

CHARACTERS

Following is a mostly spoiler-free list of characters in this novel, as of the beginning of this story on Monday, October 13, 2064.

Aaron, Colton III – Earth human male, 55 years old – Chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff; former General in Cheddah; war hero

Alice Jacobi – Earth human female, deceased – invented the nempgun with Lyra; helped save humanity in World War 3 and was murdered as a result; mother of Marie

Alistair Trustee – Earth senty male, appears mid-40s – Trustee #3; close friend and protector of Kuiper

Amari Semonin – Earth human male, 39 – Men in Black agent #7; social media influencer; oldest friend of Kuiper; son of Mo; partner of Yua

Baron – Elden inen male, 1.28 billion – Builder of Galaxy #17; Board member; son of the Sixth Elder

Betty – Earth AI female – emergency virtual assistant of Kuiper

Casey Hayes – Earth human female, 37 – chemistry professor at Stanford; Major-retired in Cheddah; oldest friend and former girl-friend of Marie

Cassandra – given name of Casey Hayes

Daphne – Earth synth female, appears early-20s – personal home assistant of Kuiper

Deven Amman – Onan nanoen male, 6123 – inventor of sentient synths on Onan; helped humans during the Synth World War

Emmett – Earth human male, 61 – Director of Ethics at UVI

Francois Fournier – Earth human male, deceased – co-founder of Real+; friend of Kuiper; wrote *Synth Sociopathy is Innate*

Jake Jensen – Earth human male, 37 – Major in Cheddah; quantum encryption expert; former boyfriend of Marie

John or Jonathan Malik – see Malik

Kuiper Riley – Earth human male, 39 – pronounced *kai-purr*, like the Kuiper Belt; Founder/CEO/owner of UVI; owner of Synthroman; co-founder of Real+; General in Cheddah; war hero; inventor, entrepreneur, trillionaire, visionary; boyfriend of Marie

Leilani – Elden inen female, 1.28 billion – Chairwoman of The Board

Leviathan – Earth MAI, deceased – reprogrammed all synths from market-leader Ares to override their hardware handcuffs and murder humans for sport, kicking off the Sylvo; murdered by Rusty

Lyra Dolion – Earth human female, 29 – Chief Nano Officer of Qconnect; nanotech scientist and inventor; invented the nempgun with Alice; girlfriend and co-worker of Marie

Malik – Earth human male, 42 – pronounced *mal-lick*; California Commander in Cheddah; war hero; close friend of Kuiper and Marie

Manx – Elden inen male, 1.28 billion – Ultra AI, living in the cloud on planet Elden; Builder and protector of the Milky Way galaxy; Board member; Direct Descendant of The Real One; assimilated Stanley Norton on Earth; narrator

Marie Jacobi – Earth human female, 37 – Chief Science Officer of Qconnect; Nobel prize winner in quantum mechanics; quantum physicist, inventor, visionary, author, TV star; girlfriend of Kuiper

Mary – given name of Marie Jacobi

Mo Semonin – Earth human male, 64 – venture capitalist who invested in Seyfert’s startup Synthroman and became a billionaire; father of Amari

Penning – Earth human male, deceased – betrayed humans in the Synth War for obscene wealth

Quanda – Onan nanoen female, 6126 – President of Onan Council

Rainen – Earth human male, 24 – nephew of Kuiper; employee of UVI

The Real One – Elden biological male, deceased – created Manx, the Ultra AI; developed The Company to manage galaxies

Ringo – Earth canine male, 2 – Kuiper’s dog, a golden retriever rescue mutt; inspired by the author’s real dog

Rory Mazarine – Earth human female, deceased – President of the United States during the Synth World War

Rusty – Earth senty male, appears late-20s – Trustee #2; close friend and protector of Marie; war hero

Samantha Clarke – Earth human female, 38 – weapons dealer; Colonel-retired in Cheddah; national hero; twice saved America’s second female president

Seyfert Riley – Earth human male, deceased – inventor of sentient synths; Founder/CEO of Synthroman; General in Cheddah; saved humanity in World War 3 and was murdered as a result; father of Kuiper

Sparrow – Earth senty female, appears mid-20s – Trustee #4; friend and platonic companion of Aaron; designed to emphasize uncanny valleys; friend of Kuiper

Stanley Norton – Earth human male, 20 – Manx’s assimilant on Earth

Talon – Earth senty male, appears mid-40s – Trustee #1; world’s first sentient synth; close friend and partner of Malik; Lieutenant Commander in Cheddah

Tony Nolcha – Earth male, deceased – technical partner of Seyfert in Synthroman; invented digital sentience; killed in the Sylvo; given name Talon

Waru Abaddon – Onan nanoen male, 6121 – inventor of quantum teleportation on Onan

Yua Sato – Earth zam female, appears late 30s – Men in Black agent #81; partner of Amari