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He who would foresee what has to be should  
reflect on what has been

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María Ramirez, a chola from the Lincoln Heights, after decades with the Steel Annex she now finds herself in charge of the whole damned mess. Not exactly the expected outcome when at twenty-one she wandered into One-Klick all sliced up and bloody but those were the cards she was dealt. Now with an ex-husband who she loves but hates all in the same breath, a cherished son who has become their daughter, a stepdaughter in synch with her as if they were blood, and a cloned batch of fifty-two megalomaniacal pre-teens who have come see her as their mother figure—all María can do at this juncture is to step back and drink it in. Oh, to be so loved.

Now in command of the most powerful military force in history María secretly wishes to return to the simple life—like those knife wielding days in East LA. María is looking to start a fight, an interstellar war in fact, and she doesn't want to do this but to control the outcome there is no choice. How many will die on this go round? Could it be tens of thousands or maybe even billions? It all depends on the first few hours and so far it's not looking good.

Oh, yea, and then there's the aliens...

