

Wattle and Daub

by J. Mykell Collinz

"Those soldiers disrespected them people in that house down the street, the way they conducted the whole operation."

"Those weren't soldiers. That was the police."

"They were dressed like soldiers and they acted like soldiers."

"And how do you know how soldiers act?"

"They acted like the US soldiers you see in the news from Afghanistan."

"If you're obeying the law, you have nothing to worry about."

"The wrong house gets raided all the time."

"You're exaggerating again."

"No, I'm not. I wanna move outta here. This neighborhood is full of crack houses and meth labs. And the local police force is a privatized mercenary army."

"But there's also a medical marijuana dispensary, an affordable food coop, and a variety of ethnic restaurants, all within walking distance."

"Yeah, and we're surrounded by multinational immigrants attracted by the low priced real estate."

"That means the world is coming to us."

"I want my old world back."

"Write a book about it."

"I will."

"I'm waiting."

"I'll need your help."

"You have it."

