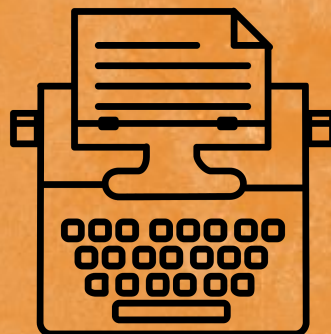


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Hell on Earth

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It was a blistering hot day when Peter woke up. Ideally, he wanted to sleep for a few more hours but the heat was unbearable. Half asleep, half awake, he put on his swimsuit and walked over to the community pool. Inside there were roughly 100 people who all were trying to do the same thing: escape the heat.

The year was 2221. Mankind is in trouble. Despite many repeated warnings, mankind's leaders failed to pay attention to the growing threat of climate change until it was too late. Roughly 100 years ago, climate change started to accelerate exponentially. The climate became extremely hot very quickly. At first, this affected the farmers. The weather became so dry that it was almost impossible to plant and grow food. Food insecurity began and that was the camel that broke the straw and made humans realize that climate change is real, but sadly it was already too late. The decline in the agricultural industry started a famine. In roughly 30 years, 55% of all humans were presumed to be dead. The rest had begun to migrate South and North. Basically, they got as far away from the equator as they could as that was the part of the earth that had it the worst.

Peter was one of the lucky ones. He was a citizen of the United States, the most powerful country on earth and they had managed to mostly survive. When the heat started becoming unbearable in the southern parts of the United States, Peter and his family began migrating north to Washington state. In the year 2150, even Washington had begun to become too hot. So the Americans decided to abandon their land and enter Canada. They figured being American is more than just living in the imaginary borders between the 26th and 49th parallels. At first the Canadians were mad, but they quickly realized that the Americans were much smarter than them and that they needed the Americans in order to survive in the long run.

Peter didn't like living in Canada, but he had no choice. After another 30 years had passed, even Canada became hot. The people couldn't migrate north anymore as they were living at the most northern edge of Canada. It had become so bad that Peter was now forced to come to the pool in the middle of the night.

In the year 2221, only 15 percent of humans were left alive. About 25 percent lived around the North Pole while the rest had moved on to Antarctica. Being as awesome as ever, America still held democratic elections. This year, a young man by the name of Mohammad Ali was elected. Mohammad Ali was a very charismatic man, but even he knew that he was no scientist. So he called the top remaining scientists that were alive. The first one, suggested that they all move to Antarctica, and live to fight another day. As in give up the battle but win the war. Mohammad didn't like this plan. He knew that their airplanes and boats would melt when crossing the equator and that they could not successfully make it there. So, he called another scientist. This one suggested that they start building an island on the North Pole. Again, Mohammad disagreed as he was looking for a cure to the problem, not a bandage. So, he called another one by the name of Professor Sze.

Professor Sze was pretty blunt with him. She told him that there really was no cure and that they should have prevented this problem from happening in the first place. Mohammad agreed. He asked if she had any suggestions for him? She told him how there was this man by the name of Peter who had recently built a time machine.

So together they went and found Peter who was just sleeping in the pool. After waking up, Peter showed them the time machine, but he warned them that there was only enough fuel for 1 trip there and back. Mohammad said that he'll try anything to save his country. Professor Sze was bored so she tagged along. Together they went back to the year 2025.

Professor Sze then asked Mohammad what the plan was? Cuz she knew that most of the leaders of this time were pretty stupid. Mohammad contemplated for a second. Then he called his friend Mike Tyson. Together they beat up all the stupid deniers and talked some sense into the remaining leaders. Congress, after having received a wakeup call, then created a new commission that focused on climate change and climate change only. They were scared that Mohammad Ali and Mike Tyson were going to come back and slap them again, so they worked very hard. This new commission consisted of the smartest people alive and provided funding for students in American Universities to study and specialize in climate change.

The new congressional committee on climate change was a huge success, as it happened to pass many bills that wound up making significant changes regarding the climate. After 20 years, it seemed like things had changed for the better and that the heroes were not in any danger anymore, meaning that it was time to go back home. However, Mohammad had met a pretty woman by the name of Riley. When it came time to leave and go back to the future, Mohammad chose to stay. Professor Sze chose to go back to her own time with the last vial of neptunium that was left. When she arrived back in her time, she noticed that she wasn't in Canada anymore, she was back home. She looked outside and everything looked normal. The weather itself felt fine too which means that her and Mohammad's efforts were not in vain. And a quick google search showed her that she and Mohammad were actually super famous now and are known as the saviors of humanity. Of course, Mohammad was dead, but Professor Sze went on to enjoy her newly found fame.

Mohammad had gone on to marry Riley, and together they rose the ranks again and became President and First Lady in the past. Mohammad had big ideas, so he decided to ask a scientist to build another time machine so that a man who won the national competition by the name of Jack could go into the future and see if his policies worked or not.