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It's true. It's true and I don't know exactly how to explain the truth of my words. I remember a time in which I was the opposite of self-confident, liked to lock me up in my room and read thousands of books. It was hard for me to take a stand for my feelings, my point of view and all my thoughts that belonged to my deep hidden words I always wanted to say but never did.

I remember my anxiety, my teardrops, hours of crying because I had never been good enough for anything. The days on which I wanted to hurt myself just to forget the pain in my heart. Days on which everything around me was dark and cold.

I remember a world in which people were discriminated against because of their skin color. Still decades later, I see the pictures of policemen who hit a young, black guy in front of my eyes. I remember it all as if it happened yesterday. The pictures hunted me, in my dreams, during my daily routine and when I turned on the TV.

And most of all I remember a world in which people misused their power. People who had been selected as our leaders, people who should have worked to do the best for us – people who provoked a feeling of hate, distrust, pain and fear. I don't like to think back to it, to think back to my past, the world's past. But I'm not afraid to think of the present and future. I'm not afraid because everything changed fifty years ago!

It was a day like every other day. Dawn was breaking and birds were singing. A few clouds were passing by, music was playing quietly in the background when I got to school. Yeah, everything was like every other day except of the big black thing that was flying through the sky. It looked like an U.F.O., but it wasn't. It should have been loud, but it wasn't. And none of us had noticed it till cities got darkened by it. We had no clue what it was or what it was supposed to do. All we knew was that kids were scared, adults pretended not to see it and all of us, teens, young adults – call us what you like – we knew nothing at all. We asked ourselves questions, wanted to discover the truth about it.

Well, most of us.

And then it happened.

During class, people came into the room and grabbed a few of us. Panic broke out all around us, nobody could understand what was happening. Students and teachers were literally kidnapped. I was afraid, more than I had ever been before. I just didn't get why they were doing something like this. I couldn't figure out their reasons or intentions, but first and foremost I just wanted to go home, hide under a blanket and pretend not to be there. But we were not allowed to do so. We were forced to go into the gym where they took our blood. Hours and hours were passing by while we were silently sitting in there, unsure and close to tears. I couldn't find my siblings, none of them was nearby and I wasn't able to contact my parents because there was no signal – nowhere.

About fourteen hours later they had analyzed our blood; at that time, I didn't know what they wanted to find. And to be honest – I didn't want to know. All I wanted was my family, my loved ones. I wanted to be sure that they hadn't taken them. And they didn't. Days passed by, the black thing above us didn't disappear and no human being dared to get out of the safety of their house. The streets were empty, no cars, no pedestrians, no animals – nothing! At home all of us discussed about this strange event. Mum said the whole thing would belong to a military operation. Dad, like always, said the same thing. My little brother on the other hand believed in aliens, but – yeah - none of us others did.

I wanted to know the truth and at the same time I wanted it to be a dream, but after five days I had to admit that it couldn't be one. Neighbors got caught, the fear of being the next one settled down in my heart. And then it was over.

The big dark thing in the sky disappeared suddenly and the government held a speech. But it was not only our government. It was announced that the heads of three big countries had made an agreement: Scientists had discovered a gene in our blood which tells you if you're more likely to spread hate. The countries got together to share their knowledge and make hate die out. Because of this they charged all states around the world and sent a plane they had been working on for years which could carry thousands of policemen to carry out the new laws against hate.

Nobody found out for sure what happened to the grabbed ones. But all we know is that nowadays all human beings must have their blood checked once a year. No one discriminates against another human: There is no hate anymore. No hate, no fear, no war, no “You are not good enough!” Everybody is treated equally; men and women have the same rights; it doesn't matter if you're black or white or Asian or something in between. It doesn't matter if you're Christian, Muslim, gay or straight – love, peace and positivity spreads all over the world. And hate? Hate is a forgotten feeling.

Suddenly the room was getting darker (Melina Cyttrich)

[...] Suddenly the room was getting darker and Ned fell asleep. It sounded like a space shuttle was landing next to him. When he awoke, the sun burned on his face and weird creatures were quite excited to see him. Ned was very nervous, too, because the creatures weren't real people. Everybody wore metallic helmets and they were tiny and light green. Ned wondered about the helmets.

He asked: "What kind of material are your helmets made of?" "They're made of steel and iron. We took it from a silver machine", answered the green beings "A silver machine?!", whispered Ned carefully. "Yes, let's go, we'll show you!"

So, they went through a tunnel and Ned looked at his watch. He was amazed, because both pointers were running, and he couldn't see what time it was. That was why he wanted to know the time from the green man. He answered: "I don't know. I just know that we are in the year 3018" Ned was shocked. 1000 years earlier he had started in his small garage and suddenly he found himself in the future. He was sorrowful, because he thought he would never see his family and friends again. Then they arrived at the machine.

Ned couldn't believe his eyes. "That's my machine!", he shouted. "No, it's ours. We found it, so we can keep it." Ned thought, that he was lost forever, but at night he got a great idea. He planned to steal all helmets to build a new machine; to get back to his present. Said and done. Ned got hold of all silver helmets and built a new machine as fast as possible.

All of a sudden, one of the creatures woke up and raced towards Ned, who was in a hurry. He didn't know which switch to turn: red, blue, green or yellow? Ned chose the red one, but nothing happened. The green creatures were approaching faster than Ned could see. The next switch had to be the right one! He took the blue one and...yes, it worked.

Suddenly, he sat in his garage and the green, crazy creatures weren't anywhere to spot. Ned was incredibly happy and ran to his family and told them how much he loved them. He reported the whole story, but of course nobody believed him. So, he started to doubt his memory, too. Only when he found a helmet lying on the floor, he was sure that it hadn't been a dream. "I think I should rather start knitting", he said and went back into his garage.

A medicine against cancer (Dora Matussek)

[...] "A medicine against cancer!" It whirred, and a small bottle fell out of the machine. Ned was speechless. Could his medicine really cure cancer? He took the bottle and looked at it. "That's impossible", he said. Ned's mother was suffering from cancer and had been waiting for miracle for a long time. This medicine was probably the one way to cure it. So, he decided to visit her.

When he was at his mother's, he told her about the medicine and she started to hope to get well again. Ned gave her the bottle and asked her to drink the content. After drinking the medicine, his mother fell asleep. Ned sat next to her all the time and held her hand. What would happen, if the medicine did not work? He thought about it all time that night.

On the next morning, she woke up and Ned took her to a doctor who assured them that Ned's mother was healed. They were delighted, and Ned was sure that his machine could do wonders. His mom was enjoying life again and the living proof that the materializer was in working order.

He switched the Materializer on (Johanna Latuske)

[...]He switched the Materializer on, took a deep breath and said: “A roasted goose with potatoes, sauce, red cabbage and red wine.” The Materializer produced strange sounds and wiggled. A huge amount of mashed potatoes mixed with sauce and red cabbage appeared surrounded by a pool of wine. On top of it, a still-living goose sat cackling. The animal ran away as it saw Ned and he himself was almost sitting in the food, because it was so much. That was a disaster.

“I have a lot to learn”, he said to himself.

He turned the switch to the OFF position and went to bed to think about a solution for the problem. After three months of sleeping and thinking, he found some inspiration to solve the dilemma. He got up and worked and toiled and tinkered on the machine until it was finished.

Ned put the skullcap on his head and said: “A roasted goose with a serving of potatoes, red cabbage and sauce on a plate with a glass of red wine.”

The machine produced again strange sounds and wiggled, but finally his meal appeared, and he tasted it. “Delicious!”

Ned enlarged the receiver (Maximilian Malz)

Ned enlarged the receiver and got prepared for his greatest experiment. He switched the Materializer on, took a deep breath and said: “Ned Quinn.” He knew that his machine would create everything he was thinking about, but he didn’t know if the machine could create humans.

Ned heard strange noises from the Materializer. Suddenly, everything began to shake. The machine was smoking. Ned got scared; he was afraid that his machine would start to burn or blow up. He only saw one way out: He had to turn it off.

All of a sudden, Ned felt dizzy and fell over.

When he woke up, everything hurt, but he could move. When he got up, he saw that he was lying in a green mass. Ned was surprised, but he had already figured out, where this mass had come from. Unfortunately, the Materializer had not created a clone of Ned, but only that green, sticky material. He cleaned up everything, but he also wanted to investigate the slime; maybe he could improve his machine. He took the mass to his lab and then he slept for a few hours.

In the middle of the night, Ned suddenly heard loud noises. He ran into his lab and what he saw was incredible: In front of him stood a small Ned Quinn clone – that would change the world forever.

He switched the Materializer on (II) (Marie Pannenberg)

[...] He switched the Materializer on, took a deep breath and said: “I wish for a big and cute dog in this room.” The materializer began steaming, shaking and working. The skullcap also began to shake and then Ned fell to the floor.

Three hours later, he woke up and a very big dog licked his face. Ned startled and screamed. After calming down again, he stood up and realized that the dog was bigger than himself. The animal was afraid of the scientist and ran out of the Materializer room. Ned thought profoundly about that problem and he found to a solution. “When I can wish for a big dog, I also can wish for it to shrink!”

So, he went into the room and put on his skullcap. The machine began for a second time to steam, shake and rattle. Ned closed his eyes and “POW!”, the dog had turned into a very little one. He took his skullcap off and looked at the dog. “Mmm... your name shall be Wall-E. I think I can handle the machine now”, he said. The dog was happy and the rest of Ned’s family too.

The fate of the elephant (Vanessa Jacob)

[...] “A big elephant as a stuffed animal.” Ned Quinn expected a big stuffed animal, but there was a real elephant. “Shit!“, he said, “Probably the machine only heard a big elephant. That should be a present for my little niece.” While Ned Quinn was thinking about what he could do, the elephant ran away. It destroyed the whole factory and raced onto the street. Ned quickly followed it, but he did not know how he could stop the big elephant.

The elephant kept running and destroyed everything that came into its way. It caused damage in the whole city and was unstoppable. Ned called the police while he followed the elephant. The police said that he should follow the elephant and that they would send a person who could take care of the animal. Ned followed the elephant deep into the forest. Suddenly the elephant turned around and came up to him. Ned did not know what he had to do, so he stayed in his position and did not move. It came closer and closer but two meters in front of him it stopped. The elephant started to eat the grass on the ground.

Suddenly there was a loud noise. The elephant got scared and ran away. The noise was the ranger. Ned greeted him and together they followed the elephant. When it stopped the ranger shot at the elephant with something that let it fall asleep. After the ranger had shot at it, he told Ned that he would have to put him to sleep forever. Ned didn't want that because he had “built” it, so he asked what he could do. The ranger told him that he could buy a place in a zoo where the elephant could live. He didn't have to think about it for long and said yes. After he had signed a few documents, the elephant could live in the zoo. In the end, Ned had the best birthday present that exists.