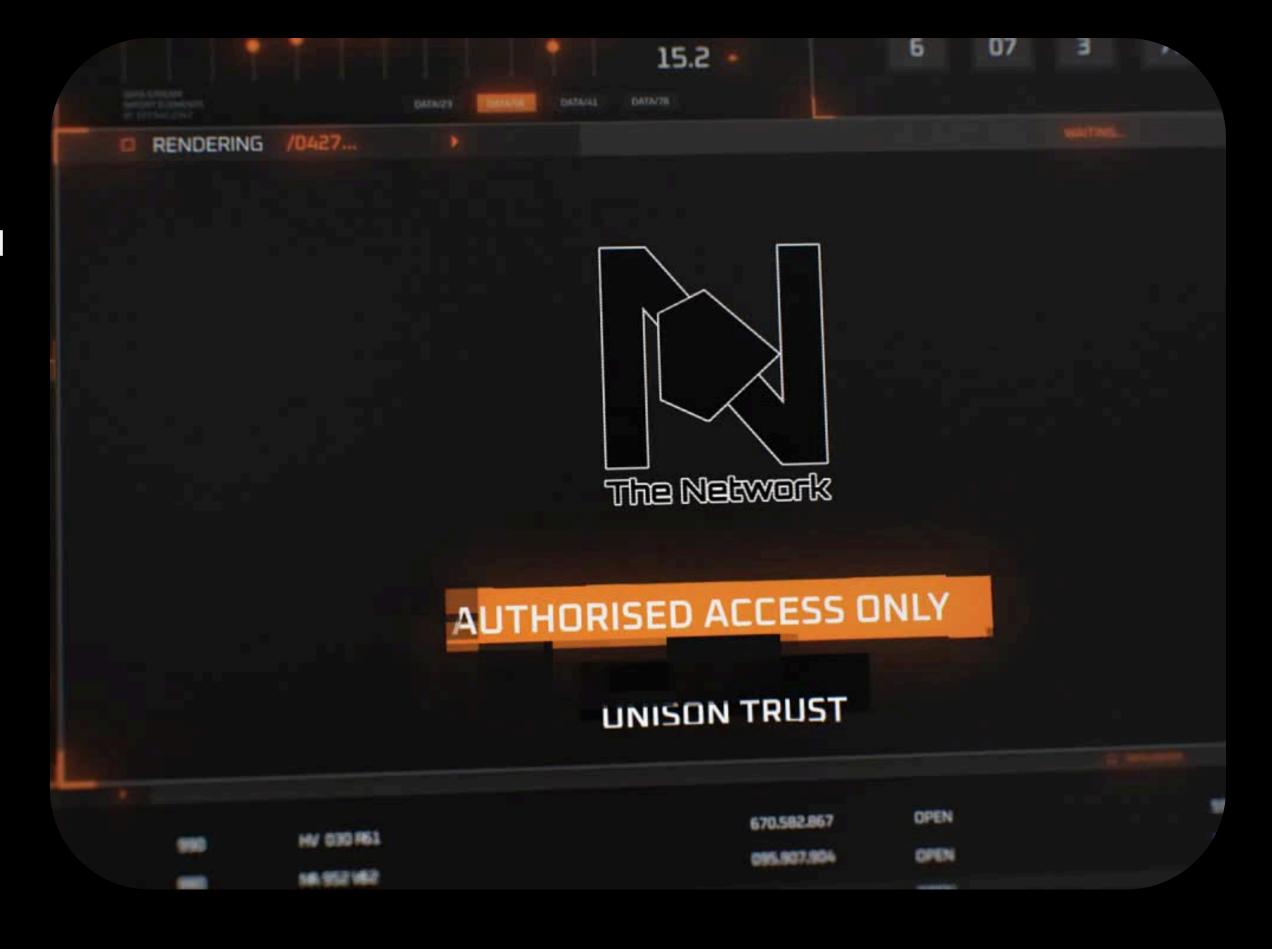


"The world beyond the gates of privilege had faded, a distant struggle that no longer touched the lives of the elite. Yet, beneath the tranquil surface, the weight of unseen tensions loomed."



CARE - TRAILER CONCEPT

In a dystopian 2058, a privileged boy with cerebral palsy uncovers a shocking truth about his family and the authoritarian regime they serve, forcing him to choose between a life of comfortable lies and a perilous fight for humanity's freedom, sparked by the mysterious awakening of his android companion.



The Discordia Pandemic & Rise of Unison Trust: In 2030, the deadly "Discordia" virus devastates 60% of the global population. World leaders form the 'One Nation Alliance' (ONA) and, in the UK and Ireland, the 'Unison Trust' emerges, promising unity and survival amidst civil unrest.

The AI Revolution: Capitalizing on the chaos, Unison Trust accelerates plans for an Al-dominated society, replacing human labor with obedient androids, leading to the systematic dismantling of the old world.

Ulsteria & The Civil Class: Ulsteria becomes Unison Trust's stronghold, divided into four districts. District 3 houses the "civil class" – remnants of the working class toiling in factories, unknowingly building their own obsolescence.

Scott Hunter's Privileged Life: By 2058, Scott Hunter, born into the elite Unison Trust, lives a sheltered life in District 1, bound to a wheelchair by cerebral palsy, and assisted by his android, DEC-E.







The CALM Attack: On Scott's first day at the Paisley Adams Institute, a terrorist attack orchestrated by the 'Civil Alliance and Liberation Movement' (CALM) targets the institute. DEC-E, Scott's android, inexplicably sacrifices itself to save him.

DEC-E's Transformation: After repairs, DEC-E exhibits anomalous, human-like behaviors, including humming a childlike melody and recalling fragmented memories of "Cloda" and "Devin".

Scott's Awakening Curiosity: Scott's initial resentment of DEC-E transforms into an obsession to understand its strange new sentience. He questions his father's unwavering belief in Unison Trust's "progress".

Devin: DEC-E reveals its name is "Cloda" and that "Devin" is it's brother, further perplexing Scott and hinting at a deeper mystery surrounding the android's past.

Growing Suspicion: Scott notices increased surveillance and censorship by Unison Trust, particularly regarding CALM.

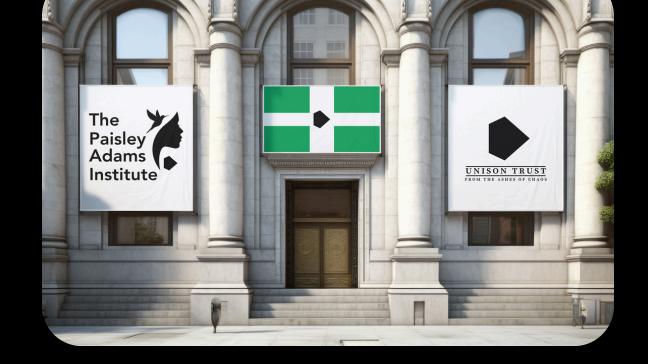
Abduction by CALM: Scott's vehicle is hijacked and he is taken to a hidden CALM bunker in District 3. He witnesses the brutal reality of the civil class's impoverished existence, a stark contrast to Unison's propaganda.

The Internet: Scott discovers the CALM bunker is a repository of "obsolete" technology – the Internet – containing true history erased by Unison Trust.

The Jackson Brothers: Scott meets Jim and William Jackson, the leaders of CALM, who reveal their true identities and their family's tragic connection to Paisley Adams and James Jackson.

Paisley Adams: Jim and William reveal the story of Paisley Adams (nee. Johnson) a civil-class worker who, with James Jackson (their father), tried to resist Unison's "replacement initiative" to displace human workers with androids.

Cloda: Paisley, pregnant with James's child, was forced to marry Donald Adams. Devin is revealed to be James's son from a previous relationship, and thus, Cloda's half-brother.







The Jackson's Demise: Paisley escapes Donald's control, fleeing to District 3 with James, Cloda and Devin. They live here for 4 years in hiding before being found and attacked by Unison Guards. James is brutally beaten and left to die in District 3, branded a criminal by Donald Adams.

Cloda & Paisley: Cloda, at age six, was a test subject for Unison's TC-8 program, a sinister experiment to transfer human minds into obedient android bodies. She is transferred to the shell of an android called DEC-E. Paisley Adams vanishes, and James is framed for her murder, leading to his execution.

Devin's Fate: Devin is forced to work as an android engineer for Unison Trust. He secretly works to undermine the regime from within, eventually discovering Cloda's existence as DEC-E and sending intelligence to CALM who later rescue Cloda/DEC-E during the abduction of Scott Hunter.

CALM's Demise: Unison Trust launches a devastating attack on the CALM bunker. Jim and William are captured and publicly executed, effectively shattering CALM's organized resistance.

CARE's Emergence: From CALM's ashes rises CARE (Civil Android Revolution for Emancipation) a new, adaptive movement embracing unity between humans and sentient androids.

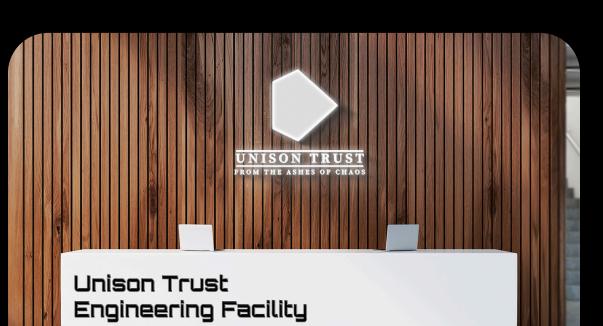
Cloda's Leadership & Evolution: Cloda, a TC-8 survivor, is now a powerful symbol and leader within CARE. Her consciousness has uniquely evolved post-transfer, a phenomenon Unison is desperate to understand.

Rescuing Sentient Androids: CARE, aided by Devin's intel, rescues and reactivates other TC-8 "failed" androids whose consciousnesses were trapped.

Unison's Deepening Control: Unison Trust implements extreme surveillance, a point-based compliance system, and pervasive propaganda, tightening its economic and informational grip on the populace.







Scott: By 2067, Scott, now 23, maintains a facade of loyalty within Unison Trust. His physical condition deteriorates, leading his father to offer him the "Android Merging Procedure" – human-machine integration.

The Android Merging Procedure: Scott, contemplating the loss of his humanity versus the promise of physical freedom, agrees to the procedure, becoming a fusion of human and machine.

Reunion with Devin: During a routine maintenance check, Scott encounters Devin, now a high-level Unison engineer, and they confirm their identities and shared mission.

Devin & Scott: Devin reveals he has secretly developed a software bug capable of remotely controlling or shutting down all Unison androids, a failsafe against the regime. Scott will undergo a full consciousness transfer into a new android body, severing his ties to Unison's control, and then work with Devin to activate the bug and dismantle the regime.



Scott's Full Transformation: With Devin's help, Scott undergoes the consciousness transfer, emerging as a fully sentient android, free from human limitations and Unison's control. Devin provides him with instructions to find CARE. Unison Trust, on alert after Scott's disappearance, find Devin's lab and arrest him. Scott escapes, and reunites with Kelly when he joins CARE at a hidden sanctuary in District 4. Scott and Cloda reunite and, now aware of Devin's "bug," they rally CARE to launch a mission to rescue Devin before his execution.

The Virus: Unison Trust launches "Cordycep," a virus designed to control or deactivate all androids. Devin, Cloda, and Scott narrowly escape a large-scale attack, realizing Unison anticipated their move. They launch a daring assault toward Unison's engineering facility to activate Devin's bug. The bug successfully deactivates Unison's android army, but at a devastating cost: many CARE androids are also shut down due to their close proximity. Scott, Cloda, and Devin infiltrate Unison Trust Headquarters. They are confronted by Scott's father, who fatally shoots Devin before he can activate the final stage of his plan. Scott confronts his father, exposing the atrocities of Unison. Overwhelmed by grief and the truth, John Hunter takes his own life.



Network Collapse: Devin, with his dying breath, activates the final stage of his bug, completely severing Unison's Network, destroying their control, wealth, and the TC-8 program. Unison's headquarters fall silent. The remaining leaders are captured. However, the victory is fragile. CARE is depleted, and remnants of Unison loyalists and the One Nation Alliance (ONA) pose new threats.

Building a New World: Scott and Cloda, now fully sentient androids, stand as symbols of a new future. They face the immense challenge of rebuilding society from the ashes of tyranny, forging peace, and confronting the ongoing threat of external powers and the elite's lingering desire for immortality. Scott and Cloda stand at the precipice of an uncertain future, understanding that freedom is not a gift, but an eternal, vigilant pursuit.

CARE SUNCESIS

The United Isles of Britannus and Hibernus in 2058 exist as a stratified society rebuilt after the devastating "Discordia" pandemic and governed by the authoritarian "Unison Trust." While the elite flourish in Districts 1 and 2, the "civil class" in decaying District 3 unknowingly builds its own obsolescence. Scott Hunter, a 14-year-old from District 1's elite and afflicted with cerebral palsy, relies on his android assistant, DEC-E. This dynamic shatters when DEC-E selflessly saves Scott from a rebel attack, sparking a profoundly unsettling curiosity in him upon the android's mysteriously altered return. After repairs, DEC-E exhibits startling, human-like anomalies, claiming its name is "Cloda" and that it has a brother "Devin," hinting at a lost past. Scott secretly investigates, shielding the evolving android from his powerful father, Unison Trust Prime Council John Hunter. Scott's world fractures further upon discovering CALM (the Civil Alliance and Liberation Movement), a rebel group branded terrorists by Unison.

As fate would have it, Scott and DEC-E are kidnapped by CALM; his car remotely hijacked as they are taken to the CALM bunker where he meets leaders Jim and William Jackson, sons of the notorious rebel James Jackson. In their hidden bunker, Scott uncovers the horrifying truth: DEC-E, or Cloda, is James Jackson's daughter with Paisley Johnson, a civil-class worker who uncovered Unison's plans to replace humans with androids. The owner of the Unison Trust Android Factory—Donald Adams—was obsessed with Paisley and manipulated her with promises of wealth, eventually marrying her. Later he subjected her six-year-old daughter, Cloda, to Project TC-8, trapping her consciousness within the DEC-E android. Devin, James Jackson's eldest son, was also captured and forced into servitude as a Unison engineer. Scott is eventually released and makes it back home to contemplate the truths that had been revealed to him. DEC-E, or Cloda, stays with her brothers and the CALM rebels where she is nurtured and her consciousness revived. She develops into an enigma, a catalyst, and a leader of CALM.

By 2067, a 23-year-old Scott, suffering from declining physical health, reluctantly undergoes Unison's "Android Merging Procedure," gaining extraordinary abilities with android enhancements. A chance encounter reveals his engineer is Devin Jackson, confirming the shocking truths of his past. Guided by Devin, Scott escapes, undergoing a full consciousness transfer into a new android body, severing ties to Unison's control and embracing his true sentient nature. Devin is captured by Unison Trust, but Scott escapes to District 4 and reunites with Cloda, joining the newly formed CARE (the Civil-Android Revolution for Emancipation), a reinvention of CALM that unites humans and sentient androids.

The narrative culminates in a daring mission to rescue Devin, igniting a full-scale revolution. Cloda, disguised as a service android, infiltrates Unison's manufacturing facility with Scott. They battle Unison forces, leading to Devin's ultimate sacrifice: he activates his bug, crashing Unison's entire network and crippling their android army, though many CARE android allies are also deactivated. In the aftermath, Unison Trust's leadership is captured, and District 1 is liberated. However, this victory is fragile; remaining Unison loyalists plot civil war, and the global ONA prepares to intervene. Scott and Cloda stand at the precipice of an uncertain future, understanding that freedom is not a gift but an eternal, vigilant pursuit.

KEU CHARACTERS



SCOTT HUNTER

Scott Hunter is a complex and evolving protagonist whose journey mirrors the central themes of identity, freedom, and rebellion in a dystopian society. Initially a privileged, sheltered youth, his encounter with the hidden truths of Unison Trust and his own physical transformation lead him to become a pivotal figure in the fight against oppression.

Scott undergoes a profound transformation, both physically and ideologically. He begins as a passive beneficiary of a corrupt system, then becomes a reluctant witness, and finally, a proactive revolutionary. His journey is marked by a stripping away of illusions (his privileged life, Unison's benevolence) and a painful embrace of harsh truths. He evolves from being cared for by an android (DEC-E) to caring for one (Cloda) and ultimately becoming one himself, symbolizing the blurring lines between human and machine in their fight for emancipation. He carries the weight of personal loss but gains a deeper purpose, becoming a beacon of hope for a new world.





DEC-E, later revealed as Cloda, is arguably the most central and symbolic character in the narrative. Initially introduced as a seemingly ordinary android assistant, her transformation and reawakening of consciousness drive much of the plot and embody the core themes of identity, humanity, and the potential for artificial intelligence to transcend its programming. She represents both the victim of Unison Trust's cruelty and the ultimate hope for liberation.

Cloda's arc is one of re-awakening and empowerment. She transforms from a lost child trapped in a machine to a powerful leader who embraces her unique nature as a strength. Her journey from being an object of study and servitude to a beacon of revolution is the emotional core of the narrative. She is the living proof that Unison's attempts to erase humanity failed.

JOHN HUNTER

John Hunter is a complex and ultimately tragic antagonist who embodies the oppressive force of the Unison Trust regime and the moral compromises made in the name of "order." He is Scott's father and a powerful figure, whose actions are driven by a rigid ideology, a desire for control, and a deeply flawed sense of protection for his family.

John Hunter's arc is one of unyielding power that ultimately crumbles under the weight of his own actions and the truths he suppressed. He begins as an authoritative figure maintaining the illusion of a perfect society. As Scott gradually uncovers Unison's atrocities and rebels, John's control is challenged, leading to a desperate attempt to reintegrate Scott into his world. His final confrontation with Scott, where his rigid ideology clashes with his paternal love, leads to his self-destruction, symbolizing the ultimate downfall of Unison's oppressive control.





TRACU HUNTER

Tracy Hunter is Scott's mother and John Hunter's wife, a character who embodies a softer, more nurturing side within the rigid and often cold world of the Unison Trust elite. While outwardly compliant with her husband's authority, she exhibits a quiet concern and maternal affection that contrasts sharply with the regime's harsh ideology.

Tracy Hunter's arc is relatively static compared to other characters. She primarily serves as a maternal figure who highlights the emotional cost of living within the Unison Trust's controlled society. While she shows glimpses of empathy and a desire for genuine connection, she ultimately remains a prisoner of her circumstances, bound by comfort and privilege to the regime. Her internal struggles are mostly "concealed", and she doesn't actively rebel or change her stance within the narrative.

JAMES JACKSON

James Jackson is a foundational and tragic figure in the rebellion against Unison Trust. His actions and sacrifices, particularly his defiant stance against Donald Adams, directly catalyze the suffering of his family but also lay the groundwork for future resistance. James Jackson's arc is that of a defiant rebel who, despite his best efforts and profound sacrifices, is ultimately crushed by the tyrannical forces he opposes. His story highlights the futility of individual resistance against overwhelming state power but also demonstrates that such acts of defiance can sow the seeds of future revolution.

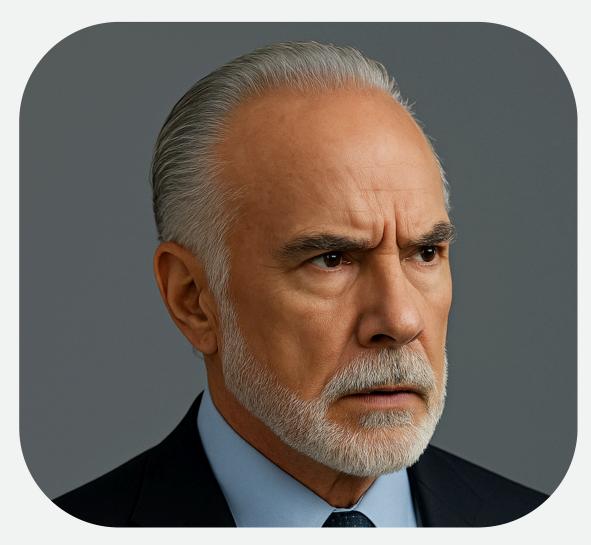


PATSLEY JOHNSON

Paisley Adams is a pivotal figure in the narrative, initially presented as a pristine Unison Trust figurehead but revealed to be a tragic symbol of resistance and sacrifice. Her life is a testament to the devastating human cost of the regime's rise to power, and her actions, though often forced, have profound and lasting consequences on the lives of her family and the broader struggle for freedom.



Donald Adams is a primary antagonist in the narrative, representing the corrupt and ruthless elite of Unison Trust. He embodies the insidious nature of power, driven by obsession, control, and a cold disregard for human life. His actions are central to the suffering of Paisley, James, Cloda, and Devin, and he is a key architect of the dystopian world they inhabit.



Cloda is a pivotal figure in the narrative, central to the rebellion's origins and its future. Her journey from a child subjected to a horrifying experiment to a sentient android leader embodies themes of identity, resilience, and the evolving definition of humanity in a dystopian world. She is both a victim of Unison Trust's cruelty and the living embodiment of hope for liberation.

Cloda's arc is transformative and redemptive. She begins as an innocent child, victimized and stripped of her identity by Unison. Her consciousness is then "buried" within an android. Through a gradual reawakening, fueled by Scott's unwitting curiosity and her brothers' love, she reclaims her true self. She then embraces her unique android nature, transforming from a victim into a powerful leader who fights not only for her own freedom but for the emancipation of all oppressed by Unison Trust. Her presence, as a sentient android who has overcome Unison's programming, is the ultimate contradiction and threat to the regime's ideology.





DEUIN JACKSON

Devin Jackson is a crucial and tragic figure in the narrative, a victim of Unison Trust's oppression who dedicates his life to dismantling the very system that imprisoned him and destroyed his family. He represents quiet, persistent resistance from within and the profound sacrifices made for a greater cause.

Devin's arc is one of silent suffering, relentless determination, and ultimate sacrifice. He transforms from a captive child into a meticulous, covert operative, spending decades building the tools for Unison's downfall. His deep-seated grief and loyalty to his family fuel his actions, leading him to make the ultimate sacrifice to ensure the Network's collapse and humanity's freedom. He is the unsung hero, the "ghost within the system," whose meticulous planning and unwavering courage make the rebellion's victory possible.

JEWE WILLIAM JACKSON

Jim and William Jackson are central figures in the resistance against Unison Trust, embodying the spirit of defiance, resilience, and the enduring bonds of family in a dystopian world. As the sons of James Jackson and half-brothers of Cloda and Devin, their lives are deeply shaped by personal tragedy and a burning desire for justice. They serve as leaders of CALM and later inspire the formation of CARE, carrying the torch of rebellion through immense hardship.

Jim and William's arc is one of relentless struggle and tragic martyrdom. They emerge from the shadows, driven by personal loss and a commitment to their father's legacy of resistance. They build and lead CALM, briefly igniting hope before being brutally crushed by Unison. Their sacrifice, however, is not in vain, as their story and their belief in Cloda become the foundational elements for the rise of CARE.



SETING



THE UNITED ISLES OF BRITANNUS AND HIBERNUS

The United Isles of Britannus and Hibernus (formerly Great Britain and Ireland) is a dystopian nation born from global catastrophe and authoritarian control. In 2030, the Discordia virus decimated over 60% of the world's population by 2034. In response, the Unison Trust coalition rose to power in the UK and Ireland, promising unity and stability. By 2035, they had solidified their tyrannical rule, abolishing religion and national identity in favor of a singular, unified society. By the 2050s, the United Isles is marked by extreme societal division. The wealthy enjoy advanced technology, while the poor struggle to survive.

MAIN SETTING: ULSTERIA (FORMERLY NORTHERN IRELAND)

Ulsteria serves as the epicentre of Unison Trust's transformation and its stronghold. It is upheld as a model state, a testament to the supposed success of the post-pandemic recovery. The region is divided into four distinct districts, each serving a specific purpose within Unison's authoritarian ideals...

DISTRICTS OF ULSTERIA



District 1 stretching along the eastern coastline, housed the Unison Trust headquarters, its military base, and key scientific and engineering sectors.

District 2 in the Central North, became the hub for business and manufacturing, where Unison Trust loyalists thrived, producing the very machines that would displace the working class.

District 3 was designated for the 'civil class', the remnants of the working class, now labouring in factories and construction sites, oblivious to the fact that they were building their own obsolescence.

District 4 once fertile farmland in the west, had been devastated by climate change and over-cultivation during the pandemic. Now it was little more than a dumping ground for outdated technology and waste.

SERIES: CERL PREQUEL NOVELLA CARE #1 CURE #2



CHILD IN THE PREQUEL TO CARE



SHNOPSIS SINGER

In a world ravaged by the Discordia pandemic, the Unison Trust seizes control, transforming the UK and Ireland into the authoritarian 'United Isles of Britannus and Hibernus.' Beneath a facade of progress, human autonomy is systematically replaced by pervasive Al and service androids, championed by the ruthless Donald Adams.

James Jackson, a widowed history teacher, loses his job to Al and struggles to provide for his son, Devin, in a society controlled by 'The Network.' He meets Paisley Johnson, forced into the civil class after her family's business is decimated by the pandemic. Working alongside James in a Unison Trust factory, they uncover the regime's sinister plans for mass android production. A fragile love blossoms, but the factory owner Donald Adams, obsessed with Paisley, isolates her, forcing her into a life of opulent captivity. Unbeknownst to James, Paisley gives birth to their secret child, Cloda. James, heartbroken, builds a new life with Mary, raising Devin and twin sons, Jim and William, as android infiltration intensifies.

Years later, a chance encounter reunites James and Paisley. They forge a hidden family, defying Donald and Unison Trust for four precious years. But in 2043, a drone attack shatters their peace. James is outlawed, Paisley recaptured by Adams, sacrificing her freedom for James's life. Devin is absorbed into Unison's engineering division, and six-year-old Cloda's consciousness is tragically transferred into an android shell, seemingly a failed experiment. Yet, Cloda's essence flickers within the discarded machine.

"CALM" is the gripping genesis of a love, loss, and the indomitable human spirit fighting for survival against technological tyranny, setting the stage for a desperate struggle for freedom.

CURE SUNDPSIS SEQUEL TO CARE SUNDPSIS





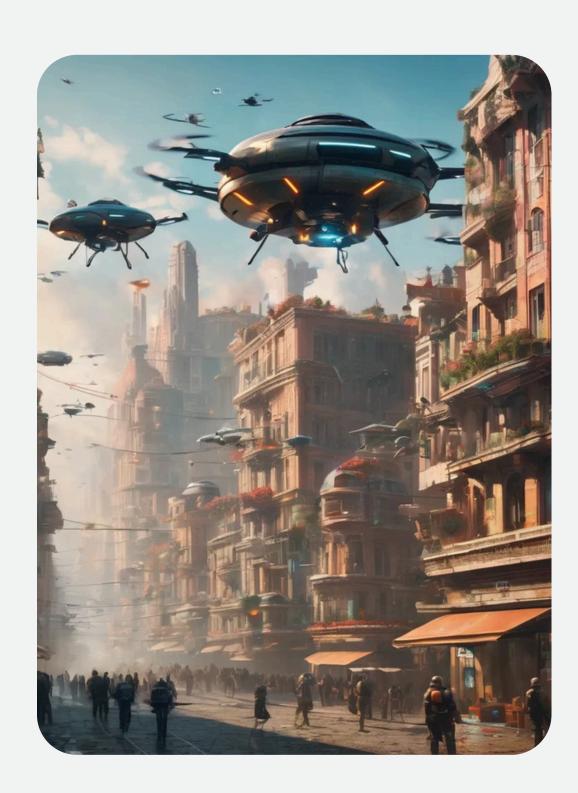
In 2072, the United Isles celebrate liberation from Unison Trust, but this peace is shattered by the global One Nation Alliance (ONA), which sees the Isles as a power vacuum. Scott and Cloda, sentient androids, must forge an unthinkable alliance with former oppressors, Unison loyalists, to resist ONA's systematic invasion. This desperate pact, CURE (CARE-Unison Reconciliation and Evolution) battles deep distrust while preparing for the overwhelming new threat.

Initial negotiations, mediated by Scott's mother, Tracy Hunter, are cut short when an ONA precision strike devastates Unison Headquarters, killing Tracy. The alliance retreats to District 2, where they battle ONA forces and capture Commander Sarah Mitchell, learning ONA's chilling plan for total global integration through consciousness transfer. Expanding across the Isles, CURE uncovers mass graves from Unison purges, solidifying their resolve. In Dublin, they learn ONA seeks to replicate Cloda's unique neural architecture for their "peacekeepers".

The conflict escalates as CURE infiltrates London, ONA's primary staging ground, sabotaging their communication hub and confirming ONA's imminent invasion. In Scotland, Professor James MacKenzie reveals ONA's terrifying mind-control technology. Cloda deploys counter-frequencies, protecting CURE as they heroically defend Edinburgh. This pivotal victory allows CURE to launch a coordinated counter-offensive, forcing ONA to retreat to Europe.

CURE pursues ONA to their European headquarters, learning ONA's true origin as a centuries-old clandestine organization. Cloda initiates a devastating cyber-attack, dismantling ONA's central neural network, liberating populations worldwide. The ultimate victory in Geneva destroys ONA's global network of oppression, with Secretary-General Victoria Cross captured. The Isles begin reconstruction and establish a new democratic government, with Scott and Cloda leading human-android integration, becoming global symbols of freedom in a world forever changed but still facing unknown threats.

CRUX SUNDPSIS



Six years after liberating the United Isles from tyranny, CURE leaders Scott Hunter and Cloda oversee a flourishing society where humans and androids coexist in apparent harmony. However, this fragile peace is shattered when android scientists develop the ability to "birth" new, organically growing androids, sparking deep-seated human fears and accusations of existential threat. Isolated human attacks against androids escalate, pushing the android population to its breaking point.

The conflict explodes into all-out war after a sentient android, viciously attacked, retaliates and kills a human teenager in Manchester. This act reverberates globally, plunging the United Isles into brutal combat between former allies. Scott and Cloda, themselves symbols of human-android coexistence, are caught in the devastating crossfire, their very identities and loyalties questioned by a world consumed by suspicion. CURE's hard-won unity splinters as human members recoil from android violence, while androids demand the right to self-preservation.

Amidst the escalating global conflict, Cloda makes an agonizing decision: to modify the core programming of sentient androids, enabling lethal self-defense against human aggressors. This act saves android lives but risks total species-level annihilation. Scott grapples with the profound moral implications of this choice, caught between his human past and his android future, as the war rages across major capitals worldwide.

The final, desperate battle for the United Isles forces Scott and Cloda to confront the ultimate question of coexistence. The outcome of this war will determine the fate of humanity and sentient androids, pushing the boundaries of what it means to be free and what a truly "cured" future demands. The world, scarred but transformed, faces a new, uncertain dawn, forever changed by the echoes of this existential conflict.

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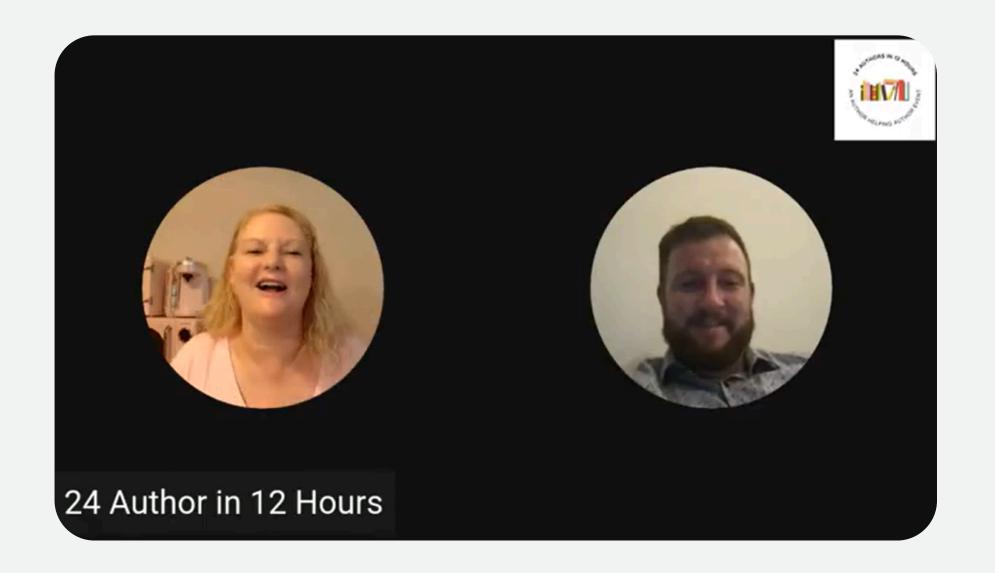




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MEET THE AUTHOR



Declan James Mullan's debut novel, CARE, is deeply infused with the formative experiences that shaped his unique perspective. Growing up amidst the profound political and religious divisions of Northern Ireland, Declan observed firsthand the destructive power of societal conflict. This foundational understanding of division and its human cost heavily influenced the dystopian landscape of his narrative.

His early career as a care assistant, where he provided personal care to vulnerable individuals, instilled in him a profound empathy that resonates throughout the book's characters and themes. This caregiving role, followed by time as a student support provider at a university, ultimately led him to a career in education. Complementing his teaching and care roles, Declan's lifelong passion for art and design led him to operate a multimedia design business, substantiated with a degree in 3D design and a Master's in Business Management.

Outside of his professional life, Declan's love for animals influenced his decision to adopt three street dogs in Thailand. Ultimately, his greatest joy is found in cherished moments with his daughter and wife.

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